

# HEADQUARTERS

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# GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC



PERSONAL WAR SKETCH OF

Comrade Oscar F Hale

Who was born the first day of April A.D. 1839 in Scioto Turnace County of Scioto State of Ohio

I enlisted Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1861 at Yellow Springs Ohio as private in the 44<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry. I was promoted to Corporal in Dec 1862 to First-Sergeant-May 20, 1864, to Second Lieutenant-May 11, 1865. I was also acting Regimental Adjutant. I was final discharged at Cincinnati Ohio by reason of re-enlistment. I re-enlisted Jan 4 1864. On re-enlistment, the 44<sup>th</sup> O.V.L. was re-organized at the 8th Ohio Veteran Vol. Cavalry [sic] I was in the battle of Lewisburg in Virginia, May 23 1862 Charleston by Va, Sept-12-1862 (3) Capture of Cumberland Gap, Ky July 10-1863 (4) Siege of Knoxville Tenn Nov 17<sup>th</sup> to Dec 4 1863. (5) Lynchburg V. Va. June 17-18 (6) Liberty June 19-1864. (7) Beverly W. Va Dec 29-1864 (8) Surprise at Beverly June 11-1865. I was wounded slightly above the knee May 23-1862 at Lewisburg W Va. I was in the hospital at Camp Peat W Va. during the winter of 1861 and 2. I was taken prisoner Mar 25-1863 near Camp Dick, Robinson Ky by Gen Pegrans forces, and paroled at Lancaster Ky Mar 27-1863. (2) Jan 11-1864 at Beverly W Va by Gen. Rosser, This time I made my escape. My intimate comrades were Lieut, Folger Howell, Lient-Barton, Brookholder, Thomas Cook, Thomas Batehelor, Fraser Brown. The most important event of my service I think was The Surprise and capture of the Union forces at Beverly, W Va, by the rebel Gen. Roaser Jan 11-1865.

An incident of my escape at Beverly W. Va, The retreat-of-the rebels with their prisoners passed our hospital. I assisted a wounded comrade into the hospital, where I where I remained. Her I found the drunken rebel surgeon, whom I disarmed, as soon as the rebel force was out of sight, I mounted his horse tethered to the front yard, and made my escape. Before mounting horse w.r., I concealed in the hay two cases of surgical instruments belonging to our Surgeon, which the rebel surgeon had set outside with the intention of confiscating them. Prisoner reform-the rebel surgeon furiously mad at his loss. This incident is known only to a few persons of my Reg. I never officially reported my adventure.

*I certify that Sketch of my War Service as above written is true as I verily believe*

Date Mar 10, 1908 Signed S A Truman

We certify that Comrade \_\_\_\_\_ Joined \_\_\_\_\_

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