

SIXTH MAINE INFANTRY.

RUSSELL'S BRIGADE, WRIGHT'S DIVISION, SIXTH CORPS.

(1) COL. ABNER KNOWLES. (2) COL. HIRAM BURNHAM, BRIG. GEN. (Killed). (3) COL. BENJAMIN F. HARRIS.

COMPANIES.	KILLED AND DIED OF WOUNDS.			DIED OF DISEASE, ACCIDENTS, IN PRISON, ETC.			Total Enrollment.
	Officers.	Men.	Total.	Officers.	Men.	Total.	
Field and Staff	1	..	1	2	1	3	19
Company A	2	11	13	..	8	8	126
B	16	16	..	9	9	122
C	1	8	9	..	9	9	115
D	2	13	15	..	7	7	122
E	1	16	17	..	6	6	107
F	1	13	14	..	21	21	129
G	2	15	17	..	12	12	112
H	17	17	..	12	12	132
I	1	15	16	..	11	11	119
K	1	17	18	..	4	4	110
Totals	12	141	153	2	100	102	1,213

153 killed = 12.6 per cent.

Total of killed and wounded, 519. With the killed are included 18 men, missing in action.

BATTLES.	K. & M.W.	BATTLES.	K. & M.W.
Siege of Yorktown, Va.....	2	Rappahannock Station.....	56
Williamsburg, Va.....	1	Wilderness, Va.....	1
Garnett's Farm, Va.....	4	Spotsylvania, Va.....	37
Seven Days Battle, Va.....	3	Cold Harbor, Va.....	7
Antietam, Md.....	1	Petersburg, Va.....	2
Fredericksburg, Va. (1863).....	38	Picket Duty	1

Present, also, at White Oak Swamp ; Malvern Hill ; Fredericksburg, 1862 ; Gettysburg ; Fort Stevens.

NOTES.—There was no more brilliant action in the war than the affair at Rappahannock Station, Va., Nov. 7, 1863. The Sixth Maine was the most prominent in that successful fight, although gallantly assisted by the other regiments of the brigade. The enemy, about 2,000 strong, occupied an intrenched position ; the Sixth Maine, with uncapped muskets, supported by the Fifth Wisconsin, stormed their works, and springing over them were engaged in a desperate struggle, some of the fighting being hand to hand ; bayonets were freely used, and in one case an officer thrust his sabre through an antagonist. Good fighting was also done at other points of the line, the total result being a brilliant victory, with large captures of men and material. But the brunt of the fight fell on the Sixth. It lost 38 killed, and 101 wounded, out of the 321 present in action ; and of 21 officers engaged, 16 were killed or wounded. This was not the first time that the Sixth had leaped the enemy's breastworks against the blazing muzzles of a line of rifles. In the successful assault on Marye's Heights, May 3, 1863, the flag of the Sixth was the first to wave over the enemy's works. The regiment was then in the famous " Light Division " of the Sixth Corps, and did not fire a shot during the charge, but carried the works with the bayonet ; and mention is made of one man in the Sixth who bayoneted two adversaries, and then brained a third with the butt of a musket. The loss of the regiment in that battle was 23 killed, 111 wounded, and 35 missing. Major Haycock and four captains were among the killed. The regiment was mustered out August 15, 1864, its three years term of service having expired.