

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

BUREAU OF MILITARY STATISTICS,

Albany, July 26th 1864

The Bureau of Military Statistics, established by an Act of the Legislature, is now engaged in collecting and arranging for preservation a personal and statistical history of the services rendered by the Volunteer Regiments of this State in the present war.

In furtherance of this object, will you have the kindness to make the proper entries in the blank enclosed, showing the military services and civil history of

the late Capt. Morris Brown

of 126th Reg.

and return the same to this Bureau?

A full biographical sketch is desired in addition to the information which you are requested to embody in this blank, and may be prepared and attached to the blank, or sent to the Bureau at a subsequent time, as may be most convenient.

If unable to perform the task requested, will you have the kindness to place the matter in the hands of some other friend of the person named above. I greatly prefer that some relative should attend to the duty of preparing the blank, as the information asked will be obtained more readily and with greater accuracy, and will be more satisfactory to the parties immediately interested in having a correct history preserved.

If a biographical sketch is furnished in addition to the blank, the name of the writer should be given, that proper credit may be made when the sketch shall be published (as, with others, it no doubt will be) by order of the Legislature.

If in your possession, or readily obtainable by you, you are requested to furnish a photographic or other portrait (4x4 size desirable,) together with any newspaper articles or other printed references to his career, copies of letters written by him, and such other biographical material as you may have. If a Diary was kept by him and can be obtained, we desire permission to copy such general information as it may contain, as well as facts relating to the movements of the organization of which he was a member. It may be sent by mail or by express...will be promptly copied (omitting any passages that you may request) and returned free of expense to you.

It is not deemed necessary to specially commend to your attention the importance of preserving a history of our volunteers. Without at least the blank record which we ask, the services which have been performed by them will soon be forgotten. Every year removes the history of the dead farther from the memory of living friends, and still farther from the probability of official preservation. It is hoped, therefore, that you will promptly give to this matter the attention to which it is so eminently entitled.

With much respect,

Your obedient servant,

Ans. Morris Brown,

LOCKWOOD L. DOTY,

Chief of Bureau.

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