Muncy Station, PA. Aug 4th, 1866

Mrs. Thomas Payntar

On looking over the rolls of missing men that Clara Barton has published I came across my comrad Thos. J. Payntar and feel it is my duty for his sake to inform you as near as I can the place and time I last saw him it was at Trinillian Station on the 11th of June, 1864. The regiment was ordered to fight (on foot) and every fourth man hold his on horse and three others and it fell to him to hold the horse I was riding by his side that was the last time I saw him. We were over forced and to fall back on our horses and when we found them they were all scattered through others. I could see nohing of mine although I suceeded in getting one and made me escape. His horse was found in the regiment the next day.

Thomas was returned as missing in action. I though he was taken prisoner but if he has not been heard of as yet it is likely he was killed. I say killed it makes m heart bleed when I think of the nobel dead that has fallen by the hands of traitors in rebellion.

I think that I have written all that will be of interest toyou and hope you will excuse the liberty I have taken.

Respectfully, W.G. McGowan, late Srg COE4

P.S. please answer

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