

Marshall Murphy Military Files

Company Muster Roll Form for March to April 1862
(Confederate.)

M 29 Miss.

Marshall Murphy

Pvt., Co. A, [blank] Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols [see footnote below]

Age 27 years

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for March 15, 1862 to April 21, 1862. Dated

Enrolled:

When Feb 19, 1862

Where Oxford, Miss.

By whom [blank]

Period [blank]

Last paid:

By whom [blank]

To what time [blank]

Present or absent Not Stated

Remarks: [blank]

[footnote: This company subsequently became Company A, 29th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.

About April 9, 1865, this regiment consolidated with the 24th, 27th, 30th and 34th Regiments Mississippi Infantry and formed a new regiment which was designated the 24th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.]

Book mark:

W. A. Brinkman

Company Muster Roll Form for May and June 1862
(Confederate.)

Marshall Murphy

Pvt., Co. A, 29th Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols.

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for May and June 1862.

Enlisted:

When March 15th, 186[blank].

Where Grenada, Miss

By whom Lt W. E. Burnett

Period 3 years

Last paid:

By whom [blank]

To what time [blank], 186 [blank].

Present or absent Transferred June 29th

Remarks: [blank]

About April 9, 1865, this regiment consolidated with the 24th, 27th, 30th and 34th Regiments Mississippi Infantry and formed a new regiment which was designated the 24th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.

Book mark:

W. A. Brinkman

Regimental Return Form for June 1862
(Confederate.)

M 29 Miss.

M Murphy

Pvt., Co. A, 29 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols.

Appears on Regimental Return of the organization named above, for the month of June, 1862.

Commissioned officers present and absent:

Station [blank]

Remarks: [blank]

Alterations since last return among the enlisted men:

Date June 29, 186[blank].

Place Tupelo Miss

Remarks: Transfd [sic] to sharpshooters.

Enlisted men on Extra or Daily Duty: [blank]

Absent enlisted men accounted for: [blank]

About April 9, 1865, this regiment consolidated with the 24th, 27th, 30th and 34th Regiments Mississippi Infantry and formed a new regiment which was designated the 24th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.

[Illegible name]

Company Muster Roll Form for [illegible] to June 1862
(Confederate.)

[cut off] Murphy

[cut off] Co. A Chalmers' Battalion Sharp Shooters. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, [cut off] for to June 30, 1862.

Enlisted:

When Mar. 15, 1862.

Where Grenada

By whom Lt Bur[illegible]

[cut off] years

Last paid:

By whom [blank]

To what time [blank], 186 [blank]

Bounty: Paid \$ [blank]; due \$ [blank]

Present or absent Present

Remarks: Pay due from enlistment

[footnote: This company subsequently became Company A, 9th Battalion Mississippi Sharpshooters.]

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Company Muster Roll Form for September and October 1862
(Confederate.)

M 9 Batt'n [sic] Sharp Shooters. Miss.

M. Murphy

4th Sergt. [sic], Co. A, Chalmers' Battalion Sharp Shooters. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Sept and Oct, 1862.

Enlisted:

When Mch [sic] 15, 1862.

Where Grenada

By whom Lt Burnett

Period 3 years

Last paid:

By whom W. W. Tucker

To what time June 30, 1862.

Bounty: Paid, \$ 50; due, \$ [blank]

Present or absent Present

Remarks: [blank]

[footnote: This company subsequently became Company A, 9th Battalion Mississippi Sharpshooters.]

Book mark: [blank]

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Company Muster Roll Form for November and December 1862
(Confederate.)

M 9 Batt'n [sic] Sharp Shooters. Miss.

M Murphy

4th Sergt. [sic], Co. A, Chalmers' Battalion Sharp Shooters. [see footnote below]

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Nov and Dec, 1862.

Enlisted:

When Mar 15, 1862.

Where Grenada

By whom Lt Burnett

Period 3 years

Last paid:

By whom Lt. Day

To what time Oct 31, 1862.

Bounty: Paid, \$ [blank]; due, \$ [blank]

Present or absent Present

Remarks: [blank]

[footnote: This company subsequently became Company A, 9th Battalion Mississippi Sharpshooters.]

Book mark: [blank]

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Company Muster Roll Form for January and February 1863
(Confederate.)

M 9 Batt'n [sic] Sharp Shooters. Miss.

M. Murphy

4th Sergt. [sic], Co. A; 9 Batt'n [sic] Mississippi Sharp Shooters.

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Jan and Feb, 1863.

Enlisted:

When Mch [sic] 15, 1862.

Where Grenada

By whom Lt Burnett

Period 3 years

Last paid:

By whom Lt. Day

To what time Dec 31, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Remarks: [blank]

Book mark: [blank]

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Company Muster Roll Form for March and April 1863
(Confederate.)

M 9 Batt'n [sic] Sharp Shooters. Miss.

M. Murphy

4th Sergt. [sic], Co. A, 9 Batt'n [sic] Mississippi Sharp Shooters.

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for March and April, 1863.

Enlisted:

When Mar. 15, 1862.

Where Grenada

By whom Lt Burnett

Period 3 yrs [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Maj Peyton

To what time Feb 28, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks: [blank]

Book mark: [blank]

L. Murdoch

Company Muster Roll Form for July and August 1863
(Confederate.)

M 9 Batt'n [sic] Sharp Shooters. Miss.

M. Murphy

Sergt. [sic], Co. A, 9 Batt'n [sic] Mississippi Sharp Shooters.

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for July and Aug, 1863.

Enlisted:

When May 12, 1862.

Where Grenada Miss

By whom Capt [sic] Burnet

Period 3 yrs [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Capt [sic] Smith

To what time June 30, 1862.

Present or absent Present

Remarks: [blank]

Book mark: [blank]

L. Murdoch

Company Muster Roll Form for September and October 1863
(Confederate.)

[cut off] Batt'n [sic] Sharp Shs. [sic] Miss.

M. Murp [sic]

[cut off] Co. A, Batt'n [sic] Mississippi Sharp Shooters.

[cut off] Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Sept and Oct, 1863.

Enlisted:

When Ma 15, 1862.

Where Grenada

By whom Lt Burnett

Period 3 yrs [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Maj Gov[illegible]

To what time Aug 31, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks: [blank]

Book mark: [blank]

L. Murdoch

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Company Muster Roll Form for November and December 1863
(Confederate.)

M 9 Batt'n [sic] Sharp Shooters. Miss.

M. Murphy

4th Sergt. [sic], Co. A, 9 Batt'n [sic] Mississippi Sharp Shooters.

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Nov and Dec,
1863.

Enlisted:

When Mar. 15, 1862.

Where Grenada Miss

By whom Lt Burnett

Period 3 yrs [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Lt J. B. Day

To what time Oct 31, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks: [blank]

Book mark: [blank]

L. Murdoch

Copyist.

Company Muster Roll Form for January and February 1864
(Confederate.)

M 9 Batt'n [sic] Sharp Shooters. Miss.

M. Murphy

4th Sergt. [sic], Co. A, 9 Batt'n [sic] Mississippi Sharp Shooters.

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for Jan and Feb,
1864.

Enlisted:

When Mar. 15, 1862.

Where Grenada Miss

By whom Lt Burnett

Period 3 yrs [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Capt [sic] Smith

To what time Decr. [sic] 31, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks: [blank]

Book mark: [blank]

Company Muster Roll Form for March and April 1864
(Confederate.)

M 9 Batt'n [sic] Sharp Shooters. Miss.

M. Murphy

Pvt., Co. A, 9 Batt'n [sic] Mississippi Sharp Shooters.

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for March and April, 1864.

Enlisted:

When Mar 15, 1862.

Where Grenada Miss

By whom Lt Burnett

Period 3 yrs [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Capt [sic] Smith

To what time Dec 31, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Remarks: Reduced to Rank from Sergt. [sic] April 1, 1864 by order Brig Gen. Tucker

Book mark: [blank]

L. Murdoch

Company Muster Roll Form for May through August 1864
(Confederate.)

M 9 Batt'n [sic] Sharp Shooters. Miss.

M. Murphy

Pvt., Co. A, 9 Batt'n [sic] Mississippi Sharp Shooters.

Appears on Company Muster Roll of the organization named above, for May 1 to Aug. 31, 1864.

Enlisted:

When Mar. 15, 1862.

Where Grenada

By whom Lt Burnett

Period 3 yrs [sic]

Last paid:

By whom Capt [sic] Smith

To what time Feb 29, 1864.

Present or absent Present

Remarks: Reduced to Rank from Sergt. [sic] April 1st 1864

Book mark: [blank]

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Muster Roll Form for Surrender April 1865
(Confederate.)

M 9 Mis.

M. Murphy

Pvt. Co D, 9 Reg't [sic] Mississippi Vols.

Appears on a Muster Roll of Officers and Men paroled in accordance with the terms of a Military Convention entered into on the 26th day of April, 1865, between General Joseph E. Johnston, Commanding Confederate Army, and Major General W. T. Sherman, Commanding United States Army in North Carolina.

Roll dated near High Point, N. C., April 27, 1865.

Paroled at Greensboro, North Carolina, May 1, 1865.

Enlisted:

When Feby 1, 1864.

Where Dalton, Ga

By whom Maj Richards

Period [blank]

Last Paid:

By whom [blank]

To what time [blank], 186[blank].

Present or Absent [blank]

Remarks: [blank]

The 9th Battalion Mississippi Sharp Shooters, and the 7th, 9th, 10th, 41st, and 44th Regiments Mississippi Infantry were consolidated about April 9, 1865, and formed a new regiment which was designated the 9th Regiment Mississippi Infantry.

C. H. Patterson

Copyist.

Letter Inquiring about the Demotion in Rank February 1989

Dear Charles:

We met on the 17th and I told you I would forward information I have on Marshall Patrick Murphy. I am sending a copy of the write and I have translated it the best I could. There are a couple words I could not make out. Also, there are some signatures I could not read, but did read Bragg's, Patton Anderson, General Ewell, W. C. Richards and Cheatham. Can you enlighten me on any of the others? It appears the commendation went to Tullahoma on Feb. 2, 1863; to Chattanooga on Feb. 5th, somewhere Feb. 12th???

Anyway, I hope you find the information worthwhile. As I mentioned, I am trying to find out why he was demoted to private by order of Brig. Gen. Tucker in April 1864. Also, he stared out with Chalmers. When Chalmers transferred to the calvary [sic] under Forrest, who took over the 9th Batt'l. [sic] Miss. Sharpshooters? [handwritten in: Remained under commander]

It appears he fought at Murfreesboro under Chalmers who was assigned to Patton Anderson. Is that correct? [handwritten in: No [illegible]]

Any help you give me would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

James E. Sanders

P.S. Any way to Determine name of officer killed?

Letter to James E. Sanders from Charles M. Spearman

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Stones River National Battlefield

Rt. 10 Box 495

Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130

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March 3, 1989

Mr. James E. Sanders

Dear Mr. Sanders:

Thank you for the information on Marshall Murphy and the 9th Battalion Mississippi Sharpshooters at Murfreesboro. General Chalmers was badly wounded on December 31 and as a result no report was written for the brigade. The brigade was taken over by the ranking officer Col. Thomas W. White, commander of the 9th Mississippi. We have very little information on the unit's participation in the battle so your account is especially helpful. It gives an indication of the degree of support Chalmers' Brigade provided to Breckenridge's attack on January 2.

General Chalmers was not the commander of the 9th Battalion so it was not necessary to appoint a new commander when he joined Forrest. Major William C. Richards, who signed the letter commending Murphy, was the battalion commander. The cover sheet is also signed by J. M. Walker who was acting brigade commander at the time. It was received on February 12, 1863, by Hugh L. Clay of the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, C.S.A., in Richmond. Chalmers' Brigade at Murfreesboro was assigned to Jones Withers' Division, not Patton Anderson's. During the battle, Anderson commanded Walthall's Mississippi Brigade. Later, when the letter was forwarded, Anderson was temporarily acting commander of Withers' Division. Eventually Anderson became the brigade commander for what had been Chalmers' Brigade. Later in the war, at the start of the Atlanta campaign, Gen. William Tucker became brigade commander.

The records we have do not give any indication of the officer wounded or why Murphy was demoted to private.

Good luck with your research on the Civil War.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Spearman

Historian

Camp near Shelbyville, Tenn.

January 27th 1863

CAPTAIN:

In addition to the report already forwarded of Officers and men displaying extraordinary valor and skill upon the battlefield as called for by the General Order 52 War Dept., I deem it due 4C Sergt. [sic] M. Murphy, Co. A 9th Miss. Batt. Sharp Shooters to make a special report to the Col. concerning Brigade of the circumstances connected with the killing an abolition officer and capturing four privates in the late battle of Murphreesboro [sic].

On Friday evening, Jan. 2nd, 1863, Company A of this Battn. [sic] being deployed on the West bank of Stone [sic] River and on the left of Breckenridge's Division which was on the East bank-advanced with that division in its attack. The fire of the enemy was met and repulsed by us-but being reinforced with a second and third Division, they in turn repulsed us.

Sergt. [sic] Murphy, who was in charge of the night group of his company, owing to the irregularity of the ground became separated from his commander in falling back and while following the course of the stream, came upon an abolition officer and four privates, concealed by a large rock. They had been overrun by the sharp shooters in their first advance. He brought his gun to his shoulder and ordered the party to surrender or he would fire upon them.

The officer told him to fire and be d-d and ordered his men to shoot the d-d son of a bitch.

Murphy delivered his fire, killing the Officer instantly and then drawing a small pistol, ordered the four privates across the river where he delivered them together with the slain officer's sword to General Breckenridge's command.

Very Respectfully, [sic]

Your [Illegible]

W C Richards

Major commanding Chalmers'

9th Battn [sic] Sharpshooters

To

Capt [sic] W A L

A.A.G.

Record Division of War Department Rebel Archives Cover Sheet for Letter
Hd [sic] Qrs [sic] [illegible]

Tullahoma Tenn [sic]

Feb 2d 1863

Respy [sic] form No 1321

[illegible – faint writing]

Genl [sic] Comd

Chattanooga Feb 5th 1863

Respectfully forwarded

J. E. Johnston

General

By [Illegible] Ewell

A. A. G

Respy [sic] submitted to the Secy [sic] of War

H. L. Clay

[illegible]

A I G O

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Feb 12/63

Letters Received A & I G O,

Recd [sic] Hd [sic] Qtrs [sic] Dept No 2

Feb 2d 1863

R121 [illegible]

[stamp: Record Division Rebel Archives War Department]

[illegible lines of text]

Respectfully forwarded

J McCracken

Col Comdg [sic] Brigade

Respectfully forwarded

Patton Anderson

Brig. Genl.

Comdg. Withers Div.

Respt [sic] [illegible]

B. F. Cheatham

[illegible line of text]

Maj Gel Comg [sic]

Polks [sic] Corps

[illegible] Feb 9/[illegible]