Martin J. Varner

Birth: Death: 1827, USA Sep. 13, 1863

Iowa, USA

Capt. Co A 36 IA Civil War

Company A's 1st. Sergeant, Asa Baird, recorded in his war diary that on his way to rejoin his regiment after a 20 day furlough home, that upon his arrival at the Federal supply depot at DeValls Bluff, Arkansas at 4 am on Thursday, September 3rd. 1863, he found both Captain Varner and Captain Webb (CO K) and 6 enlisted men from the regiment there--"all sick." He further recorded that he stayed up all night to nurse Captain Varner. The two Captains were evacuated by steamer on the 7th, Captain Webb died aboard the boat as it reached the mouth of the White River and was buried at the United States National Cemetery in Mound City, Illinois. Captain Varner lingered 6 more days, but died aboard the steamer as it reached Hannibal, Missouri. Lieutenant John Porter had already assumed command of Company A. which at the time was involved in the capture of Little Rock. Upon the death of Captain Varner, John Porter assumed full command as Captain of Company A. (Captain Porter survive the war and is buried at Oak View Cemetery in Albia, Iowa). Thanks Jon for this information.

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