

FIRST UNITED STATES SHARPSHOOTERS — “BERDAN’S.”

WARD’S BRIGADE — BIRNEY’S DIVISION — THIRD CORPS.

(1) COL. HIRAM BERDAN ; BVT. BRIG.-GEN.

(2) COL. GEORGE G. HASTINGS.

COMPANIES.	KILLED AND DIED OF WOUNDS.			DIED OF DISEASE, ACCIDENTS, IN PRISON, &c.			Total Enrollment.
	Officers.	Men.	Total.	Officers.	Men.	Total.	
Field and Staff.	1	..	1	1	1	2	14
Co. A —New York ...	.	15	15	.	10	10	124
Co. B —New York ...	.	13	13	.	13	13	157
Co. C —Michigan . . .	1	17	18	.	17	17	137
Co. D —New York ...	1	7	8	.	8	8	138
Co. E —N. Hampshire	2	13	15	.	11	11	113
Co. F —Vermont ....	.	31	31	.	19	19	182
Co. G —Wisconsin ...	2	20	22	.	18	18	176
Co. H —New York ...	1	6	7	.	8	8	110
Co. I —Michigan	1	11	12	.	13	13	121
Co. K —Michigan	1	10	11	.	10	10	120
Totals.	10	143	153	1	128	129	1,392

153 killed = 10.9 per cent.
Total of killed and wounded, 546.

BATTLES.	K. & M. W.	BATTLES.	K. & M. W.
Yorktown, Va.	4	Kelly’s Ford, Va.	5
Hanover C. H., Va.	2	Locust Grove, Va. (Mine Run)	12
Mechanicsville, Va.	1	Wilderness, Va.	20
Gaines’s Mill, Va.	5	Spotsylvania, Va.	9
Glendale, Va.	8	Hanover town, Va.	7
Malvern Hill, Va.	5	Cold Harbor, Va.	7
Manassas, Va.	10	Petersburg, Va. (assault 1864)	10
Antietam, Md	1	Weldon Railroad, Va., June 22, 1864.	2
Shepherdstown, Va	2	Siege of Petersburg, Va.	6
Chancellorsville, Va.	19	Strawberry Plains, Va	1
Gettysburg, Pa.	11	Deep Bottom, Va.	2
Wapping Heights, Va.	1	Boydton Road, Va.	3

Present, also, at Big Bethel (1862) ; Williamsburg ; Savage Station ; South Mountain ; Fredericksburg ; Auburn ; Po River ; North Anna.

NOTES.—The unique regiment of the war. Berdan’s Sharpshooters were United States troops, in which respect they were different from other volunteer regiments ; each company, however, was furnished entire by some one State. In 1861, General Berdan received authority from the War Department to organize a regiment of skilled marksmen from companies to be recruited in various States, and in March, 1862, it was ordered to the Peninsula, where it was attached to the Fifth Corps. The men took an active part in the Siege of Yorktown, their target rifles and deadly aim rendering the enemy’s batteries nearly useless. While there, the men were supplied with Sharp’s rifles of an improved pattern and excellent finish, manufactured expressly for their use. In 1863 the regiment was transferred to the Third Corps, and thence, in 1864, to the Second. It distinguished itself at Chancellorsville, where its skirmishers captured the ‘Twenty-third Georgia ; its loss in that battle was 11 killed, 51 wounded, and 6 missing. At Gettysburg, Colonel Berdan with a detachment of his men, supported by the Third Maine, made the important and memorable reconnoissance on the morning of July 2d, which developed the movements of the enemy, but with a severe loss to the small number engaged. The regiment was also hotly engaged at Mine Run, where Lieutenant-Colonel Caspar Trepp, then in command, was killed.