

# **William M. Nimbs**

## **Lieutenant**

**27th New York Infantry Regiment**



Residence was not listed; 20 years old.  
Enlisted on 5/11/1861 at Elmira, NY as a Sergeant

On 5/21/1861, he mustered into "H" Co. New York 27th Infantry.  
He was Mustered Out on 5/31/1863 at Elmira, NY

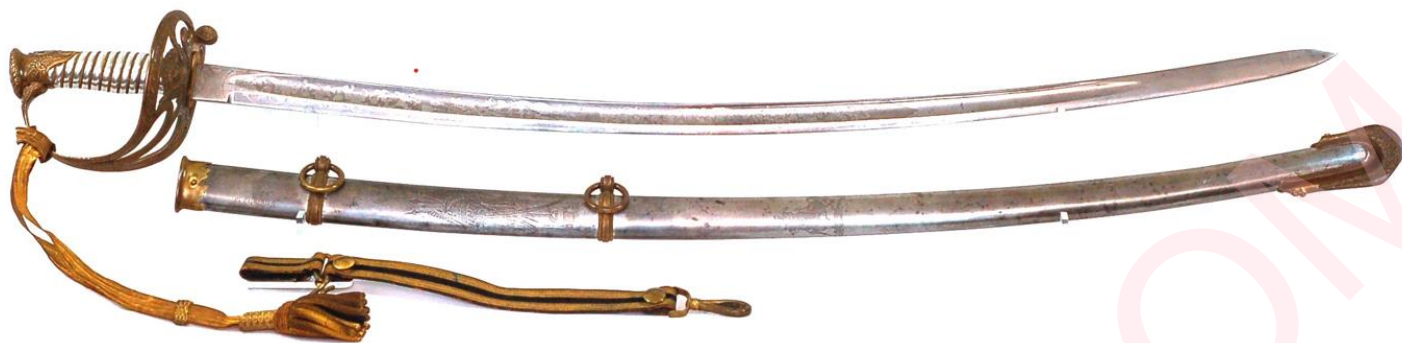
Promotions:

1st Lieutenant 10/12/1862 (As of Co. D)

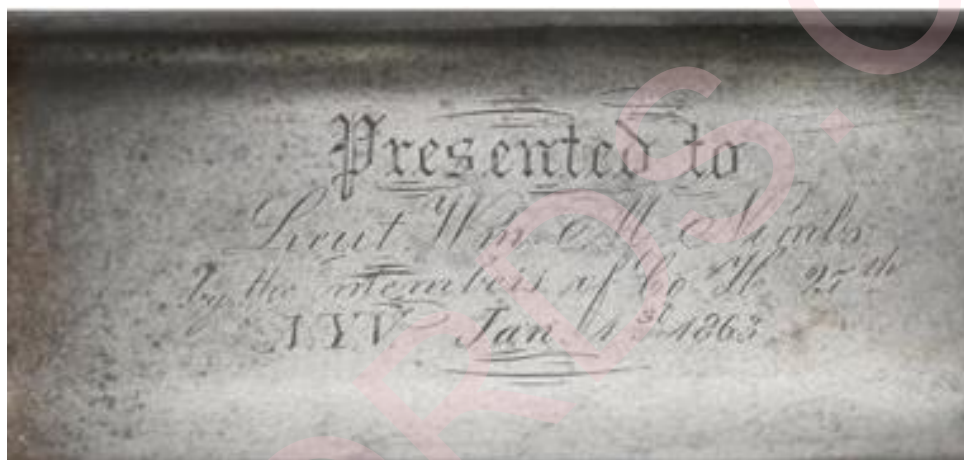
Intra-regimental company transfers

0/12/1862 From company H to company D

# Presentation sword



This is a High-Grade Sauerbier Non-Regulation hilt presentation saber presented to Lieutenant William M. Nimbs by the members of Company H, 27th New York Volunteers January 1, 1863.



**Presented to**  
*Lieut. Wm M Nimbs*  
*by the members of Co H 27<sup>th</sup>*  
*N.Y.V. Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1863*

The saber is in outstanding condition with a German Silver grip and original twisted wire; a pommel cap with a pewter UNION insert on top and a raised pewter disk at the end. The guard is a non-regulation pattern and has great untouched patina. The blade is bright with strong frosty etching and is Sauerbier maker marked. The scabbard has the presentation between the throat and top ring mount; a beautifully etched pattern between both mounts; and a soldier on horseback etched below the lower ring mount. There is an original period sword knot, and one dress hanger strap with it.

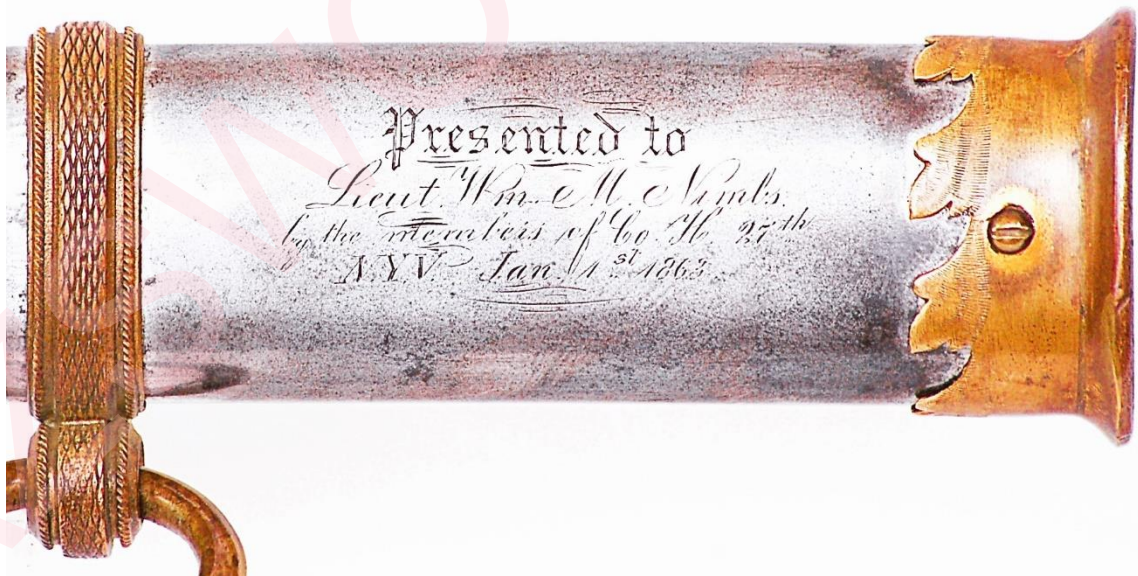
Nimbs enlisted 5/11/1861 and Mustered Out 5/31/1863, and his Muster Sheets show no indication of being absent at all during this time. This would indicate he remained with his unit for all engagements to include: **Battle of Bull Run (Manassas); Seven days before Richmond; Gaines' Mill and Chickahominy; White Oak Swamp and Glendale; Malvern Hill; Battle of South Mountain; Battle of Antietam; Battle of Fredericksburg; the "Mud March"; Chancellorsville Campaign; Maryes Heights, Second Fredericksburg; Salem Heights; and Banks' Ford.**











# 27th New York Infantry Regiment

Twenty-Seventh Regiment Infantry, N. Y. S. V. The Twenty-seventh regiment infantry, N. Y. S. V., was organized at Elmira on the 21st of May, 1861. It was composed of companies recruited and accepted as follows:

Co.	Where recruited	By whom recruited	Order	Date of acceptance
A	White Plains, Westchester Co.	Capt. Joseph J. Chambers	282	April 30, 1861
B	Lyons, Wayne County	Capt. Alexander D. Adams	359	May 2, 1861
C	Binghamton, Broome County	Capt. Jos. J. Bartlett	349	May 2, 1861
D	Binghamton, Broome County	Capt. Hiram C. Rogers	360	May 2, 1861
E	Rochester, Monroe County	Capt. George G. Wanzer	512	May 7, 1861
F	Binghamton, Broome County	Capt. Peter Jay	531	May 8, 1861
G	Lima, Livingston County	Capt. James Perkins	538	May 7, 1861
H	Mount Morris, Livingston County	Capt. Charles E. Martin	605	May 11, 1861
I	Perry, Wyoming County	Capt. Curtis C. Gardner	613	May 13, 1861
K	Albion, Orleans County	Capt. Henry L. Achilles, jr.	642	May 16, 1861

The companies were organized into a regiment by General Van Valkenburgh, and the following field officers elected, viz: Henry W. Slocum, Colonel; Joseph J. Chambers, Lieutenant Colonel; and Joseph J. Bartlett, Major. The State Military Board, on the 21st of May (Special Orders 208), confirmed this election, accepted the regiment, and numbered it, and directed Colonel Slocum to report to General Van Valkenburgh, and to hold his regiment in readiness to be mustered into the service of the United States. Company I was mustered into the service of the United States, July 9th, and the remaining companies and field and staff on the 10th. The muster, however, was for two years from May 21st.

The regiment was supplied with uniforms, and arms, tents, &c., and left the State on the 10th of July for Washington via Harrisburg and Baltimore. The total expenditure by the State, on account of the regiment, up to the 15th of August, 1861, was \$38,617.75, exclusive of subsistence and quarters.

On its arrival in Washington, the regiment was quartered in tents on Franklin Square. A movement against the enemy was then under discussion, and Colonel Slocum and Major Bartlett sought an



interview with the war department with a view to have the regiment assigned to the field. In this request they were gratified, and on the 17th of July it took up the line of march from Washington, as a part of the First brigade (Col. Andrew Porter), of the Second division (Gen. Hunter's).

It reached Annandale on the evening of the 17th, Fairfax Court House on the 18th, and entered the battle of Bull Run on the 21st. Its first encounter was with the Twenty-seventh Virginia, which fell back. It then met the Eighth Georgia, which fell back until reinforced, when the regiment was in turn repulsed, and took refuge under a hill. It was soon after ordered to charge a battery stationed on a knoll, and moved to the work under a heavy fire, which soon had a fearful effect upon the ranks of the regiment; Colonel Slocum was wounded, the color guard was reduced from nine to two, and the movement was abandoned. Major Bartlett succeeded Colonel Slocum and kept the regiment well in hand. It was engaged in another encounter, and finally retired from the field and reached the road, where the confusion attending the retreat of the army broke it up, as was the case with other regiments actively engaged in the battle. Portions of the regiment reached Fort Corcoran about 9 o'clock on the 22d, and at noon it was partially reorganized and marched to Camp Anderson, Franklin Square.

The regiment remained in Washington until September, when it was assigned to General Slocum's brigade (with the Sixteenth N. Y.), of General Franklin's division, and moved to the site of Fort Lyon.

It was engaged in the construction of this Fort during the fall of 1861, and spent the winter in "Camp Franklin."

Under the order of March 13, 1862, the regiment, with its brigade and division, was attached to General McDowell's (First) corps. On the 16th of April, General Franklin and General Smith's divisions were detached from General McDowell's corps, and on the 7th of May, were organized as the Sixth corps, under command of General Franklin—General Slocum succeeding Gen. Franklin in the command of the division. This arrangement was not subsequently changed during the term of service of the regiment, although the officers in command were changed, General Bartlett succeeding to the command of the brigade, General Brooks to the division, and General Sedgwick to the corps.

The movements were substantially those of the Sixteenth New York. It participated in the siege of Yorktown, and embarked with Franklin's division for West Point, where it landed on the 6th ; skirmished with the enemy, and on the 7th supported batteries. It was engaged at Gaines' Mill\* (\*At 2 p. M., Gen. Porter asked for reinforcements, Slocum's division of the 6th corps was ordered to cross to the left bank of the river, by Alexander's bridge, and proceed to his support. At 3.30 P. M., Slocum's division reached the field, and was immediately brought into action at the weak points of our line.) on the 27th of June, and lost heavily; crossed the Chickahominy at 3 P. M., and went into action about 5 P. M., on the extreme right of Porter's corps—drove the enemy from his position by a bayonet charge, and captured a large number of prisoners. It held its position until dark, when, after expending all its ammunition, it was ordered to retire.

On the 30th, at Charles City Cross Roads, Gen. Slocum's division was on the right of the Charles City Road. Gen. Slocum's division was to extend to the Charles City Road, Gen. Kearney's left to connect with Gen. Slocum's left. At half past two the attack was made down the road on Gen. Slocum's left, but was checked by his artillery.—Gen. McClellan's Report.) it skirmished and supported batteries, and at Malvern Hill (July 1st), was sent early in the action to the right of the army to prevent a flank movement by the enemy. During the entire seven days fight it was under fire every day.

The regiment moved with its division from the Peninsula in August, and from thence to the second Bull Run battle. (Aug. 30th.) Here it was thrown to the front to check the advance of the enemy and to

cover the retreat of Gen. Pope, but was not particularly or heavily engaged. It followed the retreat to Alexandria, and went into camp at Fort Lyon. On the 6th of September, the regiment crossed the Long Bridge and marched through Washington to Taneytown. It continued on the march of the Maryland campaign, and reached South Mountain on the 14th. Here it opened the fight (Crampton Gap) as skirmishers, and subsequently advanced with its brigade (Bartlett's) upon the enemy at a charge on the right. The enemy were driven up and over the mountain, and the regiment rested on its crest after an action of three hours. Slocum's division was formed on the right of the road leading through the gap, and Smith's upon the left. A line formed of Bartlett's and Torbett's brigades, supported by Newton, whose activity was conspicuous, advanced steadily upon the enemy at a charge on the right. The enemy were driven from their position at the base of the mountain, where they were protected by a stone wall, steadily forced back up the slope until they reached the position of their battery on the road, well up the mountain. There they made a stand. They were however driven back, retiring their artillery in echelon until, after an action of three hours, the crest was gained, and the enemy hastily fled down the mountain on the other side.—*Gen. McClellan's Report.*)

At Antietam, on the 17th, it supported batteries, under heavy fire of artillery all day. From Antietam the regiment moved with its corps to Belle Plain, where it arrived on the 4th of December. In the movement on Fredericksburg, it was the first regiment that crossed the Rappahannock in the left grand division; drove the enemy's skirmishers back from the river, and was more or less under fire during the 13th, 14th and 15th. It then went into camp and remained until the "mud march" of January, in which it participated.

In the movement under Gen. Hooker in May, the regiment was engaged in the capture of Marye's Heights, and was subsequently thrown to the front as skirmishers, and covered the retreat of the corps (sixth) until it reached the fortifications at Banks' Ford. It then returned to Belle Plain, and thence to Elmira, where it was mustered out on the 31st of May, 1863. It numbered about five hundred and forty, men and officers, when mustered out. The several companies were received with fitting marks of popular regard in their localities.





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The 27th New York Infantry Regiment lost 2 officers and 72 enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 2 officers and 70 enlisted men to disease in the Civil War.

<b>1861</b>	
May 21	The 27th New York Infantry Regiment was organized at Elmira, N.Y.
June 15	Mustered in for two years United States service under Colonel Henry W. Slocum ( <b>West Point Class of 1852</b> ) Lieutenant Colonel Joseph J. Chambers and Major Joseph J. Bartlett
July 10	Left State for Washington, D.C. by rail via Harrisburg and Baltimore. Attached to Porter's Brigade, Hunter's Division, McDowell's Army of Northeast Virginia
July 16-21	<b>Advance on Manassas, Virginia</b>
July 21	<b>Battle of Bull Run (Manassas)</b>  The 27th New York Infantry Regiment lost 1 officer and 25 men killed. Two officers and 42 enlisted men were wounded and 60 men were missing. Major Bartlett took command of the regiment after Colonel Slocum was wounded.
August	Duty in the Defenses of Washington, D.C. attached to Heintzelman's Brigade, Division of the Potomac
August 13	Lieutenant Colonel Chambers resigned
September 1	Colonel Slocum was promoted to brigadier general, Major Bartlett to colonel, Captain Alexander Adams of Company B to lieutenant colonel and Captain Curtis Gardiner of Company I to major
October	Attached to Slocum's Brigade, Franklin's Division, Army of the Potomac
October 3	Expedition to Pohick Church
<b>1862</b>	
March	Attached to Slocum's 2nd Brigade, Franklin's 1st Division, 1st Corps, Army of the Potomac

March 10-15	Advance on Manassas, Va.
April 4-12	McDowell's advance on Fredricksburg. Attached to 1st Division, Department of the Rappahannock.
April 22	<b>Peninsula Campaign</b> Ordered to the Peninsula, Virginia
April 24-May 4	<b>Siege of Yorktown, Virginia</b> On transports.
May 7-8	Landed at West Point. Attached to 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 6th Corps. Colonel Bartlett took command of the brigade as senior officer and Lieutenant Colonel Adams took command of the regiment.
May 20	Near Mechanicsville
June 25-July 1	<b>Seven days before Richmond</b> The regiment lost 1 officer and 34 men killed or mortally wounded, 9 officers and 100 men wounded, and 18 men missing.
June 27	<b>Gaines' Mill and Chickahominy</b>
June 30	<b>White Oak Swamp and Glendale</b>
July 1	<b>Malvern Hill</b>
July	At Harrison's Landing
July 24	Major Gardiner resigned, and Captain Joseph Bodin of Company H was promoted to major
August 16-28	Movement to Fortress Monroe, then to Centreville
August 28-31	In works at Centreville
September 1	Covered Pope's retreat to Fairfax Court House
September 6	<b>Maryland Campaign</b>



September 14	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Battle of South Mountain</b></p> <p>The regiment was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Adams while Colonel Bartlett commanded the brigade in the fighting at <b>Crampton's Gap</b>. It lost 9 men killed or mortally wounded. Lieutenants Seeley and Christman, Color-bearer Sergeant McMahon and 21 other enlisted men were wounded..</p>
September 16-17	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Battle of Antietam</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The 27th New York was in reserve.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>From the War Department tablet for Slocum's Division on the Antietam battlefield:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Slocum's Division followed Smith's in its march from near Crampton's Pass on the morning of the 17th, and upon reaching the field, occupied the ground from which Smith was advancing; Torbert's Brigade in the center on either side of this road; Newton's Brigade on the right connecting with Hancock, and Bartlett's Brigade on the left, extending beyond the cemetery and into the low ground between Mumma's and Roulette's. Beyond supporting the Artillery the Division was not actively engaged.</i></p>
September	Duty in Maryland
October 29- November 19	Movement to Falmouth, Va.
October 4 – 8	Colonel Bartlett was promoted to brigadier general, Lieutenant Colonel Adams to colonel, Major Joseph Bodin to lieutenant colonel and Captain George G. Wanzer of Company E promoted to major
December 12-15	<b>Battle of Fredericksburg</b>
<b>1863</b>	
January 20-24	<b>"Mud March"</b>
February	At Falmouth
April 27-May 6	<b>Chancellorsville Campaign</b>
April 29-May 2	Operations about Franklin's Crossing
May 3	<b>Maryes Heights, Second Fredericksburg</b>

May 3-4	<b>Salem Heights</b>
May 4	<b>Banks' Ford</b>
May 31	The 27th New York Infantry Regiment mustered out the expiration of its term of enlistment under the command of Colonel Adams, Lieutenant Colonel Bodin and Major Wanzer. Three years' men were transferred to the 121st Regiment New York Infantry.



### **Colors of the 27th Regiment, New York Volunteers,**

Now in the Military Bureau, at Albany, N. Y., with which is the following record:

The Regiment was organized at Elmira, May 21, 1861, from companies raised in Binghamton, Angelica, Lyons, Mt. Morris, White Plains, Lima, Albion and Rochester, and entered the field commanded by Col. H. W. Slocum. The Regiment received the Flag from Co. "I," Capt. C. C. Gardiner, June 27, 1861. This Company had previously been presented with the Flag by Mrs. Philip Church. It has been borne in the Battles of First Bull Run, West Point, Mechanicsville, Gains' Mill, Goldsborough's Farm, Charles City Cross Roads, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, Crampton Pass, Antietam, Fredericksburgh and Fredericksburgh Heights. The first bearer was Sergt. Burton Freeman, of Co. "I," who was afterwards promoted to Captain of his Company. At First Bull Run two Corporals were severely wounded on either side of the Color Bearer. At Gains' Mill the Color Bearer was severely wounded. At Fredericksburgh Heights, the star now appended to the staff was literally shot out of the Flag by a shell. The Color Bearer in that assault, A. L. Van Ness, of Co. "H," contributed it to the Bureau. Col. A. D. Adams transmitted the Flag, after the expiration of the Regiment's term of service, to this Bureau.



# 27th New York Infantry Newspaper Clippings

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## Organization and History of Co. H., 27th Regiment, N. Y. S. V.

This company of volunteers was organized May 21, 1861, at Mount Morris, consisting of seventy-five members. During its term of service its roll increased to one hundred and two men. The following have been its officers from its organization to its discharge, which occurred at Elmira, N. Y., May 31st, 1863:—

Chas. E. Martin, Captain, resigned and honorably discharged Feb. 10, 1862.

Joseph H. Bodine, 1st Lieutenant, promoted to Captain Feb. 10, 1862; to Major July 24, 1862; to Lt. Colonel Oct. 4, 1862.

Oscar H. Phillips, 2d Lieutenant, resigned and honorably discharged Aug. 14, 1861.

Edward Williams, 2d Lieutenant, promoted from 1st Sergeant, Aug. 14, 1862; wounded June 27, 1862; resigned on account of wound Nov'r 28, 1862.

S. M. Seeley, 1st Lieut., transferred from "Sturgis Rifles," May 26, 1862; promoted to Captain March 9, 1863.

✓Wm. H. Swan, 1st Lt., Co. B., promoted to Captain July 24, 1862; resigned March 9th, 1863.

✓Edward C. Camp, 2d Lieutenant, promoted from 1st Sergeant Nov. 28, 1862, to 1st Lt. March 9, 1863.

Harvey R. Clarke, 2d Lt., promoted from 1st Sergeant, March 9, 1863.

✓William M. Nimbs, 1st Lt. Co. D., promoted from 1st Sergeant, Oct. 11, 1862.

July 5th, 1861, at Elmira, this company was equipped and sworn into the U. States service for two years, leaving on the 10th for Washington, encamping on 'Franklin Square.' Only a few days elapsed and they crossed the Long Bridge, and were engaged in the first Bull Run battle, July 21, 1861. Here they distinguished themselves, and with their Reg. gained high honors for their bravery, winning laurels for their gallant commander, Colonel Slocum, and receiving high commendations for their courage from Gen. Wadsworth.—The casualties of this battle were:—

Florence Sullivan, killed; Corporal Wm. Biggs, Privates James Donahoe, Charles H. Hunt, Joseph R. Johnson, Wm. Welch, W. Aplin, Harlan P. Boyd, and Wm. Garrett, wounded and taken prisoners.

They landed at West Point, Va., on the evening of May 6, 1862; that night they drove the enemy's skirmishers back into the woods, capturing a number of prisoners; on the 7th, supported batteries—no casualties.

The battle of Gaines' Mills, June 27, 1862, was the most terrific and disastrous this Co. experienced during their service. Their indomitable courage and heroic daring was nobly displayed in this engagement, going into the fight with forty men and coming out with only thirteen—twenty-seven killed, wounded and missing. They were under fire all day—crossed the Chickahominy at three o'clock P. M., went into action about five o'clock P. M. on the extreme right of Porter's command;

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drove the enemy from his position by a bayonet charge and captured a large number of prisoners. They held their position until after dark, when, after expending all their ammunition, the regiment was ordered to retire. The casualties in this regiment were about 200 and in this company the following:—

Killed—Wm. H. Chilspa and Henry Lockwood. Wounded—Lieut. Edward Williams, Sergeants Edward C. Camp and E. R. Parker; privates George E. Cady, James Driskome, Willis Griffith, James H. Jones, Rob't McNeilly, Theodore Magee, Wm. B. Robertson, Lafayette O. Willis, W. H. Fasier, C. B. Wheelock, James I. Scribner, R. Hammond, Alex. Howdon, Squire Staples, Albert S. Tanner. Prisoners—Charles A. Martin, W. M. Ashton, Francis Flynn, Adam Miller, S. Roy, Thomas McNeilly, John Skelly.

June 30, '62, at Charles City Cross Roads, they skirmished and supported batteries.— Was in action at Malvern Hill July 1, 1862; was sent early in the action to the right of the army to prevent a flank movement of the enemy. During the entire seven days' fight before Richmond they were under fire every day.

At the second Bull Run battle, Aug. 30, 1862, they were thrown to the front to stop the advance of the enemy and to cover the retreat of Gen. Pope's army—only one man wounded.

Sept'r 14, '62, opened the fight of South Mountain, (Crampton's Gap) as skirmishers. This movement was exceedingly dangerous, and so well executed as to elicit from Gen'l Franklin the warmest commendations for their bravery. It was exceedingly effective, but proved a serious loss to the company, killing Orderly Sergeant John Beggs, one of the bravest of the brave; wounding Lt. S. M. Seely, H. R. Clarke, John Krahten, J. M. Magee, B. H. Tallman, Anthony Dunlavy.

Engaged at Antietam Sept'r 17, 1862, supporting batteries under a heavy fire of artillery all day, but no casualties.

In Dec'r, 1862, first Fredericksburg battle, were in the first regiment that crossed the Rappahannock, in the left grand division, driving the enemy's skirmishers back from the river—under heavy fire for several days while across.

Second Fredericksburg battle, May 3d and 4th, 1863, engaged in the capturing of Maria's Heights, they were thrown to the front as skirmishers, covering the retreat of the 6th (Sedgwick's) Corps, and skirmishing until they reached the fortifications at Banks' Ford.— Although under a galling fire all day, only one man, A. S. Tanner, wounded.

The following members of the Co. have died of wounds—Joseph R. Johnson, C. H. Hunt, James Driskome.

Disease—Wm. Garrett, Wm. Aplio, W. Griffith, Rob't Shannon, Jeremiah Coughlan, Ira Hayes.

Discharged—John J. Kellogg, E. R. Parker, G. W. Bingham, G. W. Baroey, Jr., A.

V. Cothrell, John Dune, D. A. Edsall, Geo. Beliker, John M. Nichols, W. H. Fasier, Ja's I. Scribner, R. Hammond, Alex. Howden, Squires Staples, Jesse D. White, Simon Roy, Samuel Wightman.

Absented and never reported themselves—Joseph W. Hanna, W. H. Abrams, Zimri Bush, Jerome Drew, Wm. Fitch, J. R. Haven, Philander Magee, O. Odell, C. Palmer, John Pendergrast, M. J. Reynolds, Lyman G. Reynolds, E. D. Rodgers, J. W. Jones, M. Lockwood, Richard Burk.

No regiment has a more glorious record than the 27th. Their courage and bravery

was fully established at Bull Run, and continued through fifteen of the most perilous engagements of the war. All honor to the war worn veterans, their gallant deeds will go down to posterity as imperishable as they were daring and brilliant, and to the latest hour will it be the pride of Co. H. to say, "We were members of the gallant and never faltering 27th of New York."

**APPOINTMENT TENDERED.**—Col. Alex. D. Adams, of the late Twenty-Seventh Regiment, N. Y. S. Vols., has been tendered the Colonelcy of the Regiment of National Guards now being raised in the First Assembly District of this county. There is already an organized Company in this town, (Capt. D. L. Norton,) and another in Galen, under the command of Capt. John Vandenburg, of Clyde.

**DEATH OF A SON OF COL. HOMER.**—A correspondent of the Rochester Daily Union announces the death of Charles A. Homer, of the 27th New York Volunteers, son of Col. Homer the poet. The young man was killed in the late battle near Fredericksburg. The sad tidings carry sorrow not only to the parents of the deceased but to many citizens of Avon who know him.

**MONUMENT—THE LATE LIEUT. HOLMES.**—We are informed that the monument which is intended to be placed above the remains of the late Lieut. Robert E. Holmes, formerly of the Twenty-Seventh Regiment, is completed, and will be set up in the Cemetery in this village very soon. The entire expense of procuring this costly token of respect for the gallant Holmes has been defrayed by his former comrades in Company B.

**Funeral of Edmund P. Foster.**

The funeral of Edmund P. Foster, took place in this village on Friday. His remains reached here on the 11.55 train, and were received at the depot by "Company B" of the late 27th Regiment, under Capt. White, and escorted to their final resting place.

Deceased was the youngest son of the late Reuben H. Foster, and enlisted in the 27th Regiment. He participated in the first Bull Run battle, and endured hardships and



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privation, which enabled him to such a degree that he was discharged the service a short time afterwards. He was a young man of sterling worth and beloved re-

### Biographical.

SIDNEY A. MCKEEN died in Lisle, Broome Co May 19th, 1863, aged 33 years.

The life of Br. McK. was brief, but eventful & highly interesting. His character was one of beauty and solid excellence. He enjoyed, in a life, that blessing without which few young men attain to real usefulness, an affectionate and pious mother. But he was doomed, while yet immature, to see her guardian eyes closed by death. A beloved sister, too, was borne before him to a world of light and purity, for which, by Divine grace, she was well prepared. His father, also, was taken suddenly from both him and his younger sisters, ere he could undertake upon him those cares and duties which fraternal love pressed him to meet. When, in the latter part of the winter of 1838, he was invited by the Rev. A. Brigham to seek and serve the Lord, he gravely said, "I do not know whether I am old enough to settle so great a question." But he was very soon enabled effectually to settle it, for both illness and death. His experience, when seeking and finding salvation, was deep; and, in its manifestation to others, even the skeptical, beyond gainsaying. His professions were extremely modest and unpretending, but his life and language were exemplary and to the Church gave great promise of a high and useful future. It was often said of him, "Sidney professes nothing but what is real." It soon clearly appeared to the discriminating that the sacred work of the ministry lay before him. In a little more than a year after his conversion, he was made a licensed exhorter. In this he saw the call of God confirmed beyond a doubt. After a brief struggle with the claims of fraternal duties, he set himself about laying a good foundation for ministerial usefulness in a thorough education. He found means, by the aid of his friends, to commence his studies in Bennington, preparatory to a college course. But appreciating the call of his country as very few are capable of doing, he felt constrained to lay aside, for time, his favorite pursuit, and first see the countenance of his country. He volunteered bravely to peril all his cherished hopes for this world in her defence. In May 1861, he joined the 27th Regiment N. Y. Volunteer and hastened to meet the enemy in the field. In the unfortunate battle of Bull Run, July 21st, the hottest of the contest, and while calmly and faithfully doing his duty, he received a severe, & apparently mortal wound. He was carried from the field, but left to fall the next day into the hands of the enemy. For a long period he was believed by his friends to have died on the field. But he lived to suffer a long and painful captivity. Pent up with a hundred others, in a single room of an old tobacco factory in Richmond, he lingered out six months of close confinement as a prisoner. From the effects of his wound and imprisonment he never fully recovered. In January, 1863, he was exchanged, discharged as permanently disabled. On his return to his friends, his hopes and preparations for usefulness in the ministry were renewed. Religiously he had suffered no loss during his eventful sojourn; but, on the contrary, a still deeper conviction, and a hotter zeal, seemed to inspire him. His friends began to entertain lively hopes of his recovery. But during the last winter it became known to him and others that his sun must set in the morning. To few was life prospectively sweeter to him. A numerous and warm circle of friends loved brothers and sisters, and one still nearer these bound him to life socially. But more than in his own language, "that I might do good, he looked forward to the work of the ministry as bracing the greatest attractions of earth and yet he triumphed over these, and over all other death. He often said during his last days, "The I pass through the valley and the shadow of death will fear no evil." Yes, the shadow of death, the shadow." At one time, while his face shined with the joy of heavenly hope and love, he exclaimed, "I am happy because I am so near home.

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly."

On being told of the very nearness of death to him he exclaimed, "Praise the Lord! I shall see my loved Jesus, my dear mother, and my sainted sister. He said in reply at the last, "He does sustain those who love the Lord." Soon he fell asleep, "as sleep-

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LETTER FROM GEN. SLOCUM.—Maj. Gen. H. W. Slocum sent the following letter to the committee of arrangements at Binghamton, having in charge the reception there of his old regiment, the gallant 27th:

GENERAL:—I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 15th inst., informing me of the reception you propose giving to the 27th Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers on its return, and inviting me to be present. I deeply regret my inability to accept your kind invitation.

I have witnessed on many fields the bravery of the men you propose to honor by a public reception. I have seen their patriotism and true soldierly qualities exhibited on all occasions when called upon, and I have long indulged the hope that I might return to their homes with them, and see bestowed upon them the reward which I know will be more gratifying to them than any other that could be given them—such a greeting by their home friends as shall convince them that their faithful services have been appreciated by their friends.

Please accept my thanks for your polite invitation and for the complimentary terms in which you have alluded to my connection with his noble Regiment.

I am very respectfully your obed't Servant,  
H. W. SLOCUM, Maj.-General.

#### Reinstated.

Louis Adams of Co. B, 27th Regiment, whose name was "dropped from the rolls in pursuance of General Orders," was fully reinstated to his former position before the Company was mustered out of the service. His name was dropped through a misunderstanding.

Lafayette Sherman, also of Co. B, was put down in the Muster Out Roll of the Company as a deserter, and was punished. We are glad to learn that he too, was reinstated, and received his pay and bounty.—His absence from the Company arose from the fact that he was taken prisoner.

RECEPTION OF RETURNED VOLUNTEERS.—Co. K of the 27th had a warm reception at Albion. They were received by the Firemen and welcomed by a speech from Gov. Church and Mr. Seager.

The 38th had a grand reception at Lockport yesterday. The whole population of the town gathered at the Depot and gave the volunteers a most hearty welcome.

The companies of the 27th which went home to Lima and Mt. Morris were warmly welcomed.

PERSONAL.—Dr. Barnes, formerly Surgeon of the 27th N. Y. V., left for Albany last evening. At the expiration of two years faithful and effective service, he was mustered out with his regiment, but will doubtless be re-commissioned as soon as he returns to Washington.

John Parsons, late Commissary of the 26th N. Y. Battery, is recruiting for Capt. McPherson's company, Sprague cavalry, in West Avon, and is meeting with good success. His office is at West Avon.

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**DISCHARGED AND PAID OFF.**—On Saturday morning the member of company K, 37th Regiment, passed through this city for Albion, having been mustered out and paid off at Elmira.

#### **Company E.**

Capt. White's Company, 37th Regiment, was mustered out of the service on Tuesday last, at Elmira, and the members have returned to their homes. The boys were compelled to pay their own fare home from Elmira, the Government refusing or neglecting to furnish transportation. The soldiers who had served two years received the \$100 bounty, while those who enlisted after the company was mustered into the U. S. Service were held to have no claim to it.

#### **Reception of Co. G, 37th Regiment, at Lima.**

Yesterday was a notable era in the history of Lima. Co. G, 37th Regiment, New York Volunteers, which went out two years since from the village in question, came home again at the time named above, and received such an ovation, and such honor, as must have compensated in part, at least, for the many dangers, toils, and hardships, incident to their experience as soldiers.

A telegram informed the citizens of the place, only twelve hours previous, that the Company would be at Aron at 7 a. m. of the 21st inst., and at an early hour of that morning plenty of teams were in readiness, and on the way to the cars, from which the boys were to embark. At about 11 o'clock a. m. the cavalcade returned with banners flying, music in abundance, and amid the ringing of bells, shouts of congratulation, and such shaking of hands and personal exhibition of joy and gladness as will never be forgotten by those who witnessed the scene.

The Company and immense escort of citizens marched to the M. E. Church, and the brave boys being seated in the central portion of the edifice, were at once overwhelmed by hosts of parents, brothers, sisters, wives and little ones, who came, or were brought in, to embrace those they loved so much and had seen so little of late. Order being finally restored the venerable Dr. Barnard returned thanks to the preserver of all for the privileges then transpiring; and so eloquent and feeling were the utterances of this good man, that very many in the audience responded in accents that were very far from meaningless.

Rev. Senator Goodwin made the welcoming address, in a few short, eloquent and appropriate sentences, and was listened to with evident delight by the vast audience present. Dr. Nettleton, of the M. E. Church, Rev. Mr. Bailey, of the Universalist, and President Reid, of Genesee College, also, each of them, made short addresses, and were all very happy in the line of discourse chosen, and the language used in expressing their deep felt emotions.

Lieut. Rock responded in behalf of the company in a style of soldierly frankness and modesty, which well became him, and satisfied all who heard, far better than would a set speech, got up for the occasion. But it being now near noon, and the ladies having intimated a desire to see their friends in the basement of the church,—and the boys not having breakfasted—a move was made in that direction, in which the



...and the place of honor and precedence. And here was fully realized the idea of "grouching" tables. It seemed as though the whole arcana of nature had been searched for rare and nutritious antidotes to hunger,—and, all the affection and cunning of the female soul largely taxed, to make the feast acceptable to those who were about to partake of it. Solids, fluids, sweet, tart, fish, flesh, and fowl; cereal and vegetable, orchard and vine, the earth and the air, all had contributed their quota, to lend expression to the grateful emotion which the patriotic self-sacrifices of the heroes present had begotten in the public heart. And like Hilda when she had rescued the youthful Juan from the sea, and watched in pleased wonder while he ate of her hastily prepared meal, did matrons and maidens present wait upon their late imperilled guests, and rejoice to see them appropriate the comfort so freely devoted to their momentary, but most urgent, corporal exigencies. The receiver was inexpressibly happy—but the giver discovered an entirely new sensation in the blessedness there was in giving—at this particular time.

Several after-dinner speeches were made by soldiers and citizens, and the services throughout were enlivened by such drum and fife practice, as is seldom heard in either town or country. The entire affair passed off with great satisfaction to all parties, and the event will long remain a conspicuous headland in the current history of a very delightful locality of our common country.

Although but two years in the service, this regiment and company have seen and been part of much that has constituted the war, thus far. It went out—Company "G"—about one hundred strong,—participated in battles at Bull Run, first and last, West Point, Mechanicsville, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Fredericksburg twice, and at three or four other places, and return now decimated about one-half, yet with no stain upon their escutcheon,—as brave, patriotic and hopeful, as when they advanced to the defence of their country and its institutions.

#### The Gallant Returning Regiments— What is said of them in Washington.

(Correspondence of THE EVENING EXPRESS.)  
WASHINGTON, May 15, 1863.

The Twenty-seventh and Thirty-third Regiments N. Y. S. V., passed through this city on their way home on Saturday last. Like the old Thirteenth these Regiments have done for two years the work they were enlisted to do, nobly, and should receive wherever they go a like recognition. Rochester has her interests in these Regiments, and on the return of the men will not fail to receive them with such demonstrations of welcome as brave men are entitled to. The Thirty-third Regiment, Col. Taylor, bring with them three hundred and sixty men in the ranks, and a large number of the wounded from the battle of Fredericksburg. This Regiment was one of the first in the entrenchments, and one of the last to leave the fated ground. Our friends here are jubilant over the conduct of this Regiment, and their brave Colonel during this trial. None were more cool and determinedly brave than the gallant Colonel, and he was well sustained by his officers and men.—They are spoken of with admiration and praise by the whole corps. Amid that shower of grape, canister and minie balls, until half their numbers were *hors du combat*, they stood without flinching. Nor did they give way until the order

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was given to fall back. The Thirty-third took four hundred and forty-six men into the fight, and of that number two hundred and thirty-six were either killed or wounded. Let patriots grasp these men by the hand, wherever they find them! Let them, too, remember, with deep seated affection, the fallen brave of the Thirty-third!

The Twenty-seventh have been more fortunate. They take with them to their homes five hundred and forty men. In the late battle they lost three killed and thirty-four wounded. This is a fine regiment and gallantly have they done their duty. They were first engaged in the Bull Run battle, where their gallant Colonel (now Gen. Sigum) was severely wounded. Since that time they have been in active campaign service, and participated in most of the fights of the Potomac Army. The citizens of Rochester have a large interest in these brave men and their officers. Major Wanzer, Surgeon Barnes, and the other officers will return with honor to those who gave them up to all the vicissitudes of this bloody war.

The officers of these regiments ought not to be allowed to remain idle spectators of this contest. With the experience they have already acquired, and the courage and capacity they have exhibited, every effort should be made to induce them to accept commands in future regiments, or encouraged to recruit the same men and retain the same numerical position they before occupied. One such regiment is worth two new ones, with new and inexperienced officers and men. These men have become hardened in muscle and nerve, and wherever they are placed can be relied on; they will suffer less in camp or field than those who know little or nothing of camp life and its hardships.

Patriotic men do not feel discouraged in the least at what appears as a reverse on the Espahannock. On the contrary, they were never so much encouraged as at the present time. Our success in the West and South, and the known good condition and fine feeling which are exhibited by the Army of Virginia, give encouragement that this great and wicked rebellion will receive its death blow during the coming summer.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of taking Capt. Morrison, of the 89th, by the hand on Saturday last. The Captain is as enthusiastic for vigorous measures as ever, and will not be found wanting wherever he can strike a blow for his country, whether it be at home or in the field. He has been engaged lately in some sharp work on the Nansemond and won new laurels in his encounter with the rebels.

The weather here is very warm, the thermometer often standing at 85° and 90° in the shade. Winter clothing is at a large discount.

**DR. BENJAMIN N. S. BARNES.**—This gentleman returned to Rochester yesterday on a brief visit. His regiment, the gallant 27th N. Y., is about to be mustered out of service, but we learn that he expects to return to the army after enjoying a few days' rest and recreation, having been requested to do so by the chief officers of the Medical Department. During two years of active service, Dr. Barnes has achieved a reputation for skill and faithful attendance to duty equal to that of any medical officer in the service, and we are glad that the country is still to have the benefit of his professional experience and ability. The value of a good surgeon is well known in the army, which has been cursed by too many

worthless pretenders in that department, and government does not willingly part with those who have exhibited capacity and a desire to be useful. Dr. Estree has not been absent from the scene of his duties for a single day since the 27th Regiment went out, except for a few days last winter, when he was granted leave of absence for a brief period.

#### Meeting of Citizens.

At a meeting of the citizens of Albion, held at the Court House, Saturday evening, May 18th, for the purpose of making suitable arrangements for the reception of our brave soldiers, whose term of service is soon to expire.

Dr. Wm. Noble was called to the Chair, and Thomas Bell was chosen Secretary. E. D. Tucker addressed the meeting, and after paying a handsome tribute to our noble soldiers, moved the appointment of a Committee to visit Elmira, and escort Co. K, 27th N. Y. Reg't, to Albion. The following named gentlemen were appointed—H. D. Tucker, C. G. Beach, J. G. Sawyer, H. J. Sickles, Dr. Wm. Noble, Geo. W. Bedell, R. P. Bordwell, C. A. Harrington, H. Huntington, Henry Lyons, Capt. Thomas Bell.

Era T. Coans moved the appointment of a Committee of Arrangements, to consist of ten members. The following named gentlemen were appointed—Era T. Coans, H. L. Achilles, H. A. King, F. Foster, E. L. Burrows, J. M. Cornell, W. Joslyn, J. N. Proctor, S. K. Church, Noah Davis, Jr.

W. Mattinson moved the appointment of a Committee to visit Lockport and escort Co. G, 27th N. Y. Reg't, to Albion. The following named gentlemen were appointed—W. Mattinson, Dr. Dolley, H. A. Branser, M. Finney, J. Bailey, C. A. Harrington, H. Abel, Geo. Hutchinson, Carl Foster, Nelson W. Betts, Geo. H. Owens. The Committee of Arrangements desire to make this reception of our brave volunteers, one long to be remembered. The ladies of Albion and vicinity are cordially invited to participate.

Meeting adjourned, subject to call of Committee of Arrangements.

Thos. Bell, Sec'y      W. Noble, Ch'm.

**THE 27th REGIMENT.**—The 27th, Col. Slocum's old regiment, arrived at Elmira on Tuesday. It numbers nearly 500 men. Two of the best Generals in the Volunteer army—Slocum and Bartlett—graduated from this regiment. Gen. Bartlett is with it.

#### Return of the 27th.

The gallant 27th, having nobly served out her two years, has returned, as we before announced. Never were boys more warmly welcomed. Lieuts. Robertson and Rock are now in town receiving the congratulations and kind wishes of their hosts of friends. They have acquitted themselves like true patriots and soldiers, as they are, and are worthy of all the flattering testimonials that we are pleased to know are being bestowed on them.



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#### Reception of Co. K, 27th Regiment.

Co. K, 27th Reg., arrived here on furlough from Elmira on Tuesday evening and met a hearty welcome. The Brass Band, Fire Company No. 2, and a vast concourse of citizens assembled at the depot long before the train was due, and on its arrival escorted the boys to the Court House yard, where they were formally welcomed in patriotic speeches by Hon S. E. Church and Rev. Dr. Seager on behalf of the citizens. After the reception ceremonies were over, they partook of some refreshments served by the young ladies of Phipps Union Seminary, and then marched to the Harrington House, where supper was provided, of which nearly all partook. They then dispersed for their several homes.

The Company now numbers about fifty-five, we believe, of as hardy and tough looking soldiers as we ever saw. Their bronzed complexion tells plainly of the service they have seen and the exposure had in the camp and in the field. The Company is now in command of Lieut. Gaskill, of this village, who has shown himself a brave and efficient officer. The boys will return to Elmira to be mustered out of the service the early part of next week.

The following handsome notice of the 27th from the Elmira Daily Republican of Tuesday morning:

The gallant 27th marched through our streets yesterday afternoon, escorting Brig.-Gen. Bartlett. Their marching was literally splendid—the very best we ever saw. This is indeed a magnificent regiment, worthy of all the honors it has so nobly won. Its torn and tattered flag was borne aloft on the march, and called forth the enthusiastic admiration of the people. God bless the 27th.

After escorting Gen. Bartlett around town it drew up in column in front of the Brainerd House, and listened to some farewell remarks from their old commander, who was introduced to them in a few brief words by Col. Adams, saying that Major-General Slocum spoke to them his farewell on the banks of the Potomac some days since, and now Gen. Bartlett had left his command to come to Elmira to take his sad parting and bid them good-bye. Gen. Bartlett then stepping forward and addressing them as soldiers of the 27th, said, he was glad to see the fullness of their ranks, after the dangers, wounds and deaths through which they had passed, for their diminished numbers never came by desertion or shirking of duty. Their record had ever been an honorable one, and they too had also honored their commanders, making him what he was and advancing another to a still higher position, (alluding to Gen. Slocum.) Probably no regiment in the service had won a more desirable fame, and he hoped that after an interval of rest, to see, at least within sixty days, three-fourths of their number back again upon their old camp grounds commanded by the same officers; in that case, instead of their coming out to escort him, he would surely meet them in person ready to return the honor they did him on the present occasion. General Bartlett then withdrew, and the Regiment forming in order to march, proceeded to their barracks.

**RETURN OF LIEUTENANT GASKILL'S COMPANY TO ALBION.**—Company K, 27th Regiment, in command of Lieutenant George S. Gaskill, arrived at Albion at 6:30 P. M. on Tuesday evening, and were welcomed by a concourse of over 1000 people. They were greeted with a band of music, and much enthusiasm. Eloquent and patriotic speeches were made by the Hon. Sanford E. Church and Rev. Schuyler Seager.—The reception was a creditable affair to the citizens of Albion, and highly gratifying to the brave boys of the 27th, who have, by their bravery and heroism, done honor to the country which sent them forth two years since, to do battle for the Government and the National

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#### Tribute to Company E, 27th Regiment.

The bare announcement that the "Old Bloody 18th" were homeward bound filled all hearts with joy. To them was extended a welcome which must in a measure, have been a recompense for the deprivations and sufferings they had endured. Thousands crowded the streets. Mothers were there with tear-dimmed eyes, rejoicing that other hearts were refolding their treasure, yet sorrowing as they thought of their own loved ones, still doing battle for our rights and our liberties. Sisters and wives hoping, yet scarcely daring to hope, that this was but a true prelude to their own brave. Flags proudly waved, bells merrily rang out their sweet toned welcomes. But the bells gave forth no sweet sound over the carnage and waste of many a battle field. No stars and stripes wafted a welcome to the brave little band who came to us with the same, yea and with added laurels, that greeted the old 18th. Wearily home they came, after two years of hard toil; but no eloquent voice was raised in their behalf, and the boards so lately groaning beneath their weight of luxuries, were bare. The thousands were all at home, and only the faithful few who mistake not partiality for patriotism, were there to bid these brave boys welcome. Shall it not be a lasting stigma on the name and honor of our goodly city, that we have done so little in behalf of this gallant company of braves, who went forth to protect our home circles, and keep the dark and bloody scenes which were so often re-enacted on Virginia soil from our midst? And nobly have they done it. Faithfully have they toiled, yearning for the loved at home, but turning not aside. Some have fallen, gloriously dying 'neath the star-lit folds of freedom. Not ignominiously have they perished, although we seemingly ignore the fact, but the blood of young Stillson, Hosmer and others, has not

been vainly spilled. The memory of the departed shall not perish, although no monument of grandeur marks where they rest, and their epitaphs remain yet unwritten. No, no! we will inscribe them on our hearts' holy of holies, believing that we shall at last behold them marshalled on the tented fields of glory, their life works appreciated by One who seeth not as man seeth.

From Company H, 27th Regiment

WHITE OAK CHURCH, Va.  
CAMP OF THE 27th N. Y. S. Vols.,  
May 19th, 1863.

FRIEND HARDING—Our Corps Commander, Gen. Sedgwick, tells us that we shall be ordered to report at Elmira; the order will be dated the 14th inst., and we shall start on that day or as soon after as transportation can be had. We shall be detained at Elmira for a few days, then each Company will return to their homes. Company H will return with some forty men. Aside from all this we are now under marching orders, and in the next twenty-four hours we may be engaged with the enemy. The life-time of our enlistment does not expire until the 21st inst. My men are in good spirits, expecting soon to meet their friends at home, which will be a happy day for us all. Respectfully yours,  
S. M. SEELEY,  
Capt. Co. H, 27th Regt.

Reception of Company "H."

About all that is left of this gallant Company, (less than forty men,) who left our village some two years since, over eighty strong, are, as we go to press, meeting with a grand reception by our citizens. We shall publish next week an extended report of this fine demonstration, with a list of the officers and men who have returned. The following programme is being carried out:

Welcome Reception of the returned soldiers of Company H, 27th Regiment, at Mt. Morris, Wednesday, May 20th, 1863, at 9 o'clock A. M.

COMMITTEE OF RECEPTION.

N. Seymour, H. Roggles, H. P. Mills, A. Wigg, C. L. Bingham, H. Skillis, H. Bump, Geo. S. Whitney.

SPEAKERS.—Hon. C. H. Carroll R. P. Wisner, Esq. and others.

MARSHAL OF THE DAY—Col. William A. Mills.

ASSISTANT.—J. A. Brodhead.

CHAPLAIN.—Rev. A. A. Russell.

Band, Fire Department and Citizens assemble at 9 o'clock A. M.

C. B. ADAMS, *President of the Day.*

Company H returns under command of Capt. S. M. Seeley; E. C. Camp, Lieutenant. Lt. Col. Jas. H. Bodine, who entered the service two years ago a first lieutenant, returned with this company.

SOLDIERS RETURNING TO ELMIRA.—

Yesterday morning about fifty members of Company K, 27th Regiment, in charge of Lieuts. Gaskill and Hodgeman, came down from Albion on their way to Elmira to be mustered out and paid off. From this city they were accompanied by Capt. Gould's company, of the same regiment, leaving on the 11 o'clock train via the Valley Railroad.



#### The Return of the 27th Regiment.

Yesterday morning four Companies of the 27th Regiment, left Elmira for their homes in Western New York. These Companies are commanded by Capt. Gould, of this city, Capt. Seeley, of Mt. Morris, Lieut. Rock, of Lima, and Capt. White, of Lyons; Lieut. Gaskill's Company left for Albion on the day previous. Capt. White's Company went to Lyon's, via the Elmira and Cascadagua Railroad, while the other three companies came to Avon, via the New York & Erie Railway. At Avon there was a crowd of several hundred people. Here, Capt. Seeley's company, accompanied by Lieut. Col. Bodine, left for Mt. Morris. We understand that a very large concourse of people collected upon their arrival at that place, and they were received with appropriate ceremonies. Capt. Gould's company upon its arrival here at 10 o'clock was greeted by a crowd of nearly 1,000 people, many of whom were friends and relatives of the soldiers.

The different companies of the 27th have to visit Elmira some day next week to be paid off and mustered out. Capt. Gould speaks in the highest terms of his company and of the whole regiment. He says that truer or braver men never faced a foe. He thinks the 27th, which returns 600 strong, is one of the finest regiments in the army. They bravely stood their ground amid a shower of iron hail, and were the rallying point at Bull Run. They served with credit through the peninsula campaign, and have done their whole duty in whatever position they have been placed. They were under Sedgwick at the taking of Fredericksburg, and by their bravery and coolness added new laurels to their well earned reputation. Capt. Gould states that his company never disobeyed an order but once, and that was during this fight. When he ordered his company to fall back to prevent being outflanked by the rebels, they positively refused to do so until they could fire a few more rounds at the foe, and would not fall back until their ammunition was exhausted. At one time while being used as skirmishers, Capt. Gould's company was exposed to a cross fire of artillery and sharpshooters. He was ordered to hold the position. To do so with safety Capt. Gould ordered his men to lie flat on the ground, and place their knapsacks in front of their heads as a breastwork. Many of these were torn and pierced by bullets from the rebel sharpshooters. It was here that young Hosmer was shot and instantly killed. Capt. G. maintained his position and brought his men off with comparatively little loss.

Capt. Gould deserves more than a passing notice for his connection with the gallant deeds of the 27th. He was formerly a law student in the office of Husbands & Farrar, and is a graduate of the Rochester University. He entered the service in Capt. Winzer's company as 2d Lieutenant, and has won his way by hard fighting and actual merit to a captaincy. He is modest, brave, unassuming, and of great personal merit, beloved by his men and respected by his superior officers. When other officers deserted their companies at the first battle of Bull Run, he rallied his men, and by his example inspired them with courage. His record is a proud one, and he returns to his home respected and esteemed by his fellow citizens, who are not slow to appreciate valor and heroism. The 27th has furnished one Major and one Brigadier-General since it took the field, and its history is an honorable one in every respect.

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**MR. WALTON A. GARDNER.**—The following mark of respect to the memory of a well-known typo, who was killed at the late Fredericksburg battle, has been handed us for publication:

At a regular meeting of the Rochester Typographical Union No. 15, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Another of our members has been taken from us while nobly battling for our beloved country and its free institutions; therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Walton A. Gardner this Union has suffered the loss of one whose fidelity and upright deportment had secured for him the esteem and confidence in which he was held.

Resolved, That while we bow in submission to the decree which has removed our former associate from among us, we are consoled by the thought that his death was made glorious by the sacred cause for which he willingly risked his life.

Resolved, That we recognize in Mr. Gardner many traits of character deserving of notice, and that in several ways his example may be profitably followed.

Resolved, That the knowledge of our own loss enables us to more fully comprehend the affliction which his decease entails upon the widow and orphan left to mourn his untimely death, and that although we cannot assuage their grief we may at least assure them of our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the city papers, and a copy of them forwarded to the family of deceased.

## Home and County Matters.

CLYDE, Wayne Co., May 30, 1863.

### The First Volunteers.

Co. B of the 27th Regiment N. Y. S. Volunteers was the first body of men which enlisted for the war. They have nobly done their duty, and have now been mustered out of service, after receiving an ovation at Lyons, at which place they were enlisted.

As anything which contributes to the honor of any one place in the County is honorable to the whole county, we gladly give place to the following Roll of honor of this company; for which we are indebted to the courtesy of the Lyons Republican.

Alexander D. Adams, promoted from Captain to Lt. Colonel Sept. 1, 1861, and to Colonel Oct. 14, 1862.  
Henry E. White, promoted from 1st Lieutenant to Captain, Sept. 1st 1862. Severely wounded at Gaines Mills June 27th, 1862.  
William H. Swan, promoted from 3d Lt. to 1st Lt. Sept. 1st, 1862, and to Capt. Co. II., July 24 1863. Resigned March 17, 1863.  
William C. Belden, promoted from 2d Sergt. to 1st Lt., July 24, 1863. Resigned Jan. 4, 1863. Lost left arm at Crampton's Pass, Sept. 14, 1862.  
Crosby Hopkins, promoted from 2d Sergt. to 2d Lt. Aug. 20, 1862, and to 1st Lt. Jan. 4th, 1863.  
Charles L. Gaul, promoted from Sergt. Major to 2d Lt. Sept. 1st, 1861. Died of disease, Aug. 26th, 1862.  
Charles Sherman, promoted from 1st Sergt. to 2d Lt. Jan. 4, 1863.  
George M. Belden, private to Sept. 1st 1861, Corpl. to Dec. 1st, 1861, a Sergt. to date.  
William Shutnick, private to Sept. 1st 1861, Corpl. to Sept. 1st 1861, a Sergt. to date.  
John C. Hooper, private to Dec. 1st 1861, Corpl. to Sept. 1st 1862, a Sergt. to date. Wounded May 3, 1863.

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James C. Bourne, private to Ser't. 1st, 1861, returned to the ranks, then a Sergt. since Jan. 4, 1863.  
 William Kooler, Corp'l. to Jan. 4, 1863. 3rd Sergt. to date.  
 John D. McVicar, Corporal from enrollment. Wounded in the hand June 27th, 1862.  
 Almeron Crannell, private from enrollment to Aug. 1, 1862, corporal to date.  
 John Fomire, private from enrollment to Aug. 1, 1862, corporal to this date.  
 James Ellison, private from enrollment, to Sept. 1st 1862, corporal to this date.  
 Joseph C. Sampson, private from enrollment to Sept. 1st 1862, corporal to this date.  
 Franklin Hecox, private from enrollment to Sept. 1st, 1862, corporal to this date.  
 George Hooker, private from enrollment to Sept. 1st, 1862, corporal to this date.  
 William H. McIntyre, private from enrollment to Jan. 4, 1863, corporal to this date.  
 Allen, Willard T. Priv.  
 Althen, Charles Priv.  
 Braden, Joseph A. Priv.  
 Brutt, William Priv.  
 Brown, Henry W. Priv. Severely wounded at battle of Fredericksburg, May 31, 1862.  
 Dulyca, Francis Priv.

[All the above entered the service May 28, 1861. The date following the names below indicates the time of enlistment.]

Buell, Dexter Priv. July 5, 1861.  
 Cassidy, Andrew Priv. May 2, 1861. Wounded June 27, 1862.  
 Cozney, Godfred Priv. July 5, 1861.  
 Diebrow, Robert H. Priv. May 2, 1861. Missing since the night of May 4th, 1862.  
 Durken, Robert M. Priv. May 2, 1861.  
 Durken, James Priv. Nov. 23, 1861.  
 Durkhal, Roderick Priv. May 2, 1861.  
 Durkhal, Myron H. Priv. " " " " " "  
 Dunn, Gibson Priv. " " " " " " Wounded and taken prisoner June 27, 1862.  
 Eames, John C. Priv. May 2, 1861.  
 Ebert, Michael Priv. Nov. 28, 1861.  
 Foster, George Priv. " " " " " "  
 Hill, Sylvester C. Priv. May 2, 1861. Wounded at Crumpton's Pass, Sept. 14, 1862.  
 Hillard, Thomas Priv. May 2, 1861.  
 Jasco, Charles K. Priv. July 5, 1861.  
 Knoblock, John Priv. May 2, 1861. Wounded at Gaines Mills, June 27, 1862.  
 Klump, George Priv. Nov. 27, 1861 " " " "  
 Mills, June 27, 1862.  
 Leiner, George Priv. May 2, 1861.  
 Lawrence, Raymond D. Priv. May 2, 1861.  
 Murphy, Cornelius Priv. " " " " " "  
 Murphy, Patrick Priv. July 5, 1861.  
 McChesney, Edwin Priv. Nov. 23, 1861.  
 McChesney, James Priv. July 5, 1861. Severely wounded at Gaines Mills, June 27, 1862.  
 Ouel, Charles Priv. May 2, 1861.  
 Puffer, Charles A. Priv. July 5, 1861.  
 Putnam, Richard B. Priv. May 2, 1861.  
 Rooking, William Priv. " " " " " "  
 Rooser, Henry Priv. " " " " " "  
 Smith, William Priv. " " " " " " Severely wounded at Gaines Mills, June 27, 1862.  
 Smith, John T. Priv. July 5, 1861.  
 Smitel, John H. Priv. Nov. 23, '61.  
 Snowaker, James W. private, May 2, 1861, wounded at battle of Gaines Mills, severely, June 27, '62.  
 Tindle, Geo. W. private, May 2, '61.  
 Tindle, Thos. H. " " " " " "  
 Thomas, William " " Nov. 23, '61 wounded at battle of Gaines Mills, June 27, 1862.  
 Walzath, George, priv. May 2, '61, missing since night of May 4, '62.  
 Westfall, David, priv. " " " " " "  
 Williams, George Priv. May 2, 1861.  
 Westfall, Martin V. Priv. Nov. 23, 1861.  
 Whitney, Myron H. Priv. " " " " " "  
 Zimmerman, Augustus Priv. " " " " " "

TRANSFERRED.

1st Serjt. Robert E. Holmes, Mar 2, 1861, 2d Sergeant from enlistment to Dec. 4, 1861, 1st Serjt. to Aug. 3, '62 then promoted to 2d Lt. in the 103rd N. Y. V., killed at the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862.  
 Priv. Charles C. Little, May 2, 1861, promoted to Serjt. Major of the Regt, Aug. 20, 1862.

DEAD.

Charles Dunn, Priv. May 2, '61, died of disease Dec. 2, 1862.  
 Joseph Mills, Priv. " " " " " " "  
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 George Morrey, Priv. Nov. 27, '61 " " " " April 30, 1862.  
 Joseph Sawyer, Corp. May 2, '61 Killed in battle June 27, 1862.  
 William McElwain Priv. July 5, '61. Died of wound received in battle at Gaines Mills, July 2, 1862.  
 Louis C. Strickland, Priv. May 2 '61. Died of wound received in battle at Gaines Mills, July 2, 1862.  
 Rowland B. Andrews Priv. May 2 '61. Died of wound received in battle at Gaines Mills, July 2, 1862.  
 Chester Belink Priv. July 5, '61, Died of disease in Richmond, July 21, 1862.  
 Edward Allen Priv. May 2, '61. Died of wounds received in battle at Gaines Mills, July 27, 1862.  
 Charles L. Gaul, 2d Lt. May 24 '61. Died of disease, Aug. 20, 1862.  
 Frederick Lopez, Priv. Nov. 27, 1861 " " " "  
 Oct 13 1862  
 Edward Hinnigan, Priv. Nov. 20 '61 " " " "  
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DISCHARGED.

- Priv Edward P Foster, May 2, '61. Discharged for disability August 19, 1861
- " Thomas S Batts May 2, '61 do do Aug 11, '61
- " Eben L Hill, " do do do
- " Isaac C Layton " do do Aug 28, '61
- " John H Covert July 5, '61. A minor, Aug 26, '62
- " Jonathan G Wiley May 2, '61. Discharged for disability Oct 1, 1862.
- " William Swelling " do do Dec 17, '61
- " Anthony Leonard " do do Apr 5, '62
- " David Foster, July 5, '61. do do Apr 14, '62
- " William Voburn, May 2 '61 do do " 29, '62
- " Theodore Klump, July 5 '61 do do June 18, '62
- " Sarah Williams, " " do do July 12, '62
- " Abram M VanAmburg May 2 '61 do do Aug 5, '62
- " James Vaughan, May 2, '61 do do Sept 15, '62
- Wounded in battle June 27, 1862 do Oct 25, '62
- " Jacob Rhodenbeck, May 2 '61 do do
- Wounded in battle June 27, 1862 do Nov 21, '62
- " Edwin Leach, May 21 '61 do do
- " Otto Miller, May 2, '61 do do Dec 29, '62
- " Royal J. Bullock Nov 23 '62 do do " '62
- " George H Smith July 5, '61 do do Jan 7, '63
- " Thomas King Nov 25 '61 do do Dec 31, '63
- Wounded in battle June 27 1862 do
- " John E Cary May 2 '61 do do Feb 18, '63

DROPPED FROM ROLLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEN'L ORDERS, Oct. 1862

- Priv. Louis Adams, May 2, 1861
- " Samuel Thorn, " " "
- " Abram Lake, Nov 25, 1861
- " Jacob Metzker, " " " Wounded and missing since June 27, 1862, supposed to have been killed.
- " Spencer C Weaver, May 2, 1861

DESERTERS.

- Priv. John Fingloten, May 2, '61. Deserted Aug. 30, '62.
- " Geo. C. Graves Nov 23, '61. " " "
- " Henry Potter, " 29, " " " 27, "
- " Lafayette Sherman, May 2 '61 " Dec. 12, "
- " Andrew Phillips, July 5, '61 " July 26, '61.
- " Channoy Blynn, " " " " Aug. 13, "
- " David Richardson, " " " " " "
- " Adolph Martens, May 2, " " July 22, "
- " Samuel Fossett, July 5, " " " "

1st Sergt. M. W. Goodrich, promoted to Adjutant Dec. 1st 1861; dismissed the service for cowardice, Aug. 30, 1862.

Recapitulation.

Killed and died of wounds rec'd in battle,	5
Died of disease,	3
Discharged for disability,	20
Transferred, promoted and resigned,	6
Dropped from the rolls, as per Gen. Orders,	5
Deserted,	10
Missing (Dibrow and Walrath, since returned),	2
Total loss,	58
Officers present,	3
Enlisted men present,	58
	61

Aggregate members of Co. E from organization, 117  
**General Engagements Co. E, has been in.**  
 Bull Run, July 21, 1861  
 West Point, May 7, 1862  
 Gaines' Hill, June 27, 1862  
 Crampton's Pass, Sept 14, 1862  
 Fredericksburg, May 3 and 4, 1863  
 And under fire of the enemy at Goklen's farm, June 28, 1863  
 Charles City Cross Roads, June 29, 1863  
 Antietam, Sept 17, 1862  
 Fredericksburg, Dec 11, 1862

To the Editor of the Utica Morning Herald:

**WAR MEETING AT ELIPS.**—A large war meeting was held at the church in Elips, on Friday evening, Nov. 1st. Hon. Giles W. Lane, of Cleveland, was called to the chair, and in some remarks introduced the speakers of the evening. The speakers were Rev. Mr. Sawyer, who has spent some time in the South, Capt. Steele, late Principal of the Mexico Academy, now Captain of Company K, second Oswego Regiment, and Lieut. Hale, brother of the Captain who was a participant in the battle of Stone Bridge, in the 27th Regiment, (Col. Slocum,) at which he received a dangerous bayonet wound in the abdomen, from which he has not fully recovered yet. Rev. Mr. Sawyer gave an interesting account of his sights and what he heard in the South, and closed with an urgent appeal to fill up the second Oswego Regiment, Col. Rose.

Capt. Steele gave an account of the present state of the Oswego Regiment. It now has about 700 men. Company K, of which he is Captain, has about fifty—enlistments now coming in at the rate of seventy a week. Capt. Steele has been a popular teacher in Mexico for three years. As a speaker he is above the ordinary of his military fellows; as a soldier he has his reputation yet to make. The prayers and good wishes of many of the young people of Oswego county will go with him.

We were favored yesterday with a visit from our old friend Capt. A. M. Tyler. The Captain left Binghamton two years ago a private in the 27th Regiment, whose prospect of enduring the trials and hardships of camp life were very slim, but by perseverance, exertion, and strict adherence to the path of duty, he has won distinction and an enviable position on Maj. Gen. Brooks's staff.

#### LOCAL ITEMS.

##### To the Ladies of Mount Morris.

Some two years since Company H, of 27th regiment N. Y. S. V., previous to its departure for the seat of war was presented by the Ladies of Mt. Morris, with a beautiful banner—our country's flag—with their best wishes and hopes for our prosperity and success in the cause in which we had engaged. That flag was received, and every man at the time made the silent vow that it should never be dishonored. Under its folds we have attempted to do our whole duty to sustain the Government, the Constitution and the Law. How well we have succeeded, how far we have realized the high hopes and anticipations of the fair donors, we know not; but the history of the many battles we have passed through answer. Our Company, diminished in numbers, now return this banner to you, with the hope that the flag which it represents, will shortly wave over a free and a united country.

S. M. SEELEY, Captain.

E. C. CAMP, 1st Lieut.

H. R. CLARK, 2d Lieut.

**MAJ.-GEN. SLOCUM.**—Among the many Generals who have figured conspicuously in this war, but few have shown the modesty and true soldier-like ability of H. W. Slocum, Major-General of the 12th Army Corps. The records of the army show him on all occasions prompt, efficient—always at his post discharging the duties assigned him to the satisfaction of his superior in command. We see that soon after the army had retreated to Flomouth he displayed the elements of the true soldier in words of cheer to his men. He assembled his officers around him, and in the kindest terms thanked them from his heart for their valor and determined courage and regretting that his voice would not enable him to be heard by all the troops, requested them to convey his expressions of pride and satisfaction to the rank and file. He alluded to the hastily written correspondence published from the army, in which it often happens that a corps does not receive its full meed of praise for its actions, and in which one body is sometimes complimented for heroic deeds which were entirely performed by another, telling them that time would develop the whole truth regarding their participation in the recent actions. After his remarks, which were quite lengthy, deafening cheers were given with a hearty will for both him and General Williams.

**NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS.**—Brigadier General Slocum, of Syracuse, is fast recovering from his wounds. He has not yet been relieved from command of his regiment, (27th N. Y.) and although unable to go about without crutches, has taken charge of his men, with whom he is extremely popular.

The term of service of Capt. Martin's old Co., 27th Regiment, will expire in a few days, and they will return home. The people of that village should give them a fitting reception, and we doubt not they will.

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**CORPORAL W. H. MERRELL ALIVE.**—The many friends and acquaintances of Corporal MERRELL, in this city, will be glad to learn, from the following letter to his wife in Rochester, that he is not dead, as was reported, but alive, though severely wounded, and treated well in the hospital at Richmond. The letter is dated:

RICHMOND, July 30, 1861.

I fear you are in trouble on my account, not having heard from me since I left Fairfax. \* \* God has been good to me in sparing my life. \* \* I received a wound from a musket ball in the left breast, just above the heart, the ball lodging in my left side. It was a very narrow escape from instant death, but our Heavenly Father willed it otherwise. I was taken prisoner with hundreds of others, and brought to Richmond, where my wound was dressed, and where I have received nothing but kindness, the best of care and good treatment. God bless the doctors, and Sisters of Mercy, and all the kind hearted people of Virginia. I could not have been treated better among my own friends than I have been here. I am recovering rapidly and will be about in a week or two. I expect we will be exchanged in due time.

It is very hard to get word to friends at the North, but I will write as often as I can find a way to send a letter to you. I am in the military hospital here. There are some hundreds of others, some very badly wounded, and who can not live.

I must close, as I need rest. My heart is light, because I know that God doeth all things well, and that he will care for us. I commend you and my dear child to Him, knowing that you are safe in His kind hands. Be of good cheer!

W. H. MERRELL.

—The *Syracuse Journal* learns that Lieutenant Colonel Joseph J. Chambers, of the 27th Regiment, (Col. Slocum) will not be retained. It is said that he is incompetent, a coward, and has no qualifications for the position. It is alleged that instead of receiving four wounds, as reported, he was not at all injured, as is perhaps apparent from his readiness to take the command so soon.

**ANOTHER UTICA COLONEL.**—J. J. BARTLETT, formerly of Utica, and a brother of Rev. WM. ALVIN BARTLETT, of Brooklyn, was in the battle of Bull's Run as Major of the New York 27th—Col. Slocum's regiment. Col. Slocum was wounded in the engagement, Lieut. Colonel JOE CHAMBERS deserted, resigned, or otherwise absented himself, and Major BARTLETT has been in command of the Regiment ever since the battle. He has now been made Colonel—his competency having been thoroughly tested. Colonel Slocum has been made Brigadier General, and has his former regiment in his Brigade. The 27th were among the severest sufferers at Bull's Run, and proved their courage to the satisfaction of their Brigade and Division commanders, both of whom gave them the most honorable mention in their reports.

**PAYMASTER'S OFFICE.**  
Paymaster-Col. VAN BUREN paid off yesterday the following regiments:



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LETTER FROM CAPT. ROGERS.—Capt. Rogers, of Sauquoit, of Co. D, Col. Slocum's Regiment, writes to his parents a letter, from which we make the following extracts:

CAMP ANDERSON, WASHINGTON, }  
July 26, 1861.

I am here again, safe and sound, after passing through the most terrific battle ever fought on American soil. You have doubtless seen by the papers that I was slightly wounded; I am now recovered and feeling well. I was struck in the left shoulder by a glancing grape-shot, which brought me to the ground without much ceremony. It only proved a bad bruise, and I led my men on to another charge, though the boys said the Captain is shot, and it is currently reported here that I was killed. Our member of Congress was much surprised to see me back alive. Our Regiment (Col. Slocum's 27th) was the first to charge the enemy's battery, and suffered terribly. My second lieutenant, Asa Park, was killed instantly by my side, a ball passing through his heart. He only said, looking at the wound, "What a large hole!" and expired. You can form no idea from newspapers or history of a battle—the shot, shell, grape, canister and balls fell thick and fast about us, and the only wonder is that any of us ever escaped.

To give a little idea of the comforts of war, I will tell my experience for three days. The second day after we left here we found ourselves bivouacked near Centerville. We were called up at twelve o'clock Saturday night, and ordered to march with nothing but dry crackers (sea biscuit) and some meat in our haversacks. We did not halt until we arrived at the battle field at Bull's Run, about eleven A. M. Sunday. We were then ordered on at double-quick, and were soon under fire. We repulsed the rebels and drove them behind their batteries, and after an hour's hard fighting were obliged to retire to the woods. Mind you, we had had no breakfast. After waiting a very short time we went in again, and kept it up till 4½ o'clock P. M., when our whole army began the retreat, and marched thence back to Washington, without food or rest, and nothing but muddy water. We arrived here at ten o'clock A. M. Monday, in one of the most drenching storms I was ever exposed to. Was not that some duty for green boys? I got the breakfast which I should have had the day before. Since then I have been resting and caring for the wounded.

DEATH OF A SON OF COL. HOSMER.—Our correspondent "Marker" yesterday gave us intelligence of the death of Charles A. Hosmer, of the 27th New York Volunteers, son of Col. Hosmer, the poet. The young man was killed in the late battle near Fredericksburg. The sad tidings carry sorrow not only to the parents of deceased but to many citizens of Avon who knew him.

**Co. B., in the Late Battle.**

The 27th Regiment was engaged in the recent battle of Fredericksburg. We have no particulars except that the men behaved bravely, and that Sergeant John C. Hooper, of Huron was wounded, and that Henry W. Brown of Lyons had his hip fractured.

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**A UTICAN AMONG THE KILLED!**—W. HOWARD MERRELL, son of the late BILDAD MERRELL, (and nephew of B. S. MERRELL, in whose book-bisderg he was for a time employed,) was one of those who fell at Bull's Run. He had of late years resided at Rochester, and was a Corporal in a company from that city (Co. E) in Col. Slocum's regiment. He fell doing battle nobly, and was left dying on the field. He probably died there, though it is barely possible he may have survived and fallen a prisoner into the hands of the Rebels.

Of his character while a resident of Rochester, and of the motive which carried him into the battle field, the Rochester Express says:

We believe there were few fitter to die than he, and that none have been actuated by a purer devotion to the holy cause in which he was engaged. It is scarcely three weeks since we pressed his hand at parting, and his beaming countenance and confident hope seemed to augur anything but misfortune. We knew that he would fight with bravery, and we looked for his promotion and his ultimate return in safety. In view of this prospect he said but little. "Duty duty," said he; "I go because I am sent to discharge a duty." The first duty in which he engaged was the organization of a prayer meeting in the company, and these meetings, at first thinly attended, were conducted with regularity, and when the writer visited Elmira he found himself one evening, unexpectedly, introduced to a small room in which were congregated almost the entire company, a majority of whom were upon their knees, listening to the sweet and touching voice of Howard Merrell, invoking the Divine mercy and blessing upon those assembled. This was the first duty which he went to perform, and assisted by several who shared his religious convictions, these meetings were continued, and not only the company, but the regiment, enjoyed their privileges. That they exerted a decided and salutary influence, there are many evidences and that to the fidelity of Mr. Merrell may be attributed in no small degree their success, is equally beyond question.

Mr. Merrell leaves a wife and one child in Rochester.

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**A Volunteer Tells His Story.**

A volunteer in Colonel Slocum's Regiment, which was in the thickest of the fight at Bull's Run, in a letter to a friend—Mr. N. S. PLATT, of this city—thus relates his experience in the battle and during the retreat. The letter is communicated to us for publication, and contains several passages of much interest:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Friday, July 29.

DEAR FRIEND PLATT: I think the papers have greatly misrepresented the battle, though the facts are coming out. I'll tell you a little of our experience, (the 27th Regiment, of Hunter's Brigade, and McDowell's Division.) We left Washington one week ago last Tuesday at 3 p. m., having had but one hour's notice, with several other regiments, for Virginia, with scaled orders. It was a fine moonlight evening. We marched till 11 p. m.; halted and lay down for the night within eight miles of Fairfax Court House, slept well, and in the morning marched into Fairfax Court House, expecting a battle there, but the rebels—about 5,000 in number—had fled to Manassas about one hour in advance of us. Fairfax was a deserted, rickety, old

town, but our 15,000 filled it to overflow. We enjoyed twenty-four hours there exceedingly well. The property that was left behind was appropriated by the soldiers, excepting that of Union men—which was carefully guarded; as an instance, bullocks, calves, turkeys, geese, chickens in great numbers—and in two regiments no less than seventy-five pigs—were killed, brought into camp, and roasted before our camp fires. Seven miles southwest from Fairfax our division halted two days and a half. At two o'clock Sunday morning we marched silently, except the rattle of heavy artillery, towards Manassas Junction; when within two miles of Bull's Run, we turned to the right, taking a narrow track about six miles through thick woods, coming out on the opposite side of Bull's Run. The sun was now shining hot upon us, as we marched rapidly forward over a dusty road towards the enemy's trenches. We here expected to meet Gen. Tyler's and Gen. Patterson's Divisions from the east and west, to surround and take the enemy's stronghold. We saw nothing of these two divisions, though Gen. Tyler was said to be there. We have since been told that on the great plan of General Scott, the battle was not to be fought till the next day. General Scott was not there, but the fool-hardy McDowell, no doubt confident of success or eager for glory, after a tiresome march rushed his men on double quick time, nearly one mile, one regiment at a time, before the rebels' batteries—like a target. The men went at it bravely as they entered the field. They threw off their blankets, haversacks (with two days' rations) and all that cumbered them, without stopping, and cheered lustily, but when they made their stand, all were too exhausted to fight long, but the men rallied, some regiments four or five times, silenced two batteries and drove the rebels to the woods. But the masked batteries were too thick, and did terrible work in our ranks. At eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the battle was raging hottest, and continued terribly for over four hours. Our cavalry made few charges—a good opportunity did not present itself. The artillery became short of ammunition, and a large number of the men cut off, and in the confusion several pieces were lost. But it became evident the odds were too great, (the rebels having at least 50,000 or twice that number,) and our men too exhausted. At last, after fighting bravely, and having seen too much, panic-stricken and confused, the men retreated, bringing their colors with them. Though sickened at the sight, and in great confusion, men gathered around their wounded and brought away what they could; there were but eight or ten ambulances to be seen; nearly all the wounded who could not help themselves, and all the dead were left behind. Most of the wounded had been brought away to an old church about half a mile from the field; most of their wounds were dressed during the fight, but the poor fellows were left, and the last who came from the field, among whom was Surgeon Barnes, of our regiment, say that the wretches, as they followed our retreat, came cursing and yelling, and killed our wounded with their bayonets, giving no heed to their cries to spare them. One of the Zouaves told me that when in the field he stopped and gave one of their wounded drink from his canteen. The contrast speaks for itself.

The sights that field presented I can't describe—though too plain before my eyes. I hope I may be spared from ever seeing the like again,—dead men, horses, and munitions of war scattered over a great field, under a hot sun, surrounded by smoke and dust. We met with another great mistake of Gen. McD.—no troops were reserved to cover a retreat, and no doubt many were cut off by the rebel cavalry, who had followed behind our exhausted troops. The retreat was made in a rapid walk, and it was a wonderful but pitiful sight to see 10,000 men



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covered with dust and blackened with powder, filling up the road, all pressing forward as fast as possible, weary and hungry, with forty miles before them, to be marched before they could lie down for the night with safety. All seemed to think that nothing was secure but Washington. On we came—the strongest reaching Fort Corcoran by 9 o'clock Monday forenoon, having marched sixty miles and fought five hours, within thirty hours. At noon, our regiment had mostly come up, and sore-footed and weak, we marched to Camp Anderson, Franklin Square, Washington, D. C., in a drenching rain, where we still remain recruiting. On that march I thought of Mr. Seward's kind advice, *i. e.*, "Trust in God, and keep our shoes easy."

Our Colonel, (Henry Bloem,) was wounded at Bull's Run; he is here now and recovering; we may not see service again in several weeks. Gen. McDowell is superseded. Gen. McClellan commands. McD. is to be court martialed; our boys call him a traitor.

Truly yours, c. c. E.

#### Give them a Reception.

The term of enlistment of the 27th and 8th Reg'ts of volunteers from this State, will expire within a few days. Many of the brave and gallant men belonging to these regiments are our neighbors and friends.— They went forth two years ago, at their country's call, and at war's first alarm, to vindicate their country's honor and to uphold her flag. They have borne themselves nobly on many a hard fought field, and have sealed their devotion to country with the best blood of their race. Not a few of those who went forth fresh with health and strong in the vigor of manhood, now sleep in honored graves beneath ground hallowed by heroic deeds and glorious memories.— Their achievements are a part of the history of their country—a record that will go down to immortality. All honor to the dead—and thrice welcome to the living!

It has been suggested that a public reception should be prepared and a spontaneous welcome offered the returned soldiers.— This we think both fitting and deserved, and would suggest that a public meeting of our citizens be called at an early day, for the purpose of appointing a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the reception and welcome of the scarred heroes who have so nobly performed their duty. Let some of our prominent citizens move in the matter without delay.

P. S. Since the above was put in type we have been authorized to say that a meeting for the purpose suggested, will be held at the Court House on Saturday evening next. Let there be a full attendance of citizens of the village and country.

#### From the 27th.

A private letter from Lieut. Gaskill written on Tuesday after the re-crossing of Sedgwick's corps says that "Co. K is all safe and sound" although they were the last to cross the river and came near all being captured on the night previous, the rebels pursuing them closely and yelling like demons. The 27th lost about thirty men in the storming of the heights of Fredericksburg.

## Local and Miscellaneous.

### Meeting of the Reception Committee.

At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Village Board to arrange for the reception of the returning members of Co. B., 27th Regiment N. Y. V., held on Saturday evening, May 9, Gen. Wm. H. Adams, Chairman of said Committee, presiding, Wm. T. Tinsley was chosen Secretary of said meeting.

On motion, a committee of two persons was appointed to proceed to Elmira at the time of the arrival of the Regiment at that place, to inform Co. B., of the reception awaiting them at Lyons. The Chairman appointed as such committee Wm. T. Tinsley and Wm. Van Camp.

A Business Committee was appointed to provide for the entertainment of the Company on their arrival: Messrs. Beldon, Went and Layton.

A Committee on Transportation, to arrange with teamsters for the conveyance of the Company from Geneva to Lyons: Messrs. Sherman and McElwain.

A Committee on Invitations was selected: Messrs. Adams, Gavitt and Richmond.

On motion *Resolved*, That Rev. C. H. Platt, late Chaplain of the the 28th Regiment be invited to deliver the Reception Address.

On motion *Resolved*, That H. G. Dickerson be invited to act as Marshal—and that D. L. Norton and Wm. B. Rudd be invited to act as Assistants.

On motion adjourned to Monday evening, May 11, at 7 o'clock.

Wm. H. ADAMS, Chairman.

W. T. TINSLEY, Secretary.

### Adjourned Meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the Committee, held on Monday evening, May 11, Gen. W. H. Adams in the Chair, the following proceedings were had:

Gen. Adams, from the Committee on Invitations, reported that owing to other engagements, Rev. Mr. Platt was unable to accept the invitation of the Committee to deliver the address of welcome on the occasion of company B.'s return.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Rev. Mr. Montgomery be requested to deliver said address.

A communication was received from the Young American Zouave Company, of Lyons, requesting that their company form a part of the procession on the occasion of the return of Co. B.; whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the Committee avail themselves of the offer of the Zouave Company, and invite said company to join the procession.

The Committee were informed that the Marshal and Assistant Marshals appointed by the Committee had consented to serve as such.

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The Business Committee reported that they had engaged the Fair Building, in which to have the tables set; and they recommended that an agreement be made with Messrs. G. W. Williams and L. Breithecker to furnish and serve the collation; whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the Business Committee be empowered to adopt such action in the matter as they may think proper.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Invitations be requested to invite as participants in the reception of Co. B., all former members of said Co. who have been honorably discharged; also all other officers and soldiers residing within the town, on furlough or honorably discharged, also the wives and mothers of officers and men in said Co. B.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Mr. McElwain have charge of the cannon-firing.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Adams, Van Camp and Tinsley, be appointed to make up and have printed a programme, or order of exercises.

On motion, adjourned to Saturday evening, May 16th.

W. H. ADAMS, Ch'n.

W. T. TINSLEY, Sec'y.

**A DESERVED PROMOTION.**—In our telegraphic report yesterday afternoon was an announcement that the President had given to Col. JOSEPH J. BARTLETT a Brigadier General's Commission "for meritorious services in the field." The promotion is deserved. Gen. BARTLETT was a resident of Utica several years ago, while engaged in the study of law. He was previously connected with a daily newspaper in St. Louis, and, after he came to Utica, was an occasional contributor to the columns of the DAILY OBSERVER. He went to the war as Lieut. Colonel of Col. Slocum's Twenty Seventh Regiment. A year ago, Slocum was made a Brigadier, and BARTLETT Colonel of the Regiment. During the Maryland campaign, BARTLETT has been acting General of a Brigade in Gen. Slocum's Division. Gen. BARTLETT's many friends in Oneida county have watched his course with satisfaction, and are pleased with the news of his advancement.

**DEATH OF CHARLES A. HOSMER.**—The fall of young Hosmer at the recent battle in Virginia, has already been announced. Capt. Gould addressed a letter to the mother of deceased, announcing to her in befitting terms the sad event, of which the following is a copy. Col. Hosmer has sent us some lines giving expression to a father's feelings on hearing of the death of a darling boy, given as a sacrifice to his country's cause, which will be found elsewhere. In these touching events that we are daily called upon to record, the horrors of war are brought home with a painful reality:

CAMP OF 27TH N. Y., NEAR  
FALMOUTH, Va., May 5, 1863.

Mrs. W. H. O. Hosmer:

Dear Madam: It becomes my painful duty to



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inform you of the death of your son, Charles A. Hoerner, of my company. He was shot by a rebel sharpshooter on the 8d Inst., and died instantly. This sad casualty has thrown the deepest gloom over the company. Charles was a favorite with the whole company, and was dearly beloved throughout the regiment. We all feel that we have lost a dear brother. As a soldier Charles was ever most prompt, and in times of danger he seemed to know no fear. Well and nobly has he battled for his country, and it is a noble offering to the country when such as he are sacrificed upon her altar.

No words of mine can lessen the sorrow which this sad bereavement will cause you. I can but direct you to God, who is the only true consoler, etc.

E. P. GOULD,  
Captain Co. E 27th Regiment N. Y. V.

### The Twenty-Seventh.

Our former correspondents in the Twenty-Seventh Regiment are chary of their favors. Not one of them has written us concerning the part the Regiment took in the recent battle. We learn, however, from other sources, that the Twenty-Seventh was not found lacking in courage or determination; that it was in the thickest of the fight (under Sedgwick;) and that although it received no special mention at the hands of the puffers for the New York papers, no Regiment can show a cleaner record than the Twenty-Seventh.

The casualties in this Regiment were comparatively few. In Company B, there were four men wounded: Sergeant John C. Hooper, (slight,) Henry W. Brown, B. Disbrow, (slight,) and G. Walrath, (slight.) Brown's injuries are said by a correspondent of the Rochester Union to be slight; but other reports say that his injury is a fracture of the hip, caused by a musket-ball, and that his leg has been amputated. One or two others are reported missing, but as they may yet be heard from we refrain from giving their names at present.

## The Lyons Republican

### Reception of Company B.

We publish to-day the proceedings at two meetings of the Reception Committee appointed by the Village Board. We can assure our readers that the Committee will spare no pains to render the occasion an interesting one. Its success will, however, depend in a very great measure upon a general participation therein by our citizens, who, we trust, will join in a united and hearty observance of one of the days which will be most memorable in the history of Lyons. Let our welcome of those war-worn veterans, the pride of our village and of our county, be commensurate with their bravery, their endurance, and their services.

It is probable that Company B will be sent from Elmira to Lyons by railroad, via Rochester, but possible that they will come from Elmira to Watkins by railroad, thence down the Lake to Geneva, and from Geneva to Lyons in wagons.

**List of Wounded.**

Surgeon Sheldon forwards us a list of wounded men from this county, who are at hospitals in Washington, viz:

COMPANY B, 27TH REG'T.—Sergt. John C. Hooper; severe flesh wound in neck. Henry W. Brown; comminuted fracture of the thigh; recovery doubtful.  
 COMPANY I, 17TH REG'T.—Alfred Bailey; slight flesh wound in leg. Geo. Bullock; ball through great toe.  
 COMPANY B, 52D REG'T.—Sergt. S. McCall; ball entered mouth and came out of side of neck. Corp. E. E. Lewis; slight shell wound in leg. Corp. J. Clemons; slight wound in leg. Corp. Wash. Everett; flesh wound in leg. Corp. Benj. Mephram; struck by cannon ball—sprain of back, being hit on knapsack. John Jarvis; ditto of arm; Chas. Truax; ditto of thigh. Thos. Hubbard; ditto of leg.

Surgeon Sheldon says that most of these men will be able to go home at the expiration of their term of service.

**Reception of Company B, Twenty-Seventh Regiment.****Meeting of the Reception Committee.**

At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Village Board to arrange for the reception of the returning members of Co. B, 27th Regiment N. Y. V., held on Saturday evening, May 9, Gen. Wm. H. Adams, Chairman of said Committee, presiding, Wm. T. Tinsley was chosen Secretary of said meeting.

On motion, a committee of two persons was appointed to proceed to Elmira at the time of the arrival of the Regiment at that place, to inform Co. B., of the reception awaiting them at Lyons. The Chairman appointed as such committee Wm. T. Tinsley and Wm. Van Camp.

A Business Committee was appointed to provide for the entertainment of the Company on their arrival: Messrs. Beldon, Hunt and Layton.

A Committee on Transportation, to arrange with teamsters for the conveyance of the Company from Geneva to Lyons: Messrs. Sherman and McElwain.

A Committee on Invitations was selected: Messrs. Adams, Gavitt and Richmond.

On motion *Resolved*, That Rev. C. H. Platt, late Chaplain of the the 28th Regiment be invited to deliver the Reception Address.

On motion *Resolved*, That H. G. Dickerson be invited to act as Marshal—and that D. L. Norton and Wm. B. Rudd be invited to act as Assistants.

On motion adjourned to Monday evening, May 11, at 7 o'clock.

WM. H. ADAMS, Chairman.

W. T. TINSLEY, Secretary.

**Adjourned Meeting.**

An adjourned meeting of the Committee, held on Monday evening, May 11, Gen. W. H. Adams in the Chair, the following proceedings were had:

Gen. Adams, from the Committee on Invitations, reported that owing to other engagements, Rev. Mr. Platt was unable to accept the invitation of the Committee to deliver the address of welcome on the occasion of company B's return.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Rev. Mr. Montgomery be requested to deliver said address.

A communication was received from the Young American Zouave Company, of Lyons, requesting that their company form a part of the procession on the occasion of the return of Co. B.; whereupon it was *Resolved*

offer of the Zouave Company, and invite said company to join the procession.

The Committee were informed that the Marshal and Assistant Marshals appointed by the Committee had consented to serve as such.

The Business Committee reported that they had engaged the Fair Building, in which to have the tables set; and they recommended that an agreement be made with Messrs. G. W. Williams and L. Breithecker to furnish and serve the collation; whereupon it was Resolved, That the Business Committee be empowered to adopt such action in the matter as they may think proper.

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee on Invitations be requested to invite as participants in the reception of Co. B, all former members of said Co. who have been honorably discharged; also all other officers and soldiers residing within the town, on turlough or honorably discharged, also the wives and mothers of officers and men in said Co. B.

On motion, Resolved, That Mr. McElwain have charge of the cannon-firing.

On motion, Resolved, That a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Adams, Van Camp and Tinsley, be appointed to make up and have printed a programme, or order of exercises.

On motion, adjourned to Saturday evening, May 16th. W. H. ADAMS, Ch'n.

W. T. TINSLEY, Sec'y.

**Special Meeting.**

A special meeting of the Committee was held on Monday evening, May 18th; Gen. W. H. Adams in the Chair. The following Resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the Committee invite as participants in the Reception of Company B, in addition to the persons and organizations previously designated, Eagle Fire Company of Lyons, Rescue Fire Company of Lyons, Hook and Ladder Company of Lyons, the several Hose Companies of Lyons, the Clergy of Lyons, the members of the Village Board of Lyons, the fathers of members of Company B, the Lyons Union Cornet Band and a Band of Martial Music.

Resolved, That the Business Committee be requested to furnish with Refreshment Tickets the persons invited to participate in the Reception of Company B, by this Committee, and also the Marshal and his Assistants, the persons serving as Gunners on the occasion, and persons volunteering to furnish transportation for said Company from Geneva to Lyons.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Committee be directed to request the Clerk of the Village to call a special meeting of the Village Board, at nine o'clock to-morrow morning, at the Engine House, and that this Committee and the Marshal meet said Board at that time. On motion, adjourned.

W. H. ADAMS, Chairman.  
W. T. TINSLEY, Sec'y.

[The Committee met with the Village Board yesterday morning. A resolution was passed by the Board, to make the Village chargeable with the expense of the Reception, said Resolution in effect endorsing the action of the Reception Committee at its several meetings. The Programme of the Reception is in the hands of the Printer, and will probably be issued to-day or to-morrow. Formal invitations to the persons and organizations who are requested to take part in the Reception will be issued in a few days.



Organization and History of Co. H, 27th  
Regiment, N. Y. S. V.

This company of volunteers was organized May 21, 1861, at Mount Morris, consisting of seventy-five members. During its term of service its roll increased to one hundred and two men. The following have been its officers from its organization to its discharge, which occurred at Elmira, N. Y., May 31st, 1863:—

✓ Cha's E. Martin, Captain, resigned and honorably discharged Feb. 10, 1862.

✓ Joseph H. Bodine, 1st Lieutenant, promoted to Captain Feb. 10, 1862; to Major July 24, 1862; to Lt. Colonel Oct. 4, 1862.

✓ Oscar H. Phillips, 2d Lieutenant, resigned and honorably discharged Aug. 14, 1861.

✓ Edward Williams, 2d Lieutenant, promoted from 1st Sergeant, Aug. 14, 1862; wounded June 27, 1862; resigned on account of wound Nov'r 28, 1862.

✓ S. M. Seely, 1st Lieut., transferred from "Sturgis Rifles," May 26, 1862; promoted to Captain March 9, 1863.

✓ Wm. H. Swan, 1st Lt., Co. B., promoted to Captain July 24, 1862; resigned March 9th, 1863.

✓ Edward C. Camp, 2d Lieutenant, promoted from 1st Sergeant Nov. 28, 1862, to 1st Lt. March 9, 1863.

✓ Harvey R. Clarke, 2d Lt., promoted from 1st Sergeant, March 9, 1863.

✓ William M. Nimbs, 1st Lt. Co. D., promoted from 1st Sergeant, Oct. 11, 1862.

July 5th, 1861, at Elmira, this company was equipped and sworn into the U. States service for two years, leaving on the 10th for Washington, encamping on 'Franklin Square.' Only a few days elapsed and they crossed the Long Bridge, and were engaged in the first Bull Run battle, July 21, 1861. Here they distinguished themselves, and with their Reg. gained high honors for their bravery, winning laurels for their gallant commander, Colonel Slocum, and receiving high commendations for their courage from Gen. Wadsworth.—

The casualties of this battle were:—

Florence Sullivan, killed; Corporal Wm. Biggs, Privates James Donahoe, Charles H. Hunt, Joseph R. Johnson, Wm. Welch, W. Aplin, Harlan P. Boyd, and Wm. Garrett, wounded and taken prisoners.

They landed at West Point, Va., on the evening of May 6, 1862; that night they drove the enemy's skirmishers back into the woods, capturing a number of prisoners; on the 7th, supported batteries—no casualties.

The battle of Gaines' Mills, June 27, 1862, was the most terrific and disastrous this Co. experienced during their service. Their indomitable courage and heroic daring was nobly displayed in this engagement, going into the fight with forty men and coming out with only thirteen—twenty-seven killed, wounded and missing. They were under fire all day—crossed the Chickahominy at three o'clock P. M., went into action about five o'clock P. M. on the extreme right of Porter's command; drove the enemy from his position by a bayo-

net charge and captured a large number of prisoners. They held their position until after dark, when, after expending all their ammunition, the regiment was ordered to retire. The casualties in this regiment were about 200 and in this company the following:—

\* Killed—Wm. H. Chilson and Henry Lockwood. Wounded—Lieut. Edward Williams, Sergeants Edward C. Camp and E. R. Parker; privates George E. Cady, James Driskome, Willis Griffith, James H. Jones, Rob't McNeilly, Theodore Magee, Wm. B. Robertson, Lafayette C. Willis, W. H. Fasier, C. B. Wheelock, James I. Scribner, R. Hammond, Alex. Bowden, Squire Staples, Albert S. Tanner. Prisoners—Charles A. Martin, W. M. Ashton, Francis Flynn, Adam Miller, S. Roy, Thomas McNeilly, John Skelly.

June 30, '62, at Charles City Cross Roads, they skirmished and supported batteries.— Was in action at Malvern Hill July 1, 1862; was sent early in the action to the right of the army to prevent a flank movement of the enemy. During the entire seven days' fight before Richmond they were under fire every day.

At the second Bull Run battle, Aug. 30, 1862, they were thrown to the front to stop the advance of the enemy and to cover the retreat of Gen. Pope's army—only one man wounded.

Sept'r 14, '62, opened the fight of South Mountain, (Crampton's Gap,) as skirmishers. This movement was exceedingly dangerous, and so well executed as to elicit from Gen'l Franklin the warmest commendations for their bravery. It was exceedingly effective, but proved a serious loss to the company, killing Orderly Sergeant John Beggs, one of the bravest of the brave; wounding Lt. S. M. Seely, H. R. Clarke, John Krahten, J. M. Magee, B. H. Tallman, Anthony Dunlavy.

Engaged at Antietam Sept'r 17, 1862, supporting batteries under a heavy fire of artillery all day, but no casualties.

In Dec'r, 1862, first Fredericksburg battle, were in the first regiment that crossed the Rappahannock, in the left grand division, driving the enemy's skirmishers back from the river—under heavy fire for several days while across.

Second Fredericksburg battle, May 3d and 4th, 1863, engaged in the capturing of Marie's Heights, they were thrown to the front as skirmishers, covering the retreat of the 6th (Sedgwick's) Corps, and skirmishing until they reached the fortifications at Banks' Ford.— Although under a galling fire all day, only one man, A. S. Tanner, wounded.

The following members of the Co. have died of wounds—Joseph R. Johnson, C. H. Hunt, James Driskome.

Disease—Wm. Garrett, Wm. Aplin, W. Griffith, Rob't Shannon, Jeremiah Coughlan, Ira Hayes.

Discharged—John J. Kellogg, E. R. Parker, G. W. Bingham, G. W. Burney, Jr., A. V. Oothrell, John Dunn, D. A. Edsall, Geo. Heiker, John M. Nichols, W. H. Fasier, Ja's

I. Scribner, B. Hammond, Alex. Gowden, Squire Staples, Jesse D. White, Simon Roy, Samuel Wightman.

Absented and never reported themselves—Joseph W. Hanna, W. H. Abrams, Zimri Bush, Jerome Drew, Wm. Fitch, J. R. Havens, Philander Magee, O. Odell, C. Palmer, John Pendergrast, M. J. Reynolds, Lyman G. Reynolds, E. D. Rodgers, J. W. Jones, M. Lockwood, Richard Burk.

No regiment has a more glorious record than the 27th. Their courage and bravery

was fully established at Bull Run, and continued through fifteen of the most perilous engagements of the war. All honor to the war worn veterans, their gallant deeds will go down to posterity as imperishable as they were daring and brilliant, and to the latest hour will it be the pride of Co. H. to say, "We were members of the gallant and never faltering 27th of New York."

#### DEPARTURE OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

August 10, 1861.  
The Twenty-seventh Regiment, Co. H. W. Stephens, and the Twenty-seventh Regiment, Co. H. W. Stephens, for Wash. D.C.

Capt. S. M. Seeley of Co. H., has been spending a few days in our village. His exposure at Fredericksburg, has left him much debilitated. After being mustered out of service at Elmira, he returns again to Chicago. His many friends here hope soon to learn of his restored health.

The officers of Co. H., have returned to the Ladies the flag presented to them previous to their leaving for the seat of war. The flag was accompanied by a note handsomely acknowledging the kindness of the Ladies to the Company.

**THE HOLMES MONUMENT.**—The Lyons Republican says the monument recently erected in the Lyons Cemetery by the members of (late) Company B, 27th Regiment, N. Y. S. V., is an appropriate testimonial of respect for the lamented comrade, Robert E. Holmes, who fell on the bloody field of Antietam on the 17th day of September, 1862. The monument was gotten up at the Marble Works of E. B. Wells, of Clyde, and its style, finish, and workmanship, reflects great credit upon his establishment. The monument is nine feet in height. It has an American flag neatly chiseled above the inscription. The inscription is as follows:

ROBERT E. HOLMES,

Volunteered in defence of his country with Co. B, 27th Regiment, N. Y. S. V., April 27, 1861. Promoted to Second Lieutenant in the 108th Regiment, N. Y. S. V., August 5th, 1862. Fell at Antietam, Md., September 17th, 1862, aged 29 years.

*A Patriot, Hero, and Friend.*

This monument is erected by the members of Company B, his first companions in arms, as a slight testimonial of their love for him as a soldier and a friend.

## ARMY SKETCHES. THE 27TH NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEERS.

BY AN OFFICER OF THE REGIMENT.

NO. 5.

The 8th of July, 1861, noted the departure of the 27th N. Y., for the seat of war. A large assemblage of friends and relatives congregated at the Depot to receive the dreaded adieu,—with some the final farewell. Fond hopes were expressed that the cherished son might pass through the fiery ordeal unscathed; fond mothers shed bitter tears at the sacrifice; parental hands firmly grasped the offering now laid upon the altar of Liberty. The gentle words of advice, welling up from a heart full of affection, the anxious features of the gray-haired and middle-aged, the melancholy look of the young maiden who bids her loved one a tearful good-bye,—all this, with many other outward signs of sympathy, made up a picture the most beautifully touching of Life's panorama.

Pass along the rank and file of this heroic Regiment. Decision marks every countenance, and although the tender chords of the heart vibrate at the friendly touch, yet feelings are suppressed, and sorrow forced to hide itself in the deep recesses of the soul. They were going forth upon a high and noble mission; to rescue the Ship of State from the surging waves of political corruption. Long had that glorious insignia of a highly gifted people floated without a dissenting star, its stripes made sacred by the hallowed deeds of a noble ancestry. With unflinching nerve they went forth to battle for its honor, and for the preservation of those sacred, inviolable rights, guaranteed by the Constitution,—the grandest document that ever emanated from the brain of man. This was the motive that impelled them to action. The prompter was not the rights or wrongs of Slavery. The object was not to burst the manacles that held an ignorant race in bondage. Their services were tendered the Government, not to please the fancy of radicals, but to defend and preserve the interests of a Republic in peril; a Republic gasping for existence, convulsed by the throes of a huge and horrid rebellion. Cast into oblivion the enmity that works so terribly upon the heart-strings of the Nation; stand by the Constitution and the Union; recognize no party that would administer to a single section; let not a star be blotted out of the National firmament, but preserve, inviolate, the beauty attached to that glorious galaxy.—Sectionalism will destroy the best-formed Government. Let the South be made to understand that no division is necessary; that subjugation, for the sake of power, is not the the object desired; then will the tide of reconciliation set in, in spite of the despotic rule of Jefferson Davis:



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"Plant blessings and blessings will bloom;  
Plant hate, and hate will grow;  
You can sow to-day, to-morrow shall bring,  
The blossoms that prove what sort of thing,  
Is the seed—the seed that you grow."

Amidst loud hurrahs, waving of handkerchiefs by fair hands, and stirring roll of drums, the train moved off. All along the route hearty "God-speeds" cheered the men. The generous ladies of Williamsport, (thanks for their kindness,) prepared a banquet for the benefit of the Regiment, which was heartily partook of upon the arrival of the train at that place. This act of hospitality has never been forgotten; bestowed, as it was, at a time, when the inner man called for nourishment.

Arrived at Baltimore all were busy reaching conclusions. Whether an attack similar to that made on the 6th Massachusetts would occur? In what order the march through the city would be conducted? and an hundred other questions of a like nature. Nothing occurred, however, of a serious character. Rampant secessionists sneered, wondering "of what use these mud-sills would be to Abolition Lincoln?" The fair beauties of "Dixie" smiled their contempt, and with a shrug of their finely-chiselled forms, would exclaim, "What samples of Northern aristocracy! born in a brothel, to be let loose upon undefiled society!" Old inebriated women, whose noses were tinged with the blossom of "Santa Cruz," were not backward in exhibiting their hatred to the "offscourings," as they called us. Small urchins, with tattered garments and besmeared faces assisted in the attack. These were the first-discovered enemies, more dangerous than the open foe. The men were astonished at such a state of society, the majority of them having been brought up far away from the evil influences of a city life. They had read the "Mysteries and Miseries of New York," by their own quiet firesides; now they were witnessing the reality in the streets of Baltimore.

## ARMY SKETCHES.

### THE 27TH NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEERS.

BY AN OFFICER OF THE REGIMENT.

NO. 6.

Upon arrival at Washington, the Regiment was conducted to Franklin Square, (a short distance from the White House,) where quarters were taken in Barracks formerly occupied by the 12th U. S. Regulars. Encamped in the heart of the city, all thoughts of Rebels vanished. The novelties of the metropolis created a complete diversion of mind for the time being, and none were willing to let slip the opportunity of becoming perfectly familiar with all the peculiarities that surrounded them. The products of ingenuity, deposited

in the Patent Office, were rigidly inspected; the natural wonders of the Smithsonian Institute were special objects of admiration; the artistic and sculptural work adorning the interior of the Capitol feasted the eye unaccustomed to the beautiful and sublime; the agreeable shade of the ornamental vines, clustering shrubs and green bushes of the Capitol Yard were far preferable to the stale, unhealthy barracks; here, shielded from a scorching sun, they would refresh themselves and note the varieties of character that make up the population of this great political centre. Before them, upon the slated walks, joined arm in arm, passes the statesman and the speculator; with slow, measured tread, they pace the public alleys of this favorite resort, maturing plans best calculated to subserve the public interest, provided they are not called upon to deviate from the alluring path that leads to a fat wallet and an honorable name; they would sacrifice everything, (except personal interest,) for this poor, war-stricken land. Next follows the elegantly dressed and refined lady of some representative of power and influence, laden with Parisian airs; the profuse and extravagant amount of jewelry that adorns her person is but a slight draft upon the prodigious salary—all procured by a simple thrust of the fingers into Uncle Samuel's crib; only a small item in the great national column of figures, the sum total of which is to be met and balanced by the industrious, hard working taxpayers of the land. In the trail of this artificial combination, follows the Octoroon, whose uncommon beauty almost induces one to step over the charmed circle of her life; fine, waving hair, the tender turning of soft, lustrous eyes, the expressive mouth, etc., etc., cannot be passed unnoticed and unadmired. Richly attired, bearing all the marks of refinement, she would easily compete with the most fascinating of Northern coquettes,—that class of feminines properly denominated *heart-breakers*, because of the magical influence they are capable of exerting upon weak and vacillating nature. Now comes the ragged boot black, singing "Union shine, for half a dime;" always happy and saucy, work or no work. And thus they pass on, hour after hour, black and white, rich and poor,—all admitted to this little Paradise on earth. To the soldiers, this was so new and strange, that they were almost tempted to doubt its propriety. But we will leave them to drink in a world of wonders. This liberty will not always be allowed them, for they are in a net, the meshes of which will continue to tighten around them in proportion as they become inured to the service, and are called upon to perform important military duties. We would not convey the idea that bare-faced tyranny predominates in the army, but there is a strict adherence to the rules and regulations framed for its government. This is necessary, for without discipline the



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best collected material would be a burden upon the Government,—a mutinous, plundering band of desperadoes, removed from the restraints and influences of social life.

As soon as practicable, Col. SLOCUM and Major BARTLETT sought an interview with the War Department, for the purpose of being immediately assigned to active service in the field; urgently requesting a position in the column that was soon to advance upon the Rebels at Bull Run, for the reason that one or two general engagements would probably suppress the rebellion, and they were anxious that the Regiment should not return home without some distinguished mark of honor. Their request was granted, and preparations were made to be in readiness to take the advance.

On the 17th day of July, 1861, the 27th took up the line of march. As they passed beyond the limits of the District of Columbia, and placed their feet upon the soil of Virginia, cheers followed cheers that made the welkin ring. They were given as an indication of purpose, for they had no fallen foe to exult over. They were now in the enemy's chosen land of battle, where, for the first time, they beheld the frowning dogs of war mounted upon the parapets of fortifications—fortifications that could not withstand the attack of a skilful, single line of skirmishers, accompanied by an effective, disciplined battery and an ordinary infantry reserve, unless garrisoned by a superior force. At the Virginia end of the Long Bridge was a barricade of earth, supported by timbers, so constructed as to admit of the working of a few pieces of artillery. To the left was a small-proportioned fort capable, perhaps, of 25 pieces. These, with a few inferior outer works, constituted the main defences of Washington, not of sufficient strength to withstand a formidable siege of 12 hours.

At this point the place in line assigned the Regiment was taken. The march continued throughout the day uninterrupted, and a night encamped near the village of Anandale situate half-way between Alexandria and Fairfax Court House. This was the first night of sleep in the open air, without shelter from the heavy dew, which falls like rain in this region.

In such haste had this force been collected, that the Government was unable to supply the demand for tents, and blankets were the only protection from chill and storm. Temporary houses of brush was an unsuccessful experiment, proving of little avail against chilling winds and incessant rains.

Pickets were thrown out in front, and upon each flank, to avoid surprise, and the main body retired, firmly believing that ere day-break they would be aroused by the musketry of the sentinels. The inexperienced soldier hears everything, sees everything—knows nothing. Such was the case in this march. By some it was conjectured that if they

ventured beyond the camp and their capture by the enemy would be a certainty. Each bush was a rebel spy, batteries moving in position was the heavy tramp of advancing cavalry, and the bugle-notes of halt! were the signals for united attack. This timidity soon vanishes, however, and leaves the man a better, and by far a happier soldier.

Day-break of the 18th found the column in motion. The march was kept up, with the exception of occasional rests, until near noon, when a halt was ordered for the purpose of closely reconnoitring the enemy's entrenched position at Fairfax Court House, and affording the men an opportunity to prepare a portion of the coarse rations issued

prior to leaving Washington. Just at this time occurred one of the uncertainties incident to the service. The men were seated in groups, partaking of their "hard tack" and *desserts*, when the sudden boom of cannon announced an attack in front. With palpitating hearts they forsook the dinner and seized the musket, prepared to receive the enemy. "Move up the column!" was the peremptory order, and it was executed in lively style. The weak-nerved paled with excitement, the strong and unthinking chuckled in anticipation of a battle, all believed the decisive hour nigh at hand. A forced march of one hour brought us to Fairfax Court House, to find it evacuated by the enemy, and the Stars and Stripes floating upon the entrenched heights. The rebels were taken by surprise, and believing that every road and by-path between Washington and Fairfax, swarmed with *les* Yankees, eager for blood and plunder, had retreated in double quick time, leaving behind their loose articles of camp equipage.—At this early stage of the rebellion, before they were flushed by victories, the appearance of Federal troops caused a strange bewilderment throughout their rank and file. The troops passed to the interior of the fortifications amidst deafening roll of drums, and national airs discoursed by patriotic bands, who drank in the spirit of their music.

## THE 27TH NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEERS.

BY AN OFFICER OF THE REGIMENT.

NO. 9.

The smoke and dust of battle hung in dense clouds over the lost field of Bull Run, thereby partially concealing from the enemy our confused retreat. Regiments had lost their numbers, Generals were without Brigades or Divisions, Line Officers were looking for some familiar face to offer consolation, and privates were pressing to the rear, regardless of orders, all of them independent Federal heroes, A. No. 1. This was the constituted rabble that had lost its feeble organization in a spasmodic effort to grasp the

horns of the altar of Rebelliousness, to seize the "fated" Capitol, and from the gubernatorial chair of Secession, prolong the hurried strain of "On to Richmond," substituting some extreme southern point to lend a bewitching charm to the melody of the ditty so ingeniously wrought out by men professing great skill and masterly political strategy,—strategy that could encompass the Confederacy at a single stroke; deep, far-seeing and impetuous strategy, that could quickly crush the life out of the feeble body, and leave it a friendless corpse, with no kind, sympathizing hand to deposit it in a respectful grave. This disgraceful defeat of our arms was the direct result of impatience and over-eagerness to meet a well-disciplined foe, whose formation dated far back of the Federal organization; the syren song emanating from restless politicians, enchanted the controlling heads, and a shameful attack and retreat was the effect that followed the inconsistent policy of these pompous croakers, who were positive that an immediate attack would prove the overthrow of a determined and persevering enemy.

Upon reaching the hill, near the woods through which the right wing had passed in the advance, the disorganized were halted by guards stationed by order of some general officer. Here an incident occurred of a novel character. Capt. Lewis, Co. C., 27th N. Y., by great effort collected some 30 of his men, and prepared for a march to Centreville, notifying his men that such was his intention. Ordering a "right face," the "forward march" commenced, but was of short duration. He was halted at the entrance-way to the woods, but with characteristic determination informed the guard that he should pass through. The guard remonstrated, stated that the orders were imperative, and must be obeyed, but all of no avail. As he was about to pass his company over the sentinel's line, an inferior looking man, mounted upon a splendid charger, took a position directly in the way of the persevering Captain, who was never known to falter. The officious person was attired in a loose, blue frock, resembling the article often worn by our northern farmers. Two diminutive eyes insinuatingly glanced through the glasses that decked a favored nose. His whole appearance betokened that of an adventurer,—following the army for the purpose of learning the *modus operandi* of war. He emphatically ordered the Company to halt. The Captain was in a quandary, rather questioning the right of this assuming individual to control his little command. The following is, in substance, the conversation that ensued:

Unknown.—"Captain, you will counter-march your men, and pass outside the line."  
 The Captain.—"By what authority do you know that I shall do it, sir? My men have been engaged all day, and are going to the rear."

Insulted dignity fevered at the reply, and

Unknown, with manifest rage, drew from his holster a revolver, cocked it, and aiming at the undaunted Captain's head, demanded an immediate execution of the order. "I am," he remarked; "Col. Sprague, of Rhode Island, at present commanding at this point; you pass through here only over my corpse, and if you insist upon advancing, you shall receive the contents of this revolver." In such esteem was the Captain regarded, that a dozen guns were ready to retaliate. But the gallant young Colonel was unmoved; decision was written upon every feature. The Captain, regarding discretion the better part of valor, obeyed. Had the rank of this chieftain of "Little Rhody" been known, words would have been unnecessary.

A brief consultation of Generals was held, which resulted in falling back upon Centreville. Whilst passing through the woods, the panic-cry passed down the column, "The Black Horse Cavalry are coming!" The affrighted sought shelter, supposing the "Legion of Terror" were close upon them, bearing aloft the black banner of Death. Some took refuge in dense clusters of bushes; others rushed pell-mell in the direction of the enemy, throwing away guns, knapsacks, and every necessary article of war that impeded rapid locomotion. It was a wild, indescribable tumult, all created by the gallop of a small squad of Federal Cavalry. Quiet was soon restored, and the column moved on.

Reaching the main road, a disastrous spectacle presented itself. Artillerymen were mounting horses disconnected from batteries, and fleeing for dear life; disabled caissons were strewed along the roadside; civilians, who had come out from Washington to witness the annihilation of Secession, were urging their way through the frantic mass; Federal cavalry were pressing their exhausted steeds, regardless of footmen; the rebel batteries were delivering a deadly fire upon the Bull Run Bridge, and an hundred poor soldiers found a watery grave in the stream beneath. Fortunate for this unfortunate army, Gen. Blenker, with his reserve, had formed a line south of Centreville, which was the means of preserving this terror-stricken force from destruction.

Exhausted men, necessarily left behind, were taken prisoners, and compelled to remain for months in the filthy, loathsome rooms of the noted tobacco warehouse, receiving inhuman treatment,—inhuman, because at this early stage of the rebellion, ignorance of warfare led men to believe that persecution was an honored act of benevolence to the Government they were fighting to sustain.

Although our men were followed by an exultant foe, yet no opportunity was lost to carry out a confiscation policy. Articles of value were taken wherever found, despite the rapid advance of the enemy. Sergt. Chrissman, Co. A., 27th N. Y., in passing the resi-



gence of a prominent Union-bater, espied a well-proportioned animal, which he considered a superior article of beef,—a prize worth possessing, and which he levied upon without form or process of law. Obtaining a rope, he instituted a method that guaranteed him an easy passage to Washington, where he disposed of the "beast" for the sum of \$65. He declared it to be the best *Bull* run he had ever had. This is but a single instance deducted from hundreds, where the humble rank and file replenished their emaciated wallets.

The main army reached the defences of Washington, Monday, July 22d, foot-sore, starved, devoid of energy sufficient to seek shelter from the rain; being deprived of

being prosstrated by unusual excitement, it is not surprising that men unaccustomed to severe hardships should become indifferent to their fate; they were in no condition to offer battle or receive an organized enemy, flushed with victory.

Thus ended the first great raid upon the minions of Jefferson Davis. How this battle was conducted has been rehearsed by the public until it is a worn-out tale. Suffice it to say, that the melancholy night of July 21st, found reserve troops just on the eve of departure from Washington and Alexandria, to participate in the engagement, and turn the boisterous tide. Forty two miles distant to render support to an army making one of the most disgraceful retreats that could possibly darken the pages of a Nation's history; disgraceful because of political persistency. To the disheartened men, the old flag had lost none of its original beauty; its sacred folds were still admired, and the majority were not willing to forsake the majestic emblem of our country's greatness, because of mismanagement.

**RECEPTION OF SOLDIERS AT MEDINA.**—On Saturday last, the people of Medina gave their returning soldiers a public reception which was attended by a large concourse of citizens. An eloquent and highly patriotic address was delivered by Judge Davis, of Albion, after which a sumptuous repast was prepared which was partaken of by over one thousand persons. The affair was a creditable one to the people of Medina in every respect.

**WANTED IMMEDIATELY.**—Energetic and reliable persons in Broome and Chenango Counties to raise two companies for the 13th N. Y. Cavalry now nearly full. Great inducements offered. Apply at once to Capt. A. Wells, American Hotel Binghamton.  
C. A. WELLS,  
late Capt. 27th, N. Y. S. V.

#### Funeral of Manly T. Stacey.

On Sunday afternoon last, the funeral of Manly T. Stacey took place at the Methodist Church in this village. The veterans of the 27th, and other soldiers attended the services under command of Capt. B. R. Rogers, of the 160th. There was a large concourse of people present to pay the last tribute of respect to a worthy citizen and a brave soldier.

Young Stacey came to his death, as our citizens are aware, by the discharge of a revolver in the hands of a fellow soldier.

#### The Flag of Company H, 27th N. Y. Volunteers.

The following correspondence will be read with interest:

Mount Morris, N. Y.

To Col. L. L. Doty, Chief of Military Bureau, Albany.

DEAR SIR—It is with feelings of pleasure, commingled with sad emotions, that we refer to your keeping the accompanying flag, around which cluster associations deeply affecting our entire community. On the going forth from our village of the first company of brave volunteers, May 15th, 1861, this emblem of our Nationality—the work of heroic sisters and sacrificing mothers, amid prayers, tears and blessings—was presented to that indomitable Company. The subsequent fearful and glorious record of that noble band on thirteen battle-fields has fully vindicated their patriotism and love for the "dear old flag." After two years of deadly peril, in May last they returned, diminished in numbers, but clinging with unceasing devotion to the glorious "Stars and Stripes." In thus giving up this memorial, which so often has cheered our sons on the battle-field, or wrapped around brave hearts, has of itself been carried to the "soldier's grave," we are deeply assured that you will feelingly appreciate our regard for its safety and preservation. We again assure you, we cherish it as one of our "household gods;" and our prayers will continue to ascend to our common Father, that this faithful emblem of our Nation's glory may soon wave over a united and happy country.

Yours, very respectfully,

Mrs. R. P. WIENER, Mrs. Geo. A. GAMES,  
Mrs. A. E. ADAMS, Mrs. Geo. S. WHITNEY,  
Mrs. A. M. FRANKLIN, Mrs. L. COY,  
Mrs. H. R. MILLER, Mrs. M. AMES,  
Mrs. J. GARLINGHOUSE, Miss DELLA HUNT,  
Miss C. A. VERNAM, Mrs. A. CONKEY,  
Mrs. McNEIL SEYMOUR, Mrs. A. G. MILLER.

BUREAU OF MILITARY STATISTICS,  
Albany, Jan. 16, 1864.

LADIES—I have received the beautiful silk flag of Company H, Twenty-seventh Regiment N. Y. V., referred to in your eloquent letter, and which you generously add to the collections of this Bureau.

The Company, among the earliest to leap to arms, was in the first and second battles of Bull Run, West Point, Mechanicsville, Gaines' Mills, Goldborough Farm, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, South Mountain, Cramp-ton's Gap, Antietam, first and second Fredericksburg, Marie's Heights, Solau Church, and numerous skirmishes. This bright emblem of your faith in the brave hearts who have so honored your confidence, will stir the patriotism of other generations, and, reviving the deeds of this company, it will likewise recall the labors in behalf of the soldiers and their families and other patriotic acts of the ladies of Mount Morris whose services since the war began in common with those of their loyal sisters everywhere, have ennobled even the women of America.

I appreciate your love for this flag. It is a precious memorial, and shall be preserved with faithful care.

I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

L. L. DOTY, Chief of Bureau.

To Mrs. R. P. Wiener, Mrs. A. E. Adams, Mrs. A. M. Franklin, and others.

of the 27th N. Y. V.



**In Memory of Lieut. R. E. Holmes,**  
*Who fell at the Battle of Antietam, and for whom a Monument has recently been erected at Leavenworth by the Members of Co. B, 27th Regiment. The following lines are respectfully dedicated*

BY NELLIE.

Tread lightly near that lonely mound  
 That marks a patriot's grave;  
 Let nature's stillness o'er be found,  
 Where sleeps the noble brave.

There may the flowers of early spring,  
 Their richest fragrance shed;  
 And evening zephyrs sweetly sing  
 Their requiems o'er his dead.

A hero and a patriot true,  
 His name shall ever live  
 Among the bright, immortal few  
 That were not "born to die."

When first the war-trumpet's thrilling sound  
 Was heard through land and sea,  
 He joined the host that rallied round  
 The banner of the free.

He fell upon the battle plain,  
 Mid sword and bayonet's gleam;  
 He was among the early slain,  
 At dark Antietam's stream.

A year of battles since has passed,  
 And still no glimmering light;  
 The star of hope is overcast,  
 And veiled in darkest night.

The ship of state still plows her way,  
 The troubled waves among,  
 And care-worn hearts in anguish pray,  
 "How long, O Lord, how long?"

O! when shall this wild struggle end—  
 When shall the war be o'er,  
 And North and South in Union blend,  
 And sorrow be no more?

And when your faith is fully tried,  
 And we bow to sovereign will;  
 Our great savior, glorified,  
 Shall whisper, "Peace, be still!"

#### The Gallant 27th.

This ever memorable regiment of two years men are to be mustered out of the service at Elmira next Friday. In July, 1861, they left with 1,100 men, receiving from time to time a large number of recruits—to-day their mustering roll will barely count 600 men, all told. No regiment has a more honorable and glorious record. Their undaunted courage and bravery was fully established at the first Bull Run battle—continued through fifteen of the most perilous engagements of the war, to the recent daring assault upon the heights of Fredericksburg. During the seven days before Richmond they fought like tigers; at Gains Hill their loss was very severe, our Co. II coming out of that terrific engagement with about thirty loss in killed, wounded and missing. All honor to the war worn veterans. Their gallant deeds are written in the history of this war, and will go down to posterity as imperishable as they have been brilliant and daring, and to the latest hour will it be their pride to say, we were members of the gallant and never faltering 27th Regiment of New York.

#### RETURN OF COMPANY H.

##### Grand Demonstration.

This gallant Company (about forty strong) arrived in our village last Wednesday morning, in command of Capt. Seeley and Lieut. Camp, attended by its former Captain, Maclin, and Lieut.-Col. Budine. Our citizens had made ample arrangements to receive them, and turned out in large numbers. Messrs. C. L. Bingham and Geo. S. Whitney, of the

reception committee, met them at Avon, and escorted them home. At 9½ o'clock A. M., our fire department, headed by McArthur's Band, under the direction of Marshals Col. W. At Mills and J. A. Brodhead, led the procession to the depot. At 10 o'clock, amid the booming of cannon and enthusiastic cheering, this noble band of soldiers arrived. After being drawn up in line in front of the platform and presented by the Captain to the Committee of Reception, the Chairman, N. Seymour, Esq., addressed them as follows:

SOLDIERS OF THE "GALLANT 27th REGIMENT," AND OUR OWN COMPANY H.—In behalf of the committee appointed to receive you, it is with pleasure, mingled with sad and grateful emotions, that we extend to you a hearty and earnest welcome to your homes.—Just two years since, with hundreds of our citizens, we pressed about you as you were leaving for the seat of war, bidding you "God speed." During your absence you have not been forgotten—by night and by day have we followed you—at early morn, at night-fall, in the social gathering, and in the great congregation has the Almighty been beseeched that he would have you in his protection. Many of your number have fallen—some rest in one our loved cemetery; others, stricken down suddenly upon the battle field, or by lingering disease, have found beneath Virginia's soil a grave, which no kind hands could beautify or plant thereon the Anemone flower, that moistened with the tears of affection will forever bloom. But to each and all who have fallen,

"Let it be written on their funeral stone,  
 They died for God, their country, and right alone."

Your thinned ranks fully demonstrate that your heroic daring, your indomitable patriotism, and your bold and fearless courage was nobly displayed upon the battle-fields of Bull Run, Williamsburg, Hanover Court House, in the seven days before Richmond, at Antietam and Fredericksburg.

Soldiers, who have periled all for our common country, who have endured hunger and thirst, cold and heat, who belonged to the gallant 27th—which regiment has participated in more battles than any other from the Empire State—you return to us to-day covered with glory. Then thrice welcome to your quiet homes. May your future years be as prosperous and happy as your past have been glorious and honorable.

As you go about our streets, you will find that death has not been quite here. The venerable citizen, the soldier of 1812, who, with so much feeling, presided over the past assemblage that gathered around you on leaving; he, too, has "fought his last battle," and his spirit has passed the bars.

You are now about to be marched to the place where you were addressed before you left for the field of battle; you will not long be detained, as we assure you that we are eager to press you by the hand, and thus but feebly express how, from our hearts, we bid you all a cordial and joyous welcome to your homes.

\*Col. John Verran.

The following are the names of the men who returned.

SHERMAN M. SEMERY, Capt.	
EDWARD C. CAMP, 1st Lieut.	
HARVEY S. CLARK, 2nd Lieut.	
John Koutson, 1st Sergt.,	Daniel D. Strain, 2d Corp.
David Summy, 2d "	Adam Miller, 4th "
Dwight Graham, 3d "	Albert Young, 5th "
Benj. H. Tallman, 4th "	Chas. L. Siefert, 6th "
Henry Phillips, 5th "	Geo. F. Stout, 7th "
James Roberts, 1st Corp.	James D. Horton, 8th "
Wm. Biggs, 2d "	

#### PRIVATES.

Selner E. Armstrong,	Robert McNeilly,
Willis M. Ashton,	Dennis McCarty,
George W. Cady,	T. L. McCarty,
Michael Clancy,	Henry McArthur,
Anthony Dunbar,	Timothy Gregg,
Francis H. Hinn,	Arkansas M. Rathbun,
James H. Jones,	Thomas Bran,
Walter Kemp,	John H. Kulepaugh,
Samuel Lebbok,	John Skully,
Charles A. Martin,	Joseph A. Sheppard,
Franklin W. Morgan,	Albert S. Tanner,
Maxvin J. Mages,	Richard Talbert,
Michael McCormick,	Charles B. Wheelock,
John Miller,	Wm. Welch,
Thomas McNeilly,	Lafayette C. Wiley,
Henry Williams,	

After the address friends rushed forward to greet the returned soldiers. This scene was extremely affecting. While the Band most appropriately discoursed "Home, Sweet Home" and "Welcome Home," a few minutes were allowed for heartfelt greetings.

Co. H. led by the Band and followed by the Fire Department and the immense crowd, started for the rostrum on Main St., over which was suspended the American Flag, bearing the appropriate inscription in large letters, "Welcome Home." On reaching the stand the soldiers were drawn up in front, the Fire Department on either side. C. B. Adams, President of the day, then addressed them as follows:—

**Yellow Citizens:**—A few months since, (and it seems to me but as yesterday, so rapidly has time passed,) you assembled here to witness the departure from our village of a Company of Volunteers, recruited in obedience to a call from the Executive of our nation, to do battle in defense of the government under which we live, and the Constitutional rights which we enjoy, and which are our boast and birth-right; then, and still assailed by armed rebellion. That was a day of thrilling interest to the citizens of Mt. Morris.

Fathers and Mothers then surrendered their sons.— Wives, with bursting hearts, bid adieu to fond and devoted husbands, and that heroic band went forth with true fictions, to take their places in the Army of the Union, and meet the stern and dreadful realities of war.

Two years have rolled away, years of anxious solicitude on your part, and of patriotic endurance on theirs, and you assemble again to welcome the return of so many of that Company as now stand before you—wound to God we could welcome them all! But we cannot. They come to us diminished in numbers. War and disease have done their work in their ranks—but the survivors stand before you to-day, honored representatives of our pioneer Company, to receive from you, their friends and neighbors, that approbation and welcome to which they are so justly entitled, and I know you will heartily unite with me in awarding honors to the gallant 27th, and a cordial welcome to Co. H.

They bear upon their persons evidence of the terrific conflicts in which they have participated. Conflicts which, while they tested the bravery of the Volunteers, demonstrated also the terrible wickedness with which you followed them over fields of carnage, and the avidity with which you sought for reported casualties in the 27th, at the close of each engagement. But those conflicts with them are for the present ended. Their term of enlistment has expired.

O, that the conflict with all was terminated, and that to-day, with the return of these Volunteers, we could congratulate each other upon a suppression of the rebellion, and restoration of the Union, and an honorable peace to our distracted and bleeding country. But this we cannot do. Our brethren are still in the field, and our rejoicings are mingled with anxiety for those who are yet in the strife of arms.

**Fellow Citizens:**—This hour is replete with interest and emotion suggestive. But it is not my province to enlarge upon the thoughts which the occasion inspires. That duty is committed to one much more competent than myself. Our distinguished and eloquent fellow-citizen, when he blessed the volunteers on their departure, is here to welcome their return. I arose simply to call the assemblage to order, a duty assigned me.

And now, before proceeding further with the exercises, let us unitedly, reverently and devoutly, return thanks to that *Merciful Providence*, who has watched over our Volunteers in their absence, and permitted so many of them to return as now stand in our midst.

We will now unite with the Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Russell, in addressing the Throne of Grace.

An appropriate prayer was now offered by Rev. Mr. Russell. Judge Carroll then addressed them in an affecting manner, relating the engagements they had been in, and paying a handsome tribute to their bravery and heroism. Capts. Martin and Seeley and Col.

Bohline were each called out, responded and were enthusiastically cheered. The following letter from Hon. R. P. Wisner was read:

Mr. MORRIS, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1863.

**MR. PRESIDENT:**—I regret that I cannot be one with my fellow citizens to-day, to welcome home a remnant of gallant men who have poured life for our common country. My engagements require my presence at another place, yet I am, with you in heart and sympathy. It is due to men who for two past years, voluntarily gave up the pleasures of social life, suffered and sacrificed all that makes life tolerable, for the good of others, to make a demonstration expressive of our heartfelt sincerity, in welcoming them back to home and kindred, and the pleasures of social intercourse.

The brave soldiers of the 27th are entitled to all respect for the undaunted courage and heroic fortitude displayed on many a battle field. The blood of their comrades test their devotion to a country peril and torn by a hated foe. My the reception they are to meet, be as cordial and sincere as their own devotion in the hour of carnage and death; and in after life, as they look back to the pleasures of this day, may they remember that courage and loyalty bring their own reward. Let me, through you, enjoin upon them, as they take their places among the honored citizens of our country, after well fought battles, with civic crowns fairly earned, to cherish a love for their country that will increase as life bears them along to meet their fallen comrades, in a land where rebellions and insurrections have long since ceased.

Permit me to offer the following sentiment:—

**Our Whole Country:**—May the days speed when its enemies may be compelled to lay down their arms, and North and South, once more be united under the Constitution as it is, and remain one Nation forever.

R. P. WISNER.

A patriotic song from D. D. Snyder, closed the exercises at the stand. At intervals, the Band discoursed martial airs, which added greatly to the interest of the occasion. The weary soldiers were then escorted to the "Pheps House," where a banquet provided by the ladies, awaited them. After the collation the Company highly entertained off citizens about an hour in going through their drill on Main St. The crowd then disperse, all proud of the opportunity of receiving this gallant band of "war worn" soldiers, who have endured such hardships and perils for their beloved country.

The Company will return to Elmira on Friday to be mustered out of service.



## Company H, 27th Regiment NY Volunteer Infantry National Color



On May 16, 1861, 14 "heroic sisters and sacrificing mothers" from Mount Morris, Livingston County, presented the national color seen here to Company H, 27th New York Volunteer Infantry. The unique, homemade flag includes 33 white, silk stars in the canton, each appliquéd by hand to both sides. The company carried the flag in a dozen battles over two years and in May 1863 returned the flag to the Mount Morris ladies. In January 1864 the ladies transferred the cherish banner to state authorities. Lockwood Doty, from the state's Bureau of Military Statistics, accepted the flag and assured the ladies that, "It is a precious memorial, and shall be preserved with faithful care."



# 27th Regiment NY Volunteer Infantry



In April 1861, one hundred men left Angelica, Allegany County, for Elmira, New York, to eventually muster into service as Company I, 27th New York Volunteers. En route, the men stopped at Villa Belvidere, home of siblings Richard and Elizabeth Church in Belvidere, New York. There, Elizabeth Church, great granddaughter of noted Revolutionary War patriot Philip Schuyler, presented the men with this silk national color. The flag became the official color for the entire regiment, and Company I, the color company, proudly carried the flag for two years. During the Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 1863, enemy fire tore a star from the flag's canton. Undaunted, the color bearer, Sergeant Arch Van Ness, retrieved the star and later donated it to New York State when the regiment returned home and deposited the flag into the Battle Flag Collection. This flag is made of red, white, and blue silk with white silk stars reverse appliquéd in the canton. Approximately one-third of the flag is lost, mostly from use on the battlefield and from enemy fire. Years of poor storage, during which the flag remained tightly furled around its staff, caused further damage to the fragile silk. In 2013, State Parks textile conservators gently unfurled the flag, surface cleaned the fabric, and used a controlled amount of humidity to realign the silk.

# William M. Nimbs

TWENTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.

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NASH, WILLIAM H.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, May 16, 1861, at Albion, to serve two years; mustered in as private, Co. K, May 21, 1861; died in hospital, Washington, D. C., date not stated.

NEALIS, MICHAEL.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, May 7, 1861, at Rochester, to serve two years; mustered in as private, Co. E, May 21, 1861; mustered out with company, May 31, 1863, at Elmira, N. Y.


NEWELL, DANIEL P.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, August 2, 1861, at Washington, D. C., to serve two years; mustered in as private, Co. K, same date; promoted sergeant, September 1, 1861; regimental commissary sergeant, March 1, 1862; mustered out with non-commissioned staff, May 31, 1863, at Elmira, N. Y.

NEWLAND, JOHN.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, April 30, 1861, at White Plains, to serve two years; mustered in as private, Co. A, May 21, 1861; died, March 11, 1862, in hospital at Alexandria, Va.; also borne as John Noonan and Newman.

NEWMAN, MELVIN A.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, May 2, 1861, at Binghamton, to serve two years; mustered in as private, Co. D, May 21, 1861; promoted corporal, date not stated; discharged, August 18, 1862, from general hospital, Alexandria, Va.

NICHOLS, JOHN M.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, May 11, 1861, at Mt. Morris, to serve two years; mustered in as private, Co. H, May 21, 1861; discharged for disability, October 14, 1862, at Philadelphia, Pa.; also borne as Nickols.

NICHOLSON, WILLIAM.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, April 30, 1861, at White Plains, to serve two years; mustered in as private, Co. A, May 21, 1861; promoted corporal, January 1, 1862; sergeant, November 20, 1862; mustered out with company, May 31, 1863, at Elmira, N. Y.; subsequent service in Sixteenth New York Cavalry; also borne as Nickerson.



NIMBS, WILLIAM M.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, May 11, 1861, at Elmira, to serve two years; mustered in as private, Co. H, May 21, 1861; first lieutenant, Co. D, October 12, 1862; mustered out with company, May 31, 1863, at Elmira, N. Y.; commissioned first lieutenant, November 10, 1862, with rank from October 11, 1862, vice G. A. Dickson, dismissed.

MUSTER-IN ROLL of CAPTAIN CHARLES E. MARTIN'S COMPANY (H), in the 27th REGIMENT of New York Volunteers, commanded by COLONEL HENRY W. SLOCUM, called into the service of the United States by the President, from the 21st day of May, 1861, (date of this muster) for the term of two years, unless sooner discharged.

Numbers of men	NAMES. PRESENT AND ABSENT. (Privates in alphabetical order.)	RANK.	AGE.	JOINED FOR DUTY AND ENROLLED.			TRAVELING.		VALUATION IN DOLLARS, OF—		REMARKS.
				When.	Where.	By whom enrolled.	Period.	To place of rendezvous, No. of miles.	From place of discharge, No. of miles.	Horses.	
1	Charles E. Martin	Captain	41	May 21	Elmira	Capt. Martin	2 years	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	Joseph H. Bodine	Lieut.	24	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	Oscar H. Philips	Ensign	40	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	John J. Kellogg	1st Sergt.	39	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Edward Williams	Sergt.	21	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	John Beggs	do	24	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	William M. Nimbs	do	20	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	Ebenezer R. Parker	Corporal	21	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	George W. Bingham	do	20	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	William Biggs	do	24	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Joseph W. Hanna	do	19	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	George W. Barney	Musician	18	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Selner Armstrong	do	18	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	Aplin, William W.	Private	44	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Ashton, Willis M.	do	24	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Avenas, William H.	do	19	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Bark, Richard	do	30	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Bush, Zimri	do	23	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Foyl, Harlan	do	18	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Cottrill, Abbeathar V.	do	39	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Clark, Harvey R.	do	22	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Camp, Edward C.	do	19	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	Cady, George	do	19	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Clancy, Michael	do	18	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Coffrin, George H.	do	29	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Clark, David N.	do	36	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	Donahue, James	do	23	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	Drew, Jerome	do	28	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	Driskson, James	do	21	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Dunn, John	do	19	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	Edsall, David A.	do	19	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Flynn, Francis	do	29	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Fitch, William	do	33	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	Garrett, William	do	42	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	Griffeth, Willis	do	21	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	Hosmer, Edward	do	24	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	Heliker, George	do	35	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	Havens, John R.	do	22	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	Hunt, Charles H.	do	20	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Johnson, Joseph R. Jr.	do	20	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	Jones, James H.	do	25	do	do	do	do	.....	.....	.....	.....



DESERTED—*Continued.*

7. Leonard, Theodore M., 20, Sergeant, deserted Oct. 2, 1861.
8. Richmond, Edwin S., 19, deserted September, 1861.
9. Twitchell, Theodore, 22, deserted Aug. 11, 1861.
10. Warner, Samuel H., 33, deserted July 21, 1861.

**DROPPED.**

1. Barnes, William, 25, taken prisoner at Bull Run.
2. Barwise, James, 21, nurse in hospital at Fortress Monroe.
3. Dunn, Geo. W., 21, Sergeant, taken prisoner at Bull Run, paroled in May, 1862, commissioned as Captain 109th New York Regiment.
4. Davis, Eugene M., 24, Sergeant, taken prisoner at Bull Run, paroled in May, 1862, commissioned as Captain 109th New York Regiment.

**TRANSFERRED.**

1. Carmer, Charles E., 22, transferred to the Second Regular Battery.

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**COMPANY "D."**

## CAPTAINS.

1. Hiram C. Rogers, 26, promoted to A.A.G. on Gen. Slocum's staff, July 20, 1862.
2. Albert G. Northrop, 27, was Sergeant to July 21, 1861, Second Lieutenant to July 2, 1862, Captain to Nov. 27, 1862, when he resigned.
3. Albert M. Tyler, 26, was private to July 20, 1862, then Second Lieutenant till Nov. 27, 1862, then Captain, assigned to duty as Assistant Commissioner of Muster, Hdqrs. First Div., Sixth Corps, April 20, 1863.

## FIRST LIEUTENANTS.

1. Henry C. Jackson, 26, resigned Aug. 7, 1861.
2. Edwin D. Comstock, 21, Sergeant to Aug. 7, 1861, then First Lieutenant. Feb. 8 promoted to Captain of Co. "A."
3. George A. Dickson, 24, promoted to First Sergeant Sept. 1, 1861; to First Lieut. Feb. 8, 1862. Dismissed by order President, Oct. 11, 1862.
4. William M. Nimbs, 21, promoted Oct. 11, 1862, from Sergeant in Co. "H" to First Lieutenant of Co. "D."

## SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

1. Asa Park, 35, killed in battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861.
2. Charles N. Elliott, 18, promoted to Sergeant Sept. 1, 1861; to Second Lieutenant Nov. 27, 1862.

## SERGEANTS.

1. Oliver A. Kilmer, 22, promoted to Corporal Nov. 1, 1861, then Sergeant May 6, 1862.
2. Chancey J. Durfee, 25, promoted from Private Sept. 1, 1861.
3. Edward M. Watson, 23, promoted from Corporal Sept. 1, 1862.
4. Frank Coleman, 18, promoted to Corporal Sept. 1, 1861; to Sergeant March 1, 1863.

DIED, AND KILLED—*Continued.*

8. Lockwood, Henry, 22, mustered March 28, 1862; killed in the battle of Gaines' Mill, June 27, 1862.
9. Shannon, Robert, 22, died March 6, 1862.
10. Sullivan, Florence, 22, killed at Bull Run, July 21, 1861.

## DESERTED.

1. Abrams, William H., 19, deserted Aug. 7, 1861.
2. Busk, Richard, 30, deserted July 18, 1861.
3. Bush, Zimri, 23, deserted Aug. 8, 1861.
4. Boyd, Harlan, 19, taken prisoner at Bull Run, July 21, 1861; deserted Feb. 12, 1862.
5. Drue, Jerome, 28, deserted Aug. 14, 1861.
6. Fitch, William, 23, deserted Aug. 8, 1861.
7. Hanna, Joseph M., 19, Corporal, deserted Aug. 14, 1861.
8. Havens, John R., 22, deserted August 3, 1861.
9. Jones, Jonathan W., 21, mustered March 13, 1862; deserted Sept. 13, 1862.
10. Lockwood, Martin, 26, mustered April 1, '62; deserted May 1, '62.
11. Magee, Philander, 21, deserted Nov. 5, 1861.
12. Murdock, John, 31, deserted Aug. 29, 1862.
13. Odell, Orrin, 22; discharged Aug. 11, 1861.
14. Palmer, Charles, 28, deserted Aug. 11, 1861.
15. Pendergrass, John, 23, deserted Aug. 7, 1861.
16. Reynolds, Merriam J., 19, Aug. 14, 1861.
17. Reynolds, Lyman, 24, deserted May 7, 1862.
18. Rodgers, Edmund D., deserted June 18, 1862.

## DROPPED.

1. Robertson, William B., 19, Jan. 1, 1863, Gen. Order 162, A. of P. Was wounded and taken prisoner at battle of Gaines' Mill, June 27, 1862. Leg amputated. Reported Jan. 28, 1864, at Elmira, for muster out and discharge.
2. Staples, Squire, 21, mustered March 10, 1862; dropped Jan. 1, '61, Gen. Order 162, A. of P.

## TRANSFERRED.

1. Horton, James D., 21, Corporal, mustered March 19, 1862; to Sixth Army Corps, to finish term of enlistment, June, 1863.
2. Lockwood, Joseph W., 22, mustered March 27, 1862; to Sixth Army Corps, to finish term of enlistment, June, 1863.
3. Nimbs, William M., 20, Sergeant, promoted to First Lieutenant of Co. "D," Oct. 11, 1862.
4. O'Regan, Timothy, 18, mustered March 4, 1862; to Sixth Army Corps, to finish term of enlistment, June, 1863.
5. Tanner, Albert S., 22, mustered March 10, 1862, to Sixth Army Corps, to finish term of enlistment, June, 1863.

# MUSTER SHEETS

881 or N.

*Nimbs William M.*

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Co *A*, 27 N. Y. Inf.

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*Sergt.* | *1<sup>st</sup> Lieut.*

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CARD NUMBERS.

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Book Mark: *99593 R. P. D. 90.*

See also



N | 27 | N. Y.

William M. Kimbs  
Serg't, Co. H., 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Age 20 years.

Appears on

**Company Muster-in Roll**

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Elmira N.Y., July 10, 1861.

Muster-in to date May 21, 1861.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When May 21, 1861.\*

Where Elmira N.Y.\*

Period 2 years.\*

Remarks:

\* See Muster-in roll shows enrollment and muster-in of this company as of same date. See enrollment on subsequent card or cards.

Book mark: R.L.P. 99,593.

Bowman

(356b)

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N | 27 | N. Y.

William M. Kimbs  
4<sup>th</sup> Serg't, Co. H., 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for May 21 to June 30, 1861.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When May 21, 1861.\*

Where Elmira N.Y.\*

Period 2 years.\*

Present or absent Not stated

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't \$ 100 for

Remarks:

\* See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.

Book mark:

Bowman

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*William M. Nimbs*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sergt*, Co. H, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *Jul & Aug*, 1861.

Present or absent *not stated*

Stoppage, \$      100 for     

Due Gov't, \$      100 for     

Remarks:     

Book mark:     

*Bowman*

*William M. Nimbs*  
*3<sup>d</sup> Sergt*, Co. H, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *Sept & Oct*, 1861.

Present or absent *Not stated*

Stoppage, \$      100 for     

Due Gov't, \$      100 for     

Remarks: *Promoted from*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sergt Sept 1, 1861*

Book mark:     

*Bowman*



*H*

27

N. Y.

*William M. Nimbs*

*2<sup>d</sup> Sergt*, Co. H, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *Nov + Dec*, 1861.

Present or absent *Not stated*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for

Remarks: *Promoted to 2<sup>d</sup> Sergeant Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1861 from 3<sup>d</sup> Sergt.*

Book mark:

*Bowman*

(858)

Copyist

*M*

27

N. Y.

*William M. Nimbs*

*Sgt*, Co. H, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *Jan + Feb*, 1861.

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for

Remarks:

Book mark:

*Leard*

(858)

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N. | **27** | **N. Y.**

*William M. Nimbs*

*Sgt.*, Co. H, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *March to April*, 186*2*.

Present or absent *Not stated*

Stoppage, \$.....*100* for .....

Due Gov't, \$.....*100* for .....

Remarks: .....

Book mark: .....

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N. | **27** | **N. Y.**

*William M. Nimbs*

*1st Sgt.*, Co. H, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *June 30 to Oct 31*, 186*2*.

Present or absent *Not stated*

Stoppage, \$.....*100* for .....

Due Gov't, \$.....*100* for .....

Remarks: *Promoted from*

*2d. Sargent Sept. 14th*  
*1862*

Book mark: .....

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*Lecture*  
Copyist

*William M. Nims*

*Sgt.*, Co. H, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *May & June*, 186*7*.

Present or absent *Not stated*

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark:

*G. Estus*  
Copyist

*William M. Nims*

*Sgt.*, Co. H, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for *July & Aug*, 186*7*.

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: *On Recruiting*

*Service*

Book mark:

*G. Estus*  
Copyist



N | 27 | N. Y.

H. M. Minke

1<sup>st</sup> St., Co. D, 27 Reg't, N. Y. Inf

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 62 to Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 1863.

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: Promoted and mustered from Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1862. There is due him Lieut pay less Serjts. pay from Oct 11<sup>th</sup> to Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 62

Book mark:

Rudlaub

N | 27 | N. Y.

Wm. M Minke

1<sup>st</sup> St., Co. D, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on

**Company Muster Roll**

for Nov & Dec, 1862.

Present or absent Not stated

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: Promoted and mustered from Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1862. There is due him Lieut. pay less Serjts. pay from Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1862 to Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1862

Book mark: M-in amended (over)

Rudlaub



N | 27 | N. Y.

William M Sims

Sergh, Co. 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on a

**Detachment Muster-out Roll**

of the organization named above. Roll dated

White Oak Church Va, Dec 22, 1862.

Muster-out to date \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

Last paid to Oct 21, 1862.

**Clothing account:**

Last settled \_\_\_\_\_, 186 ; drawn since \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100

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

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

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

Bounty paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100; due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 100

Remarks: Promoted from Sergh  
of Co "K" to 1st Lieut Co  
"D" Oct 11-1862 via G.  
A. Dickson dismissed

Book mark: \_\_\_\_\_

Hark

NOV. 13

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\*1890\*

to Oct. 12 62. vide 99593  
R. & P. A. - 90 & m. in roll +  
190.

St | 27 | N.Y.

William M. Nimbo

1<sup>st</sup> Lt, Co. D, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Age 21 years.

Appears on a

**Detachment Muster-in Roll**

of the organization named above. Roll dated  
Whiloak Church Va. Dec 22, 1862.

Muster-in to date Dec 22, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Dec 22, 1861.

Where Whiloak Church Va.

Period Balance years of term of enlistment

Remarks: Promoted from Serjt  
of Co "H" to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt of Co "D" Oct  
31<sup>st</sup> 1862. vice G.A. Dickson  
dismissed

Book mark: M. in amended to Oct  
12/62 vice Geo A. Dickson  
+ over

N | 27 | N.Y.

Wm. M. Nimbo

1<sup>st</sup> Lt, Co. D, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on **Special Muster Roll**

for ap 10, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

**NEXT ROLL ON FILE M.O.**

Book mark:

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\*1890\*

- resigned vide 99593-  
R+P.D. - 90-

*A* | 27 | N.Y.

*William A. Kimbo*

*Sgt.*, Co. *A*, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated

*Elmira Ny May 31*, 1863.

Muster-out to date \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

Last paid to \_\_\_\_\_, 186 .

Clothing account:

Last settled \_\_\_\_\_, 186 ; drawn since \$.....100

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

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

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

Bounty paid \$.....100; due \$.....100

Remarks *Discharged & Promoted*  
*by reason of Promotion*  
*to 1st Lt. Dec 27th Regt. N.Y.*

Book mark : \_\_\_\_\_

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*Alvin*

Copyst.



N | 27 | N.Y.

William M. Nimbs

1<sup>st</sup> Lt, Co. D, 27 Reg't N. Y. Infantry.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated  
Elmira, N. Y., May 31, 1863.

Muster-out to date May 31, 1863.

Last paid to Feb 8, 1863.

Clothing account:

Last settled....., 186 ; drawn since \$.....100

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

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

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

Bounty paid \$.....100; due \$.....100

Remarks: Has Sergh. in Co. A  
to Oct. 11 '62, then promoted  
to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. in Co. D. Pay  
suspended on account  
of Ordnance & clothing  
Camp & Garrison Equipage  
(copy)

Book mark:

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Copyist.

N. | 27. | N.Y.

William M. Nimbs.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt, Co. D, 27, Reg't N.Y. Vols.

NOTATION.

Book mark: R. & P. 99593.

War Department,

Record and Pension Division,

Washington, Jan'y 10, 1890.

Under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved  
June 3, 1884, and the acts amendatory thereof, this  
officer is considered by this Department as commissioned  
to the grade of

1, Lieutenant  
Co. D, 27, Reg't New York Vols.

to take effect from Oct. 12, 1862,  
vice Geo. A. Dickson dismissed.

Roby

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Copyist.

NOV 13

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\*1890\*

not properly accounted  
for.

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# Pension File

## Declaration for Pension.

Act Approved June 27 1890.

STATE OF New York }  
Chemung COUNTY. } ss.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

personally appeared before me, William M. Nimbs a Notary Public  
within and for the County and State aforesaid.

49 years, a resident of Elmira, County of Chemung  
State of New York who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the

identical William M. Nimbs who was ENROLLED on  
the morning of May 1861, in Company "H" of the 27<sup>th</sup> Regiment

of New York Vol. commanded by Capt. Martin  
and was honorably DISCHARGED at Elmira N.Y. on the 21<sup>st</sup> day

of May 1863; that his personal description is as follows: Age, 49 years; height,  
5 feet 8 inches; complexion, dark; hair, light; eyes black

and that his occupation is that of a Express Messenger

That he believes himself to be entitled to pension by reason of disability caused by Hernia of the  
left side which is of a permanent character  
and not the result of any vicious habits  
that no prior claim has been filed

That he is now disabled in a pensionable degree from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of his injuries,  
above described; and he, therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United

States, under provisions of act of June 27 1890 that he hereby appoints A. B. GALATIAN of Elmira, N. Y., his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his  
claim. That his POST OFFICE ADDRESS is 611 College Ave, Elmira

State of New York William M. Nimbs  
[Claimant's signature.]

Attest: Granville D. Parsons  
George H. Skidmore

Two persons WHO CAN WRITE, must attest claimant's signature,  
by signing their names on the above lines.

Also personally appeared Granville D. Parsons residing at Elmira, N.Y.  
and George H. Skidmore residing at Elmira, N.Y. persons whom

I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw  
William M. Nimbs the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing

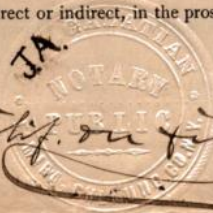
declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that  
he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Granville D. Parsons  
George H. Skidmore  
Signatures of witnesses.



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, A. D. 1890  
and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and  
witnesses before swearing, including <sup>all</sup> the words .....  
erased, and <sup>all</sup> the words ..... added; and that I have no  
interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

JA  
(Certif. on file)



John A. Galatian  
[Signature.]  
Notary Public  
[Official Character]  
Channing County  
N.Y.

STON AUG 29 1890  
SOLDIER'S CLAIM FOR PENSION.  
ACT OF June 27 1890.

William M Nimbs  
Lent. Co. 71<sup>st</sup> Regt.  
New York Ill. Vol.

331404

No claim as above  
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FILED BY  
A. B. GALATIAN,  
ATTORNEY,  
ELMIRA, N. Y.



Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, &c.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim. OT Pension Claim No. 904,733

Name and rank of claimant. Wm. M. Hinds, Rank, Ord. St.

Company A. 27 Reg't N.Y.I., Chuva N.Y., State, May 12, 1894.

Claimant's post-office address. Chuva N.Y. [Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz: Hernia

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives a pension of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for OT [Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

Hernia slips out from truss & comes down, this is painful

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 90; respiration, 20; temperature, 98.2; height, 5 feet 8 3/4 inches; weight, 155 pounds; age, 50 years.

Here give a full description of the disability, in accordance with Book of Instructions.

There is a left inguinal hernia, rings (both) large & relaxed, bowel decempr. & tumor is 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 ins. It is returned without trouble. He wears a suitable truss. Heart shows an aortic stenosis, hypertrophy, apex beat 2 in below nipple.

This man has a slight post nasal catarrh; throat red & relaxed; No other disability exists today

As regards hernia would say that external ring is much relaxed and that the hernial sack protrudes through external ring.

Rate for EACH cause of disability. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 8/18 rating for the disability caused by hernia 4/18 for that caused by heart disease, and 2/18 for that caused by catarrh

J. A. Dundas Pres. J. A. Wahl, Sec'y. W. S. Messenger Treas.



Continue record of examination here.



May 2 1891

**SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE**

IN CASE OF

*Mr. M. Kimb*

Co. *H 27* Reg't *M.I.*

Applicant for *OT.*

No. *904733*

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

*May 13*, 1891.

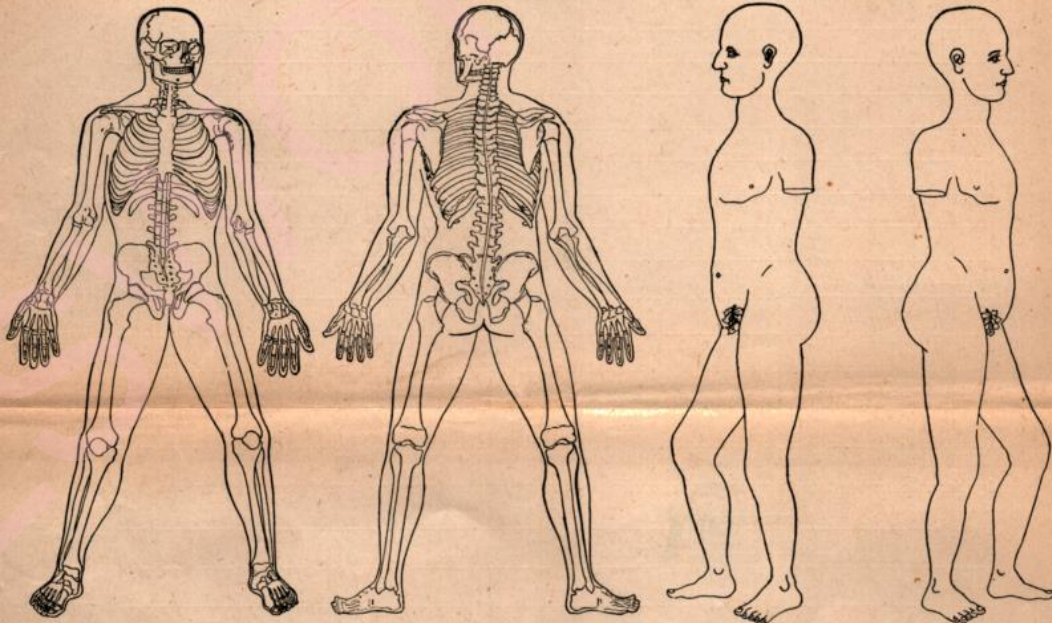
*J. A. Dwyer* Pres.,  
*J. A. Walls* Sec'y,  
*W. M. Mearns* Treas.,  
BOARD.

Post office, *Channing*

County, *Or. Y.*

State, *Or. Y.*

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plainly and in full.



Single surgeons will use this blank, changing "we" to read "I," and "our" to read "my." They will erase the words "Pres.," "Sec'y," "Treas.," and "Board" where the words appear, and sign at the foot of the certificate, and also on the back of the same.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.]



MILITARY SERVICE.

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Wm. M. Kimb

East Div.

Age, Ex'r.

Bureau of Pensions,

No. 904,733

May 2, 1891

SIR:

It is alleged that the above-named man enlisted

May 18, 61, and served as a  
in Co. H, 27 Reg't N.Y. Inf

also as a in Co. Reg't

and was discharged at  
Edinboro, N.Y.  
on May 31, 1863.

No. of prior claim

The War Department will please furnish an official statement  
in this case, showing date of enrollment and date and mode of  
termination of service.

Very respectfully,

Gen B Raum

Commissioner.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE  
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,  
WAR DEPARTMENT.

War Department,

Record and Pension Division,

MAY 5 1891

Respectfully returned to the

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

The rolls show that

Wm M Kimb

mentioned in the preceding indorsement, was enrolled

May 21, 1861, and

W. A. May 31, 1863



BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Per J. P. Bainworth  
Major Captain and Asst Surgeon, U. S. Army.



Act of June 27, 1890.

679997  
Buffalo

INVALID PENSION.

Claimant, *William M. Kings*  
 P.O., *Elmira* Rank, *Private*  
 County, *Chemung* Company, *H.*  
 State, *N.Y.* Regiment, *27th Vol Inf*  
 Rate, \$ *12* per month, commencing *Aug 13 1890*

Disabled by *Left Inguinal Hernia and disease of Heart and naso-pharyngeal Catarrh*

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Name, *A. B. Galation* Fee, \$ *10* Agent to pay.  
 P.O., *Elmira N.Y.* Articles filed, \_\_\_\_\_, 189 .

APPROVALS.

Submitted for *Adm 15*, 1891. *J. Y. Ballou*, Examiner.  
 Approved for *Admission* Approved for *left inguinal hernia disease of heart and naso-pharyngeal Catarrh*  
*W. H. Schis* followed *W. H. Schis* Medical Referee.  
*July 6, 1891* *Oct 31, 1891*  
 now pensioned under other laws. Last paid to \_\_\_\_\_, 189 , at \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pensioned from \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_, at \$ \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE SHOWN BY RECORD.

Enlisted *May 21*, 18*61*, honorably discharged *May 31*, 18*63*  
 Re-enlisted *no sub. serval* honorably discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Declaration filed *Aug 13, 1890* alleges permanent disability, not due to vicious habits,  
 from *hernia*

Writter - no MG



Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, &c.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim. Act. June 27<sup>th</sup> 1890 Pension Claim No. 679997  
[Date above written for original, increase, or restoration.]

Name and rank of claimant. Wm M. Himes Rank, Private

Company, H. 27<sup>th</sup> Reg't N.Y. Inf. Geneva N.Y. State,  
[Post-office address of the Board.]

Claimant's post-office address. 112 Hurkimer St. Buffalo N.Y. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1894  
[Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred

in the service, viz: Rupture, Disease of heart.  
Catarh - Impaired vision.

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line. and that he receives a pension of 12 dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for act. June 1890  
[Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

At times rupture comes down so painful.  
Has serious palpitation of heart, when he is excited, has trouble in breathing.  
Catarh troubles him less now than formerly, is not entirely free from it - bothers him, when he takes cold.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 80; respiration, 24; temperature, 98.4; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 150 pounds; age, 52 years.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with Book of Instructions.

Pulse standing 86 - Exercise 95  
Applicant has left, inguinal hernia, (incomplete, oblique) Tumor size of a walnut - Hernia does not pass through external ring, the tumor being in the inguinal canal.  
The abdominal rings seem to be normal in size, and condition.

The actual or probable origin of every existing disability must be fully set forth. Whenever a disability is shown, or is believed to be due to or aggravated by vicious habits the opinion of the board must be stated. When not due to such habits this fact must be stated.

Apex of heart 2 in. below nipple.  
Area of cardiac dullness, increased, due, in our opinion, to dilatation.  
There is increased force of heart's action. - Sounds are quick and nervous. - We find no murmurs, slight dyspnea, no edema, or cyanosis.  
Throat appears normal.  
Posterior nares, is hyperemic and swollen, disclosing a typical nasal catarh. - Pharynx normal.

Right eye reads 100 at 20 ft., 70 at 10 ft. - 50 at 5 ft. - Left eye the same. - occupation, Express

B. A. Rieley, Pres. C. J. Lee, Sec'y. J. H. Brewster, Treas.



Continue record of examination here.

agt - State of nutrition, and muscular development fair. Palms do not show toxic. - general physical appearance - not good.

His hernia, heart trouble, and Catarrh, incapacitate him, from manual labor.

No other disabilities.



**SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE**

IN CASE OF

*William M. Nimbo*

Co. H, 27<sup>th</sup> Reg't Vt. Inf.

Applicant for Act. June 1890

No. 67997

DATE OF EXAMINATION:

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>

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E. A. Reilly, Pres.,

C. S. Yee, Sec'y,

J. H. Brewster, Treas.,

BOARD.

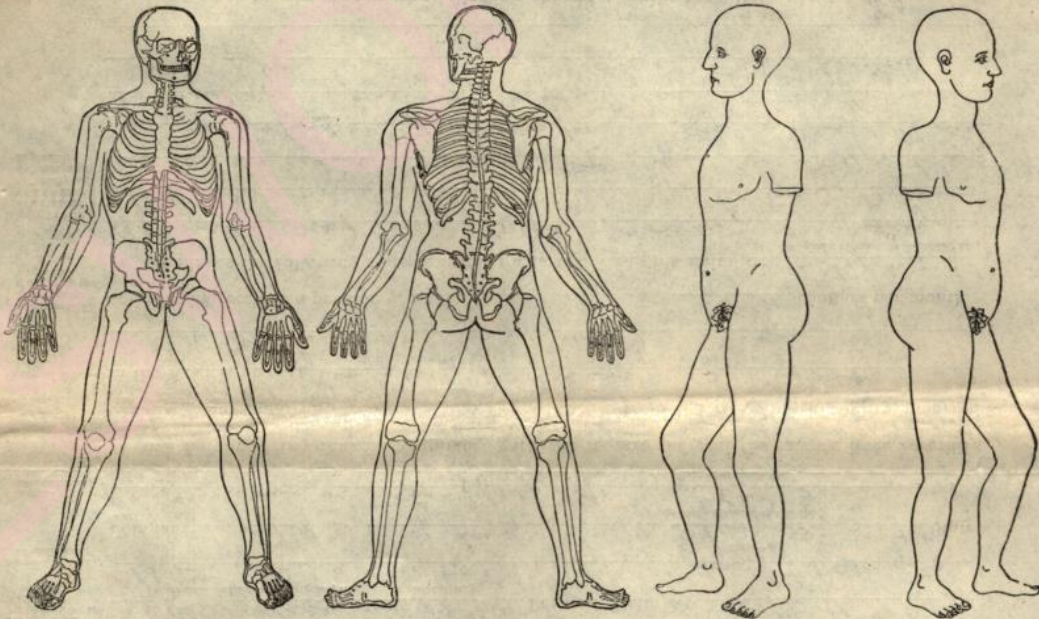
Post office, 518 Lake St.,

County, *Chenango*

State, *N.Y.*

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plainly and in full.

*Connell*



Single surgeons will use this blank, changing "we" to read "I," and "our" to read "my." They will erase the words "Pres.," "Sec'y," "Treas.," and "Board" where the words appear, and sign at the foot of the certificate, and also on the back of the same.

PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.]



ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

3-402.

Certificate No. 679,997

Name, William M. Kimbo

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,



*W. H. Evans*

Commissioner of Pensions.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. Hattie E. Kimbo Hattie E. Hall

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer. Nov 17-1886. Dunkirk, N.Y. J. H. Bates  
Pastor, M. E. Church

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. Certificate. Signed by two witnesses

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

Answer. Mary C. Kimbo Feb 16 1885 Elmira, N.Y.

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. Hellie E. Kimbo born Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1861  
Marjorie E. Kimbo born Sept 26 1887

Date of reply, July 6, 1898

William M. Kimbo  
(Signature.)



VOLUNTEER SERVICE.  
(Civil War or War with Spain.)

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions.

William M. Nimbo  
Co. H, 27 Reg't *ny Inf*  
age 20, height \_\_\_\_\_ feet, \_\_\_\_\_ inches,  
complexion \_\_\_\_\_  
eyes \_\_\_\_\_ hair \_\_\_\_\_  
place of birth *not found*  
occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
was enrolled May 21, 1861,  
and U.S. May 31, 1863  
with Co D to which  
trans - Oct 1862

From m. 9, 1862, to m. 10, 1862  
he held the rank of *Serjt. 1st Serjt*  
U.S. as 1st Oct 12-62

and the rolls on file for that period do not show him  
absent except as follows:

Oct 31 62 "On recruiting  
service"

No pension record found.

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OFFICE

F. C. Ainsworth  
The Adjutant General.

Per *7*

Washington, D. C., MAR 20 1911

(Commissioner of Pensions.)



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Original No. \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate No. 679997 ✓

*Reissue*  
ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907. ✓

✓ Claimant, *William M. Simbs* ✓  
✓ P. O., *110 Walnut Street, Elmira* ✓  
✓ County, *Chemung* ✓  
✓ State, *New York* ✓  
Rank, *First Sergeant* ✓  
Company, *No. 27 New York Vol. Inf.* ✓  
Regiment, *First Lieutenant Co. D. 27 New York* ✓  
Rate, \$ *15* per month, commencing *March 7, 1911* ✓

Reissued to Private

STATE REPRESENTATIVE.  
(Order April 25, 1907.)

CIVIL WAR

Name, \_\_\_\_\_  
P. O., \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVAL.

Re-Submitted for *Adm* *March 30, 1911*, *Jackson F. Winter* Examiner. ✓  
Approved for *Admission*.

*Age over 70*  
*Rate \$15 per month.* ✓

*Reissue to allow under Act Feb 6, 1907. Deduct Subpayments, and drop name from rolls under Act June 27, 1890.* ✓

✓ April 3, 1911, *Harrison* Legal Reviewer. ✓ April 3, 1911, *M. F. Wolf* Re-Reviewer. ✓

✓ Enlisted *May 21*, 1861, honorably discharged *May 31*, 1863. ✓  
✓ Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 18 ; honorably discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 18  
✓ Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 18 ; honorably discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 18  
✓ Pensioned at \$ *12* per month, under *Act of June 27, 1890.* ✓

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

✓ Declaration filed *March 7*, 1911. ✓  
✓ Date of birth alleged, *January 15, 1841*. ✓  
Age shown by evidence *70* years. *90*  
✓ Claimant does \_\_\_\_\_ write. ✓



DECLARATION FOR ADDITIONAL PENSION.

Under Act of Congress, approved May 11<sup>th</sup> 1912

State of New York, County of Chemung ss:

ON THIS 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1912 A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twelve personally appeared before me Levent H. Drake a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, of Elmira County of Chemung

aged 71 years, a resident of the City New York State of New York who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical William M. Hincks who was enrolled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1861 in Co. D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt. N.Y. Inf. Here state rank, company, and regiment if in the military service, or vessel

if in the Navy. over two years and served at least ninety days and was not employed in the Military or Naval service otherwise than as stated above. That he has not been employed in the Military or Naval service otherwise than as stated above.

and the dates at which it began and ended. Here state what the service was, whether prior or subsequent to that stated above. Buffalo That he is a pensioner under Certificate No. 679897, enrolled at the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1841, and has attained the age of 71 years. That he was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1841, and has attained the age of 71 years. That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension-roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved May 11<sup>th</sup> 1912, entitled, "An act granting Pension to certain Enlisted Men, Soldiers and Officers who served in the Civil War and the War with Mexico."

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That his State of New York Post-Office address is No 110 Walnut County of Chemung

State of New York William M. Hincks Claimant's signature

ATTEST:  
A. Williams  
L. Miller  
Two witnesses who can write, sign here.





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ACT OF MAY 11, 1912

No 679,997

Reissue

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT

of the INTERIOR



## BUREAU OF PENSIONS

Former payments covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

It is hereby certified That, in conformity with the laws of the United States, William M. Nimbs who was a First Sergeant Co. H, 27th Regiment and First Lieutenant Co. D, 27th Regiment New York Infantry is entitled to a pension at the rate of Twenty-three dollars per month, to commence on the fourteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

Given at the Department of the Interior this thirteenth day of June one thousand nine hundred and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-sixth.

*Naomi Fisher*  
Secretary of the Interior.

Countersigned:  
*J. L. Davenport*  
Commissioner of Pensions





GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of COLORADO, County of PUEBLO, ss:

In the Matter of Pension Claim William M. Nims

ON THIS 27<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Ten, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public

within and for the County and State aforesaid, duly authorized to administer oaths, Murrah A. Fountain, aged 77 years, a resident of No. 1409 Palmer Ave Street, PUEBLO, County of PUEBLO, State of COLORADO, well known by me to

be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn according to law, declares, in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

*I am a sister of the above named, William M. Nims and my said Brother was born January 15<sup>th</sup> 1841, at Port Colburn, Dominion of Canada. The birth of my said Brother was recorded in the Family Bible giving the date thereof which record I had seen many times, but about in the year 1847 as near as I now remember said record or Family Bible, was destroyed by fire, and when being burned, burning all our household books - my said Brother being the youngest of the family, I remember the date of his birth, my will and the above state as given is correct. Said Family Records were destroyed at Saran of Kingston, Canada.*



I certify that I am not interested in the prosecution of this case. except as stated above  
That my post office address is same as stated above

Murrah A. Fountain  
(Signature of Affiant.)

If affiant signs by mark, two persons who write sign here.



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*Revised*  
ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Cert. No. 679997

Claimant, William M. Nimbs  
P. O. 110 Walnut Street Rank, First Sergeant  
Elmira Service, Capt 27 N.Y. Inf.  
State, New York *Chemung County* 1st First Lieutenant CD 27 N.Y. Inf.  
Rate, \$ 23 per month, commencing May 14, 1912.

CIVIL WAR

*No* ATTORNEY OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.  
(Order April 25, 1907.)

Name, \_\_\_\_\_; Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Agent to pay.  
P. O., \_\_\_\_\_; Articles filed \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVAL.

Submitted for Admission June 4, 1912, N.P. Schubert Examiner.  
Approved for admission Rate \$ 23, per month; age 71 years.  
Revised under act May 11, 1912,  
Deduct sub payments, and drop  
from rolls under act Feb. 6, 1907.

Length of pensionable service: 2 years, \_\_\_\_\_ months, 11 days.  
Deductions in service from any cause: none years, \_\_\_\_\_ months, \_\_\_\_\_ days,  
on account of \_\_\_\_\_

June 10, 1912, J. B. Kelly Legal Reviewer. June 11, 1912, L. Cannon Reviewer.  
Enlisted May 21, 1861; honorably discharged May 31, 1863

Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_; honorably discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_; honorably discharged \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of pensionable service: 2 years, \_\_\_\_\_ months, 11 days.  
Pensioned at \$ 15<sup>00</sup> per month, under act Feb. 6, 1907

PRESENT CLAIM, ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

Declaration filed May 14, 1912  
Age shown by evidence 71 years; date of birth alleged Jan. 15, 41.  
Claimant does \_\_\_\_\_ write.  
\_\_\_\_\_, M. C.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,

*G. M. Saenger*

WILLIAM M. NIMBS,  
ELMIRA, N. Y.  
679997 ACT MAY  
110 WALNUT ST.



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No. 1. Date and place of birth? Answer. *St. Catharins Canada Jan. 15, 1841*

The name of organizations in which you served? Answer. *Co. H. 27 Regt. 1st Div. <sup>May 31-1861</sup> Mustered out as First Lieut. at Elmira, N.Y.*

No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. *Wt. Morris, N.Y.*

No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. *First wife name Mary Clark Married Dec. 1860 in town of Dryden, N.Y. Have no record of previous marriage*

No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. *Wedding occurred July 16, 1865 at Elmira, N.Y.*

No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? Answer. *Not known*

No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives. Answer. *I married my second wife, Hattie E. Hall, at Dunkirk, N.Y. Nov. 17, 1866. She died Nov. 30, 1912. Neither of my wives were previously married and have no wife at present.*

No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let your answer include all former husbands. Answer. ....

No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? Answer. ....

No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. Answer.  
*Nellie E. Nimbs born Sept 12, 1861 Living  
Arrin B. Nimbs Born Aug. 6, 1869 Died June, 1888  
Marjorie L. Nimbs Born Sept 26, 1887 Living*

Date *March 8, 1915*

(Signature) *William M. Nimbs*



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# REIMBURSEMENT

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Buffalo

## PENSIONER DROPPED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

JUL 24 1915 191

Certificate No. 679,997

Class ACT OF MAY 11, 1912

Pensioner William M. Simbs

Soldier H 27 NY Inf

The Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the name of  
the above-described pensioner who was last  
paid at \$ 23, to APR 4 1915

has this day been dropped from the roll be-  
cause of death May 12, 1915,  
and 21 July 1915

Very respectfully,

*W. M. Simbs*

Chief, Finance Division.

NOTE.—Every name dropped to be thus reported at  
once, and when cause of dropping is death, state date  
of death when known.

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# APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

This application, when properly executed before some officer having authority to administer oaths for general purposes, should be forwarded, together with the pension certificate and itemized bills of all expenses, to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

State of New York, County of Chemung, SS:

On this 15th day of July, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, personally appeared before me Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, William L. Ross aged 29 years, a resident of Elmira County of Chemung State of New York, who, being duly sworn, according to law,

makes the following declaration in order to obtain reimbursement from the accrued pension for expenses paid (or obligation incurred) by claimant for the last sickness and for the burial of William M. Nims, who was a pensioner of the United States by Certificate No. 679,947 Pension was last paid to April, 1915, by the U. S. Pension Agent at Washington DC

That my Post-office address is No. 110 on Walnut Street, in the town or City of Elmira County of Chemung State of New York

That the answers to questions propounded below are full, complete, and truthful to my best knowledge, information and belief, and that no evidence necessary to a proper adjustment of all claims against the pension accrued is suppressed or withheld.

1. What was the full name of the deceased pensioner? William Martin Nims

2. In what capacity was decedent pensioned? (As invalid soldier or sailor, or as a widow, minor child, dependent relative, etc.) Invalid soldier

3. If decedent was pensioned as an invalid soldier or sailor—

(a) Was he ever married? (Answer yes or no.) yes

(b) How many times and to whom? twice - Mary E. Clark Harriet Hall

(c) If married, did his wife survive him? (Answer yes or no.) no

(d) If so, is she still living? (Answer yes or no.)

(e) If not living, give full names and dates of death of all wives 1884 Mary E. Clark 1912 Harriet Hall

(f) Was he ever divorced? (Answer yes or no.) no

(g) If so, did the divorced wife survive him? (Answer yes or no.)

(h) If so, is she still living? (Answer yes or no.) (If living, a copy of the decree of divorce must be filed.)

(i) If not living, give her full name and the date of her death

4. Did pensioner leave a child under sixteen years of age? (Answer yes or no.) no

5. Is any such child still living? (Answer yes or no.)

6. Was the pensioner's life insured at time of death? (Answer yes or no.) no

7. If so, give the name of each company in which a policy was carried and the amount in which each policy was written.

8. Who was the beneficiary named in each policy?

9. What was the relation of each beneficiary to the pensioner?

10. Were the premiums paid by the deceased pensioner?

11. If not paid by the deceased pensioner, state the amount of premiums paid by each person who made payments on that account.

12. Did the pensioner leave a will? (Answer yes or no.) yes

13. Was an administrator appointed, or will application be made for appointment of any person as administrator? Administrator appointed Marjorie L. Ross

14. Did the deceased pensioner leave any money, real estate, or personal property? yes

15. If so, what was the character and full value of all such property? Real estate \$30.00







16. What was the assessed value (last assessment) of the real estate? \$2700

17. How was the pensioner's property disposed of? \$5000 to Mrs. Nelle Huber residue to Maymie L. Ross

18. Did pensioner leave an undorsed pension check? (Answer yes or no.) No

19. What was your relation to the deceased pensioner? Daughter

20. Are you married? (Answer yes or no.) No

21. When did the pensioner's last sickness begin? Med May 5 1915

22. Give the name and post-office address of each physician who attended pensioner during last sickness.  
Dr. Squire 409 E. Church St.

23. What was the nature of pensioner's last sickness? Heart trouble

24. State the names of the persons by whom the pensioner was boarded during the period or any portion of the period of last sickness and the period for which board was furnished:  
Maymie L. Ross

25. State the names of the persons by whom the pensioner was nursed during the period or any portion of the period of last sickness and the period covered by such service in each instance:

26. Where did the pensioner live during last sickness? 110 Walnut St.

27. Did the pensioner pay rent? No

28. Where did the pensioner die? 110 Walnut St.

29. When did the pensioner die? May 12 1915

30. Where was the pensioner buried? Wood Lawn Cemetery

31. Has there been paid, or will application be made for payment to you or to any other person, any part of the expenses of the deceased pensioner's last sickness or burial by any State, county, or municipal corporation? (Answer yes or no.) No

32. If so, what is the amount of such payment, and to whom has it been or will it be made? (Furnish a copy of the itemized bill and receipt for each such payment.)

33. State below what expenses were paid or incurred by you during the pensioner's last sickness, and for burial. Write the word none where no charge is made in case of any item of expense noted.

Each charge enumerated below should be supported by an itemized bill of the person who rendered the service or furnished any supplies for which reimbursement is demanded, and should show, over his signature, by whom paid, or who is held responsible for payment, and contain the name of the pensioner for whom the expense was incurred or service rendered.

NAMES.	NATURE OF EXPENSES.	PAID OR UNPAID.	AMOUNT.
Dr. Squire	Physician's bills	pd.	10 00
	Medicine		
	Board		
	Nursing and Care		
	Rent		
Fred Smith	Groceries, and other living expenses for use of pensioner		
	Undertaker's bill	pd.	179 00
S. P. Abbott	Livery		
	Cemetery charges	pd.	12 00
OTHER EXPENSES AND THEIR NATURE.			
Total			221 00

34. Is the above a complete list of ALL the expenses of the last sickness and burial of the deceased pensioner? (Answer yes or no.)

[When the claimant for reimbursement is a married woman, she is required to sign the application and jurat with her OWN FULL NAME, not using the christian name or the initials of her husband, and all bills should be receipted TO HER IN HER NAME.]

Attest: (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_



Maymie L. Ross  
Claimant's signature in full.



Also personally appeared Eric H. Wrigley and Adelaide Nicol persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Wagoner the claimant, sign his name (or make mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they were acquainted with William M. Hunt the pensioner, named in the foregoing application, and that they know the claimant herein; that they have read all the questions, answers, and declarations in said application and believe the facts therein set forth to be true; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim.

Eric H. Wrigley  
722 W. Water, Chica. N. Y.  
Adelaide Nicol  
410 Baldwin St. Elmira N. Y.  
 Signatures and post-office addresses of witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of July, 1915; and I certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words and the words used in the foregoing declaration; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

DECLARATION ACCEPTED AS A (SEAL) UNDER THE ACT OF MARCH 2, 1895.  
 JUL 16 1915  
 Chief, Law Division.  
 PER [Signature] CHIEF, LAW DIVISION.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

Give date of commencement of the pensioner's last sickness July 24<sup>th</sup> 1915 - last illness began May 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Give date of the pensioner's death saw him daily until May 12<sup>th</sup> 1915 - he died about 9 am  
 During what period did you attend the pensioner? Whole term  
 State nature of disease from which pensioner died. He had history of heart disease since the Civil war - first attack of heart failure came upon him in May 1910 - during the month he had several attacks of Adams-Stokes Syndrome  
 State whether there was necessity for nursing or other attendance. He had the attendance of Miss Ross  
 Give length of time for which such services were necessary. who had been coming for him some time  
 Give name of each person who rendered service as nurse, and who has made or will make a charge for such service. since the soldier lost his last wife in 1912  
 Give name of any other physician who attended pensioner in last sickness. Dr. not known that - any other physician was consulted by the Soldier  
 Does your bill include a charge for medicines furnished the pensioner during his last sickness? no  
 State whether you have read the questions in the foregoing application, and the claimant's answers thereto, and whether such answers are correct according to your best knowledge, information, and belief. yes  
 Mention any other facts within your knowledge which, in your opinion, would be helpful in adjusting this claim for reimbursement.

I certify that the foregoing statement is correct.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
 PENSION OFFICE  
 JUL 14 1915  
 U. S.  
 [Signature] Attending Physician.  
 [Signature] Attending Physician.



23 — APR 4 1915

JUL 15 1915

To the Chief, Finance Division:

You are hereby notified that check # *8162ul.73* for \$*6.90* dated *JUL 4 1915* in favor of WILLIAM M. NIMBS, post-office ELMIRA, N.Y. Certificate # 679997 ACT MAY Class *ACT MAY 11, 1912* IIO WALNUT ST.

Section *One*, has been returned to this office by the Postmaster with the information that the pensioner died *May 12 1915* and said check has this day been canceled.

**PLATE DESTROYED**

Very respectfully,

GUY O. TAYLOR,  
Disbursing Clerk.

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Elmira, N. Y., *June* 1915

*Francis H. Ross* Mrs. *Marjorie L. Ross*

To Cemetery Commissioners, Dr.



<i>May 14</i>	<i>To Opening Grave to William M. Nimbs</i>	<i>7 50</i>	
	<i>" Excavation</i>	<i>5 00</i>	
			<i>12 50</i>



*Received Payt. June 28 1915*

*S. P. Abbott* Superintendent

Elmira, N.Y.,

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Mrs. F. W. Ross

TO FRED E. SMITH, DR.

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

BOTH PHONES 280-W

150 E. CHURCH STREET

INTEREST CHARGED AFTER 90 DAYS

For Funeral of William Martin Nimbs

May 14 <sup>th</sup> 1915	Casket Trimmed Complete	}	175.00
	Embalming & Care of Body		
	Hearse & attendance		
	Spray for Door		4.00
	5 Carriages to Woodlawn	4 <sup>th</sup>	<u>20.00</u>
			199.00

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1915 Received payment in full

Fred E. Smith





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Elmira, N. Y., June 5<sup>th</sup> 1915  
Mrs. Peers Estate

TO Dr. CHARLES L. SQUIRE, DR.

For services for date illness of	
Members including one	
visit made Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1915	\$ 10.00

Received Payment

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF CHEMUNG

ss. *he full from Mrs. Peers*  
*C. L. Squire*

..... of the City of Elmira, in the said  
County, being duly sworn, says that the items contained in the foregoing account are correct, and that the disburse-  
ments and services charged therein have been, in fact, made and received and that no part thereof has been paid  
or satisfied.

Subscribed and swore before me, this *2<sup>nd</sup>*  
day of *July* 191*5*

*John Peers*  
*Notary Public*  
*Elmira, N.Y.*





REIMBURSEMENT.

Claimant Marjorie L. Ross Pensioner William M. Nimbs  
 Street and No. 110. Walnut Street Class Invalid  
 P. O. Elmira Law act of May 11, 1912  
 State New York Agency Buffalo

Rate, \$ 23.00 Last paid to April 4, 1915 at \$ 23.00  
 Last illness commenced Jan 2, 1915 Date of death May 12, 1915 Accrued pension \$ 29.00

AMOUNTS CLAIMED.		CHARGES APPROVED.	DEDUCTIONS.	
Physicians' bills	\$ 10 00	\$	State aid	\$
Medicine	- -		Assets	<del>24 00</del>
Board			Insurance	✓ \$ 42 00
Nursing and care			Amount waived	
Rent				
Living expenses for pensioner				
Undertaker's bill	199 00			
Livery	" "			
Cemetery charges	12 50			
OTHER EXPENSES.				
TOTALS	221 50	✓	TOTAL	
			SUMMARY.	
			Charges approved	\$
			Deductions	
			Amount approved	

Approved for Refutation on the ground that the pensioner left  
of real estate of the value of \$5000, as shown by  
claimant's statement, sufficient to meet the expenses  
of his last sickness and burial, alleged to have been \$221.50  
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ELMIRA, N. Y. Feb. 21,

Commissioner of Pensions  
Dear Sir.

Some months ago I put in a claim for thirty eight dollars back pension which was due my father, William M. Numbs when he died on May 12, 1915. I have never received a satisfactory answer. I was told that such claims were not allowed where decedent was possessed of more than four thousand dollars. That had no bearing whatever on the case in as much as the total of all Mr. Numbs' earthly belongings amounted to three thousand four hundred and eighty one dollars as I testified in the original claim. A house and lot assessed at full valuation of \$2700 and seven hundred eighty one dollars personal property. I would be very grateful if I might have some satisfactory answer to this claim.

Yours sincerely  
Mayjorie Numbs Pears  
Mrs. Francis W. Pears  
110 Walnut St.  
Elmira  
N. Y.



February 28, 1916.

Mrs. Marjorie L. Ross,  
110 Walnut St.,  
Elmira, N. Y.

Madam:

In response to your communication of the 21st instant, relative to the pension accruing from the date to which last paid to the date of the pensioner's death in the case of William M. Nimbs, Inv. Ctf. #679,997, you are advised that the rejection of your claim for reimbursement was in accordance with the requirements of the law, as the pensioner left assets of sufficient value to meet the expenses of his last sickness and burial. If the amount of assets left by the pensioner exceeded the expenses of his last sickness and burial by one cent, there is no provision for allowance of the accrued pension as reimbursement.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.