

## *My Service in the Army*

On the opposite side of this card is a photograph of Second Lieutenant John T. Rice, of Company C, Fifteenth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, taken at Camp Randall, Madison, Wis., in November, 1861. Served three years and was honorably discharged at Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1864. Was promoted to First Lieutenant and returned home as Captain of the Company. First participated in the expedition against Island No. 10. With the Regiment charged and surprised a rebel camp of eighteen hundred at Union City, Tenn., after an all night's march, capturing the camp.

Was appointed Post Adjutant of Humbolt, Tenn., and had the honor of hauling down the Rebel flag flying over the town. Was with his command on the forced march from Iuka, Miss., through Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky to Louisville. And with his command took part in the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, forcing General Bragg's retreat through the Cumberland Gap. Was detailed as aid de camp on the Colonel's staff on a five days' raid after a band of Guerillas operating in the bluffs along the Cumberland river, capturing forty-six of them.

Took part with the command in the battle of Stone River, losing eighteen men killed and wounded in the Company. Was acting quarter master and adjutant of the Regiment for several months. Was among the first men of the Brigade to make the crossing of the Tennessee River in throwing the pontoon boats over the Tennessee river at the break of day in the face of the rebel cavalry. Was with the Twentieth Army Corps in the big flanking movement over three ranges of mountains to near Rome, Georgia. By forced marching rejoined the main army in time to take part in the three days battle of Chickamauga, the Company losing eighteen men out of twenty-three that went into the fight. My colonel and captain were both killed in the engagement, I being one of four officers and twenty-nine men that escaped. Retreated with the army to Chattanooga and soon after took part in the Mission Ridge and Lookout Mountain battle.

Was then placed in command of a detachment of raw recruits from Ohio to guard a supply train for Knoxville, East Tennessee. Was attacked the second morning out by General Wheeler's cavalry, which we repulsed, capturing some two hundred prisoners and horses. In the spring of 1864 joined General Sherman's army for the Atlanta campaign. After the battle of Resaca was placed in command of a guard to convey 365 prisoners to the military prison at Nashville. On my return was placed in charge of amunition train of fifty wagons for five months. My time having nearly expired, was ordered to Chattanooga to be mustered out. Am now the ranking officer of the Regiment now living.

*John T. Rice*

Late Captain Company C,  
Fifteenth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers.

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