

train home, not awaiting the exercises of the second day. But to those who remained the love feast of the morning, with Vice President Curry in the chair, proved to be the ne plus ultra of all previous exercises. The secretary was instructed to call the roll. In response each veteran in answer to his name arose to let us look fondly into his well-known face while he told us briefly what the Association and its reunions meant to him. This was our life vice president's last meeting with us. (Six of his old comrades went to Fenton the following summer to join in the final sad rites to all that was mortal of Lieut. Curry). The little company was photographed to be framed and preserved in Portland's public library. The old Boys were profuse with thanks for many kindnesses received and especially so for the generous spirit shown among the good people of Portland in meeting promptly all the local expenses of the reunion.

The visit to the public schools was the crowning event. The entire body went as a committee. The orators of the Association were conspicuous by their absence but it is typical of American life for supposed subordinates to rise to great occasions when necessity obliges. The secretary took charge of the program and was himself surprised to see his comrade Miner lead off in a tribute to Christianity, patriotism and education which would have done credit to Webster, or Beecher in their prime had those great apostles of eloquence occupied the rostrum. There were other patriotic addresses far above the ordinary. It was a time for memory and prophecy, for impressive lessons on the sacredness of liberty and freedom, for kindly words of warning, for —tears.

It may well be supposed that the high tide of attendance and high grade entertainment had been reached at Portland in 1909. It could not well be surpassed and not a few of the veterans were led to think that any new place as Ypsilanti must prove a boomerang. Notice had been sent out by the secretary that all who would ask for it a few days in advance would be regarded as preferred guests by the good people of Ypsilanti, would be housed and fed without expense, and all who did not send any word

would be, at least, furnished lodgings.

Whether this had any great influence in bringing the veterans is uncertain, but there were far larger receipts for dues than at any other reunion. The best homes in the city were opened to the visitors. Mrs. Deubel generously provided lodging for eleven veterans or the members of their families. She surprised them all, too, with a hearty invitation to stay to breakfast. The elegant and commodious rooms of the Masonic Temple were placed at the disposal of the organization; one hundred fifty dollars were subscribed by a loyal and generous public to banquet the Association and its invited guests. Covers were laid for 250. Every seat was taken. The repast was both delicate and plentiful, the service by the Eastern Stars all that could be desired. The Ninth had five distinct welcomes, by the city, by the F. and A. M. fraternity, by the State Normal College, by the G. A. R.'s and by the W. R. C. Those present will remember Mrs. Phillip's flowery and spirited address on behalf of the W. R. C. That was General Duffield's last banquet with the boys he loved. He was very feeble at the time but determined to come to Ypsilanti. The General, whom Ypsilantians delighted to honor, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hatch. Comrade H. M. Gallup after thirty-five years absence came from Long Lake, Minnesota, to clasp hands with his former comrades. A committee of five was appointed to design and get ready for the fiftieth anniversary a metal badge which should tell the story of the regiment's four years in the Civil war, one which might be worn at all future meetings of the Association. That this fiftieth anniversary reunion should be held in old Fort Wayne went without saying and it was so decreed.

There was some figuring and a good deal of hard work done between September, 1910, and September, 1911, to make ready for the Fort Wayne reunion. Mr. F. A. Lester, for more than a decade had been as untiring in his efforts as determined in his purpose, to bring into close touch with his old regiment every former Ninth Michigan soldier. To effect this desired result it was first necessary to find the fellows, who, during the years since muster out had



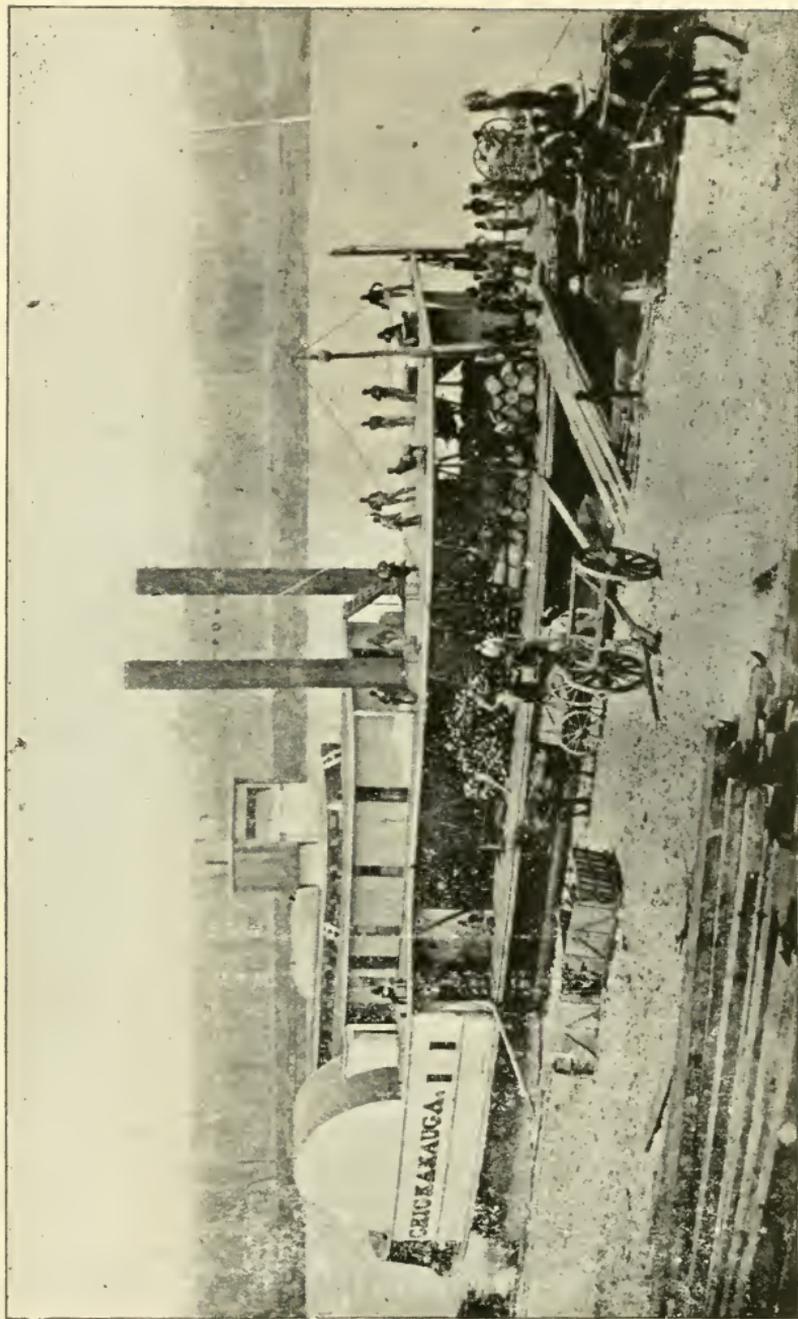
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Company F.

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BENEVOLENT H. STEVENS,
Captain Co. I.

One of the three captains surviving
in 1913.



ONE OF SEVERAL STEAMBOATS BUILT BY SOLDIERS DURING THE SIEGE OF CHATTANOOGA.

scattered from Dan to Beersheba, and, then some. No one except his own people will ever know with what infinite patience and unwearying research our "Stanley found his lost Livingstones." His entire time at his own expense and on his own responsibility was at the Association's disposal for the entire year. The beautiful and serviceable roster he brought out speaks for itself. Comrade C. A. Kelley designed the permanent badge; the committee saw to its being made on time.

One hundred thirty-seven of us greeted one another at Fort Wayne those September days of 1911. Comrades Mott from California, Bunker from Kansas, Perse from Oklahoma, Wallace and Kenyon from Iowa, Colby from New Hampshire, Gallup and Starkweather from Minnesota, Burnett from Missouri, O'Laughlin from Wisconsin, Hasset from New York, Ingersoll, Rabedeanu, Brewster, Armstrong and Vining from Illinois, Coder and Eggleston from Indiana, Hubbard, Mansfield and Evans from Ohio. There were eighty-one present who were mustered in at Fort Wayne fifty years before, making it a great and notable gathering.

The genial commander of the Fort, Col. Booth, his aids and his allies, had prepared for our coming in every accord with the committee's expressed desire. Two long rows of tents had been pitched with cots and blankets furnished. There was a big tent for holding the exercises. Old Glory floated proudly from the tall flag pole. We messed in the quarters of the different companies. There were many reminders of war times. We had but to hint, to receive. The U. S. band concerts every evening in lieu of the customary camp fire were entrancing. Some of the comrades camped there four days and were then loath to go. Gen. Duffield was present a few minutes—long enough to sit with the Boys for the regular Association photograph. There were many interesting, (some of them intensely pathetic) letters, from those absent, read by the secretary. The response to the request for additional funds to meet the extra large outlay was prompt, hearty and most generous. The roster and the badges merited and received general approval. The days of Auld Lang Syne were

idealized. And thus the fiftieth anniversary reunion in turn passed into history.

July 13, 1862, was one of the pivotal days in the history of our old regiment. It was highly fitting that we should hold our second anniversary gathering just fifty years from that eventful morning. In memoriam of one of the six companies which was in the fight at Murfreesboro we voted at Fort Wayne to assemble at Jackson July 12 and 13, 1912. We put Comrade Sutton at the head of the executive committee and our confidence was not misplaced. The drummer of the Rappahannock, doubtless the greatest living Civil War drummer, our own Robert Hendershot, and his gifted son, had promised to be in Jackson for the reunion. As another great world conqueror, they came, they saw, they conquered all our hearts. Michigan's executive, the brilliant Chase S. Osborn, took nothing from the occasion, himself honored, by his presence at 4 o'clock of the twelfth. He came to talk to us by especial request, and, what an address! Who wouldn't be inspired to do his best with the survivors of the Ninth Michigan Infantry, their wives and their friends as his interested auditors? He made a plea for banishing the American saloon—every voice applauded; he presented forcibly and convincingly the great and growing cause of universal suffrage—everybody stood upon his feet and thus tacitly pledged himself to vote for it at the polls until it should be triumphant; he deftly referred to the exalted service of the immortal Lincoln and his great and mighty army of volunteer citizen-soldiers—everyone said, "Amen."

The second day's session was a replica of Portland, another genuine love feast with the secretary in the chair. How, one by one, each laid bare his inner heart and poured forth its choicest offerings. Comrade Bennett, tall Bennett, gave his version of the first Murfreesboro fight, which the Boys with unanimous voice thought best to have put in book form that it might be sent out for all the Ninth to read and ponder over at will. (That action brought forth this book). What a coincidence that, while we were listening eagerly to our comrades' inviting stories, our president

Duffield was quietly being mustered out! Strange that during our reunion he should pass from earth! Life-secretary Rankin seemed to be the Association's choice for permanent presiding officer. It was so voted. Whereupon Frank A. Lester was immediately elected secretary. After some animated discussion whether to go to Detroit or Fowlerville for 1913, by a narrow margin the vote was recorded in favor of Detroit, Comrade Davis having been elected vice president and chairman of the Executive Committee.

(There were thirty-five comrades present who were in the battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 13, 1862, viz:—Co. B, John L. Decker, Lebnah E. Coder, Lewis W. Nathans, Robert H. Hendershott, Cyrenius Hanover; Co. C, Henry C. Rankin, Frank A. Palmer, Frank Lester, E. Guy Lyman, Wellington Moulton, Thad. S. Vining, Henry S. Hubbard, Alford A. Leach, Gilbert B. Hogle, Levant Bangs, Harrison T. Miller; Co. G, Charles W. Bennett, Thomas Rhodes, James F. O'Laughlin, Anthony C. Chapoton, Ben. J. Stoddard, George Gillen, Barlow Smith, Purchase W. Hilliar; Co. H, Jacob Guthard, Geo. F. Burgess, James Hendryx; Co. K, Lucius E. Fuller, Wm. E. Bennett, Geo. L. Fisher, Henry C. Tanner, Charles B. Lake, John G. Copeland, Alvin Stage and Henry West.—F. A. Lester).

"This Nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Not alone for the social and reminiscent benefits has our old regiment made much of its reunions. The men who had comprised it, found themselves intuitively called together again in response to a new common need. The Civil War had summoned into the armies of the Union two million of the Nation's brightest and best young men from all the walks of life. All of them were patriotic else they would not have volunteered their services; they were the most intelligent body of soldiers the world had ever seen, not a few of whom were highly educated, men of large vision, wise beyond their generation. A thousand battle fields had woefully

decimated their serried ranks; diseased incident to camp life, the rigors of the march, the exposures of campaigns, the privations of prison pens, each and all of those had taken fearful toll of the flower of America, the men and youths who offered their lives on freedom's altar that the Nation might endure.

Though the great war between the states had virtually ended at Appomattox, such necessitous conditions of adjustment arose during the reconstruction period as to cause gravest anxiety and alarm lest the conflict of arms might, indeed, prove to be an irreconcilable one. The assassin's bullet had ruthlessly stricken down the people's chieftain with the inspired utterances of his second inaugural, with pathetic words of forgiveness yet warm on his lips. Very many good people had feared the results of suddenly disbanding more than a million armed men. These fears, however, were groundless. The citizen-soldiers were glad to lay down their arms and resume the arts of peace into which they melted like the snows of midsummer without causing so much as a ripple on the waves of peaceful pursuits.

The realignment within the Union of the seceded States; how far amnesty should be extended to the leaders of the Confederacy; whether slavery was to be abolished, once and for all, within the entire United States; what the political and civil status of the freedmen ought to be; whether the gigantic debt of the country was to be funded at lower rates of interest and paid, or be entirely repudiated—these were some of the great problems that had to be solved in the Council Chambers at Washington. The right solution and settlement of these tremendous questions of state would call for highest patriotism, exhaustless forbearance, superhuman wisdom and untiring patience.

To meet such strenuous emergencies would require the united service and counsel of the Nation's best advisers and workers. It was during these strenuous times that the Grand Army of the Republic was called into being, and later on began the reunions of regimental war organizations. The W. R. C., that devoted and self-sacrificing body of loyal women rallied to

the support and care of the Nation's defenders and their widows and orphans. In these civic organizations was latent a kind of power behind the throne to bind up the Nation's wounds and hold up its lawmakers' hands, needed organized service of those who had manned the Old Ship of State in '61-'65 and brought her safely into port, through the wild storms of disunion amid the raging tempests of secession and threatened National dissolution.

In the marvellous expanse of America during the past four decades, growth without a parallel in history, the ex-soldier has played conspicuous and heroic parts. Organization and concentration have redoubled the beneficent results arising therefrom. In the fascinating allurements of material developments, patriotism might have lost much of its sterling qualities; Old Glory might, possibly, have had some of its stars erased or some of its stripes polluted; the states might not have been recemented together into the bouds of Federal Union, one and inseparable, had it not been for the guilding hands and loyal hearts of the ex-soldiers. Future historians, a century hence, will read aright the signs of the times, the lessons of our day, and ascribe to the soldier-citizen, during the era of reconstruction, much of the credit for piloting the good ship, Union, safely between the Scylla of sectionalism and the Charybdis of misunderstanding and prejudice, into the peaceful and prosperous haven we now enjoy.

Heroic example has infinite power. True Americans will never forget the valuable influence exerted on the spirit of a great people by those examples of signal heroism and chivalric devotion, for which a magnanimous war gave occasion, and which it exalts, as peace cannot, before men's minds. The imperishability of great examples is the pledge of human progress, the inspiration of human hope.

A resplendent halo surrounds the silent march of Gideon and his three hundred. Gideon's battle cry rings down the centuries. Thermopylae's soil though bare and barren is sacred ground where Leonidas and his three hundred perished in the cause of western freedom; the daring deed and magic name of Arnold Winkelried still stirs every courageous Switzer.

History's pages fairly glisten with the records of valiant lives not all of which heroism by any means, consists in military achievements alone. Eloquence and song delight ever to rehearse and impress the story of chivalric devotion to principle and uprightness.

The exalted virtue and cherished memory of the peerless Washington, the impressive personality and revered integrity of the idolized Lincoln, whose names and fame gather added luster as time passes on, stand apart from the attainments and accomplishments of other men as mountain peaks rear aloft their snow-encrusted cliffs far above the plain.

Peace, too, has its victories, its long roll of illustrious achievements no less renowned than the conflicts of arms. If we can preserve peace and maintain virtue, who shall set bounds to our continued progress? If we shall exalt peace, if we shall reverence religion, morality, and good government, there are high hopes and gratifying prospects in store for our children's children. The finger of the Almighty can be so clearly traced in our country's history, he is worse than an infidel who lacks faith in the recognition of His guiding hand; he would be more than wicked who could be so ungrateful as not to acknowledge his continued obligation to our fathers' God and ours.

We shall hold at best, but few more reunions. We are like scattered hemlocks in a forest stripped and bare. The winds of more than seventy winters have whistled through our branches; we are dead at the top. Other men and other times are taking our places. The activities of life shall know us but for a brief period longer. Shall not those of us, while we remain, with purity of purpose and with high resolve, gather annually in our regimental reunions though we can do little more than merely to point to the emblazoned National pathways we have helped to construct in our country's onward march to power, fame and physical greatness?

"Sail on, sail on, O Ship of State!
Sail on! O Union, strong and great!
Humanity with all its fears,
With all the hopes of future years
Is hanging breathless on thy fate."

Regimental Statistics

"Michigan in the War" says the records of the Ninth show a total membership of 2,272 officers and men during its entire service. The "Record of the Ninth Infantry," published more recently by state authority, gives the total enrollment as 1,947. I have detected some omissions from that book, but I think it is more nearly correct, for it was edited by that pains-taking officer, Lieut. Col. George H. Turner, Assistant Adjutant General, to which "Record" I am indebted for the most of the names of the killed and wounded.

Like all new regiments the Ninth suffered severely from sickness in the early part of its service, and three officers and 268 men died of disease. Two officers and fifteen men were killed in action, and eleven men died of wounds, making a total loss by death of 297; and 208 were discharged for disability from wounds and disease.

BATTLES ENGAGED IN.

The regiment participated in engagements at Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 13, 1862; Company D, stockade near McMinnville, Aug. 29, 1862; Companies D, E, F and I at Tyree Springs, Tenn., Sept. 11, 1862; Stone River, Tenn., Dec. 29 to 31, 1862, Jan. 1 and 2, 1863; Chickamauga, Ga., Sept. 19 and 20, 1863; Mission Ridge, Tenn., Nov. 25, 1863; Rocky Face, Ga., May 8, 1864; Resaca, Ga., May 14, 1864; Dallas, Ga., May 27, 1864; Kenesaw Mountain, Ga., June 25, 1864; Chattahoochee River, Ga., July 5 and 6, 1864; Siege of Atlanta, Ga., July 22 to Aug. 25, 1864; Jonesboro, Ga., Sept. 1, 1864.

KILLED IN ACTION.

(All at Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 13, 1862, except two).

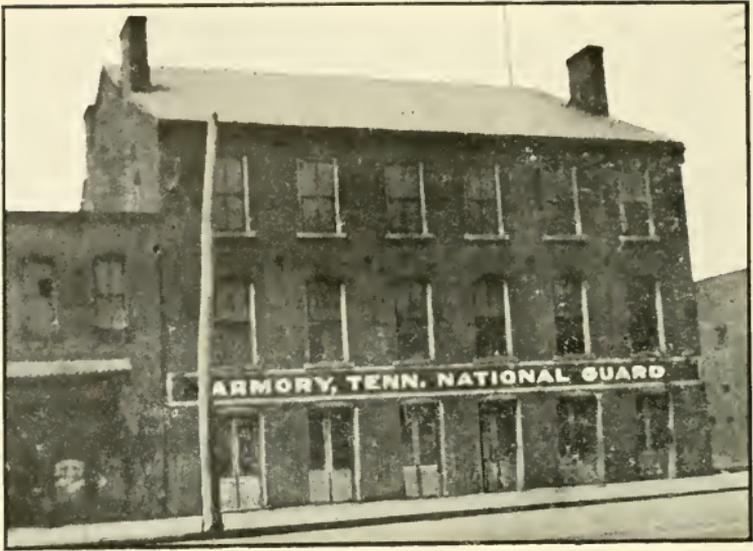
	Company.
Abbott, Amos W. -----	A
Austin, William -----	H
Chase, Lieut. Alpheus -----	H
Deimer, Edward D. -----	C
Flagler, Myron -----	A

Fox, 1st Lieut. Charles T. (At Tyree Springs, Sept. 23, 1862) -----	I
Hamilton, William A. -----	A
Knowles, William -----	K
Newberry, George -----	K
Quinn, James (At Atlanta, Sept. 18, 1864) -----	H
Reynolds, James -----	G
Rust, Samuel -----	K
Schaffer, George -----	K
Webster, Hugh -----	G
White, William (bugler) -----	G

WOUNDED IN ACTION.

(All at Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 13, 1862, except those noted).

Acker, Corporal Edward S. (Aug. 29, near McMinnville) -----	G
Adams, John -----	H
Avis, Charles. (died July 17) -----	K
Baird, Samuel (died July 19) -----	A
Barlow, Job D. -----	G
Bangs, Levant -----	C
Barnes, James -----	G
Barrows, 1st Lieut., Hiram -----	A
Benjamin, Ryal (died July 15) -----	A
Blessing, John -----	C
Bohn, Peter -----	G
Borden, Brayton B. -----	B
Brink, Charles -----	K
Bronson, Chauncy J. -----	C
Brooks, Martin C. -----	A
Buell, Marcus -----	A
Burns, Michael -----	A
Burnham, Philip -----	A
Buzzell, Marcus A. -----	A
Bryan, William C. -----	C
Campbell, Ira (discharged Aug. 15) -----	K
Canady, Wm. F. (Feb., 1864) -----	B
Chamberlain, Oscar -----	A
Chambers, John -----	H
Clarke, Franklin -----	C
Coats, Andrew J. -----	H
Coleman, Charles D. -----	H
Collier, Corporal Hamilton -----	G
Crandall, John A. (disch'g'd Oct. 2) -----	A
Duffield, Col. Wm. W. (discharged Feb. 6, 1863) -----	-----
Duffield, Adj. Henry M. (At Chickamauga Sept. 20, 1863) -----	-----
Evarts, Corp'l Lysander W. -----	A
Fitzmire, David -----	C
Florence, James M. -----	C
Fowler, George (Wounded again May 12, 1864) -----	K



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Guarded Several Months by Capt. S. A. Wiggins with Men of the Ninth.



Men of the Ninth Guarding the Notorious Guerrilla, Champ Ferguson.



FRANK A. LESTER
Secretary Ninth Michigan Association
Son of Frank Lester of Co. C.

Fox, Major Dorus M. (At Petersburg, Va., while Colonel 27th Mich. Inf. June 17, 1864)-----C
 Gaffney, Thomas H., 2nd Lieut. ---C
 Gass, Norman R. (died Oct. 5) ---A
 Gould, Sergt. John G. -----K
 Graham, Henry -----C
 Haskins, Francis (disch'd Sep. 18) H
 Hathaway, Scott -----A
 Henderson, Henry (No further record, probably died of wound) ---C
 Hill, Joseph F. -----B
 Hilliar, Harvey J. -----G
 Hilliar, Corp'l P. W. (discharged) G
 Hogg, John -----K
 Holiday, William H. -----A
 Jersey, 2nd Lieut. Nathan R. ---B
 Leach, Alfred A. -----C
 Linderman, Benj. F. -----A
 Linderman, Henry -----A
 Luscher, Rudolph (Near McMinnville, Aug. 29, 1862)-----D
 Mills, Harrison T. -----C
 Morton, Barry O. -----C
 Morton, Robert H. -----A
 Olmstead, Daniel G. (died Sep. 14) K
 Owen, Sergt. John R. -----C
 Parrott, Joseph H. -----G
 Phillips, Geo. H. -----K
 Price, Freeborn H.
 (discharged Sept. 6) -----A
 Rielly, Thomas -----C
 Rogers, William -----A
 Rose, Silas H. -----A
 Sargent, Everett D. -----K
 Schofield, Lieut. R. H. (At Tyree Springs, Sept. 11, 1862) ---D
 Secor, Ira I. (At Tyree Springs, Sept. 11, 1862) -----I
 Smith, John B. -----H
 Springman, William -----G
 Strayer, Daniel (died Nov. 30) ---H
 Swartz, Ferdinand -----B
 Tanner, Charles -----K
 Thomas, Sergt. Charles O. -----H
 Vanauken, James -----A
 Wallace, Lieut. J. N. (Aug. 29, 1862, near McMinnville) -----H
 Welcher, Charles -----K
 Woods, George -----H

REGIMENTAL AND COMPANY ORGANIZATIONS.

(Mostly From Frank A. Lester's Roster of 1911).

FIELD AND STAFF OFFICERS.

General Orders No. 74, dated at Detroit, Sept. 10, 1861, designated Wil-

liam W. Duffield (an ex-army officer and graduate of West Point), Colonel; John G. Parkhurst, Lieut. Colonel, and Dorus M. Fox, Major, of the Ninth Mich. Infantry, and it was with these field officers that the regiment first entered the service.

Col. Duffield was wounded at Murfreesboro, July 13, 1862, which so disabled him for service that he resigned Feb. 6, 1863, and Lieut. Col. Parkhurst took command of the regiment. The other officers of the field were William Wilkinson, Major and Lieut. Colonel, and William Jenney, Major, both promoted from the line.

The first regimental staff was composed of Henry M. Duffield, Adjutant; Ennis Church, Surgeon; Cyrus Smith, Ass't. Surgeon; Charles H. Irwin, Quartermaster, and James G. Portman, Chaplain. During its term of service the other staff officers were A. H. Canfield, W. A. Hull and J. D. Hyde, Adjutants; Cyrus Smith and George G. Smith, Surgeons; Geo. G. Smith, who was promoted from Co. K, Wm. H. Palmer, Geo. Barnes and H. A. King, who was promoted from Co. G, Assistant Surgeons; Lieut. G. D. Tucker and Lieut. A. M. Dobbelaere were detailed as Quartermaster, and C. O. Thomas and W. H. Lowry were commissioned Quartermaster. Stephen E. Root was promoted from Co. E to be Chaplain.

LINE OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Line numbered sixty-nine. Two, Capt. Wilkinson, Co. A, and Capt. Jenney, Co. I, were advanced to the Field. Seven, namely, Charles W. Bennett, David F. Fox, Thomas H. Gaffney, Geo. K. Newcombe, Moses A. Powell, R. H. Schofield, W. R. Sellon and James N. Wallace, were promoted and served in other regiments. Three were killed or died of wounds received in action—Lieut. Alpheus Chase of Co. H, killed at Murfreesboro, July 13, 1862; Lieut. Chas. T. Fox, Co. I, died Sept. 23, 1862, of wounds received in action Sept. 11, 1862, at Tyree Springs, Tenn., and Lieut. T. H. Gaffney of Co. C, wounded at Murfreesboro, died June 20, 1864, of wounds received before Petersburg, Va., while Captain in Mich. 1st Sharpshooters. Three died of disease—Capt. Albert Nye, Co. E, June 23, 1862; Lieut. J. H. Iott,

Co. C, March 16, 1862, and Lieut. Lambert Barshite, Co. B, Feb. 19, 1862.

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF OFFICERS.

The original non-commissioned was A. M. Dobbelaere, Sergeant Major, who was followed by Wm. R. Selton, A. C. Pond, Charles D. Coleman, F. A. Mumford, Geo. R. Elms, Frank A. Palmer, Charles A. Kelley and Daniel W. Cole. Lambert Barshite, first Quartermaster Sergeant was followed by N. R. Jersey, Wm. C. Armstrong, Charles Tanner, Jas. W. Higgins, G. A. Watkins, Richard Cliff, and A. B. Hathaway. David Fox, the first Commissary Sergeant was followed by C. O. Thomas, Jacob Carris, Wm. H. Lowrey, Alfred S. Bunnell, Alex. Goodall, Alonzo Barrett and Adna K. Frain. Leonard Goodrich, Drum Major, was followed by Henry C. Tanner. Wm. H. Palmer, Hospital Steward, was followed by Jas. D. Hyde and Wm. Wilkinson, Jr.; and Geo. H. Newell was Fife Major.

REGIMENTAL BAND.

The Ninth Infantry Band was organized at Ft. Wayne September, 1861. It was composed of nineteen members, some being enlisted for that purpose while others were transferred from the companies. S. H. Moulton, of Coldwater, was leader. It was one of the best regimental bands in the service and was frequently complimented for its excellent music. They remained with the regiment until after the battle of Murfreesboro, at which time they were taken prisoners (except Wirts) with the other six companies. After being paroled and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, the Band was mustered out by an order of the War Department August 6, 1862, when the government dispensed with regimental bands.

The members were Samuel Corbus, Adonijah Chamberlain, James W. Clark, Leonard Goodrich, Orlo B. Gray, Monroe D. Halladay, Albero McKegg, S. H. Moulton, Geo. H. Moulton, Orlando G. Noyes, Geo. R. Reed, Thomas Rhodes, Justin Scott, Ezra Sibley, Orlando A. Smith, Wellington White, Geo. K. Wilder, Richard H. Wirts, Charles Woodard.

James Clark writes me that Chamberlain was transferred from Co. A and died soon after at West Point, and the Band sent the body home to Romeo, Mich., at their own expense. Jolly "Dick" Wirts, being unarmed, escaped capture at Murfreesboro by a free use of his legs during the fight, and when we arrived at Nashville he ran out half a mile to meet us, cheering and swinging his hat.

COMPANY ORGANIZATIONS.

COMPANY A was raised in Macomb county, enlistments being dated Aug. 13, 1861. The company was commanded by Wm. Wilkinson, with Albert Nye, 1st Lieut., and Hiram Barrows, 2nd Lieut., and they were succeeded by Hiram Barrows and J. J. Huntley as Captains and Hiram Barrows, N. R. Jersey and Geo. K. Bangham, 1st Lieuts.; A. M. Dobbelaere, C. S. Hicks, Andrew Nuhfer, C. O. Thomas and D. W. Cole, 2nd Lieuts. There were about 220 members carried on the rolls of the company during the war.

The company was engaged at Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 13, 1862, where it lost four men killed—A. W. Abbott, W. A. Hamilton, Myron Flagler and Norman Gass, and Ryal Benjamin and Samuel Baird died of wounds received in that engagement. Several others were seriously wounded. The other losses during its term of service numbered about 25, mostly from disease.

COMPANY B was raised at Niles and vicinity. The date of the enlistment was Aug. 12, 1861. Capt. O. C. Rounds, 1st Lieut. M. A. Powell and 2nd Lieut. L. J. Wright were the first officers. They were followed by E. Marble, W. C. Armstrong and C. C. Starkweather as Captains; L. J. Wright, W. C. Armstrong, B. H. Stevens and Augustus Ditman, 1st Lieuts., and Lambert Barshite, N. R. Jersey, E. C. Chubb, W. H. Lourey and E. D. Sargent, 2nd Lieuts.

There were about 210 members during the war and the losses were about 30 from disease, etc.

The company was in the engagement at Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 13, 1862, when it was stationed in the Court House as provost guards which it defended from 4:30 until eight o'clock in the morning, and surrend-

ered then only because the rebels had set fire to the building.

COMPANY C was recruited and organized at Jackson, Sept. 6, 1861, and was composed almost without exception of Jackson county boys, and went to the front with C. V. DeLand, Captain, who was later promoted Colonel 1st Mich. S. S., Joseph H. Iott, 1st Lieut., and J. C. Purdy, 2nd Lieut. They were followed by J. C. Purdy and C. O. Thomas as Captains; J. C. Purdy, E. C. Chubb and J. G. Gould 1st Lieuts., and T. H. Gaffney, C. D. Coleman, J. G. Gould, A. S. Bunnell and Alonzo Barrett, 2nd Lieuts.

The company had a membership of about 200 during its service.

At Murfreesboro July 13, 1862, they were deployed as skirmishers, and for eight long hours kept the rebels from our front, one man, Edward D. Demier being killed and several others seriously wounded.

The company lost about 30 from disease.

COMPANY D was enlisted in Ionia county and organized at Lyons Sept. 5, 1861. Its first officers were John E. Smith, Captain; Daniel C. Moore, 1st Lieut.; James N. Wallace, 2nd Lieut. They were followed by D. C. Moore, L. J. Wright and C. D. Coleman as Captains; A. M. Dobbelaere, R. H. Schofield, C. D. Coleman and J. V. Henry, 1st Lieuts.; W. C. Armstrong, Geo. K. Bangham, Augustus Ditman and J. B. Gunning, 2nd Lieuts.

The company was at Tullahoma when the fight occurred at Murfreesboro, but a detail of the company assigned to duty with the Quartermaster's department was taken prisoners, two of whom received wounds during Forrest's cavalry attack. The company had a severe fight with Forrest's cavalry in a stockade near McMinnville, Aug. 29, 1862, when the rebels were severely defeated. Aided by Companies E, F and I, they also had another brush with Forrest's men at Tyree Springs, Tenn., Sept. 11, 1862, when the rebels again retreated.

The company had a total enrollment of about 250 members, and lost 35 from disease.

COMPANY E was recruited largely from Wayne, St. Clair and Wash-tenaw counties during the months of August and September, with head-

quarters in Detroit. The original officers were Cyprian H. Millard, Captain, Moses A. Share, 1st Lieut. and S. S. Barrows, 2nd Lieut. These were followed by S. S. Barrows, Albert Nye and Samuel A. Wiggins as Captain; S. Samuel A. Wiggins as Captains; S. S. Barrows, A. C. Pond, J. J. Huntley, C. C. Starkweather and A. S. Bunnell 1st Lieuts., and D. F. Fox, J. J. Huntley, C. R. Brand, G. A. Watkins and Joseph Phelps, 2nd Lieuts. The company was in the engagement against Forrest at Tyree Springs, Sept. 11, 1862. It had a total enrollment of about 195 members during its service, and lost about 27 by death from disease.

COMPANY F was raised in Shiawassee and Calhoun counties, Owosso being the principal place of enrollment and Aug. 14, 1861, date of organization. It was commanded by Captain Geo. K. Newcombe, with S. S. Bangs, 1st Lieut. and Ephraim Marble, 2nd Lieut. The later officers were S. S. Bangs and S. S. Barrows, Captains; E. Marble, G. D. Tucker, F. A. Mumford and F. A. Palmer, 1st Lieuts.; C. W. Bennett, B. H. Stevens, F. A. Mumford and M. C. Wade, 2nd Lieuts. The company was with companies D, E and I in the successful engagement against Forrest at Tyree Springs, Sept. 11, 1862.

About 160 members were enrolled during its service, and about 25 died from disease.

COMPANY G was composed of about forty-five men from Branch county enlisted by Mansfield, about thirty from Wayne county enlisted by Chase, and a party of twenty-three enlisted from the mines in Ontonagon, the date of organization being Aug. 15, 1861. Geo. N. Chase became Captain, Mortimer Mansfield, 1st Lieut. and William A. Hull, 2nd Lieut. Capt. Chase resigned Jan. 7, 1862, and Mansfield served as Captain after that all through the service of the regiment. The 1st Lieuts. were W. A. Hull, C. O. Thomas and C. S. Hicks, and the 2nd Lieuts. were W. R. Selson, A. H. Canfield, J. D. Hyde and Alex. Goodal.

The company was in the battle of Murfreesboro, July 13, 1862, where it lost William White, Hugh Webster and James Reynolds killed, and several others seriously wounded, P. W. Hilliar being soon after discharged

therefor. About 25 members died from disease. The total membership during its entire service was 210.

COMPANY H was recruited from several counties, principally from Washtenaw and Ionia, the date of the organization being August 16, 1861. Andrew M. Adams was the first Captain, being followed by S. S. Bangs and Jacob Carris. S. A. Wiggins was 1st Lieut. and he was followed by A. H. Canfield and C. R. Brand. Charles T. Fox was 2nd Lieut. and was succeeded by Alpheus Chase and John D. Williams.

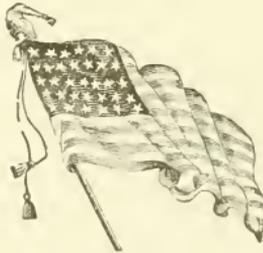
The company was engaged at Murfreesboro July 13, 1862, where it lost Wm. Austin, killed, and Daniel Strayer, died of wounds. The company suffered a severe loss from disease, amounting to about 35. The roll shows a total membership during its service of about 200.

COMPANY I was composed of men from Macomb, Wayne, Livingston and the adjoining counties. The date of its organization was August 15, 1861. William Jenney was its Captain, B. W. Hornbeck, 1st Lieut. and A. P. Dickinson 2nd Lieut. Captain Jenney was promoted to Major and his successors were W. A. Hull, A. M. Dobbelaere and B. H. Stevens; C. T. Fox, W. R. Sellon, C. D. Coleman, J. R. Owen and G. A. Watkins were 1st Lieuts., and A. C. Pond, Jacob Carris, C. C. Starkweather, J. V. Hen-

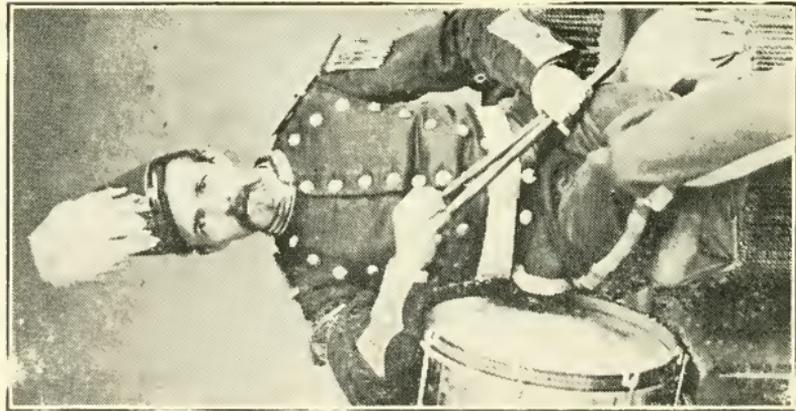
ry, F. A. Palmer and C. A. Kelley were 2nd Lieuts. of the company. It was in the successful engagement against Forrest at Tyree Springs, Tenn., Sept. 11, 1862, when it lost several men taken prisoners, and Lieut. Charles T. Fox was mortally wounded, dying Sept. 23. Their losses from disease were not so large as some other companies, only about 20 dying from that cause. During its term of service there were about 200 names on the roll.

COMPANY K was mostly Livingston county men, enlistments being made in August and September, 1861. John A. Tanner was Captain, Thos. J. Conely, 1st Lieut. and Lewis V. Curry 2nd Lieut. These were followed by T. J. Conely and A. C. Pond, Captains; J. N. Wallace, Jacob Carris, J. W. Higgins and Andrew Nuffer 1st Lieuts., and G. D. Tucker, J. W. Higgins and J. R. Owen, 2nd Lieuts. The total membership during its term of service was about 225, of whom about thirty died from disease.

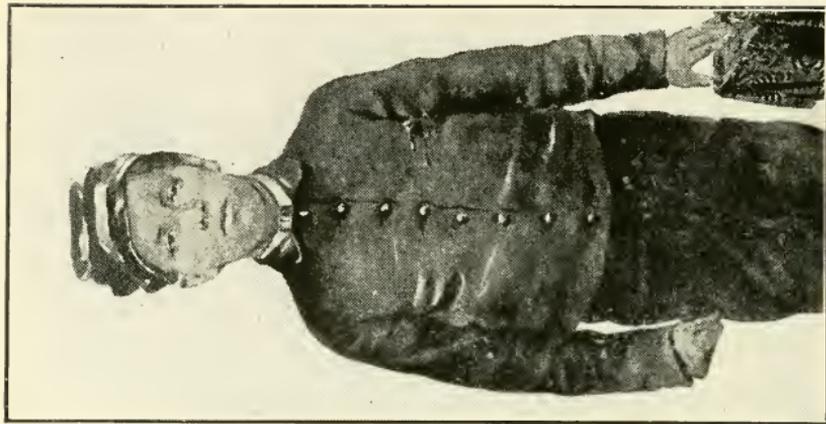
The company's loss at the battle of Murfreesboro, July 13, 1862, was very severe, George Newberry, Samuel Rust and George Shaffer being killed; and Charles Avis, William Knowles and D. G. Olmstead mortally wounded, while several others sustained serious wounds.



“Stand by the Flag, on land, and ocean billow;
By it your fathers stood, unmoved and true,
Living, defended—dying, from their pillow,
With their last blessing, passed it on to you.”



THOMAS RHODES
Drummer Boy of the Ninth



ROBERT HENRY HENDERSHOTT
Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock



HENRY M. DUFFIELD

First Adjutant of the Ninth at age of 20 years. Captain and Ass't Provost Marshal General on General Thomas' Staff, Feb., 1864 to April, 1865; Colonel of State Militia; Brigadier General in Spanish-American War; Department Commander of Michigan G. A. R.

APPENDIX

THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY REUNION HELD AT LANSING.

The Executive Committee of the National Encampment, having finally decided to hold the great assembly of G. A. R.'s for 1913 at Chattanooga, that, under national supervision, fitting recognition might be given and proper observance made of the 50th anniversary of the battle of Chickamauga, the date of our 1913 reunion was changed from Sept. 19 and 20 to July 22 and 23, the place, from Detroit to Lansing.

Gettysburg may have the honor of the largest gathering of the Blue and the Gray, but the state Representative Hall at Lansing was the scene of the greatest assembling of the survivors of any one regiment in the state of Michigan—that of the Ninth Michigan Infantry on July 22 and 23, 1913, when over 130 of the regiment met in honor of the semi-centennial anniversary year of Stone River, Chickamauga and Chattanooga.

Early in the morning of that, to us, eventful Tuesday of July 22, 1913, the Old Boys, many with their wives, not a few of them accompanied by other members of their family, began to congregate, and by noon 100 had registered with Ass't Secretary Treadway, and received a fine blue badge from Miss Hope Atkins, the granddaughter of Comrade Treadway, of Lansing.

Company D marched in with fife and drum, played by Comrades Redner and Fox.

At two o'clock President H. C. Rankin called the association to order, and presented Maj. R. H. Hendershott, the Drummer Boy of Co. B, who, with H. B. Hendershott, his son, and Colonel L. H. Ives, Mayor of Mason, who volunteered to beat the bass drum. At frequent intervals all day and evening, and until high noon of the next day, the corridors and rooms of the

Capitol resounded with most excellent martial music from these good players.

Mayor J. G. Reutter gave an eloquent address of welcome to the visitors, which was responded to in an able manner by Comrade W. N. Siggins, Company G, of Zephyr Hills, Florida, who is the Department Commander of the G. A. R. of that state.

The "Roll Call" was then begun. The fourth name called, Serg't Henry C. Kenyon, Co. G, Jessup, Iowa, brought forth a very patriotic response. Comrade Kenyon is 82 years old, quite feeble, yet determined to meet his old comrades once more.

Comrade Henry Ries, Co. F, came from the distant northwest, travelling from Dayton, Wash., to meet with the old Ninth for the first time since his muster out.

One of the oldest members present was Elias B. Brown, Co. B, of Reed City, Mich., who has already passed the 86th milestone.

Ten answered "present" for the first time at this reunion: John Van Horn, Co. I, of Marquette; M. H. Howard, Co. H, Hamilton, Ind.; Wm. Eberhard, Co. G, Colon; J. E. Weller, Co. K, Kalamazoo; Hamilton Davis, Co. G, Corunna; Charles Sickles, Co. H, Marion; H. A. Choate, Co. D, North Adams; J. L. Dunn, Co. E, Onondaga.

There were a number present for the first time for the past 15 or 20 years, and Lieut. Dan Cole was with the boys after an absence of several years.

It was indeed remarkable to see the veterans greet each other, many for the first time in fifty years, and also to notice how well they remembered, after all these years, the comrades they knew way back in the sixties. There were many happy reunions, warm clasps of hands, enjoyable tete-a-tetes, stories of memorable incidents, songs listened to and felt, recitations, and none but witnesses can realize the enthusiasm and

warmth of those greetings. That comrades came such long distances to visit each other illustrates what strong bonds of friendship the mutual dangers, privations and sufferings of army life built up during the war. There were sixty-four of the '61 Boys present.

Supper was served by the W. R. C. at six, and the campfire, presided over by Pres. Rankin, began at eight with several selections by Maj. Hendershott and his aides.

Short speeches were made by Rev. Coglan, D. E. McClure, Col. L. H. Ives, Prof. C. E. Holmes and Comrade Siggins. Comrade Miller of another regiment presented the association with a hatchet belonging to Barry O. Morton of Co. C during the war, which had come into his possession. It was taken in charge by Serg't Lyman, a tentmate of the deceased comrade.

It was brought to the attention of the association that the flag which was saved from capture at Murfreesboro, July 13, 1862, by Calvin Moon (Lockwood) of Co. K, was in the possession of a Mr. Spencer of Fowlerville, and a committee consisting of Comrades Fisher, Kelley and Andrews was appointed to call upon him and ask him to turn the flag over to the association.

Wednesday morning session was opened at nine o'clock with prayer by Comrade W. G. Miner. The business part of the session centered around Captain Bennett's "Historical Sketches" which went over from last year at Jackson, and which were ordered printed by the association. The captain's presentation of this subject upon which he had put so much thought and effort was entertaining and convincing; following which several assistants were kept busy during a brief recess registering orders for the history, comrades subscribing usually for two, three and four copies for themselves and children.

Comrade J. W. Fales generously paid \$25.00, and was followed by several others by smaller amounts towards a fund for placing cloth bound copies of the history of the regiment and of its reunions in all libraries in Michigan in localities where the different companies enlisted, as may be recommended by the Committee on Distribution—Comrades

Fales, Bennett and Secretary Lester. A copy of this history can be obtained from the secretary.

Comrade Andrews made a motion, seconded by Comrade Kinne, that \$50.00 be taken from the treasury to apply on costs of history already advanced by Comrade Bennett, which motion was carried.

Major Hendershott and son said they would give \$125, and more if needed, towards expenses at any time the association would meet with them in Chicago. He also made the statement that the famous Horace Greeley drum, which he had with him, should be turned over to the Ninth Michigan Association when he was through with it.

H. C. Rankin was elected president, W. P. Treadway 2nd vice president, F. A. Lester secretary. A committee consisting of F. A. Lester, sec.; W. G. Miner, Co. D; C. B. Andrews, Co. I; H. S. Hubbard, Co. C; and W. P. Treadway, Co. F, was elected to select the time and place for holding the next reunion, and also to select the 1st vice president.

A resolution was adopted asking that the error in the date of enlistment of Comrade Hendershott be rectified.

The following telegram was sent to Captain Marble: "Your former comrades in reunion at Lansing convey to you and your devoted wife their affectionate regards and greetings."

Throughout the entire reunion there were more ladies present than ever before—soldiers' wives and daughters, widows of deceased soldiers; and there were more guests than on any previous occasion—all friendly, cheerful and enthusiastic as possible.

Everybody was in accord and agreed that they had enjoyed themselves, and that the effort to be present was worth all the cost. And everyone promised to be on hand next year and tell every other comrade about this great anniversary reunion.

The following is the "Roll" as called, all residing in Michigan except as noted:

Company A.—Lieut. D. W. Cole, Z. P. Draper, J. T. Watrus, Chas. Van Ness, John Hall, True Hart, M. W. Dickerson.

Company B.—L. E. Coder, North Liberty, Ind.; R. H. Hendershott,

OLD GLORY



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