

SEVENTIETH NEW YORK INFANTRY — “FIRST EXCELSIOR.”

SICKLES’S BRIGADE — HOOKER’S DIVISION — THIRD CORPS.

(1) COL. DANIEL E. SICKLES; BVT. MAJOR-GEN., U. S. A. (2) COL. WILLIAM DWIGHT; BRIG.-GEN., U. S. V.  
(3) COL. J. E. FARNUM; BVT. BRIG.-GEN., U. S. V.

<i>Losses.</i>	<i>Officers.</i>	<i>En. Men.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Killed and mortally wounded .....	9	181	190
Died of disease, accidents, etc.....	2	52	54
Died in Confederate prisons.....	..	10	10
Totals .....	11	243	254
Total enrollment, 1,462; killed, 190; 12.9 per cent.			

<i>Battles.</i>	<i>Killed.</i>	<i>Wounded.*</i>	<i>Missing.†</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Yorktown, Va .....	..	2	..	2
Williamsburg, Va .....	79	138	113	330
Fair Oaks, Va.....	2	15	1	18
Oak Grove, Va.....	3	10	1	14
Malvern Hill, Va.....	..	1	..	1
Bristoe Station, Va. (1862).....	..	5	..	5
Manassas, Va .....	1	12	10	23
Fredericksburg, Va.....	..	4	..	4
Chancellorsville, Va.....	4	11	17	32
Gettysburg, Pa.....	20	93	4	117
Wapping Heights, Va.....	11	21	..	32
Mine Run, Va.....	1	7	..	8
Wilderness, Va.....	4	18	5	27
Spotsylvania, Va.....	2	31	10	43
North Anna, and Totopotomoy, Va.....	2	8	..	10
Totals.....	129	376	161	666
*Includes the mortally wounded. †Includes the captured.				

Present, also, at Stafford Court House; Glendale; Chantilly; Cold Harbor; Petersburg.

NOTES.— Recruited in New York City, and mustered into service June 20, 1861, as the First Regiment, Sickles's Brigade. It left the brigade camp on Staten Island, July 23, 1861, and was stationed at Washington a few weeks, after which it performed guard duty along the Maryland side of the Lower Potomac. During the Peninsular campaign the Excelsior Brigade was in Hooker's Division, upon which fell the brunt of the battle at Williamsburg, the Seventieth, under Colonel Dwight, being in the thickest of the fighting. The regiment numbered there, according to the official report, about 700 men, and its casualty list shows a loss of nearly one-half. One more such fight would have ended its existence. Of 33 officers, in that battle, seven were killed and twenty-two wounded. Colonel Farnum commanded the regiment at Gettysburg, where it fought in Humphreys's Division, on the Emmettsburg Road in the battle of the second day, and sustained a severe loss before it yielded this advanced position and retired to the second line. During the pursuit of Lee, the Excelsior Brigade, on July 23, 1863, attacked the Confederate rear-guard at Wapping Heights, Va., a fight in which the main loss fell on the Seventieth. Upon the transfer of the Third Corps to the Second, the brigade, under command of Colonel W. R. Brewster, was assigned to Mott's Division, and from that time fought with the Second Corps until the expiration of its term of service. It was mustered out July 1, 1864, and the recruits transferred to the Eighty-sixth New York.