

June 2nd, 1865

Sgt. Thomas A. Nixon

I deem it a duty and pleasure to give to you my thanks for the gallant manner in which you have done your duty while under my command. In all the battles during the campaign which ended in the surrender of Lee's army, you have shown bravery and coolness rarely equaled. In the last battle of Appomattox Court House you charged ahead of the line and was in the extreme advance when the army surrendered.

You also have the honor of firing the last shot into the enemy, which we have had in our front for the last four years.

For the gallant deeds I thank you as Commanding officer of the 24th A.I.L.L.

J. W. Cooley

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