Private Thomas R Crooks
115th Ohio Volunteer Infantry
Company F

Born: 11/5/1844 Derbyshire, England
Date of Death: 3/4/1930 Salem, Ohio
Burial: Hope Cemetery, Salem, Ohio; Section 3, Row 15; Death Certificate #17995, vol 6255

Enlisted: 7/29/1862 Salineville, OH
Muster Out: 6/22/65 Murfreesboro, TN

Age at Enlistment: 18y 8m 23d

Post War Occupation: coal company manager.

In the fall of 1864, Crooks was part of the garrison of 30 soldiers at Blockhouse #2, at Mill Creek, 5 miles from Nashville on the line of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad.

On December 2nd, 1864 units of Confederate cavalry and artillery under the command of General N. B. Forrest attacked blockhouse #2. The garrison, along with the fortuitous arrival of portions of the 14th and 44th USCT regiments successfully repulsed the Confederate attack until nightfall. Confederate artillery fire and a scarcity of ammunition made the Union position untenable. During the early morning hours of December 3rd, the blockhouse garrison and the 14th and 44th soldiers successfully retreated to Nashville.

Sources:
National Archives: Crooks Pension Record
The War of the Rebellion; A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies
Battle Report of Col Levi O Johnson, Commander 44th USCT, December 4th, 1864. (*Official Records*)
Crooks Picture: Salem Historical Society Museum; Salem, OH (Original picture at Museum)

115th Regiment, Ohio Infantry

Organized at Camp Massillon, Ohio, and mustered in September 18, 1862. Moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, September 27. Assigned to duty by detachments as Provost Guard and guarding Forts, Arsenals, Store Houses and Magazines at Camps Chase, Dennison, Ohio, Maysville, Covington and Newport, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio, till October, 1863. Ordered to Chattanooga, Tenn., October 23, 1863; thence to Murfreesboro, Tenn. Attached to Post of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dept. of the Cumberland, to January, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 12th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to April, 1864.

Unassigned, 4th Division, 20th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to July, 1864. 1st Brigade, Defences of Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad, Dept. of the Cumberland, to March, 1865. 1st Brigade, 1st Sub-District, District of Middle Tennessee, Dept. of the Cumberland, to June, 1865. Regiment lost during service 1 Officer and 8 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 4 Officers and 138 Enlisted men by disease. Total 151. (From Dyer's Compendium)

THOMAS CROOKS.

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