

From the 126th Regiment.

NEAR BEALETON STATION, July 31, 1863.

We are in camp in the woods about 5 miles from Rappahannock Station. Our march has been a very crooked and at times a very severe one since leaving Gettysburg. At Williamsport we expected to fight as much as any one ever expected to. Indeed, we were in line of battle and expected the beginning of a battle every moment for over two days, and great was our chagrin when we learned that the rebel army had crossed the Potomac a few hours only before we were to attack them. From Williamsport we marched through Sharpsburg, over the battle field of last summer, to Harper's Ferry. But little change here. A new bridge had been built over the Shenandoah, over which there was none last summer. It was the same ruined town, looking as if an earthquake had been shaking it down. We passed over the same pontoon bridge, and the very spot where we passed out of the rebel line, paroled prisoners, last September. Maryland Heights, however, were greatly changed. Where a year ago was only a dense thicket with a single path through it, we saw a large fort and lines of breastworks in every direction. The woods were all cut down, making it impassable for everything but a mouse or a squirrel. The Heights seemed impregnable.

From Harper's Ferry our course was down Loudon Valley on the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge. We stopped about 5 o'clock the first day and had a most rare and delectable treat.— The fields around were thickly covered with the early kind of blackberries, of splendid size and most luscious ripeness. Our whole Corps stopped there, some nine or ten thousand men, and every one, I think, had all he wanted and more too. I never saw berries so plenty. One boy in our company picked a ten-quart pail nearly full in an hour and a half. Ripe fruit of any kind has an excellent effect upon men who, like us, have been living for a long time on "hard tack," coffee and salt pork.

We passed Snicker's Gap and went on to Ashby's Gap, to a little place called Paris, just in the Gap. Our next halting place was Bloomfield, about two miles east of the Ridge. The next day's march brought us to Springfield, a little depot, huddle of houses, at the entrance to the Gap. We had just arranged for a night's stay, when heavy firing was heard at the other end of the Gap. Very soon the bugle sounded "fall in double quick," and in about ten minutes off we started and marched at a sort of hard gallop upwards of five miles before we halted a moment, rested a moment and started again over the roughest road I ever saw. We had nearly reached the scene of action, when Gen. Spinola was carried by on a stretcher.— When we reached the scene of action the fighting was over with, and we laid down on a very steep and rough side hill, to sleep. It was the worst ground to sleep on that ever I tried.— This was a very hard march. Here we fell on short rations, and marched seventeen miles breakfastless and dinnerless, on a very warm day besides. White Plains was the place where we refilled our haversacks, and showed the wondering natives how hungry soldiers can eat. From White Plains to Warrenton, from there to Warrenton Junction. This region is a real wilderness. Where houses stood two years ago, now stand only two stone chimneys, according to Virginia fashion. These remind one very strongly of the pictures of ancient ruins— massive pillars are the only standing

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things. Rumor says another corps crossed the Rappahannock to ~~make~~ make a reconnaissance, and we are to go to their assistance, if they need any. A detail has been made from each regiment to go to their respective States for conscripts. The 108th N. Y. V. is generally camped near us, being in one division. They are sadly diminished, not having at present over 150 men for duty. Our regiment left Centerville with 430 men for duty, but cannot now muster over 230. Such campaigns as these use men up very fast. Old soldiers say that the Army of the Potomac never made such marches as they have made since the middle of June.

G. W. S.

Extract from the Monthly return for the Month of August 1862, of the 126th Regt N. Y. S. V. Infantry, stationed at Harper's Ferry, Va.

[We will publish the returns of 1862, now made out for the first time, in order to have our record complete. Papers of the 26th Senatorial District please copy. Ed. Chronicle.]

PRESENT.

Commissioned Officers, For Duty, 88

Enlisted Men, For Duty, 900

Sick, 44

In arrest, 2

Total, 946

ABSENT.

Commissioned Officers, With Leave, 1

Enlisted Men, Without Leave, 7

Sick, 1

In arrest, 2

Total, 10

PRESENT AND ABSENT.

Field and Staff, 9

Line Officers, 30

Total Commissioned, 39

Enlisted Men, Non-Commissioned Staff, 5

Privates, 818

Total Enlisted, 856

Aggregate, 995

The Adjutant General in his report gives the strength of the regiment as one thousand and four (1,004), but I am unable to find any record of more than nine hundred and ninety-five (995).

J. SMITH BROWN,
Present Adjutant.

REGIMENTS TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE CONSCRIPTS.—The following infantry regiments are represented at the Elmira rendezvous, to take charge of the conscripts assigned to each respective regiment:

The 158d, 49th, 109th, 77th, 122d, 117th, 140th, 69th, 146th, 112th, 2d, 1st, 3d, 15th, 141st, 154th, 144th, 94th, 147th, 104th, 187th, 44th, 148th, 11th, 107th, 137th, 76th, 108th, 126th, 149th, 106th, 60th, 64th, 97th, 86th, 80th, 72d and 85th; from the 10th and 14th regular infantry, and 10th, 5th and 9th artillery.

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An Appeal to the Ladies.

CAMP 126TH N. Y. VOL.,
NEAR THE "RAPPAHANNOCK," }
August 1st, 1863.

To the Ladies of the 26th Senatorial District, N. Y.

LADIES:—The past few weeks have been important ones in the history of our country. For the first time since the inauguration of this unholy war, its authors, emboldened by former success, and rendered desperate by the destitute condition of their armies, have dared invade a *Free State*, and pollute its soil by their unhallowed tread.—Charged with the mission of driving the invaders from our soil, the "Army of the Potomac," in the accomplishment of the task, has covered itself with imperishable honors. The traitorous hordes have been scattered before our victorious hosts, as chaff before the wind, and now seek safety in the mountain gorges of their own country. The battle of Gettysburg has taught the rebels the superiority of our arms, and, flushed with success, the Army of the Potomac, in future, *knows no retreat, until Richmond is ours.*—Our own regiment shares with that army, its hardships, its honors. Already has the struggle told fearfully upon our numbers.—Over 200 of our comrades fell upon the fields of Gettysburg, and are now silent in death, or suffering in hospitals, in various parts of the country. The sacrifice has been a fearful one, yet, if needs be, we must submit to greater.

We have now been on the move 38 days. During that time we have marched 430 miles, laid in line of battle 8 days, fought desperately 3 days, and skirmished with the enemy more or less during the whole time. Your fathers, your husbands, and your brothers, share with others in these hardships. Charged with the care of their health, we deem it our duty to neglect no means in providing for their every want. Encamped in a country where not only the luxuries, but the comforts of life, are unknown, we naturally look to *you* for aid and we know our appeal will not be in vain. The government provides in abundance, yet there is a lack of variety, which only the generosity of those at home can supply. Deprived of vegetables, we need fruits and can use them in great quantities to advantage. Preserved or canned fruits cannot be safely shipped, and dried fruits only should be sent. Pack in bbls. or boxes any kind of dried fruits, ship by express, mark Washington, D. C., send invoice by mail, and we assure you, their receipt shall be promptly acknowledged, and distributed to those under our care.

Truly yours,

CHAS. S. HUNT,
P. D. PELTIER,
Asst. Surgeons, N. Y. Vol.

LIEUT. COLONEL BAIRD.—Mr. William H. Baird of this village has been appointed Lieut. Colonel of the 126th Regiment. "In justice to Mr. Baird we will say that the charges brought against him for bad conduct at the surrender of Harper's Ferry, have been thoroughly investigated by the War Department, and found to be without any foundation. In conversing with soldiers of the 126th at Gettysburgh we found that Major Baird stood well with the men of that Regiment, and that his appointment would give general satisfaction." Col. Sherrill wrote a letter to the War Department refuting every charge against Major Baird, as far as his knowledge extended, and we have no doubt but he was better prepared to judge of Major Baird's conduct than any other man on the grounds.—[Geneva Courier.]

LOSSES OF THE 126TH REGIMENT.—It is with regret that we read the report of the losses of the 126th regiment in the late battle, and first in the list of killed stands the name of the gallant Col. Sherrell. This regiment was raised at Geneva, and if we remember right, came in from Ontario and Yates counties. It was surrendered by Ford & Co., at Harper's Ferry under circumstances mortifying to the regiment and the country, but it was no fault of the 126th. Its losses in the recent battle fully attest to the bravery of officers and men. The following is the report given :

Col. E. Sherrell, killed ; Capt. Shimer, Co. F, killed ; Capt. O. J. Herrenden, H, killed ; Capt. Wheeler, K, killed ; Lt. Lawrence, B, wounded ; Capt. J. H. Brough, E, wounded ; Lt. Brown, C, wounded ; Capt. Richardson, D, wounded ; Lt. Sherman, E, wounded ; Lt. Holmes, G, killed ; Lt. Owen, H, wounded ; Lt. Honloon, H, wounded ; Lt. Seaman, K, wounded. Three hundred men killed, wounded and missing.

Col. Sherrell was once a member of Congress from Ulster, we believe. He removed to Geneva a few years since, and there in the outskirts of the village laid out a large and model farm, in conducting which he was engaged when called to the field. It was remarked in these columns at the time that he was making a sacrifice of great personal comfort in taking command of the regiment, and as a model farmer his neighbors could ill afford to loose him. But he went, and has done his duty at all times. At Harper's Ferry he received a ball in his face which inflicted a severe wound. For several weeks he was in a critical situation, but at length recovered and joined his command. The circumstances of his death are not related, but we may be sure he fell at the post of duty, for he was a brave man and did not flinch at the moment of danger. He was respected by all who knew him, and his death will cause general sorrow.

The bodies of Capt. Isaac Shimer and Orderly Sargeant Edwin Barnes, arrived in this village on Monday evening last. The funeral of Capt. Shimer takes place to day, at the residence of Mr. Wm. Tuttle in Geneva. The body of Orderly Barnes we understand has been taken to his friends at or near Bellona.

*Over Lee
Sherman*

TERRIBLE NEWS.—Our community was thrown into deepest gloom last night, by reports and rumors relative to the terrible destruction of life in the 126th Reg't, which was in the hottest of the fight near Gettysburg, only to be plunged deeper at its confirmation this morning. By the papers and letters, we learn that Colonel Sherrill, was killed, several of the captains and lieutenants—and among Com. O, Charles Harris and Samuel Blew of Sheldrake; Josua Pürsel, of Scott's Corners, and Cornelius Baley, of Romulus, were also killed; E. D. Vaughn, wounded in the arm, and since died; Wash. Conn; wounded in the right lung; will probably die. Wilmer Stewart, of this village, badly wounded in the thigh, doing well; Jas. Harris, also of this village, slightly wound in the hip. The news is appalling. We write in sadness.

We find the following additional casualties reported in the New York papers.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH.

Cpts. Shimer, Co. F, O. J. Herrenden, H, and Wheeler, K, killed; Lt. Lawrence, B, Capt. J. H. Brough, E, Lt. Brown, G, Capt. Richardson, D, Lt. Sherman, E; wounded: Lt. Holmes, G, killed; Lt. Ower, H, Lt. Houlcon, H, Lt. Seamans, K, wounded. Three hundred men killed, wounded and missing.

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THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENT.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Wednesday, Aug. 27.

The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Regiment of New-York Volunteers, Col. SHERRILL, passed through Elmira yesterday evening at 7 o'clock, on the way from Geneva to Washington. He was detained here only one hour. The regiment was armed by Col. SHEPARD at Elmira.

Personal.

Col. E. SHERRILL of the 126th arrived home yesterday, in good health and spirits. He left the regiment encamped at Centreville.

From the 108th and 126th Regiments.

A correspondent of the Rochester Union, writing from McDougal Hospital, Fort Schuyler New York, says :

As I have seen no statement of the casualties of the 126th or 108th Regiments, all I now know is what I saw. A. D. J. McDonald, of Honeoye Falls, a Lieutenant in the 108th, was in the same hospital with myself, was badly wounded in the arm. I was informed by the men of his company that he will be much missed as he was one of the best officers of the regiment. Wm. Fairchild of North Bloomfield, a member of the same regiment, was killed by a shell. I had a talk with him before the final engagement took place. He looked well and hearty, and seemed confident of success. The boys of his company told me he was one of the best men in the regiment, always ready for duty. It was their luck to lose just such men. But such is the fate of war. Company D of the 126th, lost many men in killed—the best material of which the company was composed. Among these were H. Wood, corporal, E. Taylor, sergeant, and C. Crandall, from Naples, Ontario county, N. Y. They were loved and esteemed of the whole company. H. W. Willson, Canandaigua, of Co. D, was a man of education, and proved to be under all circumstances one of the best soldiers the country afforded. T. Comstock and H. Lewis were of the same stamp as soldiers, and will be much missed when duty is to be performed in the company and regiment. Among the wounded of Naples I will mention the names of O. C. Lyon, R. Porter and Z. Sabins, who had not only won the esteem of the men of their company, but of the whole regiment, as true and willing men to the cause in which they were engaged. All, in fact, performed their part well, which was plainly shown by wounded rebels taken prisoners by us. Our company officers were all on hand, and behaved not only bravely but manfully. Lieuts. Lincoln and Geddis went through the whole three days fight without a scratch, not because they were unexposed for such was not the case. Capt. C. A. Richardson was wounded in the foot the first day, and he was unable to be afterwards with his command. He made himself useful in taking care of his wounded men, giving them all the attention and aid that lay in his power. Our corporal, H. Mattoon, was shot by a sharpshooter in the neck close by the backbone, which was no more or less than a pretty close call. He stated he did not know what they wanted to shoot him for, as he "wan't doing anything only just carrying the flag along."

Col. Sherrill died of wounds received July 2d. A record of a high character will ever attend his memory. Lieut. Col. James M. Bull has proven to be not only a fighting man but a perfect tiger in battle. Our major, P. D. Philips, was absent at the time at Washington, and also the orderly of Co. D; but had they been with us, we are confident they would have been at their posts. Capts. Shimer and Herendeen were killed and truer men never lived. But some of what are termed our finest officers, were so fine that in battle they could hardly be seen—whether it was on account of smoke or not, I will leave to be told by others.

It is now generally conceded that were it not for the resistance to the draft in New York city and other places, that the battle of Gettysburg would be looked upon as the most decisive and decisive of the war.

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And now to the friends of the killed and wounded of the 126th, allow me to say that the only consolation that you can obtain here below, is that your near and dear friends have been killed and wounded while doing their whole duty to themselves and their country. And to you all that wish for greater consolation, may you look to a higher and better Commander who reigns where war and the rumors of war are heard of no more.

And now, in conclusion, to the remainder of the members of the regiment now left in the field: May you meet with success in all subsequent battles, if more are to be fought, and come out safe and sound; and may the time soon come when you can all return to your peaceful homes, bearing the news that the Rebellion is ended and peace is once more restored to this unhappy country.

W. R. C., Co. D 126th N. Y. S. V.

In Memoriam.

MR. EDITOR:—The following resolutions were unanimously passed at the last session of the Genesee Lyceum. You will oblige by giving them a place in your paper:

Whereas, It hath pleased Divine Providence to permit the decease of our friend and brother, James E. Hubbard, of the 126th Regiment N. Y. S. V., who died in the hospital at Centreville, Va., on the 14th ult., in the 23d year of his age; therefore,

Resolved, That as members of the Genesee Lyceum, of which he was a faithful, earnest and useful member, we cannot but express our unfeigned sorrow at this dispensation, and pay a tribute of great respect for him personally, and of our high appreciation of the many noble qualities which made him so beloved and honored by us all.

Resolved, That in him we have lost a friend who was ever true, a brother who never forgot his obligations, a young man of elevated and generous impulses, and last, though not least, a soldier whose death is a calamity to his country, no less than to his many mourning relatives and friends.

Resolved, That we extend to his parents and relatives our deepest sympathies in their bereavement, and commend them to the God of their country, whose justice always rewards the self-sacrificing, and whose sympathy never fails to eye the falling tear or comfort the distressed.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on our minutes, and that copies of them be furnished to the parents of the deceased, to the Northern Christian Advocate, the Northern Independent, the Penn Yan weekly papers, and the Rochester dailies, for publication.

JOSEPH JONES, }
GEO. H. DECKER, } Committee.
JOHN C. GATES, }

Lima, May 9, 1863.

CAPT. W. A. COLEMAN we observe in town on a short visit. The Captain is on detached service at Elmira to obtain conscripts to fill up the 126th Regiment. He is looking well, although he has seen some very tough service, and been closely grazed by rebel bullets.

Killed and Wounded of the 126th.

We publish below a list of the killed and wounded in Companies C, F, G and I of the 126th at Gettysburg, which has been furnished by Rev. T. S. Harrison, Chaplain of the Regiment. Company C is from the south part of the county, F partly from this county. G was Capt. Aikins' Company, and I Capt. Lee's. The list is imperfect, but is as complete as circumstances would perfect.

Co. C.—Killed—Sergeant C. T. Harris, Corp, C. L. Bailey, Privates E. D. Vaughn, Joshua Purcell, Geo. Kelly, J. L. Grant.

Wounded—Lieut. Sidney Brown, Sergeants Benjamin Swarthout, Madison Covert Corporals Wm. Herrington, Henry Peterson, Privates John M. Chambers, Henry H. Runsey, Spencer J. Colvin, Richard Lockhart, George

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W. Comer, Richard C. Dimmick, Eugene K. Holton, J. F. Harris, F. M. Parker, Samuel Bleu, (dead) Geo. C. King, (leg amp.,) Edgar H. McQuigg, Peter W. Rappleye, Thomas M. Woodworth, James H. Stull, John Bond, M. Harriel, J. C. Scott, Wilmer Stuart.

Co. F.—*Killed*—Capt. Isaac Shiner, M. Cunningham, John Phillips, John Snelling,

Wounded—Charles Terbush, T. G. Wilson, George Carr, O. M. Leland, C. W. Nill, Oliver Perry, John Torrence, J. M. Wilson, E. Craft, Andrew J. Davenport, Sam'l Jacort, Robert Jeffrey, A. N. Fiero, James Camp, Orderly Sergeant Van Buren Wheat, Ephraim Dubois, Edward A. Young, Samuel Clark, John W. Bishop, Charles P. Keytz.

Co. G.—*Killed*—Lt. Rufus Holmes, Sergt. T. J. Snyder, James Stevens, son, jr.

Wounded—Frederick Spicer, Chas. Farnsworth, (dead,) James Harper, Thomas Yeo, Clinton Pasko, Wm. Long, John Moran, leg amputated, D. Day, Geo. Hoffman, G. W. Bailey, John Duffy, James Place, William E. Bishop.

Co. I.—*Killed*—Sanford Ambrose, Chas. Walters, Wm. H. Eddy, Sergt. Abram Cadmus.

Wounded—David Berger, A. H. Pierson, Dennis Ryan, W. H. Wood, Stephen L. Weatherlow, Geo. Ackerman, Thos. Seabring, (dead,) H. Kelignor, W. Decker, H. Kipp, J. Hart, W. H. Tewksbury.

CARE FOR THE WOUNDED.—The War Committee of this village received a dispatch on the 8th instant from Capt. C. A. RICHARDSON, of Company D, 126th Regiment N. Y. S. V., stating that the wounded soldiers were suffering from want of proper attention and urging that the committee should send on a number of able bodied men to assist in taking care of them. The call was promptly responded to by the committee, and before night the following persons had been accepted as volunteers for the required service: Dr. W. FITCH CHENEY, ANDREW CHESEBRO, HENRY LATES, NATH'L N. COOLEY, WM. MCGINNIS, — SHERWIN and EDWARD BLAKEY. In the meantime the ladies of the Hospital Aid Society were actively at work, and with the co-operation of a number of gentlemen, very soon collected and prepared for shipment a large lot of such supplies as were likely to be needed for the relief of the sufferers. The persons whose names we have given above, started on their mission of mercy a week ago this P.M.—going by way of Elmira to Harrisburg; but finding it impracticable to proceed thence by way of Carlisle to Gettysburg, which is the direct route, they were obliged to turn back and go by way of Philadelphia and Baltimore to their destination. We trust they arrived safely, and will be able to afford relief to all who need it.

We are informed that several physicians and others have gone on a like errand from Geneva.

Notices.—Excursionists wishing to engage Seneca Point, with the Public Cabin.

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either separately, will please give notice to Capt. ROBINSON of the steamer Joseph Wood, in order to avoid collisions with other parties, and to the end that all may be accommodated with the steamer and grounds.

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT REGIMENT.

Lieut. Col. Pierce, slight; Lieut. McDonald, slight—he has been reported killed; Lieut. Dutton, slight; — Skinner, Co. F.: — McVatey, Co. F. thigh; Lieut. Amiet, killed; Capt. Fellman, both legs shot away; dangerous; Lieut. Graham, head, dangerous; Sergt. Welsh, killed; Fitzner, Co. F. killed; Meeker, Co. F. severe; Schout, F. slight.

From Capt. GILBERT H. REYNOLDS, of Battery L, 1st N. Y. Artillery, who returned home last night, we obtain the following partial list of casualties in his command:

Capt. G. H. Reynolds, side and left eye—it is feared that the sight of the eye is destroyed; Edward Costello, killed; John Volen, Oswego, shot in heel; John P. Conn, badly in head; Amos Gibbs, through the wrist; Cramble, (detached from a Pennsylvania regiment,) in side; Edward Foster, Rochester, slightly; Sergt. Chas. A. Rooney, of Rochester, and Patrick Gray, of Oswego, missing.

Capt. REYNOLDS was wounded and made a prisoner with most of his men, on Wednesday, and remained in the hands of the rebels till Saturday, when they were all recaptured by our forces. He says that his men exhibited great resolution, and not one flinched. As a specimen of the desperation and tenacity of our troops generally, he states that his battery was between two others, and when the rebels charged, an artillerist at one of the guns knocked a rebel down with a rammer, and a member of the other battery seized a musket from an infantry soldier, and actually bayoneted one of the enemy.

LETTER FROM LIEUT. CHARLES KELLY.

(WARRENTON July 31st 1863.

FRIEND CLEVELAND:—It has been some time since I have written to you, I have no excuse to offer, but that I have been on the march since the 27th of May last, having been in two battles during that time, and one skirmish, and traveled about 400 miles to our present encampment. I am tough enough to stand another heat, if one of those rebel bullets don't snuff me out, and by the way they are mighty careless things if a person should hap-

pen to get in their way. I saw some of the 126th Regt. after the fight at Gettysburgh, they did nobly in that fight, well have they redeemed their name, and Little Yates has reason to be proud of the men they sent to fight the battles of their country, and may the friends of those that have fallen, find consolation in the thought that they died in a good cause. Now a word or so in regard to the 44th, their loss was quite heavy in the fight at Gettysburgh, it being over one third of the number that went into the action that day. The loss of our own company was 2 killed and 7 wounded, one of the wounded has since died, his name was Wm. N. Norris, from the Town of Barrington. He was wounded in the leg, the two men that were killed on the field were the finest soldiers in the regt.. Corporal Mc Etti-gatt was as good a soldier as ever handled a musket, he was enlisted from the town of Torrey. The other F. M. Friswold, enlisted from the town of taly, he was as good dispositioned oy, and as fine a soldier as was in the egt. May the parents of those boys be comforted in their sorrow by the consolation that they died in the best cause that the sun ever shone upon. The others of our company that were wounded, the last time that I heard from them were doing well, those that are left in the company are in good spirits. They are somewhat fagged out by the long marches for the last two months. We have been encamped at Warrenton, for the last four days in order to get newly clothed up once more, when the men came here, many of them were without shoes, and shoes are the the thing that a soldier wants on the march, they must be obtained the first thing, or no marching. We have marching orders to be ready in the morning with three days rations, I suppose it is to establish the lines before the next fight. I don't think there will be any fight until the Army of the Potomac is reinforced by conscripts from the north. Well send them along, we want to fill up the old regiments once more. Remember me to the people of Penn Yan. The weather is quite warm here at present. The health of the regiment is good, better than it was last winter when we were encamped so long at Stoneman's