Can a man dodge a bullet?

V. S.

Can a man dodge a cannon ball?

Again Can a Man See a Cannon Ball

Editor Tribune!

I See in National Tribune the above, Can a man dodge a Bullet. I believe he can. I firmly believe I dodged Both Bullet & Cannon ball.

It was while we wer in the rear and after we had invested Vicksburg Miss it was on the line just in front of where the 47th Illinois Inf wer Stationed. and on the first entrenchments or rifle pits thrown up. and if I am not Mistaken Co G. wer on duty, Perhaps the whole Regt; at least I remember we had thrown out trenches wide enough to admit two men to pass. the dirt & logs we placed in front or between us and the Enemy, with now & then a port hole as we would say. where we would take a rest for our guns. Sometimes raising the Sights. and

as we would say we wer Shelling the
City. It was not long though until
the Enemy got range of us. and forth
with their came a Cannon Ball
which Missed our heads & the log just
above our heads, the next shot came
between the log & the earth in the same
diate line and place where my pose
a moment before was located to Say
I doged it; is not putting it too strong
for an old soldier had got up to
Most all disadvantages. as the Johnies
repeated their firing for some Minits.
in order to get a More accurate fire
on us, we called timed their Shots
and when we would See the puff from
the Cannon. we would at that moment
duck down & over would go the ball
and far to our rear

Yes a Man can see a Cannon
Ball coming if he is in the Emediate
front & line of same.

At Vicksburg the enemy had one particular gun which was throwing as I thought solliad shot, it was called by our boys Whistling Dick Whether correct in name I care not. She made a peculiar noise & we were so amused at the frightful Screams that we began to look in the direction from whence the noise emenated. (Now you can believe all or part of this assertion or non, its all the same to me) we began to get pretty used to her and by keeping a sharp look out One might plainly see a dark object comming All though the shot went far above our heads we were sure to drop down below the dirt & keep in time to hear that miserable screeching hissing sound pass over.

P.S. If there is an old soldier yet living who ever dodged a Ball or Bullet or saw a Cannon Ball comming towards him Let him speak out at once

Come Boys lets have More of your Experiance Concerning Vicksburg, or for that Matter of any portion of your war reminiscences, time is swiftly passing, and Soon we will answer the last roll call. Who'l be the next - I'm not Much of a Methodist yet - I believe Somewhat in telling Our army Experiances. Keep the Ball rooling & if it hits some one let him get used to dodging. of course we Old Vets dont aim to run against any of the Boys, pre conceived notions, If any one Says something & think is rather fishy I pass it over. for you know we dident all see the same things Just - in the Same light - I am allredy willing to meet all or any of the boys who don their duty, in that Fraternal feeling. which should ever be uppermost - in Our hearts.

The Little Mexican

(John Benge)

Assumption Illinois

Oct-13th 18

An Incident- which took place at the Neal Hotel Shelbyville Ills. while Seated at the table in the Dining room. the following Conversation came up- between Jacob Henshie John McKaig of Blue Mound Ills. and John J. Bensyer of Assumption. Comrade McKaig wish to know of me If I was married or not to which I answered yes but- that I had lost- my wife By Death twenty years Since leaving me a Daughter an Infant- babe. I then asked Comrade McKaig Or I rather said I suppose you too? I ~~suppose~~ are Married to which he said yes, but- said he I like you lost- my wife 20 years ago and left- Me a babe who now is a woman grown I then put- the same question to Comrade Henshie and he said like each of you I lost- My wife

No 1 Lady Fellows Com. Foran East Row- Sec- 32- Town 34 60 = Lan 1000

About 20 years ago leaving me a babe
Comrade Mc. Kaig remarked that is quite
a coincident- But- the Strange part- of it-
Seems to be in the fact- that three Men
Out- of the Regt- Should Meet- 30 years
after the war whose Married life Should
be so near alike. But- Said Mr. Kaig
the most- wonderful part- of it- all is that
3 good looking, perhaps reasonably well
Ballanced Men Should live so long
Widdowers. Oh. Says I. it May be quite
Strange on yours and Comrade Krushies
Part- but- as for My self it- hasent been my fault-
of Mine that I am a widower

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Magistrate and pensioner before executing this voucher should read carefully the special instructions on face and back of same.

A 3850 INVALID. A

Be it known, That I John J. Benepe, do solemnly swear that I am the identical person named in pension certificate in my possession, No. 275553, dated 2 day of Apr, 1877, and whose name is inscribed on the rolls of the CHICAGO Agency at the rate of $4 per month,

*

That I have not been employed or paid in the Army, Navy, or Marine service of the United States from[1] 4th day of October, 1891, to the present time, and that my present P. O. address is

County of , State of

(If pensioner signs by mark, two witnesses who can write.)

(Pensioner's signature:) John J. Benepe
(Signature must be written letter for letter as it is in pension certificate.)

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE MUST BE EXHIBITED TO THE MAGISTRATE WHEN THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

STATE OF , COUNTY OF , ss:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 1892, ; and I certify that the pensioner above named has this day exhibited to me his pension certificate, above described, and was fully identified as the pensioner named therein, and that he signed the following duplicate receipts in my presence.

(Magistrate must certify to any erasures or alterations.)

(Magistrate's signature:)

Officer's Seal here.

Official character:

1. If the first payment, insert the date of the *commencement of the pension*. If not first payment, the *date from which the payment is* claimed.
* When there is a change in the rate, either by an increase, re-issue, etc., note the former rate at which paid.

THE PENSIONER WILL SIGN THESE RECEIPTS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MAGISTRATE.

ORIGINAL.

$ 12 January, 1892.

Received of ISAAC CLEMENTS, U. S. Pension Agent at CHICAGO, ILLS.,

Twelve 100 dollars by check No.

dated January, 1892, being for 3 months' and days' pension due me on pension certificate No. 275553, from the 4th day of October, 1891, to the 4th day of January, 1892, for which I have signed duplicate receipts.

(Witness who can write:)

John J. Benepe
Sign name as above.

DUPLICATE.

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(Witness who can write:)

John J. Benepe
Sign name as above.

(4495—3,135,000.)

FILL IN ADDRESS ON FRONT AND BACK OF VOUCHER.

ROLL No. 3857

(A.)

ARMY VOUCHER No. 2

INVALID.

John Q. Public

JAN'Y 12, 1892.

$ 12

Return this voucher for payment to

ISAAC CLEMENTS,
U. S. Pension Agent,
Chicago,
Illinois.

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, ss:

I, _____, Clerk of the _____ Court of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that _____ is _____, duly commissioned and qualified; that his commission was dated on the _____ day of _____, 18 , and will expire on the _____ day of _____, 189 , and that his signature within written is genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court this _____ day of _____, 189 .

_____
Clerk.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MAGISTRATES.

Magistrate should compare this voucher with pension certificate, exercising the utmost care in its execution.

Vouchers may be executed before any official qualified to administer oaths. If he has a seal it should be affixed; if not, a certificate of the proper officer, showing the commencement and termination of his term of office, must be filed in this Agency.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PENSIONERS.

Give the magistrate the exact Post-office address (street and number) to which you wish the check to be sent, and see that it is written in its place in the voucher.

Delay is occasioned by errors in giving Post-office address.

Name: John Q. Public

Street: _____

Town: Anywhere

County: Anywhere

State: Illinois

WRITE NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS PLAINLY HERE.

OFFICE OF

Records of Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

RECORD BLANK.

☞Every question in this Blank should be answered fully and forwarded at once to WM. H. WARD, 513 N. Sixth Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Civil Record.

1. *Born* January 30th 1841 *Place* New Philadelphia Ohio
Educated at Locust Grove Academy State of Ills Christian Co
2. *Occupation prior to War* Farmer

Military Record.

3. *Enlisted* July 26th 1861 *At* Taylorville
in { *Company* / *Battery* } G 41st Illinois Infantry *Regiment.*
4. *Term of Service* Three years or not discharged
5. *Re-enlisted* 186 *At*
in { *Company* / *Battery* } *Regiment.*
6. *Term of Service of Re-enlistment*
7. *If in the Navy, state the Ships and Fleet in which you served.*

8. *What positions have you occupied in Army or Navy?*
4 Corp – and 4 Sergt
9. 1 BRIGADE. 4 DIVISION. 17 ARMY CORPS. Miss WHEN AND WHERE.
Served first, Tenn La
" *second,*
" *third,*
10. *Other Service*
11. *Give Dates of Commissions, if any*
12. *Dates of Brevets, if any*
13. *List of Campaigns, Expeditions, Battles and Skirmishes in which you participated, in the order as they occurred, stating wounds, if any, and where received:—*
1st Exp in Kentucky 2nd Ft Henry & the Battle 3rd Battle & Siege Ft Donelson 4th Siege & Sk at Corinth Miss 5th " Battle Hatchie 6th " Battle Cold water, Miss 7th Siege Vicksburg Battle Jackson Miss July 12th 1863 Wounded Jackson Miss July 12–1863. in Shoulder right– Exped up Red River with A J Smith Exp through Miss to Ala
14. *If captured, state when and where; the prisons in which confined, and how released:—*

15. *Date and place of final discharge from service* Aug 24th Springfield Ills

16. *Occupation since the War* Farmer

17. *Give Name, Number and Department of Grand Army Post to which you belong :—*

Andy Simpson Dept of Ills No 240 G A R

18. *Positions held in the Grand Army of the Republic* Chaplain

Remarks.

Here give any important details not provided for in foregoing list of questions.

Joined the Army 2 years before the close of the war, following the Little Officer, the Speckled Mustang true to his Colors,

Name in full John J. Benepe

Post Office Assumption

Street

County Christian

State Illinois

NOTE.—Names must be written plainly. In order to avoid all mistakes, the Agent will, in the presence of the Subscriber, copy the name, taking special care that it is correctly spelled.

Name copied { *Company* / *Quarters* }

Agent.

day of 188

NOTE.—Inasmuch as subscribers' records must be compiled and book published to fill all orders as received, it has been deemed advisable to require each subscriber to make an advance payment on his order of $1.00.

This is to protect ourselves against loss, and must be forwarded to WM. H. WARD, 513 North Sixth Street, St. Louis, Mo., *when notified from this office*, as a guarantee of good faith; such payment to be deducted from price of book on delivery.

Agents who cannot exhibit proper authority are not allowed to collect this advance payment, and we will not be held responsible for moneys paid to any other than those duly authorized to collect it.

WM. H. WARD.

SUBSCRIPTION.

I hereby subscribe for and agree to take Cop *of* "***Records of Members of the Grand Army of the Republic,***" *for which I promise to pay William H. Ward, $* *on delivery of said book.*

Signature John J. Benepe

Address Assumption

Street, No.

John J. Benepe *Agent.* *day of* 1888

HEADQUARTERS

ASSUMPTION POST, G. A. R.

NO. 685.

Assumption, Illinois, Nov 11th 1895

Resolution of Respect

Whereas The Angle of death has once more entered the ranks of the Grand Army and removed from its ever decreasing numbers Our Esteemed and beloved Comrade and Adjutant John Jacob Benepe

Resolved That we the members of Assumption Post Number 686 G.A.R deeply regret our almost irreparable loss, as our Comrade was not only a kind and faithfull adjutant and friend but ever foremost in every good and charitable work

Resolved. That in his death Our country has lost a patriot of unsullied record. Our Village one of its most

HEADQUARTERS

ASSUMPTION POST, G. A. R.

NO. 685.

Assumption, Illinois, ... 18.....

Respected Citizens his aged Mother a
Caring loveing son his daughter a
a faithfull indulgent Father his
Brothers a true Brother his Church a
devoted and Loyal. member
Resolved

That a copy of these resolutions
be sent to the sorrowing family. In hope
that with these feeble expressions of
ours. and the grand and Noble
Record. that Comrade John made for
himself may bring Strenght and
Consolation in their Grief
Resolved.

That a copy of these resolutions
be printed in the National Tribune &c
the Assumption News and Spread
on the Records of the Post

T. F. Rasbach
Hugh O'Hara
J. N. Pratt
Committee

Affidavit of Disability

State of Missouri County of Case. S. S.
On the 23rd day of November 1863 before me personally appeard Daniel K Hall to me well known, being respectable and entitled to credit who being duly Sworn, Says: that he was Captain of Co. B. 4th Regt Mo Vol and was well acquainted with John J Benge who was a Corporal of Co B. 4th Regt Mo Vols that at the time of his enlistment said John J Benge was with his company in the line of his duty at Ft Donaldson Tenn and had been Sound & well So far as I know from date of enlistment to time before Battle at Ft Donaldson that on or about the day of February 1862 at or near Ft Donaldson State of Tenn said John J. Benge was disabled in the line of his duty by Chronic Diarrea or Diarreah that occured after which became Chronic [redacted]
This occured under the following circumstances or causes to wit - Exposier befor and after the Battle, & being compelled to use improper food taken from the Enemy at Ft Donaldson Our own Supplys not being at Hand - and Exposier to the cold and rain not having tents to Shield them in from the inclemant weather I know these facts from being there in Person & I have no interest what Ever in the prosecution of this Claim for Pension My Post Office Address is Hannibal Mo

County of Cass State of Missouri

Daniel K. Hall
Affiant Signature

Late a captain Co. G. 41st Reg - Ill Vols

Sworn and subscribed to before me the date first above written I have no interest whatever in the Prosecution of this claim

Witness my hand notarial seal

Charles W. Sloan
Notary Public Cass County Court - Mo

I certify that Charles W. Sloan before whom the above affidavit was made is a Notary Public duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature witness my Hand and Official seal this 23 day of Nov 1883

J. W. Dockworth
Signature

County Clerk
Official Character

Petition for Probate of Will and Letters Testamentary—Law 1897—Copy.—Courier Print, Taylorville, Ill.

Petition of Seth Benepe In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Sarah H. Benepe Deceased, for Probate of Will and Letters Testamentary.

To the Hon. James Forrester Judge of the County Court of Christian County, in the State of Illinois:

The petition of the undersigned

respectfully represents that Sarah H Benepe who was at the time of ~~his~~ her death a resident of the County of Christian State of Illinois departed this life at Assumption in Christian County, State of Illinois on or about the 22nd day of October A. D. 190 3, leaving a last Will and Testament duly signed, published, and attested, as believed by your petitioner, and which by Your Petitioner is hereby presented to your Honor for Probate. That said Will is subscribed by Irving H. Cushing Horace Cushing and Josephus C. Shaffer as witnesses to the execution thereof

The said Testatrix in h.er said last Will nominated and appointed Seth Benepe and Frank L. Benepe Executors thereof, and that your petitioner ~~are~~ and has qualified willing and ready to accept and undertake the office and trust confided to ~~them~~ her

And this petition further shows that the said Sarah H. Benepe died seized and possessed of Real Estate, valued at about Eight Thousand Dollars, and of Personal Property estimated to be worth about Four Thousand Dollars.

That said deceased left surviving ~~him~~ her no husband ~~residing at~~ being divorced ~~his widow, and~~ the following persons as ~~his~~ her only heirs at law legatees; and their respective places of residence so far as known are as follows:

NAMES.	RESIDENCE, (If unknown, so state.)
Seth Benepe	Assumption Illinois
Frank L. Benepe	Bozeman Montana
Annie E McDaniel	Lodiswille Ky.
Lura Lynn	Mt Pulaski Illinois
Mamie Maracy	Kansas City Mo
Rocco Tobias	Chicago Illinois
Hazel Stevens	" "
Seth H. Benepe	Achilles Kans.

In consideration whereof, and to the end that said Will may be proved, established, and performed, your petitioner ~~pray~~ prays that the subscribing witnesses aforesaid may be summoned to be and appear before this court at the December Term thereof, then and there to testify in the matter of said Will, as it may please your Honor to direct; and that probate of said Will may be thereupon granted, and the same ordered for record.

And your petitioner further pray that it may please your Honor to grant ~~them~~ her Letters Testamentary of said last Will and Testament, upon ~~them~~ her taking the oath prescribed by the Statute and entering into bond in such sum and with such securities as may be approved by your Honor.

Dated Nov 24th 1903 Seth Benepe

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, } ss. Seth Benepe being duly sworn, deposes and says that the facts averred in the above petition are true, according to the best of h knowledge, information, and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of Nov A. D. 1903 T. J. Burke County Clerk.

Seth Benepe

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
CHRISTIAN COUNTY. } ss.

I hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true copy of a Petition for Probate of Will of Sarah H. Benefiel *deceased, filed in my office on the* 24th *day of* Nov. *A.D. 190*3 *and that the County Court has fixed upon the* 4th *day of* January *A.D. 190*4, *at the hour of* 10:30 *o'clock* A *M., at the Court House in Taylorville, Illinois, as the day for hearing on said Petition, at which time and place you can be present in person or by attorney.*

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court the 2nd *day of* December *A.D. 190*3.

H. J. Burkey
Co. Clerk

Cut this off and give to Parties married.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Iroquois COUNTY } ss

Assumption May 23d 1872

I Washington Maynard a Minister of the Gospel hereby certify that on this day I joined in Marriage Mr. John J Benope with Miss Mollie P Fitzer agreeably to law.

W. Maynard

Culver, Page & Hoyne, Book Binders & Stationers, Chicago

☞ Cut this off and give to parties Married. ☜

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,



COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN.

THIS CERTIFIES, That Mr Herbert F Lyons of Assumption in the State of Illinois and Miss Lura M. Berepe of Assumption in the State of Illinois, were, at Taylorville in said County, by me joined together in Holy Matrimony, on the 10th day of September A. D. 1896

IN PRESENCE OF

Willie Berepe

Daisy Berepe

W W Weedon M. G

Taylorville Ill