

## CHAPTER XIX.

WAR OF THE REBELLION—(*Continued*).

*One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Forty-second Regiments.*

THE One Hundred and Sixteenth Regiment was formed in the summer of 1862, its rendezvous being at Jones' Woods, near the city of Philadelphia. One distinctively Fayette County company ("K") was embraced in its organization. The original field-officers of the regiment were Col. Dennis Heenan, Lieut.-Col. St. Clair A. Mulholland, and Maj. George H. Bardwell.

Before the ranks of the regiment had been filled ("A," "F," and "I" companies being still but partially recruited), on the 31st of August, it was ordered to move forward at once to the front. Under this order it moved (about seven hundred strong) to Washington, D. C., where it received arms and camp equipment, and marched thence to Rockville, Md., where it was reported to Maj.-Gen. D. N. Couch. It had been hastened to the field on account of the forced retreat of Gen. N. P. Banks down the Shenandoah Valley, and the consequent advance of the enemy in that direction, but before it arrived at Rockville the immediate danger had passed, and Gen. Couch thereupon ordered it back to Washington, whence, on the 21st of September, it moved across the Potomac and to Fairfax Court-House, where it came under command of Gen. Sigel.

On the 6th of October it marched from Fairfax and proceeded to Harper's Ferry, where it was incorporated with Gen. T. F. Meagher's "Irish Brigade," of which the other regiments were the Twenty-ninth, Sixty-third, Sixty-ninth, and Eighty-eighth New York Volunteers. This brigade was the Second of Gen. W. S. Hancock's (First) division of the Second Corps, commanded by Gen. Couch.

The regiment, after having had a little experience under a rather sharp artillery fire for about an hour, entered Charlestown, Va., and camped there. About the end of October it moved across the Shenandoah, crossed the ridge, and entered the Loudon Valley. Thence it marched by way of Warrenton, Va., to a position near Falmouth, on the Rappahannock.

The regiment, with its brigade, took a prominent part in the terrible battle of Fredericksburg on the 13th of December, charging bravely up to the enemy's impregnable position behind the stone wall which stretched along the front of the bristling heights, and losing in the assault eighty-eight in killed and wounded, this being over two-fifths of its entire strength. After this battle the regiment, being so greatly reduced in numbers, was consolidated into a battalion of four companies, under command of Lieut.-Col. Mulholland. The battalion was engaged, and fought well, at the battle of Chancellorsville, on the 2d of May, 1863, saving the guns of the Fifth

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Maine Battery from capture after its horses were nearly all killed or wounded, its caissons blown up, its gunners fallen, and the enemy within a few hundred yards, rushing forward to take it. After the fight the battalion recrossed the Rappahannock, and again encamped near Falmouth, where it remained about six weeks, and then marched northward to the field of Gettysburg, where it was again engaged, but without very heavy loss. In the later operations of the year the battalion participated, and after the close of the Mine Run campaign it retired across the Rapidan, on the 2d of December, and went into winter-quarters at Stevensburg. Early in the spring of 1864 the regimental organization of the One Hundred and Sixteenth was resumed, it having been raised by recruitment to a strength of eight hundred men.

In the Wilderness campaign the regiment fought in most of the battles which took place, from the Rapidan to Cold Harbor, losing one hundred and sixty-nine killed and wounded and forty missing.

Moving with the army from Cold Harbor, it crossed the James River on the 14th of June, and arrived in front of Petersburg on the 15th. On the following day it became engaged, losing thirty killed and wounded and sixteen missing. During the remainder of the year it took part in many of the engagements fought by the army investing Petersburg, among which were those of Williams' Farm, Strawberry Plains, Deep Bottom (where it lost very heavily), Ream's Station (two engagements), Boydton plank-road, and Hatcher's Run. In the final campaign of the spring of 1865 it fought at Dabney's Mills, and at Five Forks on the 31st of March. After the surrender of the Confederate army under Lee, the regiment moved to Alexandria, Va., where four of its companies (A, B, C, and D) were mustered out on the 3d of June. The other companies were mustered out of the service at Washington on the 14th of July.

## FAYETTE COUNTY OFFICERS AND MEN IN THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH REGIMENT.

## COMPANY K.

John O. O'Neill, captain, must. in Sept. 1, 1862; wounded at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862; trans. to 22d Regt., Veteran Reserve Corps, April 14, 1863.

John R. Weltner, captain, must. in April 7, 1864; disch. by general order June 22, 1865.

Patrick Casey, first lieutenant, must. in Sept. 1, 1862; died at Philadelphia, Pa., November 9th, of wounds received Oct. 7, 1862.

James D. Cope, first lieutenant, must. in March 17, 1864; captured at Williams' Farm, Va., June 22, 1864; com. captain June 22, 1865; must. out with company July 14, 1865.

Bernard Longhery, second lieutenant, must. in Sept. 3, 1862; disch. May 12th, to date Jan. 27, 1863.

Zadock B. Springer, second lieutenant, must. in April 7, 1864; captured at Ream's Station, Va., Aug. 25, 1864; com. quartermaster June 3, 1865; must. out with company July 14, 1865.

James E. Joliff, first sergeant, must. in March 31, 1864; wounded at Five Forks, Va., March 31, 1865; absent in hospital at muster out.

E. K. Crathamel, first sergeant, must. in July 31, 1862; wounded at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862; not on muster-out roll.

Samuel A. Clear, sergeant, must. in Feb. 29, 1864; pro. from corporal May 29, 1864; must. out with company July 14, 1865.

Wm. H. Semboner, sergeant, must. in Feb. 29, 1864; pro. to sergeant April 16, 1864; must. out with company July 14, 1865.

James Collins, sergeant, must. in Feb. 29, 1864; pro. from corporal Dec. 26, 1864; must. out with company July 14, 1865.

Alex. Chisholm, sergeant, must. in Feb. 29, 1864; pro. from corporal June 1, 1864; must. out with company July 14, 1865.

Edward Pence, sergeant, must. in Feb. 29, 1864; died at Annapolis, Md., June 24th, of wounds received at Petersburg, Va., June 16, 1864.

Thomas P. Crown, sergeant, must. in Aug. 4, 1862; trans. to Co. A Jan. 26, 1863.

Joseph Stiuker, sergeant, must. in Aug. 1, 1862; trans. to Co. A Jan. 26, 1863.

Daniel Root, sergeant, must. in Aug. 12, 1862; killed at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862.

William H. Tyrrell, sergeant, must. in Aug. 12, 1862; wounded at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862; pro. to second lieutenant Co. C May 1, 1863.

Stephen B. Becket, corporal, must. in March 7, 1864; pro. to corporal April 16, 1864; wounded at Petersburg, Va., June 16, 1864; must. out with company July 14, 1865.

Lloyd Patterson, corporal, must. in March 30, 1864; pro. to corporal June 4, 1864; must. out with company, July 14, 1865.

Andrew J. Seese, corporal, must. in March 3, 1864; pro. to corporal March 16, 1865; must. out with company July 14, 1865.

George W. Canoe, corporal, must. in April 1, 1864; pro. to corporal June 2, 1865; must. out with company July 14, 1865.

Wm. H. Nycum, corporal, must. in Feb. 29, 1864; captured; pro. to corporal June 2, 1865; must. out with company July 14, 1865.

Ephraim Keim, corporal, must. in Feb. 24, 1864; pro. to corporal June 2, 1865; must. out with company July 14, 1865.

George J. Cruise, corporal, must. in March 30, 1864; wounded at Tolopotomoy, Va., May 31, 1864; and at Five Forks, March 31, 1865; trans. to Co. G, 18th Regt., Veteran Reserve Corps; disch. by general order Aug. 14, 1865.

Timothy M. Inerney, corporal, must. in March 13, 1864; wounded at Five Forks, Va., March 31, 1865; absent in hospital at muster out.

Robert J. Brownsfield, corporal, must. in Feb. 29, 1864; died June 12th, of wounds received at Spottsylvania Court House, Va., May 12, 1864; buried in National Cemetery, Arlington.

Thomas Wallace, corporal, must. in Aug. 7, 1862; trans. to Co. D Jan. 26, 1863.

Engene Brady, corporal, must. in Aug. 15, 1862; trans. to Co. D Jan. 26, 1863.

Michael J. McKenna, corporal, must. in Aug. 11, 1862; trans. to Co. D Jan. 26, 1863.

George P. Snyder, corporal, must. in Aug. 6, 1862; trans. to Co. D Jan. 26, 1863.

Charles McLaughlin, corporal, must. in July 29, 1862; trans. to Co. D Jan. 26, 1863.

George Mahoffey, corporal, must. in Aug. 5, 1862; disch. on surgeon's certificate.

John Remanter, corporal, must. in Aug. 6, 1862; not on muster roll.

Joseph Hudson, corporal, must. in Aug. 8, 1862; killed at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862.

Daniel Rodgers, musician, must. in Aug. 16, 1862; trans. to Co. D Jan. 26, 1863.

George Allen, musician, must. in Aug. 22, 1862; trans. to Co. D Jan. 26, 1863.

## Privates.

Jacob Allaman, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.

Robert Allingham, must. in Jan. 28, 1862.

Albert W. Bolen, must. in March 23, 1864.

John H. Bagshaw, must. in Feb. 15, 1864.

Andrew J. Bailes, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.

Wm. P. Bricker, must. in March 31, 1864.

Parkes A. Boyd, must. in March 31, 1864.

C. Burkholder, must. in March 31, 1864.

Henry J. Bell, must. in March 23, 1864.

John C. Boylan, must. in Aug. 28, 1862.

Thomas Barker, must. in Aug. 28, 1862.

Albert S. Bishop, must. in Aug. 19, 1862.

John Burns, must. in Aug. 13, 1862.

Charles Berrell, must. in Aug. 11, 1862.

Morris Bibbs, must. in March 7, 1864.

Oliver Brooks, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.

Alfred Blair, Jr., must. in Feb. 29, 1864.

John Campbell, must. in March 31, 1864.

Daniel Chisholm, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.

John W. Chalfant, must. in March 22, 1864.  
 William A. Conn, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Michael Clemmer, must. in March 31, 1864.  
 James Cavanaugh, must. in March 31, 1864.  
 Bernard Coffey, must. in Aug. 20, 1862.  
 Hezekiah Dean, must. in Aug. 2, 1862.  
 Wm. H. Ditmore, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Stephen H. Dean, must. in March 3, 1864.  
 Edward Dougherty, must. in March 30, 1864.  
 Hugh Duming, must. in Aug. 19, 1862.  
 John Davis, must. in Aug. 29, 1862.  
 Thomas Edwards, must. in Aug. 29, 1862.  
 Emanuel Elsinger, must. in Feb. 20, 1864.  
 Michael Fisher, must. in Aug. 4, 1862.  
 Albert Frazier, must. in March 23, 1864.  
 Peter Finegan, must. in Aug. 29, 1862.  
 John Farrell, must. in Sept. 2, 1862.  
 Levi Gilmore, must. in March 30, 1864.  
 Robert Glendenning, must. in March 21, 1864.  
 Martin Gallagher, must. in Aug. 14, 1862.  
 Thomas Garoh, must. in Aug. 16, 1862.  
 Charles Green, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 John Hart, must. in Feb. 28, 1864.  
 Henry Hall, must. in March 23, 1864.  
 William Hagar, must. in March 30, 1864.  
 John R. Hayden, must. in March 23, 1864.  
 George W. Haysan, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Wm. Hall, must. in March 23, 1864.  
 Joseph J. Haynan, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 John Haus, must. in March 30, 1864.  
 Scott Hutchinson, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Abraham Hall, must. in March 23, 1864.  
 John J. Hall, must. in March 23, 1864.  
 William Hanlon, must. in Aug. 19, 1862.  
 Michael Hukey, must. in Aug. 2, 1862.  
 Wm. Horner, must. in Aug. 11, 1862.  
 James Harr, must. in Aug. 29, 1862.  
 James Hughes, must. in Sept. 1, 1862.  
 John H. Inks, must. in Feb. 24, 1864.  
 Joseph A. Jordan, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Francis James, must. in Aug. 13, 1862.  
 John Kearns, must. in Feb. 24, 1864.  
 W. S. Killgore, must. in March 1, 1864.  
 George Knuckle, must. in Aug. 4, 1862.  
 James L. King, must. in July 23, 1862.  
 Daniel King, must. in Aug. 23, 1862.  
 Elias Lehman, must. in March 21, 1864.  
 John W. Luckey, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Joshua Luckey, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Charles Long, must. in Aug. 22, 1862.  
 James Long, must. in Aug. 23, 1862.  
 James Logue, must. in Aug. 19, 1862.  
 Daniel Logue, must. in Sept. 1, 1862.  
 William Leister, must. in Aug. 28, 1862.  
 James Murray, must. in March 1, 1864.  
 John D. Mallory, must. in March 31, 1864.  
 John Moore, must. in March 29, 1864.  
 Ross Morrison, must. in March 30, 1864.  
 Jacob Maust, must. in March 3, 1864.  
 John Martin, must. in Aug. 28, 1862.  
 Joseph Merrick, must. in Aug. 7, 1862.  
 John H. Munson, must. in July 28, 1862.  
 Henry Mahaffey, must. in Aug. 8, 1862.  
 George H. Miles, must. in Aug. 12, 1862.  
 John McDonold, must. in March 1, 1864.  
 John McCuen, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Richard S. McClean, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Andrew McDowell, must. in Aug. 6, 1862.  
 John McIlhenny, must. in Aug. 12, 1862.  
 Thomas McFadden, must. in Aug. 13, 1862.  
 Wm. McGiveney, must. in Aug. 23, 1862.  
 Hugh McVey, must. in Aug. 13, 1862.  
 Hugh McGinty, must. in Aug. 19, 1862.  
 Henry O'Neal, must. in March 31, 1864.  
 Thomas O'Brien, must. in Aug. 29, 1862.  
 William O'Brien, must. in Sept. 2, 1862.  
 John O'Brien, must. in Aug. 13, 1862.

John T. Ottarn, must. in Aug. 28, 1862.  
 James Oliver, must. in March 9, 1864.  
 Jacob Prettyman, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 John Powers, must. in Aug. 29, 1862.  
 Edward Price, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 James Quinn, must. in Aug. 12, 1862.  
 Isaac L. Ryan, must. in Feb. 12, 1864.  
 John Ryan, must. in March 8, 1864.  
 David J. Rifle, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Milton Rathbun, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Robert Roe, must. in Sept. 2, 1862.  
 Simeon Samprell, must. in March 28, 1864.  
 Edmund Savage, must. in March 23, 1864.  
 William D. Shipley, must. in March 31, 1864.  
 James Smith, must. in March 31, 1864.  
 Joseph J. Smith, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 John W. Smith, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Daniel Sickles, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 John Sweeney, must. in Aug. 19, 1862.  
 Michael Sweeney, must. in Aug. 23, 1862.  
 John Sheean, must. in Aug. 15, 1862.  
 Jonathan Sheets, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 John Toner, must. in Feb. 17, 1864.  
 Benjamin Taylor, must. in March 23, 1864.  
 John Tiernan, Jr., must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Thomas Thorndell, must. in March 7, 1864.  
 Patrick Tulley, must. in Aug. 14, 1862.  
 Egbert Townsend, must. in Aug. 13, 1862.  
 Edward Tracy, must. in Sept. 1, 1862.  
 Edward W. Torbert, must. in Sept. 2, 1862.  
 Newton Umble, must. in April 1, 1864.  
 Warren Whitaker, must. in Feb. 8, 1864.  
 William Whoolery, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Thomas B. Williams, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Aaron S. Watson, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 John Wilson, must. in Sept. 1, 1862.  
 William A. Wallace, must. in Aug. 5, 1862.  
 Thomas Wilson, must. in Sept. 1, 1862.  
 John Williams, must. in July 23, 1862.  
 Thomas Wilkinson, must. in Sept. 2, 1862.  
 John W. Wood, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Charles Yauger, must. in March 23, 1864.

#### Unassigned Men.

Thomas Agan, must. in March 30, 1864.  
 John W. Aukins, must. in March 10, 1864.  
 John Bronson, must. in March 30, 1864.  
 John Brown, must. in Feb. 29, 1864.  
 Michael Dugman, must. in Jan. 19, 1865.  
 Lewis Geggus, must. in March 21, 1864.  
 Simon Gallagher, must. in Feb. 8, 1864.  
 Henry Hammer, must. in March 11, 1864.  
 Zach. McCormick, must. in Feb. 24, 1864.  
 Benjamin Wandel, must. in Feb. 10, 1864.

#### ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SECOND REGIMENT.

This regiment was made up of three companies from Somerset County, and one from each of the counties of Westmoreland, Mercer, Union, Monroe, Venango, Luzerne, and Fayette, the last named being "H" company, commanded by Capt. Joshua M. Dushane, of Connellsville.

The regimental rendezvous was at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, where the companies were mustered into the service as they arrived during the month of August, 1862. On the 1st of September the organization of the regiment was effected, under the following-named field-officers: Colonel, Robert P. Cummins, of Somerset County; Lieutenant-Colonel, Alfred B. McCalmont, of Venango; Major, John Bradley, of Luzerne County. Within two days from the time its organization was completed the regiment moved to

Washington, D. C., where it was first employed in the construction of fortifications for the defense of the city. In the latter part of September it was moved to Frederick, Md., where it remained a few weeks, and early in October marched to Warrenton, Va., it having been assigned to duty in the Second Brigade, Third Division (the Pennsylvania Reserves) of the First Corps. From Warrenton it moved to Brooks' Station, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad.

The men of the regiment first smelt the smoke of battle at Fredericksburg, on the 13th of December. The Reserve division formed a part of Gen. Franklin's grand division, and at noon on the 12th crossed the Rappahannock, and took up a position for the night along the river-bank. Early on the following morning the division crossed the ravine which cuts the plain nearly parallel with the river and formed in line of battle. The One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment was deployed on the left of the division, supporting a battery. Finally the order was given to charge, and the regiment went forward with a cheer, but was met by a fusillade so deadly that its advance was checked. "Exposed to a destructive fire, from which the rest of the brigade was shielded, it could only await destruction, without the privilege of returning it, and with no prospect of gaining an advantage; but with a nerve which veterans might envy it heroically maintained its position till ordered to retire. Out of five hundred and fifty men who stood in well-ordered ranks in the morning, two hundred and fifty in one brief hour were stricken down. After this disastrous charge the division fell back to the position west of the ravine which it had occupied on the previous day, where it remained until with the army it recrossed the river on the night of the 15th, and two days after went into winter-quarters near Belle Plain Landing."<sup>1</sup>

In February, 1863, the regiment, with the Reserves, was sent to the defenses of Washington, and remained there till late in April, when it again moved to the Rappahannock. During the progress of the great battle of Chancellorsville, which occurred a few days later, it was held in readiness for service, and remained for many hours under a heavy artillery fire, but did not become actually engaged. After the battle it recrossed the river with the army, and reoccupied its old camp near the Rappahannock until the advance of the army to Gettysburg. In that great conflict the regiment fought with conspicuous bravery on the 1st and 3d of July, not being called into action but held in reserve during the struggle of the 2d. Its losses in the entire battle were one hundred and forty-one killed and wounded and eighty-four missing (most of whom were made prisoners), a total of two hundred and twenty-five. Among the wounded were Col. Cummins (mortally) and Capt. Dushane, of the Fayette County company.

<sup>1</sup> Bates.

During the remainder of the year 1863 the regiment took part in the general movements of the army (including the advance against the enemy's strong position at Mine Run), but was not actively engaged in battle. Its winter-quarters were made near Culpeper, Va.

On the 4th of May, 1864, it left its winter-quarters and moved across the Rapidan on the campaign of the wilderness. At noon on the 5th it became hotly engaged, and fought with determination, holding its ground stubbornly until near night, when it was forced to retire. Its losses were heavy. Among the killed was Lieut. George H. Collins, of "K" company. On the 6th it again saw heavy fighting along the line of the Gordonsville road. On the 7th it moved to Laurel Hill, and held position there until the 13th, when it moved to Spottsylvania Court-House. There it remained a week throwing up defenses, and a great part of the time under heavy artillery fire. On the 21st it again moved on, and in its advance southward fought at North Anna, Bethesda Church, and Tolo-potomoy, arriving at Cold Harbor on the 6th of June. Moving thence across the Chickahominy to the James, it crossed that river on the 16th, and took position in front of Petersburg. Its first fight there was on the 18th, on which occasion it succeeded in dislodging the enemy in its front, and held the ground thus gained. It took part in two actions on the line of the Weldon Railroad, also in that at Peebles' Farm (September 30th), and others during the operations of the summer and fall. On the 6th of February, 1865, it fought and suffered considerable loss in the action at Dabney's Mills.

Breaking its winter camp on the 30th of March, it participated in the assault on the enemy's works on the Boydton plank-road, and again fought at Five Forks on the 1st of April, suffering severe loss. Eight days after Gen. Lee surrendered at Appomattox, and the brigade of which the One Hundred and Forty-second formed a part moved to Burkesville Station as a guard to stores and other property captured from the enemy. After a stay of two weeks at Burkesville the regiment was ordered to Petersburg, and moving thence by way of Richmond to Washington, D. C., was there mustered out of service on the 29th of May, 1865.

#### FAYETTE COUNTY SOLDIERS IN THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SECOND REGIMENT.

##### COMPANY H.

Joshua M. Dushane, captain, must. in Aug. 18, 1862; disch. by G. O. May 15, 1865.

Daniel W. Dull, first lieutenant, must. in Aug. 30, 1862; disch. on surgeon's certificate May 26, 1863.

George H. Collins, first lieutenant, must. in Aug. 19, 1862; pro. from first sergeant to second lieutenant April 10, 1863; to first lieutenant June 28, 1863; killed at Wilderness, Va., May 5, 1864.

Isaac Francis, Jr., first lieutenant, must. in Aug. 19, 1862; pro. from first sergeant to second lieutenant July 1, 1863; to first lieutenant June 26, 1864; died at City Point, Va., Feb. 15, 1865, of wounds received in action.

Hugh Cameron, second lieutenant, must. in Aug. 18, 1862; disch. on surgeon's certificate March 7, 1863.

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## CHAPTER XX.

### WAR OF THE REBELLION—(*Continued*).

#### *The Fourteenth Cavalry.*

THE Fourteenth Cavalry, or One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line, was raised in the summer and fall of 1862, under authority given by the War Department to James M. Schoonmaker, of Pittsburgh, who was at that time a line-officer in the First Maryland Cavalry. The regiment was principally made up of men recruited in the counties of Fayette, Washington, Allegheny, Armstrong, Lawrence, Warren, Erie, and Philadelphia. Fayette County contributed three companies, viz.: "B" company, Capt. Zadock Walker; "E" company, Capt. Ashbel F. Duncan; and "F" company, Capt. Calvin Springer.

The regimental rendezvous was first at Camp Home, and afterwards at Camp Montgomery, near the city of Pittsburgh. There, on the 24th of November, the Fourteenth completed its organization under the following-named field-officers: Colonel, James M. Schoonmaker; Lieutenant-Colonel, William Blakeley; Majors, Thomas Gibson, Shadrach Foley, and John M. Daily. On the same day the regiment left its camp and proceeded to Hagerstown, Md., where the men were mounted, armed, accoutred, and drilled. On the 28th of December it moved to Harper's Ferry, and encamped on the road leading thence to Charles-