

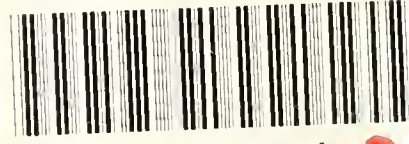
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FIFTIETH REGIMENT

Illinois Volunteer Infantry
Re-Union Association.



WILLIAM HANNA,

GOLDEN, ILLINOIS.

Seventy-two years of age June 23, 1905. Born in Lexington, Indiana. Enlisted at Camp Point, Illinois, as Captain of Company E., Fifthth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, September 11, 1861. Promoted Major May 12, 1863, Lieutenant Colonel September 1, 1864. Colonel July 19, 1864, not mustered. Brevet Brigadier General Volunteers, July 24, 1868, to date back to March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious service in the battle of Allatoona, Georgia. Honorably mustered out July 13, 1865.



*In loving remembrance
of the Mothers, Widows
and Wives of our Comrades
is this little Token dedi-
cated.*



Preface.

THE PURPOSE of this booklet is to preserve the History of this Emblem, and the name of the comrades and friends who have assisted in its formation. To better consummate this object, it is made with perforations, that the names of the comrades who have not had the present opportunity of assisting in its preparation, may at a later date, be placed on other pages and added thereto, and also the presentation speech and response. These pages to be authentic should be countersigned by *the adjutant* in order to verify this record in years to come. *The edition is limited to three hundred, and numbered from one up.*

COMMITTEE.

“Shall Our Old Fiftieth be Forgotten?”

Dedicated to the Blind Half Hundred.

BY MRS. CAPT. JOHN M. CYRUS.

Oct. 20 and 21, 1898.

Shall our Old Fiftieth be forgot

And never brought to mind?

The toils, the fiery rain of shot

They faced with courage blind?

Shall those who helped to save the land

Unhonored stand to-day?

Shall men of that heroic band

For our poor homage pray?

Shall we forget those cots of pain?

The marches long and drear?

'Neath burning sun or pelting rain

When gone seemed ev'ry cheer?

Shall we forget those others too?

Who silent 'round us stand?

Tho' lost to touch and loving view,

They're here a mighty band.

A roll-call in our hearts is said

And ev'ry answer's clear,

For those the thoughtless world calls dead

Are meeting with us here.

Then in our galaxy of fame,

'Mong bravest boys in blue

In pride and gratitude we name

Our Fiftieth grand and true.

Fiftieth Regiment

Illinois Veteran Volunteer
Infantry.

Mustered into the service of the United
States, September 12, 1861.

Re-enlisted January 1, 1864.

Mustered out July 13, 1865.

*Its service was in the Third
Brigade, Second Division, Army
of the Tennessee, at Forts Henry
and Donelson, and at Shiloh. And
after the Army Corps were formed,
it was a part of the Third Brigade,
Second Division, Left Wing, Six-
teenth Army Corps, later a part
of the Third Brigade of the
Fourth Division of the Fifteenth
Corps to the end of its service.*

Introduction.

*C*OMRADES AND FRIENDS, we have assembled to-day in our Nineteenth Annual Re-union here, at the earnest and cordial request of the citizens of Camp Point, the home of Company E. Here forty-four years ago this company was organized and on the 20th of August, under command of Captain Wm. Hanna, joined the Fiftieth Illinois to take a part in the Great Civil War. Four years later, July 21, the survivors returned, and now forty years have passed and the survivors of the Regiment assemble as a Re-union Association, with Captain, now General Wm. Hanna, as its colonel. We find residing here to give us welcome Comrades Benj. Acklam, Wm. H. Castle and John Easum, of the first of Company E, and James J. Earl, who enlisted later. Part of the exercises of this re-union is to present to our gallant leader, General Hanna, a tribute of love from all the Comrades of the Fiftieth, which your committees has prepared.

COMRADES: In presenting to Col. Hanna this badge, ordered by you at the re-union of 1903, it seems fitting that some particular reason should accompany it, showing why it was so ordered and also describing its features.

Having been closely associated with him during the latter part of our service in the Fiftieth and the Adjutant of the Association since its organization, September 29, 1886, and receiving hundreds of letters from the Comrades from all parts of the country bearing to him and to you, Comrades, the kindly greeting of love and esteem that you have had the pleasure of reading in the annual reports of our re-unions, and knowing that many of our Comrades are unable through the infirmities of age and other disabilities to acquaint us of the fact, that they, too, although unable to meet with us, entertain and hold this same loyal strong love and devotion to our Colonel and to each other, and probably gives me a better opportunity to impart this information. The detail of the subject would be too exhaustive, but a few incidents will be in place.

The times and occasions which bring out the natural traits of us all, are times of difficulty and danger. Those days—from 1861 to 1865—were days which tried men's courage. They were day's which brought to the surface the qualities of which our officers and men were composed—days in which were created that comradeship that will never be dissolved.

The question may here be asked, "Why is Col. Hanna selected in preference to others to receive this splendid token of our comrades' love?"

The reason is that early in the service Colonel Bane was detached from the regiment as brigade commander. Lieutenant Colonel Swarthout was disabled and resigned. Lieutenant Colonel Gaines, also on account of disability, was obliged to return home. Lieutenant Colonel Hanna, like the other company officers, from the first, as Captain of Company E, took pride in having his company one of the best. As Major, in building up the reputation of the regiment for efficiency in discipline and appearance—as Lieutenant Colonel, in maintaining the reputation already established and ever watchful for opportunities for making it better.

The earnest, watchful, tender solicitude as Captain for the welfare and comfort of his men, did not fail after promotion to a higher grade, and the willingness to share in all the hardships and dangers of his comrades necessarily endeared him to the men.

It is proper to relate here a few items of interest as to this. While on the marches if the boys were without shelter in bad weather or otherwise, he was always solicitous, saying, "I must share the same as they."

We can remember him while on the march, walking at the head of the Regiment, while in front, riding the Colonel's horse, was some tired, foot-sore soldier.

In time of action, wherever possible, he was in the lead, and to-day, it is with pride the comrades relate as they tell the story of the fight at Allatoona Pass—"I went over the works by the side of the Colonel." "Where he led we followed." "I went up the hill by his side."

We will never forget the march through the Carolinas, crossing Lynch Creek, placing a small soldier on his horse, and conspicuous in his red underclothing, he led

the way down into that cold, icy stream, up to our necks in water. The stream was at that time swollen and out of its banks, being three-fourths of a mile wide. It was also covered with a coating of ice, about an eighth of an inch thick through which we waded. The deepest part only of the stream was crossed on a bridge.

Then at the Grand Review in Washington, how proud we were of our formation and marchings, and finally at the prize drill at Louisville, Kentucky, July 3, 1865, receiving as a reward of merit from the officers and men, a handsome sword and belt, and the emblem of the Fifteenth Army Corps, a Handsome Cartridge Box, while to the Regiment was awarded by an order from Division Headquarters that hard earned trophy, "the Prize Banner, Excelsior," given to the best drilled Regiment in the Division, and we can add the Western Army.

Later, as you are aware, the Colonel was complimented, and by the compliment the Regiment was honored, by the issuing of a commission from President Andrew Johnson, as Brevet Brigadier General of Volunteers, to date from March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Allatoona, Georgia.

Comrades, these honors came to us and they are justly ours; came to us by the patient, persistent effort and good judgment of our commander, building upon the foundation laid out by his predecessors he kept faithfully, ever trying to improve to the end.

Comrades, these honors came to him as the result of prompt attention, implicit obedience and willingness on your part to do your duty; they are ours to enjoy with him to the end of time. In this connection we should not forget our absent comrades and those brave boys who have gone before us.

We knew them, and we know that in everything that would reflect glory and honor on the "Blind Half Hundred," they would be with us, and while some have passed away and many others are unable to meet with us, be it distinctly understood that this emblem, its features being the united insignias of the two most splendid Army Corps and of the Fiftieth Regiment Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry Re-union Association, bound together by a golden cord of love in 1894 and proving the same love still existing in 1905, is hereby given to our gallant leader, *as a tribute from us all*, showing that the love and esteem begun in the days of trial and hardship have not grown dim, but like this emblem

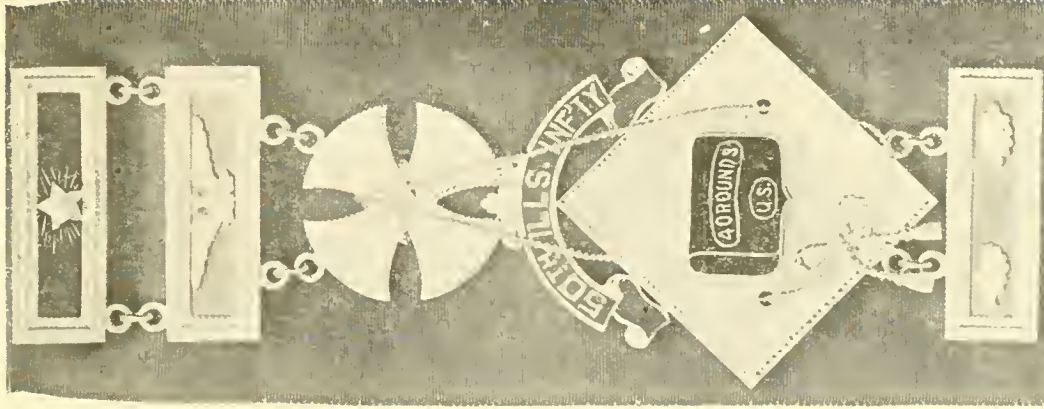
is of pure gold. That the brilliancy of our record, like the diamond at the top, shall always remain bright and shining as the morning star.

And now, comrades, remember that this emblem, unique in its form, is the only one of its kind in the world, no other organization has any use for it. It is a historical memento of your service and of the Fiftieth Regiment Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry. In the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Army Corps in defense of Old Glory, and a tribute from its members including those who have passed away to our beloved leader as the one to preserve it for the future.

To our comrades and friends who have assisted in preserving it in this form, for posterity, we will say that in years to come, as your children meet with it or its record, in the path of life, they will feel grateful to you for this kindly act.

Colonel, may your future be ever brightened by the recollection of the good will and love of your comrades, remaining so firm and true, after these many years, as they know yours has been to them.

C. F. HUBERT, Adjutant.



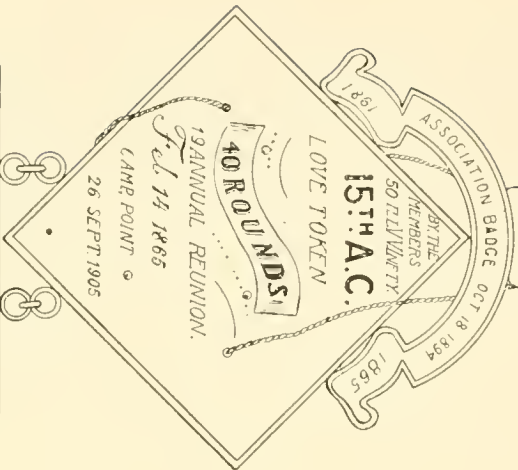
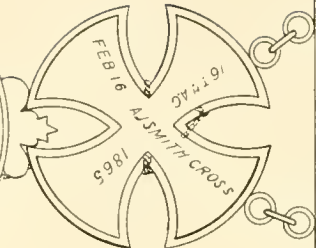
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Wm Hanna
W M HANNA
JULY 24, 1863
13 MAR 1865.

DECEMBER 21, 1864
12 JULY-64 NOT MUST'D.



MAY 12 MAY 1863
AUGUST 21, 1864
CAPT 12 SEPT 1861

The Emblem.

A COMPOSITE BADGE, formed from the badge of the Second Division of the Sixteenth Army Corps, commanded by Major General G. M. Dodge, and of the Fourth Division of the Fifteenth Army Corps, commanded by Major General John A. Logan, in the War of the Rebellion, 1861 to 1865. The two designs united by the golden cord, and the scroll bar on which is inscribed "Fiftieth Ills. Infantry" forms the badge adopted by the Fiftieth Regiment Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry Reunion Association, October 18, 1894, surmounted by the rank straps of its recipient, Lieutenant Colonel William Hanna. Upon the reverse side are several inscriptions of the dates of his commission, promotions and muster into various ranks, as well as dates when the regiment was first mustered into the service, and was mustered out; also, the dates of the adoption and names of the several badges.



*Badge of the Fifteenth Army
Corps from an original
Badge.*

ITS FORMATION AND HISTORY.

The Fifteenth Army Corps Badge.

(From the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.)

GENERAL ORDER No. 10, Headquarters Fifteenth Army Corps, February 14, 1865. "The following is announced as the badge of this corps: A miniature cartridge box, black, set transversely on a field of cloth or metal. Above the cartridge box plate will be stamped or marked in a curve the motto: "Forty Rounds."

An amusing incident is said to have suggested this badge. When the Eleventh and Twelfth Corps joined the army at Chattanooga, Tennessee, naturally a spirit of rivalry sprang up between the boys of the East and the West. The latter spoke of the new arrivals as the men with "paper collars, crescents and stars." Near the camp of the

Eastern men was a division of the Fifteenth Corps, lately arrived from Memphis. One of its members, a ready-witted Irishman, seeing a group of the Twelfth Corps, said "Are all of you fellers brigadier ginerals?"

"No," was the answer. "Why do you ask?" "Shure, you all wear the star." Of course this raised a laugh and called out the answer that the star was the Twelfth Corps badge. Then the men wearing the star said "What is your corps?" Straightening himself up with pride the Irishman replied, "I belong to the Fifteenth Corps."

"Well, where is your badge?"

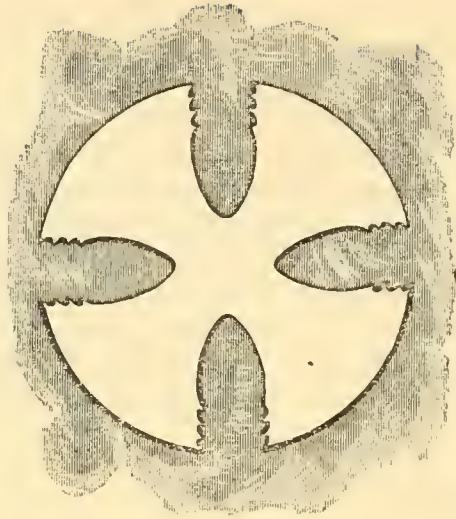
"Badge is it?" Clapping his hand on his cartridge box, he said: "This is the adge of the Fifteenth Corps, Forty Rounds."

General Logan, hearing of this, and appreciating the wit and significance of the Irishman, declared that this should be the badge of the Fifteenth Corps.

IN ANNOUNCING the Badge, Gen. Logan said, in part:

“If any corps in the Army has a right to take pride in its badge, surely that has which looks back through the long and glorious line of engagements and battles which includes Chickasaw Bluffs; Arkansas Post; Deer Creek; Black Bayou; Snyder’s Bluff; Jackson; Vicksburg; Clinton; Branboro; Cherokee;* Tuscumbia;* Lookout Mountain; Missionary Ridge; Ringgold; Resaca;* Dallas; Big Shanty; Kenesaw Mountain; Nickajack Creek; Atlanta; Ezra Church; Jonesboro; Lovejoy’s Station; Allatoona Pass;* Taylor’s Ridge; Griggswoldville;* Fort McAllister; River’s Bridge;* Congaree Creek;* Columbia;* Lynch Creek;* Bentonville;* the corps which had its birth under Grant and Sherman in the darker days of our struggle; the corps which will keep on struggling until the death of the rebellion.”

*Indicate engagements participated in by Fiftieth.



*Badge of the Sixteenth Army
Corps, made according to
specifications.*

Sixteenth Army Corps Badge.

NO ORDER was ever issued concerning a badge for the Sixteenth Army Corps. It was named the "A. J. Smith Cross," in honor of the first commander of the corps after it was decided to adopt a badge. Major General A. J. Smith was made commander February 18, 1865. This gives the date of its adoption.

It having been determined to assume a badge for the Sixteenth Corps, several of the Corps officers made designs, which, by common consent, were put in a hat, and the one drawn out was accepted. The design, contrived by Brevet Brigadier General John Hough, Assistant Adjutant General of the Corps, was drawn out, approved by the Corps Commander, Major General A. J. Smith, then and there duly consecrated, adopted, baptized by the usual ceremonies practiced in the army on such occasions, and named the "A. J. Smith cross." The device is a circle with four minie balls, the points toward the center, cut out of it. The bare space represents the balls cut out, and the remainder forms a cross resembling the Maltese cross with the lines curved, suspended by a ring attached to the points of the two arms instead of the center of one arm, to distinguish it more clearly from the Maltese Cross, adopted by the Nineteenth Corps.

*The Engagements of the Sixteenth Army Corps as Given in
Regimental Losses in the Civil War.*

Are Hernando; Coldwater; Town Creek;* Siege of Vicksburg; Jackson; Collierville; Meridian; Snake Creek Gap;* Resaca;* Lay's Ferry;* Rome Cross Roads;* Dallas; Big Shanty; Kenesaw Mountain; Ruff Mills; Battle of Atlanta; Ezra Church; Jonesboro; Siege of Atlanta; Pleasant Hill; Bayou de Glaize;† Lake Chicot;† Tupelo;† Tallahatchie River;† Oxford, Brice Cross Roads; Nashville; Spanish Fort;† Fort Blakely†.

Not to be forgotten as having been participated in by the Fiftieth—is the campaign in Missouri and the expedition to Jimtown in 1861; Fort Henry; Fort Donelson; Shiloh; Siege of Corinth; Boonville; Battle of Corinth; March to Lexington. Mounting of the regiment on mules and the scouting service in Tennessee; Calhoun. Beginning what is now the National Cemetery at Rome, Georgia; Siege of Savannah; Crossing Salkahatchie Swamp; the Grand Review at Washington and the prize drill at Louisville, Kentucky, July 3, 1865. *Indicates engagement participated in by Fiftieth. †Maj. General A. J. Smith's command.

Association Badge.

UPON THE COMPLETION of the Regimental History, an insignia was desired and designated by C. F. Hubert for the cover of the book. The emblems of the two Corps in which the regiment served so long, were selected, and to harmonize them into one, a golden cord, to represent the life or blood that was shed, indicating the close kinship, was used, as from the decimated ranks of the Second Division and others of the Sixteenth Corps was formed the Fourth Division of the Fifteenth Army Corps, the only Fourth Division regularly connected with its corps in point of actual command and service in the army in 1865 and the largest corps that marched with Sherman to the sea. These two emblems, united by a scroll, on which is the number of the regiment, form the design, which was at once adopted as the Association Badge. Its purpose was to identify the wearer as a member of the regiment. It should be remembered that the national colors, red, white and blue, were used to designate the division in each corps, First, Second and Third, and that in the Fifteenth Corps were four divisions, and to the fourth was assigned the yellow (orange).

AT THE SEVENTEENTH REUNION, October 14th and 15th 1903, at the hall of John Woods Post G. A. R. in Quincy, Illinois, this resolution was adopted:

Resolution.

WHEREAS, We are proud to remember Colonel Hanna as captain, major and colonel of our regiment from the day of mustering in, September 12th, 1861, until the final discharge, July 13th, 1865, and as the president and moving spirit in our regimental organization from its first meeting up to the present time; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of three, of which Comrade Sam Hewes be named as chairman, with authority to add the names of two other comrades as associates, is hereby appointed as a committee to prepare, in behalf of the regiment, a formal expression of the esteem in which our Colonel and Commander is held by the members of this Association, and also to procure a suitable memento to be presented to him at our next meeting, to ever remind him of our perpetual regard and respect as Commander of the Fiftieth Illinois and president of our Association. (Signed)

S. E. HEWES,
O. H. COULTER,
REUBEN H. GUNN.

Comrades O. H. Coulter, of Company I, and C. F. Hubert, Adjutant, were added to this committee, as associates. (The committee not being ready to report at the reunion of 1904, it was given further time.

Selection.

TO BETTER CARRY OUT the expression of the Association, it was decided that the emblem should be a full sized badge of the Association, of pure 14 karat gold, with the colors of the several parts in enamel. The scroll bar, upon which is shown "Fiftieth Illinois Infantry" to be emerald green, a tribute to the medical staff of the regiment, and on the reverse side the date of its adoption, as well as the dates of the badges of the Corps in which we so long served. To be appended to the bottom of the badge a rank strap of lieutenant colonel of infantry, with date of commission engraved on reverse side, indicating the date from which the regiment began to be eminent; this with the badge to be suspended from a rank strap of colonel of infantry, with date of commission on reverse side. The whole to be suspended from a rank strap of brigadier general, the star of which is represented by a diamond, and on the reverse side "William Hanna" and

date of commission; thus making a badge commemorating the dates of important events in the history of the regiment and also the Association in which every member is interested, and as being most suitable as a testimonial of esteem and a fit companion to our prize banner.

It was also decided that to conserve the place in history, which this organization has attained, "A No. 1.", the name of every one who contributes to this end should be preserved and accompany the emblem, showing how it was secured; *also that the token be regarded as from the members of the entire regiment, that all shall have equal honor in its preservation.* Many friends, having desired to share with us the honor of preserving to future generations these important facts, it was decided to place the names of these honored friends in a separate list.

After these details had been considered and agreed upon, our worthy chairman, S. E. Hewes, was called to a higher sphere. (Died March 9, 1905.) Comrade Lieutenant Joe Morgan, Company F, was appointed to fill his place on this committee, which thereafter was composed of Joe Morgan, O. H. Coulter and C. F. Hubert.

JOSEPH M. MORGAN,
Kahoka, Missouri,



Commanded a company in Provisional Division under General Cox, at the Battle of Kinston N. C.

Sixty-four years of age August 18th, 1905, Born at Laundersburg, Pennsylvania, served with the Warsaw Greys under Col. David Moore at the Battle of Athens, Iowa. Enlisted at Warsaw, Illinois, private Company F; mustered in September 12th, 1861; promoted sergeant; Re-enlisted Jan. 1, 1864; mustered out July 13, 1865.

OREL H. COULTER,
Santa Anna, California.



G. A. R.; was Chairman Regimental Historical Committee.

Fifty-eight years of age November 13th, 1905; native of Pennsylvania; enlisted at Monmouth, Illinois, February 27th, 1864, as private of Company I; mustered out July 13th, 1865; Past Commander Department of Kansas; was member National Ex-Committee

CHARLES F. HUBERT,
Fowler, Illinois.



Aged 62 years,
Jan. 9th, 1905;
born in Beverly,
Massachusetts;
enlisted at Quincy,
Illinois, Sept. 21,
1861, as private in
Company D. Re-enlisted
Jan. 1st, 1864;
promoted sergeant
major June 14th,
1865; Adjutant June
26, 1865; mustered
out July 13, 1865;
Adjutant of Regimental
Re-union Association;
was member of History
Committee; compiler
of Regimental History.

SAMUEL E. HEWS.



Age, 63 years;
October 30, 1904.
Born in Hancock
county, Ill. near
Nauvoo; enlisted
from Payson, Ill.,
at Chillicothe, Mo.
as private in
Company C,
October 20,
1861; promoted
to Commissary
Sergeant and
transferred to
Co. K; mustered
out Oct. 20, 1864;
was member of
Regimental
History Committee;
died March 9,
1905.

Crystallized Comradeship.

While our ranks are growing thinner—

Comrades falling one by one,
Let us closer stand together
'Till we see life's setting sun;

Stand together, touching elbows
As we stood in days of yore,
When we braved the hail of battle—
Heard the cannon's awful roar.

Let us keep the fires fraternal,
Burning brightly in each breast,
'Till for us the taps are sounded
And we take our final rest.

Comrades, we have glorious mem'ries
By no others understood,
Mem'ries of a mighty struggle,
A nation saved by loyal blood.

Keep those memories ever sacred
In the heart, as days go by,
Let them be as rays of sunshine
When the shadows heavy lie.

When our last discharge is given,
And our service here is o'er,
May we be prepared for muster,
Over on the golden shore.

—T. D. MCGILLICUDDY, Capt. Co. K.

Names of Members Assisting.

Mrs. Esther A. Fulton	Co. D
Isaac J. Ogle	Co. D
Francis M. Moore	Co. G
Eben Lewis	Co. E
Mrs. U. S. Hanna	Co. E
Jeremiah Clark and wife	Co. H
William Brownlee	Co. I
O. H. Coulter	Co. I
J. M. Glenn	Co. H
Mrs. John M. Cyrus	Co. E
Frank Taylor	Co. K
R. A. Wallace	Co. E
George Schaller and wife	Co. C
Mrs. S. E. Hewes	Co. C
Edwin Tylor and wife	Co. C
Mrs. Mary A. Keal	Co. M
H. L. Burnham and wife	Major
Thomas Hewson and wife	Co. K
W. R. Cramer, son of	
Capt. H. P. W. Cramer	Co. A
C. E. Overton	Co. G
Michael Scieter	Co. C
J. L. Thompson	Co. K
Mary A. Taylor	Co. H
George C. Bartell	Co. C
James W. Anderson	Co. B
Joseph M. Morgan and wife	Co. F
A. S. Carper and wife	Drum Major
John Dunlap	Co. B
Thos. R. Dunlap and wife	Co. B
John Feehan,	} Irish Brigade
Maurice Gleason,	
Daniel B. Smart.	
A. E. Lewis	Co. C
J. H. Lyon	Co. D
G. W. Stauffer	Co. I
Geo. W. Robert	Co. H
L. J. Hicks	Co. B
W. K. Haselwood and wife	Co. D
Andrew Kley	Co. F

From Other Comrades and Friends.

I will be pleased to assist in this grand idea. Mrs. Minnie Brown,

Pres't W. R. C. No. 47.

Comrades, permit me to be a member of your Regiment long enough to contribute the enclosed to help purchase the Badge and you will confer a great favor on your friend.

G. W. Finley, 10th Mo. Inft.

I wish to aid in this, sure.

S. P. Bartlet, Co. D, 21st Mo. Inft.

I am glad to assist in this object.

E. F. Bradford, Quincy, Ill.

I am an old friend of the 50th.

Joseph Robbins, M. D., Quincy, Ill.

This is a worthy object. I wish to help you with it.

Chauncey H. Castle,

Co. I, 73d Ill. Inft.

Our hearts are with you.

John Wessels, 3d Mo. Cav.

E. E. B. Sawyer, Co. C, 137th Ill. Inft.

Sheldon Ayres, Co. D, 17th Ill. Inft.

A. A. Whipple, M. D., Quincy, Ill.

J. H. Clark, Quincy, Ill.

Thos. R. Whray, M. D., Golden, Ill.

Seneca C. Seiby, Golden, Ill.

L. O. Sutton, C.B. & Q., Camp Point, Ill.

I always like to help preserve historical things. H. H. Emminga,

Golden, Ill.

Our members feel it a special privilege and honor to be allowed a part in the honoring of Colonel Hanna and his comrades. Yours in F. C. & L.

Mary R. Inghram.

Sec. Pro. Tem. W. R. Co. No. 47.

As a S. V. Son's of one whose proudest remembrances were of having served his country in the momentous and fateful contest of the sixties. We thank you for this privilege.

Chas. F. Kincheloe,

Depar't of Justice, Washington, D. C.

H. E. Kincheloe, Quincy, Ill.

I am glad to help perpetuate bravery.

Mrs. Anna J. Wood, Quincy, Ill.

Frank S. Wood.

Capt. Adj. 5th Inft. I. N. G.

It is a pleasure to assist in perpetuating this Historical Memento from the comrades of Col. Wm. Hanna.

Elmer Selly, Quincy Whig,

Capt. J. M. Hyman, U. S. Iron Clad,
Chillicothe, Miss., Squadron, U.S.N.

I want to be in with the rest of the boys in presenting the badge to Col. Hanna. I know of no one more deserving than he.

Truly and cordially yours,

Grenville M. Dodge,

(One of the four Major Generals now living.)

I am a particular friend of the 50th.

H. A. Williamson, Quincy, Ill.

I enclose my contribution to assist in the purchase of the testimonial you are to present Col. Hanna.

E. S. Johnson,

Major 7th Ill. Inft.

We consider it an honor to consribute to the memorial for Colonel Hanna and comrades.

A. S. McDowell,

Capt. Co. I, 84th Ill.

Jacob Hazlett, Co. G, 3d Ill. Cav.

Wm. Sommerville, Co. D, 16th Ill. Inft.

I feel honored to have the privilege of adding my meed of praise to such men as Col. Hanna and his comrades.

Parker Shields.

Myron D. Tremaine.

My Dear Comrades: I beg the honor of contributing to your token of friendship and respect for Gen. Wm. Hanna, the gallant commander of the 50th Illinois, which was made the Banner Regiment of all the Western Armies. Gen. Hanna represented all that was best in the army. On the march, on the battlefield, and in camp he was my model of what a soldier should be. He held a position in the forefront of the bravest without a superior, and since the war has been equally prominent as a good citizen.

Michael Piggott,

Co. F, Western Sharpshooters.

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Errata.

INTRODUCTION PAGE—Name of “Mordecai F. Riley” should follow the name of James J. Earl.

Biography of Joseph M. Morgan should read “promoted Sergeant and Lieutenant.”

Appendix.

Brevet Brigadier General John Hough, who designed the badge of the Sixteenth Army Corps, died suddenly at the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors Home, at Quincy, Illinois, September 8, 1891. His remains were taken to Peoria, Illinois for burial.

September 26th and 27th, 1905, were the forty-first anniversaries of the last day's service in the Sixteenth Army Corps and the first day's service in the Fifteenth Army Corps, of the Fiftieth Regiment, Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry.

Presentation, September 26, 1905.

HAVING read the preceding pages the Adjutant said, "Now comrades, this is your Committee's Report, and I submit it to the Association with the emblem to dispose of."

("Give it to the Colonel! Give it to the Colonel!" came in concert from the Comrades.)

Presenting the badge to the Colonel, Adjutant Hubert said:

"Colonel, in behalf of the comrades of the 'Blind Half Hundred,' those who have ever belonged to it, those who have passed away, those absent as well as those present, take this emblem as our testimonial of love and esteem."

Colonel Hanna's Reply.

"*COMRADES*, I wish I had words sufficiently strong to express my appreciation of this token of esteem from comrades, who were my associates as officers and men, who have so loyally supported me and made pleasant many duties that otherwise would have been burdensome.

“But, comrades, remember your loving kindness will ever be cherished in grateful remembrance. I wish to return thanks for this beautiful badge, a token of remembrance from my comrades and friends, and while life shall last and memory remain, the recollections suggested by it will be jewels indeed.

“This beautiful badge will be a pleasure to me while I live. In the army we did not give presents. Our work was hard, with few flowers, but the time has come when we can distribute the flowers and make glad the hearts of our friends.

“Forty-one years ago the third day of last July, this regiment, officers and men, (just think of it!) presented me with a beautiful sword and belt, with gold sword knot, and a splendid gold trimmed cartridge box, which was the emblem of the Fifteenth Army Corps, a corps whose history shows no defeat. Thus you see the comradeship that has existed between our officers and men for forty-one years; and this event, shows that this relationship has never been broken. I thank you.”

Nawes Received at Reunion.

Wilson Conger and wife.....	A
J. M. Borts	A
James B. Hatton.....	A
I. N. H. Smith.....	B
James Henry.....	B
C. S. Anderson and wife.....	B
Raymond Martin.....	C
J. D. Chapman.....	C
R. H. Gunn.....	C
Rev. A. T. Stone.....	D
Nathan Lyon.....	D
Peter Frame.....	D
J. J. Earl.....	E
John Easum.....	E
Lucy A. Simons.....	E
Henry C. Johnson.....	E
Benjamin Acklam.....	E
H. W. Carson.....	E
L. R. Collins.....	F
Raymond Cherpitel.....	F
F. Mensendike.....	F
J. B. Krabel.....	F
O. G. Ranck.....	F
W. W. McManimee.....	G

Names Received Since Reunion, to Nov. 25, 1905.

Geo. Randolph, brother of J. P. Randolph.....	A
Webster Bissell, brother of H. C. Bissell.....	A
George W. Burk.....	B
Alexander Blauser and wife.....	D
Chesley W. Culp.....	D
Perry Logsdon and wife.....	H
A. M. Thompson and wife.....	I

Other Friends.

*(From the National Tribune, 1904,
Washington, D. C.)*

“The records show that there was enlisted in the union army during the Great Civil War, 25 boys under 10 years of age, 38 under 11, ————— under 12, 300 under 13, 1,532 under 14, 104,987 under 15, and 231,057 under 16.

“What a vast multitude of youthful defenders, most of whom went forth to fill the vacant ranks of their fathers and brothers gone before, and faced not only the inevitable danger of war, but also the truthful and tragic history of carnage and death that had preceded them.

“On a gentle sloping hillside, so common in Georgia and East Tennessee, in a quiet valley where the Cumberland Range is severed in twain by the Tennessee River in its resistless march to the sea, and where the lofty Lookout Mountain stands like a giant sentinel of the Almighty, guarding the silent bivouac of the nation's dead, there stands a monument, twelve inches wide, three inches thick, and eighteen inches high. Almost insignificant in this home of monuments about Chickamauga, Orchard Knob and Mission Ridge, but not without meaning to me, for beneath that slab there sleeps a boy who shared with me his sorrow and his joy. We slept under the same

blanket, he and I; we drank from the same canteen, and together pledged to do what we two boys could to preserve the unity and integrity of the Republic.

“Just two boys—that was all! One was taken, the other was left. Just one more mother sitting in the shadow of the evening twilight and listening for the step that was forever stilled.

“Then, boy comrade, bunk mate of the olden time, peacefully sleeping under the green sod in the sunny Southland, this be thine epitaph:

“Here lies a boy patriot.”

R. C. MARKEE,

Co. A. Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry,
Second Brigade, Second Division,
Fourteenth Army Corps.

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The following from Gould's ‘Investigations in the Military and Anthropological Statistics of American Soldiers’ New Year 1869, in a ‘Classified Summary of Enlisted Volunteers,’ on page 34; 13 is the lowest age given. The number of enlisted volunteers of that age (last birthday) given is 127; at 14, 530; at 15, 773; at 16, 2,758; at 17, 6,425; at 18, 133,475.

A. E. C. GRIFFIN,

Chief Bibliographer.

William H. Collins, Co. D, 104th Ill.
and Chaplain 10th Ill.

“I am honored in having the privilege of assisting in preserving to posterity this record and memorial of those who risked their lives for the Union. Notwithstanding having opposed this regiment in several engagements, I rejoice with them at the successful result, and that all the issues involved in the war are forever settled.”

CAMPBELL S. HEARN,
Co. G, 5th Mo. C. S. A.

L. M. Dort and wife, Co. E, 84th Ill.
Robert S. Roeschlaub, Co. E, 84th Ill.

“To Col. William Hanna, and the heroes, living and dead, who served with him through bloody battlefields to final victory for the Union.”
Henry A. Castle, S. M. 73d Ill., and
Capt. 137th Ill. St. Paul, Minn.”

“I was not born until some years after the Civil War was ended; thus could not be a member of the Fiftieth Illinois, and I have always regretted it. Under the circumstances you may understand how deeply I appreciate an opportunity to assist in preserving this tribute to a glorious regiment and its valant commander.”

JULIUS KESPOHL, Jr., Quincy, Ill.

Lafayette De Bord, son of T. C. De
Bord, Co. B, 3d Mo. Cav., Payson, Ill.

Christ Ditmer, Golden, Ill.
Ella McKee, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Grace Blood, Coffeyville, Kansas.
Christian Klein, Quincy, Ill.
John S. Cruttenden, Quincy, Ill.

“A braver soldier, a better citizen, a nobler Christian gentleman than Col. William Hanna never lived.”

David F. Wilcox, Quincy, Ill.

“I feel greatly honored in having the privilege of participating in honoring Col. William Hanna and his comrades, who so faithfully participated in saving our country.”

B. H. Miller, Quincy, Ill.

“It is with pleasure, and we consider it an honor, to be allowed the privilege of contributing to the Memorial presented to Col. William Hanna. To us this history will be treasured in years to come. It will remind us of one who was a gallant soldier, a private citizen of the highest character, and a true life-long friend of the late L. A. Wallace and his family,”

MRS. SARAH J. WALLACE,

R. A. WALLACE, Jr.,

EMMA J. WALLACE,

S. M. WALLACE,

Camp Point, Ill.

Miss Maud Mason,

Richmond, Kentucky.

“Col. Hanna was an inspiration to me when as a lad I needed friends. For that, and the two boys of mine, Claudius Hanna Tipton and Frank Tipton, Jr., who share my enthusiasm, I gladly contribute to this testimonial.”

Frank Tipton,

Seward, Nebraska.

Complimentary Copies.

“It will give me great pleasure to accept a copy of your Historical Memorial for my library. Please accept my most cordial thanks for your kind remembrance.” JAMES TANNER,
Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.,
Washington, D. C.

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The Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

War Department Library,
Washington, D. C.

Bauman Lowe Belden, Recording Secretary
The American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, 1271
Broadway, N. Y.

Maj. Joseph Linton, Quincy Herald.

Perry C. Ellis, Quincy Whig.

H. N. Wheeler, Co. G, 52nd Illinois,
Quincy Journal.

Henry Bornmann, Co. H, 43rd Ill.,
Quincy Germania.

Adjutant General's Office,
Trenton, N. J.

“I shall value a copy of the Memorial and shall put it among the priceless collection which I hope to see installed in the Capital at Springfield, Illinois.” MRS. JOHN A. LOGAN,

Calumet Pace, Washington, D. C.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington. Nov. 11, 1905.

“MY DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 8th inst., has been received, and the President appreciates the compliment paid him by your Association. He will be glad to accept one of the Memorials if you will send it to him at the White House. Very truly yours,

W. LOEB, JR.

Secretary to the President.”

“Adjutant C. F. Hubert, 50th Regiment Illinois
Veteran Volunteer Infantry, Fowler, Ill.

“This Memorial was made to conform to the size of the case containing the badge, presented to Col. Hanna, consists of thirty-three pages, giving a history of the badges of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Army Corps, the badge of the Re-union Association of the Fiftieth Illinois and the Emblem, with an Appendix of Ten pages, was compiled at Fowler, Adams County, Illinois, in November, 1905, by the undersigned Adjutant of the Association, and is correct.

C. F. HUBERT, Adjutant.

Closing Chapter

Since the foregoing was published, in 1905, events have occurred to furnish a closing chapter to this little memorial.

An additional number of our comrades and friends have contributed to complete its publication, and thus help to preserve for future generations a valuable relic of by-gone days.

Names Secured for Year Ending October 10, '06

C. F. Hubert.....Adjutant
T. D. McGillicuddy.....K
D. W. Dorsett.....B
Isaac Allen.....D
Leverda Ogle, Maria Love, Alice Moore, Alice Gieker, Minnie Ensley (daughters of I. J. Ogle) D
John Brown, (Cook).....K
James M. Heck.....D
L. G. Haiston and wifeA
Taylor T. Hall.....D
J. H. Long.....D
Peter Simpson.....(Col. servant)
C. W. Fee and wife.....Band
James Durbin.....B
Adolph Bachran.....D
J. K. P. White.....A
Dr. A. G. Pickett.....Surgeon

Other Comrades and Friends

William Hanna Boger, Golden, Ill.
Mrs. Henry Arnold, Galesburg, Ill.
Jackson L. Pearce, (County Clerk) Quincy, Ill.
E. F. Bradford, (Gen'l Agt. C. B. & Q.) Quincy, Ill.
W. A. Mitchell, Co. C. 36th Ill. Infantry, Monmouth, Ill
C. F. Perry, Quincy Optic, Quincy.

Transferred and Promoted

DURING the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Illinois, at Galesburg, Illinois, in May, 1906, the Colonel, having apparently recovered from a serious illness in March, said to me, "Charlie, I want to talk over a little matter that I have been considering for some time—the final wind-up.

"The honors I have received I have gotten from the boys. They have made me what I am, and will expect to lay me away. I have thought about it and considered it carefully, and want you to take charge of my funeral. Do not mention it to anyone until the time comes.

"The boys—I want them to have a prominent part, also the Masons. I would like to have for pall bearers, G. M. Finlay, Chauncey H. Castle, William Somerville, Michael Piggott, A. S. McDowell and Seneca Selby. And you can have Lieutenant Anderson, of Company B., to assist you. For honorary pall bearers, Isaac J. Ogle, Co. D; John Feehan and Benjamin Acklam, Co. E., and you can fill out the rest."

July 6, 1907, he called me to his home and said; "the time is here. make your ar-

rangements, Add to the list of pall bearers, Joe Morgan, Co. F; Perry Logsdon, Co. H, and C. S. Anderson Co. B. The boys took me away, I want them to carry me back. The Masons will have charge of the burial service and you should arrange things accordingly."

Sunday, August 4th, at 7:05 p. m., as if in accord with remarks on receiving the badge, "and while life shall last, and memory remain, the recollections suggested by it (the memorial badge) will be jewels indeed." He said, "the boys are calling: the boys are calling me; I am going to the boys," and passed away.

The funeral August 7th, at the M. E. church, in Golden, was attended by the Masons, Knights Templar, Odd Fellows, G. A. R., Veterans and citizens.

After lying in state from 9 until 12 o'clock, the remains were conveyed by train to Camp Point, accompanied by a large cortege of fraternal orders and friends. Here Adjutant C. F. Hubert assisted by Lieutenant J. W. Anderson formed the marching columns as follows. Drum corps and firing detail from the soldiers home; Masons, Knights Templar, Odd Fellows, Grand Army of the Republic and Veterans, preceeding as escort, the hearse, pall bearers citizens and friends on foot and in carriages, marched to Evergreen cemetery south of town.

It was found necessary to substitute some pall bearers. and in place of Chauncey H. Castle and Michael Piggott, absent, Jacob Hazlett of Clayton, Charles Marsh of Bowen, and Jonas Mever of Quincy were substituted, and all members of the 50th regiment were added to the list of honorary pall bearers.

The Masonic service, conducted by Dr. Joseph Robbins, was impressive. At its close the military salute was fired, taps blown, and Colonel Hanna had been promoted.



Evergreen Cemetery, the Place of Burial, Is Sightly

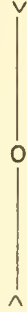
IN 1908 16 12-pound mountain howitzer shells were obtained from the Rock Island arsenal, by an order from the War Department, and now mark the corners of the lot in Evergreen cemetery, where rest Col Hanna's remains, marked by a beautiful stone, bearing on its face:

WM. HANNA

JUNE 23, 1833, LEXINGTON, IND.

AUG. 4, 1907, GOLDEN, ILL.

OF SUCH AS HE WAS, THERE
BE FEW ON EARTH



URITH S. A. JOHNSON

HIS WIFE

MARCH 14, 1845, COLUMBUS, ILL.

And on the obverse side, surmounted by a drawing of our prize banner and Old Glory, on which rests a soldier's hat, designed by his devoted wife and Charlie, as follows:



W. HANNA
JUNE 23, 1822
LITTLETON, MO.
AUG. 6, 1897, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
IN MEMORY OF
URTH S. JOHNSON
MAY 18, 1846
DALLAS, TEX.



IN HONOR AND LOVING MEMORY OF

WILLIAM HANNA
BREVET BRIGADIER GENERAL

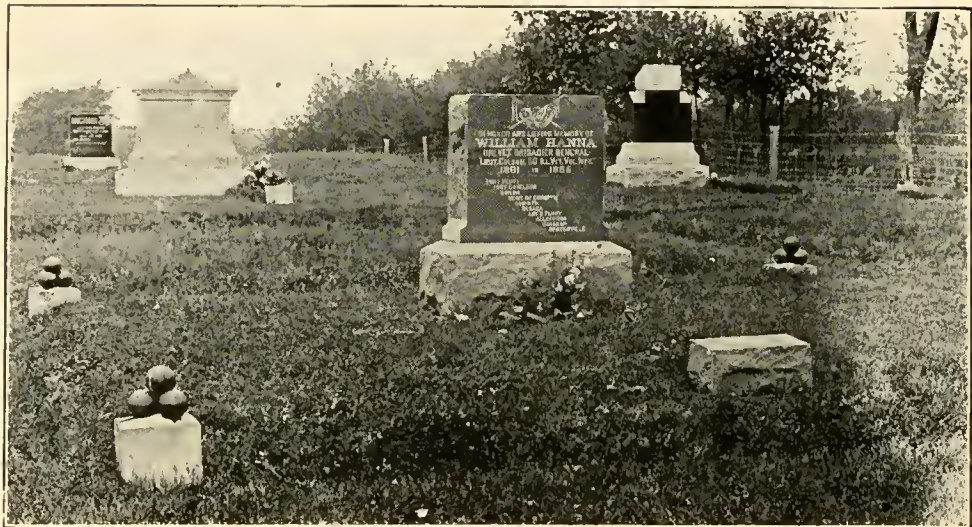
LIEUT. COLONEL 50 ILL. VET. VOL. INFY.

1861 TO 1865

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FORT HENRY
FORT DONELSON
SHILOH
SIEGE OF CORINTH
CORINTH
RESACA
LAY'S FERRY
ALLATOONA
SAVANNAH
BENTONVILLE

Names of prominent engagements in
which the 50th participated.



IN MEMORY AND LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM HANNA
ONE VEY BATTALION HONORAL
LEUTENANT COL. 101 ST. INF. REG. N.Y.C.
1881 1918
THIS POINT IS THE
SITE OF THE
HEAD OF THE
MOUNTAIN
IN THE
STATE OF
ALABAMA
NEAR
MONTICELLO

*Names Received for Year Ending
October 2, 1907.*

Martin C. Melville..... K
J. T. Jackson..... D
Lewis C. Slater..... B
R H. Price..... C

Other Comrades and Friends.

Peter B. Lott. Quincy, Ill.
John B. Menke, Quincy, Ill.
Frank W. Osborn, Quincy, Ill.
Thomas Carlin, Golden, Ill.
D. R. Boffenmyer, Co. F, 47th Ohio,
Ashland, O.
A. C. Mathews, Commander G. A.
R. Dept. Ill., Pittsfield, Ill.

Names Received for Year Ending October 2, '08

W. F. Stauffer..... D
A. J. Short..... C
Seth Thomas..... D
James A. Hibbard..... K
W. D. Turner..... E
S. T. Ranney..... G
R. L. Huggins..... D
Levi Wright..... A
Eben Lewis and wife..... E
John W. Campbell and wife..... D
John Gaitz..... D
W. M. Gooding..... C

Other Comrades and Friends.

C. H. Noble, 13th Ill. Inf., Dixon,
Ill.
Rev. Joseph B. Rodgers, 1st Baptist
Church, Quincy, Ill.
H. M. Wright, Chicago, Ill.
E. L. Hobart, 28th Ill., Denver,
Colo.

Names Received for Year Ending October 6, '09

Henry King.....Quartermaster

Other Friends

E. J. McKee, Halstead, Kas.

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, Sec'y
State Historical Society, Spring-
field, Ill.

James E. Adams, 137th Ill. Regi-
ment, Quincy, Ill.

Names Received for Year Ending October 9, '10

F. M. Stewart.....C

W. J. Davis.....B

William T. Gibbon.....K

R. D. Younger.....K

J. P. Long.....H

James T. Nesbitt.....H

Other Comrades and Friends, 1910

W. R. SykesBaylis, Ill.

E. K. Westlake, Co. K, 16th Ill.

..... Bushnell, Ill.

Names Received for the Year Ending Oct. 18, '11

Michael Sceiter.....C

Levi Wright.....A

Charles TrogdenE

J. H. GallaherD

Raymond Martin.....C

Geo. W. Lester.....C

Other Comrades and Friends

J. O. Anderson, Co. H, 28th Ill.
Inf'ty, Supt. Soldiers' Home, Quincy,
Ill.

I am honored in being granted the
privilege of contributing to a mem-
orial for Col. Wm. Hanna.

This closes the list of those who have contributed to the purpose of preserving a brief record of the original of the Badges adopted by the 50th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Reunion Association, the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Army Corps of the Union Army, with the list of engagements in which they participated.

The names of all friends contributing are recorded in this work, with the intention of placing a copy, with the letters referring to it, with the Historical Society, of Quincy, Illinois, for preservation.

No more names can be recorded. The edition is limited, and numbered up to 300, in order to make it valuable. We hope it will prove worthy of preserving.

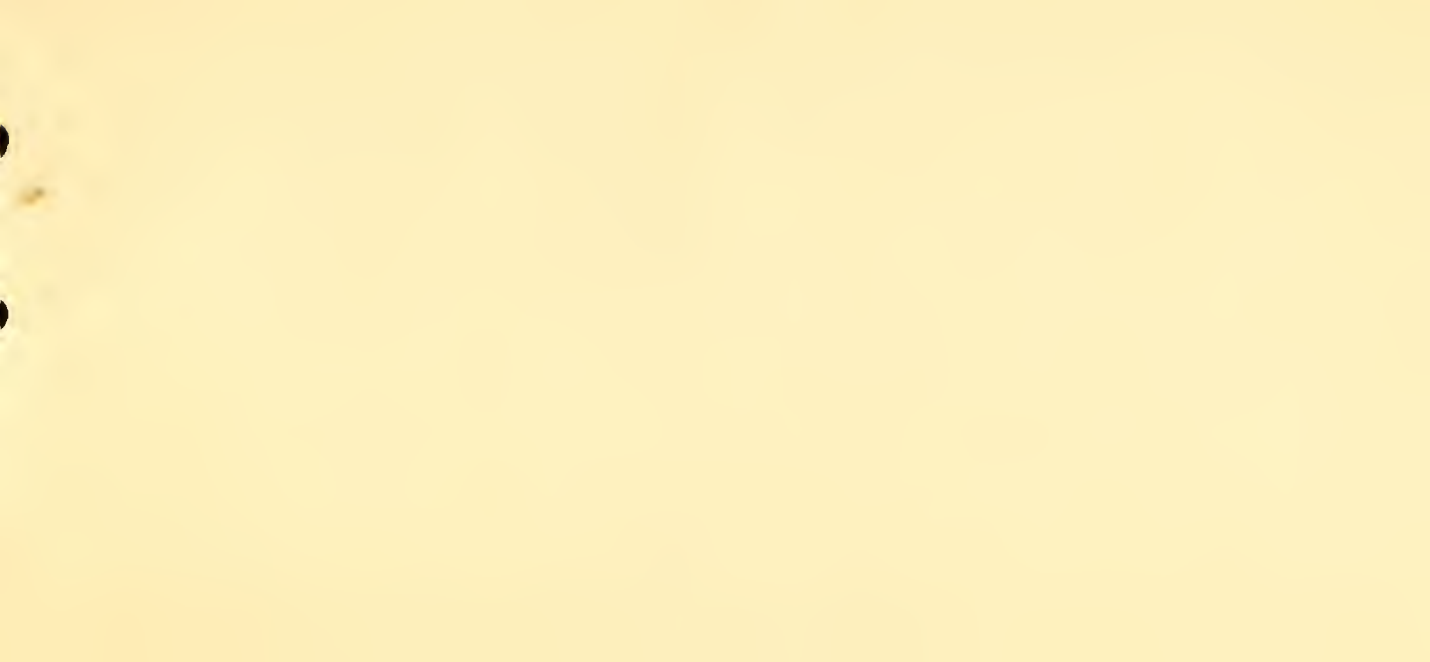
(Signed)

THE COMMITTEE,
By C. F. Hubert, Adjutant.

I am sending to each contributor some additional leaves, to be attached to the Historical Memorial of the 50th Illinois Infantry previously sent to you.

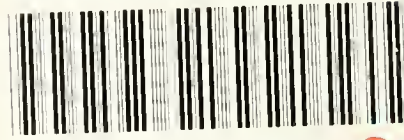
Take off the cover, insert the leaves, replace the cover and you have a valuable souvenir. Please acknowledge receipt.

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