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Significant Person's Name: JAMES MARION KELZER (Kilzer)  
Unit: 45<sup>th</sup> MISSISSIPPI

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List Contents of Donation Below:

JANIE S. MORRIS  
JANIE QUILTING@GMAIL.COM

General Wolfe April 15<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Wife,

I have a few leisure moments from waiting on the sick and intend soon to write you a few lines. I am still at Grenada, attending a few of the Boys who were not able to go to Corinth with the company which started this evening at five o'clock in fine spirits. Three or four of the company are a little sick but none of them but what are doing well and will be up in a few days. I expect to go to Corinth in a week or two if nothing more than I know of transpires before that time. None of the sick are in the Hospital but at private houses and as good care taken of them as if any where but at home, so no one need be uneasy about them. You request me to give you the particulars of the battle which I will do as near as I can. The fight commenced on last Sunday morning was a week about four o'clock in the morning and lasted all day and our troops slept on the granary camp ground Sunday night. Our troops commenced the attack on the next morning and drove them to their lines



Transcript (by Robert Glen Kilzer) in May 2009  
of Letter Number 81 from JM Kelzer's box

In camp near Shelbyville Tennessee November 7, 1862

Dear wife,

I arrived here day before yesterday, after eight days travel from Columbus and am very well, but little tired from losing sleep. I am just off guard duty and have a chance to send a letter home by Mr. Featherly, who is going to Raymond to bring clothes back to the boys in the Army, and a great many of them are very much in need of them. I have as many clothes as I have any use for, except a blanket, which you can send me by him when he returns if you can get me a nice colored one. And if not, send it white. I have one very good white one. If you can get me one heavy undershirt anywhere, you can send it to me also. There are a good many troops here but I do not know how many, our regiment has been changed from the 33<sup>rd</sup> to the 45<sup>th</sup> Regiment. We are still in Woods Brigade and Buckness Division and the whole under Lieutenant General (?). I saw the both (of them) the other day at division drill and they are very good-looking men. I am within 75 miles of my father and mother but do not expect to get any chance to go to see them very soon. I have not seen my brother yet, though I am within a mile or two of him, but will go and see him as soon as I get a chance.

My pin is so bad I will have to finish my letter with a pencil. We are encamped on the bank of Duck River, a beautiful little stream and have plenty of good cedar wood to burn, which is almost equal to pine, and get plenty to eat and it is very well cooked as we have a very good cook in our mess. We get Turkey at one dollar and very fine ones too, chickens from 15 to \$.50 and a fresh pork at \$.10 per pound, and plenty flour and meal, so you know we are not suffering for something to eat. The Yanks are about 50 miles from us at Nashville but do not seem inclined to attack us and I think if were, we (???) for the South which is (??) we will do as it is getting very (??) here, it is about as cold here now as it ever gets in Mississippi, though I keep very warm yet, tell Beulah I find the gloves and comforter she made for me very useful and think of her every time I wear them, tell her I hope she may get a good husband for she deserves one, and not too marry until she does. Tell your Pa, if he can sell my cotton for \$.15 and exchange the bonds for Confederate and enough cotton money to pay my debt at the cotton bank, to do so and then if Birdsong is in a hurry for his money, to pay him and take up my note; but if he is in no hurry, to let it stand a while longer. As for the farm, you can do just as you please, for I am too far off to tell anything about it.

I will come home as soon as I can, but I do not know how long it will be until we get far further south. You must write to me every week and direct your letters to Chattanooga Tennessee until further notice. I will try and go to see my father and mother if there is any possible chance before I leave the state, but the chance is very slim to go anywhere except to drill. I think I will get out of the loop ranks again before long and if I can, will do so, as all of them will do it if they can. Take care of the stock, don't let the Negroes waste the corn and make them keep the fences up and behave themselves or I will settle

with them when I come home, which I hope will not be very long. Tell the boys to learn all they can and stay at home with you and keep you company. I (hope) George and Allen are well by this time. Tell Alan I will come before long and bring his boots if I get to go and see my father. Give my love to all the relatives and respects to my friends. I hope you have gotten my trunk and key. I sent it by express and will send you the receipt for it in this letter, and if it does not come to hand, make the company paid you \$175 for the clothes and trunk. My fingers are getting cold and I will quit this time.

I remain your affectionate husband until death.

(signed) JM Kelzer

PS Direct your letters to me at Chattanooga Tennessee, Woods Brigade, 45<sup>th</sup> Regiment Mississippi Volunteers, Company K (signed) JM Kelzer

(Confederate.)

**K**      **B** Battalion.      **Miss.**

*James M. Kelzer*  
*Put*      Co. K, 33 Reg't Mississippi Inf.

Appears on  
**Company Muster Roll**  
of the organization named above,  
for *July + Aug.* 186*2*

Enlisted:  
When *Mar 13* 186*2*  
Where *Raymond, Miss.*  
By whom *R. Charlton*  
Period *1 1/2 Mos.*

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Last paid:  
By whom *Never been paid*  
To what time 186*2*

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Present or absent *Absent*  
Remarks: *Absent at Genl Hospital,  
deck & serv. (Nurse)*

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\*This company subsequently became Company K, 34 Battalion Mississippi Infantry.

The 3d Battalion Mississippi Infantry was formed April 29, November, 1861, of seven unattached companies and by the addition of Captain Charlton's Independent Company, Mississippi Infantry, and two companies formed of that part of the 27th Regiment Alabama Infantry which was not captured at Donelson, the battalion was increased to a regiment in May, 1862, and called the 33d Regiment Mississippi Infantry, whose designation was changed to the 6th Regiment Mississippi Infantry, November, 1862. The men composing the two companies of the 27th Regiment Alabama Infantry were transferred to that Regiment by S. D. South Head, captain, 26th Regiment, dated November 24, 1862. The 33d Regiment Mississippi Infantry, as organized, was composed of 1,400 men, and was disbanded April 1, 1863.

Book mark:  
*J. H. Ford*

For Dip to Stones River

16/11/12  
The Daughter Ben

(Confederate.)

N. 11.5 Miss

M. Kilger  
1st Co. N. 11.5 Regt Miss

Appears on a

List

of Confederate prisoners who died within the Federal lines, in the Department of the Cumberland, from December 31, 1862, to March 1, 1863.

List dated

Not dated, 186

Where taken prisoner Stone River

Cause of death Gun shot wound

Date of death Jan 8, 1863

Place of death Murfreesboro

Remarks:

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Kilger

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*Kelzer James M.*  
 Co. *A*, 3 Battalion  
 Mississippi Infantry.  
 (Confederate.)  
*Private Private*

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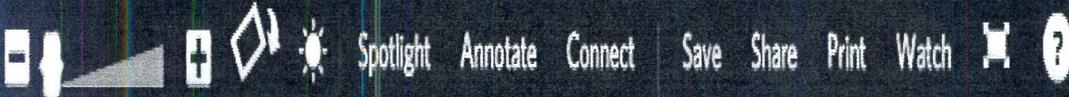
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(Confederate.)  
 K 3 Battalion. Miss.  
 James M. Kelzer  
 Plt (Capt. Richard Charlton's Company,  
 "Mississippi Ves. and Trd.")  
 Co. 27 years.  
 Appears in  
**Company Muster-in Roll**  
 of the organization named above. Roll dated  
 Grenada, Miss. March 11, 1862.  
 Muster-in date March 11, 1862.  
 Admitted for duty and enrolled  
 When March 11, 1862  
 Where Rasputin  
 By whom Rich Charlton  
 Period 12 months  
 Travelling to place of residence at D.D. Hill.  
 Remarks:  
 \*This company subsequently joined Company K, 1st  
 Miss. Infantry.  
 The 1st Regiment Mississippi Infantry was formed about the  
 middle of 1861 of seven independent companies and by the ad-  
 dition of Charles Charlton's Independent Company, Missis-  
 sippi Infantry and was organized as part of the  
 1st Regiment Alabama Infantry which was organized at Fort  
 Davis, the regiment was transferred to a camp in June,  
 1862 and called the 1st Regiment Mississippi Infantry until the  
 middle of 1862. The unit subsequently was transferred to  
 the 1st Regiment Alabama Infantry which was organized at  
 Fort Davis, Mississippi. The 1st Regiment Mississippi In-  
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James M. Kelzer  
 Pvt, Co. K, 33 Reg't Mississippi Inf.  
 Appears on  
**Company Muster Roll**  
 of the organization named above,  
 for *March 13, to May 1, 1862*  
*Dated June 20, 1862.*  
 Enlisted:  
 When *March 13, 1862*  
 Where *Raymond*  
 By whom *R. Charton*  
 Period *1 1/2 Mos.*

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Last paid:  
 By whom  
 To what time, 1862

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Present or absent *Absent*  
 Remarks *Detached to wait on  
 sick of Company at Colum-  
 bus*

\*This company subsequently became Company K, 24 In-

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(Confederate)

K 3 Battalion Miss.

James M. Kelzer

Private, Co K, 3d Regt Mississippi Infy

Appearance

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for May 17 June 1862

Enlisted:

When: Mich 10 1862

Where: Raymond

By whom: R. Charlton

Period: 12 Mos

Last paid:

By whom:

To what time: 1862

Present or absent: Absent

Remarks: Detailed as nurse at  
Fort H. M. Columbus Miss  
12/10/62

\*This company subsequently became Company K, 4th  
Mississippi Infantry.

The 4th Regiment Mississippi Infantry was formed about No-  
vember 1861 of seven independent companies and, by the ad-  
dition of Captain Charles' Independent Company Missis-  
sippi Infantry and two companies formed of 400 part of the  
25th Regiment Alabama Infantry which was transferred to the  
Division, the battalion was increased to a regiment in Jan-  
1862 and called the 3rd Regiment Mississippi Infantry which  
organization was attached to the 4th Division, Mississippi Infantry,  
November 1861. The two companies the 4th companies formed  
of the 3rd Regiment Alabama Infantry were transferred to the  
4th Division to 4 1/2 Co. B. Headquarters Department 5, 12  
dated November 18 1861 and his organization was ordered  
to report to the 4th Division, Mississippi Infantry.

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16 3 Battalion. Miss.

James M. Kelzer  
 Pvt. Co. K, 3rd Mississippi Inf.

Appears in  
 Company Muster Roll  
 of the organization named above,  
 for July + Aug. 1862

Enlisted:  
 When: *Mar 13* 1862  
 Where: *Raymond, Miss.*  
 By whom: *R. Charlton*  
 Period: *1 1/2 Mos.*

Last paid:  
 By whom: *Never been paid*  
 To what time: 1862

Present or absent: *Absent*  
 Remarks: *Absent at Paul Hospital,  
 Wash. D.C. (Nurse)*

\*This company was formerly known Company K of the  
 3rd Mississippi Infantry.  
 The 4th Division Mississippi Infantry was formed about the  
 middle of 1862 of seven unattached companies and by the  
 order of Captain Charles's Independent Company, Miss-  
 sippi Infantry, and two companies formed of the part of  
 the 3rd Regiment Alabama Infantry which was not captured at Fort  
 Donelson, the battalion was increased to a regiment in April  
 1862 and named the 4th Regiment Mississippi Infantry. From  
 the 1st to the 15th of May 1862 the 4th Regiment Mississippi In-  
 fantry was attached to the 4th Division Mississippi Infantry  
 Newmarket, Md. For duty supporting the two regiments of  
 the 4th Division Alabama Infantry were transferred to  
 the Regiment in 1862. See 4th Regimental Report. A  
 dated November 26, 1862 and the organization was re-  
 named.

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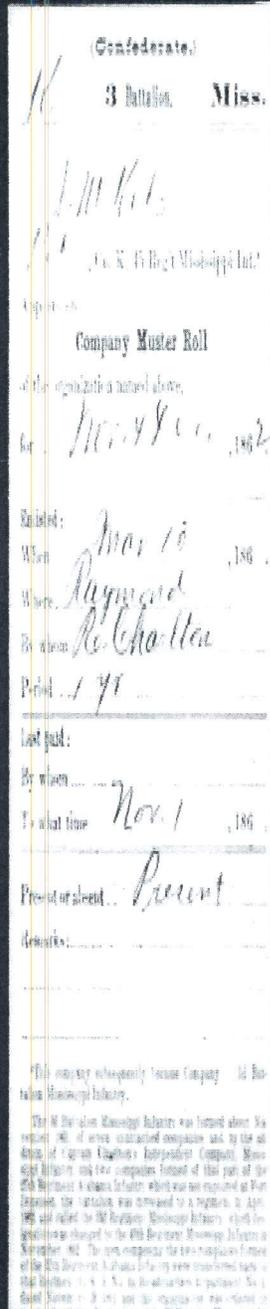
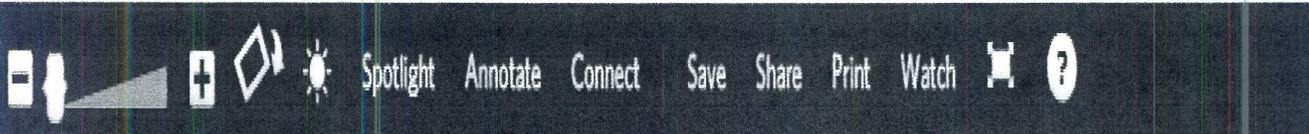
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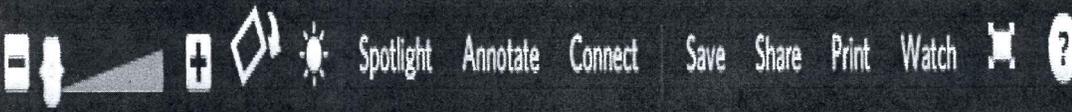
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 K. 3 Battalion. Miss.  
 J. M. Kelzer  
 Pvt., Co. K, 3rd Regt Mississippi Inf.  
 Appears in  
 Company Muster Roll  
 of the organization named above,  
 in Jan. 1863.  
 Enlisted:  
 When: Feb 13, 1862  
 Where: Raymond  
 By whom: R. Charlton  
 Period: 1 yr  
 Last paid:  
 By whom: Maj. Wall  
 To what time: Nov. 1, 1862  
 Present or absent:  
 Remarks: Died of wounds  
 in battle near  
 Lee, Jan. 3/63.  
 \*This company subsequently became Company K, 31st Louisiana Mississippi Infantry.  
 The 31st Louisiana Mississippi Infantry was formed about September, 1862, of some straggling companies and by the old names of Spanish (Lafayette) Independent Company, Mississippi Infantry and two companies formed of the part of the 2nd Regiment Louisiana Infantry which was not retained in Louisiana. The battalion was transferred to a regiment in August, 1862 and called the 31st Regiment Mississippi Infantry which designation was retained in its 4th Louisiana Mississippi Infantry September, 1862. The only companies the 31st Mississippi Infantry of the 31st Regiment Louisiana Infantry were struck out before that Regiment to 1st to 30th Regiments Louisiana No. 1 and 2nd Regiments 1862 and the 31st Louisiana Infantry.

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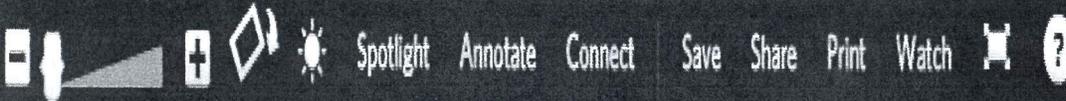
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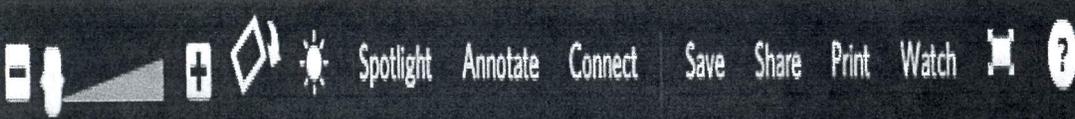
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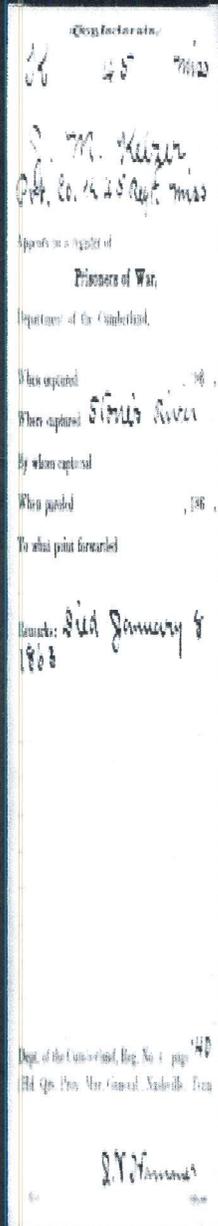
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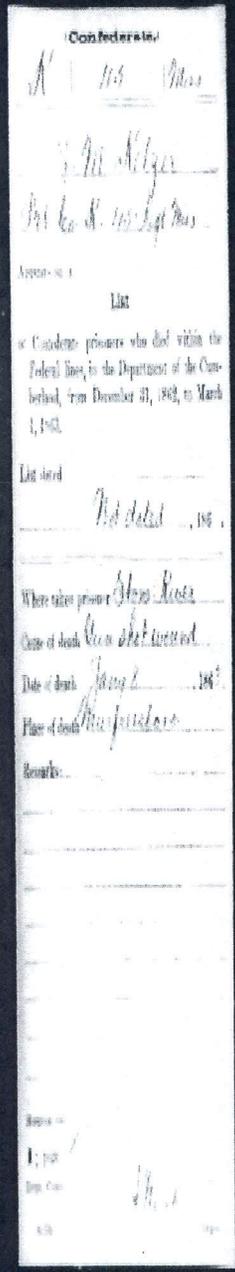


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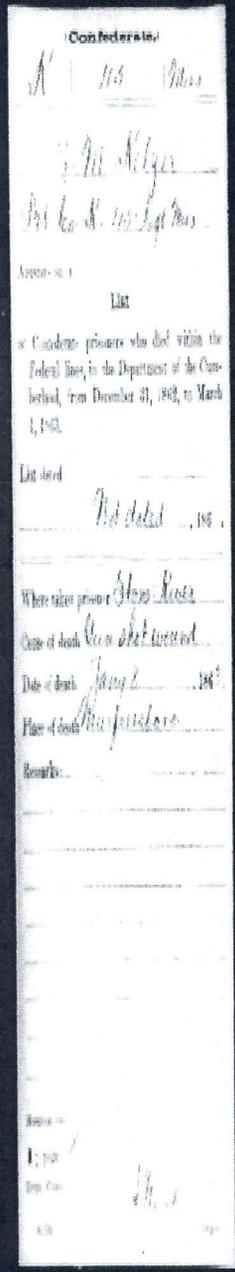
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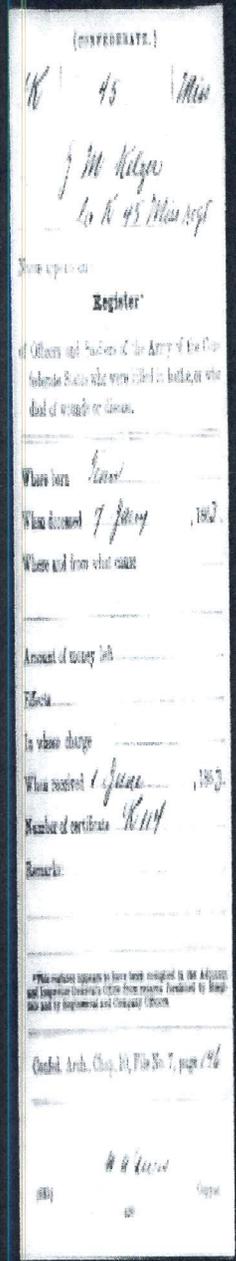
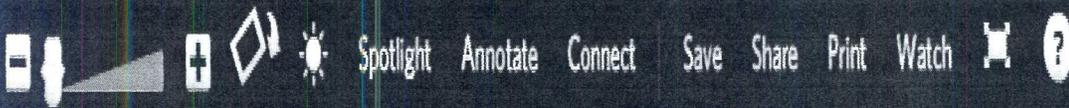
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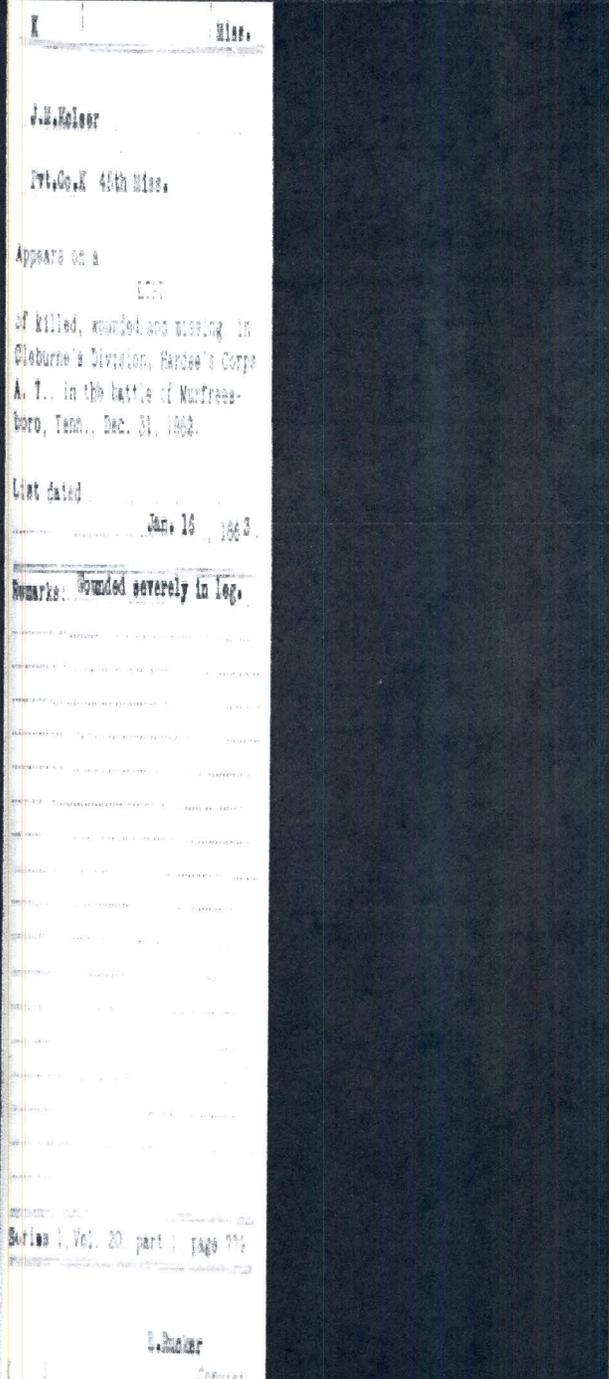
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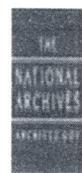
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I Certify that the within named James M Kelzer

Private of Captain Thompson

Company (21) of the 40th Regt Region  
SUMNER County

born in Sumner County in the State

of Mississippi aged 26 years 5 feet 7 inches high

complexion Blue eyes Blue hair, and by profession a Physician was enlisted

by Capt John A. Taylor at Haystack, Mississippi

the 18th day of March eighteen hundred and sixty one

to serve for one years, and is now entitled to a discharge by reason of death

The said James M Kelzer was last paid by Paymaster Capt Shearer

include the 18th day of March eighteen hundred and sixty one and has pay

due from that time to the present date of his death through of Jan 1865

There is due him for traveling from Haystack, Mississippi to Paducah, Kentucky

being 100 miles at 10 per mile

There is due him Twenty five dollars and eight six cents dollars on account of Clothing

not drawn in kind

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Facts:

1. BORN in SUMNER County, TN
2. 30 YEARS of AGE
3. 5 FEET, 11 in.?
4. Complexion - FAIR
5. EYES - Blue
6. Black HAIR
7. Profession - Physician
8. Enlisted 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1862
9. Enlisted at Raymond, Ms. (near Jackson)
10. At his death, he WAS owed \$25.00  
in pay by the Army.





U.S. Veterans Cemeteries, ca.1800-2006

Name: **F W Kilzer**  
Service Info.: **SGT US ARMY CIVIL WAR**  
Death Date: **1 Jul 1863**  
Cemetery: **Baton Rouge National Cemetery**  
Cemetery Address: **220 North 19th Street Baton Rouge, LA 70806**  
Buried At: **Section 5 Site 228**

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