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Dear Mr. Pittard:-

This is a reply to your letter of February 13th addressed to the librarian of the Alliance Public Library, Alliance, Ohio, which has been referred to us by their reference department by Janet A. Noble.

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We find regarding the 115th O.V.I. the following in the Society's Library on pages 602 and 603, Volume II of Ohio In The War, published by Moore, Wiltstach & Baldwin of New York in 1868. It was written by Whitelaw Reid and is in two volumes. It was described as "Her Statesmen, Her Generals and Soldiers," also "The History of Her Regiments."

"This regiment was organized at Camp Massillon, Ohio, in August 1862 and was mustered into the United States service, Sept. 18, 1862, by Capt. A. E. Drake, of the Second U. S. Infantry. Under orders it reported to Major-General Wright at Cincinnati, Oct. 4, 1862. On the 9th of October the regiment was divided - 5 companies, under command of Lieut-Col. Boone, being sent to Columbus (Camp Chase) to perform guard duty. The remaining five companies, under command of Col. J. A. Lucy, remained in Cincinnati and acted as provost-guard.

"In Nov. 1862 the battalion at Columbus was ordered to Maysville, Ky, under command of Colonel Lucy, leaving Lieut.Col. Boone in command of the battalion at Cincinnati. In December 1862 the battalion at Maysville was ordered to Covington, Ky., where it performed provost duty until Oct. 1863. It was then relieved and ordered to report to Maj.-Gen. Rosecrans at Chattanooga, Tenn. Reaching Murfreesboro it was ordered to report to the post-commander for duty. Part of the regiment was at once mounted and sent out against the Rebel guerrillas, then infesting the country between Nashville and Tullahoma.

"In June 1864 that part of the regiment not mounted was stationed on the line of the Nashville & Chattanooga R.R. in block houses to prevent the guerillas from destroying it. August 1864 Block house No. 4 in command of Sgt. Flohr of Company B was captured by the forces of the Rebel Gen. Wheeler. Block house No. 5 commanded by Lieut. John S. Orr of Company B was attacked at the same time, and three men were killed and seven wounded, out of the detachment of 40 men. In this attack the Rebels were handsomely repulsed, and failed in their desparate attempt to capture the garrison.

"Shortly after the above affair Company K (mounted) surprised and captured a squad of guerillas, and lost Sgt. Richmond killed and three men wounded.

"During Hood's advance on Nashville in December 1864, Block houses Nos. 1, 3 and 4

were assaulted by a large force of Rebels under Forrest, and their garrisons, consisting of parts of companies C, F, and G, captured.

"The garrisons of Block Houses Nos. 5 and 6 were, by order of Gen. Thomas, withdrawn to Murfreesboro. Black House No. 7 was assaulted and surrounded by the Rebels, and for 15 days the garrison dared not venture outside. The garrison of Black House No. 2, under command of Lieut. Harter, was assaulted Dec. 9, 1864, by the enemy, with three pieces of rifled artillery, and a continuous fire kept up from nine o'clock in the morning until dark. Two of the garrison were killed and five wounded. Under cover of the night the garrison withdrew and reached Nashville in safety.

"Shortly after this affair the Rebel Gen. Buford made a desperate charge on Murfreesboro but after five hours of hard fighting was driven back with heavy loss. On the National side there was one killed and three wounded. The garrison of Murfreesboro at this time consisted of a battalion of the 115th Ohio, and the 4th and 29th Michigan regiments, under command of Gen. Rousseau.

"On April 27, 1865, the battalion of the 115th Ohio, captured by the Rebels at Block Houses 1, 3 and 4, in December 1864, was on board the ill-fated steamer Sultana, which exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., and Capt. D. N. Lowry and John Eadie, Lieut. J. C. Ely, and 80 men were lost. They belonged to companies B, C, F and G. These unfortunate men were on their way to Columbus, Ohio, having been paroled for that purpose.

"The regiment performed garrison duty at Murfreesboro, and guard duty on the line of the Nashville & Chattanooga R.R. from Nashville to Tullahoma, until the 23rd of June 1865, when it was mustered out of the service by Capt. W. S. Wilson, A.C.M. It received its final discharge and pay at Cleveland, Ohio, July 7, 1865.

"The 115th Ohio, as will be observed by its record, was not permitted to be massed in the field at any one time. It was a reliable regiment, well-disciplined and drilled.

"Lieut.-Col. (afterward Colonel) Boone, while in command of the battalion stationed at Cincinnati in 1862-3, had the charge of all prisoners, military and political, as well as the duty of forwarding convalescent soldiers to their respective regiments. It was during this time that the orders of Gen. Burnside, Nos. 38 and 113, were issued, which caused considerable excitement among the community, and resulted in bringing the civil and military authorities into conflict. For carrying out these orders - refusing to deliver up certain deserters on a writ of habeas corpus - a warrant for the arrest of the Colonel was issued by Judge Paddock, Probate Judge of Hamilton County, Ohio; but the warrant could not be executed because of the guard which constantly surrounded the person of the commanding officer.

"In July, the same year (1863), Col. Boone called out his battalion for five or six days on the Harrison Pike to render assistance to the cavalry in pursuit of John Morgan, then on his unfortunate raid through Ohio. In the October following the regiment proceeded to the front, and was assigned to the 4th Div., 20th Army Corps.

"The strength of the regiment when organized was 985, and during its term of service it received, in addition, over 300 recruits. At muster out it numbered 630 officers and men all told."

You will note that this regiment was organized at Camp Massillon

and that the city of Massillon is only eight miles west of Canton.

I do not find the name of "Banhof," and if you will examine that inscription closely it was no doubt "Bauhof." I am 82 years of age and well remember Christian Bauhof in Orrville, Ohio, my hometown as a boy. It is 14 miles west of Massillon and Christian Bauhof had a monument works in Orrville then.

There are a few Bauhofs living in Canton whom I know well and they are all good citizens. One is Dr. Ned F. Bauhof, 222 Cleveland Ave NW, and he is a member of our Historical Society. I talked to Mrs. Ralph Bauhof, widow of Ralph, nephew of Christian, and she confirmed Christian's living in Orrville and told me the story about his brother, Rudolph, marrying Elizabeth Miller.

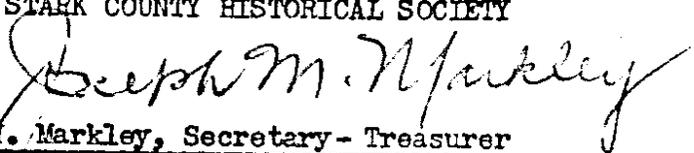
Christian Bauhof probably cut both names on the stones. As to Daniel C. Miller, I find that one Casper Miller had a sister, Elizabeth Miller, who married Rudolph Bauhof, a brother of Christian Bauhof. He was in the Civil War and in Andersonville prison. He enlisted in Cleveland, Ohio, and I am told he could have been Daniel Casper Miller, and since there was a family connection, he might have been the one.

I have written to Cleveland and Alliance for further information and if I get any will send it to you. It is not necessary, but if you want to reimburse us for time spent in checking this information and for the typist's time, \$3.00 will cover it.

Very sincerely,

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