Whereas the Orderly Sergeant of this company by his arrogant and overbearing disposition unmanly use of his power to gratify private piques, and by his profanity and vulgarity in his intercourse with, and his orders to the men, is exerting a demoralizing influence and making in them feelings of disrespect toward him which may produce fatal results to that thorough discipline, which they are all so anxious to acquire We the undersigned, petitioners, humbly request that an investigation may be had and if the charges are proven a successor may be appointed or a new election authorized.

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