AMOS DAHUFF

MARCH 31, 1926.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. Wheeler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 2313]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred H. R. 2313, for the relief of Amos Dahuff, having considered the same, report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

It is shown by the records that Amos Dahuff was enrolled August 20, 1861; that he was mustered into the service September 5, 1861, as a private in Company I, Ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry to serve during the war; that he was appointed a corporal April 29, 1863, and that he was honorably discharged the service as of that grade and organization March 9, 1864, to enable him to accept a commission. During this service his military record was excellent. He was in the Battles of Shiloh and Chickamauga, and in minor engagements. He was wounded five times.

The records further show that he was mustered into the service as captain, Company H, Twelfth Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, June 12, 1864, to serve for three years; that he tendered his resignation on January 14, 1865, for the good of the service, and that he was dismissed the service (dishonorably) in orders dated February 13, 1865, upon recommendation of his superior officers. It appears that he was a brave soldier with an excellent fighting record, as the statement from the War Department, printed below, indicates.

No information has been submitted to the committee reflecting upon Dahuff as a man, soldier, or officer.

Attention is called to the fact that no charge is made against Dahuff, or statement of a reason justifying dishonorable dismissal, but it is alleged that his resignation was due to friction between himself and a superior officer. The committee at this late date will not attempt to determine or apportion responsibility for the
disagreement, but do recommend favorable action because of the service rendered by Amos Dahuff, which is undisputed.

The report of the War Department upon this case is as follows:

**Case of Amos da Huff, Company I, Ninth Indiana Infantry, and Company H, Twelfth Indiana Cavalry**

It is shown by the records that Amos da Huff was enrolled August 20, 1861, and mustered into service September 1, 1861, as a private in Company I, Ninth Indiana Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was wounded at the Battle of Shiloh April 7, 1862, and is thereafter reported on the muster rolls of his company to June 30, 1862, absent, wounded, at home. While so absent he was ordered for medical examination before the chief medical officer, district of Indiana, Indianapolis, and on June 7, 1862, he was furloughed for 20 days. He reported July 9, 1862, from furlough; was again ordered for examination before the same officer; reported August 14, 1862, and on August 15, 1862, was directed to report to his regiment. He rejoined his company August 19, 1862, was appointed corporal on April 29, 1863, and was wounded in the Battle of Chickamauga, Ga., September 20, 1863. He passed through Stevenson, Ala., September 23, 1863, from the Battle of Chickamauga, with gunshot wound of left arm and side; was admitted to Cumberland General Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., September 25, 1863, with gunshot wound of right arm and side; was furloughed October 26, 1863, and was honorably discharged from the service at the request of the Governor of Indiana, to date March 9, 1864, to enable him to accept a commission.

He was mustered in as captain with Company H, Twelfth Indiana Cavalry Volunteers, to date January 12, 1864, to serve three years, and he is reported present on the muster rolls of that company to February 28, 1865. On January 14, 1865, he tendered his resignation in a letter, of which the following is a copy:

**CAMP NEAR EDGEFIELD, TENN., January 14, 1865.**

General: I have the honor herewith to tender my immediate and unconditional resignation as captain of Company H, Twelfth Indiana Cavalry Volunteers, on account of these reasons: For the good of the service.

I certify on honor that I am not indebted to the United States on any account whatever, and that I am not responsible for any Government property, except what I am prepared to turn over to the proper officer on the acceptance of my resignation, and that I was last paid by Major Crane to include the 31st day of October, 1864. I also certify that there are no charges against me which can affect my pay in any way whatever.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Amos Da Huff,
Captain Company H, Twelfth Indiana Cavalry Volunteers.

Brigadier General Whipple,
Chief of Staff, Army of the Cumberland.

This letter bears indorsements as follows:

[First indorsement]

**HEADQUARTERS TWELFTH INDIANA CAVALRY, Edgefield, Tenn., January 14, 1865.**

Respectfully forwarded. Approved.

J. B. Cobb,
Major, Commanding Regiment.

[Second indorsement]

**HEADQUARTERS SECOND BRIGADE, SEVENTH DIVISION C. C. M. D. M., Edgefield, Tenn., January 20, 1865.**

Respectfully forwarded, recommending that this officer be "dismissed the service" with loss of pay and emoluments.

G. M. S. Johnson,
Colonel Thirteenth Indiana Cavalry,
Commanding Second Brigade, Seventh Division.
HEADQUARTERS 7TH DIV., C. C., M. D. M.,
Edgefield, Tenn., January 20, 1865.

Respectfully forwarded, approving the recommendation of the commanding
officer of the Second Brigade.

Jos. F. KNIFE,
Brigadier General, Commanding Seventh Division, C. C., M. D. M.

HEADQUARTERS CAVALRY CORPS, M. D. M.,
Gravelly Springs, Ala., February 2, 1865.

Respectfully forwarded; dismissal recommended.

J. H. WILSON,
Brevet Major General.

He was dishonorably dismissed the service in orders, of which the following is a
copy:

Headquarters Department
of the Cumberland,
Nashville, Tenn., February 19, 1865.

By virtue of the authority delegated the major general commanding, by the
Secretary of War, Capt. Amos Da Huff, Company H, Twelfth Indiana Cavalry,
having tendered his resignation “for the good of the service,” is, upon the recom-
mendation of his intermediate commanders, hereby (dishonorably) dismissed the
service of the United States.

By command of Major General Thomas:

SOUTHARD HOFFMAN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

The order of dishonorable dismissal in this case having been carried into
execution, it is beyond the power of any executive officer of the Government to
revoke, modify, or set aside, or to grant to this officer an honorable discharge.
Respectfully submitted.

F. C. AINSWORTH,
The Military Secretary.

War Department,
The Military Secretary's Office, December 11, 1905.
The Secretary of War.