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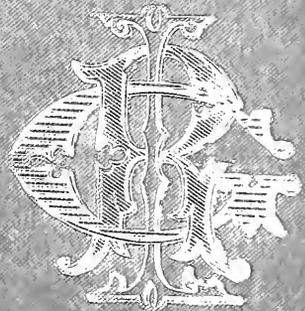
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LIGHT GUARD

WAKEFIELD, MASS.

1851 - 1901





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Marionette made by Lieut. James W. Rutter, showing facsimile of the first uniform worn by the company.

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## PREFACE.

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The GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY of the RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD on October 11, 1901, marks an important period in its existence. The past fifty years have brought to this honorable organization many and notable changes, a deserved prominence not limited by the borders of the town of Wakefield or the state of Massachusetts, and a remarkable record for patriotic service and deeds of valor upon the battlefield. Five times the company has responded to the call of the country for volunteers and four times have the members of the Richardson Light Guard participated in the perils and hardships of actual warfare. So it seems appropriate at this half century milestone to perpetuate, in permanent form, a record of the principal events affecting the organization from the date of its inception to the present time.

This history was authorized, written, and published by vote of the General Committee, appointed by the citizens of the town, and by the company, to assist the organization in a fitting celebration of its semi-centennial anniversary. The time given to its preparation and publication has been less than two months, and it became imperative to condense the large amount of material at hand. It has been, however, the aim of the compiler and author, to whom was intrusted the entire work without restriction, to chronicle, in as complete a form as possible, such records, facts and incidents, that in their entirety would produce a history of present interest and constantly increasing value to all present and past members, and friends of the company.

The work has been greatly lightened by the kind assistance of a number of individuals, who are especially deserving of credit for valuable co-operation given. These gentlemen are Mr. Stanley B. Dearborn, in the work of collecting photographs and assisting in the arrangement of illustrations, and for military records; Rev. Thomas A. Emerson for assistance on the early history of the company; Mr. William L. Coon for chapters on the war records of the organization

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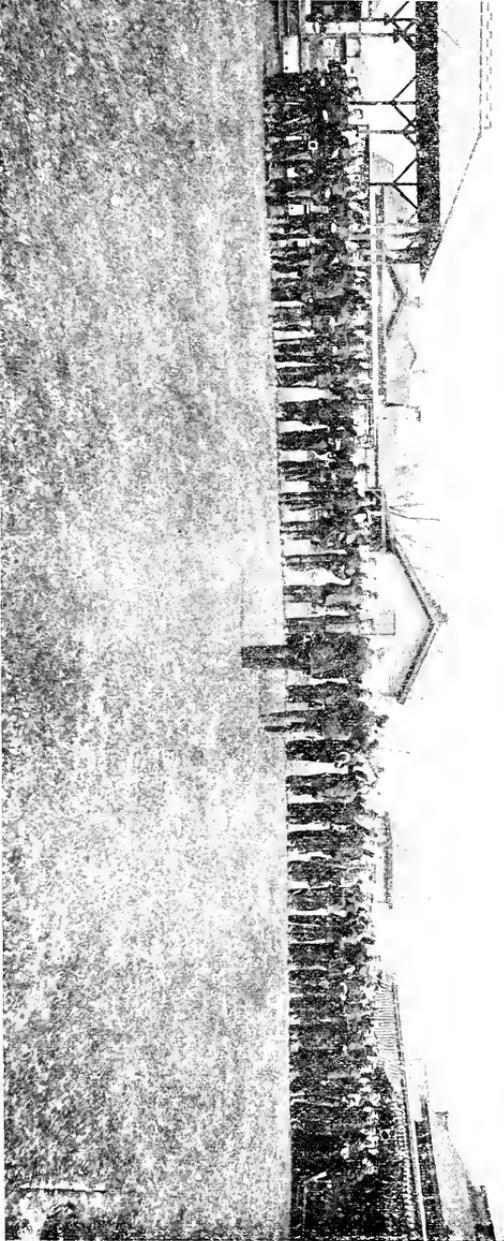
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Wakefield, Mass.

Sept. 26, 1901.



Showing the Uniform and Equipments Worn by the Company in the Spanish-American War.



Taking the Oath in 1898, at So. Frammingham, on being Mustered into the U. S. Service.



First State Militia Encampment. Concord, Sept. 7, 8, 9, 1859.

## INTRODUCTION.

### MILITARY SPIRIT IN ANCIENT READING.

During the dark and anxious days of the Revolution, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were talking concerning the fears and hopes of the people, the condition of the provinces and the state of the treasury. "What institutions have made New England what it is?" asked Jefferson. Adams replied: "Four things have influenced the life of our people and made them strong and brave and ready. These institutions are (1) the church, (2) the school, (3) town-meetings, (4) training days."

These training days, with all the soldierly enthusiasm and patriotism of the citizens of our historic town, are made very prominent during this autumn of 1901, when the citizens of Wakefield unite with the officers and members to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the organization of the gallant Richardson Light Guard. For this organization is not a new and strange plant in the soil of Wakefield, recently created or discovered. It is rather an evolution from a healthy seed sown in the mother-land and transplanted to these shores and valleys. It was good seed and grew to be a healthy plant. The early settlers were born in an atmosphere of war and war's alarms. Some of these saw service in England and in Flanders; and everyone heard from parents' lips the story of the destruction of the Spanish Armada. It is not strange then that, when coming to this new land, they were trained to the use of sword and gun. Often they found occasion to use these weapons when wild beasts abounding in the forests prowled about their sheep folds, and when hostile Indians attacked their homes.

This military spirit very early manifested itself in this village. Scarcely was the ink dry in the act of incorporation of ancient Reading, when citizens met and formally organized a train-band called the *Reading Infantry Company*. This was done in 1644, thereby anti-

cipating by one year the order of the Great and General Court which, in 1645, decreed that a military guard should be kept in every town to provide against invasions from Indians. At this time Reading was practically a frontier, "much isolated, agricultural, pastoral, and widely scattered;" west there was only Woburn (incorporated in 1642,) Concord (1635,) and Sudbury (1639,) and to the north within the present limits of the state only Haverhill (1641,) on the Merrimac. There were settlements on the coast—Salem, Marblehead, Lynn, Ipswich, Newbury, Rowley, Gloucester and Wenham.

This company thus organized existed for nearly two centuries—to 1840 when old militia laws were abolished, and a new plan adopted. Richard Walker was its first captain, and Asaph Evans its last. During one hundred and ninety-six years the fathers of the parish and town met for drills and training days. Young men in successive generations were apt students and learned splendid lessons of patriotism.

While this early company kept the even tenor of its way, there were special enlistments for special occasions. In 1675 Reading furnished its quota of troops who marched against the Pequots in King Philip's war. To Major Jeremiah Swain of this town was given the signal honor of being appointed commander-in-chief of all the forces raised to fight against the Indians on our eastern frontier, and to march to the defence of Deerfield and Hadley on our western borders. In 1711 and also in 1745 men from Reading enlisted in the armies which fought French and Indians in Nova Scotia. During this latter campaign ninety-six men served in the infantry and about seventy-five in the troop of horse.

In 1774 when the political sky was dark with thick clouds and mutterings of a severe storm were heard, the people of Reading were not one hour behind the patriots of Acton and Lexington in protecting their homes. Train-bands were organized, called minute-men, the First Parish having a company consisting of one hundred and four officers and men; of these, eighty-six officers and men, under the command of Captain John Walton, their pastor, the Rev. Caleb Prentiss accompanying them, hastened to Lexington on the 19th of April, 1775, and were the first to engage in battle when the British retreated from Concord. As the war continued, many men of Reading enlisted in the army or saw service in the navy. They

were at the battle of Bunker Hill, at Ticonderoga, West Point, Long Island and at other places. Capt. James Bancroft was detailed to serve at Washington's headquarters at Cambridge and was with the 8th Massachusetts that disastrous winter at Valley Forge. Thomas Emerson of the navy was captured and suffered hardships in Dartmoor prison.

In 1797 a company of cavalry was formed in Reading and vicinity. Aged persons agree in testifying that its uniform was handsome, and that its evolutions showed good discipline. During the war with England in 1812, the company was ordered to be ready for duty at a moment's notice. It is tradition, that night after night patriotic husbands put sword and uniform within easy reach while brave wives filled saddle bags with provision, that there might be no delay in responding quickly to orders and in marching to repel the British who were expected to land somewhere between Salem and Gloucester. Among its commanders from the South or First parish, now Wakefield, were Noah Smith, Col. James Hartshorn, Col. Lemuel Sweetser, Thomas Emerson, and Maj. Suel Winn, many of whose descendants are scattered over our town at the beginning of the twentieth century. This company disbanded in 1828.

In 1812 a company was organized in Stoneham, Reading and vicinity, called the Washington Rifle Greens. Its first officers were all of Stoneham. In a few years it became a South Reading company, changing its uniform from green to gray, and with a little alteration of name—Washington Rifle Grays. It saw service in the war and was stationed on Dorchester Heights, the village pastor, Rev. Reuben Emerson often visiting them. Among its captains were William Deadman, Samuel Wiley, Jr., James Brown, Col. Thomas Parker, Adam Wiley, Samuel Kingman, Maj. John Wiley 2nd, and Daniel Oliver. This company was disbanded in 1846, but many now living can testify to the soldierly appearance of the men marching through the streets to the music of snare drum and fife and big bass drum, or drilling on the village green to the delight and edification of the assembled townspeople. Many have been impressed with its striking uniform consisting of gray pants, dress coats, with bright stripes, and a dark hat with a feathery white plume fluttering in the breeze.

Thus during these years the spirit of military service was active and strong in the hearts of the men of Reading, and especially in the South parish, now Wakefield. These minute men of the Revolution served all the time that the state required; the cavalry company of 1797 existed 31 years; the Washington Rifle Grays of 1812, 34 years; the Reading Infantry Company organized in 1644 continued to 1840—a period of 196 years. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston ante-dated the Reading Company by only six years, being chartered in 1638, but aside from this instance, few towns, if any, can make a similar claim to as long-lived military enthusiasm.

#### CHANGES—A NEW ERA DAWNING.

The militia laws first adopted by Governor and Council in 1645 and amended from time to time by the General Court were found to be defective in several respects. Military service, it can be said, was in part compulsory, and such laws cannot in the nature of things create an *esprit de corps*. Besides there was not such supervision from the State as would secure the highest efficiency. The times were ripe for a radical change. In 1840 the old military laws were abolished, and what is called the volunteer system was inaugurated. This was open to amendments, and in 1849 a new military law was adopted by the State. To use the language of the Adjutant-General: "It seems to be an inevitable conclusion that this law has produced a great and favorable change."

Two years later, in 1851, Lieut. Col. Ebenezer W. Stone of Roxbury was appointed by Gov. Boutwell, Adjutant-General of the militia of the Commonwealth. Under his wise and vigorous administration companies and regiments became more efficient. The forces at this date consisted of an active militia of 5237 officers and men, with an enrollment of 114,469, making an available total strength of 119,706. The active or volunteer forces were embraced in three divisions of two brigades each, and two corps of cadets. Gen. Stone strictly insisted that the service must be established on a firmer basis. It was a period of great changes in the militia of the State. Fourteen companies were disbanded during the year, "many of which had been a drawback and incumbrance to the militia for a long time." But fourteen new companies were organized, one of which

was the Richardson Light Guard of South Reading. The old flint-lock muskets were called in and exchanged for those with percussion caps. The effort for more system and efficiency was greatly aided by the Attorney-General who, by vote of the State, recodified the militia laws. The laws approved of Gen. Stone's plans. So eager were towns to form companies that fifteen applications had to be refused in 1853, and thirty applications in 1854. These were the conditions existing prior to and at the time, a half century ago, when the Richardson Light Guard was organized.



## CHAPTER II.

### RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD—INCEPTION AND EARLY HISTORY.

Among the fortunate towns in this new era to secure a charter for a military company was Wakefield.

On a pleasant afternoon late in September, 1851, two young men were in the packing-room of the factory of Thomas Emerson's Sons, by Lakeside. One was looking out over Lake Quannapowitt, then commonly called "the Pond," and idly watching some white sails, while the other was busy at his desk writing. Suddenly, he looked up and said: "Carpenter, I think we ought to have a military company in town, and I shall try to start one. Our young men have no place to go to except the tavern and stores. There ought to be something better for them." "Very well," replied his friend, "I am in favor of your plan." At this moment another young man came into the room bringing a box of shoes. To him one said: "Joseph, we have been talking about forming a military company; what do you think about it?" "I am with you as to that," was the ready and emphatic reply. "Then we can count on you," was the remark of the man who suggested the movement. "We must mean business in this thing, even if we have to march through the streets alone with fife and drum." These young men were James F. Emerson, George O. Carpenter and Joseph L. R. Eaton. Then and there it was agreed that each should talk with other young men of the town on the subject, and call a public meeting as soon as possible. Quickly they went to work, and so thoroughly was the plan discussed in homes and shops and stores that many young men were found ready to join the organization.

On the evening of Oct. 1st, 1851, several persons met in the west school-room in the Town House for the purpose of considering a plan of forming a Light Infantry Company. Doubtless the room was dimly lighted, but every man present knew clearly what he

wanted. Very fortunate was the meeting to have such officers, Col. Nathan P. Colburn serving as chairman, and George O. Carpenter as secretary, than whom none better could be found. After a general expression of opinion, it was VOTED: "to form a company of Light Infantry;" and 26 names were enrolled as active members that evening. A committee of five was appointed to act as a rallying committee whose duty it was to canvass the town and secure other members. This committee consisted of James F. Emerson, Nathaniel S. Dearborn, who at that time was a member of the Boston City Guard, George O. Carpenter, John Wiley 2nd and Joseph L. R. Eaton. This was the first committee, and well did it labor, thereby securing the existence of the company, and laying foundations deep and broad. All have passed away except the chairman, Capt. James F. Emerson. Each one was interested in the good name and work of the company, and contributed not a little of time and money to make this organization an honor to the town.

Having resolved to form a company another question arose: what shall be the name? Then another committee was chosen to consider and report a name. For this purpose, John Wiley 2nd, George O. Carpenter, James W. Rutter, Nathaniel S. Dearborn and Samuel Kingman were appointed. Thus a beginning was made. It was done in an orderly manner—in the good old New England way. Men met and deliberated and discussed plans, as their ancestors had done. It was no new venture. Fathers of the town in each generation were interested in military affairs, some of whom had come to distinction such as Major Swain in Indian wars, and Gen. Brown in the Revolution. After the work of the Reading Infantry Company for 196 years, the Troop of Horse and the Washington Rifle Grays, it would be a matter of surprise if the Richardson Light Guard had not come to the front. And so the spirit of the fathers appears in the sons. This company was not formed out of a love of militarism, which is a desire for war or a thirst for conquest. These citizens believed in peace and thought of state and nation as devoted to industrial measures, manufacturing interests, and upholding church and school. But the underlying causes of such organizations are—a love of adventure, the spirit of comradeship, an instinct of fellowship on the one hand, and also a purpose to be ready for any call of duty to defend country, state or town.

The Rubicon is crossed, the case is decided, and a military company of young men is formed. Now strenuous efforts are made to perfect plans and secure a charter from the state.

These men lose no time. On Oct. 3rd they meet for drill without guns in Academy Hall, John Wiley 2nd presiding. Now the need of an armory is clearly seen. To secure a suitable room for drill a committee is appointed, consisting of John Wiley 2nd, G. O. Carpenter, and Benjamin F. Barnard. These are directed to wait upon the proper authorities and secure, if possible, the south-school room in the Academy building as an armory.

#### A CORPS NAME SELECTED.

On Oct. 7, an important meeting was held and much business transacted, Col. N. P. Colburn in the chair. The committee on canvassing had been busy and added eight men to the roll, making 34 on the active list. The committee on name unanimously reported that this company be called RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD. This report was favorably received and adopted, and the same committee was authorized to correspond with Dr. Solon O. Richardson and ask his consent to allow his name to be so used.

The committee on securing an armory made a favorable report, the authorities of the town granting the company the south school-room in the Academy building. John Wiley 2nd, F. C. Place, and Curtis Clifford were directed to put the room in a condition to be used for that purpose. Thus the company had now "a local habitation and a name." Nominations of commissioned officers being in order, G. O. Carpenter, James W. Rutter and Samuel Kingman were appointed to receive and count ballots. The result of nominations was as follows :

- For Captain*, JOHN WILEY 2ND.  
*1st. Lieut.*, NATHANIEL S. DEARBORN.  
*2nd.* " S. H. PITMAN.  
*3rd.* " B. F. BARNARD.  
*4th.* " SAMUEL KINGMAN.

John Wiley 2nd was chosen to act as chairman until the company could be formally organized.

Oct. 9th S. H. Pitman withdrew his name as a candidate for the office of 2nd Lieutenant, and John Sullivan Eaton was unanimously nominated as a candidate for this office.

#### THE FORMAL ORGANIZATION.

Oct. 11th is a red letter day in the history of the company. A charter was received from the office of the Adjutant General.

The orders calling for the formal organization were :

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HEADQUARTERS, BOSTON, OCT. 2, 1851.

#### SPECIAL ORDER NO. 28.

Whereas, George O. Carpenter and forty-seven others, have petitioned his Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief, for leave to organize a company of Light Infantry, in the town of South Reading, His Excellency grants the prayer thereof, and directs that orders shall be immediately issued for an election of officers, the notification thereof being addressed to George O. Carpenter of said South Reading.

The Commander-in-Chief further orders that, when said Company is duly organized, it be incorporated into the 7th Regiment of Light Infantry, 4th Brigade and 2nd Division, and known by the letter D. Upon application of the commanding officer, when chosen and qualified, and a certificate of the Selectmen of the town of South Reading, that a suitable place has been provided, arms and equipments will be supplied for their use by the Adjutant-General. Maj. General Wm. Sutton is charged with the execution of this order.

By order of His Excellency, GEORGE S. BOUTWELL,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

E. W. STONE, Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS 2ND DIVISION, SALEM, OCT. 6, 1851.

Division Order, No. 33.

Brig. General Joseph Andrews of the 4th Brigade is charged with the transmission of special order, No. 28.

Per order of MAJ. GEN. WM. SUTTON.

DANIEL PERKINS, Division Inspector.

HEADQUARTERS 4th BRIGADE, 2nd DIV., M. V. M.

SALEM, OCT. 8, 1851.

Brigade Order, No. 3.

Col. Nathan P. Colburn of the 7th Regt. of Lt. Infantry is charged with the transmission and execution of the foregoing Special and Division orders.

Per order of BRIG. GEN. JOS. ANDREWS.

HENRY MERRITT, Brig. Inspector, 4th Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS 7th REGT. LIGHT INFANTRY, 4th BRIGADE,  
2nd DIV., M. V. M.

SOUTH READING, OCT. 9, 1851.

Regimental Order, No. 5.

Mr. George O. Carpenter, Sir :—

You being the person named in Special Order, No. 28, are hereby charged with the execution of said order, together with Division order, No. 33, and Brigade order, No. 3, by notifying each of said petitioners to assemble at such place as you may judge proper, on Tuesday, the 21st of the present month, at 6½ p. m., for the election of Officers, said notice to be given at least ten days previous to the time of said meeting.

N. P. COLBURN,

Col. 7th Regt. Lt. Infantry.

SO. READING, OCT. 10, 1851.

The above order was counter-manded as far as related to the date of meeting, and Saturday, 11 inst., was ordered instead.

G. O. CARPENTER.

Under this authority the company met in Academy Hall, Col. N. P. Colburn in the chair, and elected officers as follows :

*Captain*, JOHN WILEY 2ND.

*1st. Lieut.*, NATHANIEL S. DEARBORN.

*2nd.* “ JOHN S. EATON.

*3rd.* “ BENJAMIN F. BARNARD.

*4th,* “ SAMUEL KINGMAN.

These men were all elected by an unanimous vote.



MAJ. JOHN WILEY, 2ND—FIRST CAPTAIN.

Maj. Wiley was commissioned Captain of the South Reading Rifles, Co. H, 4th Mass. Reg't, May 27, 1844, and was discharged Oct. 19, 1846 when the company was disbanded; was the first Captain of the Richardson Light Guard, elected Oct. 11, 1851, served until 1855; in 1857 was re-elected Captain and served until June 26, 1858; was elected Major of the 7th Reg't and resigned Mar. 6, 1861; commissioned as Captain of Co. G, 19th Reg't, May 1, 1861, and on Aug. 17 company was assigned to the 16 Reg't as Co. E; served two years in the war and resigned Aug. 26, '63.

Non-commissioned officers were chosen :

*1st. Sergeant*, JAMES W. RUTTER.  
*2nd. " "* GEORGE H. WILEY.  
*3rd. " "* RICHARD NEAGLE.  
*4th. " "* C. T. TOWNLEY.  
*5th. " "* G. O. CARPENTER.  
*1st. Corporal*, S. F. LITTLEFIELD.  
*2nd. " "* W. D. PARKER.  
*3rd. " "* JAMES F. EMERSON.  
*4th. " "* J. L. R. EATON.  
*Armorer*, T. W. COOMBS.  
*Fifer*, FRANCIS WILLIAMS.  
*Drummer*, JOHN A. TOMPSON.

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*Treasurer*, D. B. WHEELOCK.

*Clerk*, G. O. CARPENTER.

Hon. Lilley Eaton was appointed trustee of the Corps. D. B. Wheelock was unanimously elected treasurer, and an assessment of \$ .75 was voted to be levied on each member.

The following gentlemen were chosen Honorary members :— Col. Colburn, Benjamin F. Tweed, S. Holbrook, E. G. Moore, E. B. Potter, Thomas Emerson Jr., A. S. Burrill, James Burt, Cyrus Wakefield, James O. Dix, James F. Woodward, Joseph W. Aborn, C. L. Bayrd, and W. A. Hamlin.

A letter was read from Dr. Solon O. Richardson, allowing the company to use his name, and inclosing a check for \$500. It was voted to adopt the name of Richardson Light Guard ; and the clerk was directed to express the thanks of the Corps to its kind friend who had furnished a name and given such a munificent sum of money.

The organization needing rules, Capt. Wiley, G. O. Carpenter, N. S. Dearborn, N. P. Colburn, and John S. Eaton were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and code of by-laws.

The important question of uniform as to coat, cap, pants and equipments was put in charge of Lieuts. Eaton, and Dearborn and Sergt. Carpenter.



LIEUT. NATHANIEL S. DEARBORN,  
Charter Member.

Ist Lieut., Oct. 11, 1851. Commanded the company, 1851 to 1852 during Capt. Wiley's absence abroad, previously commanded the Boston City Guard.

## RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD.

## ORIGINAL CHARTER ROLL, OCT. 11, 1851.

Arrington, William S.	Eaton, Joseph L. R.	Parker, William D.
Bancroft, J. W.	Emerson, Lowell N.	Pitman, Samuel H.
Barnard, Benjamin F.	Eaton, Henry L.	Place, Franklin C.
Bartlett, G. J.	Hamlin, William A.	Pope, J. Holman
Burditt, Joseph T.	Hopkins, Nathan	Pope, Theodore H.
Burditt, J. Woodward	Hayden, W. H. Jr.	Rutter, James W.
Brown, Harry W.	Hawes, George L.	Rayner, John
Beatty, Robert	Knight, Henry C.	Sweetser, J. M.
Burnham, J. A.	Kingman, Samuel	Sweetser, H. N.
Burrill, Alonzo P.	Littlefield, Samuel F.	Standen, Simeon
Carpenter, George O.	Locke, John W.	Thompson, John A.
Carter, William	Lord, James H.	Townley, C. Thomas
Clifford, Curtis	Marshall, John	Walton, Edward H.
Coombs, Thomas W.	Mirrogen, John	Wheelock, D. B.
Cox, George	Niles, George A.	William, Francis
Cook, Jeremiah C.	Newcomb, Samuel N.	Wiley, George H.
Crawford, Robert	Nichols, Hannibal L.	Whitman, Eben W.
Dearborn Nathaniel S.	Neagle, Richard	Wiley, James M.
Dunn, Henry B.	Oliver, James G.	Wiley, Albert S.
Dyer, Eben S.	Oliver Henry	Wiley, John 2d
Eaton, John S.	Oliver, John G.	Wiley, A. E.
Emerson, James F.	Patten, William H.	

## CHARTER LIEUTENANTS.

See Opposite Page.

## Lieut. JOHN S. EATON.

2d Lieut., Oct. 11, 1851; 1st Lieut., Dec. 28, 1853; treasurer, Mar. 28, 1854; resigned as treasurer, Nov. 13, 1854; resigned as lieutenant, Nov. 13, 1854.

## Lieut. SAMUEL KINGMAN.

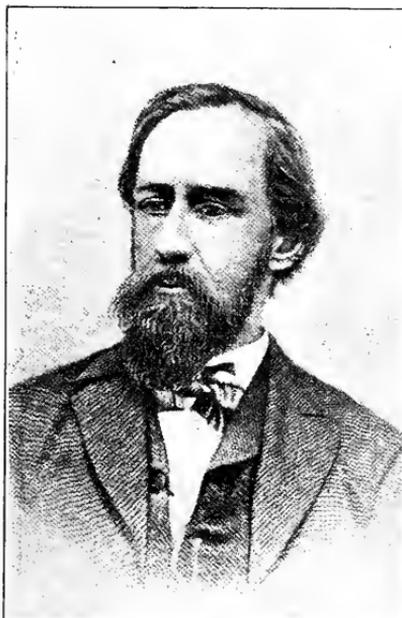
4th Lieut., Oct. 11, 1851; resigned same year; appointed Captain of early rifle company, Aug. 29, 1837.

## Lieut. BENJAMIN F. BARNARD.

3d Lieut., Oct. 11, 1851; 2d Lieut., Dec. 28, 1853; 1st Lieut., Nov. 13, 1854; resigned, Jan. 24, 1857; re-enlisted 1st Corp., April 17, 1861. Was in first battle of Bull Run. For further service see roster.

## Lieut. JAMES W. RUTTER.

Succeeded Lieut. Kingman as 4th Lieut., in 1851; 1st. Serg't, Oct. 1851; 1st Lieut., Feb. 7, 1857; resigned July 11, 1857.



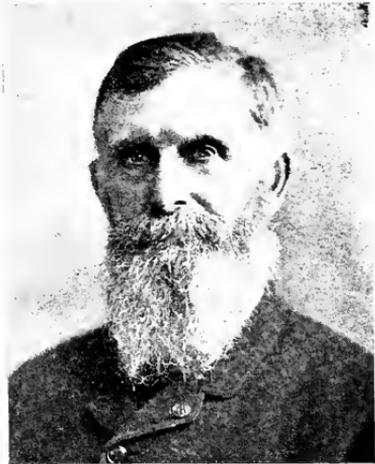
Lieut. JOHN S. EATON.  
Lieut. SAMUEL KINGMAN.

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FOUR CHARTER MEMBERS.



Lieut. EDWARD H. WALTON.  
2d Lieut., 1857-1859. See Roster.



4th Lieut. WILLIAM DURANT PARKER.  
Dec. 28, 1853. Pri. Co. B, 5th Reg't, M.  
V. M., April 1861. See Roster.



Serg't JOSEPH L. R. EATON.  
For many years Serg't in the Boston  
Lancers.



FRANCIS WILLIAMS.  
The original fifer of the company.

The martial music furnished by John A. Thompson, drummer, (whose picture we regret cannot be found,) and Francis Williams, fifer, will ever be remembered in connection with the early years of the R. L. G.

Oct. 16th. On this evening a uniform was adopted, consisting of a black frock coat, black pants, and black cap with white cock feather fountain. It was voted to purchase 64 sets of equipments at \$3.62½ per set. (The committee was afterwards instructed to pay \$3.75 per set.)

A constitution and by-laws were reported and adopted. This original constitution seems to have mysteriously disappeared together with the original charter roll.

Oct. 21. Lieut. Eaton, Capt. Wiley and Lieut. Kingman were chosen an investigating committee. Privates H. L. Eaton, E. H. Walton and Lieut. Barnard were appointed a committee on accounts together with the clerk and treasurer. Lieut. Dearborn, Serg. Carpenter and Fifer Williams were elected as music committee.

Privates Wheelock, Clifford, G. H. Wiley, Lieuts. Barnard and Kingman were instructed to furnish the armory at an expense not exceeding \$50.

Oct. 28. Private J. H. Lord was engaged to take care of the armory at \$1 per week. A committee was appointed to insert an article in the warrant for the next town-meeting, to see if the town would grant the continued use of the armory to the Corps. This was granted at the annual town meeting in November.

Messrs Thomas Winship, John Brewster, William B. King, and Daniel G. Walton were elected honorary or active members. At the next subsequent meetings held during the first year, the names of Daniel Sharp, John F. Hartshorne, A. P. Burrill, G. W. Hartshorne, O. S. Moulton, C. S. Emerson, Joshua Eames, William M. Arrington, John Eaton, Joseph E. Tucker, J. W. Norcross, and John McKay, were also added.

Thus during this month—October, nine meetings were held which were each largely attended. Men were interested. Many questions were carefully discussed, the correct settlement of which was necessary for the best interests of the company. The questions of charter and armory being decided satisfactorily, another matter caused much patient thinking, viz: the style and cost of uniform. It was arduous work to select an attractive uniform. There were very few meetings in these early days without some vote being taken on this question. At first the uniform adopted cost \$19.50 each

man ; that is, \$14.25 for coat and pants, and \$5.25 for cap and white cock feather fountain. A month later it was voted to adopt the pattern of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. wing ; that Lieut. Dearborn purchase 40 pairs at \$2.00 per pair ; and that they be paid for from the funds of the company. During the next year it was voted to make an alteration in the stripes on the pants. These changes made the uniform very attractive, which remained substantially the same until the Civil War.

At a meeting held on Nov. 4, 4th Lieut. Kingman resigning, the Company elected 1st. Serg. Rutter to fill the vacancy. Privates George Bradley and Lowell N. Emerson were granted permission to have their names transferred from the active to the fine member list.

Now work began. Men entered with enthusiasm on fall and winter plans. Drill, drill, manual of arms, company evolutions in the school yard during pleasant weather—all this was delightful labor for long evenings. It is true that during these early days of the Corps, there were constant changes in the list of non-commissioned officers, resignations and promotions being frequent, and at nearly every meeting there was a record of active members admitted and inactive names put upon the list. Still the company was firm in the resolve to excel in drill, and to learn the duties of a soldier. The cost of furnishing the Armory was \$77.35. On its walls were pictures of distinguished military heroes or of celebrated battles which constantly reminded every man to do his best. Early in November Lieut. Bird was engaged to drill the Corps, three evenings prior to the first parade. This officer had an excellent reputation as a master of drill among companies in Boston, several of which had engaged him for special work ; and his efforts with the Richardson Light Guard were favorably received.

#### THE FIRST FALL PARADE.

The first parade occurred on Friday, Nov. 20th at one o'clock in the afternoon. It was for target practice. The Company appeared in full uniform—dark coats, pants and caps. It made an imposing appearance. Headed by the Reading Band and accompanied by several fine members who were in good drill, the procession marched through the streets ; and on every side were heard praises

for the organization, of which the town was proud. Before the residence of Dr. S. O. Richardson it went through a few company or battalion movements; and then the kindly donor and several invited guests joining them, they marched to the field where many tried to hit the bull's eye, but most shots went wide of the mark. On returning, all were invited to partake of a generous collation at the riding house of Dr. Richardson, who by word and money was always encouraging the company. The men greatly enjoyed the first parade for target-practice, and became more interested in drill from evening to evening.

A special meeting was called for Nov. 30th when Samuel F. Littlefield was chosen 1st Sergeant, vice James W. Rutter promoted, W. D. Parker 4th Sergeant, vice S. F. Littlefield promoted; James F. Emerson 1st Corporal, vice W. D. Parker promoted; Joseph L. R. Eaton 2nd Corporal, vice J. F. Emerson promoted; Henry L. Eaton 3rd Corporal, vice J. L. R. Eaton promoted; E. H. Walton 4th Corporal, vice H. L. Eaton promoted.

As the meetings during the winter of '51 and '52 were largely attended, the men steadily gained in proficiency in drill. There was a strong united purpose to aim at perfection.

#### PRESENTATION OF COMPANY BANNER.

During the first year, on a date that it has been impossible to fix definitely, the ladies of the town presented a beautiful banner to the company. The funds were raised by one dollar popular subscriptions. The flag was painted by the late James Burt, then a member of the corps. The presentation address was made by Miss Almira Richardson, a sister of Dr. S. O. Richardson, senior. There is no information to show whatever became of this beautiful flag. The presentation was made in the following language:

#### GENTLEMEN OF THE RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD:

The ladies of South Reading have assigned to me the agreeable task of presenting, in their behalf, to your company, the banner which is now unfurled. Perhaps I can discharge this duty no more acceptably, than by making the designs of the artist, the theme of my brief discourse.

Upon the obverse of the banner I perceive the arms of our Commonwealth the shield enclosing which bears the celebrated motto: "By the sword he seeks peace under Liberty." This at

once suggests to our minds, the *danger* of our fathers, and the necessities of their conquering peace by the aid of the arts of war. It also points out the means by which peace may be perpetuated. The thirteen stars crowning this standard remind us of the same number of states which combined together to achieve the Independence of our country, while the sun breaking through and dispersing the clouds, signifies that such is the progress of our land that no artist can tell what number of stars to close our confederacy, the sun therefore is one appropriate emblem.

The arm with uplifted sword indicates the power which is inherent in the military, as the upholder of the laws and the executor of justice. The cannon ball, sword, drum, and flags appropriately represent the means by which your ranks preserve order and become effective. On the reverse of the banner the stars, sun and clouds appear as on the obverse. Underneath the National Eagle reminds us of the loyalty of the Soldier to the *Union* as well as to the state. Of the portraits enclosed between the Eagle and the coat of arms of the United States it becomes not me to speak. In common with all his relatives, I am deeply impressed with the attachment which your company possess for him and which I can assure you is fully reciprocated. On the right the stack of arms and encampment, indicate a portion of the discipline of the citizen soldier, and on the left your company is held in remembrance by one of its numbers in full uniform. The name of the company is borne on both sides of the banner and will indicate to observers the name of the gentleman represented on the reverse of the banner, who being a friend of law, and liberty supported by law must necessarily be a friend of the military arm of our republic.

The designs of the reverse rest upon an intertwined palm and olive, the former representing victory and the latter, peace, which alone makes victory desirable. The garlands of roses which are suspended from the scrolls, represent the trophies of peace, under which the wilderness is made to blossom like a rose. In the name, then, of the Ladies of South Reading, I present this banner to the Richardson Light Guard. With it, I can give you the assurance that they look with pleasure upon your progress in the military art. While they are fond of peace and regret the necessity of ever resorting to arms for its preservation, they are not unmindful of the advice of the Father of our country, and therefore are pleased to see preparations for war as a means of preserving peace, and its companion, liberty. Take then this banner, while its folds wave over your company, may they inspire you with ardor and zeal. In quiet times it will be an ornament on the field and at your parades, and if fortune should summon you to the battle ground, it will there proclaim the anxiety which your mothers, wives and daughters will have for your safety and success.

In conclusion I will remark that the organization of your company has been regarded by the ladies of South Reading as the chief attraction of the present year, and they are happy, in presenting, this feeble tribute to your energy, to acknowledge the gratification with which your martial bearing and soldier-like appearance have impressed them.

#### THE KOSSUTH PARADE.

The season of 1852 opened bright and fair, and was marked with several notable events. First in order of time was the visit to Massachusetts of Louis Kossuth, the patriot of Hungary. His plan of introducing free institutions into his native land appealed to the liberty-loving men of the old Bay State. April 24 was the reception day, when the company paraded in Boston with 31 guns. At the early hour of 6 o'clock in the morning the members assembled at the armory. Members were obliged to buy special caps at 75 cents each for this occasion because the regular caps ordered were not finished promptly by the manufacturer. An assessment of 50 cents each was levied to pay for dinner.

It was a day long to be remembered. The crowd was immense. Long lines of troops marched to the Revere House where Kossuth was the guest of the state and city. As he appeared in the ample portico and walked to his carriage, cheer after cheer rent the air from a multitude of throats. He was a noble looking man of medium height, large head and high, full forehead. He wore a soft black hat with a long, bushy feather on the right side, which set the style for young men and boys for several years. For this parade the company was paid \$50, the first money received by it from the Commonwealth.

One month later, May 27, 1852, marks the first occasion of the company attending a funeral, the deceased member being James Burt. Once a member of the Boston Light Infantry, on removing to South Reading he gave sympathy and aid to the Richardson Light Guard. He was a man of culture, an artist by profession, many homes in town having family portraits, the evidence of careful study and skillful brush. It was he who painted the portrait of Dr. Richardson on the handsome banner presented to the company.

In June two boys were appointed Markers: Solon O. Richardson, son of the god-father of the Guard and a strong, true friend

of the organization today, and Thomas A. Emerson. They seemed to take great pleasure in being members of the Richardson Light Guard; they were seat-mates in the High School under Mr. Frederick A. Sawyer. It was their duty to march near the head of the column or behind the first platoon; so when orders were given—"File right" or "File left," they hastened to the turning point, and standing firmly, presented arms, or spears in this case, causing the men to turn a square corner. At encampment the brigade or regimental line was formed on them. No other company had boys to serve in this duty so they had double work to do. Their uniform was attractive, with sword and gold cord, and they carried a stick of some dark wood tipped with a gilded spear; on each pole was a silk flag—one blue, the other white—with the letters "R. L. G." in gilt.

On July 5, this year, the Company made its first parade on Independence Day! It met at the armory at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and with full ranks headed with a Boston Band marched through the streets, which were bright with bunting, many citizens having decorated their houses with the stars and stripes. It was a gala day; people from neighboring towns flocked to the village and were interested in the dress parade on the common in the morning, and delighted with fireworks in the evening. Many remembered the day on account of its intense heat, some soldiers actually suffering by reason of their thick uniforms. All were pleased with the celebration, citizens and Light Guard co-operating to make it successful.

#### RECEPTION TO DANIEL WEBSTER.

Four days later, July 9, the Company again paraded in Boston and were present at the reception tendered to Daniel Webster. The Guard marched near the head of the column; and such heat! Dr. Richardson and other friends followed the company from point to point, and when a halt was made, brought ginger soda and cautioned the men not to drink ice-water or lemonade. But Daniel Webster! What a dome-like head! How large his frame! What big eyes! He had a look which threw men into awe. Carlyle has said that "Webster was like anthracite burning throughout, but needing only to be blown upon to exhibit overpowering flame." Everybody thought of him as the "expounder of the Constitution;"

some remembered his forceful speech in the U. S. Senate closing with the words: "Liberty and union, now and forever, one and inseparable." It was a scene ever to be remembered as he passed by standing in a landau and holding an umbrella over his bared head, while multitudes cheered, officers saluted, and soldiers presented arms. It was for many the last look at Webster, for he died the next October. His was a wonderful record as jurist, statesman and patriot. There were some who thought that in his seventh-of-March speech his predominant motives were selfish, with a bid for the nomination of President. But the final judgment of the nation repelling with emphasis these accusations, is doubtless expressed in these words:

"Where once thou wert the Atlas of the state,  
Our first of statesmen, and our pride of men;  
Stand here as when thou hadst the Gorgon head  
To strike disunion factions terror-dead."

"Stand here, as for the Greeks, Demosthenes,  
And for the Romans later, Tully stood;  
So skilled the ear of Senators to please;  
And sway like storm the yielding multitude;  
Besides, we have our Everett, Phillips, Choate;  
They were but pupils, their high teacher thou,

Thy poise unmatched, thy deep-set eye, that brow,  
That voice, as though from some sea-caverned throat;  
Thus by thy great Creator's self endowed,  
To be a nation's true interpreter,  
A diplomat against the world for her,  
To throne appointed, and to crown allowed,  
Stand here, as rock hewn from thy granite home,  
To show what Athens had not, nor yet Rome."

—*J. E. Rankin.*

Aug. 31, a meeting was held when the constitution was amended to read as follows: "If any member of the Company when on parade, either in full or undress uniform, shall become so intoxicated as to be incapable of performing his duty in a soldier-like manner, he may be expelled from the Company by a majority of the members and voting at any regular meeting of the Company." This vote manifests the purpose of the company to maintain an excellent reputation, and to prize those things which are of good report, while

doubtless it served as a restraint upon some members who might otherwise be tempted.

#### THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

Oct. 28, 1852. On this date, Thursday, the company celebrated its first anniversary by a parade for target practice. After a short parade about South Reading the company marched to the west part of Reading where target practice was indulged in for two prizes, one worth \$5, the other \$3, given for the two best shots. These prizes consisted of two gold pencils. The Reading band furnished music, under charge of a committee, consisting of James F. Emerson, J. W. Bancroft and J. W. Locke. The records say that the collation cost \$50, being furnished by Mr. Vaugh, and each member was assessed \$2 to pay for the expenses of the day. A number of fine members paraded with the company. James Oliver, J. L. R. Eaton and W. D. Parker was the efficient committee on collation. The first wearing of crape as a badge of mourning occurred on this occasion out of respect to the deceased Secretary of State, Daniel Webster.

This winter the company arranged a course of dancing parties. The company evidently had a hard struggle to meet its liabilities for at a meeting on Nov. 16th, 1852, after the treasurer had made his annual report, it was voted to assess each member \$1.50 to liquidate the debt of the company.

Nov. 30. The company paraded at the funeral of the late Secretary of State. The inevitable collation, which went with each public parade of the company, appears to have been also a part of the exercises on this occasion and each member was assessed \$1.00.

May 25, 1853. The second spring parade of the company was held. The company met at the armory at 9 o'clock, and after a parade about town took cars for Haverhill, where, after participating in a short parade in that place, it returned to Wakefield and held a banquet. The expenses of this trip resulted in an assessment of \$3.25 per man and the inactive members were invited to pay the same.

June 7, '53. At this meeting, Lieut. Dearborn, in behalf of the commissioned officers, presented a beautiful daguerreotype likeness of Dr. Solon O. Richardson, in a neat frame.

June, '53. In this month, during the absence of Capt. John Wiley abroad, Lieut. Dearborn was appointed acting captain by order of Col. N. P. Colburn, regimental commander, and served with marked efficiency for nearly a year.

July 4, '53. This was another gala day for the company. It met at the armory at 7 o'clock in the morning and proceeded to Salem, upon invitation of the fathers of that city and participated in a grand parade. The company this day consisted of four officers, 38 guns, two markers and three musicians. After marching through 21 streets they were served with dinner, after which the company listened to speeches made by patriotic citizens. They were then forced to bid adieu to their Salem friends and "trusting themselves once more to the iron horse" arrived home at about 5 o'clock p. m.

#### THE FIRST CAMP DUTY.

In August, '53 the first company muster was held and consisted of three days' service. Elaborate preparations were made for this tour of duty. Street parades were held three evenings a week. The muster occurred at Salem on the 24th inst. As the company was ordered to report in that city at 8 a. m. it was obliged to leave Wakefield at 6.05 o'clock, and go to the "Witch City" by way of Boston. The usual assessment was made this time amounting to \$6 per man. In this tour of duty the company, under Lieut. Dearborn, together with the second division of Mass. Volunteer Militia, was sent into camp on Winter's Island, Salem Harbor. The first day was spent in battalion and company drills and no spectators were allowed on the island. The second day the division marched into Salem City, distance about two miles, then back into camp, where Gov. Clifford and staff reviewed them, in the presence of a large gathering of spectators. The third day the company was inspected by Gov. Clifford in the forenoon, and passed in review in the afternoon. The corps then returned to Salem, embarked over the So. Reading Branch road and reached home in the evening.

The first muster was a revelation to many men who had never seen so many troops brought together for drill. Each company became ambitious to excel in handling guns or in battalion movements. Such a spirit of good fellowship! At table something good and substantial was expected, and in addition after dinner and supper

there was "a feast of reason and flow of soul." Toasts, speeches and songs abounded. Lieut. John S. Eaton often gave some rhymes, Sergt. Littlefield was ready with a conundrum, and Private McKay sung many a song which caused roars of laughter.

Oct. 27, '53, (Thursday) marks the second anniversary which was observed by a parade, target practice and collation. Music was furnished by the Boston Brass band and the fine members participated in the parade. The prizes were as on the first anniversary, two gold pencils. The company paraded under command of Lieut. N. S. Dearborn, and preceded by the band they marched through several streets of the town, going through dress parade opposite the residence of Dr. Solon O. Richardson, a custom that was kept up with few breaks to within the last decade. After a social half hour with the Doctor they took the cars for Reading, where the citizens of that town furnished them a collation. After an hour's parade in Reading they went by cars to Greenwood, where target practice took place, the first prize going to Albert S. Wiley and the second prize to Corp. H. C. Knight. At 5 o'clock the company met their guests at the Greenwood depot and marched up to the town hall where dinner was provided and toasts and speeches made. The occasion is put down on the records "as one long to be remembered."

Dec. 20, '53. Lieutenant Dearborn received an honorable discharge for serving in the militia for 22 years and by unanimous vote of the company his name was placed on the honorary list. Remarks complimentary to Lieut. Dearborn's service were read by Capt. Wiley, Privates Oliver and Carpenter. This resignation changed the complexion of the officers to quite an extent, John S. Eaton being elected 1st Lieut., Benj. F. Barnard, 2nd Lieut., James W. Rutter, 3rd Lieut., and W. D. Parker, 4th Lieut.

Jan. 24, '54, marks the introduction of a new method of making discharges, at the suggestion of Colonel Colburn and thereafter discharges were made after being approved by the general commanding the brigade. During the early years of the history of the company new members were admitted and active members discharged by a simple vote, entirely unlike the present military regulations covering these features.

Feb. 21, '54. At this meeting the subject of a new armory was brought up but nothing was done until some years later.

April 25. The company voted, 19 for and 9 against, to purchase bear-skin caps, which could be procured at the price of \$8.00 each.

May 31. This date marks the company's annual spring parade. The Guard left their armory under command of Capt. Wiley, who had rejoined his company after his absence abroad, with 33 guns and the Reading band. After parading about town they took cars for Malden, where, after passing through the streets, they were welcomed by the citizens of that town with a most elaborate collation. The corps then proceeded to Medford where they were again provided for by the citizens of that town in a most appreciatory manner. Proceeding to Boston the company marched upon the common and later rested at the Musical Exchange kept by Mr. Nathan Richardson. The day closed with a dress parade on the shores of Lake Quannapowitt. The company's strength on this day was 44 present, 9 absent.

On July 6th it is recorded that the commissioned and non-commissioned officers went to Melrose for elementary drill. The records show that these officers were very attentive to this feature of their military duty.

Aug. 23-4-5. On these dates was held the three days' encampment for this year at Winter's Island, Salem.

Oct. 24th. The fall target practice and parade was held on this date. The company went to Reading and paraded through the streets of that town.

#### A NEW CAPTAIN.

Nov. 13. James F. Emerson was elected Captain at this meeting.

This year, 1855, the Guard held its May parade on the 30th inst., with 58 men and officers, headed by the Wilmington Brass band. They proceeded to the house of Dr. Richardson where they received the banner in due form. The target practice was held on Hart's Hill, and the usual afternoon parade was held.

July 4th. The company, on invitation of the citizens of Lawrence, visited that city under command of Capt. Emerson and pa-

raded, escorted by the Lawrence Light Infantry Company and the Warren Light Guards.

This year the state militia was reorganized and the company was changed from D Company to E Company of the 7th Regiment, which included also Co. C Stoneham, Co. G Haverhill, Co. F Chelsea, and Cos. A, B, D and H, Gloucester.

The annual encampment was held this year on Winter's Island, Salem Harbor, beginning August 25th and continuing the usual three days.

#### G. O. CARPENTER ELECTED CAPTAIN.

Capt. James F. Emerson resigning the latter part of this year, '55, the command devolved upon Lieut. B. F. Barnard, until January 1st, 1856, when George O. Carpenter was elected Commander.

On this date, Aug. 25th, there was the usual street parade, also a parade in Reading where the corps indulged in target practice and at the residence of A. Cummings, Jr., they were furnished with a collation. The company marched home down the east side of the lake. The festivities of the day closed with fire-works and a banquet in the north upper room in the bank building, at that time used as an armory.

The Middlesex Journal speaking of this parade said, "The anniversary parade of the Richardson Light Guard was the occasion of much enjoyment and real satisfaction to the Corps and its friends and of these it appears to have many. We doubt if the state can produce a much finer looking or better drilled body of men, and drilling the short time they have been organized we look in vain for their equal."

May 28, '56. The annual spring parade occurred on this date. The company marched upon the common under command of Capt. Carpenter, preceded by the South Reading Brass band, where they went through a few battalion movements followed by a parade through the principal streets. On this occasion they were entertained by Lieut. J. W. Rutter, "in a style such as might be expected of a perfect gentleman and one who shows himself to be interested in and surely is a live member of the corps." Later there was a collation at Capt. Carpenter's residence. In the early evening the corps marched up the east side of the lake, practicing street firing.



**CAPTAIN JAMES F. EMERSON,**  
**Charter Member.**

Nov. 13, 1854 to Dec. 19, 1855; July 10, 1858 to 1859;  
Mar. 2, 1867 to Jan. 29, 1870.

The dress parade opposite Dr. Richardson's residence occurred as usual.

Sept. 3, 4 and 5. On these dates the company, as a part of the 4th Brigade, 2nd Division, went into camp on Winter's Island, Salem, under the command of Capt. George O. Carpenter.

#### FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED IN CAMP.

Oct. 16 and 17. These two dates mark the 5th anniversary of the company, and was observed in the unusual way of going into camp for two days, under command of Capt. Carpenter, with Lieut. J. F. Emerson acting as adjutant. Preceded by the Salem band the company paraded with 50 men through the streets of the town and then marched to their camp, situated on the brow of Dr. Hart's hill, the tents having been pitched on the night previous. The men, after a short drill, were marched to dinner prepared by Caterer J. B. Smith. The special guest of the day was Adjutant-General Stone. There was a drill in the afternoon and entertainment at Dr. Richardson's house in the evening. The second day was given over to the usual company drills and battalion movements during which Gen. Joseph Andrews and staff, and Col. Saunders and staff, reviewed the company in the presence of a large gathering of citizens. The corps hired ten men from the Boston Light Artillery on this occasion, with a brass field piece, from which salutes were made. Camp closed with an excellent collation at the armory.

May 27, '57. Annual spring parade. It consisted of the usual parade and banquet.

#### JOHN WILEY 2ND AGAIN IN COMMAND.

Aug. 18. At a special meeting John Wiley 2nd was elected Captain, Capt. Carpenter having resigned on the 8th of this month.

It was customary for many years for the commissioned and non-commissioned officers to hold periodical elementary drills sometimes in Melrose, other times in Salem and other places, and the records show that the officers turned out in full ranks.

Sept. 9, 10, 11. The annual encampment was held on the above dates at Danvers. The company reported at the Lynnfield hotel. This year was inaugurated the plan of sending a camping party the day previous to pitch the tents of the company. The camp at



MAJ. GEORGE O. CARPENTER,  
Charter Member.

Captain, Jan. 8, 1856 to March 5, 1859; April 7, 1860 to April 7, 1861. Com-  
mander Ancient Honorable Artillery Co. of Boston  
1868, with rank of Major.

Danvers was called "Camp Sutton," and the company, under command of Capt. Wiley, made the tour of duty with 49 men, including three musicians. The company marched from the hotel to the camp-ground.

Oct. 14. The 6th anniversary of the company occurred on the above date. A parade was made complimentary to Capt. Wiley. The company went to Reading and held a parade headed by the Germania Military band of Boston. On their return to Wakefield in the evening they were entertained by Thomas E. Parker, followed by a grand complimentary concert by the band at the town hall.

May 26, '58. This date marks the spring parade. The company turned out with 43 guns.

#### CAPT. EMERSON SERVES A SECOND TERM.

July 10. Capt. Wiley having resigned this month a meeting was held on the above date when James F. Emerson was unanimously elected Captain.

Aug. 25, 26, and 27, '58. On these days the Company went into camp on Winter's Island, Salem. Gov. Banks and staff reviewed the Brigade on the last day of camp and "on this occasion Co. E, under its honorable and respected Commander, was noted for the orderly and soldier like deportment of its men, their sobriety and activity in all things pertaining to a true soldier."

This year there was an unsuccessful attempt to get new uniforms for the company; and the turning in to the Company treasury of money paid by the State was adopted, although it had been customary heretofore for the treasurer to pay all bills of the company from the bounty money, and then, if there were not funds enough, to credit the balance from the members.

#### CAPT. LOCKE TAKES COMMAND.

March 5, '59. At a special meeting held on this day, Geo. O. Carpenter was elected Captain to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation and honorable discharge of Capt. J. F. Emerson. Capt. Carpenter declined to serve again and John W. Locke was elected Captain by an unanimous vote.

May 7th. At this meeting Cyrus Wakefield and Lucius Beebe

were voted honorary members "as a token of respect and a memorial of friendship."

May 21st. It was voted that the roll of fine members be placed in the armory.

Sept. 7, 8, 9. These three days mark the dates of the annual encampment spent in Concord, at Camp "Massachusetts." It was a notable occasion as all the State Volunteer Militia were brought together. The varied uniforms of the different commands made the scene very picturesque. Eighteen bands made "music in the air" and stirred every heart. The troops marched four miles to the battle ground at North Bridge :

"Where once the embattled farmers stood,  
And fired the shot heard round the world."

On arriving at the monument each Company gave three cheers for the heroes of '76. On the third day members of both Houses of the Legislature visited the camp, escorted by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. A grand square of about one mile in length was formed, and a grand review was held by Gov. Banks with Maj. Gen. John E. Wool, U. S. A., as his guest, who won an imperishable name by his services at Buena Vista, in the Mexican War. This encampment went into history as the first of the kind in the country. It exerted a powerful influence over the soldiers, educating them in patriotism. And the people were greatly impressed, for not since the war of 1812, had so large a force been seen in the State.

The Richardson Light Guard kept open door, entertaining scores of friends who took a just and honorable pride in the appearance and drill of this Company.

Feb. 25, 1860. The company met in their new armory in Kingman's Block, now standing at the corner of Main and Albion streets.

Mar. 14. Wednesday evening, the new armory was dedicated with a grand ball.

#### G. O. CARPENTER AGAIN CAPTAIN.

April 17. Capt. Locke having resigned early this year Lieut. Carpenter was elected as his successor at a meeting held on this day.

In the spring of this year the ladies of the town held a fair for the benefit of the Company. This year the Company was the reci-

partment of a fine portrait of Maj. John Wiley. Dr. Solon O. Richardson's portrait was also presented to the Company by Capt. James F. Emerson.

May 12. At this meeting it was voted to adopt a new uniform with the exception of caps.

Sept. 12, 13, 14. These dates mark the annual encampment held this year in Haverhill. The Company performed its three day's duty under Capt. Carpenter. "Camp Saunders" was pleasantly situated on a high hill overlooking the town and commanding a fine view of the surrounding country. The Company had been in quarters but a short time when it commenced to rain, and "never did it rain or blow harder since the flood." Several of the tents were blown down, and most of the regiment took shelter in a barn at the foot of the hill. The next day came out clear. Gov. Andrews reviewed the Regiment on this occasion. This was the first time the Guard had wet their uniforms since they were organized.

#### PARTICIPATES IN RECEPTION TO PRINCE OF WALES.

Oct. 18. The Company went to Boston and participated in the review given in honor of H. R. H. Prince of Wales. The committee in charge of the arrangements were Lieuts. Emerson and Locke; Sergts. George Abbott and J. D. Draper and Corp. J. H. Knight. The company left the Armory at 6 o'clock in the morning on this tour of duty and reported in their new gray uniforms.

Oct. 22 witnessed the ninth anniversary parade of the Guard with 83 guns including honorary, fine and active members. They paraded as a battalion of 6 companies under command of Capt. Carpenter. After parading about the principal streets they marched to Hart's hill where two hours were spent at target-practice. The day's festivities closed with a banquet and after-dinner speeches. On this occasion Dr. Richardson spoke on the following sentiment: "The Richardson Light Guard; may the members all change their color and grow gray before the year 1861 expires, and may each one of them also possess the activity required to practice the Hardee drill until they arrive to the age of the honorable Ralph Farnham."

Nov. 17. At this meeting it was voted that the letter E be

placed upon the wings and the letters R. L. G. be placed upon the pads of the coat.

The latter part of this year the Company equipped itself with new guns and bayonets and procured an iron gun rack in which the guns were kept.

Jan. 5, '61. The report of the Armorer showed that the extent of the Company's property was as follows :

58 Roundabouts,	7 Water pails,	1 Drum,
34 Breast plates,	1 Music stand,	2 Marking flags,
31 Pairs of wings,	1 Music stool,	1 Level and box,
50 Cross belts,	2 Tables,	3 Mirrors,
63 Gun slings,	6 Chairs,	2 Stoves and powder can,
30 Uniform coats,	4 Settees,	138 Bullets,
3 Pairs pants,	11 Cushions,	1 Steak frier,
55 Uniform closets,	1 Clock,	10 Bayonet scabbards,
506 Blank cartridges,	41 Ball cartridges,	12 Regulation caps.

and other small articles, running from 19 knives and 15 forks, down to 6 sheets of sandpaper and a feather duster.

#### RUMORS OF IMPENDING CIVIL STRIFE.

Jan. 18, '61. The first appearance of anything tending to call attention to the great war which opened a few months later, was at a meeting held at the Armory on the above date, Jan. 18. This was a special meeting called for the purpose of responding to orders from the Commander-in-chief to ascertain how many men were ready to respond to the call for action. Twenty-three men were present and all announced themselves ready to march to the field of battle. This was a forerunner of the patriotic ardor of the members of the company during the years that followed.

At a meeting held on the following day (Jan. 19,) the commander gave notice that he should drill in the future Scott's Tactics, in view of the possibility of being called out to active duty. At this meeting 35 men signified their willingness to respond to the call.

The records say that at this meeting one member responded "no."

Feb. 3. 29 members responded to the roll call with 22 absent.

Feb. 12. At this meeting the commander notified the Company that the new uniforms were ready and would be delivered immediately to such members as had paid for the same.

At this meeting the following orders were read by Capt. Carpenter:—

No. 1.—“The present condition of National affairs renders it possible that the services of the Volunteer Militia of Massachusetts may be required at no distant day and at short notice by the President of the United States for the defense of the Federal Capitol, and it is the desire of the Commander-in-Chief that troops may be in readiness for any legal requisition that may be made upon them.”

No. 2. “The Major-general would impress upon all, both officers and men, the importance of company drills and thorough preparation for service, and they should immediately take measures to arrange their affairs so as to be in readiness to respond to any orders they may receive; that the company rolls should be rigidly scrutinized, and exertion made to supply the places of those members not reliable with men who will be at all times ready for service, and, in order that, should the troops be called upon they may enhance their own reputation and confer honor on our own ancient Commonwealth.

No. 3. The troops called into service will be supplied with overcoats, blankets, knapsacks, haversacks, canteens, ammunition, rations and camp equipage suitable for duty for which they may be detained, and all reasonable measures will be taken to secure their comfort.”

These orders were promulgated under direction of Col. Lyman Dyke. From this time on the Company had frequent drills both in the hall and on the streets of the town. At a subsequent meeting the commander was authorized to petition the proper authorities for the proposed change in uniform adopted by the company.

The following month the cartridge boxes were altered. The records of the company show no additional evidence that the members expected to be called into active service as soon as they were. The usual routine business was transacted with occasionally a member voted in or another member discharged.

#### RESIGNATION OF TWO POPULAR OFFICERS.

April 16, '61. On this date Capt. Carpenter called a special meeting, at which time he stated, “that probably the 7th regiment would be called upon to enlist in the United States service, and that for himself to leave his business at that time would be attended with a serious loss and a sacrifice which he did not feel it right to make, therefore he should apply for his discharge as commander of

the company." Lieut. J. F. Emerson addressed the company to the same effect, whereupon it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to report a list of candidates to fill the vacancies. The following committee was chosen—William H. Walker, George W. Townsend and Jason H. Knight.

This committee suggested the names of Henry D. Degen for captain; John W. Locke for 1st lieutenant, and Charles H. Shepard for 2nd lieutenant. An informal ballot followed, but before any action was taken, on motion of Lieut. Locke, it was voted to indefinitely postpone the whole subject. At the suggestion of W. H. Walker a committee of seven was chosen as a rallying committee. This committee consisted of William H. Walker, Jason Knight, Frank W. Hayden, George H. Green, George W. Townsend, Charles F. Hartshorne and James A. Burdett. It was then discussed as to whether the company, if called on duty, should wear their gray or blue uniforms, and it was voted that the standard color of the company be gray. The uniform committee was authorized to procure gray fatigue caps for the company and to attend to altering the sergeants' scabbards.

#### JOHN W. LOCKE TAKES COMMAND.

Under order issued by Col. Dyke, from the headquarters of the 7th regiment at Stoneham, Mass., on April 17, 1861, the members of Company E assembled on the evening of that date for the election of commanding officers to fill vacancies. Henry D. Degen presided at this meeting. It was first voted "that the company leave for the war in their gray uniforms and that the blue uniforms be also worn after the gray ones have all been filled." Voted, "that the money subscribed by citizens be appropriated to pay for the new uniforms and all other disbursements of the company."

Col. Dyke presided over the election which followed, and the result was as follows :

Whole number of votes, . . . .	51
Necessary for choice, . . . .	26
Henry D. Degen, . . . .	50
John W. Locke, . . . .	1

Mr. Degen was declared elected but declined to serve. A new ballot resulted in the election of John W. Locke, who received 49 out of 52 votes cast. Henry D. Degen was then elected 1st lieut., C. H. Shepard 2nd lieut., and George Abbott was elected to fill the office of 4th lieut., the 3rd lieutenancy not being vacant.

## CHAPTER III.

### REBELLION OF 1861.—FIRST RESPONSE TO THE CALL FOR TROOPS.

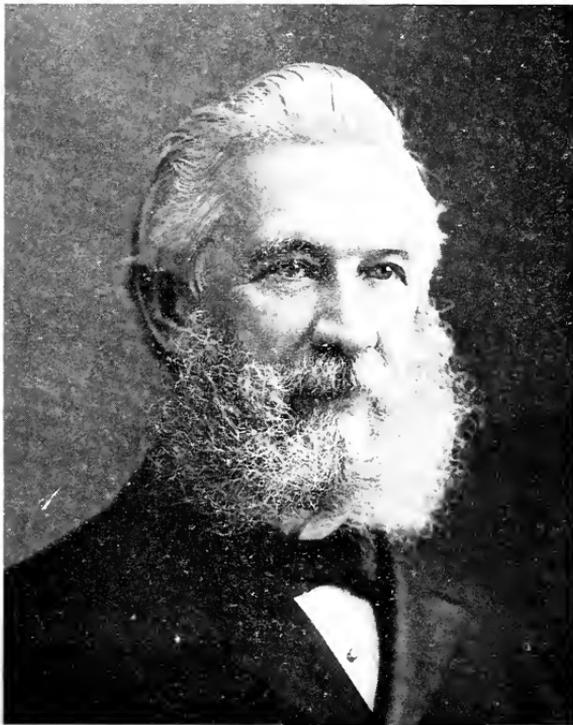
The condition of national affairs in 1861 foreboded possible civil strife. Amidst the darkest and most revolting instances of treason and national corruption the early pages of the Rebellion of 1861 show the most glowing examples of patriotism and the sublimest heroism. Of the few Massachusetts regiments which enjoyed the honor of being the first in the field, the Fifth regiment was conspicuous, and the Richardson Light Guard as Co. E, being attached to this regiment, shared in the great honor.

On the fifteenth of April, 1861, the officers voted to tender the services of the regiment to the commander-in-chief, and on the seventeenth inst. the regiment was ordered to hold itself in readiness for duty.

In Eaton's History, page 574, this paragraph is found: "To the honor of the company be it recorded, that they not only signified their willingness to be thus called upon, but also expressed a strong desire to do and dare in the defence of the Union, and longed for the opportunity; and especially after the attack upon Fort Sumter, were earnest and even clamorous for orders to go." Joseph E. Wiley, who was armorer of the company in 1861, had the distinguished honor of hoisting the first flag in town upon the staff upon Kingman's block, at the corner of Main and Albion streets, then used as the armory, when Sumter was fired upon.

President Lincoln's proclamation of April 15th, calling for 75,000 militiamen "to maintain the honor, the integrity and the existence of our National Government, and to redress wrongs already long enough endured," was flashed over the wires throughout the north, "like a fiery cross of Rhoderick Dhu."

At half-past twelve o'clock noon, on April 19, 1861, Capt. Locke received orders from Col. Lawrence to report at Boston for



**Gen. Samuel C. Lawrence.**

Col. 5th Reg't, M. V. M.

In command at First Battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861.



service at the front. Bells were rung and guns fired and in prompt response the members began to assemble. At 2.30 o'clock, only two hours later, the company, numbering 87 men, rank and file, marched from the armory to the common, under command of Capt. John W. Locke. Here an appetizing collation was served, having been quickly prepared by the citizens of the town. The company, escorted by a great gathering of townspeople, marched to the depot, where patriotic speeches were made and "good-byes" said. The speakers were Edward Mansfield, Hon. Lilley Eaton, P. C. Wheeler, Rev. E. A. Eaton and others. At about 4 o'clock the soldier boys boarded the train enroute for Boston. On arrival in the city the company marched to Faneuil Hall, escorted by the Malden band, and a delegation of townspeople, who had made the journey to Boston. That night was spent in the attic of that historic building.

During the entire day and night on Saturday, the 20th inst., thousands of persons were collected about the Faneuil Hall headquarters. Here followed the equipment of the regiment, and this was an arduous task and yet it went on record as being done quickly and with the utmost order. At four o'clock on Sunday morning, the 21st, breakfast was served and preparations made for immediate departure for the front. Daylight was streaming through the windows of the hall as the troops took up their march. The regiment formed in line on South Market street and at five o'clock marched to the station of Boston & Worcester road. Here the regiment joined Major Cook's battery of Light Infantry, which had been attached to Col. Lawrence's command. It was nearly seven o'clock when the long train left the station amid the wildest cheering of the gathered spectators.

Springfield was reached at one o'clock and the trip across the state and through Connecticut was one grand ovation. At Framingham, Springfield, Worcester and Meriden, Conn., the soldiers were greeted with ringing of bells, roaring of cannon, bands of music intermingled with cheers and a "God bless you." The regiment reached New York at eight o'clock that Sunday evening and dined at the Lafarge house. The boys proceeded without delay on board the steamship Ariel, six companies under Col. Lawrence and four companies under Major Keyes.

Major Cook's battery boarded the steamer *De Soto*. At 3 o'clock the next morning, Monday, the 22nd, the steamers left for Fortress Monroe, which was reached the following afternoon, and thence to Annapolis, where the troops were disembarked on the morning of Wednesday, the 24th, during a heavy rain storm. There was considerable sickness on the boat and until they reached Washington there was only hard bread and ham to eat. Already there were in port steamers loaded with troops. At Annapolis the regiment was denied the use of the U. S. barracks and one night was passed on the street, some sleeping on the sidewalks and in doorways.

On Thursday, the 25th, in the evening, the regiment marched to the Annapolis railway station to take cars for Washington. Some were open freight cars, so crowded that the troops were obliged to stick their guns in the stake irons of the cars to prevent them from being pushed off. The "Junction," about 20 miles distant, was reached in fair shape, but owing to the hostilities of the rebel sympathizers in this region and the damage inflicted on the railroad property to prevent the speedy reinforcement of troops in and around the national capital, the regiment was ordered to leave the train and marched over the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. When within a few miles of Washington the regiment was met by a train from the capital city and rode the rest of the distance to Washington, arriving at one o'clock on the afternoon of the 26th. Here the regiment was ordered to quarters in the treasury building, a new and damp structure, where it remained until May 25, and where the boys contracted colds and coughs. Rations were poor and scarce at first, and the troops very early spent what money they had brought from home.

The regimental baggage did not show up until the 29th, on which day the regiment was visited by President Lincoln.

On May 1st the regiment marched to Jackson Square and were mustered into the United States service as Co. B, 5th Regt. Mass. Vols., and later proceeded to the White House and passed in review before the president.



LIEUT.-COLONEL JOHN W. LOCKE.

Charter Member.

Captain, March 5, 1859 to March 1860; April 17, 1861 to 1862. Commanded the company at the battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861. Lieut. Col. 50th Reg't, Mass. Vols., 1861 to 1862.

Following is the roll of

CO. B, 5TH REG'T MASS. VOLS.

MUSTERED IN MAY 1, 1861.

MUSTERED OUT JULY 31, 1861.

Captain, John W. Locke,	South Reading.
1st Lieut., Chas. H. Shepard,	South Reading.
2d Lieut., James D. Draper,	South Reading.
1st Sergt., George W. Townsend,	South Reading.
2d Sergt., Jason H. Knight,	South Reading.
3d Sergt., Benj. F. Barnard,	South Reading.
4th Sergt., George W. Aborn,	South Reading.
1st Corp., William E. Ransom,	South Reading.
2d Corp., James M. Sweetser,	South Reading.
3d Corp., George H. Green,	South Reading.
4th Corp., James A. Burditt,	South Reading.
Musician, Alvan Drake, Jr.,	South Reading.
Musician, William Vaux,	South Reading.
Private, Oramel G. Abbott,	Reading.
" Oliver S. Adams,	Reading.
" Charles E. Anderson,	Reading.
" James H. Anderson,	Reading.
" George W. Batchelder,	Melrose.
" Samuel S. Barker,	Andover.
" Robert S. Beckwith,	South Reading.
" Hiram Bixby,	South Reading.
" George A. Burditt,	South Reading.
" John S. Coney,	North Reading.
" Jona. Cook, Jr.,	North Reading.
" Joseph O. Dix,	South Reading.
" A. A. Eaton,	Reading.
" Henry W. Eustis,	South Reading.
" Joseph S. Eustis,	South Reading.
" James M. Fairbanks,	South Reading.
" Charles N. Fletcher,	Reading.
" Davis Foster,	South Reading.
" James H. Griggs,	Reading.
" Charles T. Harrington,	South Reading.
" John F. Hart,	South Reading.
" Albert A. Hartwell,	Reading.
" Frank W. Hayden,	South Reading.
" William H. Hayden, Jr.,	South Reading.
" Alexander M. Haywood,	South Reading.
" Orrin S. Hosmer,	Woburn.
" Henry D. Hoyt,	South Reading.
" George H. Kidder, Jr.,	South Reading.
" Byron Lord,	South Reading.
" George H. Lord,	South Reading.
" Edward Magee,	South Reading.
" Thomas M. McKay,	South Reading.
" Gordon McKay,	Melrose.
" John McKenzie,	Boston.
" James M. Morrill,	South Reading.
" George Moses,	South Reading.
" George W. Nichols,	Reading.

"	Nathan D. Parker,	Reading.
"	William D. Parker,	South Reading.
"	J. Q. A. Parker,	South Reading.
"	Leonard Peterson,	Reading.
"	Edwin Pratt,	South Reading.
"	Benj. W. Parsons,	Lynnfield.
"	Christian E. Rahr,	Reading.
"	Osius Rayner,	South Reading.
"	John Rayner,	South Reading.
"	Charles H. Robinson,	Reading.
"	John D. De Ronde,	Reading.
"	William H. Sherman,	Reading.
"	John R. Stevens,	South Reading.
"	Oliver S. Sweetser,	North Reading.
"	Thomas Sweetser,	South Reading.
"	Thomas Smith,	Melrose.
"	Charles Thompson,	South Reading.
"	John F. Thompson,	South Reading.
"	Frank L. Tibbetts,	Reading.
"	Charles H. Tibbetts,	Reading.
"	Admiral J. Twiss,	South Reading.
"	William N. Tyler,	South Reading.
"	William H. Walker,	South Reading.
"	Henry F. Wardwell,	Reading.
"	Horace M. Warren,	South Reading.
"	Robert H. Weston,	Reading.
"	Joseph E. Wiley,	South Reading.
"	William Wiley,	South Reading.
"	Edward L. Wilkins,	South Reading.
"	William Wyman,	Melrose.

The regiment had daily drills and occasional short marches, and were kept on the *qui vive*, momentarily expecting orders to proceed to the front. The room in which Co. E, together with the Salem Company, was quartered was some sixty feet long and twenty feet wide, and here 160 soldiers found accommodations.

Under date of May 2, Serg't Aborn wrote home :

"Capt. Locke has just brought in a package of South Reading *Gazettes*; and you can't imagine how they rushed for them, almost upsetting table, ink stand and everything else. Do not find any account of our doings, but *do* find that all the love of the Union still lives there."

The provisions, sent by the market men of Boston by the steamer "Cambridge" arrived on May 11th.

While quartered in the Treasury Building at Washington the company were the recipient of numerous gifts from friends in South



AS THE R. L. G. STOOD FROM '61 TO '65—READY.

Reading, and the following resolutions were passed at a meeting called by Capt. Locke :

RESOLVED: That we owe a heavy debt of gratitude to the people, and more especially to the *ladies* of South Reading, for the very seasonable supply of clothing and innumerable little comforts just received, and we pledge ourselves that wherever we may be placed during this campaign, we will never disgrace the ladies, our town, our state, ourselves or the *clothes*, by any misconduct before the traitors whom we have come so far to repel.

RESOLVED: That the thanks of the company are due to our late Commander George O. Carpenter Esq., for the assiduity for which he has labored for its welfare since it left Massachusetts and the many favors from him of which we have been the pleased recipients.

RESOLVED: That we are especially indebted to Messrs. Samuel F. Littlefield and James F. Woodward for the table furniture sent us by them, and that we hope they may never feel the want of such articles as we have done.

RESOLVED: That these proceedings be published in the South Reading Gazette.

PER ORDER,  
GEO. W. ABORN,  
Clerk.

The records of the above meeting also allude as follows to the return home of Lt. Degen and Private Parker :

“The company regretted very much the return home of Lieut. Degen and Private J. Q. A. Parker. It was the desire of neither to return home, but owing to the former being left at Annapolis, Md., and transferred to New York by order of the regimental surgeon, by reason of sickness and then upon regaining his health returning to Washington, where he resigned his commission when he found that his office had been filled by a new election called for under the regular army regulations.”

The records of the Company, as printed in the South Reading Gazette at that time, and embodied in a series of resolutions prepared by Private F. W. Hayden, Serg't Benj. F. Barnard and Private Thos. McKay refer to Lt. Degen as being particularly kind and attentive to the sick and ever ready to administer to their wants.

On the 17th of May the company had target practice, each man firing three shots, prizes being offered for the three best shots. On Sunday, the 19th, the Company attended church. Following this time troops arrived very fast from the different states, several of

them with bands. The mornings were devoted to squad and company drills and afternoons to regimental drills under Col. Lawrence and Lieut. Col. Green.

On May 25, several members of Co. B witnessed the funeral services of the heroic Col. Ellsworth at the White House, viewing the features of the victim of the Marshall house episode at Alexandria. The funeral cortege on its way to the depot passed the treasury building and was viewed by the regiment. At 10 o'clock in the forenoon on this day Gen. Mansfield ordered the regiment to march across Long Bridge. After an hour on Virginian soil return orders were received. At half-past ten o'clock the same evening the regiment left its headquarters in the treasury building, recrossed the bridge, and after marching about six miles toward Alexandria went into camp.

One day a party of five from Co. B went over Long Bridge. Private Henry W. Eustis shot a small hawk on the wing with his pistol. A boat was found at the draw and the dead hawk secured. On the other side they found two rebel pickets stationed and had quite a talk with them. One of the Rebs asked who shot the bird on the wing, observing that it was a remarkable shot. Corp. J. M. Sweetser pointing to Private Eustis, said he was the man and was the poorest shot in the company!

The next day was Sunday, the 26th. The regiment moved back one-half mile and established a new camp, and later in the day was joined here by a detachment which had been left behind in Washington to bring forward baggage, provisions, etc. The Camp was named "Camp Andrew" in honor of the war governor of Massachusetts.

On May 28 the regiment, together with the New York Zouaves and the First Michigan were engaged in building Fort Ellsworth on Shuter's Hill. For this work 300 men were detailed each day from each regiment. On June 3rd camp was struck and a new camp pitched one-fourth of a mile from Fort Ellsworth and styled "Camp Massachusetts."

Three days later a police force was detailed for patrol duty at Alexandria, under command of Lieut. Charles H. Shepard of Co. B who was appointed provost marshal. For some time the 5th regiment continued to send each day one company to that city to

act as picket guard, being stationed at prominent street corners to examine passes, etc. On June 14, the troops at "Camp Massachusetts" were visited by President Lincoln, who was accompanied by Secretary Chase and Secretary Cameron. June 17, the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill was celebrated by the two Charlestown companies in a grove near the 5th regiment.

On June 18 the Company was visited by Dr. S. O. Richardson, George O. Carpenter, Thomas Emerson, Dr. S. O. Richardson Jr, Charles Copeland and John Betume. The company gave three cheers for the Doctor and three for Capt. Carpenter. The party dined with the boys, and delicacies not generally had in camp were enjoyed.

Two days later a brush occurred on the road near a slave pen which was an object of great interest to the boys. Of the rebels one young man, a sergeant, was shot and whose comrades did not carry him away. Co. E boys brought him in with five or six others they captured in a previous skirmish. The young sergeant was a slim fellow, who did not look as if he had done much of any work. Letters were found in his pocket; one from his sister who wrote that she would send him the rubber cover to her piano for him to use for a blanket. How sad, for his friends when they found that it would be of no use to him! He was well armed, having two nice pistols, one entirely new, never having been loaded.

Private Robert S. Beckwith secured a heavy iron handcuff used on slaves which is now in the possession of Mr. Alexander Turnbull of Wakefield.

#### A JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION IN CAMP.

The day previous to the Glorious Fourth the regiment raised a flag pole in front of Col. Lawrence's quarters. This day the First Minnesota regiment camped near the South Reading Company. The Fourth was royally celebrated. At sunrise the regiment formed in line and marched to the flag-staff where the stars and stripes were unfolded amid hearty cheering. For two hours several bands played popular selections in front of regimental quarters. At noon the regiment formed in line on the parade ground; and marching to the shade of a large tree, formed a square and listened to the reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Chaplain. Singing of the

Star Spangled Banner, and America followed, and after the firing of thirty-four guns by the artillery the troops marched to dinner, consisting of roast lamb, green peas, etc. During the evening there were "fireworks;" a large dead tree, with a thick, dry foliage was set on fire and old newspapers, with bunches of firecrackers in the centre, thrown into the flames. After refreshments, and music by the band, nine cheers were given for the stars and stripes and the regiment returned to quarters. The next day Governor Andrews of Massachusetts visited the camp. Paul Hart Sweetser visited the company on July 10th.

July 15. This day the boys were visited by a delegation of South Reading citizens, among whom were Capt. George O. Carpenter, William H. Atwell, John G. Aborn and Capt. James H. Carter, who was then in business in Baltimore.

#### MOVING ON TO CENTREVILLE.

The next day the camp was in an uproar. Orders had been received to move forward. Knapsacks were packed with three day's rations; and blankets were slung across the shoulders. The regiment, in light marching order, crossed Shuter's Hill and with the other regiments of the brigade and division took up the march to Centreville, where were the Fortieth Penn., First Minn., Eleventh Mass., and Rickett's battery. At night the brigade camped near Pohicks, seven miles from Mt. Vernon, the home of Washington. At daylight the following morning the march was resumed and Sangster's station on the Orange and Alexandria railroad was reached. While lying in camp here the troops could plainly hear the battle going on at Blackburn's Ford, in which the First Mass. was badly cut up. At 5 p. m. on the 18th, the regiment continued on to Centreville, which it reached at nine o'clock, during a heavy thunder storm, and encamped for the night in a grain field. The lights of the various regiments of the great army of 30,000 loyal Northerners were to be seen on every side. It continued to rain most of the night! On the march to this place a few prisoners were captured on the road. "Our regiment was in advance" wrote a member home, "and the R. L. G. had the honor of being at the head of the largest force that ever started this side of the big waters."



OLD TOWN HALL IN SOUTH READING.

As it appeared during Civil War days. This is a copy of a picture taken in 1868, on the day when the town changed its name to Wakefield.

A member of Co. B recalls an incident that occurred early the next morning. He saw a flock of about fifty sheep coming out of a grove, about forty rods from camp. By the time he could arouse a few companions and get them to their feet, a hundred soldiers or more from the different regiments arose and enclosed the flock. Not a sheep escaped and Co. B boys were fortunate in securing three of them. The troops rested this day, the 19th. Copies of the Herald were received in which a writer styles the regiment "the Steady Fifth."

July 20. Members of Co. B visited the headquarters of Gen. McDowell and some of the batteries, and then went to the village of Centreville, a half mile distant, a town of all one-story houses. Going further to the Warrenton turnpike crossroads, and the outside picket post, the grove was seen where the First Mass. had a hard fight the previous day. One of the party picked up an unexploded six-pound shell, which was later exhibited in the South Reading armory and was exploded at the fire at the James Eustis barn on Sept. 3, 1891, thirty years later.

#### PARTICIPATES IN FIRST BATTLE OF BULL RUN.

The next day, Sunday the 21st of July, opened early and the soldier boys realized that a battle was certain to come quickly. It was half-past one in the morning when the company was ordered to "fall in lively," and lively, too, the line was formed. An hour later the regiment started, but as soon halted and it was half-past four o'clock when the whole division moved forward to Bull Run, just three months from the day of leaving Boston. The great army of the Union had begun its march! The sun rose in a cloudless sky, and the advancing columns of Union soldiers, with glistening bayonets and gay flags, moved with measured tread through the primeval forests of the Old Dominion, "apparently as resistless as the sweep of destiny." Passing through Centreville to Warrenton turnpike the division went south over Cub Run, and kept to the right in the direction of Sudley's Ford, about seven miles distant. A little after six o'clock four guns were fired by a battery on the left, but were unanswered by the Confederates, who were in large force not a great distance away.

It was an anxious time waiting for the impending struggle ; men's nerves were strung to highest tension. At eleven o'clock open country was reached. The batteries in advance almost immediately engaged the rebels. Volleys of musketry quickly followed, indicating that the infantry had entered upon the fight. Franklin's brigade crossed Sudley's Ford, up rising ground, past the church, through the woods and openings to where the battle was raging. The brigade was halted a moment and blankets, etc., were discarded and then came the order to advance. The Fifth Mass. was ordered forward on the double quick, and away went the Richardson Light Guard, past dead and wounded, both friend and foe, and midst raining shot and shell. Co. E took a position on the brow of a hill, directly in front of the rebel batteries, and between Rickett's and Griffith's (Union) batteries and the opposing rebel batteries. They lay on the ground for some half an hour with shot and shell passing over their heads. Then came an order to charge the rifle pits in front. The men rose and charged forward on the double quick, with shot and shell coming thick and fast. Here it was that James H. Grigg was wounded in his elbow, and later taken prisoner, and Joseph S. Eustis wounded in his left hand.

A change of orders come to the Fifth and they were ordered to advance to a road leading to a hill beyond, to support Rickett's battery and the Fire Zouaves, (Col. Ellsworth's command) who were about to charge the enemy's batteries. The regiment splashing through a brook, hastened toward the Zouaves, but on the way Rickett's battery drove through the centre of the regiment, breaking up the ranks of two companies. The companies immediately rallied, the command, "Forward, double quick." was given, and a position was quickly taken on the left of the Zouaves. A murderous fire was kept up at this time by the rebels on the right. Rickett's battery was doing good execution on the left and front, but the men were obliged to retreat, as over one half of their number were killed or wounded. In the advance Color Bearer Lawrence was shot dead and Sergeant Wallace was wounded.

#### THE RETREAT TO WASHINGTON.

The regiment retreated from the field and marched to Centreville. In about an hour an order come to march back to Washing-

ton, twenty-five miles away. The First Battle of Bull Run resulted in a complete rout for the Union forces; but the Confederates, although stimulated to superhuman courage by the presence of President Jefferson Davis, found themselves in no condition to follow up the victory they had gained, and to press on to Washington. The defeat while it was a severe rebuke to the politicians who had forced it, secured the support of every loyal man in the Northern States for the Union cause, whatever his previous political convictions might have been.

Early in the forenoon of the following day, July 22nd, the regiment continued its backward march in a heavy rain storm, and at about ten o'clock reached "Camp Massachusetts" at Alexandria. At noon orders came to resume the march to Washington, and the nine miles were tramped in four hours, the capital being reached at four o'clock, the boys being hungry, wet to the skin and covered with mud.

The Richardson Light Guard left the battle field with three of its members missing—Serg't George W. Aborn, and Privates James H. Griggs and Frank L. Tibbetts, the two latter being alive today. It was reported that Serg't Aborn had been killed, but some time later it was learned that the three had been taken prisoners, with hundreds of others. They were first placed in a shed and given an unpleasant journey to Richmond where they were confined in a tobacco warehouse, later known as "Libby Prison." Subsequently Messrs. Aborn and Tibbetts were transferred to New Orleans and later to the military prison at Salisbury, N. C., and Private Griggs was transferred to Tuscaloosa; from which they were paroled, having been prisoners for nearly a year.

The regiment remained in Washington for five days. At nine o'clock on Sunday morning, July 28th, a line was formed on Pennsylvania Avenue, near Willard's hotel and the march taken up to the depot for the return home, the time of service of the regiment having expired. Baltimore was reached at 2 p. m., and Philadelphia at 6.30 o'clock the following morning. The trip home was by rail and boat; a three hour's stop was made in New York, and Boston was reached at 1.30 o'clock on the afternoon of the 30th inst. The regiment was met at the station by the second battalion of Infantry, with Gilmore's band, and escorted through the streets, to the com-



Lieut. CHARLES H. SHEPARD.  
Enlisted, Co. B, 5th Reg't M. V. M.,  
April, 1861. 1st Reg't Mass. H. Art'y.  
1862-65.



JOSEPH E. WILEY.  
Armorer in 1861.  
Enlisted, Co. B, 5th Reg't, M. V. M.,  
April, 1861. Serg't 1st Mass. H. Art'y,  
1862-65.



JAMES D. DRAPER.  
2nd Lieut. Co. B, 5th Reg't, M. V. M., 1861. 2d Lieut. Co. E, 50th Reg't,  
M. V. M., Aug., 1862-63. Wounded at Port Hudson. See Roster.



JAMES M. FAIRBANKS.

Enlisted, April 1861, Co. B, 5th Reg't M. V. M.; re-enlisted, Co. G., 24th Reg't, Mass. Vols., 1862; picture is taken in Grey Uniform worn by the company in 1861.



Corp. WILLIAM E. RANSOM.

Enlisted, April 1861, Co. B, 5th Reg't M. V. M. On account of his long experience in the U. S. Quartermasters' department he was detailed Chief Clerk at Alexandria, Va., when the company was about to march for Centreville, Va.



Lieut. GEORGE ABBOTT, See Roster.

mon where, at 4 o'clock, the troops of the Fifth were mustered out of the United States service, and a collation partaken of.

#### RECEPTION ON ARRIVAL HOME.

The Richardson Light Guard then left by special train for South Reading, where, on their arrival, the members were saluted by shouts of welcome from a great multitude of the inhabitants. The address of welcome was delivered by Edward Mansfield, Esq., chairman of the board of selectmen. In part it was as follows:—

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“I recognize the forms that left us on the 19th of April last, just as the news reached the village that our neighbors had been struck down in Baltimore, and had been marred and slain by traitors. That was a thrilling moment, and all our hearts beat quickly with feverish emotions, as we bid you adieu for the present, feeling that we were looking upon some of your faces perhaps for the last time in life.”

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“Though the peril to our country is not yet averted, though the victory is not yet achieved, you have thus far fulfilled the mission assigned to you; you have performed well your part in the great drama which is now being enacted,—and when the din of arms shall cease, when the smoke of battle shall be cleared away, and the history of this second war for our independence shall be written, then will Company B, of South Reading, claim an honorable mention on one of its brightest pages.”

“Worn out with marchings and with fatigues in actual service on the field of battle, we welcome you back to our quiet village to recover your exhausted natures. We welcome you to the kind congratulations of neighbors and citizens, who have met in these numbers with warm and sympathetic hearts to receive you. We welcome you to the sacred endearments of home, made doubly dear by a painful absence. We welcome you to the embraces of friendship, by companions, by children and parents, by brothers, sisters, and loved ones. We welcome you to the pure and invigorating air of freedom, which circulates nowhere so freely as in these more northern climes.”

“But our rejoicing today is tempered with sorrow. Of the seventy and nine who departed from us, where are the *three*? They are not here to receive our greetings; their friends in silence mourn; but their names and their valor shall be held in lasting remembrance.”

At the conclusion of the address the Company was escorted to the Common, amid the ringing of bells, the roaring of cannon, the

display of banners and the rejoicing of the people. Here, in a spacious tent, the returned soldier boys "were welcomed to the festal board and to the homes and hearts of the people." On the march to the Common they were escorted by Gilmore's band, the Greenwood, Reading, and South Reading Drill Clubs, members of the old Richardson Light Guard, Yale Engine Company and citizens generally. Nathaniel S. Dearborn, an ex-lieutenant of the corps was chief marshal of the procession. The exercises at the pavilion

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LIEUT. ROBERT S. BECKWITH.

Private Co. B, 5th Reg't, Mass. Vols., 1861; 1st Sergeant and Lieutenant 20th Reg't, Mass. Vols.; mortally wounded at battle of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. '62. He was the first officer from South Reading to lose his life.

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included a prayer by Rev. Dr. Cushman, an address of welcome by Hon. Lilley Eaton, president of the day, and patriotic speeches by Dr. Solon O. Richardson and other leading citizens, interspersed by music by the band. After the ceremonies at the mammoth tent the Guard marched to the residence of Dr. Richardson and deposited their arms and then returned to the Common where a display of fireworks closed the exercises of the day.

The ticket used on this occasion reads as follows :

THIS PASS entitles *one Gentleman* to admission into the Pavilion, on So. Reading Common, at the reception of the *Richardson Light Guard*, and a seat at the table.

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Ladies will be admitted after the Company shall have been seated, and will be received at the TOWN HALL and escorted to the Pavilion by Marshals specially detailed for that purpose.

SOUTH READING, JULY 29th, 1861.



## CHAPTER IV.

### THE COMPANY RESPONDS TO A SECOND CALL.

During the summer of 1861 the spirit of patriotism manifested itself on all sides. Drill clubs were formed, new flag staffs were erected "and the heavens were gay with the bright symbols of liberty, union and determined victory." Contributions were made with a liberal hand. The return of the members of the Richardson Light Guard from active participation in the first battle of the war stimulated love of country, and the preservation of its sacred institutions among the townspeople.

#### A WAR-TIME FLAG RAISING.

On July 4th, '61, occurred a flag raising on South Reading common. A procession was formed near the town hall, and under the direction of Chief Marshal Nathaniel S. Dearborn, marched through the streets. In this parade, preceded by the Malden band, was the Yale engine company, Capt. Dunn, with engine drawn by horses, both handsomely decorated; company of Massachusetts Volunteers, just recruited by Capt. John Wiley, 2nd; South Reading Drill club, Capt. George O. Carpenter; pupils from the thirteen public schools, carrying wreaths and flowers; and a "numerous retinue of citizens." On the common, near the new flag-staff, was a platform, with awning, for the speaker of the day, the Hon. Lilley Eaton, who, after prayer by Rev. Mr. Phillips of the Baptist church, delivered one of those notable addresses for which he was renowned. Stirring speeches were made by Hon. Thomas Emerson, Hon. P. H. Sweetser, Rev. E. A. Eaton and Prof. Elam Porter. Poetic recitations were given by Mrs. E. C. Poland and Miss Sarah J. W. McKay, and an original poem, breathing deep the spirit of patriotism, was read by John Sullivan Eaton. There were also songs by the choir and se-

lections by the band. One paragraph from the address delivered by the Hon. Lilley Eaton is sufficient for this historical sketch :

“Joyfully and gratefully do we call to mind at this time, that at the first tocsin of alarm our own Guards, our sons, brothers and husbands, were seen rallying, and at the earliest possible moment were observed hastening to the post of danger ; that they are *today* standing in the front ranks of that bright array of loyal heroes, who are staying and forcing back that fearful tide of treason that threatens to overwhelm the land. We rejoice, too, to think and know that another company of our gallant sons is organized, and its members ready and earnest to join their brethren in the field.”

This reference was to Capt. Wiley's company, which later in the month went into camp at Cambridge and left for the seat of war Aug. 17, 1861, and served three years with distinguished valor, as Co. E, 16th Mass. regt. The South Reading members of this company were : Major John Wiley, 2d, captain, 2d Lieut. James Oliver, Sergts. John H. Woodfin, John Cowdrey, James F. Mansfield, John Day and Joseph T. Wright, Corporals Jeremiah S. Batchelder and Henry E. Hilborn, Musician John A. Tompson, Wagoner G. F. D. Skinner, and Privates Samuel H. Adams, Clarence M. Bruce, Benjamin F. Bancroft, Charles F. B.ckford, Charles F. Burditt, Aaron Burditt, James Bond, Jr., George Carter, Richard W. Chapman, Leonard Clifford, John H. Eaton, Thomas A. Evans, Micah Heath, Adam H. Hettler, John M. Houseman, Joseph L. Hurd, Charles H. Hart, Daniel S. Kennison, John F. Lee, George L. Locke, Joseph H. Mansfield, Hannibal Nichols, Frederick S. Richards, James W. Stimpson, Luther Sweetser, Francis Sweetser, Orrin Stone, Benjamin Townley, George H. Wiley, Alvin S. Warren, Hiram Woodis, Warren Nichols, Benjamin C. Pratt and John Whitford.

This company served in Virginia in the Army of the Potomac, and was engaged in many hard fought battles, lost many men, “but ever sustained the reputation of a brave, faithful, efficient and gallant corps.” Its history seems closely linked with that of the Richardson Light Guard ; its captain was the first commander of the Guard, and many of its officers and privates had previously served in, or were numbered on the rolls of the Guard after the war.

In the early fall of '61 the company appointed a committee to ascertain from headquarters, who were members of the company and who were not. Edward A. Upton, as chairman of the commit-



CAPTAIN HENRY D. DEGEN.

Elected, March 29, 1862; 2nd Lieut., July 14, 1860; 1st Lieut., April 17, 1861; discharged, May 1, 1861; Quartermaster 50th Reg't Mass. Vols, 1862 to 1863. Was at seige of Port Hudson.

tee, reported one week later that no person could become a member of the company until he had signed the constitution of the company, and all persons who had not done so were not members, wherefore, the company voted, that all volunteers who went to the seat of war with the company be entitled to a new uniform free of expense by signing the constitution, and that all volunteers be admitted as honorary members and their names be enrolled as such on the company's rolls.

In accordance with general order No. 24, dated Sept. 23, 1861, Capt. Locke was notified that his command was reassigned to the 7th Regiment from which it was taken under order No. 35, dated April 19, 1861.

#### LIEUT. H. D. DEGEN ELECTED CAPTAIN.

March 29, 1862. At a special meeting on this date an election occurred for the captaincy. There was sharp rivalry between Capt. J. W. Locke and Lieut. H. D. Degen, the latter receiving 11 votes to 10 received by the former. Capt. Degen declined to serve, and on a new ballot out of 24 votes cast, S. F. Littlefield received 18, J. W. Locke 3, and G. O. Carpenter 3. Capt. Littlefield declined to serve, and on a third ballot Henry Oliver was elected, receiving 13 votes out of a total of 18. He declined to serve, and on a 4th ballot H. D. Degen was elected and accepted conditionally. Lieut. Littlefield was elected 1st Lieut. by an unanimous vote.

#### PRESENTATION OF SOLDIERS' LOT IN LAKESIDE CEMETERY.

April 26. At this meeting the company was notified that the Lakeside Cemetery Association had presented the military department of the town with a lot in Lakeside cemetery. A committee of two was appointed to make a choice of a lot.

#### AGAIN OFF FOR THE FRONT.

The battle of Winchester, Va., was fought May, 25, 1862, when "Stonewall" Jackson defeated General N. P. Banks. This disaster filled the north with dismay and the next day Gov. Andrew, under a telegraphic request from President Lincoln, issued a proclamation calling for troops. This order read as follows :

HEADQUARTERS.

BOSTON, MASS., May 26, 1862.

General Order No. 14.

Commanders of Regiments, Battalions, and Matched Companies of Infantry and Riflemen of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, are hereby ordered to report with their commands to Major-General Andrews on Boston Common forthwith, for active service, in pursuance of orders from the President of the United States.

By Command of His Excellency,

JOHN A. ANDREW,

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

WM. BROWN, Asst. Adjt. General.



CAP WORN BY CAPT. S. F. LITTLEFIELD, IN THE VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

The Richardson Light Guard, at this time being known as Company E of the Seventh Regiment Volunteer Militia, left South

Reading the following day, on receipt of this order, under command of Capt. Henry D. Degen, 1st Lieut. S. F. Littlefield and 2nd Lieut. James D. Draper. The company proceeded to Boston and reported to Gov. Andrew on Boston Common.

As the Act of Congress, passed July, 1861, provided for an indefinite period of time in which troops should serve, the question at once arose as to the length of time the force gathered in Boston was expected to serve. Governor Andrew telegraphed President Lincoln for authority to order them mustered in for three months. To this dispatch the president ordered the militia to be relieved, the concentration of the forces around Washington having been effected. The Richardson Light Guard after having been quartered in barracks during their stay in Boston, marched back to South Reading on May 31st, the citizens of Malden providing a luncheon in the town hall as the company passed through that town. The members of the company facetiously referred to this incident as the "Evacuation of Boston."

There is no mention of this tour of duty on the records of the company, and the History of Reading does not allude to it in any way. The Richardson Light Guard has generally been given the credit of responding *thrice* for service during the war, but it is now known that the company offered its services *four times*.

#### RETURN OF THE PRISONERS.

The 14th day of June, 1862 was a gala day in South Reading. It marked the return of Serg't George W. Aborn and Private James H. Griggs, two of the three members of the Richardson Light Guard captured at the first battle of Bull Run. In May 2000 Northern prisoners were paroled. As one of them said: "The prisoners returned full of faith in the speedy triumph of the Union government. They had watched the rebellion from the inside, from behind the scenes; they had felt its wicked heart bounding with joy at the Federal defeats, and watched their wavering step and flagging pulse as defeat after defeat overwhelmed them." The trip north was by steamer from Newbern, N. C. to New York, where they were lodged at the New England rooms, under charge of some of the loyal, self-sacrificing ladies of that city. Sergeant Aborn reached Boston on a

Sunday morning about June 1st, and was met by a large number of friends. He was very ill and was taken at once to his family at the West End. For days he could not raise a hand or foot. Two weeks later Serg't Aborn was able to go to South Reading to attend the reception.

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GEO. W. ABORN,  
SERG'T CO. B, 5TH REG'T, M. V. M.; TAKEN PRISONER AT FIRST BATTLE OF  
BULL RUN, JULY 21, 1861.

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This reception was an impressive affair. Messrs. Griggs and Aborn were present, but Private Tibbetts, for some cause, was not able to reach South Reading in time to participate in the exercises. Edward Mansfield was president of the day; Lieut. N. S. Dearborn, chief marshal; and Hon. Lilley Eaton, orator. At one o'clock in

the afternoon a vast concourse of people, hundreds coming from neighboring towns, gathered on the Common, where a huge tent had been raised. A procession was formed, under the Chief Marshal, and was made up of the Richardson Light Guard, under command of Capt. H. D. Degen, preceded by the Boston Brigade Band; military and civic guests; reception committee, president, orator, and poet in carriages; clergymen, town officers; public schools;

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LIEUT. JAMES H. GRIGGS.

Private in Co. B, was wounded and taken prisoner at first battle of Bull Run; sergeant Co. D, 34d Reg't, Mass. Vols., 1862; lieutenant 37th Reg't U. S. Colored Troops 1864.

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citizens, etc. The procession made a short parade and proceeded to the Junction Station, there to await the arrival of the returning heroes.

The train arrived and Messrs. Aborn and Griggs left the cars under escort of Capt. John W. Locke. Dr. Solon O. Richardson, chairman of the reception committee, made a felicitous address of welcome. The returned soldiers entered a carriage and the proces-

sion proceeded to the common, amid the greatest excitement. After a sumptuous banquet, prepared by the ladies of the town, and music by the band, a hollow square was formed by the Guard in front of the speaker's stand, where the guests of the day took up their position, being introduced by P. C. Wheeler, Esq. to Edward Mansfield, president of the occasion. Then followed prayer by Rev. Charles R. Bliss, a stirring address by Mr. Mansfield, an oration by

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FRANK L. TIBBETTS,

Private Co. B, 5th Reg't Mass. Vols.; taken prisoner at first battle of Bull Run,  
July 21, 1861.

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Hon. Lilley Eaton, selections by the band, singing by the school children, and by the assembled multitude of an original hymn written for the occasion by Hon. Paul Hart Sweetser, a poem, "full of glowing patriotism and sweetly flowing rhythm" by John S. Eaton, Esq., and a speech by Capt. Brastow of Somerville. A feature of the exercises was a graphic story given by Sergt. Aborn of his capture and prison experiences at Libby Prison, Richmond, at New Orleans and at Salisbury, N. C.

## CHAPTER V.

### THIRD RESPONSE—SERVICE AS CO. E, 50TH REGT. MASS. VOLS.

On Aug. 4, 1862, President Lincoln issued the call for 300,000 men to serve for nine months. To this call the Richardson Light Guard volunteered its services and was assigned to the Fiftieth regiment, as Co. E, the colonel of the regiment being Carlos P. Messer of Haverhill and the lieutenant colonel John W. Locke of South Reading. The nucleus of the regiment was the old Seventh of the Massachusetts militia, which was composed of companies in Essex and Middlesex counties. It was recruited up to the maximum number by Capt. Degen.

Capt. Henry D. Degen of the company having been made quartermaster of the regiment, it necessitated a new election of officers. Notice having been given, the company assembled on the morning of Sept. 12, 1862, in the armory, for the choice of officers, which resulted in the election of Samuel F. Littlefield, captain; Horace M. Warren, first lieut.; and James D. Draper, second lieut.

On the afternoon of the same day the company left South Reading and went into "Camp Stanton," Boxford. One week later, Sept. 19th, the company was mustered into the United States service for nine months. The following is the roster of the company:

#### CO. E, 50TH REG'T. MASS. VOLS.

NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.
Samuel F. Littlefield, captain,	36	So. Reading.
Horace M. Warren, 1st Lieut.,	21	"
James D. Draper, 2d Lieut.,	31	"
Jason H. Knight, 1st Sergeant,	24	"
James M. Sweetser, Sergeant,	34	"
James A. Burditt, "	25	"
Charles F. Hartshorne, "	27	"

# RALLY! RALLY!



**SOUTH READING, MELROSE AND LYNNFIELD,  
YOUR COUNTRY CALLS!  
WILL YOU DO YOUR DUTY?**

...THE...  
**RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD,**

Capt HENRY D. DEGEN, Commanding, of South Reading,  
Are in want of a few more men to fill up their ranks!

Will you respond?

Will you do your duty?

Will you show to the coming generation that you are

Sons of the Patriots of '76?

This Company has seen Service. This Company was in the 5th

Reg't at the Battle of BULL RUN!

**RESPOND! RESPOND!**

APPLY TO Capt. Henry D. Degen, Armory Richardson L't Guard, South Reading.  
Joseph O. Dix and Elliot F. Barron, Melrose.  
Myron H. Whittredge, Lynnfield.

ARMORY OF RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD,  
South Reading, Aug. 29th. 1862.

FACSIMILE OF ORIGINAL POSTER

Issued for the call in 1862 by President Lincoln for troops for  
9 months' service.

George K. Gilman, Sergeant,	30	So. Reading.
George H. Green, “	28	“
Thomas Sweetser, “	28	“
Joseph S. Eustis, Corporal,	29	“
James M. Morrill, “	25	“
John Q. A. Parker, “	32	“
William N. Tyler, “	27	“
Rufus F. Draper, “	23	“
George Carter, “	22	“
Myron H. Whittredge, “	20	Lynnfield.
Charles S. Emerson, “	33	So. Reading.
Anderson, George W.	21	“
Aborn, Henry	30	“
Bruce, Jasper F.	18	“
Brown, John C.	27	Saugus.
Brown, Benjamin T.	25	Lynnfield.
Barber, Thomas	31	So. Reading.
Brown, Charles H.	21	Hingham.
Butterfield, Francis M.	35	Saugus.
Barron, Elliot F.	34	Melrose.
Bent, John S.	18	Boston.
Brown, Jonas G.	38	Melrose.
Cox, George	34	Lynnfield.
Cox, James P.	18	Melrose.
Coon, William L.	19	So. Reading.
Cartwright, Joseph	44	“
Cooper, Reuben L.	32	“
Dix, Joseph O.	44	Melrose.
Danforth, Alfred W.	20	So. Reading.
Deadman, William D.	19	“
Davis, Charles H.	34	“
Dodge, Ignatius	26	Topsfield.
Degen, Charles F.	25	Watertown.
Donoghue, John J.	26	Melrose.
Eustis, William C.	25	Cambridge.
Eaton, John S.	34	So. Reading.
Eaton, Chester W.	23	“
Emerson, Justus	21	Lynnfield.
Estes, Oneal J.	26	So. Reading.
Farrell, Michael	35	Melrose.
Fisk, Willard L.	18	Saugus.
Fuller, George P.	33	Melrose.
Fisk, Joseph A.	31	So. Reading.
Hamilton, Robert	22	“
Harrington, Charles T.	25	“
Hawkes, John	38	“

Knights, Henry C.	32	So. Reading.
Kingman, William W.	30	"
Lyman, Henry H.	23	"
Moses, George	21	"
Murkland, Robert L.	30	"
Miller, Charles C.	21	"
McAllister, George H.	26	Melrose.
Morton, Joseph	27	Wilmington.
Moses, John F.	27	So. Reading.
Moore, John L.	19	"
Newman, J. Frank	25	"
Newhall, David	19	"
Place, Franklin C.	34	Charlestown.
Pope, Jacob H.	25	So. Reading.
Prentice, Charles	29	Melrose.
Pillings, Jonathan	24	So. Reading.
Restarick, Walter	18	"
Randall, Howard	26	Raynham.
Richardson, Osborne, Jr.	19	Lynnfield.
Richardson, Irving	21	"
Snell, Franklin L.	18	So. Reading.
Skinner, William G.	18	"
Shelton, Thomas	32	Melrose.
Stafford, William C.	27	Saugus.
Simonds, Charles H.	33	Malden.
Sweetser, Elbridge L.	20	So. Reading.
Stimpson, William W.	23	"
Snell, Louis A.	22	"
Trefethen, Benjamin N.	18	Saugus.
Thompson, George A.	18	So. Reading.
Tibbetts, George E.	22	"
Tyler, George L.	24	"
Upton, Augustine	21	Danvers.
Unrah, George R.	18	Malden.
Winship, Samuel	37	So. Reading.
Walton, Oliver, 2d	24	"
Wellman, Henry B.	22	Lynnfield.

"Camp Stanton" was beautifully laid out on a large tract of level ground, and with its 460 tents of all sizes, was at this time occupied by the 50th, 41st, 47th, and 8th regiments and 10th battery (Sleeper's). The tents lighted up at night with candles, or by moonlight presented a beautiful spectacle; up and down the company streets could be heard music of every variety from Harry Ly-



CAPTAIN SAMUEL F. LITTLEFIELD.

Charter Member.

Private, Oct. 11, 1851; Serg't, April 19, 1861; 1st Lieut., March 29, 1862; Capt. Co. E, 50th Reg't, Mass. Vols., Sept. 12, 1862; Capt. Co. E, 8th Mass. Vols., July 19, 1864; Capt. R. L. G. Feb. 25, 1870; resigned, Nov. 2, 1872; re-enlisted, Aug. 8, 1876; discharged, Sept. 6, 1878; was in command of Guard at seige of Port Hudson, La., and in 100 days' service at Baltimore in 1864.

man's banjo to "Antioch and Lennox." A brass band was organized in camp, Joseph Morton of Co. E, being a member of the same.



**MAJ. HORACE M. WARREN.**

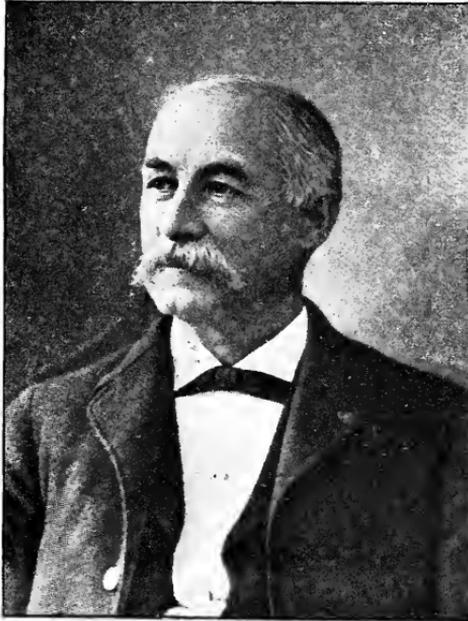
Private Co. B, 5th Reg't Mass. Vols., 1861; Serg't Co. E, 20th Mass. Vols., 1861; Lieut. Co. E, 50th Mass. Vols., 1862; and later was Assistant Adjutant General of the 59th Reg't Mass. Vols. Killed at battle of Weldon Railroad. Just before his death was commissioned major in recognition of long and faithful service.

**OFF FOR NEW ORLEANS.**

On the morning of Nov. 19, the regiment left camp for the front, and received a grand ovation while passing through South

Reading in the cars. Arriving at Norwich, Conn., the steamers "City of Boston" and "New York" were awaiting to carry the regiment to New York, which city was reached the next morning. Upon disembarking the march was taken up for the "Park Barracks," in city hall park, directly in front of the Astor House. After a short

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MAJ. WILLIAM N. TYLER.

Co. B, 5th Reg't Mass. Vols.; was in first battle Bull Run 1861; Corporal Co. E, 50th Reg't Mass. Vols. at siege of Port Hudson, 1862-3; Co. E, 8th Reg't, acted as Sergeant Major of the Regiment [100 days' men] 1864; appointed Paymaster, July 22, 1873; and commissioned Major of 8th Regiment, Jan. 1, 1879.

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stay their quarters were assigned in some unoccupied stores on Franklin street.

On the morning of Nov. 22d, the regiment, in heavy marching order, made its first long march of nine miles to Jamaica, Long Island, and went into camp on the Union race course, the post being

designated as "Camp Banks" and commanded by Col. Thos. E. Chickering of the 41st Mass. Regt. In addition to the 50th, there were the 41st, 42d, 47th and 52d Mass. Regiments, 15th and 16th N. H. regiments, 161st N. Y. regiment, five Connecticut regiments and two batteries, all awaiting orders to sail on Banks' expedition.

After a stay of six days orders came to march back to New York city and go aboard the transport "Illinois" for "Dixie," but the steamer being full, Company E, with A and K companies returned to the "Park Barracks," where they remained until Dec, 10th when they went aboard the "Jersey Blue" and sailed that afternoon for the South, passing Cape Hatteras three days later, the cape being unusually calm. As the voyage proceeded the blockading squadron off Charleston Harbor could be plainly seen. On Dec. 14th and 16th a gale was encountered and the steamer was found to be unseaworthy. The continual rolling of the vessel during the storm loosened the boilers and engines from their positions and with pipe connections all broken, the vessel was completely at the mercy of high waves, which broke over the ship. It was almost a miracle that the vessel was kept from going to the bottom.

The steamer was finally towed into Hilton Head, Port Royal, S. C., and afterward condemned. The three companies went on shore Dec. 17th and waited until another transport could be provided. The island was found to be well fortified and the tents were pitched near the rebel "Fort Walker." Dec. 19 found the company going through its first inspection of arms, etc. On the voyage down salt horse and hard tack, marked "B. C." (which denoted its antiquity) was the principal ration, but once on shore the troops were supplied with good, soft bread from the government bakery, while Carolina sweet potatoes could be bought for fifteen cents a basketful. A battalion of the 1st Mass. cavalry was stationed at this post.

An object of great interest was the steamer "Planter," which the negro, Robert Small, ran out of Charleston harbor and delivered to our navy. Small was afterward elected to Congress. Several of the members of Co. E went to Graham's plantation, with its mansion house, and rows of negroes' huts, cotton houses, orange groves and palm trees and it proved a new world to most of the South Reading boys. A negro prayer meeting was attended in the evening, two verses of one of the songs were :

Oh Lord, remember me,  
 Oh Lord, remember me,  
 Remember me as the years roll around,  
 Oh Lord, remember me!

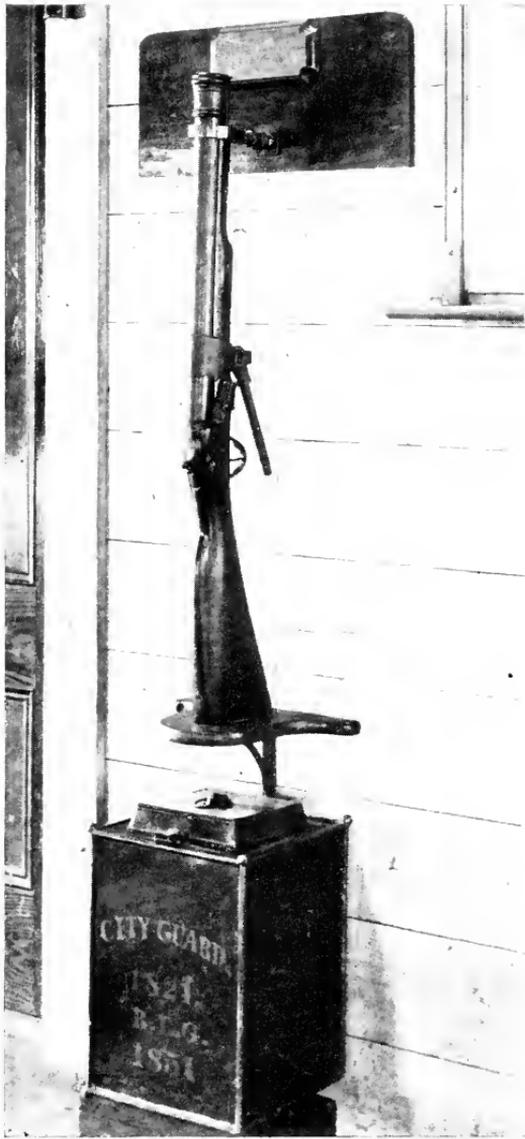
I would like to die as Jesus did,  
 And die with a free good will,  
 And lay me in the grave and stretch out his arms  
 Oh Lord, remember me!

Christmas day being a holiday all drills were suspended, the troops indulging in an ocean bath on Hilton Head beach. The last day of 1862 the three companies went aboard the bark "Guerilla," formerly the "Mary Kimball," a slaver, captured just prior to the rebellion, and the journey to New Orleans was resumed. On the first day out, pea soup was served to the soldiers for dinner. The motion of the vessel was such, that a short time after dinner all the troops "were in the soup;" it was soup on deck, over the sides, and it verily rained soup. On Jan. 6, owing to some sugar having been stolen from the ship's stores, all hands were called on deck and haversacks, knapsacks and bunks were searched, but without success. Jan. 8, 1863, land was seen for the first time since leaving Hilton Head, it being the Bahama Islands, at a point called "Hole in the Wall," an immense arch or hole, through the rocks. On the same day our vessel was brought to by a shot across our bows from the U. S. gun-boat "Octorora," the naval officers coming aboard and examining our papers.

#### FIRST DEATH IN COMPANY E.

Jan. 10th the first death in the company occurred, Sergt. George H. Green having died during the night. In the morning his body was laid out on the deck and covered with the American flag; during the forenoon the body was sewed up in a canvas sack and weighted with pig iron; the vessel slowed down and Co. E assembled at the side of the ship. After the burial service was read by Capt. Barnes of Co. K the body was committed to the deep.

On Jan. 11, the transport passed in sight of Key West, "Fort Jefferson and "Tortugas" and, later in the day, passed through a violent storm in the Gulf. On the evening of the 14th the bark anchored off "Ship Island," and two days later resumed her voyage and entered the Mississippi river at Pass L'Outre and the next day,



RELICS IN R. L. G. ARMORY.

Blunderbus (swivel) Gun, used on board war ships in 1812, and powder can from armory of Boston City Guard.

with pilot aboard, anchored at the junction of the "Passes." The following day the ship was taken in tow, also the "Pocahontas" and "Aquila" with troops aboard, passing Forts "Jackson" and "Philips" in the afternoon.

#### ARRIVAL AT NEW ORLEANS.

The next day New Orleans was reached and the vessel warped up to the pier. Strict orders were issued that no one should go ashore, and strong guards were posted to guard against any short leave-taking but many familiar faces of Co. E were seen in the streets of New Orleans that night. The cove was thronged with people selling their goods; postage stamps, scarfs, etc., bought cakes and oranges in lieu of money. The next day the troops were towed to "Carrollton," five miles above New Orleans, where the battalion disembarked and pitched their tents at "Camp Parapet," the surface of the river being some twenty feet or more above the ground, high banks or levees protecting the front where the camp was located. On Feb. 3d the three companies were paid off to Jan. 1. The following day the steamer "Continental" started with the three companies to Baton Rouge, La., arriving there the following day. During the sail up the river the iron-clad "Essex" laid in the stream and was an object of much interest owing to her record in the war.

On the arrival of the company at Baton Rouge the boys were welcomed by their regimental band, which had preceded them on the "North Star," which carried Gen. Banks when he succeeded Gen. Butler in command of the department of the Gulf. The company tents were pitched near the ruins of the penitentiary. The regiment was assigned to the command of General N. A. M. Dudley of the 1st Division, 3d Brigade, 19th Army Corps, the brigade consisting of the 30th and 50th Mass., 161st and 174th New York and 2nd Louisiana Vols.

Washington's Birthday proved a gala one for the soldiers; for there were greased pole and pig, and sack races, together with boxing and drilling, prizes being offered for each, Co. E bearing off the palm for boxing. On March 11th Gen. Auger's division was reviewed by Gen. Banks and orders were expected to move on Port Hudson at once. On March 12th the troops commenced to march towards Port Hudson and on the 14th the brigade started at 3 a. m. and marched ten miles encamping for the night, the advanced troops

being five miles farther to the front. The boys of Co. E took the road running parallel with the Mississippi river, and on encamping, cattle were driven in and killed, making the first fresh beef eaten for a long period.

#### MOVEMENTS ON PORT HUDSON.

About 11 o'clock that night they were awakened by the heavy bombardment of Port Hudson, and at 2 o'clock in the morning the long roll was sounded and marching out into the road, the brigade was formed in line of battle expecting an attack from the enemy in

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"CAMP BANKS," WINTER'S ISLAND, SALEM HARBOR.

The Richardson Light Guard first camp duty was on this island in August, 1854.

This picture was taken in 1858.

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the rear of the army. The road was filled with wagons returning from the advance. Suddenly, just before dawn and directly in front of the 50th reg't. a stream of fire seemed to penetrate the sky, followed by a tremendous explosion which proved to be the blowing up of the man-of-war steamer "Mississippi."

The men of Co. E marched back five miles to Bayou Montecina, crossing on a pontoon bridge; a stay of three days was made at this place, driving off the rebels, who tried to make a rear attack.

Owing to the exposure and hard labor, whiskey rations were served for the first time. On March 18th the regiment returned towards Baton Rouge and felled trees to retard the enemy in case of pursuit. Port Hudson had not been captured but an official order read on "Dress Parade" told us that "the object had been accomplished;" "that part of the fleet had passed the fort to cut off supplies by the Red river," and "that the movement by land was a demonstration to draw the attention of the enemy." But the arrangements seemed to be too complete for that, there were so many baggage wagons, ambulances, so large a force of infantry and artillery, the men carrying 60 rounds, while the cartridge boxes held 40 rounds. The men of South Reading were very much exposed to rain and mud, being thoroughly wet to their skin, and many so disabled as to be sent back to Baton Rouge.

Arrived in Baton Rouge p. m. about one hour was given to wash up, obtain two days' rations, leave knapsacks and overcoats in camp, and the brigade started up the river by the boat "Morning Light." The soldiers were so tired they laid down all over the boat, and soon fell asleep, and did not know until morning that the boat had drifted by the strong current, through a break in the levee, and had been since 9 o'clock in the evening before, stuck on a plantation about 25 rods out of the river, surrounded by trunks of trees and drift wood; several hundred men on a large boat on a large plantation; houses, sugar mills, huts and barns rising from the water; fortunately there were no rebel cannon near to blow them up. Although these river boats are large and top heavy, they draw only 3 or 4 feet of water. The boat men were engaged nearly all day in getting her out, which they accomplished by dropping a mast into the water perpendicularly and by means of ropes and blocks raising the bow of the boat, and starting the engine at the same time.

The company landed before dark in sight of Port Hudson, on the opposite side of the river and camped on an extensive plantation called "Winters'." The 50th regiment occupied one row of negro huts and the 30th regiment Mass. the other. During the stay here Capt. Littlefield's soldiers cleared all the country of cattle, stripped the sugar mills of sugar and molasses, and the government took some costly copper boilers, brass, etc., from the mills and loaded the boats with live-oak plank and wood. They were distant from Port

Hudson about three miles ; their shots did not reach them, but a 100-pound Parrott gun on the gunboat "Genesee" shelled them at intervals, while the regiment was protected by the "Monongahela," with its 200-pound Parrott. The "Richmond," two gunboats, seven mortar vessels and the iron-clad "Essex," the "Hartford" and "Albatros," with Commodore Farragut, had passed the Confederate batteries the night of March 14th.

April 22 our assistant surgeon, N. W. French, died, the regiment and band performing the funeral escort. On May 2d occurred the great cavalry raid of the war ; Grierson with 1000 men dashed through from Tennessee to Baton Rouge, about 700 miles in 17 days, destroying property and taking prisoners, etc. Co. E being on picket at that time the following accounts of the same from Corporal Joseph Eustis and his brother, Private W. C. Eustis, appeared in the *Boston Transcript* :

"Just imagine a dusty road at the North after a severe drought, with a thousand horsemen at one end, and an unknown number of "copperheads" in their rear, and although they meet with the enemy in front, still they will start so readily and move so furiously along such a road, that you can get some idea of their appearance, if it continues for 600 miles, with frequent fordings of water courses, which serve only to harden the coating of dust. Sabres rusty, everything dusty, looking tired, faces fired, by the sun, every one, will clean his tools, and rest the mules. Many of the horses gave out on the march, and some fine looking mules were substituted. They took all the carriages they wished to convey their sick. But to describe the appearance and uniform of the rebel cavalry passes my power of description ; some of them dress more like that of the Georgia dandy, "straw hat, spurs, and segar."

The loss of life was very small compared with the undertaking, and was only secured by bravery, strategy and disguise. Some half a dozen were dressed as rebels ; they went in advance, and had meals cooked for themselves and the others coming, whom they represented as rebels also ; and then a cleaning out process, unknown in the Virginia campaign. The disguised would also ride up to rebel pickets while on post and relieve them, and the others coming along would relieve them also. Says one rebel picket, on being told by one of the spies that a large force of rebel cavalry were coming,

"I'm glad of that, we shall not have to go on picket so often." Soon our cavalry approach, and relieve him of picket duty till he breaks his parole.

The small rebel forces did all they could to detain them. On one occasion they (the rebels) left their camp to post themselves at one end of a bridge over which they expected the Federal approach; but the cavalry dashed into their camp and destroyed it in the rebels' absence, and then dashed into the rear of them, on their side of the bridge, and scooped them up. Fowling pieces and shot guns were tested by being bent by inserting them between the trees, thus enabling them to fire on a curve. The cavalry used for guides, maps, charts, and negroes along the route as they found them, not trusting Union men at the South, also spies and men in rebel disguise, who would inquire for one road and then take another. Many of them had for trophies, mules, horses, rifles, pistols, watches, silver and gold, Confederate money and negroes; one showed a quantity of gold; one had been offered a hundred dollars for a gold watch, which he refused. Many of the rebel cavalry prisoners brought in were former citizens of Baton Rouge, and I saw many recognitions. One negro, looking at them as they passed in, exclaimed, "Dat's Massa Smith;" another soon after said, "Dem's Massa's horses and carryage," when a carryall, drawn by two mules, came by him.

Altogether it is considered the cavalry raid of the war; the number of bridges at the South is immense, there are so many creeks called "bayous," so many rivers and water courses, that the injury done the enemy must be great, and require some time for repairs. It also shows what can be done when men are in terrible earnest; and what must be done before this wicked rebellion is crushed.

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"May 2. Today members of Co. E were on picket duty on the Greenville road, about two miles north. The company was under command of Lieut. H. M. Warren. The writer was in charge of the outer picket post of three men. The cavalry picket had one man sixty rods in front, and the company reserve was one-half mile in the rear. At about ten o'clock a. m. a cavalryman put in an appearance in front of picket post. As he did not seem to be disposed to fire, our cavalry picket brought his rifle to "arms port." The stranger approached, bid us all good morning, tied his horse to a tree, sat

down on a log and told his story. He belonged to the Seventh Illinois cavalry, and was with the Sixth Illinois cavalry, a brigade in command of Col. Grierson, in Grant's army. The company to which the man belonged left Tennessee seventeen days previously and passed through the north part of Mississippi, crossed into Louisiana above Port Hudson, arriving within three miles of the picket

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Cap Worn by SERG'T GEORGE W. ABORN,  
when taken prisoner. The "B" was made from a meat bone while in prison.

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post, the night before, and destroying railroads, bridges, etc., en route. The cavalryman had left the camp in the morning and started out on his own hook for Baton Rouge. We gave him breakfast and told him his story might be true, and perhaps not. A Union cavalryman took him into Baton Rouge. In one hour the two cavalry companies stationed in Baton Rouge appeared. They passed

Four Tentmates in Co. E, 50th Reg't Mass. Vols., in Port Hudson Campaign.



William C. Eustis.

Late Historian of the 50th Mass. Reg't.



Corp. Joseph S. Eustis.



Lieut. James M. Morrill.



Serg't Charles F. Hartshorne.

Joseph S. Eustis and James M. Morrill were in Co. B, 5th Reg't, 1851; the latter was 1st Serg't in Co. E, 8th, 1864, and 1st Lieut. Co. A, 6th Reg't, 1866.

Members of Co. E, 50th Reg't in Port Hudson Campaign. For  
Other Service, see Roster.



WILLIAM L. COON.

Re-enlisted 1864, Corp. Co. E, 8th Reg't  
M. V. M.; appointed Sergt. 1866.



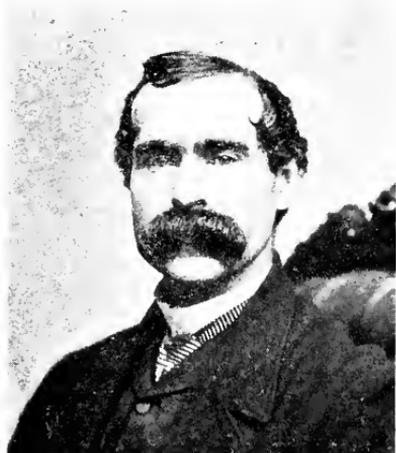
GEORGE L. TYLER.

Re-enlisted in Co. K, 4th Reg't H. A.,  
1864.



WILLIAM D. DEADMAN.

Re-enlisted Corp. 1864, Co. E, 8th  
Reg't, M. V. M.



JOSEPH MORTON.

Re-enlisted 4th Reg't Mass. H. Artillery,  
organized Band of 50th Reg't.

by the picket post and then marched to ascertain the truth of the man's story. At three o'clock p. m. they returned, escorting Grierson's brigade, cavalry, consisting of nine hundred men, four cannon, ten wagons, (which they had picked up for ambulances) several hundred negroes, horses, mules, etc. They also had about 100 prisoners, a rebel cavalry company which had been on duty in rear of Port Hudson. The prisoners were captured on the previous afternoon."

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May 12, our brigade marched ten miles out on the Clinton road to White's Bayou. The 50th Reg't, two pieces of artillery and a squad of cavalry were left here to guard the bridge and road and to prevent an attack in the rear, while the rest of the troops were investing Port Hudson. The boys remained here until May 26 and at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of that day started for Port Hudson, marching eighteen miles, arriving at midnight.

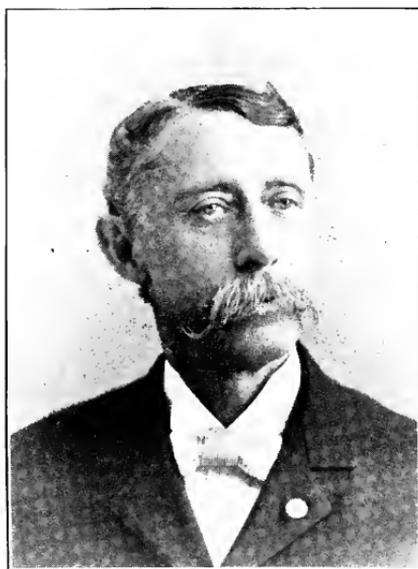
#### FIRST BATTLE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

At daybreak the next day Co. E was introduced to its first genuine battle; the company stacked their guns and throwing off their equipments were ordered to help work the guns of Co. G, 21st Indiana Heavy Artillery 30-pound Parrott. The battle lasted from daybreak until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, two men of the battery being killed by a solid shot. When the assault on Port Hudson was ordered for the 27th a storming party of two hundred volunteers was called for, nearly half of that number coming from the 48th Mass. Reg't. Lieut.-Col. James O'Brien of that regiment, (of Charlestown, Mass.) was assigned to the leadership of the party. Of these, one-half were to carry fascines and cotton bags for filling the ditch, while other regiments were to support them. When the order was given for the stormers to advance, Col. O'Brien shook hands with the officer who brought it, and turning to his men said in the coolest and most business-like manner: "Pick up your bundles and come on." The whole corps was at once in motion.

"A truly magnificent sight," says the historian of the 19th Army Corps, was the advance of these battalions, with their colors flying, and borne sturdily toward the front, yet not for long. Hardly had the movement began when the whole force, officers, men, colors

stormers and all found themselves inextricably entangled in the dense abatis under a fierce and continuous discharge of musketry and a withering cross-fire of artillery. Besides the field pieces bearing directly down the road, two twenty-four pounders poured upon their flank a storm of missiles of all sorts. No part of the column ever passed beyond the abatis, nor was it even possible to extricate

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OLIVER WALTON.

Enlisted, July 24, 1858; Armorer, May 5, 1860; Private, Co. E, 50th Reg't, Mass Vols., Aug. 1862; at siege of Port Hudson.

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the troops in any order without greatly adding to the list of casualties already of a fearful length.

Lieut.-Col. O'Brien was killed in this engagement and the greater part of his little party was killed or wounded. Word was passed down the line to "halt," and each one look out for himself. Maj. Hodges of the 50th with six companies of the regiment was on the left of the line of battle during the assault on the rebel breast-

works. The assault was not successful, not being made on all points at once, so as to divide the Confederates; one division arrived too late, and its commanding general lost a leg. The enemy was protected by earth-works, ditches and fallen trees; beside they had the benefit of rapid movement inside of a semi-circle while our forces had a line of six miles to attack and defend. As stated before, the soldiers from historic South Reading helped to work the Indiana battery, and an incident is here related which came under the observation of the writer.

Two of the gunners of No. 1 gun, while standing side by side during a momentary lull in the firing, spoke of their sweethearts they had left at home. Each pulled a picture out of his blouse pocket showing the same to the other; a moment later a forty pound solid shot struck them both cutting their bodies in two.

#### REPORT OF GENERAL BANKS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF THE GULF,

19th Army Corps, before Port Hudson, May 30, 1863.

MAJOR GEN. HALLECK, General in Chief, Washington.

General: Leaving Simmesport on the Atchafalaya, I landed at Bayou Sara at 2 o'clock on the 21st. On the 23rd a junction was effected with the advance of Major General Augur and Brig. Gen. Sherman, our line occupying the Bayou Sara road at a distance of five miles from Port Hudson.

Maj.-Gen. Augur had an encounter with a portion of the enemy on the Bayou Sara road, in the direction of Baton Rouge, which resulted in the repulse of the enemy with heavy loss.

On the 25th the enemy was compelled to abandon his first line of works. Gen. Weitzel's brigade joined us on the 26th, and on the morning of the 27th a general assault was made upon the fortifications. The artillery opened fire between 5 and 6 o'clock, which was continued with animation during the day. At 10 o'clock Weitzel's brigade, with the division of Gen. Grover, reduced to about two brigades, and the division of Gen. Emory temporarily reduced by detachments to about a brigade, under command of Col. Paine, with two regiments of colored troops, made an assault upon the right of the enemy's works, crossing Sandy Creek and driving them through the woods into his fortifications. The fight lasted on this line until 4 o'clock and was severely contested.

On the left the infantry did not come up until later in the day; but at 2 o'clock an assault was opened on the work on the centre and left of centre by the divisions under Gen. Augur and Brig.-Gen. Sherman. The enemy was driven into his works, and our troops moved up to the fortifications, holding the opposite sides of the parapet with the enemy.

On the right our troops still hold this position. On the left after dark, the main body being exposed to a flank fire, withdrew to a belt of woods, the skirmishers remaining close upon the fortifications.

In the assault, the behavior of the officers and men was most gallant, and left nothing to be desired. Our limited acquaintance with the ground, and the character of the works, which were almost hidden from our observation until the moment of approach, alone prevented the capture of the post.

On the extreme right of our line I posted the first and third regiments of negro troops. The position occupied by those troops was one of importance. In many respects their conduct was heroic. No troops could be more determined or more daring. They made three charges upon the batteries of the enemy, suffering very heavy losses, and holding their position at nightfall with the other troops on the right of our line.

Our losses from the 23rd to this date, in killed, wounded and missing, are nearly one thousand, including, I deeply regret to say, some of the ablest officers of the corps. I am unable as yet to report them in detail.

I have the honor to be, with much respect,

Your obedient servant,

N. P. BANKS,

Maj. Gen. Commanding.

May 31. Lieut. Draper of Co. E was shot through the hand. The company was in the rifle pits every other day, the troops continually digging the trenches nearer to the rebel front, until they were so close to the Confederates that members of the company could speak to them, the Rebs being inside their fortifications. A cap raised in the air on a ramrod would be riddled with bullets in an instant.

The original colors of the gallant 50th in the State House, Boston, shows a splintered staff, the same having been cut in two by the enemy's shot, the flag of the 50th being on the firing line most of the time.

June 13th. About 250 cannon, all calibres, opened fire on Port Hudson, from land batteries, vessels of war, and mortar schooners, each gun firing at intervals of fifteen minutes for one hour, at noon.

#### IN BATTLE FOR THE SECOND TIME.

June 14th. "Our regiment's second battle; it was sent to support Col. Dickinson's brigade on the left," wrote a member of Co. E. "Action commenced at 5 a. m. missiles flew all around the troops which supported the brigade that made the direct charge; our troops

were repulsed from the works with great loss. Again another General was late in attacking until the other divisions were beginning to cease firing." (The Maine Law was not in force in Louisiana at this time.)

"All that the 27th of May left us, we not only retain, but have gone far beyond. Along our whole line we have been gaining upon the enemy, dismounting their guns as fast as they are mounted, picking off by our splendid sharpshooters, every man who dared to show his head above the ramparts, rendering their armaments almost



1ST LIEUT. JASON H. KNIGHT.

Enlisted Aug. 29, 1857; Priv. Co. B, 5th Reg't, 1861; 1st Serg't Co. E, 50th Reg't, 1862; 1st Lieut. Co. E, 8th Reg't, 1864. See Roster.

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useless, as we steal up closer to them. In some places we have got our batteries to within 300 yards of them. It was 10 p. m. on Saturday, June 13th that Gen. Augur told his staff that they were to be in motion at 3 a. m. the next day. Before dawn the most terrific cannonading commenced along our whole line; and then a continuous rattle of musketry. On the right the troops were in command of Generals Grover, Weitzel and Paine, having formed on the Clinton road. Among these regiments were the 4th, 31st, 38th, 52nd, 53rd, and Nim's Battery, from Massachusetts; during the assault Gen. Paine was wounded, Col. Kimball of the 53rd displaying great gallantry."

"On the extreme left the troops were under command of Gen. Dwight. Most of the details were arranged by General Grover.

The plan of assault was as follows: The 75th N. Y., and 12th Conn. were detailed as skirmishers; the 91st N. Y. each soldier carrying a 5 pound hand grenade, with his musket thrown over his shoulder—followed next in order. The skirmishers were to creep up and lie on the exterior slope of the enemy's breastworks, while the regiment carrying the grenades was to come up to the same position, and throw the grenades over into the enemy's lines, with a view to rout them and drive them from behind their works. The 24th Conn. carrying sand-bags filled with cotton, which were to be used to fill up the ditch, to enable the assaulting party the more easily to scale them and charge upon the rebels which was to be followed by other portions of the army."

"Generals Augur and Dwight were to make feints on the left of General Grover. Our attempt failed of success. We could not overcome the obstacles of nature and art even with the most determined bravery that was shown by some of the troops. The firing ceased at 11 o'clock a. m. those farthest in the advance sheltering themselves until darkness came to their relief."

On June 15th, the regiment returned to Gen. Dudley's Brigade and on June 30th the regiment's 9 months term expired. The next day, July 1st, the 50th regiment volunteered to stay 14 days longer.

#### TERM OF SERVICE EXPIRES—VOTE TO REMAIN 14 DAYS.

The regiment's term of service having already expired, and being in the presence of the enemy, the regiment *to a man* volunteered to stay fourteen days longer, and every soldier of Co. E and the 50th will always retain a feeling of pride and deepest satisfaction at this act of patriotism, in finishing their task rather than to weaken the Union forces in the presence of the enemy, and leave the work undone. This act was such that special orders were issued, the following being an extract:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF,  
19TH ARMY CORPS,  
BEFORE PORT HUDSON, July 2, 1863.

Special Orders No. 158, (Extract):

The commanding general cannot too warmly thank the officers and men of the 50th Massachusetts volunteers for their prompt and patriotic offer of the service of that regiment until the 14th inst.—for two weeks beyond the period when they deem that their term of enlistment expired.

This prompt decision reflects honor upon the gallant officers and men of this regiment, and will be in the future the proudest title to the gratitude of their countrymen and the esteem of their comrades, with whom they will share the coming triumph and divide the glory.

By command of Maj. Gen. Banks.

RICHARD B. IRWIN, A. A. General.

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HEADQUARTERS LEFT WING,  
BEFORE PORT HUDSON, July 2,

Official;

GEORGE B. HALSTEAD,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS 3D BRIGADE, 3D DIVISION,  
CAMP PLAINS STORE, July 2, 1863.

Official;

By command of Col. and Acting Brig. Gen. Dudley.

FREDERICK SPEED,  
Capt. Assistant Adjutant General.

July 7th, 1863 still found the Richardson Light Guard, directly in front of the rebel works, when word reached them that Vicksburg had surrendered to Gen. Grant on July 4th. "A tremendous cheer went along the whole line; the rebels shouted and wanted to know what we were cheering about; we shouted back, that Vicksburg had fallen and their time was short."

The boys of Co. E remember well, while lying in the rifle pits, when the flag of truce came out of the rebel lines and firing ceased, and instead of the shrieking shell and whistling bullet, could be heard the strains of some familiar song, and the weary troops felt that the strife was soon to be over and that victory would be theirs.

The following day, July 8, Port Hudson surrendered, and the Mississippi river was open again from its mouth to its source :

Hail, Father of Waters, again thou art free,  
And miscreant treason has vainly enchained thee;  
Roll on, mighty river, and bear to the sea,  
The praises of those who so gallantly gained thee.  
From fountain to ocean, from source to the sea,  
'Tis the Nation exulting; our river is free."

On July the 9th, with flags flying and bands playing, the 50th

marched into Port Hudson and found that over 7000 prisoners had surrendered.

After the regiment had entered Port Hudson Gen. Dudley and staff appeared at our front and said: "Men of the 50th, the object of your expedition has been accomplished; your time of service has expired, soon you will return to the old Bay State. With the deepest sincerity I thank you for your uniform good conduct while in my command, and I congratulate you on your record."

On July 16 the steamboat "Imperial" from St. Louis, arrived at New Orleans, the first boat to run between the two cities for more than two years. The next day the knapsacks came up from Baton Rouge and the members of the Guard had their first change of underclothing for more than two months. Everywhere about the place could be seen the terrible effects of the Union fire, and there was plenty of evidence to show where the inhabitants had dug holes in the sides of the bluffs to protect themselves. The school history says: "They resembled swallows coming out of their 'warrens'." The Union forces consisted of 14,000. In the assault on May 27th, 1863, 293 were killed and 1549 wounded, while on June 27, 203 were killed and 1401 wounded.

#### THE RETURN HOME.

On July 29, 1863, the regiment started for home, up the river on the steamer "Omaha," to Natchez, which was reached the next morning. The day following it arrived at Vicksburg, and on the morning of Aug. 2 the steamboat stopped near the mouth of White river to bury four men. Napoleon, Ark., was reached the same evening. The following day the boat run aground below Helena, Ark., and another steamboat, the "L. M. Kennett," came to offer assistance. The "Omaha" was kept afloat while the sick were being transferred to the "Kennett," after which the rest of the regiment were transferred to the latter boat. On Aug. 4th, Memphis, Tenn., was reached, and the next day the steamer on which was Co. E run aground and stopped until daylight, and later in the day arrived at Island No. 10, Columbus, Kentucky, and Cairo, Ill., having been nine days coming up the river. Nine men died in that time, one more dying on reaching shore.

The next day the regiment started in 30 cattle cars and the following day changed to passenger cars at Mattoon, Ill. It being Sunday, just before meeting time, when the troops reached Mattoon the regiment received a hearty welcome, the homes of the town being thrown open to the soldiers who had their first square meal since leaving Yankee land. At Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Union, Bellefontain and Cleveland the citizens knew of the coming of the 50th and provided refreshments bountifully. The regiment arrived in Boston on the afternoon of Aug. 11th and after marching to the Beach street barracks where refreshments were provided marched later in the day to Boston common where the companies were excused until Aug. 24th.

A large delegation of South Reading citizens, with the Chelsea brass band, were present on the Common, and escorted the company to the Boston and Maine depot. Upon arriving in South Reading, the surrounding towns of Melrose, Stoneham, Reading and Lynnfield, having poured in their contingents of people, upon alighting from the cars a sea of faces greeted the Richardson Light Guard on its home-coming. Fathers, mothers, wives, etc., sought out their loved ones, it being with difficulty that the line could be reformed for the march to the town hall. Finally the procession, headed by the band, proceeded up Albion and Main streets to the old town hall, where a banquet was in waiting. Addresses of welcome by some of the prominent citizens were delivered but the boys were anxious to get home and try the "soft bed" that they had left nearly a year before and the exercises were somewhat abbreviated on this account.

Of the company that went out eight gave up their lives, seven sleeping under the magnolias of the "Sunny South" and one in the Gulf of Mexico. The following is the list of deaths: Serg't George H. Green, Jan. 10th, 1863; Jonathan Pilling, April 1st; John L. Moore, April 16th; O'Neal J. Estes, May 12th; William W. Stimpson, May 19th; Henry B. Wellman, May 31st; Jonas G. Brown, June 18th; John F. Moses, July 4th, 1863. The total loss by wounds and disease of the Fiftieth regiment was eighty-nine men, its loss being greater than any of the seventeen nine-months' regiments sent from Massachusetts, with the exception of three, the Forty-ninth, Fifty-second and Fifty-third.

The Richardson Light Guard in this campaign sailed nearly 3000 miles on the ocean, 1600 miles on the Mississippi river, and were transported 1400 miles by rail.

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Two deceased R. L. G. members who saw service at Bull Run, also in the campaign at Port Hudson, La., and 100 days' service in Maryland.



LIEUT. JAMES A. BURDITT.

As he appeared in the Grey Uniform of the Company as 4th Corporal when he went to the front in 1861. Enlisted in the R. L. G., Jan. 17, 1854; discharged, May 19, 1860; re-enlisted, Oct., 20, 1860; appointed Corp., April 19, 1861, Co. B, 5th Reg't M. V. M.; 5th Sergt., May 5, 1862; 4th Sergt., Aug. 16, 1862; 2nd Lieut. Co. E, 8th Reg't, May, 1865; 1st Lieut., June 21, 1865; resigned, Jan. 6, 1866.



LIEUT. JAMES M. SWEETSER,  
Charter Member.

Enlisted, Oct. 11, 1851; appointed Sergt., July 29, 1854; 4th Lieut., July 21, 1857; resigned; appointed Corporal, Co. B, 5th Reg't, M. V. M.; 2nd Sergt., May 5, 1862, Co. E, 50th Reg't; Sergt. Co. E, 8th Reg't, July, 1864; died at home of disease contracted in the service. Portrait shows uniform worn by the R. L. G. in the Port Hudson campaign,

## CHAPTER VI.

### THE FOURTH RESPONSE.—100 DAYS' SERVICE IN 1864.

The third invasion of Maryland commenced early in July of 1864. The rebel general Early had advanced on Hagerstown, threatening to burn the place unless the sum of \$20,000 was paid the general. The citizens, however, raised the money or its equivalent, and saved the place from pillage and destruction. The whole North was again worked up to its highest tension owing to the alarming reports from the front. General Lew Wallace was in command at Baltimore, and he sent what troops he could get together to the Monocacy, where he was joined by Rickett's Division of the Sixth Corps. Wallace formed his line across the railroad and awaited Early's advance; with the exception of Rickett's Division, Wallace's troops were men enlisted for one hundred days. The rebels forded the stream and began the attack, but were held in check for several hours. But Gen. Wallace, after losing more than nineteen hundred men, was finally obliged to retreat. His defeat and the magnitude of the rebel force, put Baltimore and Washington in great excitement.

The battle of Monocacy having been fought on Saturday, July 9th, the following day, Sunday, the church bells of Baltimore were rung, calling the citizens to come and meet the invaders. The alarming news reached that city that the rebels were in possession of Westminster, Rockville and Cockeysville. Couriers dashed into Washington from Rockville, only twelve miles distant, saying that the rebels were advancing on the Capital. The next day they were near Havre de Grace burning bridges, cutting telegraph lines, capturing trains and robbing passengers, entirely severing Washington from the loyal North. Only five miles from Washington they burned the house of Governor Bradford.

On Monday, July 11, Governor John A. Andrew, Governor of Massachusetts, issued the call for the active militia of the State to proceed at once to camp, and after the regiments were organized to report without delay to Washington for duty in the fortifications around that city. The following day, July 12, the Richardson Light Guard assembled in their armory. The company was drawn up in line, when words of good cheer were given the company by some of the prominent citizens of South Reading. The order then being given to march, the company left the armory singing :

"The Union forever! Hurrah boys! hurrah!  
Down with the traitor, up with the star;  
While we rally round the flag boys, rally once again,  
Shouting the battle cry of Freedom."

The friends of the company had not forgotten them, for on the march to the depot the streets were filled with people, and the Richardson Light Guard had gone forth from South Reading for the fourth time in response to its country's call amid the plaudits of those who were left behind. Upon reaching Boston the company marched across the city and took cars for "Camp Meigs," Readville, Brig. General Pierce being in command of the camp. As there was a Seventh regiment in the field at this time, the Richardson Light Guard was assigned to the Eighth regiment, Col. Benjamin F. Peach commanding, being designated as Company E. On July 19th the company was mustered into the United States' service for one hundred days.

Many of the men who went out in 1862 were again found in the ranks of the company. Capt. S. F. Littlefield was still in command of the company, the following being the roster of the same :

CO. E 8TH REGT. MASS. VOLS.

NAME AND RANK	AGE	RESIDENCE
Samuel F. Littlefield, Capt.,	38	So. Reading,
Jason H. Knight, 1st Lieut.,	25	"
James A. Burditt, 2nd Lieut.,	27	"
James M. Morrill, 1st Sergt.,	26	"
James M. Sweetser, Sergt.,	36	"
Rufus F. Draper, Sergt.,	25	"
Eliab C. Jones, Sergt.,	26	"
George Carter, Sergt.,	24	"
William N. Tyler, Sergt.,	29	Melrose,

NAME AND RANK	AGE	RESIDENCE
George E. Tibbetts, Corp.,	24	So. Reading,
William L. Coon, Corp.,	21	"
David Newhall, Corp.,	21	"
George A. Thompson, Corp.,	20	"
William D. Deadman, Corp.,	20	"
Benjamin N. Trefethen, Corp.,	20	Saugus,
R. Kimball Danforth, Corp.,	31	So. Reading,
Artemas Simonds, Musician,	38	"
Benjamin I. Day, Musician.	17	"
Adams, John I.,	18	Reading,
Anderson, John H. L.	22	Melrose,
Appleton, Thomas	18	Reading,
Arrington, George B.,	28	So. Reading,
Atwood, Parker I.	19	"
Badger, Charles H.,	21	Lynn,
Barnes, George H.,	18	So. Reading,
Bessey, Charles A.	17	Reading,
Blair, Samuel E.,	24	Lynn,
Bryant, Eugene C.,	18	So. Reading,
Butler, Henry	26	"
Carey, George E.,	21	"
Carter, Arthur W.,	21	Boston,
Colby, George	28	So. Reading,
Damon, Henry,	31	Reading,
Day, Joseph L.	33	So. Reading,
Eaton David,	17	"
Eaton, Joseph W.,	35	Andover, Me.
Eaton, William C.,	20	Lawrence,
Fisk, Willard L.,	18	Saugus,
Forrest, John,	36	So. Reading,
Foster, Clarence P.,	18	"
Hall, Frank J.,	18	Reading,
Harnden, James W.,	17	So. Reading,
Hart, John F.,	21	"
Hartshorn Oliver S.,	20	Reading,
Hawkes, Winfield S.,	20	So. Reading,
Heselton, Jonathan,	40	Reading,
Hennesey, James,	18	"
Hodgkins, Samuel P.,	19	So. Reading,
Horton, Charles H. Jr.,	21	Reading,
Hurd, Joseph L.,	43	So. Reading,
Jones, Nathan G.,	21	"
Jones, William H.,	21	No. Reading,
Kendall, Charles,	17	Melrose,
Kingman, William W.,	31	So. Reading,

NAME AND RANK	AGE	RESIDENCE
Lovejoy, Jeremiah G.,	37	Reading,
Lufkin, Frederick H.,	17	So. Reading,
Lyall, David S.,	33	Melrose,
Mansfield, Edward G.,	21	So. Reading,
Marshall, Cyrus E.,	21	"
Martin, John,	18	"
McAllister, Benjamin	20	Reading,
Moulton, Erastus,	22	So. Reading,
Nichols, George R.,	21	Reading,
Nichols, George W.,	24	So. Reading,
Oliver, Alfred,	18	"
Parker, William C.,	29	Reading,
Parker, Walter S.,	18	"
Peabody, Charles E.,	21	Lynn,
Pratt, Henry W.,	20	Melrose,
Quinn, Patrick,	18	"
Resterrick, Walter,	19	So. Reading,
Richards, William C.,	22	Saugus,
Ruggles, Edwin O.,	20	Reading,
Sargent, Charles H.,	20	"
Shea, John,	22	Lynn,
Shelton, Thomas	34	Melrose,
Skinner, Thomas J.	20	So. Reading,
Snell, Franklin L.,	19	"
Stocker, Wesley	20	Saugus,
Stoddard, George W.,	23	So. Reading,
Stone, Horace E.,	20	Reading,
Symonds, Joseph W.,	24	Melrose,
Taylor, Franklin,	18	So. Reading,
Tufts, Albert C.,	19	"
Tuttle, H. Ballard,	34	"
Vinton, Edwin A.,	23	Melrose,
Vinton, Gray,	36	"
Weston, John H.,	19	Reading,
Wheeler, Morris P.	21	So. Reading,
Whitcomb, Frank,	18	Boston,
Wiley, Baxter I.,	21	So. Reading,
Wiley, Ira, Jr.,	38	"
Wiley, Jacob B.,	21	"
Wiley, William H.,	27	"
Worcester, Nathaniel,	18	Boston,
Wright, Dexter C.,	24	South Reading.

## AGAIN EN ROUTE TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

On July 26, the regiment had orders to report in all haste to Washington. Leaving Readville the same day, the next morning New York was reached; after which cars were taken on the Camden & Amboy railroad for Philadelphia. Reaching that city, the march was taken up for the famous "cooper shop" (an institution dear to the heart of every Union soldier who passed through Philadelphia during the civil war) and on arriving there, dirty and hungry the regiment was given a lunch. Cars were in readiness and the regiment embarked en route for the National Capital. During the night, Havre de Grace was reached, the regiment being ferried across the Susquehanna river.

Upon reaching Baltimore orders were received from Washington to disembark from the train and march across the city to another railroad, it being stated that the regiment was to join Gen. Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. On arriving at the railroad station it was learned that the cars ordered to take the regiment to its new destination had failed to materialize. The company bivouacked on the spot, and the transportation not being forthcoming, the next day the company went into camp at Manakin's woods, and orders issued assigning the regiment to the Eighth Army Corps. The soldiers were armed with Enfield rifles of the latest pattern, and there is no question but for the lack of cars the regiment would have been with Sheridan in the Valley and in the famous battle of Winchester. Soon after Gen. Sheridan defeated Gen. Early's forces in the Shenandoah Valley, which virtually ended the campaign of 1864 in that region.

Baltimore at that time was full of rebel sympathizers. After the Mass. Sixth and the Seventh Penn. regiments were mobbed in 1861, no more troops passed through that city until it was placed under military rule. The tough element was everywhere in evidence, and it needed only a spark to start a good sized conflagration. Gen. Early had come so close to the city on his raid up the Shenandoah Valley with the rebel forces, that it gave the Confederate element of Baltimore good hopes that their cause would yet succeed. Any one with Union sentiments, or giving aid and comfort to the Union soldiers were marked persons. Soon after the regiment went into camp at Manakin's woods the Richardson Light Guard was furloughed

to attend a gala day at Druid Hill Park, Baltimore's popular resort. Immense crowds were in attendance, and as the soldiers mingled with the people it was soon evident that the soldier element was not popular, for on all sides the crowd would gather and flaunt in their faces some Confederate emblem or the verses of "My Maryland." When Jackson crossed the Potomoc his troops sang it with enthusiastic demonstrations, tossing their caps high in the air. No song during the civil war had such a hold on the South as "My Maryland;" it was sung in their camps, on the march, in the theatres and houses throughout the entire South :

The despot's heel is on thy shore,  
Maryland!  
His torch is at thy temple door,  
Maryland!  
Avenge the patriotic gore  
That wept o'er gallant Baltimore,  
And be the battle queen of yore,  
Maryland! My Maryland!

The crowds were warned by the soldiers that if the song was kept up there would be trouble, and as soon after the warning was given, "My Maryland" was coming from the throats of thousands, a riot was soon in progress and bloody forms were seen in every direction, but the soldiers quickly succeeded in getting the upper hands of the wild rebel element.

One morning before the reveille was sounded a sonorous voice was heard in the company street asking if there were any South Reading boys in camp, and the soldiers, sticking their heads through the flaps of the tents, recognized the familiar form of Capt. James H. Carter, who had brought a large basket of good things. On many occasions Capt. Carter visited the camp, always bringing substantial cheer, although his visits were attended with danger at times. Capt. Carter was located in Baltimore during the civil war, and his adventures and thrilling experiences in that city and vicinity would make an interesting volume.

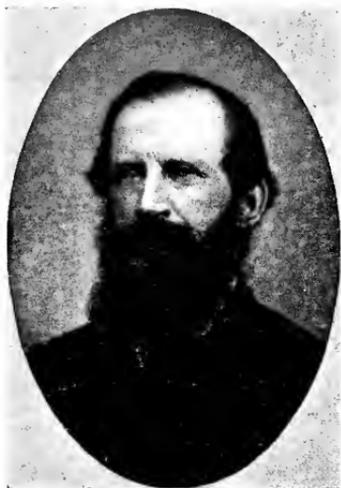
The regiment during the remainder of its term of service was engaged in protecting the line of the Northern Central railroad and the vicinity of Baltimore from the raids of Harry Gilmore and his followers. The garrison at Camp Bradford had within its confines



Walter S. Parker,  
Of Reading.  
Co. E, 8th Reg't, M. V. M., 1864.



William W. Kingman.  
Co. E, 50th Reg't, 1862, and Co. E, 8th  
Reg't, 1864.



Samuel Winship.  
Co. E, 50th Reg't Mass. Vols., Aug., 1862.



George Moses.  
Enlisted, Co. B, 5th Reg't, M. V. M.,  
1861; served in Co. E, 50th, and in U.  
S. Signal Corps, 1864.

Members of Co. E, 8th Reg't, M. V. M., in 100 Days' Campaign  
in Maryland, 1864.



GEORGE E. CAREY.  
Appointed Serg't, April 3, 1869.



Corp. JACOB BARNARD WILEY.  
Appointed 2d Lieut., March 3, 1869.



BENJAMIN I. DAY.  
Drummer Boy.



FREDERICK H. LUFKIN.  
Corporal, 1866; re-enlisted as Corp. in  
62d Reg't, Mass. Vols., for one year.

prisoners of war, with recruits coming and going, most of the time. Co. E was stationed at this point a greater part of the time, and a battalion of the 194th Penn. was located there also. An incident which came under the observation of the writer shows some of the humorous sides of the soldiers' life :

It was the custom each morning when the pickets came in to empty their rifles at target practice, and the two soldiers making the best score, had twenty-four hours freedom from duty. While thus engaged one morning a carriage approached the firing place, and the noise of the guns caused the horses to rear and prance. An excited individual opened the carriage door and ordered the soldiers to stop firing. One of the members of the squad shouted back : "Look here, old baldy, where did you get your authority to order us not to shoot?" With that the answer was thundered back : "I'll let you know who I am and what authority I possess. I am the governor of Maryland." The next day orders were issued to set the target up in a less frequented place.

The provost guard which the regiment had furnished for the city of Baltimore, being recalled to camp, preparations were made to start for home, as the time of service had about expired. The regiment soon left Maryland for home, the division and brigade commanders commended the officers and men of the 8th for the faithful manner in which they had performed their duty. Reaching Boston, the regiment proceeded to the common, where it was dismissed, Co. E reaching South Reading late at night. A few days later after the arrival home, the regiment was mustered out of the U. S. service at Readville—Nov. 10th, 1864.

Some of the volunteers who went out with Co. E, 8th Reg't, in 1864 were quite young, being only seventeen years of age ; they were Privates Frederick H. Lufkin, Benjamin I. Day, musician, Charles A. Bessey, David Eaton, James W. Handen and Charles Kendall. This fact shows the patriotism of the mothers of South Reading during the dark days of the Rebellion. Frederick H. Lufkin, with his brother, Stephen W. Lufkin of the 13th Mass., and their father, Stephen Lufkin of the 16th Mass., enlisted, taking every male member of this family to the front.

## CHAPTER VII.

### FROM 1865 TO THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

The period from the close of the Civil War to the Spanish-American War in 1898 brought no momentous events to the organization. Following the return of the 100 days' men, (to which the Richardson Light Guard as Co. E, 8th regiment, contributed its full quota) and for quite a number of years the interest in military affairs locally was of an ordinary nature. The records of the company for 1864 and '65, the two last years of the war, contain only an occasional mention of the affairs of the organization. For over 30 years the company, under its successive commanders, performed routine duty in greater or lesser degrees of efficiency and with varying degrees of attendance. It remained, however, the pride of the community, and on several occasions within the past two decades gave unmistakable evidence of its superior powers in drill and at the target. Its part in the great Spanish-American war brilliantly rounded out a glorious half-century's record of glowing deeds and patriotic valor.

After the Civil War Capt. Samuel F. Littlefield continued in command for several years and drills were held regularly. At a meeting held on March 4th, 1865, Lieuts. Jason H. Knight and James A. Burditt, Sergt. Rufus F. Draper, Sergt. J. M. Morrill, Corp. George E. Tibbetts and Private T. J. Skinner were chosen a committee to revise the company constitution and by-laws. Their report was made at the next meeting, March 12th, and accepted. This report did not vary in essential details from the original constitution. At the May inspection there were present 89 men and absent 11, a total strength of 100 men. This month the company purchased a flag to be displayed on the armory, and it was voted, 44 to 2, to procure a new uniform at a cost of \$25 each, and that each member



**REV. THOMAS ALBERT EMERSON.**

First Marker in the Company, 1852. Enlisted 1863 as Paymaster, U. S. Navy, rank of Lieut. on board U. S. Brig, "Perry"; was at Port Royal, S. C., 6 mos.; blockade off Charleston, S. C., one month; at Fernandina, Fla., 16 months.



**Albert S. Wiley,**

Enlisted R. L. G., Oct. 11, 1851. Enlisted 1861, Co. E, 1st Reg't Mass. Cav. wounded, discharged; re-enlisted same company. 1862.



**John Martin,**

Enlisted, July 19, 1864. Co. E, 8th Reg't, M. V. M., for 100 days; discharged November, 1864.



**Serg't John A. Meloney,**

Enlisted, June 19, 1874; Serg't 1875. See Roster. Won Gold Mounted Rifle for superior marksmanship at Wenham in 1876.



**Lieut. Samuel H. Mitchell,**

1st Serg't and 2d Lieut., 1873. 39th Reg't, Mass. Vols., Civil War.

pay \$5 down and \$2 per month until it was paid for. At the very next meeting this action was rescinded "as there was considerable opposition," and this was a wise step, as early in June the captain gave notice that he had orders from the colonel to make out requisitions for a state uniform.

On June 21 James A. Burditt was elected 1st lieutenant, vice Lieut. J. H. Knight, resigned, and James M. Morrill was chosen 2nd lieutenant. July 1st Thomas J. Skinner was elected clerk. At regimental inspection on Nov. 23d by Col. James W. Gilroy, 82 men were present, and the colonel "gave them the name of turning out the largest number and best material of any company he had inspected."

Jan. 31, 1866, Lieut. Morrill was elected 1st lieutenant, to take the place of Lieut. Burditt, resigned. Sept. 18th, 19th and 20th this year was spent at "Camp Butler" at North Andover, and a drizzling rain continued throughout the three days. Oct. 8, Edwin A. Vinton was elected 2nd lieutenant, vice Lieut. Tibbets, resigned.

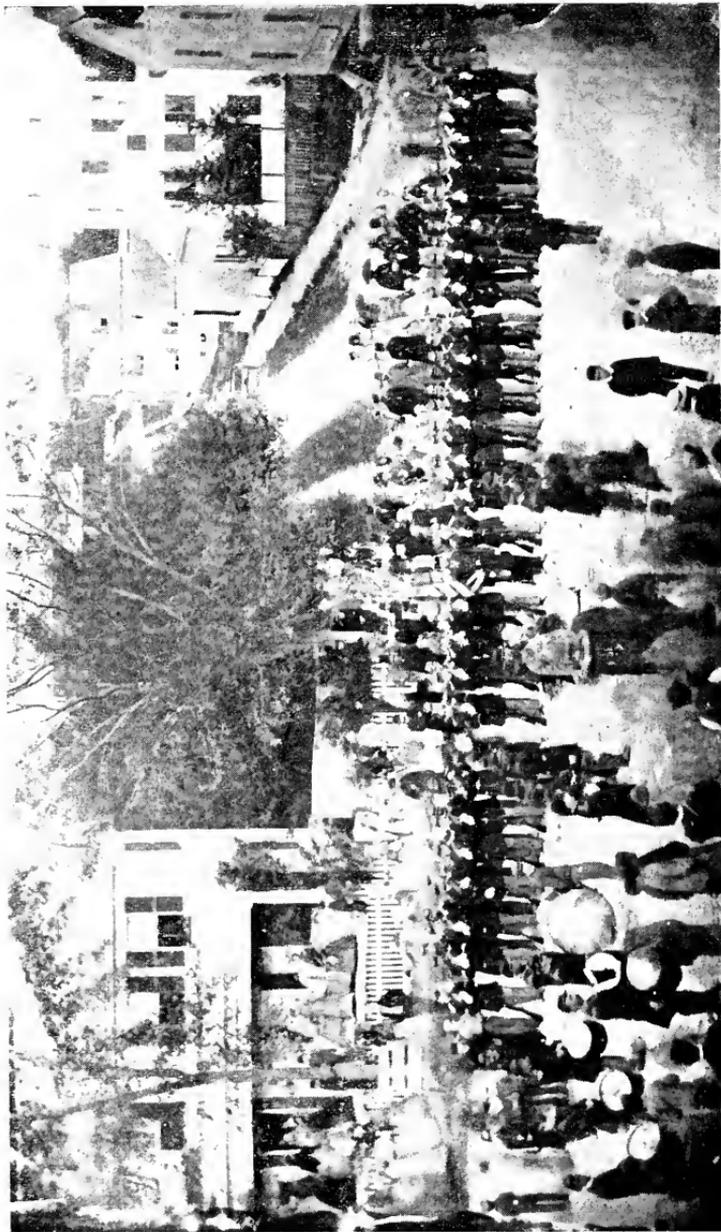
#### FALL PARADES AGAIN IN ORDER.

The first fall parade after the war occurred on Oct. 10, 1866. The company was divided into four sections, each commanded by Lt.-Col. J. W. Locke (in the absence of Lieut. Morrill) Lieut. Vinton and Sergts. W. L. Coon and David Newhall. There was a parade, with music by Brown's Brigade band, a target shoot at Hart's Hill, street firing exhibition, and a collation at Dr. S. O. Richardson's riding house, where speeches were made by prominent citizens and guests. Fireworks and a band concert at the town hall closed the day's proceedings. Later in the month, on the occasion of the visit to town of Maj. Gen. Banks, the company performed escort duty to the town hall, where their old army commander at the assault and capture of Port Hudson, La., delivered a lecture.

On May 18 this year the company was transferred to and made a part of the Sixth Reg't M. V. M., being designated as Co. A.

#### ALBION HALL OCCUPIED AS AN ARMORY.

On Nov. 17, 1866, the company held its first meeting in their new armory in Albion hall, on Albion street. William H. Atwell, William Odiorne and George Cheney joined at this meeting. Jan.



**RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD, FALL PARADE, 1866.**  
Dress Parade on Main street, at the corner of Mechanic street. The house in the background on the left then stood on the present site of Connell and Curley's block, and is still standing on the north side of Mechanic St., in the rear of the block.

5, 1867, Dr. S. O. Richardson, Cyrus Wakefield and Col. James F. Mansfield were elected honorary members. S. B. Dearborn became a member of the Guard Jan. 19th. Beginning with February of this year monthly meetings took the place of weekly drills, but this change was not of long duration. On July 4 the company turned out with Brown's band. The company went to muster Sept. 3, with three officers and 45 men. The camp was at Swampscott, near the ocean, and the tour of duty lasted five days, the troops being reviewed the last day by Gen. B. F. Butler. On Oct. 7 the Guard went to Boston and attended the reception tendered to Maj.-Gen. Phil. H. Sheridan.

Capt. Littlefield, after a long and faithful service, resigned early in 1868 and on March 2 Capt. James F. Emerson was for the third time elected commander by an unanimous vote. In May Col. J. F. Mansfield was elected 1st lieutenant and Dr. S. O. Richardson, Jr., 2nd lieutenant, but the latter declined to serve and H. A. Sunbury was elected to fill that office. This year the company went into camp three miles from Newburyport. The fall parade occurred Oct. 10, the corps turning out with 44 officers and men. The officers of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Boston were the special guests of the day.

#### TOWN CHANGES ITS NAME.

On July 1, 1868, under an act of the legislature, the town of South Reading changed its name to Wakefield, in honor of her honored citizen, Cyrus Wakefield, Esq. The occasion of the assumption of the new title was made a day of general festivity and enjoyment, the grand celebration occurring on July 4th. In the parade the Richardson Light Guard, under Capt. J. F. Emerson, had a conspicuous place.

#### PARADE AT RECEPTION TO PRESIDENT GRANT.

The year 1869 is marked with several interesting events. On June 16th the company, 51 strong, under command of Capt. Emerson, went to Boston and participated in a grand military parade, and were reviewed by Gen. U. S. Grant, then president of the United States. This year the company camped at Boxford with fifty men, and the members wore new uniforms on this tour of duty. These

uniforms cost \$31.53 each, of which the state paid \$20 and as the citizens of the town contributed \$311, it left an assessment upon the members of only \$6 each. Oct. 8, 1869, the Yale engine company returned from muster with a record of first honors and Co. A turned out and joined in a grand parade with collation at the old town hall. The record of the meeting held Oct. 11 is as follows: "We moved our armory today (on account of our lease having expired) from the Albion building to a room in Samuel Kingman's building, there to stay till our new armory is finished, in the new town hall."

#### CAPT. S. F. LITTLEFIELD ONCE MORE IN COMMAND.

The year 1870 opened with the resignation (on Jan. 29) of Capt. Emerson, and on Feb. 12th Capt. Samuel F. Littlefield was elected commander. The formal election occurred Feb. 25th. The records for many years show that the annual spring inspections were held in May, that the company turned out on Memorial Day and generally on July 4th. Each fall the anniversary parade, target shoot and banquet took place. Annual encampment was held at Concord, it being the first state encampment of the Mass. Vol. Militia after the war.

Wakefield's new town hall was dedicated Feb. 22, 1871, and in the designing of the handsome edifice the top floor was left to be fitted as an armory for the Richardson Light Guard.

#### DEDICATION OF NEW ARMORY IN THE NEW TOWN HALL.

On Aug. 4, the company dedicated its new armory by a parade, promenade concert, dance and banquet. There were invited guests present and it was another red letter day in the history of the company. Interest in the company, which had flagged somewhat in the later sixties, returned with the voting in of many new members. About two years later it was found that the company drills were racking the town hall building and it became necessary to give up the company movements and subsequently the armory was abandoned and the company established quarters in the old town hall, then owned by John M. Cate. The encampment this year was at Swampscott, beginning on Aug. 22 and continuing five days. On Sept. 5 W. L. Coon resigned as treasurer, after efficiently serving in that capacity for five years. Corp. Charles F. Woodward succeeded



**WILLIAM W. WHITTREDGE.**  
Enlisted May, 1865, Co.  
E, 8th Reg't, M. V. M.;  
enlisted June 22, 1866, Co.  
A, 6th Reg't.



**Serg't HENRY OSCAR BURDITT.**  
Enlisted May, 1865, Co. E, 8th  
Reg't; corporal and sergeant Co.  
A, 6th Reg't, M. V. M.; discharged  
May 31, 1877.



**SYLVESTER BURDITT.**  
Enlisted May 24, 1873. Ap-  
pointed wagoner, Aug. 2, 1873;  
continuous service to March 2,  
1892; served several years as  
armorers.



MAJ. JOHN M. CATE.

Enlisted as private Sept. 4, 1869; appointed captain, March 19, 1873; major, Aug. 3, 1876; discharged Oct. 20, 1876. Civil War, 33d Reg. Mass. Vols. See Roster.

him as treasurer. Dec. 30 Lieut. George K. Gilman was elected first lieutenant vice Col. J. F. Mansfield, resigned, and Serg't Albert Mansfield was elected second lieutenant. Serg't S. B. Dearborn was promoted to be orderly sergeant.

Capt. Littlefield resigned Nov. 2, 1872, and took place of private in the ranks as indicative of his continued interest in the organization. Nov. 22 the company voted to contribute \$25 toward the fund to procure a large oil painting of George Washington, to be hung in the new town hall.

#### JOHN M. CATE AS CAPTAIN.

The office of captain being still vacant, the company, on Feb. 15, 1873, unanimously elected Capt. James F. Emerson for a fourth time but he declined to again serve. Col. Beal called a special meeting and John M. Cate was, on March 19, elected captain.

#### FIRST ENCAMPMENT AT SOUTH FRAMINGHAM.

On Sept. 2, 1873, Co. A, R. L. G., went into camp at South Framingham for the first time, and every year since, the annual camp tour of duty has been held at the state grounds in that town. Oct. 4 Lieut. J. F. Mansfield resigned. May 27 this year the Guard entertained the Salem Cadets at the annual May parade. The records contain numerous mention of gifts of money at various times by Dr. S. O. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson. In them the company always had steadfast and generous friends. In this the company was especially fortunate. Through the winter and spring for years there were suppers, assemblies, and generally a grand ball which was an event of the year locally.

#### DEATH OF DR. S. O. RICHARDSON.

Dr. Richardson, Sr., the foster-father of the Guard, died suddenly on Aug. 31, 1873, while making a call at the residence of Cyrus Wakefield, Esq. He was stricken with apoplexy and lived but a few hours. His death occasioned universal sorrow. He had lived for more than forty years in the town, and was intimately associated with its prominent institutions, and his home was ever renowned for its hospitality and his hand for unstinted generosity. Toward the Richardson Light Guard he showed especial interest; one of his



CAPT. GEORGE K. GILMAN.

Aug. 22, 1876. Resigned same year.

Serg't Co. E, 50th Reg't, Mass. Vols., 1862-3; was at seige of Port Hudson.

dearest wishes seemed to be its highest prosperity and success. He was followed to the grave by a large and mournful company, the Richardson Light Guard returning from camp at Framingham to perform escort duty for the remains of their honored and beloved friend. The burial was at Mount Auburn cemetery. His son, Dr. Solon O. Richardson, Jr., continues to this day the same cherished and beneficent interest in the company and a generous contribution from him and his sons makes possible the grand semi-centennial anniversary of the R. L. G on Oct. 11, this year, 1901.

The company this year (1875) went to Concord on April 19th and took part in the centennial anniversary of the historic fight at Lexington and Concord in 1775. This was done at the express request of Dr. Richardson. June 17th, at the centennial exercises at Charlestown the company turned out as escort to the 5th Reg't Veteran Association. The fall parade was held on Friday, Oct. 15, and was unusual by reason of having as guests Cos. C, D, E, G, H, I and K of the Sixth Reg't. The regiment made a fine appearance on parade. In the afternoon there was an exhibition regimental drill on Main street, and the day's festivities closed with a grand ball in the town hall.

Capt. Cate offered his resignation Feb. 29, 1876, but the company voted to ask him to withhold it for a time, which he did, but later was promoted major of the 6th Reg't.

#### LIEUT. GEORGE K. GILMAN CHOSEN CAPTAIN.

Aug. 27, 1876. Lieut. George K. Gilman was elected captain, and served for sixty days under a temporary commission allowed by the laws of that time; not desiring to remain in command for any considerable length of time he resigned. At the time of Lieut. Gilman's promotion, 2d Lieut. Samuel H. Mitchell was promoted to first lieutenant and served in that capacity for 60 days under the same conditions as those affecting Capt. Gilman. At the same meeting Charles F. Woodward was elected second lieutenant, and after the discharge of Capt. Gilman and Lieut. Mitchell, he was in command of the company until Serg't Albert Mansfield was elected captain and had qualified. At a meeting held Nov. 10th, Maj. William S. Greenough was chosen captain by an unanimous vote. Sergeant Albert Mansfield was elected first lieutenant. Maj. Greenough



CAPTAIN ALBERT MANSFIELD,  
of Lynnfield.  
Nov. 13, 1876 to Feb. 21, 1879.

declined to serve and on the 13th inst. Sergeant Mansfield was elected commander.

#### CAPT. ALBERT MANSFIELD AT HEAD OF CO. A.

At this meeting 2d Lieut. Charles F. Woodward was elected first lieutenant and Serg't Stanley B. Dearborn was elected second lieutenant to fill the vacancy. May 16, 1877, William J. Howland was appointed orderly sergeant.

President R. B. Hayes came to Boston on June 26, 1877, and Co. A took part in the mammoth military pageant at Boston, incident to his reception. George M. Tompson was elected second lieutenant Aug. 24, 1877, vice Lieut. S. B. Dearborn resigned. Sept. 17, this year, the company, while at "Camp Framingham," went to Boston and participated in a parade in honor of the dedication of the Soldiers' monument on Boston Common. It was a terrifically hot day and many men were forced to leave the ranks.

Early in 1878, the company was equipped with fatigue uniforms.

#### FIRST EFFORT TOWARD A RIFLE TEAM.

On July 16, 1878, the company took its first step toward the organization of a company rifle team. Its later successes and prominence in this department of military life date from this meeting. At the suggestion of the Mass. Vol. Rifle Association, announcing a competitive rifle match at the state camp ground on Tuesday, July 30th, the members voted, on motion of Serg't Howland "that this company organize and send a rifle team, in accordance with the suggestion received, to compete at the match specified." The following members went to Framingham on the 30th as representing Co. A and their scores follow their names: —Serg't K. S. Nichols, 19; Serg't W. J. Howland, 17; Private J. W. Smith, 17; Serg't W. F. Savage, 12; Private John Fay, 10; a total of 75 out of a possible score of 125. There were nineteen teams entered, and the highest score made was 87.\*

At a meeting held Aug. 20, 1878, a letter was received from Col. Beal calling attention to the necessity to improve in discipline and in the care of arms. The company promptly passed a vote

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\* In the subsequent records of the company that appear in this volume references to the rifle teams are reserved for the chapter on Rifle Practice.

“expressing our confidence in Capt. Mansfield, and show our willingness to support him in attaining a higher grade for the company.” The year 1878 again saw the mustering out process of such companies as fell below a certain standard; also the organization of regiments of twelve companies of three battalions, with three majors, and the new code of Massachusetts regulations was adopted; and the maximum of infantry companies was increased to 62.

CHARLES F. WOODWARD ELECTED TO A CAPTAINCY.

Capt. Mansfield having resigned, Col. Beal called a special election for Feb. 27, 1879, when Lieut. Charles F. Woodward was unanimously elected captain. To fill vacancies, 2d Lieut. George M.



CAPT. G. M. TOMPSON.

Engineer 1st Brigade Staff. Commissioned 2d Lieut. R. L. G. Aug. 24, 1877.

Tompson was elected first lieutenant and Capt. George K. Gilman, second lieutenant. Capt. Woodward remained in command until promoted major on Feb. 7, 1882, and Co. A made rapid progress and was placed in official reports at the head of the entire state mi-



Col. CHARLES F. WOODWARD.

Commissioned Capt., February 27, 1879. See Roster.

litia. Gen. Arnold, an inspector from the U. S. Army, made special mention of Capt. Woodward in his report to the Secretary of War. Rifle practice was stimulated and it was the beginning of a new era in discipline and efficiency in drill and the manual of arms.

Upon invitation of Gen. Lander Post, G. A. R., of Lynn, the company took part in a sham fight at Wyoma Park, in that city on June 20, 1879. At the fall parade held on Oct. 10, Co. A had as invited guests Companies G and I of the 6th regiment. Early in February of 1880 the company visited Lowell as guests of the Putnam Guard of that city. The appointment by Capt. Woodward of the late Roger Howard as orderly sergeant, was a case of putting the right man in the right place at the right time. Serg't Howard contributed his part in the general improvement in the manual of arms and company movements. May 14, Company A held inspection and drill for the first time in the town hall, which was completely filled by a large and attentive audience.

While Co. A was in camp in September, 1880, a tour of duty was transferred to Boston where the organization took part in the parade in connection with the 250th settlement of that city. New fatigue blouses were issued to the state militia this year. Previously the company had owned its own fatigue blouses.

Aug. 24, 1880, William H. Hogue was elected 1st lieut., vice Lieut. Gilman, resigned, and Fred W. Hentz, 2d lieut. This year the company went to camp with a full complement, being six points ahead of any other company in the regiment. In December, Lieut. Hentz, in behalf of the company, presented a handsome silver ice pitcher to Capt. Woodward—an acceptable Christmas present. On Feb. 15, 1881, Adj. Gen. A. Hun Berry visited Co. A and presented nine members of the Guard the state marksmen's badges won by them in October, the previous year. These nine fortunates were Sergt's Roger Howard, Charles A. Cheney and Joseph H. Richardson, Corporals David Ogilvie and George H. Taylor, Musician George E. White, and Privates William B. Daniel, David Graham and David H. Walker, who were also the first nine men in the state militia to receive these evidences of the state's interest in excellent work at the target. As Gen. Hun Berry pinned on the badges he remarked that it gave him great pleasure to designate Serg't Howard



CAPT. FREDERICK W. HENTZ.  
Commissioned March 2, 1882. See Roster.



CAPTAIN ROGER HOWARD.

Commissioned, Nov. 10, 1882. See Roster.

as the first soldier in the commonwealth upon whose breast the badge was pinned.

THE "WAKEFIELD," "RICHARDSON" AND "BEEBE" MEDALS.

During the early part of 1881 Cyrus Wakefield, Solon O. Richardson and Lucius Beebe offered valuable medals to be competed for annually at the rifle range. Capt. Samuel C. Kingman later offered a "Kingman" medal. The company received new dress hats on Feb. 28. This year the "Wakefield" medal was won by Serg't Howard, the "Richardson" medal by Private Frank H. Emerson and the "Beebe" medal by Private N. J. Godfrey. June 14th Lieut. Hogue resigned and on the 24th inst. Fred'k W. Hentz was chosen first lieutenant and Serg't Roger Howard, second lieutenant. The latter positively declined, whereupon Serg't Charles A. Cheney was elected to fill the office. On December 10th the Guard gave a fine exhibition drill at the Soldiers' Home Bazaar at Mechanic's Hall, Boston.

CAPT. WOODWARD ELECTED MAJOR AND LIEUT. HENTZ CAPTAIN.

On Feb. 7 Capt. Woodward notified the company of his election to the office of major of the 6th, and on March 2d Lieut. F. W. Hentz was elected captain, Charles A. Cheney 1st lieut. and (on March 11) Herbert W. Walton 2d lieut. This year the winners of the "Wakefield," "Richardson" and "Beebe" medals were Serg't Howard, Serg't George H. Taylor and Private F. H. Emerson.

ROGER HOWARD ELECTED CAPTAIN.

Capt. Hentz resigned Aug. 8, 1882, and Lieut. Cheney served as acting captain through the annual encampment and fall parade, and until Nov. 10, when Roger Howard was elected captain. Oct. 11 was another day on which the members of the Richardson Light Guard went to Boston and were reviewed by President Chester A. Arthur. Early in 1883 the company entered a competitive drill at Music hall, Lynn, under command of Capt. Howard and came home with the first prize. This year the "Wakefield," "Richardson" and "Beebe" medals were awarded to Private F. H. Emerson, Serg't C. H. Stearns and Serg't Clarence P. Knight. April 17 Serg't George H. Taylor was elected 2d lieut., vice Lieut. Walton, discharged.

A grand fair was held in the town hall Oct. 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1883, from which the company treasury was benefitted to the extent of about \$1200. The year following black helmets were issued to the militia.

In 1884 Serg't Stearns took the "Wakefield" medal; Serg't Charles Whiting the "Richardson" medal and Private Lyman Berry the "Beebe" medal.

#### CHARLES A. CHENEY THE CAPTAIN.

Capt. Howard resigned in August, 1884, and a special election was held to fill vacancies on Aug. 22nd. Maj. Woodward presided and Lieut. Charles A. Cheney was elected captain, receiving 31 out of 33 votes polled. Second Lieut. George H. Taylor was unanimously elected 1st lieut., and Lyman O. Berry, 2nd lieut.

At the annual fall parade of 1884 Co. A entertained as special guests the Foster Rifles of Nashua, N. H. The Grand Army held a great Soldiers' Home Carnival at Chelsea in April, 1885 and Co. A was assigned to do guard duty for one evening, and their work was highly complimented by the people and the press. A few evenings later at the carnival "one of the companies comprising the 'Commonwealth regiment' was Co. A, and much credit to ourselves did we take during the six minutes allotted us for drill." Aug. 8, this year, upon invitation of H. M. Warren Post, No. 12, G. A. R., the company escorted the Post to the Congregational church and thence to the town hall where a memorial service was held in honor of the late Gen. U. S. Grant. Frank E. Gray joined the company Sept. 29, 1885. During the year new overcoats were adopted and issued to the militia throughout the state.

On the death of Maj. John Wiley (the first captain of the company) early in 1886, his portrait in the armory was draped for a period of thirty days, and appropriate resolutions passed and spread upon the records. The last day of this year the company went to Lynn as the guests of the Wooldredge Cadets (Co. I) of that city. This year also the Zouave trousers and leggings were abolished in the volunteer militia. About this time action was taken toward securing a more commodious armory.

At the first meeting of 1887 the company purchased a combination pool and billiard table, at a cost of \$225.



CAPTAIN CHARLES A. CHENEY.

Aug. 22, 1884. See Roster.



LIEUT. STANLEY B. DEARBORN,

Enlisted as Private Co. L, 1st Reg't, H. Artillery in 1863; served under Gen. Grant through the Wilderness Campaign, 1864 to 1865; was at surrender of Gen. Lee's army at Appomattocks. Slightly wounded at Saler's Creek, Va. April 6, 1865; the reg't served as Infantry while at the front, in fifteen engagements. Lieut, Co. A, 6th Reg't, Nov. 13, 1876.

## FIRST HONORS AT STATE PRIZE DRILL IN TREMONT TEMPLE.

The chief event of 1887 and one in which the company and the town took an especial pride was a state prize drill held in Tremont Temple, Boston, on April 7th. Each company in the state was entitled to enter two men. Co. A selected Serg't Edward J. Gihon and Corp. Roger Howard to uphold the honor of the Richardson Light Guard. There were fifty-seven contestants who went through the manual of arms before an immense audience, and in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of military officers and men. The judges awarded the first prize of \$50 to Corp. Roger Howard of Wakefield. It was an honor that reflected great credit on the individual, the organization and the town.

The first record of a drill for special medals at the annual inspection appears under date of April 22, 1887, when the "Wakefield" gold medal was won by Serg't E. J. Gihon, the "Richardson" gold medal by Serg't P. J. Flanders and the "Beebe" medal by Corp. E. F. Preston.

## DEDICATION OF NEW ARMORY IN RINK BUILDING.

The 36th anniversary of the company was especially noteworthy for two features. It was observed on October 14, 1877, with a parade and ball, with Co. I, 8th Reg't of Lynn as guests. The second feature was that on this day the company dedicated its new armory in the Rink building, in the rear of 378 Main street. After the outdoor exercises a banquet was served in the new armory, which had been handsomely fitted up by the organization, through the very generous contributions of money by its friends and townspeople. The High School cadets assisted at the tables. Capt. Cheney spoke words of welcome and the happy post-prandial program was in charge of Hon. Thomas Winship, as toastmaster. Capt. James H. Carter was the historian of the occasion and delivered a brilliant dedicatory address.

## TAKES FIRST PRIZE FOR DRILL AT LOWELL.

On the eleventh of November following, Co. A went to Lowell on the invitation of Co. G, 6th Reg't, and assisted in a battalion drill and participated in a prize drill. The boys went by special



MAJ. GEORGE H. TAYLOR.

Commissioned Capt., May 14, 1888; Maj., July 2, 1890. See Roster.

train and on reaching Lowell were marched to the common under escort of Cos. G and C and the Lowell G. A. R. drum corps. The program included a parade, battalion drill, dress parade, supper and a competitive company drill in the evening, at Huntington hall. The first prize, a beautiful Rogers' group, "Protection," was awarded to Co. A.

Cyrus Wakefield, nephew of Cyrus Wakefield, Sr., and a true friend of the Richardson Light Guard, died on January 25, 1888, and the company passed appropriate resolutions, closing with these verses :

"Not his the golden pens, or lips' persuasions,  
But a fine sense of right,  
And truth's directness meeting each occasion,  
Straight as a line of light.

"And now he rests, his noble hearted sweetness,  
No more in this world's strife,  
And death has moulded into calm completeness,  
The statue of his life."

Serg't Gihon, on Feb. 6, 1888, was announced as the winner of a beautiful book presented by Capt. J. H. Carter, for having the best record of attendance, drill and military courtesy. At the annual inspection the Wakefield medal was won by Serg't E. J. Gihon, the Richardson medal by Corp. E. E. Morrison and the Beebe medal by Private George E. Zwicker.

Capt. Cheney resigned May 5, when Lieut. Taylor, on behalf of the company, presented their retiring captain with a silver ice pitcher, suitably engraved.

#### LIEUT. GEORGE H. TAYLOR SUCCEEDS CAPT. CHENEY.

Lieut. George H. Taylor was elected captain May 14, 1888, by a unanimous vote. Lyman O. Berry was elected 1st lieut. and Clinton H. Stearns 2nd lieut. At the state encampment in June Co. A was the only company in the regiment that was credited with being present with a full complement of officers and men. At a competitive prize drill, under the auspices of the 9th Reg't at Oak Island, Revere Beach, June 18th, Serg't P. J. Flanders won second prize. On Oct. 3 the company paraded at Boston on the occasion of a mobilization of the entire militia of the state. Nov. 1 Lieut. Clinton H. Stearns was elected 1st lieut. and Serg't E. J. Gihon, 2d lieut.

On March 18, 1889, Capt. James H. Carter presented a set of Grant's Memoirs to Private Charles S. Emerson, Jr., for excellence in military courtesy, attendance at drill, etc., the token having been offered to Co. A as a mark of appreciation. Co. A's social life was enlivened by an invitation to attend a grand assembly at Lynn, as guests of Co. I, and most of the company attended on April 12th. The fall drill of 1889 took place at Worcester, Oct. 14, and two days later a detail of the company attended the funeral of the regimental hospital steward, Serg't George H. Clothey. On Oct. 18, 1889, the fall parade took place, Capt. Carter acting as toastmaster.

Again in May, 1890, Co. A was well represented at another assembly under the auspices of Co. I.

#### CLINTON H. STEARNS ELECTED CAPTAIN.

The special event of 1890, however, was the promotion of Capt. Taylor to major, necessitating the holding of a special meeting July 14, for the purpose of electing a new commander and filling vacancies. Out of 36 votes cast, Lieut. Clinton H. Stearns received 35 and accepted the office. Lieut. Gihon was elected first lieutenant and Serg't P. J. Flanders was chosen second lieutenant.

On Sept. 1, 1890, Co. A was the guest of Co. H at Stoneham. The concluding important event of the year was the fall parade when a handsome silk flag was presented to Co. A by fine members and friends, through Capt. Carter, who also presided as toastmaster at the banquet.

Capt. Stearns appointed James H. Keough, armorer, to succeed Sylvester Burditt, resigned, on Jan. 12, 1891. Serg't Keough has held the office to the present time. In reciprocating courtesies extended by Co. I, Lynn, Co. A entertained that command on the occasion of the annual R. L. G. prize drill, April 17, 1891. In August of that year the selectmen granted authority for a 500-yard range. The rifle team held a lawn party Sept. 7. On March 17th the monotony of the winter was broken by a complimentary entertainment and dance held by the commissioned and non-commissioned officers.

#### "THE BATTLE OF WAKEFIELD"

Oct. 5, 1892, was a memorable day for Wakefield's militia company. The occasion was the annual fall drill of the 6th Reg't, with



CAPTAIN CLINTON H. STEARNS.

Commissioned, July 14, 1890. See Roster.

a sham battle. The scene of action was along the ridge between Wakefield and Stoneham. Co. A, with Cos. C H and G, assembled at the upper depot, Wakefield, in command of Lieut. Col. Woodward, while Col. Parsons, with the remaining companies of the regiment assembled in Stoneham. The various manoeuvres were witnessed by hundreds of townspeople and visitors and all watched the pre-arranged defeat of the Wakefield "forces." It was a bloodless and harmless encounter and after the "capture" of the enemy an exhibition of street firing was given. A bountiful collation furnished by Wakefield citizens was served and a parade concluded the day's ceremonies.

#### IN COMMAND OF CAPT. GIHON.

On Jan. 2, 1893, 1st Lieut. Edward J. Gihon was unanimously elected captain, to succeed Capt. Stearns. 2d Lieut. Flanders was chosen first lieutenant, and Serg't Charles E. Walton, second lieutenant.

#### STATE CONDEMNS ARMORY.

In their inspection of public buildings in Wakefield, the state building inspectors were led to believe that the armory—the rink building—was unfit for use, consequently on April 16, 1894, Co. A was ordered to remove all state property from the building. The request was complied with within a week, the upper story of the town hall being used for the storage of the goods.

#### WAKEFIELD'S 250th ANNIVERSARY.

In 1894, May 28, Co. A participated in the 250th anniversary celebration. For the first time in a number of years no banquet or ball was held at the fall parade, in 1894, as the company had no convenient accommodations. An entertainment was held Dec. 19, 1894, to raise funds for furnishing the new armory and about \$100 was cleared. Military basket ball attracted local attention in the winter of 1894-95, and Co. A's team won many games.

#### DEDICATION OF NEW AND PERMANENT ARMORY.

The dedication of the new armory erected by the town on Main street, a short distance south of the town hall, on Feb. 15, 1895, was a notable event and many distinguished military guests were present.



LIEUT. COL. EDWARD J. GIHON.

Asst. Inspector General, Governor's Staff; Commissioned Capt., Jan. 2, 1893;  
in command of the Company in Spanish American War 1898;  
appointed Major for gallant service. See roster.

A banquet was held at 4.30 P. M., followed by a concert and concluding with a grand ball in which one hundred couples participated, and led by Captain and Mrs. Gihon. At the banquet, the toastmaster was George H. Towle, Esq., and there were present Col. Parsons, Lieut. Col. Woodward, Chaplain Dusseault, Col. Matthews, Congressman Barrett and many others. The armory was attractively decorated and many citizens and townspeople inspected the building. It is a matter of interest to record that this armory was designed, built, painted and decorated entirely by members of the company.

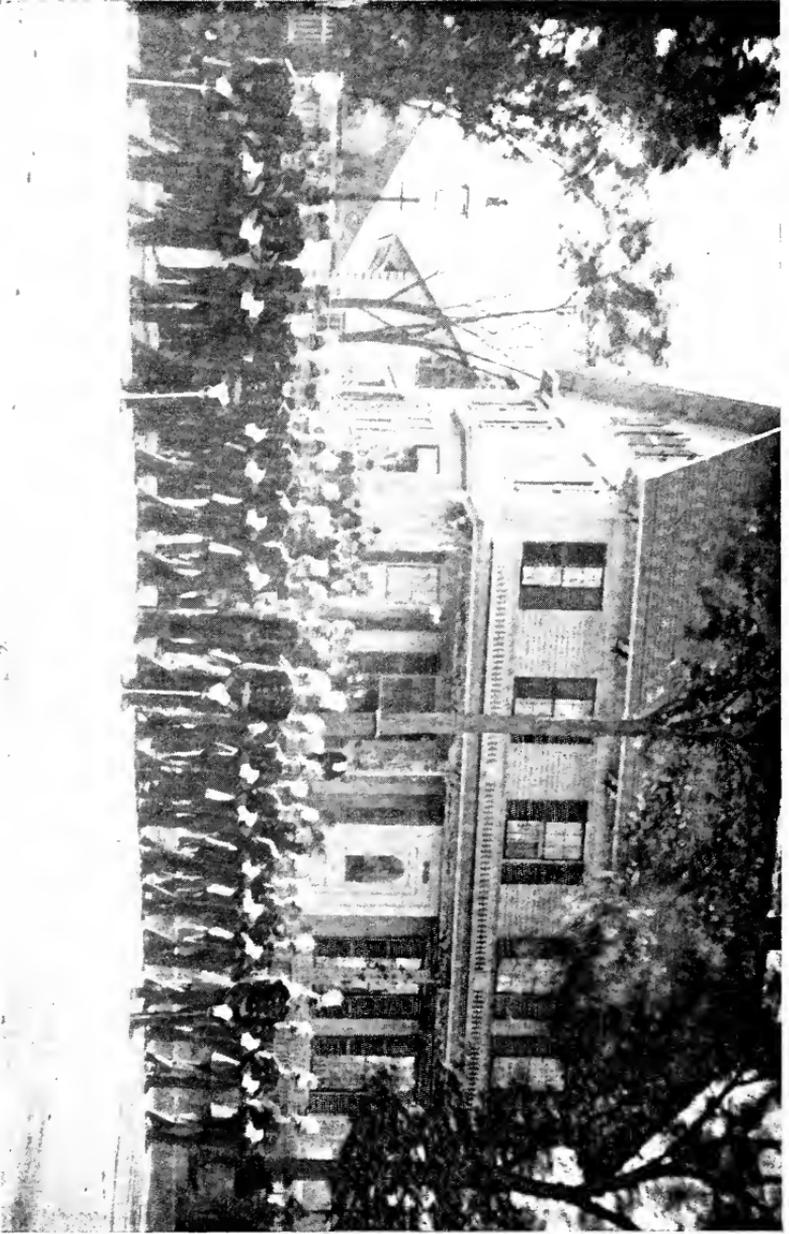


Lt. Col. JAMES F. MANSFIELD.

1st Lt. R. L. G. 1868-'71; En. Sergt 1861 Co. E, 16th Regt. Mass. Vols.; rose to the rank of Lt. Col. See Roster.

In April, 1896, a non-commissioned officers' association was formed for the purpose of advancing the interests of the company. Plans were made for the rifle team to go to Sea Girt, N. J., in August, but the trip was abandoned owing to sickness of members. The fall field day this year was held at Concord. Superintendent of Schools C. E. Hussey was toastmaster at the banquet Oct. 14. The year's events concluded with a prize shoot on Christmas Day.

The death of Maj. George O. Carpenter, during the holiday season of '96, occasioned deep regret and appropriate resolutions were adopted Jan. 11, '97. A series of entertainments were given in the winter and spring of this year, and in April the East Middlesex Rifle League was organized, including Co. A. The fall field day, Oct. 6, was at Southbridge. On Christmas Day a sunlight hop was held by the company at the armory. The year 1898 was a memorable one for the company and the story is told in the chapter that follows.



ON DRESS PARADE OPPOSITE DR. S. O. RICHARDSON'S RESIDENCE IN 1877.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### THE RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

The United States declared war against the kingdom of Spain on April 26, 1898. Spain's oppressive treatment of Cuba had caused great discontent and a rebellion broke out in 1895, the Cubans making a determined struggle for independence. The damage to American property was enormous and the United States protested against the terrible state of affairs. On the night of Feb. 15, 1898, the U. S. battleship "Maine," was blown up in Havana harbor. This was bitterly resented, and a month later, as a natural culmination of events and conditions, war was declared. President McKinley called for 200,000 volunteers and a million of men stepped forward, saying, "Here am I; take me." The army of the United States at this time numbered only 25,000 men. The response to the call, as during the Civil War, showed the intense patriotism of the people.

Great and splendid work was cut out for the Volunteer Militia of Massachusetts, and it is to the credit of the 6th Reg't M. V. M., Col. Charles F. Woodward commanding, that it was the first regiment to offer its services as a volunteer regiment to Gov. Wolcott. The members of Co. A, Richardson Light Guard of Wakefield, as a part of the gallant Sixth, shared in this great honor. The company had received an intimation that its services might be needed and when Capt. E. J. Gihon asked each member quietly if he was willing to respond to the call, the answer was, as in '61—"I will go with the company, wherever it goes. You can count on me."

On April 28 the company held a special meeting and sixty-nine men signed the new roll of enlistment and this number was increased to eighty-four the next day. Gov. Wolcott named Col. Woodward to raise a volunteer regiment, and within an hour the

adjutant of the Sixth was in the office of the adjutant general with the report that the regiment was raised and that every officer, line, field and staff had volunteered for such service as might be needed. Col. Woodward and Maj. George H. Taylor of this regiment were past captains of the R. L. G.

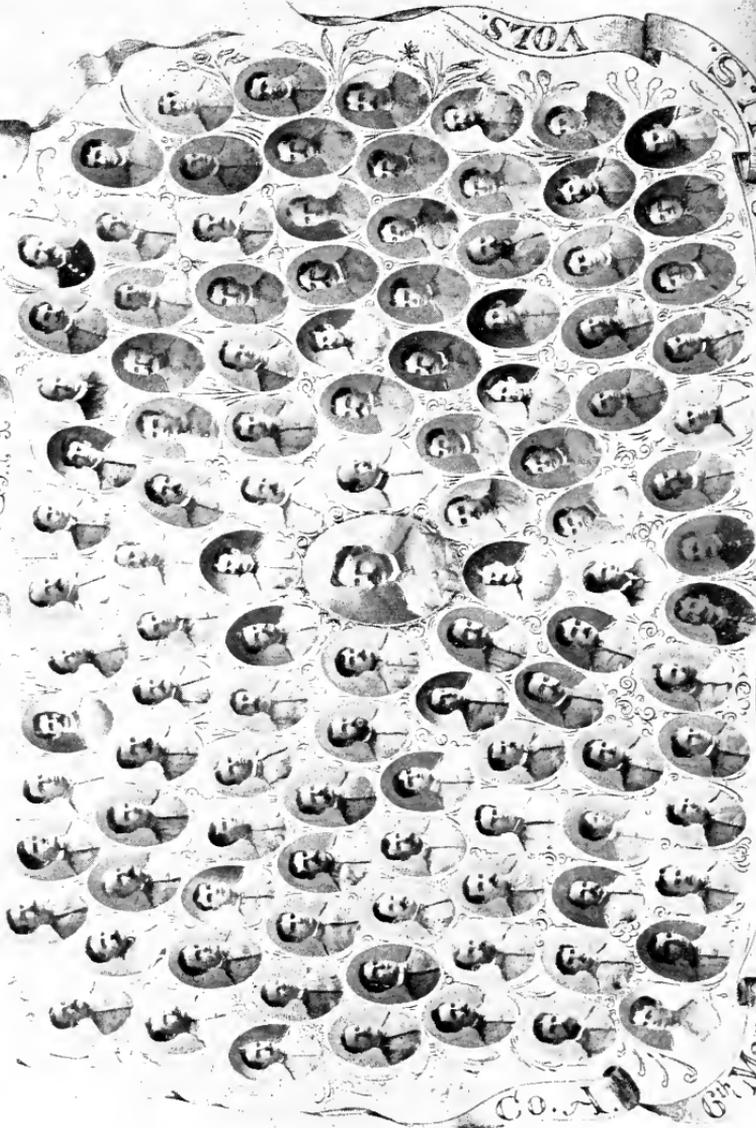
On May 2 Capt. James H. Carter called at the armory and on behalf of the citizens' war committee presented each married member with \$5 in gold.

#### GRAND FAREWELL RECEPTIONS.

The eve of the departure of Co. A for service against the Spanish forces, in whatever land it might be, was a time that stirred to the depths the patriotism of the men and women of Wakefield. Similar feelings prevailed at Reading, the mother-town, and it was there on Monday evening, April 24, that her citizens gave a farewell reception to the Reading members of the Richardson Light Guard. There was a flag raising and banquet at the rooms of the Reading Athletic club, after which a procession was formed and marched to Masonic hall where patriotic exercises were held. Charles A. Loring presided and speeches were made by Alderman J. H. Griggs of Charlestown, one of the three members of the R. L. G. who were taken prisoners at the first battle of Bull Run in 1861, Representative Grimes of Reading, Senator Parsons of Greenfield, Rev. F. J. Gould, Rev. H. W. Haskins, Selectmen Ruggles, Shackford and Clement and Capt. E. J. Gihon of Co. A.

On Thursday evening, May 5, the night before the departure, the citizens of Wakefield united in a grand farewell reception at the town hall. The company was escorted to the hall after a parade by the Wakefield and Reading Grand Army posts, the High School Cadets, Wakefield Fire Department, Sons of Veterans and fine and honorary members. Col. William S. Greenough was chairman of the meeting, the hall being filled to the very limits. It was a grand, enthusiastic and inspiring occasion. A handsome banner was suspended from the centre of an immense draped flag over the stage. The banner was inscribed "Co. A, Sixth Regiment—Onward to Victory—Richardson Light Guard." A telegram was read from Dr. S. O. Richardson, who was at Toledo, Ohio, regretting his absence, but conveying his best wishes to the departing soldiers. There were

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speeches by Col. James F. Mansfield, representing the board of selectmen; Col. C. F. Woodward of the 6th; N. C. Hunter, commander of Post 12, G. A. R., Maj. G. H. Taylor of the 6th, S. K. Hamilton, Esq., Capt. E. J. Gihon, Curtis Guild, Jr., adjutant of the 6th; Rev. A. P. Davis, Serg't Maj. Charles E. Hussey, Rev. Fr. J. E. Millerick, Representative Charles A. Dean, Rev. S. G. Dunham, Edwin C. Miller, Esq., and Rev. Putnam Webber. It was a demonstration of rare interest, and unbounded patriotism and good wishes.

#### OFF FOR THE FRAMINGHAM STATE CAMP GROUND.

At 7.30 o'clock the next morning, May 6th, the assembly signal 12-12, was given on the fire alarm and the whole town quickly gathered to escort the boys of Co. A to the station. Here the scenes of '61-'64 were repeated but on a larger scale. The public schools closed for the day and it was an awe-inspiring spectacle for the younger generations; in fact for the thousands there assembled. The Guard were attired in fatigue uniforms, with leggings, canteens, haversacks, overcoats and cartridge belts. The commissioned officers and "non-coms" of the company when it left Wakefield were: Capt., Edward J. Gihon; 1st lieut., Charles E. Walton; 2nd lieut., Frank E. Gray; 1st serg't, W. E. Gray (Reading); Serg't Charles E. Bridge; Serg't Arthur G. Oliver (Reading); Corporals Alton R. Sedgley, John H. McMahan, Harvey G. Brockbank, Edgar O. Dewey (Reading) and Wilbur I. Broad (Reading). The train rolled into the depot and at 9 o'clock the Richardson Light Guard was off for the front for the fifth time in its history. On arrival at Boston, the company marched to the State House, where the regiment was reviewed by Gov. Wolcott and staff. Members of Post 12 and the High School Cadets marched with Co. A until the company entered cars at the Huntington Avenue station, bound for the state camp ground at South Framingham, which place was reached at noon.

May 7. Company officers were examined by Capt. Bushnell of the U. S. regular army and accepted. Seventy men of the company were examined two days later and accepted, and Capt. Gihon returned home for more recruits, bringing ten volunteers to camp the next day.

#### MUSTERED INTO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE.

May 12 Co. A was mustered into the United States service as

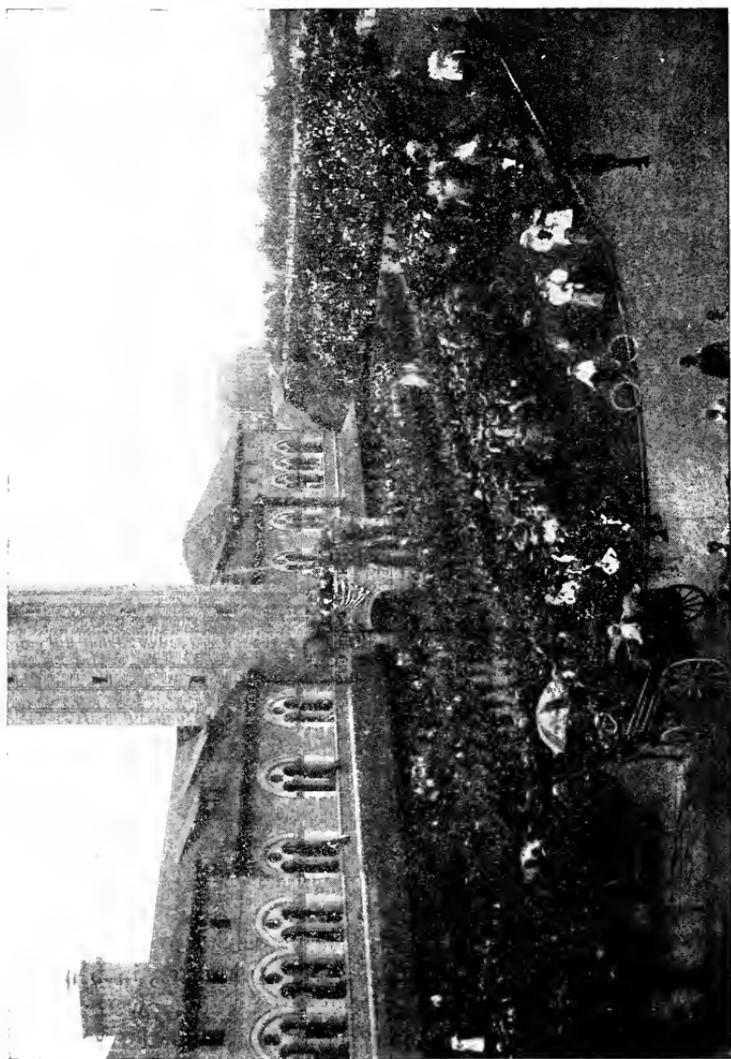


TROOPS PASSING THROUGH BOSTON.

Co. A, 6th Mass. Vols. The ceremony took place at 9.30 in the forenoon, the mustering officer being Lieut. Weaver, U. S. A., who remarked to the colonel that Co. A was the best company he had mustered. This day the 2d Reg't left for Tampa, Florida. The 8th Reg't followed on the 16th inst, on which day Col. W. S. Greenough and Albert R. Perkins visited camp and brought shoes and clothing for the R. L. G. boys, the gift of the Citizens' War Committee of Wakefield. Gov. Wolcott presented commissions to the officers during the day.

#### A ROUSING RECEPTION AT BALTIMORE.

May 20 signalized the departure of the Sixth for "Camp Alger" at Falls Church, Va. The boys left at 5 p. m., the citizens of South Framingham giving the regiment a royal send-off; in fact the regiment met with an uninterrupted series of ovations at the stations it passed. The trip south was over the Boston and Albany, West Shore, Baltimore and Ohio railroads to Baltimore where municipal officials and citizens gave the regiment a reception so remarkable in unstinted hospitality that it attracted the attention and admiration of the whole country. It was the opposite of the hot reception given the Sixth when it marched through Baltimore in '61; the rocks thrown in '61 had turned to roses in '98! The scenes at the station on the arrival of the regiment were overwhelmingly joyful. Everything was decorated and although there was a colored company attached to the 6th "the wave of hospitable welcome with which the men were met broke over all barriers of race and color." The soldiers left the train-shed treading on scattered roses and on reaching the plaza, Mayor Malster and members of the citizens' committee, were presented and an address of welcome given by Col. Supplee, marshal of the day. The regiment, through Col. Woodward, was presented a magnificent floral tribute by Mayor Malster, in behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, and the giving and receiving were accompanied by the wildest scenes of enthusiasm. This floral tribute was an immense bank of red and white roses, artistically arranged on a litter and was carried in the parade that followed by two colored porters. The flowers were held in place by long streamers of blue and white ribbon, bearing this inscription :



6TH MASS. AT MT. ROYAL STATION, B. & O. RAILROAD, BALTIMORE.

"Maryland honors Massachusetts.

Baltimore welcomes 6th Mass.

God preserve you and bring you safely home."

Before the regiment re-entered the train every man was given a box of luncheon. It has been recorded that "this reception was without question, the most dramatic event of the war on American soil." Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, who was present, said: "Baltimore has made history. She has let fall a rose-bud of affection which will touch the heart of the entire nation. No city but Baltimore could have performed such an act. She has lifted up her name to the very pinnacle of renown."

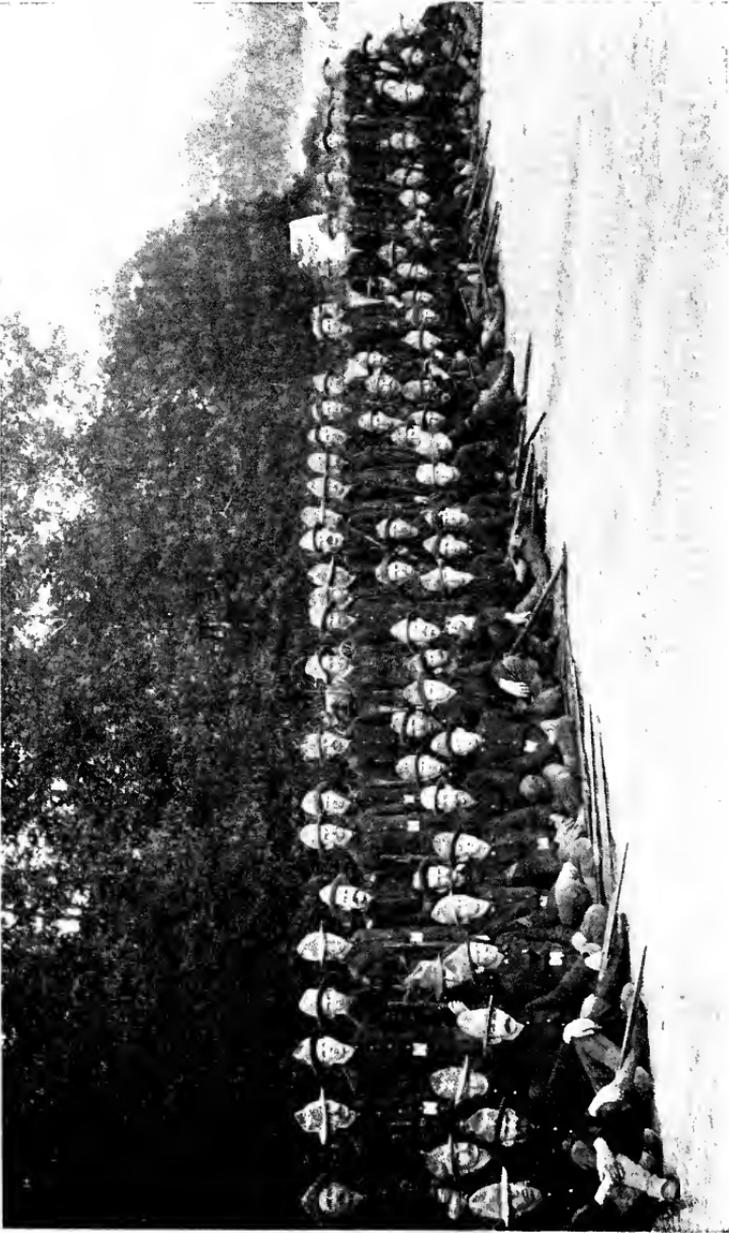
#### LIFE AT "CAMP ALGER," VIRGINIA.

Pushing on, Washington was reached at 10 o'clock that night. The regiment marched past the capitol, and an hour later was rushing across Virginia. Dunn Loring station was reached during the night and disembarkation took place in the morning. After rations of hard tack and canned beans the boys marched to "Camp Alger," six miles away. At noon tents were pitched on a slight rise of ground just vacated by the 5th Maryland regiment.

May 24. The 6th Reg't was brigaded with the 6th Ill. and 8th Ohio as 2d Brigade, 1st Division, 2d Army Corps. This day a rumor went the rounds that the regiment was to be sent to the Philippines. On the 27th there was a grand review by Maj. Gen. Graham of the 2d Army Corps.

#### REVIEWED BY PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

On May 28th, the corps was reviewed by William McKinley, president of the United States, and speaking of this review the *Boston Herald* said that Co. A was the best appearing company in the corps. Later, the President made a tour of the camp and was cheered by the various companies. The assassination of President McKinley Sept. 6, 1901, and his death on the 14th inst. following, will cause members of the Richardson Light Guard to recall, with tender memories, the tour of that quiet, soldierly, brave President on that day in May, 1898. On the 29th, a flag presented by Congressman Sprague, was raised on a 70-foot pole in front of regimental quarters with appropriate exercises.



Co. A 6TH REGT AT CAMP ALGER.

June 1. The 9th Mass. arrived on this day, and the boys of the 6th went over and extended to them the right hand of camp fellowship. For a week the regiment was instructed in hasty entrenchments and bridge and corduroy road building. There were drills every day. On June 7th, Co. A, under charge of Lieut. Frank E. Gray, went out with the first battalion, Capt. Gihon acting major, on two weeks' provost duty. This day the members of the company were made happy by receiving a box marked "Crumbs of Comfort," sent by their good friend and townsman, Rufus Kendrick. These boxes came periodically from the same source, while the boys were in the service.

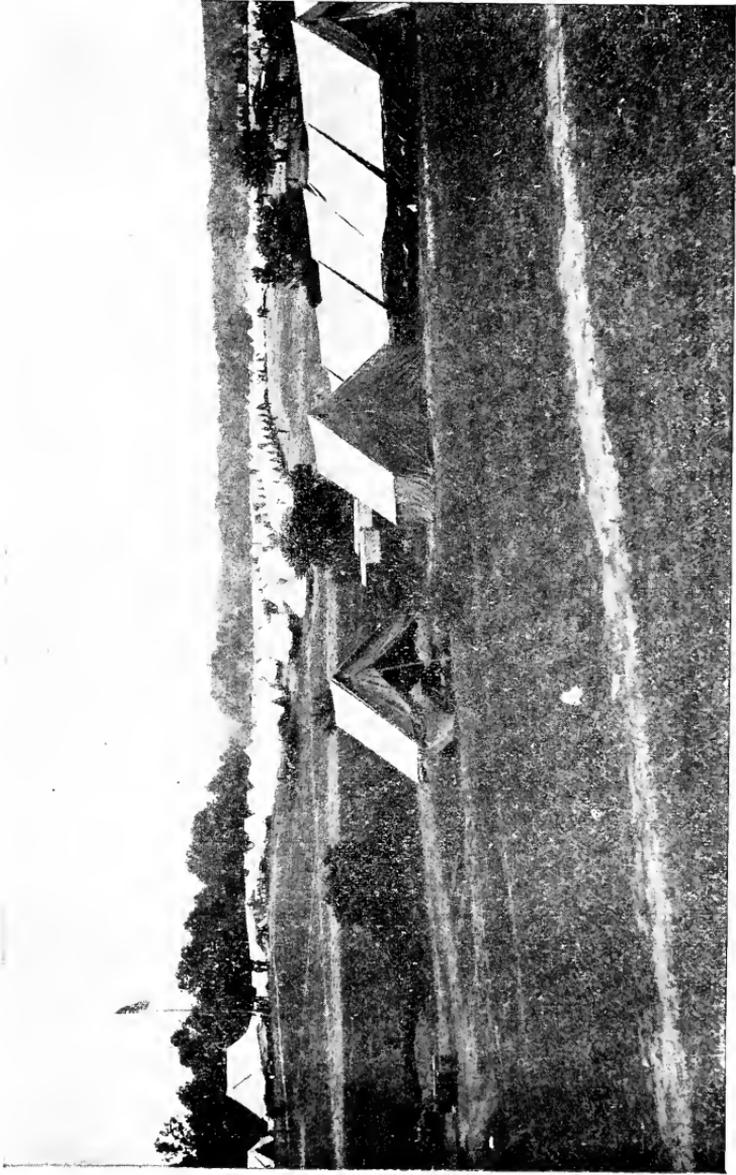
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LIEUT. CHARLES E. WALTON. See Roster.

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Maj. Taylor and Serg't Brockbank left for home to recruit companies to the war standing of 109, officers and men. The next day Paymaster Bailey arrived and paid the men money due them from the state. June 17. Boys all vote Frederic B. Carpenter of Wakefield, a royal good fellow; his remembrance was timely and much appreciated. A box of good things was also received from the Woman's Relief Corps of Wakefield. The day following, the regiment went out on a practice march to the Potomac river, bivouacked over night and returned to camp the next day. Lieut. Charles E.



CAMP ALGER.

Walton resigned his commission on the 25th on account of sickness, but stayed with the regiment until it reached Charleston, S. C., his discharge papers not reaching him until that time.

One of the incidents of life at Camp Alger was the arrival of squads of recruits. On June 28 a squad of "rookies" for Co. A reached the Dunn Loring station and tramped to camp through seas of mud, amid a heavy thunder storm. They marched through long lines of soldiers on either side of the road, who shouted words of advice, interspersed with the constant chorus "Left, left, they had a good job when they left!" The allotment to companies was followed by the distribution to each of a blanket, pouch, cup, spoon, fork, knife, shelter tent, blouse, trousers and campaign hat.

The day's program was generally as follows:—roll call, 5.30 a. m.; breakfast, 6; policing of tent and washing of dishes; setting up drill at 6.30; squad drill for recruits, 8.30; company march and instruction in guard duty, bugle call, etc., 10.30; dinner, 12 m.; squad drill for recruits, 3 p. m.; supper, 5.30; regimental dress parade, 6.30; taps, 9.30. Many of the tent crews organized glee clubs and passed many delightful hours in singing. There was plenty of musical talent in Co. A and its glee club was organized under the direction of Musician Dion Malone.

On the last day of June there was a report that the regiment was to be ordered back to Massachusetts. On July 1st the regiment was given a practice march through the woods, followed by skirmishing and a sham fight. The roads were ankle deep in dust, and the heat intense—108 degrees in the shade. As a special concession on account of this great heat bathing at the well was allowed after taps. It is worth recording that this well supplied water for the whole brigade, and during the day time there was nearly always a long line of men waiting their turns to procure water for camp uses.

The next day, the 2d, the thermometer registered 116 degrees in the shade. The Y. M. C. A. tent at the opposite end of the parade ground began its good work for the boys. July 4 was a noisy day, made more so by news at noon of the victory over Cervera. The Ohio and Illinois troops marched through camp cheering, but the men of the 6th Mass. were not so enthusiastic; the news made it seem more likely that the regiment would not be needed at the

front. Later in the day, however, the regiment marched through camp, headed by the band, cheering the officers. That night there was gloom in the camp as rumor had it that the 6th was to go to Washington to act as body guard to President McKinley.

#### REGIMENT BREAKS CAMP AND STARTS SOUTH.

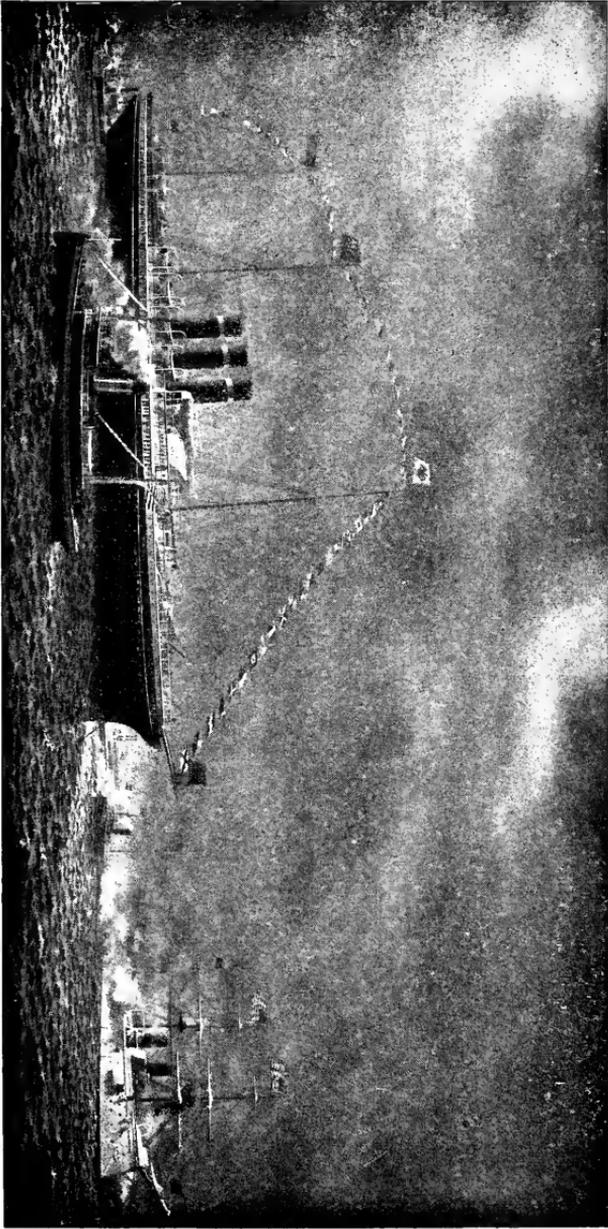
The following day orders came to break camp; extra possessions were packed and sent home; and after a hurried dinner the baggage train was loaded and at 4 o'clock the regiment started for Dunn Loring station in a cloud of dust. Here the troops boarded cars on the Pennsylvania road and two hours later (8 p. m.) left for the South. Cos. A, C, H and G were in one train and the other companies followed in two separate sections. All day on July 6th the train sped through North and South Carolina. All along the route were crowds of people waving flags and handkerchiefs. At Summerville there was a flattering reception; on the outskirts of the town stood groups of children waving flags and the station platform was crowded with young ladies who fairly showered the boys of the 6th with all kinds of flowers. Charleston, S. C., was reached at 8 in the evening and the train bearing Co. A backed down on the wharf near the captured Spanish prize, the "Rita." The troops had been paid off during the day and the negroes who swarmed on the wharf did a thriving business selling fruit and beer. The boys will not soon forget the old cars; they were foul beyond measure!

July 6. Nearly every one was given leave to visit the town during the day. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon the entire battalion of 450 men, of which Co. A formed a part, was marched down the tracks to a ware house and quartered there for the night in a room measuring only 110x60 feet. There was no drinking water, the great heat continued, the floor was covered with flees, and in spite of the rain a large majority of the men preferred to sleep on the cobbles of the little court house yard.

#### EMBARKING ON THE "YALE."

On the morning of the 8th, the troops boarded the "Commodore Perry" and were conveyed down the harbor, with the bands playing, to the "Yale" which, with the "Columbia" were lying far out beyond the bar. On the way out Fort Moultrie and Fort Sumter were

THE "YALE"

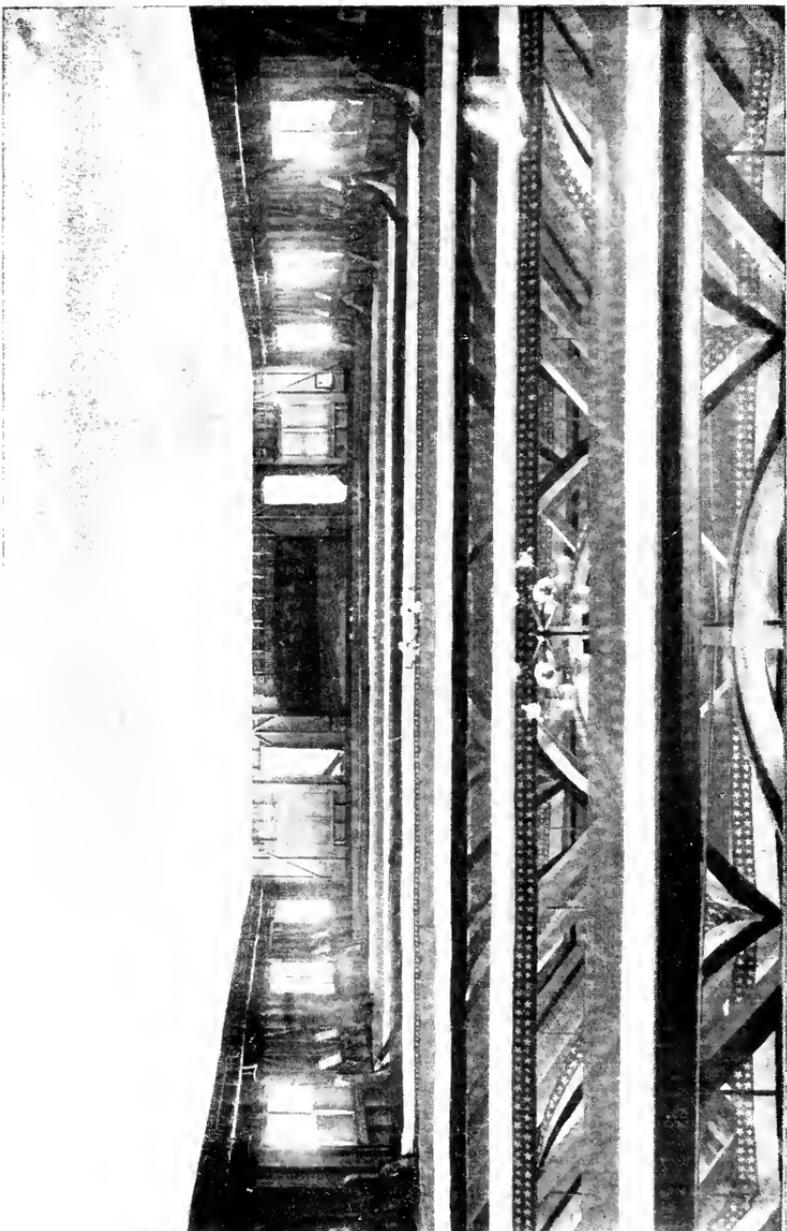


passed. Co. A rolled around in the smaller boat and in the rain for two hours before boarding the "Yale." In addition to its crew of several hundred, there was on the ship the 1300 men of the 6th Mass. and one company of the 6th Ill. The soldiers were quartered on open deck, most of the companies having no protection, although Co. A was somewhat sheltered by a canvas awning. There had been no dinner this day and no coffee for supper!

When the troops awakened the next morning the steamer was out of sight of land, having left at midnight as soon as Gen. Miles, the commanding general, came on board. We were ordered to pack our luggage so that the decks might be washed down. An hour later luggage and men were also washed in earnest by a tremendous downpour of rain accompanied by a terrific wind. Everyone was soaked to the skin as the troops had to stay on the open deck, where for an hour and a half they huddled like sheep for warmth. After dinner the sun came out.

July 10. The "Yale" signalled a passing steamer and the news was signalled: "Continuous heavy fighting in front of Santiago for two days." San Salvador was passed in the afternoon. The shore of Cuba came into sight early the next morning; Cape Maisi was passed at 6 a. m. and the "Yale" steamed westward along the southern coast about two miles from the shore. Guantanamo was passed at 11 a. m., the harbor being full of ships and the white tents of Camp McCalla showing distinctly on the hill to the east. The blockading squadron was soon in sight and the "Yale" steamed past the "Brooklyn," "Castine," "St. Paul," "Massachusetts" and "New York," and anchored off Siboney. Admiral Sampson came aboard and was welcomed by Gen. Miles. An hour later a big building in Siboney burst into flames; the news spread that the town was infected with yellow fever and was to be destroyed. The regiment was issued three days' rations of hardtack, pork, sugar and coffee and 110 rounds of ammunition, and there was every indication of going ashore for some hot work against the Spanish troops. The blue uniforms were ordered turned in today. Rain fell in the evening and sleep that night was out of the question.

July 12 Gen. Miles landed at Siboney and returned looking worried and anxious. Co. A boys had one-third of a cup of canned



Drill Hall in Company A's Present Armory.

tomatoes for dinner—the first hot meal since leaving “Camp Alger.” More rain.

July 13. First bright day in Cuba. The “Yale” continued to steam aimlessly about, Co. A having setting-up drill in the forenoon. Rumor reported that artillery was what was needed. Col. Woodward was informed that the regiment was to effect capture of Sacopa battery, but next morning a truce was on and the landing was postponed. The next day, the 14th, the news was signalled the “Yale” that General Toral had surrendered Santiago and the whole of Western Cuba. This information took away all possibility of being in the land fight in that part of the island; the band played, but there was little enthusiasm, although the troops were delighted with another American victory. Gen. Miles came aboard later.

July 16. The food furnished the 6th continued poor. Imagine a breakfast of hardtack, two spoonfuls of beans and a third of a cup of coffee, but worse was in store for the troops aboard the “Yale.” Thirty-four U. S. vessels were in sight at one time; there were over sixty when the “Yale” first arrived. It was a grand sight!

July 17th was Sunday. The “Yale” ran up to the entrance of the harbor of Guantanamo. The next day all sorts of rumors were afloat: that the 6th was going to Porto Rico; that peace had been declared and the regiment was going home. Quartered on deck and exposed to the intense heat of the sun, to rain and wind, and dampness by night, at the worst time of the year, the men required courage to reconcile themselves to the paths of duty, and care to preserve health. The only water to drink was distilled water, hot from the condenser, and sick and well lined up and were obliged to drink from the same cup. The second cabin was used for a sick bay and at this time was filled to overflowing and was without ventilation, ice and with no proper facilities for nursing. There existed more or less friction between the soldiers, ship crew and officers. The sailors, many of them from the Ill. Naval Reserves, often shared their meals with the 6th boys until stopped by their officers on threats of punishment.

July 20. Mail arrived today. Nearly every one received a letter from home. The next day fresh meat, refrigerated beef, was issued for the first time for fifteen days. It was a relief from stringy and poor canned meats, some of it decayed and entirely unfit to eat.

## GOING TO PORTO RICO.

July 21. Gen. Miles ordered the fleet to Porto Rico. The boats were the "Massachusetts," "Yale," "Columbia," "Dixie" and "Gloucester" and nine transports, all with 3500 troops on board. The next morning the troops found themselves drifting about, with steam up, in the Windward Passage, half way between Cuba and Hayti. On board the "Yale" was Capt. Whitney, who some few months earlier went through Porto Rico in disguise. He was to be the guide on landing.



**CHARLES F. PARKER.**  
Corporal Co. A.

Died of typhoid fever on board transport "Yale" on way to Porto Rico, July 23, 1898. Buried at sea, near island of Hayti.

**MYRIS H. WARREN.**  
Private Co. A.

Died at Melrose Hospital, of typhoid fever, Nov. 24, 1898. Buried at Ayer, Mass.

## DEATH OF CORPORAL PARKER OF CO. A.

July 23. This was a sad day for the boys of the Richardson

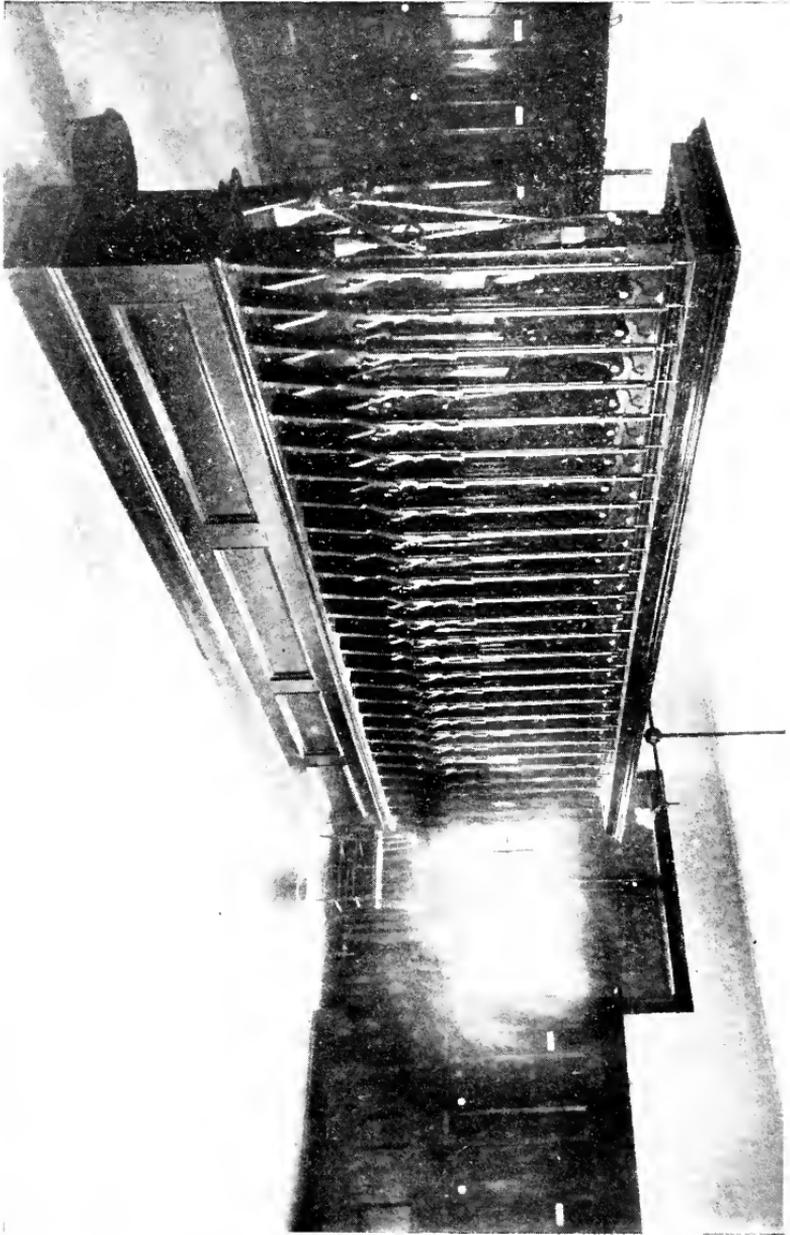
Light Guard. During the night Corp. Charles A. Parker died and this forenoon the funeral took place. Chaplain Dusseault planned an appropriate service, but was overruled by the captain on the ground that a long service would demoralize the men. The regiment was mustered, and Co. A marched round to the port side, near the gangway. The body, sewed in white canvas, shotted at the feet, and covered with an American flag, was carried by six men of the company and laid on a plank across the deck. As the men stood uncovered there was a selection by the band, a few verses of scripture read, a short prayer and then came the committal as the body slid down the plank into the sea. The usual three volleys were fired, the bugl sounded taps and the men marched back to their quarters. It was an impressive scene; Corp. Parker had been very popular in the company and regiment and everybody was depressed.

July 24. San Juan was not the objective point of the expedition. Orders were given to proceed to Guanica. The next morning the "Yale" was off this place and the marines on the "Gloucester" went ashore with little opposition. At 9 o'clock the 6th were issued three days' rations of pork and hardtack, and since the "Yale" was too large to enter the harbor, the troops were transferred to the "City of Macon," and disembarked at 3 o'clock. The 6th Mass. was the first whole U. S. regiment to land on Porto Rican soil. The town was practically deserted; the inhabitants had fled to the foot-hills, but soon began to return in small groups. Shelter tents were pitched for the night in a pasture near the village and the boys were allowed to forage and stretch their legs until darkness. After eighteen horrible days on the "Yale" it was like getting a new lease of life.

Just before landing, Gen. Miles called the officers together and made an excellent address. He told them that to the troops in this campaign belonged the honor of carrying the U. S. flag farther east than ever before; he also spoke of the dangers of the future, and that there was to be no retreat, etc.

#### CAPT. GIBON SHOT IN THE HIP.

July 26. The men of Company A had a lively skirmish with the Spanish troops on this date. Serg't Bridge aroused the men at 2 a. m. It was pitch dark. Out in the road was Gen. Garretson

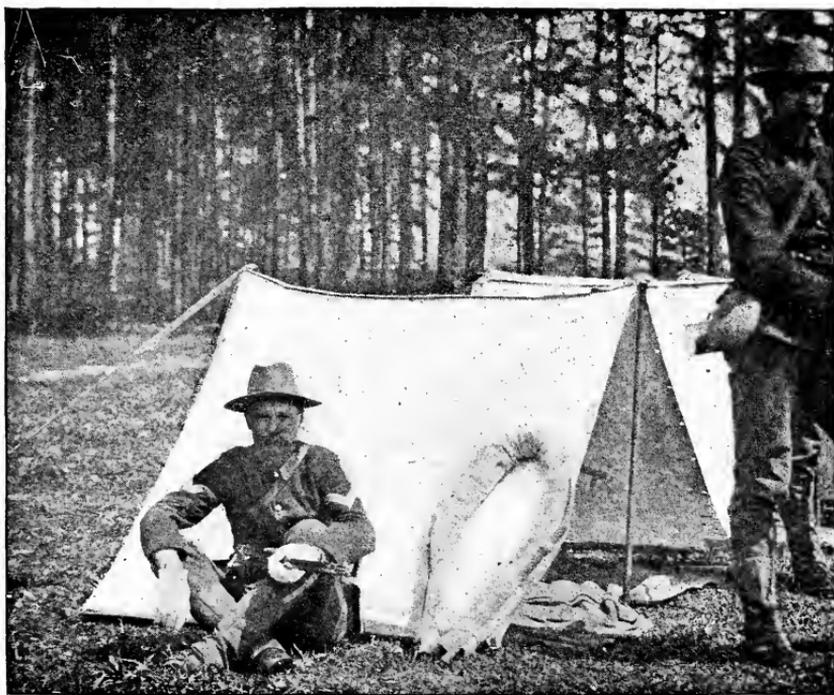


EQUIPMENT ROOM IN PRESENT ARMORY.

with six other companies of the regiment. The column had marched three or four miles, when a heavy Mauser volley was poured in from a hill on the left. Co. A was in advance, with point and flankers out. The men instinctively plunged into the deep ditches on either side of the road and began deliberately to return the fire. The Spaniards were volleying with great rapidity, and the air seemed full of lead, but under the cool direction of the company officers, the Yankee shooting began shortly to tell, and their fire slackened.

During this skirmish Capt. Gihon of Co. A was shot in the thigh near the hip, but in spite of his severe and painful wound, he refused to leave his command and stayed with the company until it was certain that the Spaniards had retired. Other men in the regiment were slightly wounded and many had narrow escapes.

The enemy also occupied the banana groves in the valley, and the fire from this direction enfiladed our trenches. In consequence it became necessary to change position, and beating down the barbed wire fence behind them, Co. A men formed a line at right angles to the road, while the other companies came up at double quick. With a yell the Yankee boys cleared out the Spaniards from the trees in front. Volunteers were called for to drive the enemy from the left. Lieut. Gray from Co. A responded, and taking the first three squads of the company with him, they soon cleared the hill. The remaining squads of Co. A had meanwhile deployed, and were lying in a corn field at the right of the road. In a few minutes a body of Spanish cavalry was seen to come into view, and bayonets were fixed to receive them, but they turned the other way. The whole affair lasted not over an hour and a half. Co. A was placed on the hill, the trenches there were deepened and the position made very strong, as it was expected the Spaniards would attempt recapture during the night. All the rest of the day the men, exhausted by the night march and lack of food and rest, lay in the blazing sun on the hill, at the edge of the densest chapparel. Sleep was next to impossible that night. The next day the men remained in this position, and many of the natives from Yauco came straggling into camp reporting that the Spaniards had gone. During these first few days they were full of good will and overwhelmed the soldiers with presents; the poor offering mangoes and cocoanuts, the wealthy cigars and cigarettes. According to the general report,



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there had been 800 troops in Yauco. Gen. Garretson's official report estimated the number of casualties at between 50 and 60. On the American side only four were wounded. Relief came at 6 p. m. and the company started back to Guanica where everybody had a good meal, pitched their tents and got a good night's sleep. Of this engagement Gen. Garretson telegraphed to Gen. Miles: "The following officers of the command are respectfully commended for gallantry and coolness under fire: Maj. C. K. Darling and Capt. E. J. Gihon, who was painfully wounded early in the action, and remained in command of the company until it reached camp."

The next day (the 28th) the regiment changed its camp to a low, marshy place, a quarter of a mile distant. Everybody got a bath in Guanica harbor, an improvement on the "Yale's" hose.

July 30. The company left for Yauco, which was reached about 2 p. m. The population was extremely enthusiastic. Passing through the city, the regiment encamped on a low plateau beyond. Early the next morning the march was resumed, Co. A forming the advance guard and sending out scouts and flankers. Several streams were forded, and the subsequent drying of shoes was painful to the feet not yet hardened to the march. The heat on this day as on the day previous was intense, and the men suffered greatly, quite a few falling out. At noon a place called Tellaboa was reached, ten miles from Yauco.

Aug. 1. Another blazing hot day. The march was continued towards Ponce which was reached toward the middle of the afternoon. It was an almost unendurable march, and when Ponce was reached and the band struck up a tune, the soldiers had barely energy enough to cheer a big American flag in the centre of the city. The regiment camped a mile beyond, and every step there meant the most acute torture. Next day was a day of rest. A report came in the evening that several of the regimental officers had been relieved.

Aug. 3. A terrible rain storm drenched the camp. The day following the Springfield rifles were exchanged for the Krag-Jorgensens. Capt. Gihon returned from the Guanica hospital together with several convalescents.

#### RESIGNATION OF REGIMENTAL OFFICERS.

Aug. 5. Col. Woodward, Lieut. Col. Chaffin and Maj. Taylor resigned, their resignations being accepted. Capt. Cook as senior

officer present took command of the regiment, but the next day Maj. Chas. K. Darling having arrived from Yauco assumed command of the 6th. The troops were given passes into Ponce and the restaurants did a thriving business.

Aug. 6. Co. A enjoyed target practice, 20 shells being allowed each individual. Lieut. Gray led with 18 hits; Corp. Morrison was second with 14 and privates G. W. Reid and O'Brien had 13 each. Corp. Fales won the squad contest.

The next day was Sunday, Aug. 7th, and Dwight L. Rogers, the agent of the Army Christian Commission accompanying the regiment, gave the men a short talk. Co. A was detailed for outpost duty later in the afternoon.

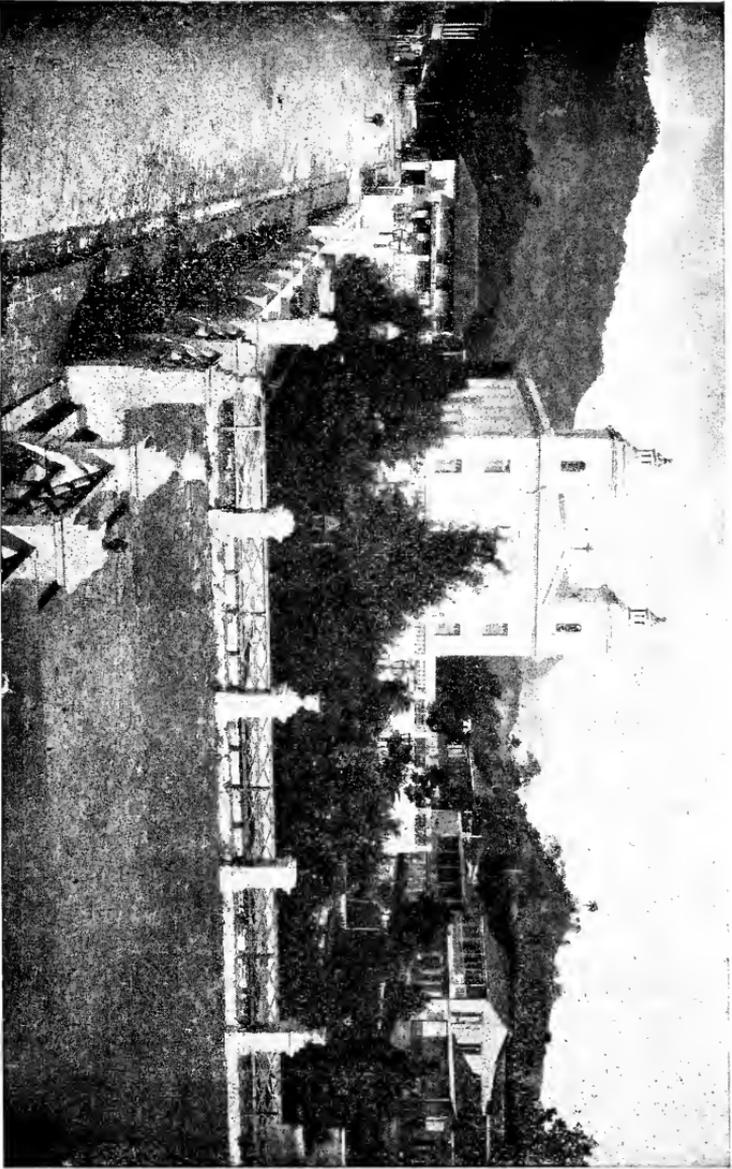
Aug. 9. Orders were received to move. The march was over a good road, but up a continuous ascent. Still continued hot, and though halls were coming every few minutes, in spite of which the columns suffered greatly. The blanket rolls did not arrive and the men found sleep impossible, having no shelter from the cold night air.

#### COL. EDMUND RICE ASSUMES COMMAND.

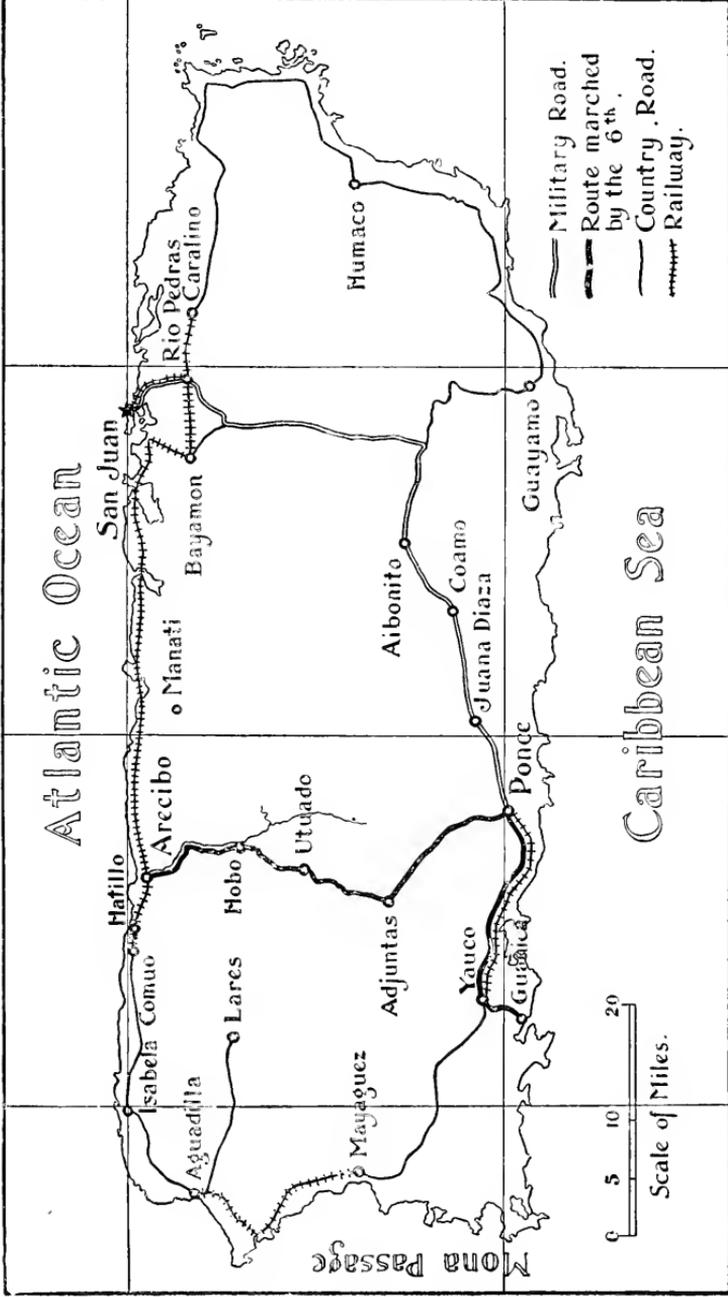
Upon the resignation of Col. Woodward, Gov. Wolcott, on the recommendation of Gen. Miles, commissioned Lieut. Col. Edmund Rice, then an officer on Gen. Miles' staff, as colonel of the Sixth, and on Aug. 6th he took the oath of office and assumed command, with Adj. Butler Ames as Lieut.-Colonel, Capt. Gihon acting major and Lieut. Frank E. Gray of Co. A as adjutant. This threw the command of Co. A on Serg't Charles Bridge. The next day there were rumors of peace. Leaving Guaraguaires in the afternoon the company continued its march. It soon began to rain and that night, wet to the skin, with weather cold, and without shelter, the teams not having come up, was a severe test on the health of the boys. Adjuntas was reached on the 11th. Here the natives live on plantains, rice and codfish; flour is unknown and the troops sold hard-tack at two for one centavo, using the money to buy milk and rice.

#### GARRISON DUTY AT UTUADO.

Two days later, when the rain had ceased, the column, (or rather Co. A and seven other companies, the remaining four compa-



THE PLAZA IN UTUADO.



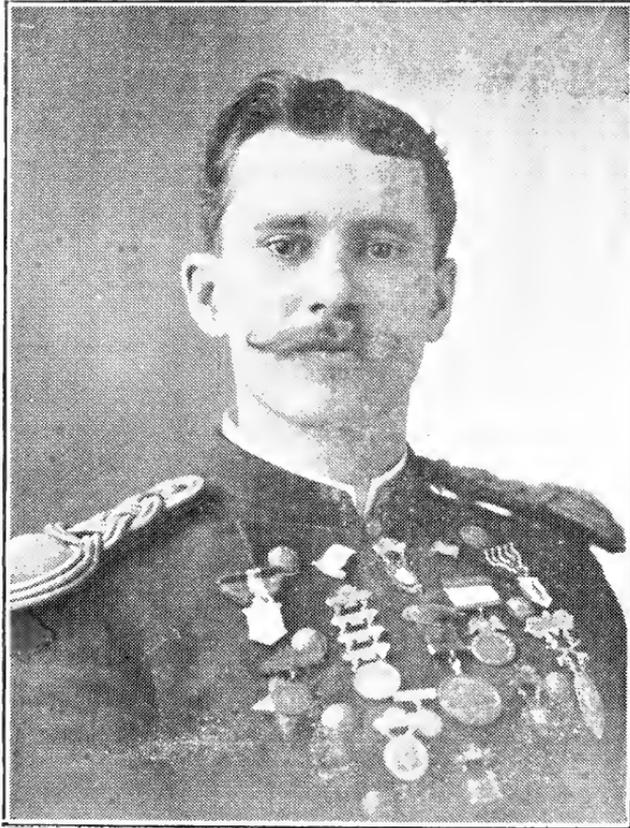
MAP OF PORTO RICO.

nies and the 6th Ill. being left at Adjuntas as a garrison) continued its march north. The bullock carts were abandoned and ammunition and provisions loaded on mules. Utuado was reached in the afternoon and tents pitched on the banks of the river Rio Grande de Arecibo. The regiment had covered 18 miles over a narrow mountain trail in seven hours, and Gen. Henry complimented the 6th for its marching and good discipline.

Aug. 14. "Peace is declared," was the chief rumor of the day. The march of the day previous was so hurried that it was expected that an attack was to have been made on the Spanish forces only ten miles ahead toward Arecibo. A joint proclamation by Gen. Miles and the Spanish Governor-General that an armistic had been arranged reached the regiment toward night, also the intimation that the Sixth would be kept indefinitely on the island for garrison duty. Passes were given into Utuado, which is a clean little city of several thousand inhabitants, with a hotel, a "cathedral" and some fairly well built houses; the houses as in other towns on the march being white, or tinted with yellow, pink or blue. It lies in a valley surrounded on all sides by high hills.

Aug. 16. Maj. Darling and four companies, and the 6th Ill. rejoined the regiment. The soldiers of Co. A began bunking, four in a small shelter tent. More rumors came the next day that the Sixth was going home. Continuous rain for two days and the camp is almost a marsh, with an increasing sick list, diarrhœa being prevalent. Aug. 18. The weather continued bad; mornings pleasant, though hot; rain comes in time for dinner and there are showers on and off all the afternoon, with nights cold. Aug. 19. Sickness on the increase—53 now in the hospital from the 6th Reg't. The next day three of Co. A's sick men came in from Ponce, having "hiked it" all the way. That took grit! On the 21st the sick list swelled to 119, an increase of 66 in three days. The ground was in a frightful condition. Ten per cent. of Co. A are more or less under the weather. Typhoid breaks out in the regiment.

Aug. 22. Co. A's sick list numbers 32. Col. Rice went to Ponce to get permission to remove the regiment into barracks. The following day was spent in ditching the company streets on a large scale. This succeeded in drying the camp. Mail sent to Santiago and returned to Washington reached camp on the 24th. Camp was



CAPTAIN FRANK E. GRAY.

Served through Spanish War as lieutenant and captain; elected captain of  
R. L. G. June 12, 1899. See Roster.

broken at 2.30, the regulars starting back to camp, and Cos A and H removing to quarters in a little school house with a garden full of rose bushes and orange trees. At roll call the next morning orders were given for two drills and four roll calls a day. The 26th, the 6th Ill. started for Ponce—and home. “We expect to be on our way to the transport within ten days,” wrote a Co. A boy in his diary that day. In the evening there was a band concert on the plaza.

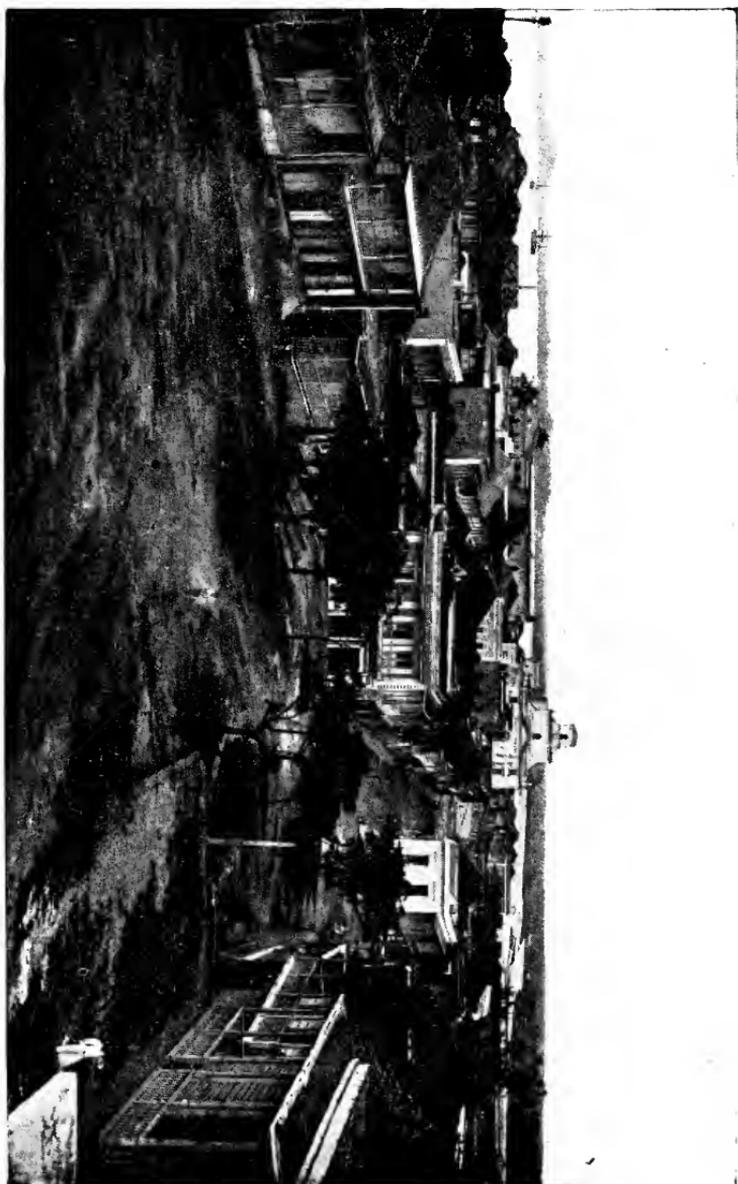
From this time on the increase in sickness was appalling and many deaths occurred. The regiment had not been paid off since July 6th and everybody was hard up. Hardtack had become a drug on the market; this state of affairs was hard on those poor chaps who were too ill to eat army rations, but not ill enough to go to the hospital. With fine irony the surgeons told them to touch nothing but eggs and milk! The new quarters were found full of rats and big flying cockroaches, but as one of the boys said joyfully one morning: “We are better off than Cos. — and — for they have fleas also and are sometimes obliged to sleep on the roof.” News was given out on this day that Lieut. F. E. Gray had been promoted 1st lieut. in place of Lieut. C. E. Walton resigned. On May 29th Capt. Gihon resumed drilling Co. A. The next afternoon the captain announced that Col. Rice reported that the request that the 6th Mass. be sent home had been refused and that the regiment was to go to San Juan. The men took this as an honor and gave the first exhibition of good spirits for some time.

On the first day of September Private A. S. Cushman of Co. A received a commission as captain of subsistence and left at once for Ponce. The day following Quartermaster Sweetser issued shoes, hats, leggings, trousers and underwear. It was full time as some of the troops were needing them badly. Lieut. Lewis G. Hunton, who enlisted as 2d lieut. of Co. G was commissioned 1st lieut. and assigned to Co. A. Mrs. Rice, wife of Col. Rice, reached camp, and by suggestions and untiring personal efforts soon began to bring about an improvement in the hospital service which brought comfort to the men. She is the first American lady to reach Utuado. Sept. 4 Musician Murphy and Private Taylor received furloughs home. The next day Lieut. Gray, who had been acting adjutant, returned to the company and the boys gave him a glad hand. It being Labor Day (in the U. S.) the company cooks celebrated by giving the sol-

diers fresh bread and chicken broth, which they had secured in exchange for hardtack and pork.

On Sept. 6 three more of Co. A's men went to the hospital suffering with typhoid fever. This disease appeared to increase daily. The total sick list numbers 203; the hospitals being crowded and the doctors greatly overworked. Privates Ronan and McCook received appointments as corporals. The month of September was spent at Utuado. There were several deaths in the regiment and a great deal of sickness up to the time of departure for home. On the 13th the new kahki uniforms were issued. On the 18th Co. C left to garrison Lares. Gen. Garretson originally requested Col. Rice to detail Capt. Gihon and Co. A for this purpose, but his wish could not be granted as the captain was battalion commander and the company had no officers. Sept. 20 the hundred sick men to go home in the "Bay State," then lying off Arcibo, left in ambulances, and among them were ten members of Co. A. The band escorted the procession for quite a distance, and Col. and Mrs. Rice went along to say good-bye. The next day Serg't Bridge was removed to the hospital ill with typhoid fever; Serg't Oliver took his place. About this time sweet potatoes were added to the bill of fare. Fat pork (by courtesy bacon) and the small boxed hardtack still continued to constitute the staples, canned beef stew and tomato stew alternating with pork. The experiment of giving the troops fresh meat was not a success, as the meat had to be eaten so soon after killing that it was tough and rank and caused diarrhœa. Sept. 26 the total regimental sick list numbered 376—the highest up to that time. Drills, parades and reviews were given up owing to the sickness, details for nursing and plantation guard duty.

October opened with regimental inspection in heavy marching order. More rumors of going home. The paymaster reached the regiment on the third and it is recorded that some wonderful recoveries were noticed among the convalescents when Maj. Doyon began paying off the next day. There was great rejoicing in camp on the 6th, Col. Rice announcing that he had received orders to move to Arcibo. The next day news reached Co. A that Capt. Gihon had been appointed major by Gov. Wolcott. He had been recommended by Col. Rice for a majority early in the summer, but Adj't. Gen. Corbin had replied that in the future there were to be only two ma-



ARCIBO.

jors to a regiment and that there was no vacancy. The situation which prevented his promotion was universally deplored. Had it not been for this Lieut. Frank E. Gray would have succeeded to the command of the company in August. He was commissioned captain to date from Sept. 2 and was later assigned to Co. K, 6th, which position he held until mustered out of the service. Capt. Gihon's commission as major was dated Oct. 1. Corp. Fales and Private Tworoger received furloughs and left for home on the 7th.

Oct. 12. Maj. Gihon this day received from the Citizens' War Relief Committee of Wakefield \$250 to be used for the comfort of



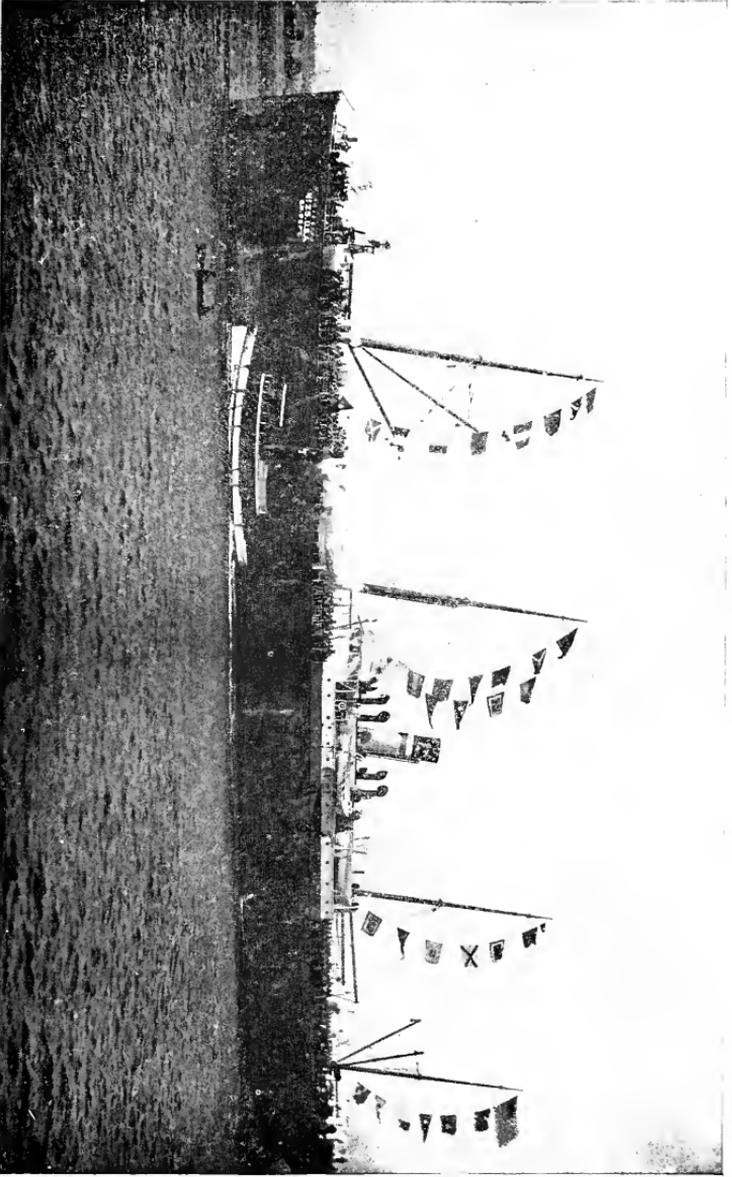
FIRST R. L. G. ARMORY, 1851,

Was in the south school room in the Academy building, which then stood on present site of the Lincoln school on Crescent street. The building now stands on Foster street and is owned and occupied by H. M. Warren, Post No. 12, G. A. R.

the company. This made it possible for the boys to enjoy extras in way of food on the way home; also to relieve distress after reaching home. There now remains in the bank \$60 of this fund to be used for the relief of Co. A.

#### MARCHED AWAY TO ARECIBO.

Oct. 13. Companies A and C, with band, under command of Maj. Gihon marched away from Utuado, and covered the 23 miles to Arecibo that day. It was a hard march over hilly and bad roads,



The "Mississippi."

under the heat of a tropical sun ; later in the day it began to rain and when the boys reached barracks, near the church, were all wet to the skin. After two months of tropical heat, fever and inaction it is no discredit to say that six of Co. A's men fell out on the way. As one of the men recorded in his diary : "Our company, which began its first march on the island with over one hundred men, ended its last with barely twenty !" Since Co. A was always celebrated for its pluck, and was never accused of shirking, these figures speak eloquently of the hardships endured. Arecibo was found further advanced in civilization than Utuado and the boys found the salt air invigorating.

#### ON THE "MISSISSIPPI" BOUND FOR HOME.

Oct. 18 orders came to start for home. Co. A had its breakfast at 4.30 a. m. and marched to station, where there was a delay of four hours. The soldiers were packed like sardines in third-class cars on a little narrow gauge road connecting Arecibo with San Juan. Although the distance was less than fifty miles four hours were consumed on the trip. Loaves of bread were passed through the train and this constituted dinner. On reaching San Juan the soldiers were set to unloading the train and loading lighters and it was after 8 o'clock in the evening when Co. A went aboard the transport "Mississippi," which "though ill-smelling and not particularly clean," (having lately been used as a cattle ship,) was fitted with hammocks and gave the troops a good night's sleep.

The 19th and 20th were spent ashore sight-seeing. At 4 p. m. on the 21st the "Mississippi" steamed slowly out of the harbor amid the tooting of whistles and the screaming of sirens, headed for Boston—and home ! The food aboard the transport was good. There was considerable seasickness and the weather became cooler but clear, as the journey continued north. Nantucket Shoals light ship was passed at 4 p. m. Oct. 26, but that night was a wretche done ; the cold was intense and the ship rolled badly. The next morning the "Mississippi" was in Boston harbor and at quarantine at 11 o'clock, surrounded by police, newspaper and commisary tugs. The first cry was for pie and Boston papers. The boys here first read of citizens' war committee's plans for the reception at Wakefield. The governer came aboard after dinner and was given three hearty cheers. At 3 o'clock the transport was warped up to the South Boston dock



MAJOR E. J. GIBON.

2D LT. F. E. EDWARDS.

1ST LT. LOUIS D. HUNTON.

and, after an hour's delay the regiment marched through a dense, cheering crowd to the City Hall, where it passed in review before the Mayor, and to the State House, where Gov. Wolcott reviewed the returned heroes. The Boston press rightly called it the greatest ovation given to any organization since the civil war.

Just beyond the State House H. M. Warren Post No. 12 of Wakefield, with a large delegation of Sons of Veterans and towns-people, were drawn up to receive Co. A,—a welcome from old '61 to young '98, not easily seen without emotion and not soon to be forgotten. The column proceeded to the Union Station and took a special train for Wakefield arriving just at dusk.



SECOND R. L. G. ARMORY,

In the later fifties was in the north room on the second floor of the bank building on the corner of Albion and Railroad streets.

#### GRAND HOME-COMING RECEPTION.

The arrival in Wakefield beggars description ! From Richardson Avenue to Yale Avenue there was a dense mass of people and as the members of the Richardson Light Guard left the train they received an ovation of unbounded welcome and affection. Red fire lighted up the sky ; and with the discharge of dynamite salutes, the blowing of whistles, ringing of bells, blowing of horns, discharge of fire works and the music of two brass bands it was a rare spectacle. Fathers and mothers fondly greeted sons, wives their husbands, and

brothers, sisters and sweethearts sought out loved ones. A procession was formed and marched up Railroad street, through Yale avenue to Main and thence to the armory. There were two divisions made up as follows :

Platoon of Police under Chief E. A. Hallett.

Capt. William E. Gray, chief marshal and staff, Lieut. Arthur E. Stone, Adjutant; Capt. W. B. McKay, S. of V.; Lieut. Stanley Purdy, High School Cadets; T. F. Ringer, Wakefield fire department; J. R. Cooney, division 26, A. O. H.

#### FIRST DIVISION.

Col. J. F. Mansfield, chief; aids, A. L. Wiley and W. B. Tyler.

Towne's Military Band.

H. M. Warren Post, No. 12, G. A. R. and Post No. 194 of Reading, both under command of N. C. Hunter, Commander of Post 12.

H. M. Warren Camp, No. 34, Sons of Veterans, Lieut. Fred H. Bumpus; twenty-third company, M. P. M. Lieut. John L. Orr.

Wakefield High School Cadets, Maj. Ralph E. Carlisle.

Postal Clerks and Letter Carriers in uniform, under Postmaster Thomas Hickey.

Fine members of the Richardson Light Guard under Capt. C. A. Cheney.

#### SECOND DIVISION.

William A. Cutter, chief; aids, Charles H. Sweetser and H. A. Perkins.

Stiles' Eighth Regiment Band.

Wakefield Fire Department under Engineers Levi Flanders, W. E. Cade and E. S. Jacobs.

Lucius Beebe Steamer Co. No. 1, Capt. A. D. Jenkins.

Washington Hook and Ladder Co., Capt. A. L. Townley.

James H. Carter Hose Co., Capt. Thos. McMahan.

Volunteer Hose Co., Capt. Albert D. Cate.

Greenwood Hose Co., Capt. Daniel Evans.

Montrose Engine Co., Capt. Thomas Gould.

Wakefield Veteran Firemen's Asso., Capt. E. H. Walton.

Division No. 26, Ancient Order of Hibernians, 68 members, James Coughlin president, and John Butler marshal.

Citizens' War Relief Committee, Michael Low marshal.

Co. A, 6th Reg't U. S. V. Brevt. Maj. Edward J. Gihon in command.

The line of march was through two solid walls of humanity. There were illuminations at every point. Reaching the armory, into which they were escorted by the citizens' committee, the returned R. L. G. boys were given a royal welcome by Edward A. Upton, Esq., chairman of the board of selectmen, to which Maj. Gihon feelingly responded, after which Dr. S. O. Richardson, chairman of

the Citizens' Committee invited the company to partake of the good things spread upon the tables. After the inner man had been satisfied the members of the company proceeded to their homes. That night not a few of the officers and men were the recipients of impromptu serenades. That accorded Maj. Gihon brought that gallant soldier to the piazza and speaking briefly he said: "What I can say is that no citizen of Wakefield need be ashamed of the record of Co. A. The Sixth was one of the few fortunate regiments to get under fire in the Porto Rican campaign, and I can truly say that every man was found at his post."

Under an act of congress, granting furloughs to organizations having seen foreign service the company was furloughed to Jan. 2, 1899.

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THIRD R. L. G. ARMORY, 1861-1866,

Was on the third floor in Kingman's block, still standing on the corner of Main and Albion streets. From 1869 to 1871 a room on the second floor in this building was used by the company, temporarily, while awaiting the completion of an armory in the new town hall, then under construction.

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#### COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TENDERED THE GUARD.

The members of Co. A, 5th Reg't, Mass. Vols., and other soldiers and sailors who enlisted from Wakefield in the Spanish War were tendered a formal reception and banquet at the town hall on Wednesday evening, Nov. 9, 1898. The event was under the auspi-

ces of the Citizens' War Committee and about 300 were seated at the tables. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, banners and mottoes. Previous to the banquet Col. and Mrs. Edmund Rice were given an informal reception in the selectmen's room. The entrance into the hall of Co. A occasioned great applause. Col. W. S. Greenough spoke the words of welcome and speakers who followed were Col. H. E. Converse of the governor's staff, Maj. E. J. Gihon, Maj. C. K. Darling, Private Frank E. Edwards of Co. A, who later published a history of the Sixth during



FOURTH R. L. G. ARMORY, 1866-1869,

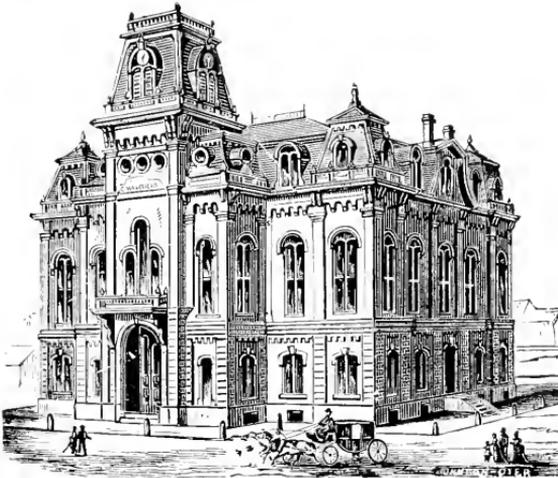
Was in Albion hall, still standing on the corner of Albion and Foster streets.

the war, Gen. T. R. Matthews of the 1st Brigade, Lieut. George W. Braxton of Co. L, 6th Reg't, Commander N. C. Hunter of Post 12, G. A. R., Capt. James H. Carter, Rev. S. G. Dunham, Lieut. G. R. Barnstead of Co. H, Stoneham, who was in command of Co. A on the home trip, and Col. Otis Marion. During the festivities three cheers were given for Col. Rice and wife and for Capt. Samuel F. Littlefield, a Civil War commander of the R. L. G. On call from Col. Rice three cheers were given for Maj. Gihon. The evening was another memorable one for the company.

On the evening of Nov. 17th the town of Reading gave a banquet to its volunteers and Co. A was invited as a body. It was a

repetition of the enthusiasm and good feeling exhibited at the Wakefield banquet. The speakers were Congressman Knox, Hon. J. L. Bates, speaker of the House of Representatives, Representative F. P. Bennett, Senator Grimes, Col. E. E. Locke, Capt. "Jack" Adams, Capt. Chandler, Maj. Gihon and Private Edwards.

About Nov. 26th there was a rumor that the 6th Reg't was to be ordered to the Philippines, and later that it was to go to Matanzas, Cuba, for garrison duty. On Nov. 25 Myris H. Warren of Melrose, a member of the Guard, died of typhoid fever at the Melrose



FIFTH R. L. G. ARMORY, 1871-1873,  
Was in the town hall building.

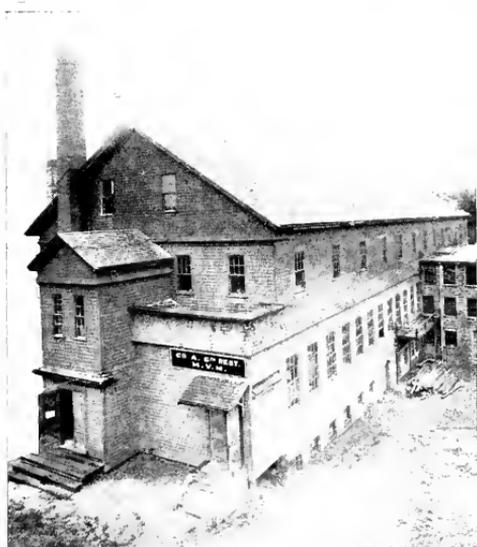
SIXTH R. L. G. ARMORY, 1873-1877,

Was in the old town hall on the corner of Main and Salem streets, a picture of which is seen on page 49, when the building stood on the common, just south-east of the present pagoda.

hospital and was buried on the 28th at Ayer, Mass., with full military honors. A heavy snow storm prevented the company from being present, but a firing squad attended. Private Frank E. Edwards was commissioned 2nd lieutenant and assigned to Co. A. On Jan. 2, 1899 the boys reported at the armory and organized the "Richardson Light Guard Association of the Porto Rican campaign." Maj. Gihon was elected president, Serg't Brockbank secretary and

Corp. Morrison treasurer. Privates Kelley and R. L. Richardson who had been left in the Porto Rican hospital met with the company at this meeting.

Acting under orders from the War Department the company was quartered in the armory until mustered out, the men reporting at morning and evening roll calls and for rations which were furnished by a caterer from Lynn. Officers and clerks were kept busy during this period preparing muster out rolls and discharges.



SEVENTH R. L. G. ARMORY, 1877-1895,

Was in the Rink Building on Main street, which was totally destroyed by fire on July 21, 1900.

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#### MUSTERED OUT OF THE U. S. SERVICE.

On Jan. 21 the company met at the armory, marched to the station, took train for Boston, and on arriving there proceeded to the South armory, and were paid off and formally mustered out of the U. S. service—and Co. A of the Sixth Mass. Infantry U. S. Vols. had ceased to exist. It is left to history to place the seal of approbation on its patriotic and gallant service !

This chapter is not complete without reference to the noble work of the Citizens' War Relief Committee, the H. M. Warren Relief Corps, and the Wakefield Fire Department, for the soldiers and sailors during the war, and for their families at home.

On May 2, 1898, a meeting was held in the town hall, of citizens interested in the welfare of the soldier, and Maj. William N. Tyler was elected chairman. It was decided to select a committee of fifteen to serve as the Citizens' War Relief Committee, during the absence of the troops, collect funds and care for the men and their families while in the U. S. service. The following are the names of gentlemen selected: Dr. S. O. Richardson, chairman; S. B. Dearborn, secretary; T. J. Skinner, treasurer; N. C. Hunter, J. H. Carter, H. B. Evans, J. F. Mansfield, W. S. Greenough, Geo. H. S. Driver, Wm. N. Tyler, Chas. A. Dean, R. S. Stout, H. H. Savage, W. A. Cutter, M. Low. Later on the following were added to the above: C. N. Winship, H. M. Dolbeare, A. R. Perkins, B. F. Barnard, S. K. Hamilton.



RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD, CO. A, SIXTH MASS. U. S. VOLUNTEERS.

<i>Rank.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Date of Enlistment.</i>	<i>Cause of Discharge.</i>	<i>Date and</i>
Captain.	* † Gihon, Edward J.	May 6, 1898.	Mustered out	Jan. 21, 1899.
1st. Lieut.	* Walton, Charles E.	" "	Resigned	July 5, 1898.
1st. Lieut.	* † Gray, Frank E.	" "	Mustered out	Jan. 21, 1899.
1st. Lieut.	Hunton, Lewis G.	" "	" "	" "
2d. Lieut.	Edwards, Frank E.	June 27,	" "	" "
1st. Sergt.	* Bridge, Charles	May 6,	" "	" "
Q. M. Sergt.	* Keogh, James H.	" "	" "	" "
Sergt.	Oliver, Arthur G.	" "	" "	" "
"	* Sedgley, Alton R.	" "	" "	" "
"	* McMahan, John H.	" "	" "	" "
"	* Brockbank, Harvey G.	" "	" "	" "
Corp.	Dewey, Edgar O., Jr.,	" "	" "	" "
"	Broad, Wilbur I.	" "	" "	" "
"	* Parker, Charles F.	" "	Died July 23, 1898.	" "
"	* Morrison, Elmer E.	" "	Mustered out	Jan. 21, 1899.
"	* Feindle, William B.	" "	" "	" "
"	Rich, George P.	" "	" "	" "
"	Richardson, Hayden	June 21,	" "	" "
"	Billings, Harris E.	May 6,	" "	" "
"	Haley, William A.	" "	" "	" "
"	Fales, Harold E.	" "	" "	" "
"	Tabbutt, Charles H.	" "	" "	" "
"	McCook, Philip J.	June 25,	" "	" "
"	* Ronan, J. Fred.	May 6,	" "	" "

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<i>Rank.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Date of Enlistment.</i>	<i>Cause of Discharge.</i>	<i>Date and</i>
Artificer.	* Malone, Dion A.	May 6, 1898.	Mustered out	Jan. 21, 1899.
Wagoner.	Stock, John	" "	"	" "
Musician.	Jacques, William C.	" "	"	" "
"	Murphy, William R.	" "	"	" "
"	* Chesley, George W.	" "	"	" "
Private.	* Alden, Harry P.	" "	"	" "
"	Armistead, Lewis A.	June 14, "	"	" "
"	* Austin, Arthur F.	May 6, "	"	" "
"	* Ayscough, George	" "	"	" "
"	Bancroft, John R.	" "	"	" "
"	* Barrett, William F.	" "	"	" "
"	* Baxter, Augustus M.	" "	"	" "
"	Bell, Stewart S.	" "	"	" "
"	* Bennett, George A.	" "	"	" "
"	Boug, Robert B.	" "	"	" "
"	Bradford, Harry S.	June 21, "	"	" "
"	Brown, Lewis W.	June 16, "	"	" "
"	* Butler, Edward W.	May 6, "	"	" "
"	Card, George W.	" "	"	" "
"	Charlton, Lawrence A.	June 14, "	"	" "
"	* Connolly, Edward J.	May 6, "	"	" "
"	* Connell, Henry P.	" "	"	" "
"	Collett, Charles J.	June 17, "	"	" "
"	Copeland, George O.	May 6, "	"	" "

"	Cushing, George W.	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	* Desmond, Daniel J.	June 14,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Doten, Amos W.	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	* Dulong, Enos	May 6,	"	"	"	"	"
Private	Durward, George	May 6,	1898.	Mustered out	Jan. 21,	1899.	"
"	Ellis, Alfred	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	* Feindle, Henry A.	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	Flint, John	June 27,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Gogen, Ernest B.	June 17,	"	"	"	"	"
"	* o Hackett, Frank H.	May 6,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Hale, Walter L.	June 14,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Haley, Jesse A.	May 6,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Hall, Arthur S.	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	Hambly, Alfonso B.	June 14,	"	"	"	"	"
"	* Hanson, George J.	June 21,	"	"	"	"	"
"	* Hatch, George F.	May 6,	"	"	"	"	"
"	* Hayward, Frank M.	June 30,	"	"	"	"	"
"	* Hearn, William R.	June 21,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Hobbs, William	June 14,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Humphrey, George H.	May 6,	"	"	"	"	"
"	* Kelley, Julian L.	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	* Mayer, Albert J.	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	McDonald, Roderic	June 18,	"	"	"	"	"
"	McDonald, Thomas A.	May 6,	"	"	"	"	"
"	McIntyre, Harry B.	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	McNamara, Frank	June 16,	"	"	"	"	"
"	* McLean, John	May 6,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Mellen, Charles E.	"	"	"	"	"	"

## RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD, CO. A, SIXTH MASS. U. S. VOLUNTEERS.

<i>Rank.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Date of Enlistment.</i>	<i>Date and Cause of Discharge.</i>
Private.	Millbury, Ralph E.	May 6, 1898.	Mustered out Jan. 21, 1899.
"	Miller, William J.	June 24, "	" "
"	* Mortimer, Clifford	May 6, "	" "
"	Mullaley, Edward C.	" "	" "
"	Newell, Fred W.	" "	" "
"	O'Brien, James E.	" "	" "
"	* Oliver, Chester H.	" "	" "
"	Parker, Charles W.	" "	" "
"	* Pearson, Harry A.	" "	Transferred to 8th Mass.
"	Peterson, Peter	" "	Mustered out Jan. 21, 1899.
"	Power, Thomas R.	" "	" "
"	* Ramsdell, Herbert A.	June 17, "	" "
"	Ray, Franklin A.	May 6, "	" "
"	* Read, Noel C.	" "	" "
"	* Reid, George W.	June 21, "	" "
"	Richardson, Robert L.	May 6, "	" "
"	Roberts, Richard A.	June 21, "	" "
"	Robertson, John W.	May 6, "	" "
"	Rooney, George A.	" "	" "
"	Sackett, Fred S.	" "	" "
"	Sweetser, Walter I.	" "	" "
"	Taylor, Brainard	" "	" "
"	Taylor, Edward S.	June 21, "	" "
"	Thistle, Fred C.	June 25, "	" "
"	"	May 6, "	" "

"	Tworoger, Philip	"	"	"	"
"	* Tyler, Lucius A.	June 15,	"	"	"
"	Wait, Nathan H.	May 6,	"	"	"
"	* Whittle, John A.	"	"	"	"
Private.	* Wilson, Gordon W.	June 20, 1898.		Mustered out Jan. 21, 1899.	"
"	Woodworth, William L.	May 6,	"	"	"
"	= Warren, Myris H.	"	"	Died Nov. 25, 1898.	"
"	† Cushman, Allerton S.	June 14,	"	Commissioned Captain Com-	"
"	Nowell, Ernest P.	May 6,	"	missary Department, trans-	"
				ferred to Hospital Corps.	"
				Mustered out Jan. 21, 1899.	"

\* Men who belonged in Wakefield.

† Gihon commissioned Major Aug. 9, '98. Gray commissioned Captain, and transferred to Co. K. Sept. 2, '98.

‡ Wounded.

o Originally mustered in as Regt. Q. M. Sergt., transferred to Co. A. Sept. 30, 1898.

= Died.

## CHAPTER IX.

### AGAIN CO. A, 6TH REG'T M. V. M.

The events connected with the Richardson Light Guard following the Spanish-American war were of no unusual order. Having been indefinitely furloughed by the state, when the company entered the United States service, it again became in fact Co. A, 6th

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LIEUT. ELMER E. MORRISON.

See Roster.

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Reg't M. V. M. after Jan. 21, 1899, the date of leaving the U. S. service. The first meeting following this important episode was held at the armory on Feb. 3, 1899. Thirty-five men answered roll call, 21 of whom signified their intention of continuing in the service

and 14 asked for their discharge. At this time physical examinations were ordered by the adjutant general's office. This was the beginning of making such examinations compulsory.

CAPT. FRANK E. GRAY ELECTED COMMANDER.

On April 24, Capt. Frank E. Gray, was elected 1st lieut. vice Lieut. Charles E. Walton discharged, and Elmer E. Morrison was chosen 2d lieut. to fill the vacancy. On June 5 the company was notified of the promotion of Capt. Gihon to be major of the 6th

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LIEUT. JOHN H. McMAHON

See Roster.

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and on June 12 Lieut. Frank E. Gray was elected Captain, and Lieut. Elmer E. Morrison and John H. McMahon first and second lieutenants respectively. These officers are still serving at the time of publishing this history. On July 4th the Guard turned out in parade. Oct. 14th was specially observed as "Dewey Day" by the state militia and Co. A went to Boston and joined in doing honor to the "Hero of Manila" and in the return of the colors of the Spanish war to the state. Private John Whittle, color sergeant, was detailed to carry the state colors and Private Dion A. Malone as color guard. Oct. 27 was the annual field day of the company and as it was the

first fall field day since the return from the Spanish war it was observed with elaborate exercises. Mr. Edson W. White served with signal ability as toastmaster at the banquet. A grand fair covering five days was held on Dec. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 this year and was a big success.

The year 1900 passed with the usual regular company meetings, drills, inspections and tours of duty. In April a rifle range was constructed in the basement of the armory. The 49th anniversary was observed on Oct. 19. Dr. Richardson was absent from town, but in a letter of regret sent by him he said: "I sincerely hope that on the 50th anniversary, 1901, all the old members, fine members and sincere friends of the Richardson Light Guard will make an effort to be present, that we may have a royal reunion, for I know no military organization more worthy of it."

The events of 1901 bring us to the present time. One of the last occasions and one singularly impressive, in which the R. L. G. took part, previous to the publication of this volume, was the citizens' meeting in the town hall on Thursday evening, Sept. 19th, 1901, when the people of Wakefield paid a final tribute to the memory of a brave, noble and martyred president—William McKinley.



ALBERT A. MANSFIELD.

Private Co. E, 8th Reg't, M. V. M., and Corp. Co. A, 6th Reg't, M. V. M.,  
May 24, 1873.



NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, 1901.

Corp. Geo. W. Card, Serg't Clifford Mortimer, Qm. Serg't J. H. Keough, Corp. Rufus A. Merrill, Corp. Manuel Dingle,  
Corp. E. J. Connelly, Serg't W. L. Sweetser, 1st Serg't W. A. Hanley, Serg't J. F. Roman, Serg't Thomas McDonald, Corp. W. G. Hunt.

## CHAPTER X.

### RIFLE PRACTICE IN THE RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD.

Few companies of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia have made their mark in the history of the armed forces of the Commonwealth that have not, at some period of their existence, been pre-eminently distinguished for their proficiency in rifle practice.

The members of the Richardson Light Guard were early imbued with this spirit, for it is recorded that on the afternoon of November, 21, 1851, some six weeks after being mustered into the service of the Commonwealth, they assembled at the Armory to participate in a parade and target shoot. By persistent and systematic training the company has advanced in the art of rifle practice until it stands today, without a peer in the Militia of the Commonwealth.

The first authentic record of a competition for prizes being held by the Richardson Light Guard, then Co. D. 7th Regiment Infantry M. V. M., was on October 27, 1853, when the company, after having paraded in Reading, embarked on the 1 o'clock p. m. train for Greenwood, where a suitable place for rifle practice had been selected by Serg't Henry Oliver. The company was equipped at this time with the Springfield muzzle-loading rifle, calibre .58. The conditions called for three shots per man, and the target was furnished by Private Frank C. Place. At the close of the firing it was found that Private Albert S. Wiley had made the best score and he was awarded the first prize, a gold pencil, valued at \$5. Corporal Henry C. Knight secured the 2nd prize, a gold pencil, value \$3. Similar target shoots were held annually up to and including October 22, 1860, when the last competition prior to the company being mustered into the United States service in '61, took place. The fortunate marksmen in these events were Privates John Eaton, James H. Burn-

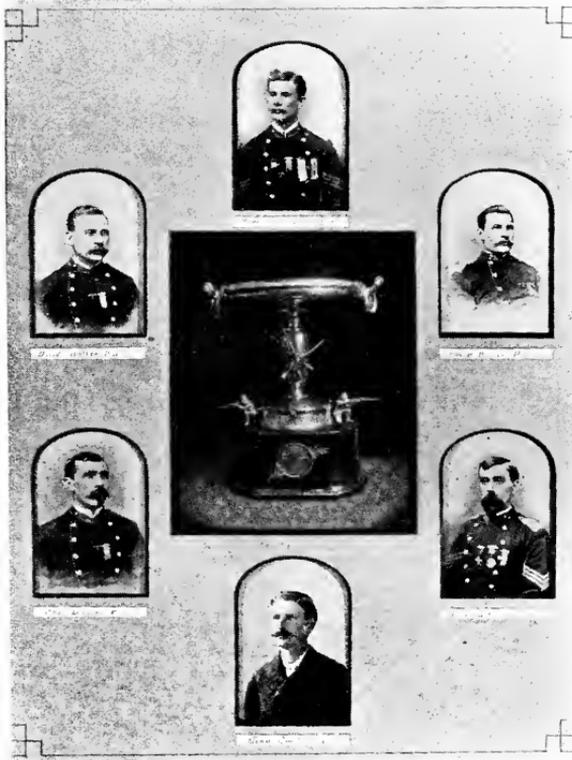
ham, Jacob Townsend Jr., J. L. R. Eaton, George H. Green, John C. Roby, Corporal Charles E. Locke, Privates Joseph L. Hurd and William N. Tyler. At the close of the Rebellion there was a general disregard for things military and it was not until 1875 that a systematic instruction in military rifle shooting was deemed essential by the commonwealth.

In October of this year the Massachusetts Volunteer Rifle Association was formed and the first military rifle competition held in the state was shot at So. Framingham, on the camp ground, Nov. 17, 1875, under their auspices. Annual competitions were held under the direction of this Association until 1880, when the state assumed control. The issue of the Springfield breech-loading rifle, calibre .45, began in 1876, and the following year the Richardson Light Guard was equipped with this arm.

At a regular meeting of the company held July 16, 1878, a circular was read, announcing a rifle competition, to be held at the state camp ground, at So. Framingham, on Tuesday, July 30. A rifle team was organized and sent to compete with the various company teams of the state militia, for the Peabody trophy, a massive silver cup valued at \$300, the cup to become the property of the company winning it in three annual competitions. Seventeen teams competed, the conditions being 5 men to a team, 5 shots per man; position off-hand. The match was won by Co. D, 1st Corps Cadets, by a score of 87 points out of a possible 125. The Richardson Light Guards team made the following score:—Serg't K. S. Nichols 19, Serg't W. J. Howland 17, Private John Smith 17, Serg't W. F. Savage 12, Private John Fay 10. Total, 75 points. While the team made a creditable showing, considering the short time it had to prepare for the event, the members were not satisfied with the result, and rifle practice was at once given marked attention.

The year 1879 found Co. A at the head of the state militia as a shooting company, for it not only secured the first prize, the Peabody trophy, but established a new record of 103 points out of a possible 125, the former record being the score made by the Roxbury City Guard in 1878. The conditions were as before: 5 men, 5 shots, at 200 yards, and nine teams competed. The score:

Private Wm. B. Daniel	4—4—4—5—5 = 22
Corporal David Ogilvie	4—4—4—5—4 = 21
Private Roger Howard	4—5—4—4—4 = 21
Private John W. Smith	4—4—4—4—4 = 20
Private David Walker	4—4—4—3—4 = 19
Total	103



WINNERS OF THE PEABODY TROPHY.

Serg't Roger Howard,  
 Private David Walker, Private William B. Daniel,  
 Private Charles Lindsay, Serg't David Ogilvie,  
 Private John W. Smith.

Oct. 13, 1880, the company rifle team participated in the first competition held under state orders at the state camp ground, four teams competing, when it succeeded in capturing the second prize,

a circular plaque of hammered oxidized silver, in the centre of which is the state coat of arms of frosted silver and gold. The rim of the trophy bore the legend, "Second Prize," "M. V. M.," and the name of the company with their score. The conditions governing this match were 5 men, 10 shots, at 200 yards. The summary:—Private Wm. B. Daniel 41, Serg't Roger Howard 39, Corporal David Ogilvie 36, Private David Walker 35, Private David Graham 30. Total 181. In the enlisted men's match Serg't Howard secured the first prize, a gold medal.

The morning of Nov. 22, 1880, found the riflemen of Co. A lined up at the Walnut Hill Range, to contest the ownership of the Peabody trophy, then held by the Richardson Light Guard. It was a spirited contest, and was finally won by the Roxbury Guard with a score of 182. Co. A was second with a score of 177, for which it received an engraving, "L'Alerte." The conditions were 5 men, 10 shots, at 200 yards. The score:—Serg't Roger Howard 41, Corporal David Ogilvie 37, Private David Walker 35, Private Wm. B. Daniel 35, Private David Graham 29. Total 177. Serg't Howard won second prize and Private Daniel fourth prize for enlisted men; and in the skirmishing Private Walker secured fourth prize. This year the state issued its first decoration to qualified marksmen. On the evening of Oct. 5, 1880, Capt. C. F. Woodward announced that every member of the militia making a score of 17 out of a possible 25, would be presented with a marksman's badge; that there would be an allowance of 10 rounds of ammunition to each man, and every member of the company who desired to qualify would be given an opportunity to do so the next day. The captain sent the following list of names with their scores to the Adjutant General's department Oct. 10, 1880, as having duly qualified and entitled to receive the decoration of a marksman:—Serg't Roger Howard 24, Serg't Charles A. Cheney 20, Serg't Charles W. Adams Jr. 19, Corp. David Ogilvie 21, Corp. Joseph H. Richardson 18, Corp. George H. Taylor 19, Musician George E. White 18, Private Charles W. Brown 18, Private Wm. B. Daniel 22, Private John Fay 19, Private David Graham 20, Private Donald M. Houston 19, Private David Malcolm 19, Private Thomas Twisden Jr. 17, Private David Walker 24, Private James M. Wiley 18.

In pursuance of General Order No. 2, issued under date of

Feb. 11, 1881, the company assembled at the armory on the evening of Feb. 15, where the adjutant general, A. Hun Berry, presented the men with the badges, which were neat affairs made of bronze, consisting of a bar bearing the word "Marksman," covering the letters "M. V. M.;" suspended from this bar was a bullet with the date "1880." As the general pinned the badge on Serg't Howard's breast he said, "It gives me great pleasure to designate Serg't Howard as the first soldier in the Commonwealth to wear the decoration of a marksman, as issued by the state." While Serg't Howard had won many decorations as a marksman, none were prized more highly than this little bronze badge, and he frequently referred to it when in a reminiscent mood.

The year 1881 found Co. A at the head of the list, having 31 qualified marksmen on the rolls, against 21 for the next best company in the state. The rifle team again distinguished itself and brought honor to the town this year, by winning for the second time the Peabody trophy with the record-breaking score of 205 points. The conditions were five men, 10 shots at 200 yards. The score: Private Charles Lindsay 43, Sergeant David Ogilvie 42, Private Wm. B. Daniel 42, Private David Walker 40, Sergeant Roger Howard 38, total 205. Serg't Ogilvie secured the third prize in the enlisted men's match by a score of 22 out of 25.

At the state rifle competition held at So. Framingham Oct. 17, 1882, the company rifle team won the third prize, an engraving "Le Depart du Cantonnement," the conditions being 5 men, 10 shots at 200 yards. The score was as follows: Serg't Wm. B. Daniel 40, Serg't David Ogilvie 38, Pri. Charles Lindsay 37, Pri. David Walker 36, Serg't Roger Howard 35, total 186. In this competition for the first time the "tri-color" was awarded to the winning team. The best score was 190 for the day, the lowness of the scores being attributed to a poor quality of ammunition, served at the range.

In 1883 the state issued three classes of marksmen's badges for qualifications, viz: 1st class—20 out of 25 at 200 yards; 17 out of 25 at 300 yards; 17 out of 25 at 500 yards. 2nd class—20 out of 25 at 200 yards. 3d class—17 out of 25 at 200 yards.

In 1884-'85 the first-class marksman had to make 20 out of 25 at each of the three ranges; other classes remained unchanged.

In 1886 the sharpshooters' class was established, the require-

ments being as follows : 43 at 500 yards, 43 at 600 yards, 43 at 800 yards, 10 shots at each distance. The first-class conditions called for a score of 40 out of a possible 50 at 200 and 500 yards ; the other classes unchanged.

While the company had made good returns of qualified marksmen from year to year, the records do not show that its members were much in evidence again in team-shooting until 1888, when they won several friendly matches with various company teams throughout the state. This year the company sent a team of seven men to compete at the state match at So. Framingham, on Sept. 25. While its members were not victorious they made a good showing putting up a score of 192 against 200 the best record for the day. In the enlisted men's match Private Charles E. Horton won second prize, a gold medal, with a score of 61 out of a possible 70.

In 1889, the rifle team of Co. A again came into a deserved prominence. On the afternoon of September 21, a team from the Fifth Reg't staff, on invitation of Capt. Taylor, visited the Wakefield range to compete against the home team. Among the former were members of the American team that had recently returned from abroad, after a successful tour. As the visitors had but five men, two of Co. A's men did not shoot. The match resulted in a victory for the Wakefield team by a margin of 9 points. Immediately at the close of this competition, Co. C, 6th Reg't of Lowell undertook, but unsuccessfully, to defeat Co. A's team, the conditions being 7 men, 7 shots, at 200 yards. The result : Co. A, 6th Reg't—Capt. Geo. H. Taylor 31, Lieut. Edward J. Gihon 31, Pri. John W. Babbitt 30, Pri. Chas. E. Horton 29, Pri. Phineas S. Killam 29, Pri. James H. Keough 29, Pri. Roger Howard 28, total 207. Co. C made 189 total.

At the close of the shooting the visiting riflemen and invited guests were conveyed to the armory in a barge, where a bountiful spread awaited them. Capt. Taylor presided at the after-dinner affair and remarks were made by Maj. Woodward, Maj. Benyon, Maj. Foster, Capt. Pratt, Lieut. Edes, Lieut. Worthen and others, and it was the unanimous opinion as expressed by the visitors that the rifle team of Co. A would make its mark at the approaching state shoot, which prophecy came true, as it not only won the honor of being the first company to win the tri-color for the regiment but

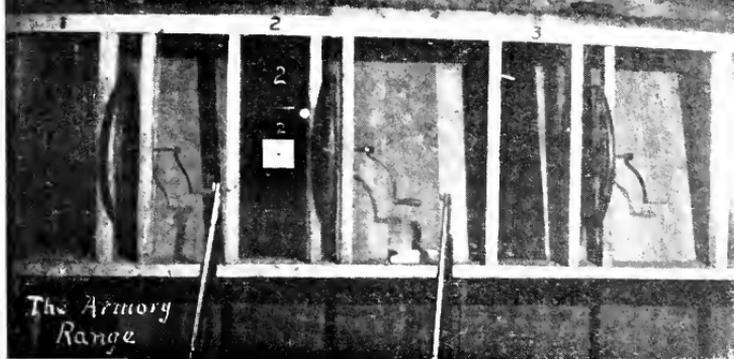
it also established a new range record of 201 points, for which its members were awarded the state trophy, an engraving "The Battle of Gettysburg;" also a silver ice pitcher, donated by Lieut.-Col. Henry Parsons of Marlboro. The conditions were 7 men, 7 shots, at 200 yards, 74 teams competing. The score: Lieut. Edward J. Gihon 32, Capt. George H. Taylor 30, Pri. Roger Howard 29, Pri. James H. Keough 28, Pri. Phineas S. Killam 27, Pri. John W. Babbitt 27, total 201. Lieut. Gihon won the second prize in the line officers' match, a gold medal.



TRI-COLOR TEAM, 1889.

Priv. J. W. Babbitt, Lieut. E. J. Gihon, Priv. R. Howard, Priv. J. H. Keough,  
Priv. P. S. Killam, Capt. G. H. Taylor.

In 1890 the distinguished marksmen's class was established, which included those who had represented the state on the Creedmoor team, or who had won individual prizes at a state competition, or sharpshooters who won a place on the state team. The qualification scores were changed as follows: Third class—2 scores of 16 out of a possible 25 at 200 yards. Second class—3 scores of 18 out



RIFLE RANGES.

Where Co. A's Marksmen receive their training.

of a possible 25 at 200 yards. First class—3 scores of 21 out of a possible 25 at 200 yards; 3 scores of 21 out of a possible 25 at 500 yards. Sharpshooter—3 scores of 22 out of 25 at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

Regimental competitions were first held this year the conditions calling for teams of 7 men from each company, 10 shots per man at 200 yards. The 12 highest men in this competition were to form the regimental team, to compete at the state general competition for



ROGER'S GROUP "PROTECTION."

Won at Competitive Drill at Lowell,  
1887.



SILVER ICE PITCHER,

presented by Lt.-Col. Parsons. Won  
in 1889.

the tri-color, the 12 highest shots, officers or men, in this state team to constitute the state team. Co. A won the regimental prize this year, an engraving, "Recherche dun Gue," with a score of 282. The summary: Pri. Roger Howard 43, Lieut. E. J. Gihon 42, Pri. C. E. Horton 42, Pri. P. S. Killam 42, Pri. J. H. Keough 38, Pri. Duncan McIntosh 38, Corporal John L. Orr 37, total 282. Private Killam won the second prize in the enlisted men's match, a gold medal.

At the state general competition held Oct. 17, 1890, Co. A had all the members of its rifle team on the regimental team of twelve, of whom the following won places on the state team: Private C. E. Horton, Private P. S. Killam and Private J. H. Keough, for which they each received the decoration of a distinguished marksman, as did also Lieut. E. J. Gihon and Private Roger Howard, who were entitled to it by having previously won state prizes. The company had 43 qualified marksmen on the rolls this year.



"L'Alerte." Won in 1880.



"Le Depart du Cantonnement." Won in 1882.

With the year 1891 came a change in the qualifications, also a change in the conditions governing the state general competition. The following changes in the qualification scores were established: Third class—2 scores of 15 out of a possible 25 at 200 yards. Second class—2 scores of 18 out of a possible 25 at 200 yards. First class—2 scores of 21 out of a possible 25 at 200 yards; 2 scores of 21 out of a possible 25 at 500 yards. Sharpshooters—2 scores of 22 out of a possible 25 at 200 yards; 2 scores of 24 out of a possible 25 at 500 yards; 2 scores of 23 out of a possible 25 at 600 yards.

An allowance of \$50 for ammunition was made to each company, and to the company qualifying every man, an extra allowance

of \$25 towards ammunition for the next year was made. The company returning the greatest number of original (or advanced) qualifications for the target year was awarded a bounty of \$50. Co. A qualified 65 marksmen this year.

The regimental rifle competition was held at So. Framingham Sept. 16, 1891, and was won by Co. A with the record score of 298. Lieut. E. J. Gihon made a total of 47 out of a possible 50 in this match, which is the record score for the state range. His score was as follows: 5 5 5 5 5 4 5 5 4 4—47.



“The Last Shot for the Queen’s Prize.” Won in 1891.

The team was awarded the regimental trophy, an engraving, “The Last Shot for the Queen’s Prize,” at Wimbledon, 1887. The score :

Lieut. E. J. Gihon,	5 5 5 5 5 4 5 5 4 4—47
Corp. Roger Howard	5 5 4 4 4 5 4 4 5 4—44
Bugler Phineas S. Killam,	5 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 5—42
Corporal Frank E. Gray,	5 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 4—42
Pri. James H. Keough,	4 5 4 3 4 5 4 4 4 5—42
Pri. Duncan McIntosh,	3 5 4 4 3 5 5 4 4 4—41
Serg’t John L. Orr,	4 3 4 4 4 4 4 3 5 5—40
	298
Total,	298

The state general competition was held at So. Framingham Oct. 22, 1891, at which Co. A had the following representatives on the 6th Reg't team: Lieut. E. J. Gihon, Serg't J. L. Orr, Corp. F. E. Gray, Corp. Roger Howard, Bugler P. S. Killam, Privates C. E. Horton and James H. Keough. The first individual honor was secured by Pri. Keough with a score of 64 points out of a possible 70, 32 at 200 yards; 32 at 500 yards which stands as the range record. This won for him the first position on the state team. Lieut. Gihon secured third position with a score of 61; and Corp. Howard sixth position with a score of 60. In the junior class Corp. F. E. Gray captured the first prize, a gold medal, with a score of 59.



"Recherche d'un Gue." Won in 1890.

On Oct. 24, '91, the first distinguished marksmen's competition was held. The conditions comprised firing at known and unknown distances and skirmishing. Pri. Keough again led all competitors in the firing at 200, 500 and 600 yards, but was less fortunate in the skirmishing or estimating distances and finished in 5th position.

On Nov. 6, '91, the rifle team of Co. M, 2nd Reg't, Inf'y, of Adams, Mass., visited Wakefield to try the efficiency of the Light Guard team. They were warmly welcomed by Capt. Stearns, who as host entertained them during their stay in town. This company

was conceded by many to be Co. A's equal and it was thought by some to be superior. The evening was spent in entertaining the visitors at the armory, where a collation was served and the hours enlivened with musical selections by members of the company. The



"The Last Cartridge." Presented to Co. A by Co. M, 2d Reg't, in recognition of a defeat by Co. A's team in 1890.



"Washington and His Generals." Won in 1893.

next morning the visitors were given a carriage drive and shown the various points of interest in this vicinity. In the afternoon both teams assembled at the rifle range, where the match was held. This was the closest match the company rifle team ever had and was won

on an outranking score, the visitors having five 3s in their score while the home team had but three. In recognition of this defeat, the Adams company presented the Richardson Light Guard with an engraving "The Last Cartridge." They also presented Capt. and Mrs. Stearns with a souvenir as a token of their esteem, for their generous hospitality. The scores were as follows :

Co. A, 6th Inf'y—Bugler Killam 45, Serg't Orr 43, Corp. Howard 43, Lieut. Gihon 42, Pri. Keough 42, Pri. Horton 41, Corp. F. E. Gray 39, total 295.

Co. M, 2nd Inf'y—Serg't Hicks 45, Capt. Whipple 43, Corp. Laferriere 43, Pri. Cadigan 42, Serg't Hewatt, Jr. 42, Corp. Sayles 41, Pri. Whipple 39, total 295.

For the target season of 1892 an allowance of 500 rounds of Frankfort ammunition was made to each company, and upon a requisition accompanied by certified paid bills, an allowance of \$40 for re-loaded ammunition was granted. No change was made in the qualifications this year.

The morning of August 17, 1892, found the riflemen of the Richardson Light Guard at the state range, to compete in the regimental match for the trophy offered by the state, an engraving "Les Cosaques De L'Attaman," which they won easily by a score of 294, 27 points higher than their nearest opponents. The summary : Pri. C. E. Horton 43, Corp. Roger Howard 43, Bugler P. S. Killam 43, Pri. J. H. Keough 43, Lieut. E. J. Gihon 42, Corp. F. E. Gray 41, Serg't J. L. Orr 39, total 294.

At the state general competition held Sept. 6, 1892, at the state range Co. A had all of its team (7 men) on the regimental team of twelve. The tri-color was won by the 1st Reg't team with a score of 678, the 6th Reg't team being a close second with 676 points to their credit. Lieut. Gihon was high man for the day with a score of 63. Private Keough was next with a score of 62, for which they secured first and second places respectively on the state team. Bugler Killam and Corporal Howard also won positions on the state team with scores of 62 and 59 respectively. At the distinguished marksmen's match held the next day, Private C. E. Horton won the first prize with a score of 103—29 at 200, 24 at 500, 29 at 600 and 21 skirmishing, 7 shots at each distance.

In 1893 a revolver qualification for officers was established, for

which a medal was issued. The relative standing of a company was established on the enrolled strength at the close of the target season Oct. 31, '93. Every distinguished marksman and sharpshooter counted 5 points; every first-class marksman counted 4 points; every second-class marksman counted 3 points; every third-class marksman counted 2 points; every member who had fired during the target season and failed to qualify, 1 point.

Any member of a company winning an individual prize, a place on the state team, or shooting on a winning team in a state competition, carried five points additional to the standing of the company. A bounty of \$50, was given to the company having the best standing Oct. 31, and \$25 was awarded to each company that qualified the full complement of enlisted men as marksmen. The allowance of ammunition was unchanged. Co. A qualified 65 marksmen this year and had every member a qualified marksman at the close of the target season, for which they received the prize of \$25 offered by the state. The following is the company return of rifle qualifications for 1893; 5 distinguished marksmen, 4 sharpshooters, 7 first class marksmen, 26 second class marksmen, 21 third class marksmen.

A new target was introduced this year for the state matches, and counted as follows:—Bullseye, 8 inches in diameter counted 5, circle, 14.80 inches in diameter counted 4, circle, 26 inches in diameter counted 3, circle, 46 inches in diameter counted 2, remainder of target 1.

The regimental rifle competition was held at Walnut Hill, Sept. 22, 1893, and the trophy, an engraving, "Washington and his Generals," was handsomely won by Co. A's team with a score of 299, the highest score ever made in a state competition by a company team of 7 men, firing 10 shots at 200 yards. The score:

Private James H. Keough,	5	5	5	4	5	3	5	5	5	4—46
Bugler Phineas S. Killam,	5	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	5—44
Capt. Edward J. Gihon,	4	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	4—44
Private Wm. R. Murphy,	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	3	5—43
Sergt. John L. Orr,	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4—41
Corp. Roger Howard,	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4—41
Sergt. Frank E. Gray,	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	3	4—40

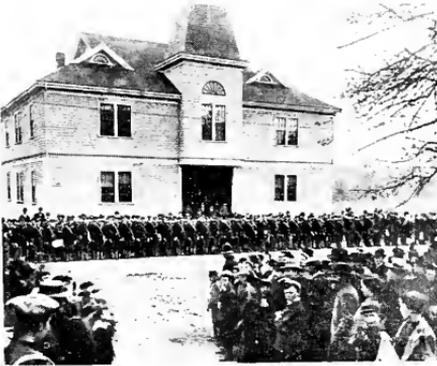
Total,

299



A GROUP OF R. L. G. PRIZE WINNERS.

Capt. Gihon secured the officers' prize, a gold medal. In the enlisted men's match Private Keough secured the first prize and Bugler Killam the third prize, both medals.



PRESENT ARMORY.

Co. A leaving Armory in 1898 for service in the Spanish War.



WHEELING INTO LINE,

on Morning of Departure for War, 1898.

At the state general competition held at Walnut Hill, Oct. 2, '93 Co. A had the following representatives in the regimental team of twelve:—Capt. E. J. Gihon, Sergt. F. E. Gray, Sergt. J. L. Orr, Corp. Roger Howard, Bugler P. S. Killam, Privates J. H. Keough and William R. Murphy. This year the 6th Regiment team reversed the

order of things for the year previous and captured the tri-color for the regiment by a score of 678. Bugler Killam won a position on the state team. At the distinguished marksmen's match, held at Walnut Hill, Oct. 3, 1893, Bugler Killam secured 5th cash prize and Private Keough 7th cash prize.

With the opening of the target season, 1894, the U. S. Elliptical target was introduced and has been in use ever since for military rifle shooting in this state, although it has been discarded by the government for some time. The following are the dimensions of the 200 yard target: Bullseye, 8x10 inches elliptical counts 5; four ring, 24x30 inches elliptical counts 4; three ring, 40x50 inches elliptical counts 3; remainder of target 48x72 inches counts 2; the 500 and 600 yard target, bullseye, 18x24 inches elliptical counts 5; four ring, 36x48 inches elliptical, 4; three ring 54x72 inches elliptical, 3; remainder of target 72x72 inches counts 2.

Two classes of revolver qualifications were established this year. First-class:—2 scores of 28 out of 30; second-class:—2 scores of 25 out of 30; shooting to be done on the 200 yard elliptical target at 50 yards and each score of 6 shots to be shot inside of one minute, weapon the Colt army revolver .38 calibre.

The following is the rifle return of Co. A for the year 1894: 15 sharpshooters, at 5 points each, 75; 10 first-class marksmen, at 4 points each, 40; 42 second-class marksmen, at 3 points each, 126; 8 third-class marksmen, at 2 points each, 16; 2 members who shot 2 scores and failed to qualify, 2; 5 members who have won an individual prize, 25; 2 members who have won a place on the state team, 10. Total 294. This was the banner return for the year and the company was awarded the bounty of \$50, offered by the state, also the prize of \$25, for having a full enrollment of qualified marksmen at the close of the target season. Capt. Gihon received a revolver badge, having qualified in the second class.

The regimental match in 1894 was held during the First brigade camp at So. Framingham Tuesday, June 5, and was won by Co. A with a score of 297, the highest made in a regimental match during the year, for which the company was awarded an engraving, "Defense de Champigny." The summary:—Private J. H. Keough 45, Bugler P. S. Killam 44, Serg't F. E. Gray 44, Corp. Roger Howard 43, Private Wm. R. Murphy 41, Private George Durward 41, Capt.

E. J. Gihon 39. Total 297. Private Keough won the second prize for enlisted men and Bugler Killam secured the third prize.

Co. A had all the members of its rifle team — 7 men — on the Sixth Reg't Team at the state general competition, held at Walnut Hill, Sept. 3, 1894. They finished in second place, being defeated by the small margin of 3 points. Private Keough had the highest individual score, 63 out of a possible 70 — 7 shots at 200 and 7 shots at 500 yards; this secured for him a position on the state team. Corp. Howard also won a position on the state team with a score of 61.

The distinguished marksmen's match took place the next day, Sept. 4, at the same range, and comprised firing at 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each distance. Private Keough of Co. A captured the first prize with the record score  $32-31-30=93$  out of a possible 105, which stands as the state record. Bugler Killam secured third prize, score 89, and Capt. Gihon fourth prize, score 89. In the skirmishing or estimating distances, which was a separate feature this year, Serg't F. E. Gray won fifth prize, \$6, and Bugler Killam seventh prize, \$4. On the afternoon of Aug. 8, 1894, a picked team of riflemen from companies C and G of the 6th Inf'y, Co. M, 9th Inf'y, and Co. D, 2nd Corps Cadets, visited the Wakefield range for the purpose of gathering unto themselves the prestige so long the pride of the Wakefield riflemen, but were unsuccessful, as they suffered ignominious defeat at the hands of Co. A's crack shots. The scores:—

CO. A, 6TH INFANTRY.		PICKED TEAM.	
Corporal Howard,	45	Private Burns,	44
Private Keough,	44	Serg't Rogers,	43
Private Murphy,	44	Corporal Gannon,	42
Bugler Killam,	44	Private Estabrook,	42
Capt. Gihon,	43	Corporal Worthen,	41
Private Geo. Durward,	41	Lieut. Worthen,	40
Serg't F. E. Gray,	40	Private Davis,	38
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Total,	300	Total,	290

In 1895, there was a slight modification in the rules governing the money allowance for ammunition; no fixed ammunition was issued, but an allowance of \$1.40 was made for each member on the rolls Oct. 31, who had qualified or requalified during the target

season. A bounty of \$50 was given to the company having the best standing, \$25 to second best, and a trophy to the third best.

Every sharpshooter counted 5 points; every first-class marksman counted 4 points; every second-class marksman counted 3 points; every third-class marksman counted 2 points; every man who shot two scores and failed to qualify counted 1 point. The company had the full complement of qualified marksmen on the rolls Oct. 31 classified as follows:—5 distinguished marksmen, 14 sharpshooters, 7 first-class marksmen, 35 second-class marksmen.

At the regimental competition, held at the state camp ground, June 4, 1895, the riflemen from Co. A, secured the state prize an engraving "Prisonnier" with a score of 407. The conditions were 10



"Prisonnier!" Won in 1895.

men, 10 shots, at 200 yards. The summary:—Corporal Howard 42, Serg't F. E. Gray, 42, Serg't Morrison, 42, Private George Durward 42, Private Joseph Sutherland 42, Private Keough 41, Private H. T. Mitchell 41, Capt. Gihon 39, Private George W. Reid 38, Private Place 38. Total 407.

At Centennial Grove, Essex, Mass., in a rifle competition held July 14, 1895, open to any military company in the state, Co. A's team captured the first prize, and each member was awarded a handsome gold medal. The conditions were 7 men, 7 shots at 200 yards; thirteen teams competing. The score:—

Sergt. E. E. Morrison,	5 5 4 5 5 4 4—32
Capt. E. J. Gihon,	5 5 5 5 4 4 4—32
Private George Durward,	4 5 4 4 5 5 4—31
Corp. Roger Howard,	4 4 5 4 4 4 5—30
Sergt. F. E. Gray,	5 4 4 4 4 4 4—29
Bugler P. S. Killam,	3 4 4 4 4 4 5—28
Private Jos. Sutherland,	4 4 4 4 4 4 3—27

Total,

207

This is the highest score ever made in an open competition in this state, by a company team under the same conditions, and it is an open question if it has ever been equalled in this country.

In accordance with the acceptance of a challenge sent to Co. A by the team of the Second Corps Cadets of Salem, the Light Guard riflemen faced the butts at the company range on the afternoon of Aug. 24, '95, to defend their laurels against the Salem visitors who were easily defeated by a margin of 32 points, and Co. A riflemen established a new team record of 431 points. The conditions were 10 men, 10 shots at 200 yards. Co. A's score:—

Private George Durward,	5 4 4 4 5 4 5 5 5—46
Private C. A. Evans Jr.,	5 4 5 4 4 5 4 5 5—46
Corporal Roger Howard,	4 5 5 4 4 4 5 4 5—45
Private J. H. Keough,	5 4 4 4 5 4 5 4 4 5—44
Bugler P. S. Killam,	4 5 5 5 5 4 5 3 4 4—44
Private Jos. Sutherland,	4 5 4 4 4 5 5 4 4 4—43
Capt. E. J. Gihon,	3 4 5 4 5 4 4 5 5 4—43
Private George W. Reid,	4 4 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 5—42
Serg't F. E. Gray,	4 4 4 4 5 4 5 4 4 3—41
Serg't E. E. Morrison,	5 4 5 4 0 4 4 4 4 2—37

Total,

431

At the state general competition held at Walnut Hill, Sept. 2, 1895, Co. A had the following representatives on the regimental team of 15; Capt. Gihon, Serg'ts F. E. Gray, E. E. Morrison, Corporal Roger Howard, Bugler P. S. Killam, Privates George Durward, C. A. Evans Jr., James H. Keough, and Joseph Sutherland. The Tri-color was won this year by the Sixth Regt. with a score of 1251. Sergt. Gray and Bugler Killam won positions on the state team, with a score of 90 each.

An allowance of \$1.50 was made for each qualified marksman in 1896, and to encourage shooting in the prone position an allow-

ance of one point was made on each score at 500 yards. The company made the following return for qualified marksmen in '96 :— 6 distinguished marksmen, 13 sharpshooters, 12 first-class marksmen, 27 second-class marksmen, 1 first-class revolver qualification, 1 second-class revolver qualification.

The regimental match was held this year at the state range, Sept. 30, under trying conditions, which made high scores an im-



RIFLE TEAM, 1895.

Priv. Jos. Sutherland, Priv. Geo. Durward, Priv. C. A. Evans, Jr., Priv. G. W. Reid,  
Priv. J. H. Keough, Priv. H. T. Mitchell,  
Serg't F. E. Gray, Serg't E. E. Morrison, Capt. E. J. Gihon, Corp. R. Howard, Bugler P. S. Killam

possibility ; Co. A's team again secured the state prize, an engraving, "To the Victor belongs the Spoils," with a score of 389, which ran as follows :—Serg't F. E. Gray 43, Private James Durward 41, Private Keough 41, Capt. Gihon 41, Corporal Howard 40, Private H. H. Sweetser 38, Private George W. Reid 38, Private G. W. Chesley 36, Serg't Morrison 36, Private George Durward 35.

At the state general competition, held at Walnut Hill, Sept. 7, 1896, the 6th Reg't team again won the tri-color by a score of 1273, 22 points better than the score made the previous year. The following members of Co. A were on the team: Capt. Gihon, Serg't Frank E. Gray, Corp. Howard, Privates Geo. Durward, Keough, Reid and Sedgley. Private Durward won the third prize in the sharpshooters' class and Private Reid the fifteenth prize. Corp. Howard and Private Durward secured positions on the state team.

The conditions governing the qualification of marksmen for 1897 were modified as follows: Sharpshooters' class—2 scores of 22 out of a possible 25 at 200 yards; 2 scores of 23 out of a possible 25 at 500 yards; 2 scores of 23 out of a possible 25 at 600 yards. Position at 200 yards, standing; at 500 prone; at 600 yards, any position; other classes remained unchanged. An allowance of \$1.50 was made for every qualified marksman on the rolls at the end of the target season. The company qualified every man as usual, classified as follows: 7 distinguished marksmen, 19 sharpshooters, 5 first-class marksmen, 30 second class marksmen, 1 first-class revolver qualification, 1 second-class revolver qualification. The decorations for marksmen were changed from the old style bar and bullet to a shield pattern, made of silver, supported by a ribbon, the different classes being designated by the color of the ribbons.

This year a military rifle league was formed for the advancement of military rifle shooting, and was composed of the following companies: A and H of the Sixth Infantry, G and L of the Fifth Infantry, B and D of the First Corps Cadets, E of the Naval Brigade and Battery B, 1st Heavy Artillery. The conditions were 10 men to a team, 10 shots per man, at 200 yards, two matches with each company. The team of the naval brigade withdrew after completing one-half of the series. Although Company A's team was unfortunate in losing two matches of the series, both by only a few points, it was easily the best in the league, as it had a grand total of 5582 points, or an average score of 429 5-13, while the team of Co. G, 5th Infantry, which lost but one match of the series, and won first place, had but 5510, or an average of 423 11-13 per score. Bugler Keough secured the second individual prize with the following twelve scores: 46, 46, 46, 46, 46, 45, 45, 45, 45, 45, 44, 43—542. The

highest team score made by Co. A was 442. The company received the second trophy, an engraving, "Sheridan's Charge."

The regimental match was held at Walnut Hill, Oct. 11, 1897,



Second prize. First State Shoot ever held by the M. V. M. Won in 1880.



"Battle of Gettysburg." Won in 1889, 74 teams competing.

and was won by the Richardson Light Guard team by the following score: Pri. Geo. Durward 45, Pri. Chesley 45, Pri. Coombs 44, Pri. Reid 44, Bugler Keough 44, Lieut. Gray 43, Corporal Howard

44, Pri. H. H. Sweetser 41, Corp. Sedgley 40, Capt. Gihon 40, total 429. The company was awarded the state prize, an engraving, "Defense de la porte de Longboyau." Four of the six individual prizes were won by Co. A boys—Pri. Durward 1st medal, Pri. Chesley 2nd, Pri. Coombs 3rd, Bugler Keough 5th.



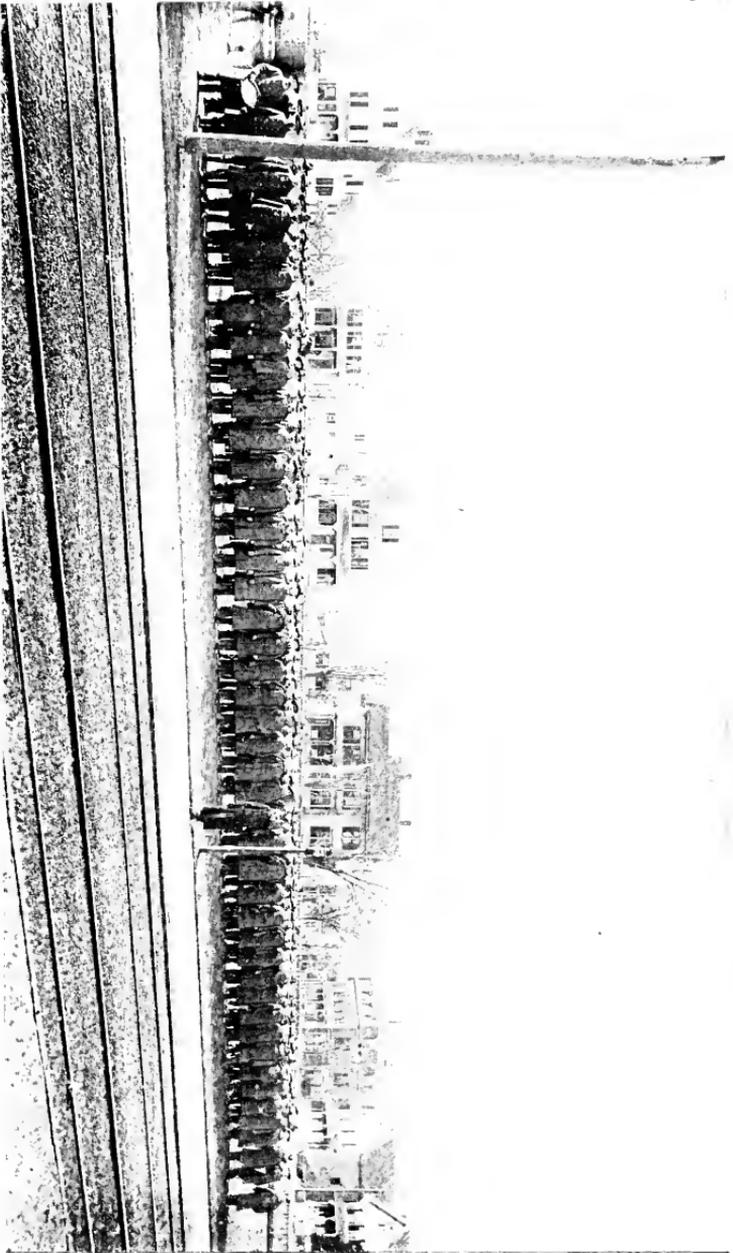
"Les Cosaques de L'Attaman." Won in 1892.



"Defense de Champigny." Won in 1894.

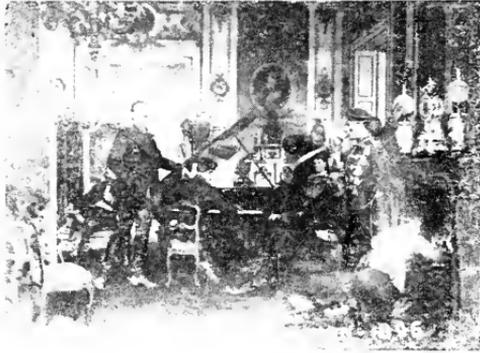
Co. A had eight representatives on the regimental team of 15 at the state general competition, Sept. 7, 1897, at Walnut Hill. Corp. A. R. Sedgley won the third prize in the sharpshooters' class, score 88, while Corp. Howard and Bugler Keough secured positions on the state team, with scores of 92 and 90 respectively.

The Springfield rifle, ramrod bayonet, was issued in January, 1898. As the company was mustered into the U. S. service in May,



Co. A at Upper Station, Wakefield, Jan. 21, 1899, en route to Boston, to be Mustered Out of U. S. Service.

1898, for service in the Spanish-American war its members did little rifle work at the butts this year. What shooting was done was at human targets in Porto Rico, although it must be recorded that there was occasionally a little rifle practice to break in upon the rigors of arduous camp life.



"To the victor belongs the spoils." Won in 1896.



"Sheridan's Charge." Won in East Middlesex Military Rifle League, 1897.

The following circular was issued Nov. 26, '98: "To every officer and enlisted man who qualified with the rifle in 1897 and who enlisted in the U. S. service, a special bronze medal, suspended from a bar, and inscribed according to the class in which he qualified, will be issued."

The following members of Co. A received decorations: Distinguished marksmen—Capt. E. J. Gihon, Lieut. F. E. Gray, Serg't A. R. Sedgley, Bugler J. H. Keough, and Pri. G. W. Reid. Sharpshooters—Serg't Chas. Bridge, Serg't A. G. Oliver, Serg't C. F. Parker,



“Defense de la porte de Longboyau.” Won in 1897.



“Battery H.” Won in 1899.

Corp. J. H. McMahon, Privates A. Ellis, Wm. B. Feindel, T. A. McDonald, Wm. R. Murphy, W. I. Sweetser and Myris H. Warren. First-class—Corporal E. O. Dewey, Jr., Privates H. B. McIntire and John Stock. Second class—Corporal H. B. Brockbank, Privates A. M. Baxter, R. B. Boag, W. I. Broad, E. W. Butler, Geo. W. Card, H. P. Connell, Enos Dulong, J. A. Haley, Wm. A. Haley, A. J.

Mayer, Clifford H. Mortimer, Jas. E. O'Brien, C. H. Oliver, C. W. Parker, H. A. Pearson, R. A. Roberts and Fred C. Thistle.

In 1889 a percentage plan of qualifications was established but it was demonstrated by actual trial that the system was too complex for service application and it was later changed to the following: Third class—2 scores of 15 out of 25 at 200 yards. Second class—2 scores of 18 out of 25 at 200 yards. First class—2 scores of 21 out of 25 at 200 yards; 2 scores of 21 out of 25 at 500 yards. Sharpshooters—2 scores of 22 out of 25 at 200 yards; 2 scores of 23 out of 25 at 500 yards; 2 scores of 21 out of 25 at 600 yards. Positions remained unchanged.



"The Cavalry Charge." Won in 1900.

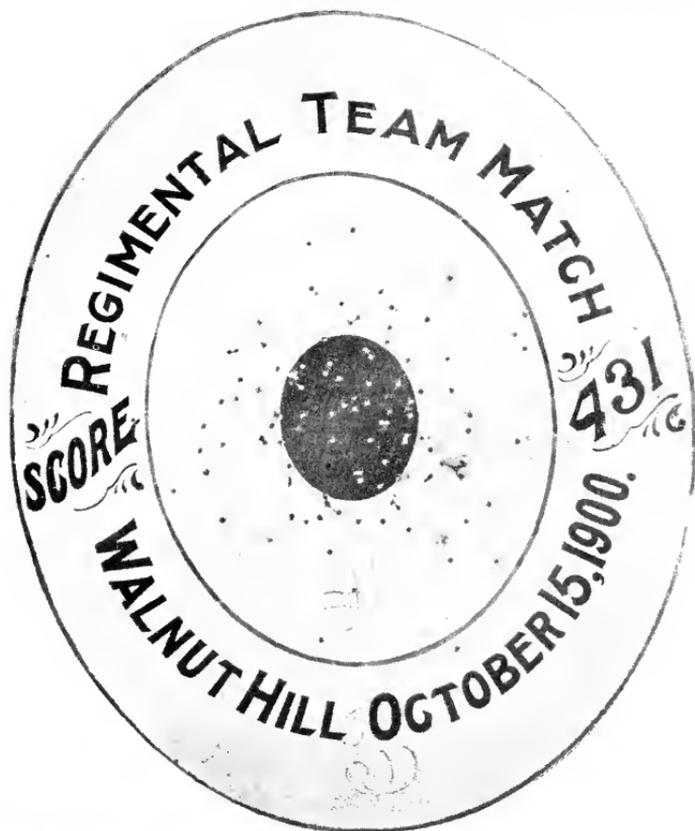
The company had the following record of qualified marksmen for 1899: 13 sharpshooters, 4 first-class marksmen, 22 second-class marksmen, 20 third-class marksmen, 1 first-class and 1 second-class revolver qualification.

The regimental competition held at Walnut Hill Oct. 11, '99, was won by the Light Guard riflemen and they were awarded the state prize, an engraving, "Battery H." The conditions were 10 men, 10 shots at 200 yards. The score: Bugler Keough 43, Pri. C. W. Parker 43, Pri. Bourgeois 43, Lieut. Morrison 42, Pri. Chesley 41, Corp. Hunt 41, Capt. Gray 40, Corp. Dingle 40, Lieut. McMahon 35, Pri. Ellis 32, total 400. Bugler Keough secured the second individual prize, a gold medal.

At the state general competition, held at the same range, Oct.

24, '99, Co. A had the following representatives on the the regimental team: Capt. Gray, Lieuts. Morrison and McMahon, Corp. Dingle, Bugler Keough, Privates Chesley and Bourgeois. Pri. Chesley won a gold medal in the sharpshooters' class with a score of 86. Bugler Keough secured a position on the state team, score 89.

The year 1900 was a banner year for the R. L. G. in the department of rifle practice, as it not only qualified every man on the



rolls, but also had the highest standing of any company in the state.

While the state inspector of rifle practice had made it compulsory for every member of the militia to be a qualified marksman, Capt. Gray established a precedent that every man must qualify at

least in the second class, and all recruits had to show a fair amount of proficiency in military shooting before being accepted as members of the company. This was conducive to good results, as is shown by the following returns of qualifications for the year: 6 distinguished marksmen, 17 sharpshooters, 6 first-class marksmen, 34 second-class marksmen, 1 first-class revolver qualification, 2 second-class revolver qualifications. This is equal to a total of 241 points for 63 men, figured on the rule as established in previous years. The marksmen's decorations were changed this year to a different design for each class, all of bronze.



R. L. G. RIFLE TEAM, 1900.

Pri.C.W.Parker, Pri.G.M.Jefts, Pri.C.A.Coombs, Pri.G.W.Chesley, Corp.M.Dingle  
 Lieut. E. E. Morrison, Q. M. Serg't J. H. Keough, Capt. F. E. Gray, Serg't  
 W. I. Sweetser, Lieut. J. H. McMahan,  
 Corp. W. G. Hunt, Bugler S. Bourgeois.

The company had its usual quota of marksmen on the regimental team at the state shoot Sept. 27, 1900, when two of its members, Lieut. McMahan and Bugler Bourgeois secured state medals in the sharpshooters' class, Lieut. McMahan winning a place on the state team with a score of 88.

At the regimental match held at Walnut Hill, Oct. 15, 1900, Co. A's riflemen eclipsed all previous performances and established a new record at a state competition, by winning this year for the eleventh consecutive time the trophy offered by the state, an engraving, "The Cavalry Charge." The conditions were 10 men, 10 shots, at 200 yards. The summary :

Pri. C. A. Coombs,	4 5 4 5 4 5 5 4 5—46
Capt. F. E. Gray,	4 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 4 5—44
Pri. George W. Chesley,	4 4 5 5 5 5 4 4 4—44
Qm. Serg't J. H. Keough,	4 4 4 4 5 5 4 4 4 5—43
Lieut. J. H. McMahon,	4 5 5 4 4 4 5 4 4 4—43
Bugler Samuel Bourgeois,	5 4 4 4 5 5 4 4 4—43
Pri. Geo. M. Jefts,	4 4 4 4 4 4 5 4 5 4—42
Pri. Chas. W. Parker,	4 4 4 4 4 4 5 5 4 4—42
Lieut. E. E. Morrison,	4 5 4 5 4 4 4 4 4 4—42
Serg't Walter I. Sweetser,	4 4 5 4 4 4 5 4 5 3—42
Total,	431

Private Coombs captured the first prize in the enlisted men's match, a gold medal.

The present year, 1901, can be safely prophesied to be a most successful one, and it is gratifying to record here that the company has reached a higher mark in the total number of points for qualified marksmen than ever before, and will undoubtedly establish a higher figure before the close of the target season.

The conditions governing company team matches have been changed as follows: Teams to consist of 15 men, firing 15 shots at 200 yards. Whatever may be the result of the regimental competition, which is to be held in October, the friends of Co. A may be assured that the winning score will have to be a high one, to win from our team, and we sincerely hope at the close of the match that Co. A will have won for the twelfth consecutive time the state trophy by a record-breaking score. The highest score under these conditions was made by the R. L. G. team in a match with Battery K, 1st H. A. April 19; score, 955 points.

In March of this year the East Middlesex Military Rifle League was revived and started with the following teams: Companies A, C and H of the Sixth Inf'y, Co's F and G of the Fifth Infantry and Battery B, 1st Heavy Artillery. Owing to the distance between the

various ranges, and the time consumed in shooting a match as per regimental conditions, it was decided to modify the rules as follows : Teams to consist of 15 men firing 10 shots at 200 yards. two matches with each team, making ten in all.

Co. A won every match of the series and secured first prize. Their aggregate score was 6369 or an average of 636 9-10 for each match. They also made the best single score, 646, out of a possible 750, which is the record score for a company team of 15 men firing 10 shots at 200 yards.

The following men constituted the team in this league contest : Capt. F. E. Gray, Lieuts. E. E. Morrison, J. H. McMahan, Qm. Serg't J. H. Keough, Serg't. W. I. Sweetser, Corporals W. G. Hunt, Manuel Dingle, Bugler S. Bourgeois, Privates G. W. Chesley, C. A. Coombs, J. J. Cronin, R. A. Gibson, G. M. Jeffs, W. R. Murphy and G. W. Reid. Substitutes, Corporal Rufus A. Merrill, Privates Geo. E. Gammons and John M. Widell.

The following members of the team won individual prizes for 9 best scores : 3rd prize, Qm. Serg't J. H. Keough, score, 401, \$8. 4th prize, Pri. Geo. M. Jeffs, score 401, \$7 ; 5th, Corp. Walter G. Hunt, score 397, \$6 ; 7th, Pri. Geo. W. Chesley, score 394, \$4 ; 9th, Pri. R. E. Gibson, score 388, \$2.

The Richardson Light Guard has ten representatives on the regimental team of fifteen, for 1901. Their names are : Lieut. E. E. Morrison, Lieut. J. H. McMahan, Qm. Serg't J. H. Keough, Privates G. W. Chesley, Chester A. Coombs, J. J. Cronin, R. E. Gibson, G. M. Jeffs, Wm. R. Murphy, Geo. W. Reid.

The success achieved by the company in the art of rifle shooting has been a prime factor in keeping the command up to a high standard, because it is a manly sport, devoid of few elements of friction, and in which to excel requires a cool head, a keen eye and steady nerves, and these qualifications, in turn, require temperate habits, all of which have a great influence toward keeping the ranks full of good, clear-headed, intelligent young men.

Prominent among those individuals who were factors in the success of the rifle practice by the company were Capt. C. F. Woodward, under whose command the first successful rifle team was organized ; Capt. George H. Taylor, who by his untiring efforts, and assisted by Lieut. Gihon, nursed the spark of life that lay quiescent

since 1883, and surprised the whole State by winning in 1889 for the first time the "tricolor" for the 6th Regt. ; Lieut. Gihon, on the promotion of Capt. Taylor, looked after the rifle practice, and on taking command saw to it that Co. A returned a full complement of qualified marksmen during each year of his captaincy, with the exception of 1898, when his knowledge of small arms was demonstrated in the skirmish at Guanica, Porto Rico. It was during Capt. Gihon's administration that Co. A's rifle team won the title of champions of New England by having defeated all the prominent teams in Maine in 1890, and the crack team of Connecticut at Bridgeport in 1894. In 1901 Lieut. Col. Gihon presented the company with a gold medal for long range shooting, to be contested for annually.

Nor has any laxity crept in to nullify the previous high standing established by the company during the incumbency of Capt. Gray, the present commander, as the records amply testify. Although many of the best riflemen withdrew from the company prior to his election, owing to the exigencies arising from service regulations, he has developed many brilliant marksmen, and the records of the present year are most flattering. This sketch would be incomplete without alluding in complimentary terms to the great service rendered the rifle department of the company by Q. M. Serg't James H. Keough, who for many years has been the "coach" both of the company and regimental teams. His excellent work was officially recognized in 1899, when Maj. Gihon, in behalf of Col. Darling and officers of the 6th Regt., presented Serg't Keough with a handsome watch charm, suitably inscribed, the presentation taking place in the armory in the presence of members of the company, officers and guests.

Following are given the winners for the "best shot" medal offered by Maj. G. O. Carpenter in 1868; the "second prize" medal presented in 1881 by Capt. Samuel C. Kingman, and the "third prize" medal offered by George H. Cheney in 1888:—

#### BEST SHOT MEDAL.

1868. Corp. Geo. E. Chandler.	1883. Serg't David Ogilvie.
69.	84. Corp. Chas. Jones.
70. Serg't James W. Harnden.	85. Serg't E. J. Gihon.
71.	86. 87. 88. Priv. J. W. Babbitt

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| 72. Serg't S. B. Dearborn.   | 89. Priv. Chas. E. Horton.      |
| 73. Serg't S. H. Mitchell.   | 90. Priv. James H. Keough.      |
| 74. Priv. Alfred D. Newhall. | 91. Serg't John L. Orr.         |
| 75. Priv. A. S. Cobb.        | 92. Bugler P. S. Killam.        |
| 76. Priv. C. A. Cheney.      | 93. Capt. E. J. Gihon.          |
| 77. Lt. Geo. M. Tompson.     | 94. 95. Corp. R. Howard.        |
| 78. Corp. W. A. Hook.        | 96. Priv. Geo. W. Reid.         |
| 79. Priv. John W. Smith.     | 97. Lieut. Frank E. Gray.       |
| 80. Serg't Roger Howard.     | 98. No comp., Span.-Am. War.    |
| 81. Serg't David Ogilvie.    | 99. Priv. Geo. W. Chesley.      |
| 82. Serg't Roger Howard.     | 1900. Q. M. Serg't J. H. Keough |

## THE KINGMAN MEDAL.

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| 1881. Serg't Roger Howard.  | 1891. Priv. J. H. Keough.    |
| 82. Lt. C. A. Cheney.       | 92. Serg't J. L. Orr.        |
| 83. Priv. A. D. Cate.       | 93. Corp. Roger Howard.      |
| 84. Priv. Samuel T. Parker. | 94. Bugler P. S. Killam.     |
| 85. Corp. H. T. Mellett.    | 95. Serg't Wm. E. Gray.      |
| 86. Serg't Geo. H. Taylor.  | 96. Priv. Geo. W. Chesley.   |
| 87. Corp. F. E. Bunker.     | 97. Bugler J. H. Keough.     |
| 88. Priv. Pierre Fredin.    | 98. No comp., Span.-Am. War. |
| 89. Priv. W. G. Cook.       | 99. Lieut. J. H. McMahon.    |
| 90. Bugler P. S. Killam.    | 1900. Priv. Chas. W. Parker. |

## THE CHENEY MEDAL.

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| 1888. Private J. H. Keough | 1894. Serg't F. E. Gray.     |
| 89. Lieut. C. H. Stearns.  | 95. Serg't E. E. Morrison.   |
| 90. Priv. A. E. Cooper.    | 96. Capt. E. J. Gihon.       |
| 91. Bugler P. S. Killam    | 97. Priv. Geo. Durward.      |
| 92. Lieut. E. J. Gihon.    | 98. No comp., Span.-Am. War. |
| 93. Priv. Wm. R. Murphy.   | 99. Priv. Alfred Ellis.      |
| 1900. Priv. Geo. M. Jests. |                              |

The company has three medals, donated by citizens of the town, to be competed for yearly in the manual of arms, and these medals are known under the following titles: 1st prize, donated by Cyrus Wakefield; second prize by Dr. S. O. Richardson; third prize by Hon. Lucius Beebe, and were won as follows:---

## WAKEFIELD MEDAL.

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| 1881-82. Serg't R. Howard.     | 1895. Priv. J. H. Keough. |
| 83. Priv. F. H. Emerson.       | 96. Serg't F. E. Gray.    |
| 84-85-86. Serg't C. H. Stearns | 97. Bugler J. H. Keough.  |
| 87-88. Serg't E. J. Gihon.     | 98. Serg't Chas. Bridge.  |
| 89. Serg't P. J. Flanders.     | 99. No competition.       |
| 90-91. Serg't E. E. Morrison.  | 1900. Serg't W. A. Haley. |
| 92-93-94. Serg't F. E. Gray.   | 1901. Serg't C. Mortimer. |

## RICHARDSON MEDAL.

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| 1881. Priv. F. H. Emerson.    | 1892. Serg't J. E. Coombs.  |
| 82. Serg't Geo. H. Taylor.    | 93-94. Priv. J. H. Keough.  |
| 83. Serg't C. H. Stearns.     | 95. Serg't Chas. F. Parker  |
| 84. Serg't C. H. Whiting.     | 96. Priv. M. E. Sliney.     |
| 85-86. Corp. E. F. Preston.   | 97. Serg't Chas. F. Parker. |
| 87-88. Serg't P. J. Flanders. | 98. Priv. Jesse A. Haley.   |
| 89. Serg't E. E. Morrison.    | 99. No competition.         |
| 90. Serg't F. E. Bunker.      | 1900. Corp. J. Fred Ronan.  |
| 91. Serg't J. L. Orr.         | 1901. Serg't W. A. Haley.   |

## BEEBE MEDAL.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1881. Priv. F. W. Godfrey.  | 1890. Serg't P. J. Flanders.  |
| 82. Priv. F. H. Emerson.    | 91-92. Priv. J. H. Keough.    |
| 83. Serg't C. P. Knight.    | 93-94. Serg't Geo. J. Thrush. |
| 84. Corp. L. O. Berry.      | 95. Corp. Chas. Bridge.       |
| 85. Serg't E. J. Gihon.     | 96. Priv. J. H. Keough.       |
| 86. Priv. F. W. Godfrey.    | 97. Priv. Geo. W. Reid.       |
| 87. Corp. E. F. Preston.    | 98. Corp. J. H. McMahon.      |
| 88. Priv. Geo. E. Zwicker.  | 99. No competition.           |
| 89. Serg't E. E. Morrison.  | 1900. Corp. G. W. Card.       |
| 1901. Serg't J. Fred Ronan. |                               |

## ROSTER OF CO. A, 6TH REG'T, M. V. M., SEPTEMBER 25, 1901.

*Captain* FRANK E. GRAY.*1st Lieut.* ELMER E. MORRISON.*2nd Lieut.* JOHN H. MCMAHON.*1st Serg't* WILLIAM A. HALEY.*Q. M. Serg't* JAMES H. KEOUGH.*Serg't* J. FRED RONAN.

" THOMAS A. McDONALD.

" WALTER I. SWEETSER.

" CLIFFORD MORTIMER.

*Corp.* EDWARD J. CONNELLY.

" WALTER G. HUNT.

" MANUEL DINGLE.

" GEORGE W. CARD.

" RUFUS A. MERRILL.

*Musician* SAMUEL BOURGEOIS.

Private Clifton H. Aldrich.

" Ernest G. Abbott.

" John R. Bancroft.

" Richard E. Barrett.

" Charles J. Butler.

" George W. Chesley.

" Edward T. Clothey.

" Chester A. Coombs.

" Richard A. Cosman.

" Harry J. Creagh.

" Jeremiah J. Cronin.

" Thomas M. Croke.

" Herbert J. Cugner.

" Louis E. Collins.

" George E. Gammons.

" Robert E. Gibson.

" Jesse A. Haley.

" Thomas Hanley.

" Cecil G. Hanright.

" William M. Hastings.

" John C. Hills.

" George M. Jefts.

" Arthur F. L. Kiander.

Private William M. Krom.

" Arthur G. Ledwith.

" John A. Leisk.

" John Lyons.

" Joseph McCarthy.

" George W. McManius.

" Stanley H. McNeil.

" Sydney J. Menadoc.

" Louis J. Miller.

" William R. Murphy.

" Christie Peterson.

" George W. Reid.

" Phillip F. Reynolds.

" Richard A. Roberts.

" Henry S. Robertson.

" Fred H. Rogers.

" Daniel W. Shannahan.

" Charles Sullivan.

" George T. Swcney.

" Walter R. Sproul.

" Fred W. Shelton.

" James P. Walsh.

" John M. Widell.

## CHAPTER XI.

### THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

For several months past, friends of Co. A have had in mind the importance of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Richardson Light Guard, on Oct. 11, 1901. Plans first assumed definite shape June 12, 1901, when a number of friends gathered at the armory in response to an invitation from Capt. Gray. At this meeting Col. E. J. Gihon was chosen chairman, although in his absence Solon O. Richardson, Esq., presided. Meetings were held fortnightly until September, and since then weekly sessions have been held. The celebration plans as originally proposed are being carried out with enthusiastic and harmonious meetings of the general and sub-committees, with the object in view of having a celebration worthy of the notable history of Wakefield's militia company.

The members of the general committee and the various sub-committees are herewith given :

GENERAL COMMITTEE—Col. E. J. Gihon, chairman : Lieut. C. E. Walton, treasurer ; Harris M. Dolbeare, secretary ; Solon O. Richardson, Capt. G. M. Tompson, Capt. J. H. Carter, Lieut. F. B. Carpenter, Capt. C. A. Cheney, Lieut. S. B. Dearborn, Lieut. H. W. Walton, Serg't H. G. Brockbank, William E. Eaton, William A. Cutter, Charles A. Bowser, Capt. James F. Emerson, Capt. Henry D. Degen, Capt. Sam'l F. Littlefield, Capt. John M. Cate, Capt. Geo. K. Gilman, Capt. Albert Mansfield, Col. Chas. F. Woodward, Capt. F. W. Hentz, Capt. Roger Howard (died July 31, 1901), Maj. George H. Taylor, Capt. Clinton H. Stearns, Sylvester Burdett, and the following representing Co. A : Capt. F. E. Gray, Lieut. Elmer E. Morrison, Lieut. J. H. McMahan, Serg't W. A. Haley, Serg't J. F. Ronan,

Corp. W. G. Hunt, Bugler Samuel Bourgeois, Private Stanley H. McNeill.

The sub-committees chosen were :

FINANCE COMMITTEE—S. O. Richardson, Lieut. C. E. Walton, C. A. Bowser, Col. E. J. Gihon, Capt. J. H. Carter, Capt. G. M. Tompson, C. N. Winship.

MUSIC—Capt. C. A. Cheney, Corp. W. G. Hunt, Capt. F. E. Gray.

DECORATIONS—Lieut. S. B. Dearborn, W. A. Cutter, Serg't H. G. Brockbank, Capt. C. A. Cheney, Lieut. E. E. Morrison, Capt. G. M. Tompson, Sylvester Burdett.

BANQUET—Capt. F. E. Gray, Lieut. J. H. McMahon, Serg't J. A. Haley.

HALL—Lieut. C. E. Walton.

SOUVENIR BOOK—William E. Eaton.

PRINTING—H. M. Dolbeare, W. E. Eaton, Col. E. J. Gihon.

SPEAKERS FOR BANQUET—S. O. Richardson, Col. E. J. Gihon, Capt. F. E. Gray.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE—All the members of the General Committee.

LODGING OF GUESTS—Capt. C. A. Cheney, Corp. W. G. Hunt, Capt. G. M. Tompson.

BADGES—Capt. F. E. Gray, Lieut. S. B. Dearborn.

PRESS—W. E. Eaton, H. M. Dolbeare.



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ROSTER

OF THE

**Richardson & Light & Guard**

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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION,

OCT. 11, 1851, TO SEPT. 1, 1901.

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## ROSTER OF THE RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD.

In presenting the complete roster of the R. L. G., it has been necessary to condense the material, and the following abbreviations have been adopted for convenience: e, enlisted; d, discharged; pro, promoted; re., re-enlisted; tr., transferred; res., resigned; S-A., Spanish-American war; ap., appointed; exp., expiration; ser., service; mus., mustered; pris., prisoner of war; wd., wounded; con., continuous.

### A

- Abbott, Ernest E. G. e. Aug. 19, '61.  
Abbott, Eugene S. e. May 26, '80; d. May 4, '81.  
Abbott, Fred N. e. June 19, '83; d. June 19, '86; re. Apr. 24, '88; d. Apr. 24, '89.  
Abbott, George e., May 9, '54; sergt., Sept. 1, '60; 4th lieut., Apr. 17, '61; d. May 1, '61.  
Abbott, George W. e. June 2, '86; re. June 2, '89; Oct. 2, '93; Oct. 2, '94; dis. Dec. 29, '94; re. Oct. 30, '97; d. Nov. 10, '98.  
Abbott, Lewis R. e. Sept. 14, '81; d. Dec. 16, '81.  
Abbott, Daniel G. e. Apr. 19, '61; d.; re. May 1, '61 as 2d lieut., Co. D, 50th regt.; mus. into U. S. service Sept. 19, '62; d. Aug. 24, '63.  
Aborn, George W. e. Oct. 23, '58; treas., June 1, '59; ap. armorer Aug. 25, '60; res. armorer Sept. 1, '60; e. as 4th sergt., Co. B, 5th Mass. vols. Apr. 19, '61; took part in battle of Bull Run, captured and held pris. at Richmond; ap. 3d Sgt. '61.  
Aborn, Henry e., July 19, '62; e. Co. E, 50th regt. Sept. 19, '62; d. by order of Col. Day; reason, disability.  
Aborn, S. C. T. e. Sept. 5, '57.  
Aborn, Sylvester e. July 19, '62; 2d Mass. inf.; killed at Resaca, Ga.  
Adams, Albert E. e. Aug. 7, '99.  
Adams, Chas. W. e. Sept. 16, '79; sergt.; d. Nov. 20, '80.  
Adams, Geo. W. e. May 17, '82; d. Apr. 2, '83.  
Adams, John I. e. July 19, '61, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.  
Adams, Oliver S. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th Mass. vols.; d. July 3, '61; re. in 1st regt., R. I. cav.  
Abern, John E. e. July 28, '79; d. July 30, '80.  
Aldrich, Clifton H. e. Apr. 10, '61.  
Alden, Edwin A. e. July 28, '72; d. May 22, '73.  
Alden, Harry P. e. May 12, '98; S A.; d. Jan. 21, '99; re. Feb. 20, '99; d. Nov. 10, '60.  
Alden, Chas. D. e. June 20, '96; d. Dec. 20, '96.  
Allen, Gardner e. June 20, '74.  
Allen, H. M. e. musician June 30, '71; d. July 19, '71; re. Sept. 19, '76; d. expr. of ser.  
Allen, W. e. Sept. 16, '71.  
Ames, Luther B. e. May 30, '89; d. July 26, '89.  
Anderson, Chas. E. e. Aug. 16, '62, Co. B, 5th regt.; re. for 3 years; taken pris. May 13, '63; wounded Dec. 13, '63, near Fredricksburg, Va.; d. Nov. 6, '65; re. as sergt. in Vet. Res. corps, Co. G, 6th regt.  
Anderson, C. L. e. '61.  
Anderson, Geo. W. e. Aug. 19, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; died Sept. 16, '63; disease contracted in ser.

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- Anderson, Henry L. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt., Mass. vols.; re. July 18, '62, Co. K, 24th r. gt.; wd. at Seabrook Island May 3, '63.
- Anderson, Jas. e. Dec. 5, '79; d. May 29, '80.
- Anderson, Melvin H. e. May 27, '99; d. May 28, '91; re. May 27, '93; d. May 27, '94.
- Ap-Jeton, Thos. e. July 19, '61, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 19, '64.
- Ardell, Geo. M. e. July 12, '88; d. Feb. 10, '99.
- Armistead, Lewis A. e. June, '98, S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Arnold, Wm. E. e. Oct. 4, '90; d. expr. of ser.
- Arrington, Geo. B. e. May, '65; Co. E, 8th r. gt., July 19, '64; mus. out Nov. 10, '64.
- Arrington, W. S. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. July 7, '60.
- Atwell, Wm. H., Jr. e. May '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; re. Co. A, 6th regt. Nov. 17, '66; sergt.; July 25, '68; clerk, June 19, '69; tr. to fine members' list, July 22, '71.
- Atwood, Parker T. e. July 19 '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Atherton, A. Edward. e. Sept. 15, '89; d. expr. of ser.
- Atherton, Wm and M. e. Aug. 31, '82; d. Apr. 10, '85; re. June 9, '85; d. May 13, '87.
- Atwater, Samuel e. ————— '73.
- Austin, Arthur F. e. May 12, '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Ayscough, Geo. A., Jr. e. Aug. 15, '87; d. ————— '88; re. May 12, '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.

### B

- Babitt, Chas. O. e. May 17, '81.
- Babbitt, John W. e. July 28, '85; re. July 28, '88, and July 6, '89; d. July 6, '99.
- Bacon, E. A. e. Sept. 5, '60; d. Nov. 24, '60.
- Bacon, S. e. Sept. 12, '60; d.
- Badger, Chas. H. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 19, '64.
- Bailey, Alpha W. e. May 5, '74; d. Sept. 8, '76.
- Bailey, Frank W. e. Aug. 20, '80; re. Aug. 20, '83; 1st sergt.; d. Aug. 20, '84; re. Oct. 7, '85; d. Oct. 7, '86.
- Baker, Fred. e. Sept. 24, '78; musician; d. Aug. 5, '80.
- Baenforth, Levi e. Mar. 14, '92; tr. to Co. H, 1st regt.
- Bannon, Arthur E; e. Sept. 15, '89; d. expr. of ser.
- Bancroft, John R. e. May 12, '98; S-A; re. Feb. 29, '99, '00, '01.
- Bancroft, J. W. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Aug. 3, '56.
- Batchelder, David P. e. July 3, '69.
- Batchelder, F. P. e. May, '65; Co. E, 8th regt corp, in '72; sergt., May 24, '73; re. Aug. 15, '76; d. Sept. 6, '78.
- Barrett, Chas. A. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 19, '65.
- Barrett, Ed. E. e. Feb. 24, '90; d. '90; re. May 27, '90.
- Barrett, Fred S. e. Mar. 2, '86; d. June 2, '86.
- Barrett, Geo. B. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '65.
- Barrett, Richard E. e. Apr. 30, '00.
- Barrett, Wm. F. e. May 12, '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99; re. Feb. 14, '99; d. May 20, '99.
- Bartlett, G. J. e. Oct. 11, '51; Oct. 5, '52; corp. July 29, '54; sergt., Mar. 13, '55; d. July 7, '60.
- Balch, Andrew F. e. July 1, '71.
- Baxter, Augustus M. e. Oct. 2, '94; re. Oct. 2, '97; mus. in U. S. ser. May 12, '98; S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99; re. Oct. 2, '99; sergt.; d. Dec. 29, '99.
- Baxter, John W. e. Sept. 29, '97; d. Mar. 10, '99.
- Bayne, Geo. e. May 18, '96; expr. of ser.
- Bayrd, Chas. L. e. musician, Dec. 28, '72.
- Batchelder, Henry. e. Aug. 24, '67; d. June 21, '71; re. Apr. 26, '73, and Aug. 15, '76; d. June 23, '78.
- Batchelder, G. W. e. May, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July, '61.
- Batchelder, Frank e. July 28, '74; 2d lieut. Aug. 3, '74; did not appear before examining board

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- Batchelder, Horace e. May 11, '72.
- Batchelder, Jeremiah S. e. May 7, '56; d. Apr. 18, '57; corp. Co. E, 16th Mass. vol., '61.
- Baker, Fred E. e. June 8, '86; d. June 17, '87.
- Baker, F. M. e. Oct. 4, '53.
- Barker, Joseph A. e. May 28, '84; d. in '87.
- Barker, Thomas e. Aug. 17, '62, Co. E, 56th regt.
- Barker, S. S. e. Sept. 5, '69; d. Mar. 2, '61; re. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.
- Barnard, B. F. e. Oct. 11, '51; 3d lieut. : 2d lieut., Dec. 28, '53; 1st lieut., Nov. 13, '54; res. as 1st lieut., Jan. 24, '57; 1st corp., Apr. 19, '61; 4th sergt., '61; 2d lieut., Co. K, 23d regt.; 1st lieut. May, 6, '62; res. Aug. 19, '63; 1st lieut. and Q. M. 53th Mass. Vet. regt., Oct. 16, '63; mus. out June, '65.
- Barnes, Geo. H. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 19, '61.
- Barron, Elliott F. e. Aug. 2, '52, Co. E, 5th regt.
- Beaty, Robert e. ————; d. Jan. 4, '53.
- Bean, Henry J. e. Sept. 24, '78.
- Beekman, Jos. e. July 2, '66; d. May 18, '67; re. May 30, '68.
- Beekwith, R. S. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th; re. as sergt. of Co. H, 20th regt. : 2d lieut. July, 18, '62; wd. at Fredricksburg, Va., Dec. 13, '62; died Dec. 31, '62.
- Beebe, Chas. J. e. June 14, '91; tr. to signal corps.
- Beebe, Chas. S. e. June 19, '53; tr. to fine list, June 30, '69, re. Sept 1, '69.
- Beebe, John H. e. Apr. 8, '81; d. Apr. 8, '84.
- Beebe, Lucius M., Jr. e. Sept. 6, '82; d. Mar. 19, '83.
- Beebe, Lucius M. e. Sept. 3, '56; tr. to fine list, June 30, '69.
- Bell, Stewart S. e. May 12, '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Bennett, Chas. e. May 15, '53; d. Mar. 10, '54.
- Bennett, Geo. A. e. May 12, '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99; re. Feb. 20, '99 and Mar. 19, '00; d. June 10, '01.
- Bennett, Omnisey V. e. Sept. 28, '95; d. Sept. 20, '96.
- Bennett, J. H. e. May 4, '72; d. Aug. 31, '72.
- Bent, John S. e. Oct. 31, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.
- Berry, Geo. O. e. Apr. 11, '82; d. Oct. 5, '82.
- Berry, Lyman O. e. Jan. 26, '83; d. Sept. 1, '84; corp. and 2d lieut.
- Bessey, Arthur L. e. Aug. 26, '81; d. Mar. 21, '82.
- Bessey, Chas. A. e. July 19, '61, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; e. in frontier cav. Dec. 29, '64; d. June 30, '65.
- Bickford, C. Frank e. Sept. 26, '54; d. Mar. 2, '61; e. July, 18, '61, Co. E, 16th regt., Mass. vol.; d. '62.
- Bigelow, B. F. e. Sept. 12, '69.
- Billings, Harris E. e. May 12, '98; S-A corp.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Bixby, H. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.
- Bird, Henry e. Sept. 14, '72.
- Black, John C. e. Apr. 9, '91; d. Apr. 9, '97.
- Blair, Samuel E. e. July 11, '61, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 19, '61.
- Blanchard, J. F. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.
- Boag, Robert B. e. May 12, '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99; e. Mar. 19, '99; d. from 6th Mass., Apr. 20, '99.
- Boat, Wm. H. e. Apr. 3, '89; d. Dec. 22, '80.
- Bowker, Percy J. e. Apr. 18, '92; d. Nov. 20, '93.
- Bourgeois, Samuel e. May 8, '97; d. May 8, '99; re. May 8, '91.
- Bodyell, Geo. N. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.
- Bodge, A. T. Armorer, May 4, '72; res. as armorer Sept. 26, '72; corp. May 24, '73.
- Blythe, Bernard e. Sept. 18, '86; d. Sept. 13, '87; e. Oct. 14, '87; d. expr. of ser.; re. Oct. 31, '88; d. Sept. 20, '89.
- Blenkorn, Henry e. June 5, '93; re. June 5, '96, d. June 5, '97; re. June 5, '97; d. June 5, '98.

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- Braden, Thos. e. June 16, '69.
- Bradford, Harry S. e. May 12, '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Bradley, Geo. e. ————; d. Jan. 4, '53.
- Bridge, Chas. e. Aug. 7, '92, con. ser., May 7, '98; corp., '95; sergt., '97; 1st sergt., '98; d. May 7, '98; mus. into U. S. ser. May, 12, '98; served in S-A as 1st sergt.; d. Jan. 21, '99; d. May 7, '99.
- Brewer, John P. e. June 8, '86; d. June 8, '89; served as corp. sergt.
- Broad, Wilbur I. e. May 3, '95; d. May 3, '98; mus. into U. S. ser. May 12, '98; S-A; corp. in '98; d. Jan. 21, '99; d. May 7, '99.
- Brockbank, Harvey G. e. Feb. 2, '91; d. Jan. 5, '95; re. Jan. 5, '95; d. Jan. 5, '98; re. Jan. 5, '98; corp., '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99; sergt. in '98; e. Jan. 5, '99; 1st sergt.; d. Jan. 5, '99.
- Brown, A. B. o. Oct. 2, '63.
- Brown, B. F. e. Aug. 14, '67.
- Brown, Benj. T. e. Aug. 21, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug., '63.
- Brown, C. B. e. Sept. 12, '90.
- Browne, Chas. H. e. May 12, '78; d. Nov. 13, '79; e. May 6, '80; d. June 7, '83.
- Brown, Chas. H. e. Aug. 30, '62, Co. E, 50th r. gt.
- Brown, Chas. F. W. e. June 8, '86; d. June 8, '88.
- Brown, Everett e. Aug. '29, '57.
- Brown, Geo. V. e. Jan. 2, '85; d. Jan. 17, '86.
- Brown, Harry P. e. Oct. 4, '90; d. Mar. 30, '93; ap. naval cadet; re. Sept. 8, '94; d. Dec 20, '95.
- Brown, H. W. e. ————; d. July 6, '52.
- Brown, Hervey W. e. Mar. 12, '78; d. June 5, '78; re. Aug. 31, '80; d. Sept. 9, '81.
- Brown, John C. e. Aug. 27, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug., '63.
- Brown, Jonas G. e. Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 23, '62; died June 18, '63, at Baton Rouge, La., from chronic diarrhoea.
- Brown, J. P. e. Sept. 28, '72.
- Brown, Lewis W. e. May 12, '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Brown William e. Apr. 13, '83; d. Feb. 23, '84.
- Brownell, Geo. W. e. June 28, '78; d. July 24, '79.
- Brownell, James H. e. Aug. 15, '76; corp., June 23, '77; sergt., May 14, '78; d. May 27, '79.
- Bryant, Eugene C. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. May, '65; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Bryant, Edward M. e. Apr. 25, '79; d. June 26, '80.
- Bryant, Frank H. e. Apr. 20, '86; d. May 4, '81.
- Bryant, Loton W. e. Apr. 3, '80; corp.; d. July 31, '82.
- Bryden, Henry W. e. Dec. 20, '96; d. June 30, '99.
- Bruce, Jasper F. e. Aug. 18, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.
- Bullens, Albert S. e. Oct. 9, '99; d. Dec. 20, '99.
- Bunker, Fred E. e. Sept. 10, '84; d. Sept. 12, '85; corp. Jan. 21, '89; re. Sept. 18, '89; d. Sept. 18, '90.
- Bunker, Henry e. June 17, '75; d. Sept. 8, '76.
- Bunker, Henry e. ————; d. Jan. 1, '76.
- Burgess, Geo. N. e. Apr. 23, '87; d. Jan. 18, '88.
- Burbank, B. B. e. May 31, '62.
- Burns, Nicholas e. June 9, '85; d. Jan. 17, '86.
- Burnham, F. P. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. June 15, '52.
- Burnham, J. A. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Feb. 7, '54; re. May 30, '55; d. Oct. 7, '57.
- Burrill, A. P. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Feb. 14, '57.
- Burt, Henry e. Sept. 23, '71.
- Burtell, G. H. e. Sept. 12, '79.
- Butler, Chas. J. e. July 3, '99.

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- Butler, Edward W. e. May 8, '97; d. May 8, '99; mus. into U. S. ser. May 12, '98; S. A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Butler, Henry e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 19, '64.
- Butler, Henry E. e. May 30, '81.
- Butterfield, Francis M. e. Aug. 21, '62, Co. E, 59th regt'.
- Buxton, Chas. E. e. May 28, '84; d. '87.
- Buxton, Wm. C. e. Mar. 12, '78; d. Nov. 13, '79; re. June 9, '83; d. June 19, '86.
- Burditt, Chas. H. e. Mar. 12, '78; d.—sentence of court martial Sept. 7, '80.
- Burditt, E. E. e. Aug. 22, '55; d. July 7, '60.
- Burdett, G. A. e. Sept. 5, '69; d. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5 regt.
- Burdett, Henry e. Sept. 26, '54; d. Dec. 16, '57; e. May 19, '58.
- Burditt, H. Oscar. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; corp. of Co. A, 6th regt., '67; sergt., '68; d. May 10, '73; e. Aug. 15, '76; corp. Sept. 12, '76; d. May 21, '77.
- Burditt, J. T. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Mar. 2, '61.
- Burditt, Rufus S. e. June 28, '78; d. Apr. 1, '79.
- Burditt, John Woodward e. —, '51; d. Jan. 4, '53; e. July, '61, Co. D, 13th regt., U. S. V., 3 years; e. Apr. '65, Co. H, 15th U. S. Inf.
- Burditt, James A. e. Jan. 17, '54; d. Oct. 11, '56; d. May 19, '60; e. Oct. 20, '60; corp. Apr. 19, '61; 5th sergt., May, '62; 1st sergt., Aug. 16, '62; 2d lieut., Co. E, 8th regt., May, '65; 1st lieut., June 21, '65; res. Jan. 6, '65.
- Burdett, Sylvester e. May 24, '73; ap. wagoner, Aug. 2, '73; d. May 24, '76; e. Dec. 26, '76; con. ser. to May 2, '92; armorer most of the time.

## C

- Cameron, Chas. E. e. May 17, '95; d. Dec. 20, '96; S. A.; On battleship Iowa.
- Card, Geo. W. e. Sept. 20, '97; S. A.; ap. corp., June '99; re. Sept. 20, '99.
- Cavanaugh, Calvin C. e. Sept. 23, '95; d. Apr. 30, '93.
- Cavanagh, Jas. W. e. May 10, '86; d. May 10, '99.
- Carey, Albert C. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.
- Carey, Daniel e. July 19, '62; re. Mar. 27, '69; e. 1st Frontier Cav., '65.
- Carey, Geo. E. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. Co. E, 8th regt., M. V. M., May, '65; sergt. Apr. 3, '69; d. July 13, '72; name placed on fine membership list.
- Carey, Geo. F. e. May 22, '55; d. July 24, '55; re. Aug. 22, '55.
- Carey, Geo. W. e. Apr. 30, '78; d. Apr. 21, '79.
- Carlisle, Joseph e. July 12, '69.
- Carlisle, J. H. e. May 24, '73; d. May 31, '73.
- Carleton, Wm. e. Aug. 31, '80; d. Feb. 15, '81.
- Carpenter, Geo. O. e. sergt. and clerk, Oct. 11, '51; 1st sergt., Dec. 28, '52; re. sergt. and clerk, Aug. 24, '53; acting regt. adjt. Dec. 13, '53; capt. Jan. 8, '56; res. July 25, '57; 1st lieut., Mar. 5, '59; res. treas. July 1, '59; capt. Apr. 7, '69; res. as capt. A. r. 16, '61.
- Carpenter, Geo. O., Jr. e. Aug. 15, '68.
- Cate, Albert D. e. June 13, '76; artificer, Aug. 22, '76; corp. June 6, '77; sergt. Aug. 24, '77; d. Jan. 23, '78; served in U. S. Army; re. in Co. A. as corp., Apr. 13, '83; corp. May 15, '86; sergt. and d. May 15, '87.
- Cate, John M. e. Aug. 5, '62, Co. D, 33d regt. Mass. vols. for 3 yrs.; sergt.; pro. regt'l. Q. M. sergt.; in 17 battles, including Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mt., Missionary Ridge, and in Sherman's march to the sea; mus. out June 11, '65; re. Co. A, Sept. 4, '69; elected capt. Mar. 19, '73.
- Carter, Arthur W. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Carter, Chas. e. Aug. 9, '73.
- Carter, Geo. e. corp. Aug. 16, '62, Co. E, 59th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63; previously served in Co. E, 16th regt.; d. for disability; re. July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64.

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- Carter, Jas. H. e. Jan. 27, '57, 3d corp. Dec. 30, '57; tr. to five membership list June 30, '60.
- Carter, Wm. e. Oct. 11, '51, 3d corp.; sergt. Mar. 13, '55; d. July 7, '60.
- Carter, Wm. e. Aug. 31, '80.
- Cartland, H. H. e. July 1, '71.
- Cartwright, Joseph e. July 19, '62, Co. E, 50th regt., d. Aug. 26, '63.
- Casey, Thos. e. Dec. 26, '76; d. May 3, '77.
- Cassidy, Henry e. Apr. 3, '77; corp, Aug. 24, '77; d. Apr. 29, '78.
- Chadbourne, B. W. e. May, '65; priv, Co. L, 8th regt.; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Chandler, Geo. E. e. June 22, '66, Co. A, 6th regt.; d. May 31, '71; re. U. S. signal corps, '61.
- Chapman, H. K. e. June 20, '68.
- Charlton, Lawrence H. e. May 12, '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Cheney, Chas. A. e. June 10, '71; ap. corp., June 21, '72; res. as corp., Apr. 5, '73; elected sergt., May 24, '73; con. ser. to July 9, '81; elected capt., Aug. 22, '84.
- Cheney, Geo. e. Nov. 17, '66.
- Cheney, C. H. R. e. Sept. 5, '60; d. Mar. 16, '61; served in Co. K, 4th H. A. Mass.
- Chesley, Geo. W. e. Jan. 16, '93; re. Jan. 16, '97; expr. of term Jan. 16, '98; S-A; re. Feb. 22, '98; con. ser. to July 31, '01.
- Cheever, Chas. W. e. June 19, '86; re. June 7, '93; d. June 7, '94.
- Childs, D. e. '54.
- Churchill, G. S. e. Nov. 10, '62.
- Churchill, H. D. e. June 22, '66, Co. A, 6th regt.; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Churchill, H. P. e. July 28, '72.
- Clark, G. o. H. e. Apr. 3, '39; d. Nov. 17, '80; civil war veteran.
- Clark, Geo. W. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. May 18, '67; re. Nov. 25, '81; d. Apr. 17, '82; d. Feb. 25, '84.
- Cleary, Richard e. Dec. 17, '80; re. Sept. 17, '91; d. May 25, '82.
- Cleary, Warren e. Sept. 12, '79; d. Mar. 11, '80; re. Sept. 17, '81; d. '81.
- Clifford, Harry T. e. May 6, '81.
- Clifford, Robt. e. Dec. 9, '71; ap. orderly sergt. June 15, '72; d. Jan. 18, '73; Co. B, 4th regt., M. V. M., '61.
- Clothley, Edward T. e. July 10, '99.
- Cobb, A. S. e. April 28, '74; d. Sept. 15, '76.
- Cobb, Everett e. June, 11, '78.
- Cobb, Henry C. e. Apr. 8, '81; d. Aug. 26, '82; re. Sept. 6, '82; d. Dec. 30, '82.
- Coburn, Chas. W. e. Jan. 17, '82; d. Jan. 17, '83.
- Cook, Atwell e. Apr. 13, '80; d. April 13, '83.
- Cook, Fred C. e. Oct. 2, '85; d. Jan. 12, '86.
- Cook, Clarence E. e. July 28, '79; d. July 28, '82.
- Cook, Daniel P. e. July 28, '79; d. Aug. 19, '80; 1st regt., Mass. Cav., '61.
- Cook, Jeremiah C. e. Oct. 11, '51; Dec. 2, '51; d. Jan. 4, '53; 1st Mass. Cav. '61; 2d Mass. regt. band; 3d unattached heavy artillery.
- Cook, Jonathan, Jr. e. June 26, '57; d. July 7, '60; re. April 19, '61; Co. B, 5th regt.; mus. out July 31, '61; re. Co. H, 24th regt. Sept. 30, '61; re. Jan. 1, '64; died at Annapolis, Md., Dec. 5, '64 from effects of starvation while a prisoner.
- Cook, J. W. e. April 17, '52; d. May 2, '54.
- Cooke, Oren S. e. Aug. 3, '56; d. Dec. 16, '57.
- Cook, Walter F. e. Sept. 21, '88; d. Sept. 21, '91.
- Colbath, Geo. H. e. Mar. 23, '96; d. Jan. 10, '98.
- Collett, Chas. J. e. May 12, '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Colby, Geo. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Collins, Louis E. e. June 18, '01; previous service, 46th U. S. V. rgt. Served in Philippines during insurrection and d. May 31, '01.
- Coleman, James A. e. May 16, '79; d. Nov. 10, '80.

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- Coon, William L. e. July 19, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 21, '63; re. Co. E, 8th regt., July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64; corp. Co. E, 8th regt. May, '65; sergt. Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; elected treas., July 25, '68; res. as treas., Sept. 9, '71.
- Connell, Henry P. e. Mar. 4, '95; re. Jan. 20, '96; S-A; d. Jan. 20, '99; re. Feb. 27, '99.
- Conor, Geo. T. e. Sept. 12, '77.
- Connelly, Edward J. e. May 12, '98; S-A; ap. corp., July 2, '99; re. Feb. 20, '99.
- Coombs, Chas. L. e. Jan. 24, '87; d. '88.
- Coombs, Chester A. e. May 8, '97; d. Mar. 10, '99; re. July 31, '99, '00 and '01.
- Coombs, Geo. H. e. Aug. 7, '72; d. Sept. 2, '76.
- Coombs, John E. e. June 24, '87; d. Sept. 20, '88; ap. corp., Jan. 21, '89; re. Jan. 24, '90 as corp.; re. Feb. 23, '91 and '92.
- Coonds, T. W. e. Oct. 14, '51; armorer, Oct. 14, '51; d. May 10, '53.
- Comey, J. S. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July, '61; re. 1st Lieut., Co. D, 5th regt.
- Comee, Walter H. e. Mar. 28, '99; d. June 10, '01.
- Cooper, Ashley E. e. May 30, '88; re. May 30, '92; d. May 30, '93.
- Cooper, Dexter I. e. Oct. 14, '87; d. Oct. 14, '90.
- Cooper, Reuben L. e. May 22, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 18, '63.
- Cooper, William W. e. Sept. 15, '89; d. expr. of ser.
- Copeland, Geo. O. e. May 12, '98; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Corbett, Charles M. e. Feb. 27, '79.
- Corbett, Palmer e. May 16, '79; d. Aug. 21, '79.
- Corbin, Edward C. e. Aug. 20, '94; d. Jan. 19, '95.
- Corson, Frederick e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.
- Corcoran, Owen e. Dec. 5, '79.
- Cowdrey, B. C. e. Mar. 23, '75; d. May 31, '77.
- Cosman, Richard A. e. May 12, '98, Co. M, 6th Mass. U. S. V.; S-A.; tr. to Co. A, Feb. 5, '00.
- Cowdrey, Fred P. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; re. Sept. 23, '71, and Sept. 11, '76; d. Nov. 22, '76; served as captain's orderly in Co. E, 50th regt., '62.
- Cowie, William A. e. Oct. 30, '94; d. April 30, '95.
- Cox, George e. Oct. 14, '51; re. July 19, '62, Co. E, 50th regt., d. Aug. 25, '63.
- Cox, James B. e. Aug. 19, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.
- Craig, Thos. L. e. Aug. 5, '68.
- Craik, Thos. M. e. Apr. 9, '01, Co. H, 6th Mass. U. S. V.; S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99; re. in Co. H, as corp., March 4, '99; d. Aug. '00.
- Crawford, John e. —————; d. Jan. 4, '53.
- Crawford, Robert e. —————; d. Jan. 4, '53.
- Crawford, Wm. B. e. Aug. 3, '71; d. Mar. 20, '75; re. Aug. 22, '76; d. Aug. 15, '78.
- Creagh, Henry J. e. Jan. 12, '01.
- Cressy, John Y. e. June 7, '87; re. June 23, '90; re. June 9, '92; d. June 9, '93.
- Cronin, Jeremiah J. e. Feb. 18, '01.
- Cronin, Patrick P. e. Mar. 28, '9; d. June 30, '99.
- Crosby, Justin W. e. Aug. 14, '90; d. Feb. 13, '01.
- Cummings, A. e. July 24, '55; 3rd lieut. Feb. 7, '57; re. July 25, '53.
- Cunningham, J. F. e. Aug. 31, '75; armorer, June 13, '76; d. Nov. 22, '76.
- Currier, Herbert A. e. June 10, '84; re. Sept. 18, '86.
- Currier, Samuel D. e. Oct. 23, '58.
- Curtis, Clarence H. e. May, 18, '79.
- Curtis, Theodore D. e. Jan. 19, '86; d. exp. of term.
- Cushing, Geo. W. e. May 12, '98; S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Cusuman, Allerton S. e. May 12, '98; S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Cushman, Chas. F. e. June 30, '80; d. Feb. 4, '81; re. June 2, '85; d. exp. of term.
- Cutter, Fred B. e. May 30, '93; d. Jan. 19, '95.
- Cutter, Chas. A. e. April 3, '77; re. June 11, '81; d. Aug. 12, '01.
- Cuzner, Herbert J. e. Aug. 14, '77.

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### D

- Danforth, Albert e. Nov. 27, '69.
- Danforth, Alfred W. e. Aug., '62; Co. E, 50th regt.: d. Aug. '63.
- Danforth, R. Kimball corp. 1st Mass. Inf., '61-62; e. corp. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt. bat.; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. in. '64, Co. C, 1st H. A.
- Damon, Henry e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Damon, Lenard e. May 7, '56; on compano returns, '59.
- Daniels, George W. e. May 10, '96; d. Dec. 28, '96.
- Daniel, William B. e. Feb. 27, '79; con. ser. to Aug. 31, '84.
- Darling, Albert N. e. Jan. 20, '96.
- Davis, B. F. e. Oct. 30, '74; d. Sept. 8, '76.
- Davis, C. H. e. May 12, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63; e. corp. Co. K, 4th H. A., '64.
- Davis, Leonard A. e. May 27, '90; d. Jan. 20, '93.
- Day, Benj. I. e. musician, July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. May, '65; d. Jan. 9, '66; e. Co. A. 6th regt. May 20, '68.
- Day, James A. e. Aug. 6, '80; d. Nov. 17, '80.
- Day, Joseph L. e. June 13, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Dean, Patrick e. Apr. 23, '86; d. June 4, '86.
- Dearborn, N. S. e. Oct. 11, '51; 1st lieutenant; res. 1st lieutenant. Dec. 20, '53; elected 1st lieutenant July 14, '60.
- Dearborn, Stanley B. e. Jan. 19, '67; corp., Apr. 3, '69; clerk, May 27, '74; sergt. and clerk, June 10, '71; orderly sergt., Dec. 20, '71; res. orderly sergt. June 15, '72; sergt., May 24, '73; 2d lieutenant, Nov. 13, '76; res. Aug. '77; served in Co. L, 1st regt., H. A., '62-'65; wounded Apr. 6, '65.
- Deadman, William D. e. July 19, '62; Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 20, '62; d. Aug. 24, '63; re. July 9, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64; ap. corp. 8 h regt., May, '65.
- Degan, Chas. F. e. Oct. 24, '62, Co. A, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63.
- Degan, Henry D. e. June 1, '59; 2d lieutenant, July 14, '60; 1st lieutenant, Apr. 17, '61; d. sickness, May 1, '61; capt., Mar. 20, '62; res. capt. and ap. regt. Q. M., '62.
- Degen, Henry D. e. priv., June 1, '59; 2d lieutenant, July 14, '60; 1st lieutenant, Apr. 17, '61; went with the company in April, '61, was sick enroute and sent back on arriving at Annapolis, to New York; returned to Washington and joined the company; was forced to resign as the 1st lieutenant had been filled during his absence by promotion of 2d lieutenant. Shepard, to the position; recruited the company in '62 under the call of Pres. A. Lincoln for 9 months men, elec. capt. March 29, '62; com. quar.-mas. of 50th regt. Sept. 29th, '62; being succeeded as captain by Capt. S. F. Littl field.
- Desmond, Daniel J. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V., S-A war ser.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Desmond, John F. e. Oct. 4, '90; d. Apr. 19, '93.
- Densmore, Frank A. e. Aug. 29, '57; d. May 12, '58.
- De Roach, Timothy e. Sept 7, '81; d. May 20, '82; re. Sept. 12, '82; d. Feb. 10, '83.
- Dewey, E. O. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Dewey, Edgar O., Jr. e. Sept. 28, '95; corp. in U. S. ser., Sept. 23, '98; re. U. S. vols., May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass.; S-A; d. June 21, '99.
- Dillion, Joseph J. e. June 5, '99; d. Jan. 20, '00.
- Dingle, Manuel e. May 12, '93; d. Dec. 29, '94; re. June 5, '95; d. Jan. 20, '97; re. Feb. 20, '99; (served in S-A war in U. S. N. on board the U. S. monitor Terror; e. Apr. 26, '98; d. Dec. 12, '98); re. Feb. 20, '00; re. Feb. 20, '01.
- Dix, Joseph O. d. Jan. 11, '53; re. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt., e. '62; d. Aug. 24, '63, Co. E, 50th regt. Mass. vols.
- Dixon, Alfred E. e. Dec. 3, '80; d. May 20, '82.
- Dodge, Ignatius S. e. Oct. 18, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63.
- Doe, Frederick N. e. Dec. 26, '79; d. Apr. 12, '81; re. June 9, '85; d. Jan. 17, '86.

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- Dolbeare, Harris M. e. Feb. 4, '89; d. May 10, '90.
- Danoghue, John J. Not enlisted; deserted Nov. 22, '62?
- Dooley, Daniel P. e. May 30, '88; d. Jan. 31, '89.
- Doten, Amos W. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. V., S-A; Jan. 21, '99.
- Doucette, John L. e. July 24, '89; d. Dec. 20, '99.
- Douglass, Thomas e. April 18, '92; d. Mar. 13, '93.
- Drake, Alvin, Jr. e. June 1, '52; musician; d. Jan. 4, '53; re. Sept. 1, '69; musician; Apr. 19, '61; in Co. B, 5th regt.; re. Dec. '61, musician, in 19th regt.; d. Apr, '64, for disability; re. in '64 in the U. S. Signal Corps.
- Draper, Daniel H. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. June 1, '52.
- Draper, James H. e. Apr. 8, '81; d. Apr. 8, '81; r. May 23, '84; d. May 23, '85.
- Draper, Rufus F. e. Sept. 5, '57; d. May 26, '60; re. May 1, '61; Aug. 16, '62, Co. A, 50th regt.; re. July 19, '64; Co. E, 8th regt. as corp.; 1st sergt. Co. E, 8th, May, '65.
- Draper, James D., 2d. e. Oct. 11, '51, corp.; ap. armorer Apr. 6, '52; 2d lieut. Co. B, 5th Mass. Vol, Apr. 19, '61; e. 1862, Co. E, 50 h as 2d lieut.; wounded at Port Hudson; re. 1st battalion H. A., as corp.
- Drake, P. S. e. Apr. 26, '53; d. Dec. 29, '53.
- Duffy, Phillip J. e. May 30, '91; d. Nov. 20, '93.
- Dulong, Enos. e. May 10, '36; e. U. S. Vol. May 12, '98; Co. A, 6th Mass; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99; re. June 12, '99
- Dunn, Edward J. e. June 11, '03; d. Nov. 19, '00.
- Dunn, Henry B. e. June 4, '53; re. Sept. 12, '60.
- Dunn, F. A. e. June 19, '71; no date of discharge.
- Dunn, H. H. e. June 29, '72; d. Aug. 31, '72.
- Dunn, H. e. Oct. 12, '67; no record of discharge.
- Dunn, William A. e. ————; d. Jan. 4, '53.
- Dunshee, Mark A. e. May 7, '92; d. Dec. 29, '94.
- Durward, George. e. Apr. 29, '95; d. Apr. 29, '93; re. June 6, '96; re. June 6, '97; trans. to Co. G, 5th Mass; e. U. S. Vol. May 12, '98; Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. V.; S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Dyer, Eben S. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Feb. 17, '54.
- Dykemann, Gilbert H. e. May 5, '90; no record of discharge.

## E

- Earl, Alfred e. Aug. 29, '57.
- Eaton, Abijah Alvin. e. Apr. 10, '61; served Co. B, 5th regt. Mass. Vols; d. July 31, '61; re. in R. I. regt.
- Eaton, Chester W. e. June 21, '62; served Co. E, 50th regt., '62.
- Eaton, David. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. May, '65; ap. corp. Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66.
- Eaton, Edward. e. Sept. 13, '80, musician; d. Dec. 10, '80, e. musician; Mar., '62, Co. J, 1st regt., H. A.; d. Mar., '65.
- Eaton, Henry L. e. ————; d. Nov. 2, '52; res. treas. June 1, '52.
- Eaton, John B. e. Mar 21, '54; d. exp. term.
- Eaton, John S. e. Oct. 11, '51; 2d lieut.; 1st lieut. Dec. 28, '53; treas., Mar. 28, '54; res. as 1st lieut. and treas. Nov. 13, '54.
- Eaton, Joseph W. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.
- Eaton, J. Smith. e. July 19, '62; re. Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 18, '62; dis. '63.
- Eaton, Walter S. e. July 2, '66; re. U. S. Sig. Corps '64.
- Eaton, Will Everett. e. Sept. 12, '82; d. Jan. 8, '83; re. Dec. 17, '88; tr. non-com. staff, 1st brigade, Apr. 16, '89.
- Eaton, Harry M. e. Sept. 12, 82; d. Dec. 1, '84.
- Eaton, William C. e. July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Eaton, Joseph L. R. e. Oct. 11, '51, 3d sergt.; ap. armorer Jan. 25, '53; d. May 5, '60; was sergt. in Boston Lancers.

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- Eaton, Stillman A. e. July 19, '62.
- Edmunds, John. e. Aug. 5, '71.
- Edgecomb, Charles e. July 22, '71; ap. armorer Jan. 6, '72; res. as armorer May 4, '72; re. July 7, '72; d. Jan 1, '79.
- Edwards, Frank E. e. Co. A, 6th Mass. Vols.; served in S.-A. war; detailed as color sergt.; ap. 2d li. ut.; mus. out Jan. 24, '99; re. 25th regt. U. S. Vols. as regimental commissary; served in Phillipines.
- Ellis, Alfred e. May 10, '96; musician U. S. Vols. May 12, '98; S.-A. war, bugler; d. May 10, '99.
- Elliott, M. J. e. ———— ; d. Jan. 1, '76.
- Emerson, Charles S. e. May 30, '55; re. May 12, '62; re. Co. E, 50th, Aug. 16, '62; ap. corp. Jan. 11, '63; d. Aug. '63.
- Emerson, Charles S., Jr. e. Oct. 6, '84; re. Aug. 15, '87; d. Mar. 21, '89; re. Nov. 17, '90.
- Emerson, Edward E. e. Sept. 1, '60; ex. term; re. May, '65; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Emerson, Frank e. July 2, '68; d. ————.
- Emerson, F H e. Apr. 3, '77; d. Mar. 20, '78; re. Jan. 18, '81; d. Jan. 18, '84.
- Emmons, Freeman e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.
- Emerson, Fred e. May 25, '67.
- Emerson, George e. May, '65, priv. Co. E, 8th regt; ex. term.
- Emerson, George D. e. Aug. 15, '68
- Emerson, Howard e. Dec. 13, '53; d. July 7, '60.
- Emerson, Hugh R. e. June 2, '89; ex. of term.
- Emerson, James F. e. Oct. 11, '51, as sergt.; ap. clerk Aug. 3, '52; res. clerk Sept. 12, '54; 1st sergt., Mar. 11, '54; 4th lieut., May 23, '54; was treasurer; capt., Nov. 13, '54; res. Dec. 19, '55; ap. clerk and treasurer Jan. 19, '55; 1st lieut., Aug. 18, '57; capt., July, 19, '58; res. capt. between Jan. 15 and Mar. 5, '59; 3d lieut., July 14, '60; res. 3d lieut., Apr. 16, '61; elected capt. Mar. 2, '67; res. capt. Jan. 29, '70.
- Emerson, Justus e. Aug. 29, '62; served in Co. E, 50th regt.
- Emerson, Luther N. e. May 28, '56; re. May 12, '62; re. May, '65; re. June 22, '66; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Emerson, Putnam e. May 1, '65; d. Sept. 7, '66; priv. Co. E, 8th regt., Co. A, 6th; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Emerson, R. H. e. June 1, '59; d. Mar. 2, '61.
- Emerson, Rufus e. Sep. 1, '69.
- Emerson, Thos. Albert e. Oct. 11, '51, as marker; d. May 3, '53; act. asst. paymaster in '63-'64 in U. S. navy.
- Emery, Wm S. e. May 30, '85; corp; re. June 12, '88; sergt., Jan. 21, '89; re. June 12, '89; d. May, '90.
- Eustis, Henry W. e. July 19, '53; re. Apr. 19, '61; served in Co. B, 5th regt.; re. U. S. signal corps, '64
- Eustis, Joseph S. e. June 20, '54; d. Jan. 24, '57; re. Co. B, 5th regt. Mass. Vols., Apr. 19, '61; wd. at battle of Bull Run; re. as corp., Aug. 16, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. '63.
- Eustis, Wm. C. e. Aug. 18, '62; served in Co. E, 50th regt; d. Aug. '63.
- Estes, Oneal J. e. Aug. 16, '62; served in Co. E, 50th regt.; died at Baton Rouge, La., May 12, '63.
- Evans, Chas A, Jr. e. May 25, '91; re. May 25, '94; d. May 25, '96.
- Evans, George H. e. Mar 28, '84; re. May 28, '87; d. '88.
- Evans, Isaac. e. Aug. 29, '57; d. May 12, '58.

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- Fairbanks, James M. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; re. in Co. G, 24th regt. in '62; re. in '64; tr. to Co. D.; d. '65.
- Fairbanks, John B. e. Jan. 2, '85; d. June 3, '86.
- Fales, Harold E. e. May 12, '98, Corp. Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S.-A. war ser.; d. Jan. 21, '99.

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- Farnam, Fenton A. e. —————; d. Apr. 12, '73.
- Farrel, Michael, e. Aug. 21, '62, Co. E, 5th regt.
- Fay, John C. e. Sept. 12, '77; re. Sept. 13, '80; d. Jan. 3 '81; re. Aug. 31, '82; d. May 14, '82.
- Faulkner, J. D. e. Aug. 12, '71.
- Feeling, C. e. May 27, '57.
- Feindel, Henry A. e. May 18, '93; d. May 18, '96; re. May 12, '98, in Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. V.; S-A war service.
- Feindel, William B. e. May 12, '93; d. exp. of ser.: re. Apr. 25, '98; e. in U. S. ser. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A war ser. (Corp.); re. Oct. 26, '60; d. Nov. 30, '60.
- Fenn, George E. e. Jan. 3, '84; d. June 19, '86.
- Fleet, John W. e. June 7, '57; d. Oct. 9, '97.
- Flanders, Philip J. e. May 11, '82; d. May 11, '85; re. May 11, '85, sergt.; May 11, '87, sergt.; d. June 12, '88; 1st sergt., Nov. 12, '88; re. June 9, '88; re. June 9, '89; re. June 12, '90; 2nd lieut. June, '90.
- Fletcher, Chas. N. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt., Mass. Vols.; re. Aug. 28, '61; d. Mar., '63; died at Fortress Monroe, Va., Aug. 2, '63.
- Fletcher, Nathan e. June 26, '58; d. Mar. '59.
- Flint, John e. May 12, '98, Co. A., 6th Mass. U. S. V.; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Flint, Silas W. e. July 19, '62, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. May, '65.
- Flanders, David e. Aug. 7, '69; res. as corp., Apr. 5, '73; re. June 28, '78; d. June 28, '79.
- Fletcher, J. H. e. May 31, '53
- Floyd, Geo. G. e. May, '65; Co. E, 8th regt.
- Foster, Chas. e. May, '54; d. '55.
- Folsom, E. C. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.
- Forsyth, James B. e. July 28, '79; d. Dec. 7, '80.
- Foster, Davis e. Feb. 16, '61, Co. B, 5th regt., at bat. Bull Run, and in all the engagements with 24th regt.; re. in '61 in 24th regt.; 2d lieut., '63; 1st lieut., '64; capt., major, d. '65.
- Forrest, John e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Foster, Clarence e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt., Co. A, 6th regt.
- Forrest, Edward e. June 9, '74.
- Foley, John F. e. Aug. 31, '82.
- Flockton, Benj. C. e. Dec. 2, '80; d. Sept. 2, '81.
- Flockton, James A. e. Dec. 3, '80.
- Frazer, W. F. e. May 21, '72; d. Apr. 12, '73.
- Freedin, Pierre. e. May 30, '88; d. Sept. 20, '89.
- Frost, Wm. H. e. Apr. 3, '79; con. ser. to June 12, '88.
- Frye, Walter H. e. Feb. 2, '91.
- Finnity, John e. Oct. 27, '73; d. Oct. 12, '75.
- Fish, Joseph A. e. Aug. 21, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Mar. 9, '63.
- Fisk, Willard L. e. Aug. 22, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; re. July 19, '64, in Co. E, 8th.
- Fitzg rald, James B. e. Feb. 27, '79; d. '80.
- Fuller, Geo. P. e. Aug. 17, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.

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- Gardner, Richard H. e. Oct. 23, '5 .
- Gallougher, David M. e. Sept. 17, '81.
- Ganmons, Geo. E. e. Apr. 30, '94.
- Garrison, W. B. e. July 1, '68, Co. A, 6th regt.; corp., Apr. 3, '69.
- George, Oscar R. e. May 18, '72; d. Aug. 31, '72.
- George, Willard F. e. Sept. 10, '80; d. Aug. 12, '81; re. Sept. 12, '82; d. Dec. 30, '82.
- Gerritson, Chas. S. e. Mar. 27, '69; corp., May 24, '73.
- Gibson, Robert E. e. Apr. 25, '61.
- Gilman, John K. e. Apr. 4, '54; d. May 30, '54.

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- Gilhon, Edward J. e. Sept. 6, '82; con. ser.; corp., '83; sergt., '85; 1st sergt., '88; 2d lieut., Nov. 1, '88; 1st lieut., July 14, '93; capt., Jan. 2, '93; com. capt., Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. V., May 12, '99; S-A; severely wd. at Guanica, Po to Rico, July 26, '98; commended by Gen. Garretson for gallantry and coolness under fire; b ev. major, Oct. 1, '98; com. capt., 26th regt., U. S. V., and declined honor; resumed command of Co. A, 6th Mass.; com. major, May 22, '99; asst. insp. gen., Governor's staff with rank of Lieut.-Col. Jan., '90.
- Gilman, G. K. e. Oct. 21, '51; ap. corp., July 29, '51; sergt., Mar. 13, '57; 1st sergt., Sept. 1, '60 corp., Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 16, '62; pro. sergt., Jan. 11, '63; re. May 20, '68; ord. sergt., June 10, '71; 2d lieut., Nov. 24, '71; 1st lieut., Dec. 29, '71; capt., Aug. 22, '76; res. Oct. 22, '76; re. Oct. 27, '76; 1st lieut., Feb. 27, '79.
- Gleason, Jeremiah J. e. May 18, '93; re. May 18, '96; d. July 10, '93.
- Gleason, Walter P. e. Jan. 20, '85; d. Sept. 16, '86.
- Goddard, Percy M. e. Mar. 2, '82; d. Feb. 25, '84; re. June 10, '81; d. Dec. 1, '84.
- Godfrey, Frank W. e. Apr. 8, '81; d. Apr. 8, '84; re. Sept. 10, '84; d. Sept. 10, '85; re. Sept. 18, '86.
- Godfrey, Walter J. e. Dec. 17, '80; d. Aug. 26, '82.
- Goebel, F. e. Sept. 28, '72.
- Gogin, Ernest B. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Goodhue, Chas. B. e. Sept. 23, '76; corp., May 14, '78; d. Sept. 23, '79; re. Oct. 9, '79.
- Goodwin, Alfred C. e. Jan. 16, '94.
- Goodwin, Chester E. e. Mar. 5, '94; d. Apr. 30, '96.
- Gonnier, Edward R. e. musician, June 2, '85; d. expr. of enlistment.
- Gonnier, Wm. T. e. musician, May 30, '88; d. expr. of enlistment.
- Goodhue, James P. e. Oct. 12, '75; re. Sept. 12, '79; re. Sept. 12, '82; d. Sept. 12, '95.
- Gordon, Chas. W. e. May 16, '79; d. Aug. 11, '80.
- Gould, Thomas e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; corp., '69; res. June 21, '72; d. Sept. 28, '72; re. sergt., Aug. 2, '73; re. Sept. 11, '76, as priv.; re. Sept. 6, '78.
- Graham, Edward e. May 16, '79; d. Aug. 2, '79.
- Graham, David e. July 29, '71; d. Oct. 1, '72; re. Apr. 25, '79; d. Apr. 25, '82.
- Gray, Frank E. e. Jan. 19, '86; con. ser.; corp., May 30, '90; sergt., Jan. 3, '93; 2d lieut., Jan. 18, '97; Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V., 2d; May 12, '98, S-A war ser.; 1st lieut. July 6, '98; bat. adjt., 6th Mass., U. S. V., from May 12, '98, to June 8, '98; regt. adjt., Aug. 9, '98, to Sept. 15, '98; served through Porto Rico campaign; conspicuous for gallantry and coolness at Guanica, July 26, '98, and mentioned in special orders; com. capt., Co. K, vice Capt. Goodell, res., Sept. 2, '98; mus. out of U. S. V., Jan. 21, '99; resume 1st lieut. cy, Co. A., 6th M. V. M.; 1st lieut. Apr. 14, '99; capt., July 12, '99.
- Gray, John X. e. May 21, '56; d. July 7, '60.
- Gray, Wm. E. e. June 26, '77; d. July 24, '79; re. June 9, '85, corp., sergt.; re. June 9, '88; con ser.; d. June 9, '98; 1st sergt., Jan. 3, '93; e. in 6th Mass., U. S. V., but failed to pass physical examination; re. Apr. 10, '99; d. June 30, '99.
- Gray, Wm. e. Aug. 4, '74.
- Green, Albert R. e. Mar. 30, '52; d. Jan. 4, '53.
- Green, Chas. A. e. May 26, '80; d. Jan. 3, '81.
- Green, Geo. e. June 26, '60.
- Green, Geo. H. e. May 1, '55; 2d corp., Dec. 30, '57; 3d corp. Apr. 10, '61; 3d sergt., Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 16, '62; died Jan. 10, '63, on board government bark Guerella.
- Green, Isaac E. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; 2d Co. Sharpshooters, 23d regt., '61, 3 yrs.
- Green, Stillman e. May 31, '89; re. June 7, '92; d. Jan. 20, '93.
- Greenough, Arthur e. Apr. 11, '82; d. Apr. 11, '85.
- Griffith, Ellis e. Sept. 5, '57.
- Griffin, John F. e. May 11, '72; d. May 22, '73.
- Grubb, Wm. H. e. '63; d. May 22, '73.

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- Gwinn, James e. Sep. 2, '73; corp.; re. Mar. 30, '75; d. Sept. 2, '76  
 \*Griggs, James H. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt., wd. and taken pris. at Bull Run, July 21, '61; Co. D, 33d regt.; 2d Lieut., 37th reg. U. S. colored inf.; re. May 29, '75; 1st sergt. Aug. 3, '75; d. Sept. 3, '77.

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- Hackett, Frank H. e. May 12, '98, U. S. Vols.; served during S-A war; d. Jan. 12, '99; re. Feb. 20, '99.  
 Hadley, Amos d. Jan. 4, '53.  
 Hall, Adelbert e. June 7, '87; d. '88.  
 Hall, Arthur S. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A war ser.; d. Jan. 21, '99.  
 Hall, Frank J. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '61; served in Co. H, 24th, as drummer; d. 1865.  
 Hall, Geo. H. e. Feb. 2, '92; d. Aug. 30, '94; e. U. S. Navy.  
 Hall, James T. d. Jan. 4, '53.  
 Hall, Leslie T. e. May 26, '80; d. Aug. 26, '81; re. May 25, '83.  
 Hall, Orville D. e. May 6, '89; d. May 6, '81; r. May 6, '81; d. Sept. 2, '81; re. May 25, '83; d. July 19, '83.  
 Hale, Horace G. e. Feb. 27, '79; d. May 30, '79.  
 Hale, James H. e. July 25, '68, Co. A, 6th regt.  
 Hale, Walter L. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A war ser.; d. Jan. 21, '99.  
 Haley, Jesse A. e. Dec. 20, '96; mus. U. S. Vols., Co. A, 6th, May 12, '98; served during S-A war; d. Mar. 10, '99; re. Jan. 12, '01.  
 Haley, John J. e. Apr. 17, '99; d. Nov. 30, '00.  
 Haley William A. e. Jan. 20, '96; mus. U. S. V., Co. A, 6th, May 12, '98; served during S-A war; corp. July 13, '98; d. Jan. 20, '99; sergt. re. Feb. 27, '99; 1st sergt.; re. Apr. 30, '00.  
 Halliburden, John R. e. May 24, '73.  
 Hamblin, Wm. A. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Feb. 17, '54.  
 Hamblin, Wm. R. e. May 13, '71; d. Aug. 31, '72.  
 Hambley, Alfonso B. e. May 12, '98; served in Co. A, 6th, S-A war; d. Jan. 21, '99.  
 Hamilton, Clifford E. e. Sept. 6, '82; d. Dec. 1, '84.  
 Hamilton, C. R. e. Sept. 12, '79; d. May 10, '80  
 Harilton, Robert e. Co. E, 50th Mass., Aug. 23, '62; d. Aug. 24, '63.  
 Hanley, Thom s e. Feb. 18, '01.  
 Hanright, Cecil G. e. July 3, '99.  
 Hanson, Geo. J. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V., S-A war. ser.; d. Jan. 21, '99  
 Hanscom, Chas. e. July 14, '74; d. Nov. 22, '76.  
 Hanscom, Orrington M. e. May 24, '72; corp., June 21, '72; d. Apr. 5, '73; served in Civil War, 17th Maine Inf., '62.  
 Hanscom, Wm. P. e. July 24, '71; sergt.; d. Apr. 5, '73; d. Aug. 31, '75.  
 Harnden, Fred'k e. July 11, '57.  
 Harnden, Fred'k G. e. musician, Sept. 12, '77; d. Mar. 20, '78.  
 Harnden, J. e. Jan. 4, '53.  
 Harnden, Jas. W. e. re. July 19, '64; corp., Co. E, 8th May, '65; corp., Co A, 6th, June 22, '66; ord. sergt., Aug., '68; re-ord. sergt., May 31, '71; d. July 13, '72; placed on honorary list.  
 Hardy, Fred J. e. Dec. 3, '80; d. May 26, '81.  
 Harper, Arthur e. June 8, '86; re. June 8, '89; d. '91.  
 Harper, Henry E. e. May 23, '83; re. June 2, '83; d. June 2, '87.  
 Harrigan, D. J. e. June 17, '75; d. ept. 8, '53.  
 Harrigan, John e. June 15, '75.  
 Harris, C. E. e. May 19, '71; d. Sept. 8, '76.  
 Harris, Elmer A. e. Mar. 20, '93; d. Dec. 30, '93.

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- Harris, Frank S. e. Feb. 27, '79; d. Aug. 15, '79.
- Harrison, Wm. H. e. Aug. 7, '99; d. Apr. 4, '00.
- Harrington, Chas. T. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 4th regt.; re. Aug. 21, '62, Co. E, 50th; d. Aug. 24, '63.
- Harrington, Frank N. e. Sept. 5, '60; d. Aug. 30, '94.
- Hart, C. H. e. Sept. 5, '60; served in Co. E, 16th regt., Mass. Vols., '61-'64.
- Hart, John F. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Hartwell, Albert e. '61; e. U. S. Vols., Co. B, 5th regt., Apr. 19, '61; d. July 31, '61; re. Co. E, 1st bat. H. A., Aug. 13, '64; d. June 28, '65.
- Hart, J. Frank e. Apr. 19, '65, Co. B, 5th Mass. Vols.; re. 1st regt., H. A.
- Hartshorn, Chas. F. e. July 19, '53; corp., May 13, '55; sergt., Dec. 30, '57; armorer; May 15, '62; corp., Aug. 16, '62; Co. E., 50th regt.; sergt., Jan. 6, '63; d. Aug., '63.
- Hartshorn, Jacob C. e. Sept. 1, '69; d. Oct. 13, '69.
- Hartshorn, Jere W. e. July 11, '57; d. July 7, '60.
- Hartshorn, Oliver S. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; died in Reading; June 21, '65.
- Hartshorn, W. Hubbard e. Sept. 26, '57.
- Hartshorn, Varenus A. e. Aug. 3, '56.
- Hastings, Wm. M. e. Aug. 14, '99.
- Hatch, George F. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A war ser.; d. Jan. 21, '93; e. June 11, '09; d. July 30, '09.
- Handley, Thos. e. Apr. 3, '80.
- Hawes, Granville C. e. May 30, '89; d. Sept. 20, '89; e. in U. S. Marine Corps.
- Hawes, Newell H. e. Oct. 5, '92; re. Oct. 5, '95; re. Oct. 6, '96; corp., '96; d. Mar. 30, '99.
- Hawes, S. L. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th; re. June 22, '66; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Hawks, Chas. S. e. Apr. 29, '80; d. Nov. 19, '80; re. May 27, '82; d. May 27, '85.
- Hawkes, Francis e. Sept. 5, '60; d. Oct. 13, '69, 2d Co. Mass. Sharpshooters, attached to 22d regt.
- Hawkes, Geo. L. e. Oct. 11, '51; corp. May 13, '55; 3d lieut. Aug. 13, '57; 2d lieut., May 7, '59; treas., July 10, '58.
- Hawkes, John E. Aug. 22, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63.
- Hawkes, Lyman B. e. July 27, '60; d. Oct. 6, '60.
- Hawkes, Winfield S. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. Co. A, 6th, June 22, '66; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Hayden, Frank W. e. Sept. 1, '60; Co. B, 5th, Apr. 19, '61; re. Co. E; 2d lieut., '63, 1st Mass. Cav.; pris. Kelley's Ford. Va., in '63; afterwards 1st lieut. and quartermaster; served 1st regt. frontier cavalry.
- Hayden, Wm. H., Jr. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Dec. 16, '57; re. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt., 4th corp., May 5, '62; 3d corp., July 19, '62, Co. E, 7th regt.; re. '62 as sergt. in Co. B, 1st bat. H. A.; 2d lieut., '63, Co. A, 6th regt.
- Hayes, Wm. H. e. Aug. 1, '68.
- Hayward, Frank M. e. May 12, '98, U. S. Vols., Co. A, 6th regt.; served during S-A war; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Hayward, Alex. N. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; e. in Co. G, 24th regt., Sept. 30, '61; re. and appointed 2d lieut., Jan. 4, '64; 1st lieut., June 11, '64; capt., Sept. 4, '64; d. Jan. 24, '66.
- Hazelton, Jono. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Healey, John F. e. June 3, '01, corp.; transferred to Co. E, 5th Mass., M. V. M., Ju'y 12, '01.
- Hearn, Wm. R. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A war ser.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Heath, A. L. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; re. Co. A, 8th regt., June 22, '66; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Heath, Benton A. e. May 26, '80; d. Sept. 8, '80; re. Sept. 13, '80; d. Jan. 26, '81.
- Henry, Chas. F. e. May 16, '79; d. Jan. 7, '80.
- Hennegar, Chas. J. e. May 18, '72; d. Dec. 14, '72.
- Hennesy, James E. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.

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- Hunt, Walter G. e. Apr. 17, '99, corp.
- Henigae, Ralph e. Aug. 10, '92; d. May 29, '93.
- Hentz, Frank A. e. May 17, '82; d. May 26, '82.
- Hentz, Fred W. e. May 26, '80; 2d lieut.; re. Aug. 6, '80; 2d lieut., Aug. 31, '80; capt., Mar. 2, '82; resigned Aug. 12, '92.
- Hern, Wm. B. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; served during S-A: d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Hershe, David e. May 5, '74.
- Hichborn, Phillip, Jr. e. June 26, '77; d. Mar. 20, '78.
- High, Chas. L. e. Apr. 13, '83; d. Nov. 26, '83.
- Hill, Edwin L. e. Sept. 4, '76; d. May 25, '78.
- Hill, Hiram P. e. Aug. 3, '56; d. Dec. 16, '57; re. July 19, '62.
- Hills, John C. e. Mar. 7, '60.
- Hitecock, Fred W. e. Sept. 24, '87; d. Mar. 3, '88.
- Hobbs, Wm. e. May 12, '98, in Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; served in S-A: d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Hobson, Howard D. e. June 16, '75; elected treas. May 9, '76; sergt., May 25, '76; corp., Sept. 12, '76; d. Mar. 29, '78.
- Hodgkins, Sam'l B. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Hogue, Wm. H. e. Aug. 18, '74; corp. Mar. 30, '75; d. June 29, '75; con. ser. to '79; 2d lieut., June 13, '79.
- Holden, John L. e. May 17, '73; corp., May 24, '73.
- Holt, F. J. e. Sept. 26, '57.
- Holt, V. W. e. May, '65; priv., Co. A, 8th regt., June 22, '66.
- Hook, Wm. A. e. Sept. 12, '79; corp., June 5, '78; sergt., June 1, '79.
- Holbrook, Louis H. e. July 28, '79; d. Feb. 17, '80.
- Holmstrom, Chas. G. F. e. musician, June 3, '89; d. '90.
- Homer, Porter J. e. Jan. 10, '84; d. Dec. 1, '84.
- Hooper, Geo. F. e. July 29, '71.
- Hooper, Herbert E. e. Apr. 23, '93; d. Dec. 20, '94.
- Hooper, Jos. E. e. July 29, '71.
- Hopkins, H. S. e. May, '65, Co. E, 6th regt.; corp., 6th regt., June 22, '66.
- Hopkins, Nat. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Dec. 16, '57.
- Hough, James e. Aug. 31, '82; d. Feb. 6, '85.
- Houston, Donald M. e. July 28, '79; d. Dec. 17, '80.
- Horton, Chas. E. e. May 20, '83.
- Horton, Chas. H., Jr. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Horton, Eggar L. e. Mar. 19, '78; d. July 24, '79; re. May 26, '80; d. May 4, '81.
- Horton, Wm. G. C. e. Mar. 12, '78; d. May 14, '83; re. May 30, '89; d. June 7, '92.
- Hosmer, Oliver S. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.
- Hoyt, L. D. e. musician, May 13, '76; d. June 23, '78.
- Howland, J. Hastings. e. June 7, '97; d. Oct. 9, '97.
- Howland, W. J. e. Apr. 22, '71; re. Aug. 15, '76; 1st sergt., May 16, '76; d. Aug. 22, '79.
- Howard, G. W. e. May, '63, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. May 16, '67.
- Howard, H. W. e. June 29, '64.
- Howard, Justin e. July 1, '64, Co. A, 6th regt.; served 3 yrs. 24th regt., Mass. Vols.
- Howard, Roger e. Apr. 25, '79; d. Apr. 25, '82; re. May 17, '82; 2d lieut., Nov. 27, '82; capt., Nov. 10, '82; re. Aug. 12, '84; corp., '86; sergt., '87; d. June 10, '88; re. Feb. 2, '89; con. ser. to expr. of last term July 31, '98.
- Hoyt, Delman C. e. Jan. 13, '81; d. Nov. 18, '81.
- Hoyt, Frank P. e. Sept. 23, '76; d. Sept. 23, '79; re. Apr. 3, '80; d. Dec. 22, '80.
- Hoyt, H. D. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; re. '61 for 3 yrs. in 22d regt.
- Hubbard, Fred A. e. May 4, '97.
- Humphrey, Geo. S. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. Vols.; served during S-A: d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Hunt, Arthur H. e. Jan. 18, '81; d. Sept. 17, '81.

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- Hunter, G. L. e. June 15, '52.  
 Hunter, Geo. W. e. Oct. 7, '85; d. Jan. 18, '88.  
 Hunter, Jos. H. e. Apr. 25, '98; d. Mar. 10, '99.  
 Hunt-n, Louis D. e. May 13, '98, Co. G, 6th M. ss., U. S. V., assigned to Co. A as 1st Lieut., Oct., '98; d. Jan. 21, '99.  
 Hurd, Bert A. e. May 8, '97; d. May 10, '99.  
 Hurd, Jos. L. e. Sept. 1, '60, Co. E, 16th Mass. regt., 3 yrs.; re. Co. E, 8th M-ss., July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64.  
 Hutchins, Herbert F. e. Mar. 25, '84; d. Dec. 1, '84.  
 Hutchinson, Jesse N. e. May 5, '90; d. May 5, '93.  
 Hutchinson, Wm. H. e. July 3, '58.

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- Jacobs, A. B. e. Aug. 5, '71; d. Apr. 13, '72.  
 Jackson, Geo. H. e. May 29, '75; sergt., Aug. 3, '75; d. May 31, '77; re. Oct. 11, '82; d. June 4, '83; served in 11th regt., Mass. Vols., '61; Co. K 4th H. A., 1 yr.  
 Jameson, T. H. e. May, '65; re. Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66.  
 Jaques, John e. June 4, '94; d. July 20, '95.  
 Jarvis, Wm. e. Sept. 12, '60.  
 Jeffs, Geo. M. e. June 15, '60.  
 Johnston, Alexander S. e. June 12, '88; d. '90.  
 Johnson, Gustaf A. e. Sept. 9, '89; d. Feb. 10, '90.  
 Johnson, Henry F. e. Aug. 26, '81; d. Sept. 19, '81.  
 Jones, Chas. E. e. Sept. 19, '83; corp. Sept. 19, '83; d. June 9, '86.  
 Jones, Elliot C. e. Aug. 28, '61, Co. D, 22nd regt.; wd. and taken pris. near Richmond, Va., June 27, '62; d. Jan. 18, '63; re. in Co. E, 8th regt., July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. Dec. 30, '64, in Co. D., Frontier Cav., 1 yr.  
 Jones, Nathan G. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.  
 Jones, Wm. e. Sept. 12, '60.  
 Jones, Wm. H. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.  
 Joy, Richard D. e. May 10, '96; d. Feb. 28, '98.  
 Judkins, A. e. May, '65; priv., Co. E, 8th regt.; d. June 22, '66.  
 Judkins, Frank J. e. Aug. 31, '80; d. Feb. 24, '81.

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- Kane, John H. e. May 27, '90.  
 Keander, Arthur F. L. e. July 3, '99.  
 Keith, J. e. July 22, '71.  
 Kemp, Robt. H. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, 6th, June 22, d. Sept. 7, '66.  
 Kendall, John H. e. Apr. 22, '51.  
 Kelley, Julian L. e. May 12, '98; d. Jan. 21, '99; S-A.  
 Kenny, John e. Aug. 21, '63.  
 Kenny, Thomas e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.  
 Keough, James H. e. May 30, '88, and served continuously to date; armorer, Jan. 12, '91; ap. bugler Apr. 20, '97; served in U. S. Vols., during S. A. as Co. quartermaster sergt., and played in regt. band; quartermaster sergt. in M. V. M. Co. A, 6th regt., May 30, '99.  
 Kidder, G. H. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; re. '61, Co. E, 1st U. S. Cav.  
 Killam, Phinias S. e. bugler, June 12, '88; continuous service to death, Mar. 26, '97.  
 Kimball, Warren e. May 1, '55.  
 Kimball, S. W. e. May 22, '55.  
 Kingman, Wm. W. e. Oct. 9, '58; d. May 26, '60; re. Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 17, '62; re. Co. E, 8th regt., July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64.  
 Kingman, Samuel el. 4th lieut., Oct. 11, '51; d. Nov. 20, '51; capt. rifle company, Aug. 29, '37, (in a regt. of light infantry); ap. corp., Sept. 13, '28, under Capt. James Brown; ap. sergt., Sept. 10, '29; lieut., Oct., '34.

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- Knight, Arthur P. e. May 23, '83; d. May 23, '86.  
 Knight, Clarence P. e. Jan. 18, '81; 1st sergt.; d. Jan. 23, '83; d. Dec. 1, '84; re-  
 June 11, '84; d. — '84.  
 Knight, Emery I. e. Oct. 2, '97; d. Oct. 30, '97.  
 Knight, Fred L. e. Apr. 23, '86; d. Ap. 23, '99; re. Oct. 4, '90; d. Mar. 10, '94.  
 Knight, H. C. e. corp., Oct. 11, '51; sergt., Dec. 28, '53; d. May 2, '54, Co. E, 50th regt.  
 Aug. 19, '62.  
 Knight, Jason H. e. Aug. 29, '59; armorer, June 1, '60; corp., Sept. 1, '60; sergt., Co. B,  
 5th regt., Apr. 19, '61; 1st sergt., May 5, '62; Co. clerk, May 10, '62; e. as 1st  
 sergt., Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 16, '62; el. 1st lieutenant, Co. E, 8th regt., July 19, '64;  
 res. June 3, '65.  
 Knowles, C. S. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.  
 Knox, Frank ————; d. Aug. 3, '72.  
 Krook, L. W. e. Sept. 7, '75.  
 Korr, Wm. M. e. June 3, '61.
- L**
- LaClair, Frank e. Jan. 3, '84; d. Dec. 1, '84.  
 Lambert, George e. Aug. 15, '68.  
 Lamont, Geo. T. e. Apr. 22, '71.  
 LaRose, Geo. E. e. Apr. 23, '93, Dec. 29, '94; re. Oct. 10, '96; d. May 20, '97.  
 Lawrence, Eben B. e. Aug. 15, '54; d. '55.  
 Lawrence, Harry F. e. May 30, '88; d. May 30, '91.  
 Lawrence, Joseph G. e. Oct. 2, '93; d. July 21, '95.  
 Leach, Wm. T. e. Oct. 31, '95; d. Mar. 21, '96.  
 LeBarron, Ziba. e. Oct. 29, '60.  
 Ledwith, Arthur G. e. Oct. 9, '99.  
 Lee, John e. Sept. 12, '69.  
 LeHigh, Charles e. Apr. 13, '83.  
 Leisk, John A. e. May 7, '69.  
 Lentest, Bertram A. e. May 30, '88; re. June 9, '91; ap. corp. Jan. 26, '91; d. '92.  
 Lewis, Albert. e. Aug. 29, '57; d. '59.  
 Lewis, Fred. e. Nov. 15, '71.  
 Lewis, Winthrop L. e. Mar. 5, '94; d. Mar. 5, '97.  
 Lindsay, Charles e. Aug. 26, '81; d. Apr. 28, '84.  
 Linnell, George P. e. Dec. 11, '69.  
 Litchfield, Frank W. e. May 17, '82; d. Nov. 27, '82.  
 Littlefield, J. C. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.  
 Littlefield, Samuel F. e. Oct. 11, '51; corp., Sept. 12, '60; 1st sergt., Apr. 14, '61; d.  
 (sickness) May 1, '61; 1st lieutenant, May 29, '62; capt., Co. E, 50th regt., Sept. 12, '62;  
 capt., Co. E, 8th regt., July 19, '64; capt., Co. E, 8th regt., M. V. M., May, '65;  
 res. Feb., '68; el. capt., Feb. 25, '70; res. Nov. 2, '72; re. Aug. 8, '76; d. Sept. 6, '78;  
 Locke, John W. e. Oct. 11, '51; corp., Mar. 11, '51; sergt., July 21, '51; treasurer, Nov-  
 13, '54; 4th lieutenant, Mar. 13, '55; 1st lieutenant, July 21, '57; res. July 25, '57; 1st lieut.  
 July 10, '58; capt., Mar. 5, '59; res. Mar., '60; re. corp., Sept. 1, '60; 4th lieutenant,  
 Sept. 8, '60; capt. Apr. 17, '61; res. '62; com. Lieut. Col., Aug. 1862, 50th regt., d.  
 1863; re. Mar. 27, '69; d. Apr. 12, '73.  
 Locke, C. E. e. Jan. 20, '52; d. Jan. 4, '53; re. June 20, '54; el. 4th lieutenant, Aug. 18, '57  
 res. '59.  
 Logan, John e. May 30, '91; d. Nov. 20, '93.  
 Lord Byron e. Apr. 19, '61; served in Co. B, 5th regt.  
 Lord, George H. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; re. May, '65; re. June 22, '66.  
 Lord, James H., e. Oct. 14, '51; d. '54.  
 Lovejoy, Edward e. Aug. 5, '71; corp., June 21, '72.  
 Lovejoy, Jeremiah G. e. July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64.

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- Low, James e. Sept. 12, '77; d. May 25, '78; re. Sept. 21, '78; d. July 24, '79.
- Low, John C. e. June 1, '59; d. Mar. 2, '61.
- Low, Joseph K., Jr. e. May 28, '81; re. May 28, '87; d. '88.
- Low, Michael e. May 1, '74; ap. corp., Aug. 3, '75; el. armorer, Oct. 31, '76; ap. sergt., Apr. 10, '77; re. June 8, '77; av. 1st sergt. Sept., '79; d. May 3, '80.
- Lufkin, Frederic H. e. July 19, '64; served with '60-days' men; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. 62nd regt. '65; corp.; re. Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; d. Aug. 10, '67.
- Lyall, David S. e. July 19, '64, Co. —, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Lyman, Henry H. e. Aug. 30, '62, Co. E, 59th regt.
- Lynde, Frank W. e. July 24, '90; died July 15, '01; served in 1st N. Y. N. G. during S-A.
- Lynde, C. P. e. May 1, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66.
- Lyns, Jeremiah J. e. Apr. 13, '83; d. Feb. 6, '85.
- Lyons, John e. Jan. 12, '01.
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- Mack, Walter e. May, '72; d. May 31, '73; re. May 3, '74.
- Macy, John S. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, May, '66; d. Jan. 5, '67.
- Madden, James F. e. May 16, '79; d. Jan. 7, '80.
- Maguire, Richard e. June 8, '89; d. June, '90.
- Mallett, Chas. e. July 28, '74; d. Jan., '76.
- Mallett, Chas. S. e. May 28, '56, musician.
- Mahoney, Timothy e. Oct. 9, '90; d. Jan. 20, '00.
- Malcolm, David C. e. Jan. 30, '80; d. Dec. 22, '80.
- Malone, Dion A. e. June 10, '84, musician; d. June 10, '88; re. May 5, '90; d. May 5, '95; e. and served as artificer, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A.; trans. regt. band.
- Maloney, Wm. B. e. Sept. 2, '73; d. Sept. 2, '76.
- Mansfield, A. A. e. May, '65, Co. E, 28th regt.; Co. A, 6th, June 22, '66; corp., May 24, '73; treas., Jan. 3, '74.
- Mansfield, Albert e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; corp., '71; sergt., Nov. 21, '71; 2d lieut., Dec. 20, '71; res. as 2d lieut. and treas., July 14, '74; re. Oct. 6, '74; sergt., May 16, '76; 1st lieut., Nov. 10, '76; capt., Nov. 13, '76; res. Feb. 21, '79.
- Mansfield, E. E. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66.
- Mansfield, Edward G. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Mansfield, H. A. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.
- Mansfield, Harvey M. e. Aug. 31, '89; d. June 8, '82.
- Mansfield, James e. Aug. 3, '56.
- Mansfield, James F. e. sergt., July 8, '61, Co. E, 16th regt., Mass. Vols.; 1st sergt., May 91, '63; re. Dec. 26, '63; com. 1st lieut., Feb. 14, '64; tr. to 11th bat. Mass. Inf., July 11, '64; capt., Oct. 8; maj., June 16, '65; lieut.-col., July 11, '65; mus. out July 25, '65; in all the battles with the Army of Potomac; slightly wd. at Gettysburg; 1st lieut., '68 to '71, Co. A, 6th regt.
- Mansfield, W. J. e. June 22, '66; e. Co. L, 1st regt. Mass. H. A., Nov. '63; d. '65.
- Mannis, Wm. D. e. Jan. 4, '82; d. Mar. 27, '82.
- Marsh, Joseph N. e. Dec. 11, '60.
- Ma shall, Cyrus E. e. July 19, '64; Co. E, 8th regt. M. V. M.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Marshall, John e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Dec 27, '53.
- Marshall, Walter E. e. Feb. 17, '85; d. Sept. 28, '85.
- Mason, A. A. e. Aug. 22, '55, Co. E, 1st regt. Mass. cav. for 3 years, 1861; lost his life in battle, Va.
- Martin, John e. July 14, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. '64; Co. A, 6th, June 22, '66; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Martin, William e. Sept. 23, '71.
- Mathews, Joseph e. Apr. 21, '60.
- Mathews, William W. e. May 20, '89; d. Feb. 4, '90; re. May 27, '90; d. May 27, '91.

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- Maxwell, James A. e. Oct. 4, '90; d. expr. of ser.  
 May, Frederick T. e. May 30, '91.  
 McAllister, Benj. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 19, '69; re. Co. I, 11th regt.;  
 wd. at Gettysburg, July 2, '63; d. June 15, '64.  
 McAllister, Frank S. e. Oct. 6, '74; d. Sept. 15, '76.  
 McAllister, Geo. H. e. Oct. 26, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.  
 McCrackin, James E. e. Oct. 29, '99; dishonorable d. by "court martial," July 30, '01.  
 McCarhy, Joseph J. e. June 11, '99.  
 McCaskill, W. M. e. Apr. 25, '79.  
 McCoy, John W. e. Sept. 7, '81; d. Aug. 26, '82.  
 McGee, Edward e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; re. for 3 yrs. in Co. C, 24th regt.  
 McGlory, Frank e. Sept. 19, '83; d. Sept. 28, '85.  
 McGregor, Sam'l e. June 5, '93; d. Dec. 20, '93.  
 McIntire, A. C. e. May 29, '75; d. June 5, '75.  
 McIntire, Harry B. e. May 8, '97; served in S-A.; d. Mar. 10, '99.  
 McIntosh, Duncan e. May 30, '88; d. Feb. 24, '90; re. May 27, '90.  
 McKay, C. M. e. '61.  
 McKay, Gordon E. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.  
 McKay, John F. e. Apr. 24, '52; tr. to fine men ber Sept. 21, '52; served in 20 h regt., '61;  
 lost his life at Ball's Bluff.  
 McKay, Thomas M. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; re. for 3 yrs. in Co. G, 23d regt.;  
 pro. sergt., Sept. 5, '62; pro. 2nd lieut., Dec. 18, '62; pro. capt., July 18, '63;  
 killed at Culpepper, Va., Oct. 5, '63.  
 McKenney, Chas. G. e. Sept. 3, '79; d. Mar. 1, '80.  
 McKenzie, John e. June 16, '60; Co. B, 5th regt., Apr. 19, '61.  
 McLean, John e. May 12, '98; served in S-A.; re. in Co. A., Feb. 20, '99; d. Nov. 10, '00.  
 McLellen, Ross J. e. Mar. 25, '89; d. '90.  
 McManis, Geo. W. e. Jan. 12, '69.  
 McDonald, James e. Sept. 30, '74; corp., Mar. 39, '75.  
 McDonald, Thomas A. e. Mar. 4, '95; ser. continuous to date; served in S-A.; sergt.  
 McDonald, Roderick e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.  
 McDonald, John e. Sept. 12, '79.  
 McMahon, John H. e. June 5, '93; continuous service to date; ap. corp., May 10, '97;  
 served in S. A. as sergt.; el. 2nd lieut., June 12, '99.  
 McNamara, Frank e. May 12, '98; served in S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.  
 McNeill, Stanley H. e. Aug. 14, '99.  
 McWhirter, Henry e. Mar. 4, '93.  
 Mellen, Chas. E. e. May 5, '90; d. May 5, '93; re. Apr. 25, '98; served in S-A. as bugler,  
 d. Apr. 25, '99.  
 Mellen, G. H. On fall parade, 1851; no further record.  
 Mellen, William H. e. Mar. 5, '94; d. Mar. 5, '98.  
 Meloney, John A. e. as priv., June 19, '74, Co. A, 6th regt.; pro. sergt., Nov. 9, '75; d.  
 June 19, '77.  
 Melzer, Eben e. Apr. 22, '71; re. Aug. 16, '73; re. Sept. 4, '76.  
 Menadue, Sydney J. e. Nov. 22, '99.  
 Murkland, Robert L. e. July 19, '62; Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 22, '62; re. Sept. 23, '71.  
 Merriam, Wm. e. Oct. 9, '58.  
 Messer, Wm. e. Apr. 20, '70, musician; d. Sept. 30, '72.  
 Merrill, Chas. R. e. July 29, '72; d. Apr. 12, '73.  
 Merrill, Chester A. e. Apr. 24, '88; d. '88.  
 Merrill, H. C. e. Sept. 21, '72; d. Apr. 12, '73.  
 Merrill, Isaac D. e. Apr. 30, '78; d. Aug. 15, '79.  
 Merrill, Rufus A. e. Oct. 9, '99; corp., Apr., '01.  
 Mayer, Albert J. e. Dec. 29, '86; served in S. A.; d. July 20, '99.  
 Miller, Chas. C. e. Aug. 25, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.

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- Miller, Louis J. e. June 4, '90.  
 Miller, William J. e. May 12, '98; served in S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.  
 Miller, John A. e. Sept. 24, '87; corp. in '87; also served as sergt.; no record of d.  
 Millett, Arthur W. e. Jan. 2, '85; d. Jan. 2, '85.  
 Millett, Henry T. e. Sept. 7, '81; corp.; d. Sept. 10, '86; re. Oct. 29, '87; d. Oct. 29, '88.  
 Mirrorger, J. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. May 31, '53; re. May 31, '54.  
 Mitchell, Clarence C. e. Apr. 16, '94; d. Oct. 29, '94; re. May 2, '95; d. Nov. 29, '95.  
 Mitchell, E. A. e. May 19, '74; el. a. m. or Oct. 19, '75; res. as armorer June 6, '76; d. May 19, '77.  
 Mitchell, Herbert T. e. Apr. 23, '95; d. Dec. 29, '96.  
 Mitchell, John C. e. May 3, '95; d. Oct. 30, '96.  
 Millbury, Lewis C. e. Mar. 4, '95; d. Sept. 30, '95.  
 Millbury, Ralph E. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.  
 Mitchell, S. H. ————; sergt., Aug. 2, '73; 1st sergt., Aug. 28, '73, 39th Mass. Vols.; el. 2nd lieutenant, Feb. 26, '75; res. and d. Oct. 22, '76.  
 Monerief, Geo. E. e. June 2, '85; d. May 27, '89.  
 Moore, John, Jr. e. Aug. 8, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; died Apr. 16, '63, at Baton Rouge, La.; typhoid malaria.  
 Moore, Robert P. e. Oct. 7, '57.  
 Morgan, Clarence C. e. May 25, '72; d. Apr. 12, '73.  
 Morrell, James M. e. Aug. 18, '60; e. Co. E, 50th regt., as corp., Aug. 16, '62; d. Aug. 24, '63; e. 1st sergt., July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; e. Co. B, 5th regt., '61; E, 8th regt., M. V. M., May, '65, and el. treas.; el. 2nd lieutenant, June 21, '65; 1st lieutenant, Jan. 31, '66; res. and d. Mar. '68.  
 Mortimer, Clifford e. May 8, '97; corp., '99; served in S-A; sergt., Feb., '01.  
 Morrison, Elm-r E. e. Apr. 23, '86; corp., '87; sergt., Nov. 12, '88; d. Apr. 25, '97; served during S-A; corp., detailed on provost guard in Porto Rico; el. 2nd lieutenant, May 12, '99; el. 1st lieutenant, June 12, '99.  
 Montgomery, Victor K. e. Apr. 24, '88; d. Jan. 3, '89.  
 Morton, Frank L. e. Sept. 12, '77; d. — '79.  
 Morton, Joseph. e. Aug. 28, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; afterward Co. K, 4th H. A.  
 Moses, Geo. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; e. Aug. 10, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; e. U. S. Signal Corps, '64.  
 Moses, Geo. H. e. Feb. 17, '85; d. Sept. 28, '85; re. Oct. 7, '85; d. Sept. 13, '87.  
 Moses, John F. e. Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 16, '62; died July 4, '63, at Baton Rouge, La.; chronic diarrhoea.  
 Moulton, Erastus e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.  
 Murdock, Wm. J. e. Sept. 24, '87; d. Apr. 16, '89.  
 Mullaly, Edward C. e. May 12, '98; served during S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.  
 Murphy, Jeremiah D. e. May 27, '90; d. May 27, '94.  
 Murphy, J. F. e. Sept. 28, '72; d. Apr. 12, '73.  
 Murphy, Ralph H. e. Apr. 30, '00; d. June 19, '01; served in S-A in Co. L, 5th Mass., U. S. V.  
 Murphy, Wm. R. e. May 30, '93; d. May 30, '94; re. Oct. 30, '97; served during S-A; principal musician while in Porto Rico; d. Jan. 21, '99; served prior to '93 in Co. H, 6th inf.; M. V. M.  
 Murray, F. W. e. Oct. 21, '52; d. May 23, '54.  
 Muse, James e. Apr. 31, '89; d. Apr. 31, '83; re. Sept. 19, '83; re. June 7, '87; d. June 17, '90.  
 Muse, Joseph W. e. Mar. 25, '89.  
 Myers, Walter G. e. Mar. 28, '99; e. June 30, '00; e. in U. S. army.  
 Myers, H. Warren e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A; d. Jan. 21, '99.
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- Nagle, Richard d. Jan. 4, '53.  
 Nealey, Geo. F. e. Mar. 28, '99; re. Mar. 7, '00; d. Sept. 10, '00.  
 Newbegin, Irving B. e. Mar. 5, '94; expr. of term Mar. 5, '97; d. Apr. 5, '98.

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- Newcomb, S. N. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Mar. 20, '51.
- Newell, Benj. F. e. July 8, '71; ap. corp., May 24, '73; sergt., Mar. 30, '75; ap. 1st sergt., Apr. 13, '75; res. 1st sergt., July 27, '75; d. July 27, '75; re. Sept. 4, '76.
- Newell, Ernest P. e. May 12, '98; mus. into Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V., May 12, '98; S-A, tr. to Ambulance Corps, June, '98.
- Newell, Fred W. e. May 12, '98; Co. —, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; served during S-A.:
- Newell, Levi W. e. Aug. 22, '76; d. Sept. 3, '77.
- Newhall, Alfred D. e. Oct. 29, '74; re. June 5, '75; d. June 5, '78; re. June 28, '78; d. June 28, '81; re. Sept. 7, '81; d. April 29, '82.
- Newhall, E. G. e. Sept. 1, '60.
- Newhall, Frank W. e. Dec. 17, '80; d. May, '81.
- Newhall, F. W. e. Feb. 8, '76.
- Newhall, David e. Sept. 1, '60; tr. fine list Nov. 3, '60; re. Jan. 19, '61, Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 19, '62; Co. E, 8th regt. M. V. M., May, '65; sergt., Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; d. '68.
- Newman, J. Frank e. July 24, '58; d. May 5, '60, c. Co. E, 50th regt.; Aug. 26, '62; d. Nov. '63; drummer boy.
- Niehols, A. C. e. May 4, '75; d. Oct. 12, '55.
- Niehols, D. e. musician, May 30, '75.
- Niehols, Geo. W. e. Apr. 17, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July 31, '61; re. in Co. H, 24th regt., Sept. 30, '61; re. Jan. 1, '64; pro. to 2d lieut., Jan. 8, '64; 1st li ut., June 16, '64; capt., Sept. 28, '64.
- Niehols, Geo. J. e. Aug. 3, '56.
- Niehols, G. R. e. Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Niehols, Geo. W., 2d. e. July 17, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. 62d bat.
- Niehols, Hamibal e. Oct. 11, '51; e. 186', Co. E, 16 regt. Mass. Vols. for 3 years.
- Niehols, J. G. e. Apr. 4, '57.
- Niehols, J. J. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.
- Niehols, Wm. e. musician; May parade return, '54.
- Niehols, R. e. Apr. 23, '74.
- Niehols, Leonard L. e. Sept. 12, '97; d. Apr. 29, '78.
- Niehols, Kingman S. e. June 18, '74; sergt., Mar. 30, '75; res. as sergt., July 27, '75; d. Sept. 14, '75; re. May 9, '76; d. June 13, '76; re. June 26, '77; corp. and Co. clerk, sergt., Jan. 5, '78; d. June 19, '78; re. June 28, '78 as sergt.; d. Mar. 10, '79.
- Nickerson, Solomon e. Apr. 6, '52; d. Jan. 4, '53.
- Niles, Charles E. e. Aug. 29, '57; d. Dec. 16, '57; re. July 19, '62; Co. A, 6th regt., May 20, '68.
- Niles, G. A. e. Oct. 28, '51.
- Noble, Herman A. e. Aug. 12, '57.
- Norwell, Harold G. e. Mar. 8, '97; d. May 20, '97.
- Norcross, J. W. e. June 20, '52; d. Jan. 4, '53.

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- O'Brien, James E. e. Mar. 5, '94; re. Mar. 5, '97; d. Mar. 5, '98; e. May 12, '98; Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; served during S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- O'Connor, James T. e. July 10, '99; d. Oct. 20, '99; e. U. S. Vol. Army.
- O'Connell, John P. e. Apr. 17, '83; d. Nov. 2, '85; re. May 25, '91.
- Odiorne, W. T. M. e. Nov. 17, '66; sergt. Co. A, 6th regt; ap. clerk, Apr. 31, '67; res. sergt. and clerk prior to July 25, '68; tr. to fine members July 22, '71; served during civil war as hospital steward, 13th Mass. Vols.
- Ogilvie, David. e. Feb. 28, '79; d. May 28, '84.
- O'Leary, Arthur e. July 16, '69; d. Aug. 31, '72.
- Oliver, Alfred. e. July 19, '61, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '61; re. Aug. 8, '68.
- Oliver, Arthur G. e. Mar. 5, '95; served continuously to Mar. 5, '98; corp., '96; sergt., '98; e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; served during S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99; e. 6th U. S. Cav.; served in China and Philippines.

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- Oliver, Chester H. e. June 4, '91; continuous service to ———; d. Nov. 10, '90; e. May 12, '98; Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. Vols.; served during S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Oliver, David e. July 19, '63.
- Oliver, David B. e. Apr. 25, '54; d. May 25, '57.
- Oliver, E. E. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Oliver, Everett W. e. Oct. 31, '88; d. Sept. 30, '90.
- Oliver, Geo. e. Aug. 18, '74; May 31, '77.
- Oliver, Henry e. Oct. 11, '51; 4th corp.; 5th sergt., Mar. 11, '54; 4th lieut., Nov. 13, '54; res. 4th lieut.; 1st sergt., May 13, '55; d. July 17, '58; re. May 24, '62.
- Oliver, James e. Oct. 11, '57; treas. June 1, '52; corp., Dec. 28, '53; res. treas.; d. Apr. 8, '54; re. May 30, '55; 1st lieut., Co. E, 16th regt., Mass. Vols., '61.
- Oliver, John G. e. Oct. 28, '51; d. Nov. 18, '51.
- Orne, Wm. H. e. May 7, '56; d. May 31, '58.
- O'Rourke Mildred. e. Sept. 12, '79; d. Nov. 13, '73; re. June 9, '85; d. Jan. 17, '86.
- O'Rourke, Phillip J. e. June 9, '85; d. Sept. 16, '86.
- Orr, John L. e. Jan. 23, '88; corp., '90; ser. continuous to d., Jan. 30, '96; sergt. Jan. 3, '93.
- Otis, Geo. O. e. July 29, '71; d. Apr. 12, '75.
- Oxley, Albert D. e. May 17, '82; re. Apr. 6, '89; d. June 7, '98.

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- Parks, Albert. e. June 10, '71; re. June 11, '81; re. Mar. 25, '84; sergt.; d. June 4, '86; re. Apr. 5, '89.
- Parks, Alfred M. e. July 27, '75; d. Sept. 26, '76.
- Parks, Arthur E. e. June 11, '78; re. June 11, '81; d. Mar. 3, '82; re. June 19, '83; d. Nov. 28, '83.
- Parker, Chas. F. e. Sept. 9, '89; corp.; re. Sept. 9, '92; sergt., '93; re. Sept. 9, '93; re. Sept. 9, '94; re. Sept. 9, '95; re. Sept. 9, '96; re. Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V., May 12, '98; corp.; S. A.; died and buried at sea off coast of Hayti, July 23, '98.
- Parker, Chas. W. e. Oct. 11, '97; e. Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V., May 12, '98; S-A.; detailed clerk at headquarters; tr. to 8th Mass., U. S. V., Jan., '99; detailed clerk 8th Mass.; re. Co. A, 6th Mass., Oct. 11, '99; d. Dec. 10, '99.
- Parker, D. e. '61.
- Parker, Edwin H. e. Sept. 14, '81; d. Mar. 21, '82.
- Parker, Horace B. e. May 4, '75; treas., Aug. 3, '75; clerk, rank of sergt., Jan. 1, '76; res. as clerk and treas., May 2, '76; d. May 31, '77.
- Parker, J. Q. A. e. Sept. 26, '57; re. Oct. 20, '60; corp., Aug. 16, '62; Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Nov. '63.
- Parker, Nathan D. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.
- Parker, Walter S. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; mus. out Nov. 10, '64; e. Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Parker, Warren S. e. Co. E, 8th regt., May, '65; e. Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66.
- Parker, William C. e. Co. E, 8th regt., July 19, '64; mus. out Nov. 10, '64.
- Parker, William Durant e. Oct. 11, '51; 1st sergt., June 1, '52; 4th lieut., Dec. 28, '53; res. May 9, '54; re. priv. May 30, '55; e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; re. in '61 for 3 yrs. in Co. H, 21th regt.; d. '63, disability.
- Parker, Samuel T. e. Jan. 18, '81; d. July 19, '83; re. May 28, '84; d. May 28, '85.
- Partridge, James L. e. May 19, '74; cl. treas. July 14, '74; quarter master sergt.; d. May 19, '77.
- Parsons, Benj. W. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. disability.
- Parsons, Chas. W. e. June 26, '77; e. Sept. 6, '78.
- Patten, W. H. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Aug. 16, '53; re. May 30, '55; d. Jan. 24, '57.
- Peabody, Chas. E. e. July 19, '64, Co. E., 8th regt.; mus. out Nov. 10, '64.
- Peabody, James e. May 4, '75; d. June 16, '75.

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- Pearson, Harry A. e. U. S. ser., May 12, '98; Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.: served during S.-A.; d. Mar. 10, '99.
- Pendleton, Bert F. e. Jan. 20, '96; d. Dec. 20, '96.
- Penny, Chas. N. e. June 23, '77; d. May 25, '78.
- Perkins, David e. May 7, '56.
- Perkins, Wilbur C. e. Apr. 3, '89.
- Perkins, W. H. e. Jan. 27, '58.
- Perry, Geo. B. e. Sept. 15, '89.
- Perry, Geo. F. e. Sept. 30, '71.
- Pevear, Wm. e. Aug. 16, '56.
- Peterson, Chas. A., Jr. e. Mar. 12, '78; d. Apr. 19, '79.
- Peterson, Christie e. Mar. 28, '99.
- Peterson, Leonard e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July 31, '61; re. Co. D, 33d regt., Aug. 5, '62; killed at Gettysburg, July 2, '63.
- Peterson, Peter e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th regt., Mass. U. S. Vols.: served during S.-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Phillips, Lucius B. e. Aug. 15, '57.
- Phillips, Milton e. Nov. 2, '75.
- Phillips, Irving E. e. June 2, '85; d. June 4, '89.
- Pierce, Albert D. e. Nov. 15, '81; d. Apr. 29, '82.
- Pierce, Henry K. e. May 13, '81; d. Sept. 19, '81.
- Pierce, Homer I. e. Feb. 27, '79; d. Dec. 4, '79.
- Pierce, I. e. Aug. 22, '95.
- Pierce, S. L., Jr. e. May 12, '53 Aug. 16, '53.
- Pierce, W. N. e. Sept. 19, '68; armorer, Jan. 25, '71; corp., Nov., '71; res. armorer, Dec. 27, '71; d. May 4, '72; re. May 24, '73.
- Pillings, Jono. e. Aug. 29, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; died at Baton Rouge, La., of typhus malaria.
- Pinkham, F. S. e. July 11, '57.
- Pitman, S. H. e. Oct. 11, '51.
- Place, Franklin C. e. Oct. 11, '51; corp., May 13, '55; d. Jan. 24, '57; e. Co. E, 50th regt. Aug. 29, '62; d. Aug. 10, '63.
- Place, Rector J. e. May 27, '95; d. Nov. 20, '95.
- Poland, Edwin F. e. June 11, '78; d. Dec. 17, '79.
- Poland, Jeremiah e. Apr. 25, '79; d. Nov. 13, '79.
- Pope, Henry W. e. July 2, '63; d. ———; Co. A, 6th regt.; armorer, Jan. 4, '68; res. armorer, Jan. 2, '69.
- Pope, Jacob H. e. Aug. 22, '62; Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63.
- Pope Theo. e. Oct. 11, '51.
- Power, Thomas R. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, S. V.; S.-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Potter, O. B. e. ———; d. Jan. 4, '53.
- Powell, Harry W. e. June 2, '86; d. June 7, '87.
- Pratt, Austin E. e. July 24, '69.
- Pratt, Benj. O. e. Oct. 5, '67; corp., July 15, '71; sergt. prior to Nov. 15, '71; res. sergt. June 20, '72; sergt., May 24, '73; d. Jan. 11, '76; served in civil war, Co. E, 16th regt., Mass. Vols., '61, 3 years.
- Pratt, Edwin. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July 31, '61; re. Co. E., A, '62.,
- Pratt, Edwin B., Jr. e. May 6, '81; d. Mar. 27, '82.
- Pratt, Henry W. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Pratt, L. e. ———, '61.
- Prentice, Chas. e. Oct. 18, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 23, '63.
- Prentiss, Samuel e. musician, May parade, '54.
- Prescott, Wm. A. e. Dec. 30, '80; d. Dec. 3, '83.
- Preston, Edward F. e. Aug. 31, '82; ser. continuous to d., Nov. 10, '86; corp., '86; re. May 30, '97; d. Nov. 10, '97.

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- Proctor, D. W. e. May 27, '72.  
 Proctor, Horace H. e. May 4, '72; d. Aug. 31, '72.  
 Proven, Chas. e. musician, May 28, '56; re. '61, 2d regt., as musician for 3 yrs.  
 Purdy, J. E. e. June 29, '79; d. July 13, '75.  
 Purrington, Clarence W. e. Mar. 22, '75; ser. con.; d. Aug. 22, '79; corp., Nov. 6, '77;  
 re. June 11, '81; d. Sept. 2, '81.  
 Putnam, Andrew e. Feb. 14, '72.  
 Putnam, A. P. e. Feb. 29, '76.  
 Putnam, Alfred T. e. May 28, '59.  
 Putney, S. J. e. July 24, '58; tr. to fine list, Apr. 28, '60.

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- Quinn, Patrick e. July 19, '64; d. Sept. 7, '66.

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- Rahr, Christian E. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July 31, '61; re. June 4, '64, Co. F,  
 32nd regt.; wd. at Petersburg, Va.; d. disability, Oct. 12, '65; corp.  
 Ramsdell, Herbert A. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99;  
 e. Feb. 20, '99; d. Nov. 10, '00.  
 Rand, Otis E. e. Mar. 25, '83; d. Sept. 20, '89.  
 Randall, Howard e. Aug. 27, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63.  
 Ransom, Wm. E. e. Sept. 5, '60, Co. B, 5th regt.; corp., April 19, '61; d. July 31, '61.  
 Ransom, Ed. M. e. May 3, '56; ap. marker; re. '61, Co. E, 13th regt., quartermaster's  
 dept.  
 Ransom G. W. e. Sept. 5, '60, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. Oct. 29, '60; re. Co. L, 1st regt., H. A.,  
 '62; d. Mar., '63.  
 Raynor, John e. Oct. 11, '51; d. May 10, '53; re. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.  
 Raynor, Ozias e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; re. Co. H, 24th regt.; sergt.  
 Ray, Franklin A. e. May 12, '98; e. U. S. ser., May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass. Vols.; served  
 during S-A.; re. Aug. 14, '99; d. Dec. 20, '99.  
 Read, Noel C. e. U. S. ser., May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; served during S-A.  
 Reddington, Edward e. June 13, '00; d. Nov. 10, '00.  
 Reed, William R. e. Jan. 17, '54; d. exp. ser.  
 Reed, Geo. W. e. Jan. 21, '95; d. Jan. 21, '98; re. Jan. 21, '98; e. U. S. ser., May 12, '98,  
 Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; served during S-A.  
 Reid, John G. e. Oct. 11, '97; d. Dec. 30, '97.  
 Rimmel, Jacob e. June 19, '83; d. Sept. 28, '85; re. June 7, '86; d. Sept. 16, '86; re.  
 June 4, '94; d. Aug. 30, '94.  
 Restrirk, Walter e. Nov. 15, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63; re. Co. E, 8th regt.,  
 July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. '65, frontier cavalry; re. Co. A, 6th regt., Apr. '66  
 Reynolds, Philip F. e. June 13, '00.  
 Rich, Geo. P. e. Feb. 21, '98; re. U. S. service, Co. A, 6th regt., Mass., U. S. V., May 12,  
 '98; served during S-A.; d. May 10, '99.  
 Richards, Wm. C. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; corp., Co. A, 6th  
 Mass., June 22, '66.  
 Richardson, Albert e. July 2, '66, Co. A, 6th regt.  
 Richardson, Albert F. e. May 11, '91; d. Apr. 18, '92.  
 Richardson, G. e. May 9, '55; d. May 22, '55.  
 Richardson, Irving e. Aug. 21, '62, Co. E, 50th regt; d. expr. of ser.  
 Richardson, Joseph H. e. Dec. 5, '79; d. July 31, '82; re. Sept. 6, '82; d. June 4, '83.  
 Richardson, J. Warren e. July 2, '66, Co. A, 6th regt.; d. expr. of ser.  
 Richardson, Osborn, Jr. e. Aug. 27, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. expr. of ser. '63.  
 Richardson, Robert L. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.

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- Richardson, S. O., Jr. e. Oct. 11, '51; ap. marker, '52; 4th lieut., July 14, '60; res. prior to Aug. 28, '60.
- Richardson, Walter A. e. May 30, '89; d. '90.
- Richmond, A. e. May 10, '53; d. Feb. 17, '54.
- Rideout, F. C. e. May 5, '74; corp., May 19, '75; con. ser.; d. Sept. 8, '76.
- Rideout, H. M. e. May 17, '73; ord. sergt., May 24, '73; d. expr. of ser.
- Ritchie, Al. M. e. Apr. 28, '74; d. June 18, '77.
- Ritchie, Frank e. Apr. 13, '75; d. Sept. 8, '76.
- Roach, James J. e. June 11, '78; d. Dec. 30, '82.
- Roberts, Richard A. e. Mar. 19, '97; mus. into U. S. ser., May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. V.; served during S-A.; re. Mar. 19, '00; d. Mar. 11, '01.
- Robertson, John N. e. Feb. 10, '98; mus. into U. S. ser. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. V.; served during S-A.; d. Mar. 10, '99; re. Sept. 4, '00; d. Oct 25, '00.
- Robertson, Henry S. e. Feb. 20, '00.
- Robbins, Howard e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. expr. of ser.
- Robinson, Chas. H. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July 31, '61; re. Co. G, 20th regt., Aug. 27, '61; sergt.; d. Aug. 29, '64.
- Robinson, Frank H. e. May 16, '79; d. July 24, '79.
- Roby, John C. e. Sept. 20, '56; d. exp. term.
- Rogers, Edwin D. e. July 2, '66, Co. A, 6th regt.; d. exp. ser.
- Rogers, Fred H. e. Aug. 19, '01.
- Rogers, Joseph B., Jr. e. May 6, '81; d. Sept. 13, '81.
- Rodgers, Otis e. April 24, '55.
- Ronan, Carroll V. e. June 14, '00; d. '00.
- Ronan, J. Fred e. May 18, '96; mus. into ser. U. S., May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th regt., U. S. V.; served during S-A.; corp.; sergt., '99; continuous ser.; re. May 18, '01.
- Ronan, Victor C. e. June 14, '00.
- Rooney, Geo. A. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Rouudy, John D. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th Mass.
- Rowell, Orrin R. e. Sept. 7, '81; d. Apr. 29, '82.
- Royal, D. C. e. Aug. 22, '55; d. exp. ser. 24th regt. '62.
- Royal, Fred H. e. Sept. 12, '77; d. Dec. 17, '77; re. Aug. 20, '80; d. Oct. 28, '82.
- Ruggles, Edwin O. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Russell, Arthur E. e. Jan. 2, '85; died Aug. 20, '86; corp.
- Russell, Chas. e. July 27, '75; no date of d.
- Russell, Chas. M. e. Sept. 11, '76; d. May 25, '78.
- Russell, F. P. e. Jan. 19, '67, Co. A, 6th regt.; d. expr. of ser.
- Russell, Geo. O. e. June 5, '33; d. Aug. 30, '94.
- Russell, Harry F. e. Mar. 28, '99; d. Apr. 30, '01.
- Russell, James e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; re. Co. A, 6th, June 22, '66; d. Jan. 5, '67.
- Russell, Wilbur E. e. Sept 13, '80; con. ser. to June 2, '94.
- Rutter, J. W. e. Oct. 11, '51; 1st sergt., '51; 3d lieut., Dec. 28, '53; 2d lieut., Nov. 13, '54; 1st lieut., Feb. 7, '57; res. July 11, '57.
- Ryan, Frank J. e. Sept. 10, '80; d. May 4, '81.
- Ryder, John e. Mar. 27, '69; d. expr. of ser.
- Ryder, Varenus H. e. Dec. 29, '60; served in 4th Mass., H. A.; d. expr of ser.

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- Sackett, Fred S. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. Vols.; served during S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Sargent, Chas. H. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Savage, Jos. L. e. June 4, '91
- Sawyer, Martin L. e. Jan. 19, '86; continuous ser. to d., May 30, '90.

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- Savage, Wm. F. e. Sept. 11, '76; continuous ser. to d., Mar. 16, '80; ap. corp. Apr. 10, '77; ap. sergt. June 23, '77.
- Scott, Geo. A. e. Sept. 4, '76; d. May 31, '77.
- Scott, Walter M. e. Sept. 12, '77; d. Apr. 1, '79.
- Seaver, Geo. A. e. Sept. 12, '60; e. 4th H. A., '61.
- Sedgley, Alton R. e. Mar. 4, '95; d. Mar. 4, '98; re. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U.S.A.; served during S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Severns, W. A. e. June 13, '68, Co. A, 6th regt.; ap. corp., July 25, '68; ap. armorer, Jan. 9, '69; res. armorer, Jan. 1, '71; 59th regt., Mass. Vols., '63.
- Shannahan, Daniel W. e. July 3, '99.
- Shay, John e. July 19, '64, Co. F, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Shelton, Fred W. e. Apr. 17, '99 (cook corp. '00); priv. June 19, '99.
- Shelton, Thos. e. Aug. 18, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63; e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Shepard, C. H. e. Apr. 17, '61, 3d lieutenant; e. 1st lieutenant, May 1, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; re 2nd lieutenant, Co. L, 1st H. A., '62; pro. 1st lieutenant.
- Sherman, Everett W. e. Sept. 21, '88; d. Feb. 24, '90.
- Sherman, Jos. B. e. Apr. 10, '69.
- Sherman, Wm. H. e. May 17, '53; d. Aug. 3, '56; re. Apr. 13, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July 31, '61; re. Co. A, 6th regt., Mass. Vols., for 1 yr., '62.
- Sherrin, Francis e. June 9, '74; d. May 31, '77.
- Short, Fred'k e. Dec. 8, '87; d. Feb. 11, '90.
- Sproul, Walter R. e. July 3, '01.
- Simonds, Artemus e. July 19, '64; re. Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; e. Co. A, 6th regt., May 20, '68.
- Simonds, Chas. H. e. 5th regt., Aug. 27, '62.
- Simonds, Harry A. e. May 23, '83; d. May 23, '86.
- Simonds, Jos. W. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Skinner, Thos. J. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; ap. clerk, July 1, '65; sergt., Co. A, 6th, June 22, '66; res. clerk, Aug. 31, '67.
- Skinner, Wm. G. e. Aug. 28, '62, Co. E, 50th; d. Aug. 23, '63; e. June 2, '66, Co. A, 6th regt.
- Sliney, Edmund C. e. June 18, '01; d. July 3, '01.
- Sliney, Michael E. e. June 5, '93; d. June 5, '96; corp., S-A.; 7th U. S. Inf. Vols. as corp.; and Co. H., 19th U. S. Inf. Vols., as sergt.; pro. 1st sergt.
- Sliney, Timothy A. e. Aug. 7, '99; d. Dec. 20, '99.
- Smiley, Henry e. Mar. 21, '54.
- Smith, Fred G. e. June 7, '87; d. Jan. 18, '88.
- Smith, Geo. H. e. Oct. 13, '94; d. Feb. 20, '95.
- Smith, Geo. H. J. e. May 30, '88; d. July 12, '89.
- Smith, J. e. was a substitute for Wm. H. Atwell.
- Smith, John W. e. Apr. 30, '78; d. Nov. 2, '85.
- Smith, T. Delat e. May 7, '56.
- Smith, Thomas e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July 31, '61.
- Smith, Thos. D. e. Apr. 3, '80; d. Apr. 3, '82.
- Snell, Franklin L. e. Aug. 25, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63; re. Co. E, 8th, July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Snell, Louis A. e. Aug. 21, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Feb. 26, '63.
- Southworth, Ezra M. e. Sept. 14, '81; d. June 4, '86.
- Somburg, J. H. e. Aug. 7, '72.
- Spuring, Joseph e. Oct. 24, '76.
- Stack, Richard A. e. May 11, '72; ap. corp., Aug. 28, '73; d. June 1, '76.
- Stafford, Wm. P. e. Aug. 17, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63.
- Standen, Simeon e. 1851; d. Jan. 4, '53.

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- Stanley, N. e. Sept. 3, '56.
- Stantial, S. F. e. ————, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '61; e. Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Stearns, Clinton H. e. Dec. 3, '50, 1st sergt., Jan. 3, '83; el. 2d lieut., Feb. 11, '87; 1st lieut., Nov. 1, '88; capt., July 14, '90.
- Stephens, John R. e. pr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July 31, '61.
- Stout, Richard e. June 27, '68.
- Stevens, A. W. e. July 29, '71; armorer, Mar. 30, '75; mus., Mar. 31, '75; res. armorer, Oct. 19, '75.
- Stevens, Percy L. e. May 3, '35; d. Dec. 20, '96.
- Stevens, Wm. F. e. ———— : d. Jan. 4, '53.
- Stewart, Jas. E. e. Sept. 4, '87; d. Jan. 18, '88.
- Stewart, Jas. H. e. Aug. 31, '75; d. Oct. 12, '75.
- Stewart, Wm. e. Oct. 3, '57.
- Stimpson, John F. e. June 7, '86; d. Feb. 18, '87.
- Stimpson, Wm. W. e. July 19, '62; Co. E, 50th regt. Aug. 29, '62; died at Baton Rouge, La., May 19, '63, from swamp fever.
- Stoddard, Arthur e. May 30, '97; d. Aug. 20, '97.
- Stoddard, Frank E. e. June 16, '93; d. June 16, '96.
- Stoddard, G. W. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; e. May, '65.
- Stoddard, Henry W. e. May 23, '83; ser. com. to ar 30, '94; ap. corp., '87.
- Stoddard, Sherman e. Oct. 10, '61.
- Stockbridge, Chas. A. e. June 18, '81; d. Nov. 23, '83.
- Stock, Henry e. June 10, '71; re. Sept. 4, '73; d. Sept. 4, '73.
- Stock, John e. Apr. 10, '93; d. Oct. 11, '97; e. Co. A, 6th regt., U. S. V.; served during S. V. as wagoner; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Stocker, Wesley e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Stone, Horace E. e. Aug. 12, '62, Co. G, 13 regt.; d. Jan. 3, '63, for disability; re. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; corp., Co. E, 8th regt., M. V. M., May, '65; corp. Co. A, 6th regt., M. V. M., June 23, '63.
- Stone, Orin A. e. June 1, '91; d. June 21, '93.
- Stowell, Alonzo e. Sept. 1, '60; d. Mar. 2, '61.
- Stowell, Issacher e. Mar. 29, '56; d. Mar. 16, '61.
- Stowell, John D. e. July 15, '62; re. Co. K, 23d regt., for 3 yrs.
- Stowell, Osman F. e. Apr. 8, '81; d. June 4, '83.
- Storey, Arthur e. May 5, '90.
- Storey, Chas. e. June 11, '81; re. June 11, '84; d. June 17, '86.
- Storey, Frank e. Jan. 3, '84; ser. com.; d. June 17, '90; re. June 17, '93; d. May 10, '93.
- Sunbury, H. A. e. 1st Mass. Cav., '61; e. 2nd lieut., May 6, '68; res. Dec. 11, '68.
- Sutherland, Jos. e. June 5, '93; d. June 30, '96.
- Sullivan, Chas. e. July 3, '99; d. Sept. 16, '99; e. 43rd U. S. Vols., '99; e. Co. A, 6th regt., Feb. 18, '01.
- Swan, Edwin O. e. June 11, '78; d. Aug. 19, '80; re. Sept. 10, '80; d. May 27, '81.
- Swallow, G. E. e. Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; e. May, '65.
- Swallow, S. J. e. Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; e. May, '65; e. Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; d. Sept. 7, '66.
- Sweeney, Frank e. May 5, '74.
- Sweeney, Geo. S. e. Aug. 14, '99.
- Sweetsner, Chas. H. e. June 7, '97; d. Oct. 9, '97.
- Sweetsner, Edwin e. Apr. 13, '83; d. July 12, '84.
- Sweetsner, Elbridge Leroy e. Sept. 5, '60; d. Oct. 6, '60; re. July 19, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63.
- Sweetsner, E. S. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; re. Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; d. Sept. 7, '66.

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- Sweetser, Fred S. e. Apr. 13, '83; d. April 10, '85.
- Sweetser, H. A. e. May 10, '63.
- Sweetser, Herbert H. e. Aug. 11, '90; tr. from Co. G, 5th; ser. continuous to d. May 4, '98.
- Sweetser, H. N. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Apr. 8, '54.
- Sweetser, John E. e. July 3, '58, 1st Mass. Cav., '61.
- Sweetser, J. M. e. Oct. 11, '51; sergt., July 29, '54; clerk, Sept. 12, '54; res. clerk, July 19, '56; el. 4th lieut., July 21, '57; res. lieut.: corp., Co. B, 5th regt., '61; 2nd sergt., May 5, '62; e. 2nd sergt., Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 13, '62; also served as sergt., Co. E, 8th regt., July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Sweetser, Oliver S. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July 31, '61; re. June 27, '64.
- Sweetser, Thos. e. May 30, '55; 3d corp., May 5, '62; 5th sergt., Aug. 16, '62; e. Co. B, 5th Mass. Vols., Apr. 19, '61; d. July 31, '61; re. Co. E, 50th regt., as sergt. in '62; d. Jan. 5, '63; corp., Co. E, 8th, May, '65; corp., Co. A, 6th, June, '66.
- Sweetser, T. P. e. May, '55, Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, 6th, June 22, '66; re. 7th U. S. cav.; alry; killed in the massacre of Custer's cavalry.
- Sweetser, Walter L. e. June 6, '92, corp.; d. June 6, '95; re. June 6, '95; d. May 20, '95; re. June 6, '96; re. June 6, '97; e. May 12, '98, U. S. Vols.; served during S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99; re. June 6, '99; re. June 6, '99; re. sergt., June 6, '01.

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- Taber, Chas. J. e. June 6, '92; d. '94.
- Taber, Geo. A. e. Sept. 15, '89.
- Tabbutt, Chas. H. e. Feb. 21, '98; e. U. S. ser., May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; ap. corp., July, '98; served during S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Tay, Frank L. e. June 17, '83; d. Nov. 26, '83; re. Mar. 28, '84; d. Feb. 6, '85.
- Taylor, Brainerd e. May 12, '98; e. U. S. ser., Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V., May 12, '98, served during S-A.
- Taylor, Edward S. e. May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V.; S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Taylor, Franklin e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Taylor, Geo. H. e. Mar. 20, '80; corp.; sergt.; el. 2d lieut. Apr. 17, '83; 1st lieut. Aug. 25, '84; capt. May 14, '88; major, July 2, '90; S-A.; res. Aug. 5, '98.
- Taylor, Warren e. June 16, '69; re. Oct. 12, '75; d. Oct. 12, '78.
- Taylor, William H. e. June 2, '89.
- Temple, T. e. July 7, '74.
- Temple, Walter H. e. June 20, '74; d. May 17, '77.
- Temple, William e. Oct. 24, '68.
- Terry, J. e. Aug. 22, '55.
- Thistle, Fred C. e. Mar. 3, '96; mus. into U. S. service May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass., U. S. V., and served during S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Thomas, Arthur F. e. June 1, '91; tr. to Naval bat.
- Thomas, J. H. e. May 20, '68.
- Thompson, J. F. e. Sept. 1, '60; Co. B, 5th regt., Apr. 19 '61; Maryland Vols.; 4th Mass. H. A., '64.
- Thompson, Geo. A. e. Aug. 28, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63; re. July 19, '64, in Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; corp. in Co. E, 8th regt., M. V. M., May, '65.
- Thompson, Geo. P. e. Sept. 30, '71.
- Thompson, J. A. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. Mar. 10, '54.
- Thompson, J. Frank e. July 24, '58; Co. B, 5th regt., Apr. 19, '61; re. Dec., '61, in Co. B, 3d Maryland Inf.; re. '64 in the 4th H. A.; corp.
- Thompson, Wm. H. e. Sept. 12, '77; d. July 24, '79.
- Thorndike, Frank H. e. Jan. 19, '86; d. Jan. 19, '89.
- Thrush, Geo. J. e. May 30, '91; d. May 30, '94.

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- Thrush, Thos. S. e. Aug. 15, '87; d. Aug. 15, '90.
- Tibbetts, C. H. e. April 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. disability; re. Aug. 5, '63, in Co. D, 33d regt.; d. Mar. 30, '63.
- Tibbetts, Frank L. e. April 19, '61; wd. in first 3-months' ser., and held prisoner at Richmond, July 1, '61; released June '62.
- Tibbetts, Geo. E. e. Aug. 21, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63; re. Co. E, 8th regt.; July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64; sergt., 8th regt., M. V. M., May, '65; commissioned 2nd lieut.; res. Sept. 1, '60; re. Apr. 4, '68.
- Tompson, Geo. M. e. Dec. 26, '76; sergt., Apr. 10, '77; 2d lieut., Aug. 24, '77.
- Towle, Joseph e. Feb. 15, '73.
- Townley, Albert e. Dec. 9, '73.
- Townley, B. e. May 24, '55.
- Townley, Calvin E. e. July 17, '69; d. June 29, '75; re. Sept. 12, '77; d. Mar. 6, '80; re. Aug. 6, '80; d. Mar. 24, '81; re. May 27, '82; d. Aug. 26, '82.
- Townley, C. Thomas e. '51.
- Townsend, Geo. W. e. May 7, '56; corp., Dec. 30, '57; sergt., Apr. 19, '61; afterwar s 1st sergt.; re. Dec. '61, Co. E 24th regt.; wd. at ba. of Newbern, N. C.; re. '64, 53th Veteran regt.
- Townsend, J. W. e. May 4, '72; corp. and armorer Sept. 2, '72, sergt., Jan. 2, '75; re. as armorer, Mar. 23, '75.
- Townsend, Jacob, Jr. e. Sept. 24, '54, d. Apr. 24, '58.
- Townsend, Warren e. S pt. 23, '54.
- Trader, John e. May 28, '53.
- Travis, H. H. e. Oct. 20, '60.
- Trefethen, Benjamin e. Aug. 28, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '62; re. July 19, '64; in Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Trompe, Chas. A. S. e. Aug. 22, '76; sergt., Apr. 10, '77; d. Apr. 29, '78; 43d Reg., '62; d. '63.
- Tucker, Joseph E. d. June 21, '53.
- Tucker, P. e. May 30, '55, musician.
- Tufts, Albert C. e. July 19, '61, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Tutts, Chas. H. e. Apr. 3, '77; corp., Apr. 10, '77; d. Dec. 17, '77.
- Tufts, F. e. May 10, '54.
- Tupper, Lee e. Jan. 6, '93; d. Dec. 20, '96.
- Tuttle, H. Balfard e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Twiss, Adoniran J. e. Sept. 26, '57, Co. B, 5th, Apr. 19, '61.
- Twisden, Thomas, Jr. e. Apr. 25, '79; d. Dec. 7, '80; Co. C, 1st Mass. H. A., '61.
- Twombly, Will E. e. Jan. 26, '83; Jan. 26, '86; re. June 12, '88; d. '89.
- Twozeger, Philip e. May 12, '98; served during S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Tyler, Geo. L. e. Aug. 17, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Aug., '63.
- Tyler, Lucius A. e. May 12, '98; d. Mar. 21, '99; served during S-A.
- Tyler, Wm. N. e. Sept. 1, '60; d. Oct. 19, '60; re. Co. B, 5th regt., Apr. 19, '61; d. July 31, '61; re. Sept. 19, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; corp.; d. Aug. 24, '63; re. Co. E, 8th Mass. Vols., '64; sergt.; sergt.-maj.; 1st lieut.; maj.; d. May 10, '84.

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- Upham, A. S. e. May 3, '73; ap. clerk, Sept. 1, '74; sergt., Mar. 30, '75; res. clerk, Jan. 1, '76.
- Upham, Edward E. e. A g. 9, '73; d. Aug. 9, '76.
- Upham, T. N. e. May, '65; priv., Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, 6th regt.; June 22, '66.
- Upton, Augustine e. Aug. 24, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.
- Upton, Edward A. e. Oct. 10, '57; re. May 9, '68.
- Upton, E. D. e. Sept. 5, '60; d. Dec. 29, '69.
- Unrah, Geo. R. e. Oct. 16, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.

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### V

- Vaughn, Samuel e. May 24, '55; e. Co. G, 13th regt., May 16, '61; d. disability, Jan. 13, '63.
- Vaughan, Wm. M. e. Aug. 8, '64, Co. E, 1st bat., H. A.; e. Aug. 7, '99; d. Dec. 20, '99.
- Vaux, W. e. musician, Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th Mass. Vols.; re. in Co. A, 1st H. A.; drum major in '62.
- Vickery, Joseph F. e. Aug. 14, '99; d. Jan. 20, '99.
- Vinton, A. H. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th Mass. Vols.; Co. A, 6th Mass., June 22, '66.
- Vinton, Edwin v. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. 2d lieutenant., Oct. 8, '66; r s. Apr. 29, '68.
- Vinton, Gray e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.

### W

- Wallace, Milage W. e. May 17, '82; d. May 14, '83.
- Wallace, Robert P. e. Mar. 2, '86; d. Sept. 13, '87.
- Waitt, Albert O., Jr. e. Mar. 27, '90; d. Jan. 20, '93.
- Wait, Nathan H. e. May 12, '98; mus. into U. S. ser., May 12, '98, Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. V.; served during S-A.
- Walker, Chas. e. May 9, '55; e. as musician, 2nd regt., '61; d. disability; re. maj. Cabbott's battalion, H. A.
- Walker, David H. e. Feb. 27, '79; continuous ser. to Mar. 28, '84.
- Walker, Wm. H. e. May 28, '59; e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th Mass. Vols.; re. '62, Co. G, 20th regt.; 1st lieut. in '63; wd. at Gettysburg, July 3, '63; pro. capt., Aug. 3, '63; res. '64.
- Walker, Thomas e. Sept. 26, '57; d. exp. ser.
- Ward, Abner G. e. Aug. 15, '87; d. '88.
- Ward, Harry E. e. Dec. 18, '97; d. exp. term.
- Wardwell, Henry F. e. '61; e. Co. B, 5th regt., Apr. 19, '61; d. July 31, '61; e. Co. D, 3d regt., Aug. 5, '62; died at Washington, Feb. 15, '63.
- Warner, T. P. e. —————; d. Jan. 4, '53.
- Watson, William H. e. Apr. 24, '71; tr. to fine list, Sept. 2, '71.
- Walton, Albert J. e. May 30, '88; corp., '93; con. ser. to date of last d., June 16, '96.
- Walton, Chas. E. e. Aug. 6, '80; d. Aug. 6, '83; e. Mar. 25, '84; sergt., June 2, '85; con. ser. to '93; elected 2d lieut., Jan. 2, '93; 1st lieut., '98; res. July 5, '98, U. S. V.
- Walton, J. C. W. e. Aug. 22, '55; catered for the company; served in the old Rifle Grays.
- Walton, E. H. e. Oct. 11, '51, 4th sergt.; 3d lieut., Nov. 13, '54; 2d lieut., Feb. 7, '57; res. Apr. 30, '59; re. Sept. 4, '76; d. expr. of term.
- Walton, Herbert W. e. Apr. 3, '77; corp., May 14, '78; d. Apr. 3, '80; e. Apr. 3, '80; pro. 2d lieut., Mar. 6, '82; res.
- Walton, J. Clarence e. Oct. 20, '74; treas., Jan. 2, '75; corp., Sept. 12, '76; sergt., May 16, '77; res. as sergt. and Co. clerk, June 23, '77; d. Sept. 3, '77.
- Walton, Oliver C. e. July 24, '58; re. armorer, May 5, '60; d. June 1, '60.
- Walton, Oliver, 2d e. May 31, '62; re. Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 20, '62; d. Aug. 24, '63.
- Warner, Fred e. May 16, '76; d. expr. of term.
- Warren, Horace M. e. May 28, '59; d. Sept. 29, '60; e. Co. B, 5th Mass. Vols., Apr. 19, '61. corp., May 1, '61; e. Co. E, 20th regt., Aug. 21, '61; 1st sergt.; severely wd. at Ball's Bluff, Oct. 21, '61; e. Co. E, 1st lieut., 50th regt., Sept. 19, '62; com. 1st lieut. and adj., 59th Veteran regt. Nov. 19, '63; pro. maj., '64; mortally wd. at Weldon Railroad, Va., Aug. 19, '64; died Aug. 27, '64.
- Walsh, James P. e. Mar. 28, '99.
- Warren, Myris H. e. Apr. 9, '94; continuous ser. to death; served in S-A; detailed in commissary; died Nov., '98; typhoid fever.

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- Washburn, Clarence J. e. Feb. 24, '90; e. rp., '93; d. Oct. 26, '94.
- Webster, Daniel A. e. Feb. 3, '80; d. July 13, '81.
- Welsh, J. A. e. Sept. 21, '72.
- Weldon, Fred A. e. May 27, '90; corps.; sergt.; d. May 27, '98.
- Wellman, Chas. A. e. June 7, '87; d. Jan. 10, '88.
- Wellman, Henry B. e. Aug. 25, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; died May 31, '63, at Baton Rouge, La.; diarrhoea.
- West, Chas C. e. Aug. 7, '99; d. Sept. 10, '99.
- West, William H. e. Sept. 20, '81.
- West, Thos. E. e. July 31, '69.
- Weston, John H. e. Sept. 19, '62, Co. B, 56th regt.; d. Aug. 24, '63; re. Co. E, 8th regt., July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64; died in Reading, Oct. 26, '65.
- Weston, R. H. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; d. July 31, '61; re. Co. A, 20th regt., Aug. 30, '61; taken pris. at Ball's Bluff, Oct. 21, '61; died at Falmouth, Va., Jan. 13, '63; was a corp.
- Weston, William e. June 8, '89; d. S. p., 29, '89.
- Whalon, Daniel E. e. Mar. 12, '78; d. Apr. 19, '79.
- Whall, Richard A. e. Aug. 7, '93; d. June 10, '96.
- Wheeler, Herbert P. e. Jan. 4, '94; d. Aug. 30, '94.
- Wheeler, Morris P. e. July 19, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; corp. Co. A, 6th M. V. M., June 22, '65; treas., Co. A, M. V. M., Jan. 5, '67; re. as treas., July 25, '68; clerk, Aug. 1, '68; d. June 16, '69.
- Wheeler, Philip M. e. Sept. 21, '67.
- Wheeler, Wallace B. e. June 2, '85; d. May 10, '87.
- Whelock, D. B. e. Oct. 11, '51; d. June 21, '53; re. Apr. 24, '55.
- Whidden, Robert H. e. May 30, '88; d. May 10, '90.
- White, Daniel J. e. May 3, '73.
- White, Geo. E. e. Dec. 5, '79, musician; d. Dec. 5, '82; re. Jan. 26, '83; d. Sept. 28, '85.
- White, James e. May 26, '74.
- White, Wm. T. e. May 1, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.
- Whitecomb, Frank e. July 19, '63, Co. E, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Whitehouse, Howard E. e. June 2, '89; d. July 26, '89.
- Whiting, Chas. W. e. May 13, '81; d. Oct. 6, '85.
- Whiting, E. S. e. Aug. 22, '55; corp., Dec. 30, '57; d. Apr. 28, '60.
- Whiting, James F. e. May 13, '81; d. May 13, '84; re. May 13, '84; d. June 2, '90.
- Whitman, E. W. o. Oct. 4, '51; d. Jan. 4, '53.
- Whittle, John A. e. May 12, '98; served during S-A; now bat. sergt.-maj., 6th regt., M. V. of.
- Whittredge, Myron H. e. May 31, '62; e. Co. E, 50th regt., Aug. 24, '62; corp., Jan. 6, '63
- Whittredge, Wm. W. e. May, '65, 8th regt., and Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66.
- Widell, John M. e. Oct. 9, '99.
- Wiggin, S. Fred. e. June 4, '88; d. Feb. 29, '98; corp., Co. A; now serving as sergt. Co. H, 6th Inf.
- Wildor, Fred F. e. Jan. 16, '93; d. Jan. 16, '96.
- Wiley, A. S. e. Oct. 11, '51; 1st regt., Mass. cavalry, '61; wd.; re. same regt.
- Wiley, Augustus T. e. Oct. 3, '57; e. Co. E, 1st Mass. cav.; killed June 9, '63.
- Wiley, Baxter L. e. July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64, Co. E, 8th regt.; re. May, '65; Co. A, 6th, June 22, '66; d. May 3, '71.
- Wiley, Edwin E. e. June 11, '78; d. Sept. 6, '78; re. June 28, '79; d. Mar. 16, '80.
- Wiley, Geo. H. e. Jan. 4, '53; re. Co. E, 16th Mass. Vols.
- Wiley, Geo. O. e. July 17, '58; d. July 7, '60.
- Wiley Herbert A. e. July 19, '62; served in 23d regt. during Civil War; died at Newbern, N. C.

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- Wiley, Ira, Jr. e. Sept. 1, '60; re. Co. E, 8th regt., July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Wiley, J. L. e. '61.
- Wiley, Jonas e. May 17, '53.
- Wiley, Jacob Barnard e. Sept. 5, '60; d. Jan. 19, '61; e. July 19, '64, 8th regt.; d. Nov. 10, '64; e. May, '65, corp., Co. E, 8th regt.; corp., Co. A, 6th regt., June 22, '66; pro. 2nd lieut., Mar. 3, '69; res. as 2nd lieut., Nov. 2, '71, and re. as priv.
- Wiley, James M. e. Oct. 11, '51; re. May 2, '68; re. Aug. 22, '76; d. Aug. 22, '79; re. Sept. 12, '79; d. Nov. 20, '80.
- Wiley, John, 2nd. See page 11.
- Wiley, Joseph E. e. Sept. 3, '56; armorer, Sept. 1, '60, Co. B, 50th regt., Apr. 19, '61; re. in '62 in Co. L, 1st H. A.; pro. sergt.
- Wiley, S. A. e. Sept. 5, '63; d. Oct. 6, '69; e. '61, Co. H, 23rd regt.; died Feb. 7, '62 at Hatteras Inlet Hospital.
- Wiley, William e. May 9, '54; d. Dec. 8, '60; re. Co. B, 5th regt., Apr. 19, '61; re. '62, in Co. A, 17th regt; 1st sergt.; died at Newbern, N. C., Oct. 12, '62.
- Wiley, William H. e. Oct. 10, '54; e. Co. E, 8th regt., July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64; re. and was an armorer; res. as armorer, Jan. 1, '68.
- Wilkins, Edward L. e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt.; re. in '64 in 4 h H. A.
- Wilkins, F. P. e. Sept. 30, '71.
- Williams, Francis e. Oct. 11, '51, fifer; did not enter the U. S. service; re. May 24, '62.
- Williams, John F. e. May 17, '92; d. May 17, '95.
- Wilson, Gordon W. e. May 12, '98; served during S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Winn, Suel e. Sept. 18, '69.
- Winship, Samuel e. Oct. 20, '60; e. Aug. 18, '62, Co. E, 50th regt.; d. Nov. '63.
- Withum, Melvin G. e. June 12, '88; d. '88.
- Wood, William F. e. Oct. 30, '96; d. July 10, '97.
- Woodbridge, J. H. e. July 27, '71.
- Woodbridge, Wm. H. e. May 20, '73; artificer, Aug. 2, '73.
- Woodbridge, S. O. e. June 26, '58; d. July 7, '60.
- Woodman, Alvin M. e. Feb. 2, '91; d. Feb. 2, '94.
- Woodward, Chas. F. e. Oct. 9, '69; treas., Sept. 9, '71; corp., '71; sergt., June 21, '72; res. Apr. 5, '73; sergt., May 24, '73; Q. M., Aug. 2, '73; res. treas., Jan. 1, '74; re. Aug. 15, '76, 2nd lieut.; 1st lieut., Nov. 13, '76; treas. Jan. 5, '78; capt., Feb. 27, '79; el. major, Feb. 7, '82; lieut.-col., Mar. 24, '90; col., Mar. 4, '98; commanded 6th Mass. regt., U. S. V., in S-A. war until resignation, Aug. 5, '98.
- Woodworth, Wm. L. e. May 12, '98; served in S-A.; d. Jan. 21, '99.
- Worcester, Almond e. Sept. 5, '57; d. July 7, '60.
- Worcester, Nathaniel e. July 19, '64, Co. 8th regt. d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Worrale Robert e. June 10, '71; corp., May 24, '73; sergt., Aug. 28, '73.
- Wright, Dexter C. e. Co. E, 8th regt., July 19, '64; d. Nov. 10, '64.
- Wright, Joseph W. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, 6th regt., May 20, '68, re. Sept. 23, '71.
- Wrisley, Chas. F. e. Apr. 11, '82; d. Apr. 11, '85; sergt.
- Wyman, A. e. Sept. 5, '60; d. Mar. 2, '61.
- Wyman, G. W. e. May, '65, Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, 6th, June 22, '66.
- Wyman, W. e. July 19, '82, Co. E, 8th regt.; Co. A, 6th, June 22, '66.
- Wyman, William e. Apr. 19, '61, Co. B, 5th regt. d. July 31, '61.

## Y

- Young, Frank G. e. June 19, '83; d. Feb. 6, '85.

## Z

- Zappy, John C. e. Apr. 10, '69; d. expr. of ser.
- Zwicker, Geo. E. e. Feb. 17, '85; d. Feb. 17, '89; re. May 30, '88; d. May 13, 89.











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