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STONES RIVER
NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

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Ms. Elizabeth C. Cook
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Dear Ms. Cook:

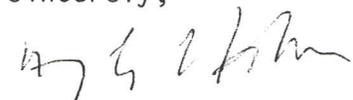
Thank you for yours of 10 January with information regarding the establishment of the National Cemetery and data concerning Lt. George Artemas Hosmer and Capt. Andrew Jackson Hosmer. I was an infantryman in World War II and have a sense of pride in those of my family who fought and died for our country. I hope some day to visit the Stones River battlefield and also Chickamauga, where a third family member was killed in September 1863 and is buried in the National Cemetery at Chattanooga.

In response to your request, I enclose copies of the documentation obtained from the Illinois State Archives which place Capt. Andrew Jackson Hosmer in Co. F, 44th Illinois. The first is a copy of the Archive index cards listing all Hosmers who served in Illinois regiments (and one Illinois resident who served in a Missouri unit), and only one man of that name is listed for the 44th Illinois. The second (four pages) is a partial copy of the Muster and Descriptive Roll of Company F, 44th Infantry Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, which lists Andrew J. Hosmer, Capt., killed in action at Stones River, Dec. 31, 1862. I hope that this documentation is sufficient.

I also enclose for your information and records copies of documents recording the death of Lt. George Artemas Hosmer at McMinnville in October 1863. These were obtained from the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs, Military Record and Research Branch. Your cemetery record gives the date of death as October 4, which is consistent with the date given in the 'Official Roster' of his regiment. The Compiled Service Records, however, state that he was wounded on October 2 and died on October 6, 1863; the McMinnville Hospital Register records that he was admitted and died on October 5; and the hospital Record of Death and Interment states that he died on October 6 and was buried on October 7, 1863. Lt. Hosmer was killed during the pursuit of Confederate cavalry raiders in a campaign that lasted for 10 days, and the chronology is in a state of confusion, with Union and Confederate reports being in disagreement by one day! I don't suppose that it makes much difference after 132 years, but this does illustrate one of the problems that may arise in working with Civil War records.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,


Henry L. Hosmer

2nd Cav.

1 Lieut George A. D'Almeida killed in action. Oct 4:
1863 -

123.

See recomm. of Col. Watts May 3. 1863.
to fill vacancy -

2 Cav.

Ky.

George A. Hosmer.

Lieut., Co. A, 2 Reg't Kentucky Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *Sept & Oct*, 1863.

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$ _____ 100 for _____

Due Gov't, \$ _____ 100 for _____

Valuation of horse, \$ _____ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ _____ 100

Remarks: *Wounded at Mt Min-*
ville Tenn. Oct 2^d
Died Oct. 6. 1863.

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Extract from Oct. 1863 Report of Surgeon M.
W. Merrill, Tenn., 1st Regt., S. I. W. Army
Surg. U.S.V., in Charge.

Gen. A. Hornum 2d Lieut. 3d Ky. Cav.
was admitted Oct. 5th 1863, in a moribund
condition from gunshot wounds of the
abdomen, the ball passing through the
small intestines and right kidney.
Died Oct. 5th 1863.

