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MEMPHIS DAILY APPEAL
Memphis, TN
November 27, 1861

THE KENTUCKY CAMPAIGN.

CAMP BEAUREGARD, (Bowen's Brigade)
FELICIANA, Ky., Dec. 22, 1861.

EDITORS APPEAL:

Our brigade has been hard at work during the past fifteen days building log cabins for winter quarters. These cabins are erected with reference to each other like the tents of a company and regiment as prescribed by Hardee. There are about fourteen rooms for the privates of each company, and about one hundred and seventy-five for a whole regiment, officers, men, guard houses, hospitals, etc. The rooms are ten by twelve, tightly daubed up, and are capacious enough to comfortably hold eight men. After taking a look through our encampment, the observer could come to no other conclusion than that the men ought to pass the winter very agreeably. If any do not, it will be their own fault. They have plenty of warm clothing, rations, etc., and are hardly ever called upon to expose themselves in disagreeable weather, and not then unless there be an imperative necessity.

On last Friday all the troops at this station were assembled together and formed into square, for the purpose of witnessing the punishment of three men, belonging to the First Missouri Regiment convicted of desertion. It is not necessary to give their names or the facts drawn out by the court martial concerning their crime. They were branded on the left hip with the letter D, which was done with a hot iron made in the shape of that letter, then their heads were closely shaved, and finally they were each hit fifty lashes upon the bare back, in the presence of all their comrades, and drummed out of the service to the tune of the "Rogue's March." Volunteers who often speak of quitting the service upon the slightest provocation, without the proper discharges, and who seem to regard the act lightly, should take warning from the fate of these poor, unfortunate fellows.

This material and the information on the Memorial Service for Colonel A. P. Thompson was submitted by Gregory Miller.