

Nearly all the officers assigned to the Fifteenth Infantry in 1861 were set at work recruiting for the regiment immediately upon reporting for duty, and were sent for this purpose to Cincinnati and other cities and to the towns and villages within a radius of one hundred and fifty miles or more about Newport. ⁶

One of these officers was 1st Lt. Issac D. Railer, who came to Chillicothe, Ohio. There on August 28, 1861 Christian Kappel enlisted, as did William Lewis Kappel and John Kappel both on August 30, 1861. They proceeded on to Newport Barracks.

On September 20, 1861 two companies designated A and B were organized from the recruits at Newport Barracks and sent to Louisville, KY by rail. They were to help U.S. Gen. Robert Anderson defend against Confed. Gen. Buckner. The next day they proceeded to Camp Nevin at Nolin, KY. On the tenth of October, they proceeded to Bonnieville, KY to guard the Louisville & Nashville RR bridge over Bacon Creek. In November they were joined by Major John H. King and Co's C,D,E, and F. The combined force marched to Mumfordsville (Munfordville). In January 1862 Co's G and H joined the battalion. In early February of 1862, Major King was directed to take his battalion to join Gen. Grant against Ft. Donelson. ⁷

They marched to Bacon Creek en route to Tennessee, and learning that Ft. Donelson had already fallen, proceeded to Bowling Green, KY and thence to Nashville, Tennessee. Here they were assigned to the 4th Brigade (Rousseau), 2nd Division (McCook) in the Army of the Ohio (Buell). Also in the 4th Brigade were the 1st Ohio Vol. Inf., 5th Kentucky (Louisville Legion), 6th Indiana Vol. Reg., 1st Battalion 16th Infantry, 1st Battalion 19th Inf. and Battery H, 5th Artillery. ⁸

In late March, they were sent to join Gen. Grant. They reached Savannah, TN on April 6th. Here they were put on boats and arrived at Pittsburg Landing about 5:00 A.M. on April 7th for the second day of

by the Army on October 14, 1862. Roberts, Robert, Encyclopedia of Historic Forts, 1988, pps. 697 & 698. (In light of the subsequent history of the 15th it is confusing that it should be headquartered in Rhode Island...LWC)

⁶ Journal of the Military Service Institution, Nov. 1892, p. 1259.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid., p 1260.

the Battle of Shiloh. McCook's Division, especially Rousseau's 4th Brigade did very well. The 1st OVI, 15th, and 16th Regiments charged and "broke the enemies' line, ending the battle. ⁹ The Rebels left the field and retreated to Corinth, Mississippi.

The seige of Corinth commenced in late May, with the Federal troops now under Gen. Halleck reaching the Confederate lines May 27. By May 30th, the Confederates left and Corinth fell. About June 10th they left Corinth and were almost constantly on the move - marches, skirmishes, and small battles - until they reached Louisville on Sept. 26, 1862. Here they had four days of rest.

On Oct. 1, they left under Gen. Sill's command heading east toward Frankfort as a part of Gen. Buell's plan to trap Gen. Bragg's troops that had invaded Kentucky. They moved east to Shelbyville, and south to Lawrenceburg, arriving in the Chapin Hills on Oct. 9, the day after the Battle of Perryville. Here they had what Gen. Sill described as a "smart skirmish" ¹⁰ with Gen. Kirby Smith. With this the Rebels left and the invasion of Kentucky was over.

Again, the regiment marched around and about, arriving in Bowling Green on October 31. On Nov. 8, they moved to Nashville, TN and here the 1st Battlion, 15th Inf. under Major King was assigned to the "Regular Brigade" along with the 16th, 18th, 19th Inf. Regs., and the 5th Artillery Battery. Lt. Col. Oliver L. Shepard commanded. They were again with Rousseau's Division under Gen. Geo. H. Thomas - no longer with Gen. Sill.

On Dec. 26, they moved to Murfreesboro, TN and on the 30th, bivouacked near the Nashville Turnpike at Stones River. About 9 A.M. on the 31st, the battle began. There was a sharp contest about a cedar brake, with charges and counter charges. ¹¹ The losses of the battalion of the 15th were severe. It was here that William Lewis Kappel was killed along with nine others. The wounded including Major King were ninety one. The battle raged on and the Confederates withdrew on Jan. 2 & 3, 1863.

⁹ Ibid., p. 1261.

¹⁰ Ibid., p 1262

¹¹ Ibid., p. 1263, and the War of the Rebellion, Official Records, Series I - Volume XX-in two parts, Part I-Reports, p. 394-5.

The 15th remained in Murfreesboro, but without its band. The band had an excellent reputation, having been recruited from the Pike's Opera House in Cincinnati. It seems to have been captured as it was being moved to Nashville on the second day of the battle. The men were paroled, but the Rebs kept the instruments ! 12

Duty continued near Murfreesboro until June. Middle Tennessee Campaign June 23 - July 7, 1863. Hoover's Gap June 24-26. Beech Grove June 26. Occupation of Middle Tennessee until August 16. Passage of the Cumberland Mountains and Tennessee River and Chickamauga (GA) Campaign August 16- Sept. 22. Battle of Chickamauga Sept. 19-21. Rossville Gap Sept. 21. Siege of Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 24 - Nov. 23. Reopening Tennessee River October 26-29. Battle of Chattanooga Nov. 23-25. Orchard Knob Nov. 23-24. Mission Ridge Nov. 25. Graysville Nov. 26. Pea Vine Valley Nov. 27. Reconnaissance of Dalton, GA, February 22-27, 1864. Tunnel Hill, Buzzard's Roost Gap, and Rocky Faced Ridge Feb. 23-25. Atlanta, GA campaign May 1 - Sept. 8. Rocky faced Ridge May 8-11. Battle of Resaca May 14-15. Advance on Dallas May 18-25. Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills May 25- June 5. Pickett's Mills May 27. Operations about Marietta and against Kennesaw Mountain June 10-July 2. Pine Hill June 11-14. Lost Mountain June 15-17. Assault on Kennesaw June 27. Ruff's Stations, Smyrna Camp Ground, July 4. Chattahoochee River July 5-17. Peach Tree Creek July 19-20. Siege of Atlanta July 22 - August 25. Utoy Creek August 5-7. Flank movement on Jonesboro August 25-30. Battle of Jonesboro August 31 - September 1. At Atlanta until September 28. Moved to Chattanooga September 28-30, thence to Lookout Mt. and duty there until July 1865.

In August 1865, the Regular Brigade was disbanded, with the First Battalion of the 15th Inf. being sent to Fort Adams, Rhode Island. The regiment losses in the field, largely the 1st Battalion, were 3 Officers killed, 14 wounded, and 5 captured; and 76 Enlisted Men killed, 375 wounded, and 145 captured. 13

12 Ibid., p. 1265

13 Ibid., p 1270

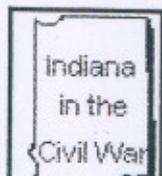
42nd Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Organized at Evansville, Ind., and mustered in October 9, 1861. Ordered to Kentucky, and duty at Henderson, Calhoun and Owensboro, Ky., till February, 1862. Attached to 14th Brigade, Army of the Ohio, October to December, 1861. 14th Brigade, 5th Division, Army of the Ohio, to April, 1862. 17th Brigade, 3rd Division, Army of the Ohio, to September, 1862. 17th Brigade, 3rd Division, 1st Corps, Army of the Ohio, to November, 1862. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, Center 14th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to January, 1863. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 14th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to April 1863. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 14th Army Corps to October, 1863. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 14th Army Corps, to July, 1865.

SERVICE -- Advance on Nashville, Tenn., February 10-25, 1862. Occupation of Shelbyville and Fayetteville and advance on Huntsville, Ala., March 28-April 11. Action at Wartrace April 11. Advance on and capture of Decatur, Ala., April 11-14. Action at West Bridge near Bridgeport, Ala., April 29. Duty at Huntsville, Ala., till August. March to Nashville, Tenn., thence to Louisville, Ky., in pursuit of Bragg, August 27-September 26. Pursuit of Bragg into Kentucky October 1-15. Battle of Perryville, Ky., October 8. March to Nashville, Tenn., October 16-November 7, and duty there till December 26. Advance on Murfreesboro December 26-30. Battle of Stone's River December 30-31, 1862, and January 1-3, 1863. Duty at Murfreesboro till June. Reconnoissance to Versailles March 9-14. Middle Tennessee or Tullahoma Campaign June 23-July 7. Elm River June 29. Occupation of Middle Tennessee till August 16. Passage of the Cumberland Mountains and Tennessee River and Chickamauga (Ga.) Campaign August 16-September 22. Davis Cross Roads or Dug Gap September 11. Battle of Chickamauga September 19-21. Rossville Gap September 21. Siege of Chattanooga, Tenn., September 24-November 23. Chattanooga-Ringgold Campaign November 23-27. Lookout Mountain November 23-24. Mission Ridge November 25. Pea Vine Creek and Graysville November 26. Ringgold Gap, Taylor's Ridge November 27. Regiment re-enlisted January 1, 1864. Atlanta (Ga.) Campaign May 1-September 8, 1864. Demonstrations on Rocky Faced Ridge May 8-11. Buzzard's Roost Gap May 8-9. Battle of Resaca May 14-15. Advance on Dallas May 18-25. Operations on Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills May 25-June 5. Pickett's Mill May 27. Operations about Marietta and against Kenesaw Mountain June 10-July 2. Pine Hill June 11-14. Lost Mountain June 15-17. Assault on Kenesaw June 27. Ruff's Station, Smyrna Camp Ground, July 4. Chattahoochie River July 5-17. Buckhead, Nancy's Creek, July 18. Peach Tree Creek July 19-20. Siege of Atlanta July 22-August 25. Utoy Creek August 5-7. Flank movement on Jonesboro August 25-30. Near Red Oak August 29. Battle of Jonesboro August 31-September 1. Operations against Hood in North Georgia and North Alabama September 29-November 3. March to the sea November 15-December 10. Siege of Savannah December 10-21. Campaign of the Carolinas January to April, 1865. Averysboro, N.C., March 16. Battle of Bentonville March 19-21. Occupation of Goldsboro March 24. Advance on Raleigh April 10-14. Occupation of Raleigh April 14. Bennett's House April 26. Surrender of Johnston and his army. March to Washington, D.C., via Richmond, Va., April 29-May 19. Grand Review May 24. Moved to Louisville, KY., June and there mustered out July 21, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 5 Officers and 108 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 196 Enlisted men by disease. Total 310.

Source: *A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion* by Frederick H. Dyer. Copyright, 1908.



**SUBSTITUTE
VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.**

STATE OF
INDIANA.



TOWN OF
COLUMBUS.

I, Christian Kappel born
in the State of Ohio aged twenty two years,
and by occupation a Soldier Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have
agreed with Medinet Spieker Esq., of Washington
Sp. Median Co
to become his **SUBSTITUTE** in the Military Service, for a sufficient considera-
tion paid and delivered to me, on the 18th day of October, 1864;
and having thus agreed with said Medinet Spieker, I DO
HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE TO HAVE enlisted this 18th day of October, 1864,
to serve as a **Soldier** in the **Army of the United States of America**, for the
period of **ONE YEAR**, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: I do also
agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, estab-
lished by law for soldiers. And I do solemnly swear, that I will bear true and faithful
allegiance to the **United States of America**, that I will serve them hon-
estly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that
I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the
orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at COLUMBUS,
this 18th day of October, 1864.
BEFORE J. S. Hansford

Christian Kappel
Capt. and Provost Marshal 3d Dist.

WE CERTIFY ON HONOR, That we have carefully examined the above named Volunteer Substitute,
agreeably to the Regulations, and that in our opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirm-
ity, which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier; that he was entirely
sober when enlisted; that he is of lawful age, (not under 18 years;) and that, in accepting him as duly
qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, and as a Substitute in lieu of Medinet
Spieker, drafted in Washington Sp. Median Co
of 20th September 1864, we have strictly observed the Regulations which govern in such
cases. The soldier has Blue eyes, light hair, fair complexion; is 5 feet
6 inches high.

J. S. Hansford
Provost Marshal.

J. R. B. Glasscock
Commissioner of Board.

A. G. Bullen
Surgeon of Board.

the day of 1864, at Ind. Mustered into the service of the United States, in Company Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, on

SUBSTITUTE
VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF
INDIANA.



TOWN OF
COLUMBUS.

I, Christian Kappel born
in the State of Ohio Ross Co aged Twenty two years,
and by occupation a Soldier. Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have
agreed with Madrick Speaker Esq., of Washington
Sp. Jackson Co. Ind
to become his **SUBSTITUTE** in the Military Service, for a sufficient considera-
tion paid and delivered to me, on the 18th day of October, 1864;
and having thus agreed with said Madrick Speaker, I DO
HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE TO HAVE enlisted this 18th day of October, 1864,
to serve as a **Soldier** in the **Army of the United States of America**, for the
period of **ONE YEAR**, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: I do also
agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, estab-
lished by law for soldiers. And I do solemnly swear, that I will bear true and faithful
allegiance to the **United States of America**, that I will serve them hon-
estly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that
I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the
orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at COLUMBUS,
this 18th day of October, 1864.
BEFORE S. S. Stansifer
Capt. and Provost Marshal 3d Dist.

Christian Kappel

WE CERTIFY ON HONOR, That we have carefully examined the above named Volunteer Substitute,
agreeably to the Regulations, and that in our opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirm-
ity, which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier; that he was entirely
sober when enlisted; that he is of lawful age, (not under 18 years;) and that, in accepting him as duly
qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, and as a Substitute in lieu of Madrick Speaker
Sp. Jackson Co. Ind, drafted in Sp. Jackson Co. Ind
Sept 24 September 1864, we have strictly observed the Regulations which govern in such
cases. The soldier has Blue eyes, Light hair, Fair complexion; is 5 feet
9 inches high.

S. S. Stansifer
Provost Marshal.
J. R. B. Glasscock
Commissioner of Board.
A. G. Hallin
Surgeon of Board.

the day of 186 , at Ind. Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, on

DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE.

I, Christian Kappel desiring to ENLIST in the ARMY ON THE UNITED STATES for ONE YEAR, DO DECLARE, That I am Twenty two years and months of age; that I have never been discharged from the United States service on account of disability or by sentence of a court martial; and I know of no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a soldier for one year. I have been two years in the semerdumy the present war

GIVEN at COLUMBUS, Ind., the 18th day of October, 1864.

WITNESS:

J. Winter Christian Kappel

No. 300

Christian Kappel

Enlisted at Columbus, Indiana, as Substitute for

Michael D. ...

On the 18th day of October, 1864.

By

S. Stansifer, A. G. Collier, John R. B. Glasscock, Board of Enrollment, 3d Dist. of Ind.

To be credited to Washington

Township Madison County,

Prefers Co. 25th Regt Ind. Vets.

Capl. & Provost Marshal 3d Dist.

DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE.

I, Christian Kappel desiring to ENLIST in the ARMY ON THE UNITED STATES for ONE YEAR, DO DECLARE, That I am Twenty two years and months of age; that I have never been discharged from the United States service on account of disability or by sentence of a court martial; and I know of no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a soldier for one year. I have been three years in the service of the U.S.

GIVEN at COLUMBUS, Ind., the 18 day of October, 1864.

WITNESS: J. W. Winter

Christian Kappel

811 (over)

No. 207

Christian Kappel

Enlisted at Columbus, Indiana, as Substitute for

Amos H. Shearer

On the 18 day of October, 1864.

By

S. Stansifer, A. G. Collier, John R. B. Glasscock, Board of Enrollment, 3d Dist. of Ind.

To be credited to Washington

Township Archburn County,

Prefers Co. H & C Regt Ind. Vols.

S. S. Stanalder

Capl. & Provost Marshal 3d Dist.

Christian Kappel

Appears with rank of on

Muster and Descriptive Roll of a Detachment of Drafted Men and Substitutes forwarded *

for the 42 Reg't Indiana Infantry. Roll dated *Indianapolis, Ind, Nov. 25, 1864.*

Where born *Pass, Ohio*

Age *22* years; occupation *Soldier*

When enlisted *Oct. 18*, 1864.

Where enlisted *Columbus*

For what period enlisted *1* years.

Eyes *Blue*; hair *Light*

Complexion *Fair*; height *5 ft. 8 in.*

When mustered in *Oct 18*, 1864.

Where mustered in *Columbus*

Bounty paid \$ *100*; due \$ *100*

Where credited *3rd Dist. Washington D.C. Jackson Co.*

Company to which assigned

Remarks: *Sub. for Frederick Speiker*

*This roll of Drafted Men and Substitutes was made on the form intended for Volunteer Recruits.

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Christan Kappel

Pvt, Co. B, 42 Reg't Indiana Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *Mich & Apr*, 1865.

Present or absent *present*

Stoppage \$ *100* for

Due Gov't \$ *100* for

Remarks: *Sub. for Frederick Speiker*

First roll of Co. on which name appears.

From Second Auditor's Roll.

** in present col. as Christan Kappel*

Book mark:

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(358) Copyist.

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42 | Ind.

Christian Kepple

Co. B, 42 Reg't Indiana Infantry.

Appears on

Company Descriptive Book of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 22 years; height 5 feet 8 inches.

Complexion Fair

Eyes Blue; hair Light

Where born Ross Co., Ohio

Occupation Soldier

ENLISTMENT.

When Oct 18, 1864

Where Columbus

By whom Capt. Standifer; term 1 yr.

Remarks:

Dunton

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Copyist.

42 | Ind.

Christian Keppel

Co. B, 42 Reg't Indiana Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll for May & June, 1865.

Present or absent present

Stoppage \$ 100 for

Due Gov't \$ 100 for

Remarks:

* in present col. as Christian Kepple

Book mark:

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42 | Ind.

Christian Kepple

Co. D, 42 Reg't Indiana Infantry.

Age 22 years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated Louisville Ky July 21, 1865.

Muster-out to date July 21, 1865.

Last paid to Apr. 30, 1865.

Clothing account:

Last settled Oct 18, 1864; drawn since \$ 85.16

Due soldier \$ 100; due U. S. \$ 30.57

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ 100

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

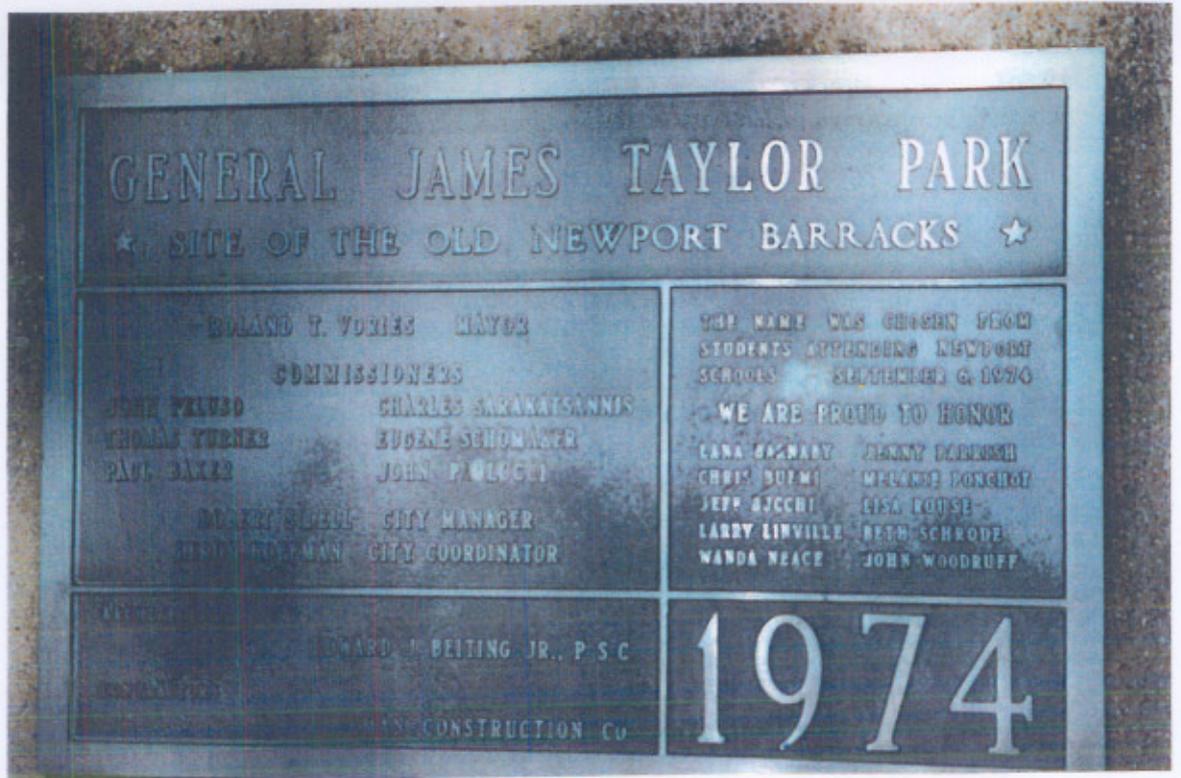
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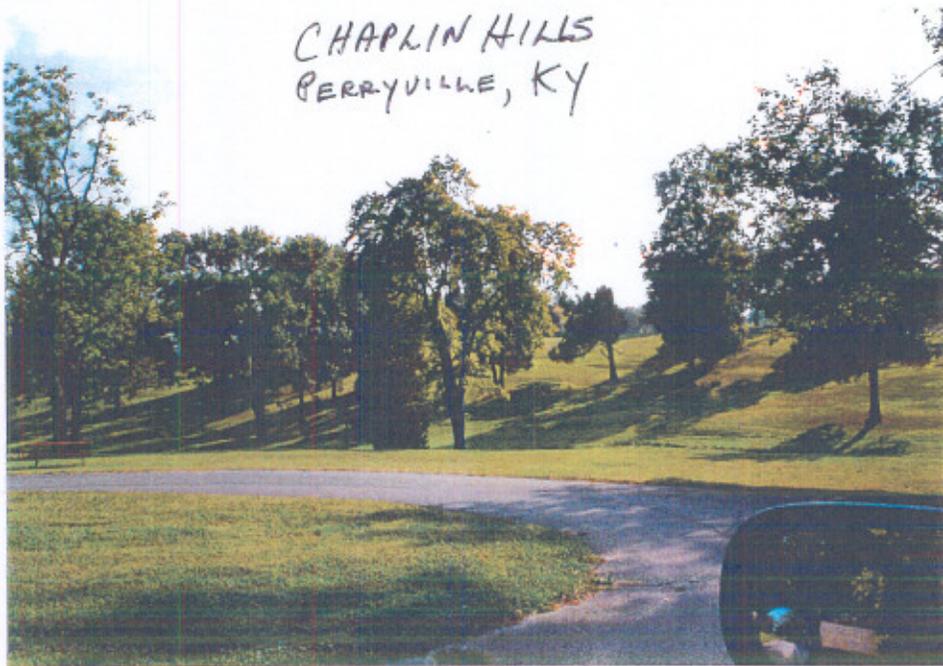




THE 15TH INF REG. FOUGHT IN THIS AREA



CHAPLIN HILLS
PERRYVILLE, KY



CEDAR BRAKE, STONES RIVER

