Hard Quarters 11th Mich Infty
Murfreesboro Tenn Apr 8th 63

To his Excellency
Geo. Austin Blair
Sir,

We the undersigned commissioned officers of the 11th Mich. Infty. do respectfully recommend Captain Melvin Mudge for Lieutenant Col. in place of Lt. Col. G. P. Smith resigned. We recommend him for his ability as an officer and of his many good qualities as a gentleman, as well as for his seniority of rank. We therefore respectfully request that he, Captain Melvin Mudge, be promoted to Lt. Colonel of our Regiment, if compatible with your Excellency's wishes.

B. G. Bennett, Capt Co D.
C W Newbury " " E
E. M. Catlin 1st Lt Co. E.
B. M. Hicks 2d Lieut Co E.
H S Fisher Capt Co A
J. P. Marsh 2nd Lt Co A
P H Keegan Capt Co K
E J French 1st Lt Co K
L. T. Squire 2nd Lt Co H.
[illegible] 1st Lieut Co C
L. H. Howard 2nd Lieut Co C.
F M Bissell 1st Lt Co B

Nelson J. Packard Capt Lieut
John H Johnson 2nd Lieut Co K
Albert C. Rossiter 2nd Lt Co
John Underwood 1st Lt Co
H B Eggleston 1st Lt Co
Charles Coddington 1st Lt Co
Leo Hawkes 2nd Lieut Comdt
Chauncey E Kern 2nd Lt Co
Frank H Lane 2nd Lt Co
Jas W. Whallon 2nd Lieut

Provost Marshals Office
Murfreesboro Jan 15th 1863

Hon Austin Blair
Governor of Michigan

Dear Sir

The army of the Cumberland arrived within three miles of this place on the 30th of December and General Rosecrans chose his position with such consummate skill that he compelled Bragg to make the attack. The next morning the 31st the Rebel general surprised our right wing under Gen. McCook, and a terrible contest ensued - The right wing back and was badly broken and the enemy fell with almost irresistable force on our Division, the 8th, under Negley. The official reports will I think satisfy you that the 11th was not the least distinguished in the fierce struggle which ensued. Late in the afternoon we made a successful stand against the enemy and the battle ended for that day. The skirmishing and occasional fighting still continued till the 2nd of Jan. when the enemy suddenly massed his whole force on our left wing and made another furious attack - Gen. Rosecrans had anticipated this attack and asked half an hour before the enemy commenced our Division arrived

and took up a position to the right of the left wing and a hill in the rear and separated from it by Stone River. A battery of 20 guns was posted in front of us and we were concealed from the enemy by lying down under a slight hill. The enemy then in solid column and drove our left back till he was opposite to the centre of our line the brigade bands and the whole line rose up at once and opened an enfilading fire with their bands and then charged over the men scattering his flying bands like chaff before the wind -

The loss in my Regt is heavy 30 killed 76 wounded and 21 missing. Major Smith who fatally concluded not to resign and joined the Regt just before we left Nashville was severely wounded in the face - Lt Flynn and Wilson whom I recommended for Captain were killed -

I enclose a list of recommendations for promotion - Lt Col Eldridge had resigned on account of his health

Your Obt Servt -

WM L Stoughton

Head Quarters 11th Mich Infty
Murfreesboro Mary 29th

Hon Austin Blair
Gov of Michigan

Sir

I respectfully recommend promotions in this Regiment

Capt Benjamin G Bennet Co "D" to be Major in place of Capt Hood promoted Major but who has failed to accept the appointment having resigned and gone home to rank from Jany 7th/63 (date of vacancy)

1st Lieut Francis M Bissell Co "B" to be Captain to rank from Jany 7th 1863 in place of Captain Mudge promoted to Lieut. Col. (date of promotion)

2nd Lieut Chauncey E Coon to be 1st Lieut to rank from same date

Sergt. William G Whitney to be 2nd Lieut in place of Lieut Coon promoted to rank

from same date

✓ 2nd Lieut Linus T Squire Co "K" to be 1st Lieut in place of Lieut Newbury promoted to rank from Jany 1st 1863 date of promotion

✓ 1st Sergt James M Cushman to be 2nd Lieut in place of Lieut Squire promoted to rank from same date

✓ Frank H Lane Co "D" to be Captain in place of Capt Bennet promoted Major to rank from date of his promotion

✓ 1st Lieut Ephraim J Hall Co "F" to be Captain Co "D" in place of Captain Nelson Chamberlain resigned to rank from Feby 19th 1863 (date of resignation)

✓ 2nd Lieut John W Birdsall Co F to be 1st Lieut in place of Lieut Hall promoted to rank from May 29th 1863

Eleventh Infantry

On the third day at Stone River, the Eleventh is again engaged, receives heavy attacks of the enemy with Artillery and infantry. The men laying on the ground protected by a slight hill, on the opposite bank of the river the enemy drive our forces, a routed regiment, crosses in great disorder rush through the ranks of the 11th the enemy pursue hotly, they come within range, the regiment is up and at them, deliver a destructive fire, charge through the river in water to the arms, drive them in disorder, capturing his artillery. With Thomas on the last day of the sanguinary conflict at Chickamauga, holds an important point on his line of defense, and breasts the fearful torrent of the hour, against superior force, fights persistently, successfully repelling charge after charge of the enemy in rapid succession, and is one of the last to leave that bloody field,

Eleventh Infantry. (Re-organized) This regiment was on duty in East Tennessee Guarding rail road, and on guard duty at Nashville during its term of service.