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FORMER HERO CHARGED!

HIS BEANS ARE COOKED!



Near Salem Station-Former Irish Brigade hero and captain of the 69th New York, Company K, Kyle 'Beans' Ulshafer has been charged with multiple offenses, a source inside 2nd Corps Headquarters recently told me.

The charges range from conduct unbecoming, to treason, but the most startling is a charge of theft in the disappearance of a puppy near the Siletz River several months ago.

Ulshafer (seen here, both younger and slimmer) is known for his bravery in battle as well as being a notorious animal lover.

Benjamin McSweeney, a former captain of the unit said 'I always knew he had a dark side. I remember one occasion up north when he emerged from his tent with puppies on his feet as slippers!' Several women"s leagues

and organizations have expressed furor against the former hero, some even calling for his execution.

Mrs. Harriet A Gilchrist of the New York Benevolent Women's Society for the Ethical Kind and Humane Treatment of Animals said if the Army did not bring 'Oldcaker' to justice, she and her ladies would.

I sought out the chaplain of the Fighting 69th Chaplain Cameron to comment on these allegations and he said, 'Bill, strange things are afoot in Company K.' When prompted for further comment he said in almost a whisper 'Oh, the jocularity.'

A hearing is set for July. This reporter will follow the story closely and forward all information as it becomes ready. - 'Wild' Bill Preston

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Issue 2

CHARGES DROPPED Ulshafer Cleared...DANG IT

Near Brooks-Reports from Corps Headquarters indicate charges against Private/Captain Kyle Ulshafer-suspected puppy abductor and known practitioner of malicious obedience-have been dismissed. Major A.S. Hole, aide to General Hancock, was shocked at the decision but would not elaborate as to the reasons why. This reporter attempted to speak with the General himself, but was rebuffed with a blue cloud so obscene that his ears almost bled.

When asked about Ulshafer's request for pay as an officer while charged as a Private, Major Hole said orders had been drawn up but had unfortunately been lost in a fire the following day.

Another source inside headquarters told me Ulshafer is set to receive promotion to brevet brigadier general of volunteers in lieu of back pay. The unnamed source assured me the former captain would be far happier with this new rank than money or other compensation.

This reporter attempted to contact Private/Captain/General Ulshafer for comment and he was unavailable, though I did not try all that hard. -"Wild" Bill Preston



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CHAPLAIN COURT MARTIALED!

Brooks-In the evening on July 3, Fighting Chaplain Cameron was court martialed on charges of disobeying a direct order, accepting aid and comfort from civilian women and flying the flag of a foreign power. Despite a valiant somewhat underwhelming (though towards the end) defense by First Sergeant Archie Napier, the fine chaplain was found guilty on all charges. He was sentenced to walk the gauntlet but managed to escape simply by running away from the ever-laughing Major Burton. Colonel Wallace assured this reporter charges will not be brought again unless Captain Heenan is a jerk...in

which case the chaplain can expect another trial any day.

FORMER SLAVE SOUGHT Courageous Officer Disgraced!

Captain Robert Heenan- proponent of shoot it and McSweeney lookalike- is seeking the whereabouts of one Hedley Nevathere, a former contraband. This reporter was able to speak with the captain shortly before the Army's march northwest. "I hired him because he said he had a family to feed," Heenan said. "I agreed to pay him two dollars a month. I see now paying him up front was probably not the wisest move. I suspect he doesn't have a family either."

Heenan went onto say as soon as Nevathere was hired he received approximately two days work before he began disappearing at regular intervals. It became soon apparent that Nevathere was backing out on their deal, but more alarming to Heenan was the disappearance of his property. "That damn darkie has stolen a number of cigars, and close to a case of whiskey," Heenan said. "Not to mention upwards of twenty-five dollars in addition to his pay."

Heenan reports that Nevathere contacted from Ohio and has demanded his return. He is also asking that anyone who sees Hedley contact the captain through the 69th NY, Co. K address.

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ISSUE 3

CAPT. HEENAN SHOOTS HIS PRIVATES?

FORT STEVENS-This reporter has learned of an ugly incident from the recent unpleasantness at Fort Stevens. Private Christopher Lundgren-purportedly to smell like orange juice, really bad-was accused of spying for the Confederacy at some point during the campaign. Lundgren was caught trying to sneak into camp on September 4 but was quickly apprehended by alert sentinels. The private was brought before the battalion staff who recommended punishment of "killing and eating him." Captain Heenan was called upon to carry out the order of execution and according to First Sergeant Archie Napier had a "gleam in his eye." The condemned Private was escorted to the top of the berm and blindfolded, where Sergeant Napier informed the entire camp of Lundgren's transagressions and punishment. Captain Heenan did not even give the poor fellow a chance to say any last words. He simply said "Ready?" and commenced in brutally gunning down the accused with the infamous 'Mr. Marston' (his Colt revolver) not once, but six times, to the horror of Colonel James Wallace and the amusement of the still laughing Major Burton. Afterwards, Heenan is alleged to have said that shooting privates was "strangely therapeutic" and is rumored to have instituted a new policy in which such punishment is carried out more frequently. -Theodore Logan, Esq.

COMPANY K ENGAGED IN BRUTAL HAND TO HAND STRUGGLE

FORT STEVENS-Company K of the 69th New York along with elements of the 4th U.S. played a prominent role in the recent repulse of the Rebs near the Columbia River. In what appeared to be a retreat by Union forces, the Rebs came on and on, led by the 11th Mississippi, 1st Louisiana and 24th Georgia. After what seemed like an eternity (both to this reporter and the soldiers on the field), Colonel Wallace ordered the 69th to charge. Exact numbers and identities of the

casualties are not known at this time but at least three Rebels were captured and the actions of the Fighting Irish undoubtedly helped snatch victory from the ego of the Colonel.-Happy Pete (Not Longstreet)

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SHOCK! DISMAY! CAPTAIN IS RIGHT AND FIRST SERGEANT IS WRONG

FORT STEVENS-Captain Heenan was right and First Sergeant Napier was wrong. The subject was: to which officers may sentinels give their weapons.

ODE TO CRAZY WOMAN

Oh Crazy Woman to the war has gone In civilian land you will find her Her frying pan she hath girded on While her husband cowers behind her

Curse you yanks, Crazy Woman cried As we were marching past her You will rue the day you came to fight You are headed for disaster

Oh Crazy Woman knows no fear Though she scared our fair lieutenant Her heart is true to the Southern cause And her faith in Davis never falters

Crazy Woman, the parson cried
His words that live forever
Her oaths are mighty
And her stare is fierce
There will never be another like her
-A 69th NY Officer