

Ithaca N.Y. Oct 9th 1865

Col L. L. Dady

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Herewith I have the honor of transmitting to the Bureau of Military Records the History of the 137th Regt N.Y. Vols, also the History of the three (3) flags used in the Regt during its term of service, The two (2) flags whose History I have first given and numbered 1 & 2 I have this day forwarded to you by Express the third is the History of the flag already in your possession and which was forwarded to you from Elmira in July last

I Am Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

K. S. Van Voorhees

Lt Col 137th N.Y. Vols

Comd'g 137th N.Y. Vols

INQUIRIES RELATING TO THE FORMATION AND EARLY MOVEMENTS
OF
REGIMENTS, COMPANIES, OR BATTERIES
OF NEW-YORK VOLUNTEERS.

SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF MILITARY STATISTICS.

[This Blank, when filled, should be returned by mail or otherwise, to Col. Lockwood L. Dory, Chief of Bureau of Military Statistics, 173 State Street, Albany, N. Y.]

Number of Organization: *One Hundred and thirty seven*

Synonyms. (If known by any name other than number or letter state what):

Arm of service (whether *Infantry*, Cavalry or Artillery.) *Infantry*

Order for raising. Number Date 186

Authorization to raise, by whom granted, whether by Governor of New-York, or by the President or the Secretary of War: *Governor of New York.*

Authorization to raise, to whom given: *Was Committee of the 24th Senatorial district*

Was it raised for a particular Brigade or for any special service? If so, state facts:

Place where formed:

Binghamton Broome County New York.

Name of Camp:

Susquahanna

Name of Commandant of Post where formed:

Colonel David Poland.

Location and description of Camp or Barracks, where formed:

[Give the name of the owner of the property, the uses to which previously applied, distance from some well known point in village, &c. Should there have been taken Photographic or other views, please give such references as might enable us to procure copies.]

The Regiment while organizing was quartered in Barracks on the south side of the Susquahanna River about one mile from the Court House in the Town of Binghamton

Volunteering, when begun: *About the 15th of August 1862*

Volunteering, when ended: *About September 1st 1862*

Branch Camps and Recruiting Stations: *No Branch Camps. The Regiment was raised in the Counties of Tompkins, Tioga and Broome and Recruiting was carried on, in all the Towns of those three Counties*

Name of first Commander:

David Poland. (Colonel)

REGIMENTAL CONSOLIDATIONS.

Regimental consolidations, if any, during formation and prior to muster as a regiment.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

Give name or names of medical officers who examined recruits at formation of regiment

John W. ...

COMPANY MUSTER.

Muster in of original Companies :

	Date of Muster.	No. of Men.	Place Where Mustered.	By Whom Mustered.
A.	do do	186 .		
B.	do do	186 .		
C.	do do	186 .		
D.	do do	186 .		
E.	do do	186 .		
F.		186 .		
G.		186 .		
H.		186 .		
I.		186 .		
K.		186 .		

Add other than companies received from the United States, from the State of New-York, from Counties, Cities and Towns, or from Union Defense Committee, Associations, Committees; local committees; those and give with names of Persons, giving facts, and referring to authorities where further information can be obtained;

COMPANY CONSOLIDATIONS AFTER MUSTER

If after muster any consolidations of companies took place at rendezvous, or in the field, give date and letters of companies consolidated, as well as any attending facts.

REGIMENTAL MUSTER.

Give date of muster into the United States service as a Regiment: *September 25th 1862.*

Number of men mustered in: *Enlisted Men. 985. Commissioned Officers. 37.*

Place where mustered in: *Binghamton Broome County New York*

Name and rank of Mustering Officer: *David Ireland. Capt. 15th U. S. Infantry.*

Number of men mustered as recruits after regimental muster and before regiment left the State :

BOUNTIES PAID.

By the United States,	rate per man \$	$100 \frac{00}{100}$	Number of men thus paid.	980
By the State of New-York,	rate per man \$	$50 \frac{00}{100}$	do do	980
By the County of	rate per man \$		do do	
By the City of	rate per man \$		do do	
By Town of	rate per man \$		do do	
By Associations,	rate per man \$		do do	
By Individuals,	rate per man \$		do do	

Give any facts connected with payment of bounties:

Local Bounties were paid by all the Towns some (\$25⁰⁰/₁₀₀) Twenty five dollars, some (\$50⁰⁰/₁₀₀) fifty dollars and some \$100⁰⁰/₁₀₀ One hundred dollars

- Aid other than bounties received from the United States, from the State of New-York, from Counties, Cities and Towns, or from Union Defense Committee, Associations, Committees; local contributions, and gifts, with names of Patrons, giving facts, and referring to authorities where further information can be obtained:

Circumstances and incidents attending formation:

[Give an account of public meetings held; send copies of circulars, handbills, advertisements, and other printed matter relating to the organization, enlistment of men, their outfit, maintenance, until received into the United States Service, &c. Refer to other sources of information upon these subjects. If resulting from previous militia organizations mention this fact.]

Presentation of Flags and Banners:

[Give names of donors, time, place and circumstances. If the proceedings were published in pamphlets or newspapers send copies, if possible.]

Have any of the regimental or company flags been rendered unfit for service? If so, where are they now deposited? Is it known to you that the State has provided a fire-proof repository in this Bureau for flags no longer in use, where a large number are now deposited?

One State and two National colors have become unfit for use and have all been forwarded to the Bureau of Military Statistics at Albany N. Y.

Testimonials to officers:

[Give lists, with names, dates and circumstances.]

Before leaving the state. Colonel David Poland was presented with a Horse by the Citizens of Binghamton and Lieut. Colonel R. S. Van Voorhes with a Horse & Horse Equipment by the Citizens of Athaca. Nearly all the Line Officers receives presents of Swords & Sashes &c. from the Citizens of the different Localities where their Companies were raised.

Ceremonies attending departure:

Departure from camp. Date, September 27th 1862 Strength of command, 1008

Departure from State. Date, " " " Strength of command, "

Destination on first leaving the State: Washington (D. C.)

Route, with dates and incidents or accidents, modes of conveyance, &c.: By Erie Rail Road to Elmira, thence to Washington (D. C.) via Harrisburg Pa, and Baltimore Md.

Date of arrival at destination: September 29th 1862.

Inspection, upon entering service:

[Give names and rank of Inspecting Officer or Officers, and time, place, &c. If the organization was previously mustered into the State Service, give the date, place, and term, the name and rank of Mustering-in-officer, &c.]

Assigned to what Brigade, Division or Corps, with dates and changes:

To 3rd Brigade 2nd Division 12th Army Corps. In October 1862.

The 11th and 12th Corps were consolidated in March 1864 designate as the 20th Army Corps. remained in the 20th Army Corps until mustered out.

RECRUITS.

Give number of recruits received into the regiment after it took the field:

(175) One hundred ^{and} Seventy five.

If possible, give date of the arrival of each detachment:

March 1864. about 40 forty, three years men.

December 1864 " (100) One hundred one years men. The rest came in scattering.

If a full company or companies of recruits were received, state what letter they assumed and what companies were consolidated to make room for them:

A full company of 98 Enlisted men ^{and} five Commissioned Officers were mustered in at Elmira N.Y. on the 26th of September 1864 for one year and reached the Regiment the last of December 1864 no consolidation took place, the company was designated as unassigned company ^{and} mustered out as such.

Give any fact or facts of interest in addition to those specially asked for above, not inconsistent with the regulations of the service:

The Regiment left Washington for Harper's ferry, Va on Sept. 30th 1862. Left Harper's ferry Dec. 10th 1862 and arrived at Fairfax Station Dec. 15th 1862. Left Fairfax Station January 17th 1863 and arrived at Aquia Creek Va. 25th. Left Aquia Creek for Chancellor'sville April 26th and was engaged in the Battle of May 1st - 3rd. Returned to Aquia Creek May 7th and left for Gettysburg June 12th was in the battle of July 2nd & 3rd. Returned to the Rappahannock river arriving there August 1st. Marched to the Rapid An river in September and started for Tennessee Sept. 25th arriving at Nashville (Tenn) October 6th. Marched from Nashville to Wauhatchie Lookout Valley (Tenn), was attacked at midnight of October 25th by a largely superior force of the enemy, and he was repulsed. Was the first to enter the enemy's works on the point of Lookout Mountain in the battle above the clouds November 24th and was also in the battle of Mission Ridge Nov. 25th & Ringold (Ga) November 27th 1863. The Reg^t was quartered at Stevenson (Ala) during the Winter of 1864 and left with Sherman on his Atlanta Campaign May 3rd 1864. Entered Atlanta Sept 22nd having been engaged in all the battles of that Campaign. Left Atlanta Nov. 15th with Sherman on his march to the sea and was the second Reg^t to enter Savannah Dec. 21st 1864. Left Savannah Jan. 27th 1865 on the Campaign of the Carolinas and arrived at Raleigh (N.C) Apr. 13th. Left Raleigh for Washington via Richmond April 30th and arrived at Alexandria (Va) May 20th. Was mustered out of service June 9th left Washington for Elmira N.Y. June 10th and was there paid of and discharged June 19th 1865.

Please sign here,

Dated at

the

Ithaca N.Y.
the 9th October 1865

R. S. Van Voorhies
Late Brigadier-General U.S. Vols
Comd'g 137th N.Y. Vols

NOTE.—Should the officer to whom this blank is addressed be unable to answer all the inquiries it contains; or should the person detailed by him to prepare the same be unable to ascertain the facts now sought, it is hoped that the inquiries will be answered as fully as possible, as any part of the information will be thankfully received.

The name and address of any person who can furnish additional answers is desired, to the end that the record may be complete for the period covered by these inquiries.