

## 148<sup>th</sup> NY captured at Petersburg, VA on June 15-16

Correspondence of Seneca Co. Courier.

Additional List of Casualties in the 148th Regt. N. Y. Vols., up to June 18, 1864.

Co. A.

June 3d.—Richard Stevens, killed.

June 15th.—James Roe, hip.

" Charles Marshall, back.

" Matthew Carroll, hip.

### TAKEN PRISONERS.

2d Lieut. Cortland Van Rensselear.

1st Sergt. John F. Hoster.

Sergt. Charles B. Randolph.

Corp. Thomas Pringle.

Corp. William Owens.

Corp. Wm. J. Dillon.

Hiram P. Barton.

James B. Churchill.

James G. Cross.

Robert Campbell.

Thomas Crelly.

Peter A. Deal.

John A. Hudson.

Wm. A. Hood.

Cornelius Hibbard.

William Lace.

Benj. Merry.

Wm. F. Morris.

John Persannar.

Joseph Snyder.

William Thompson.

George Vincent.

Johnson Weah or Weir.

T. B. Youngs.

VAN RENSSELAER, CORTLAND.—Age, 21 years. Enrolled at Geneva, to serve three years, and mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. A, August '29, 1862; dismissed, March 6, 1863; restored, May 6, 1863; captured, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled, no date; mustered in as first lieutenant, August 22, 1864; as captain, Co. C, February 18, 1865; mustered out with company, June 22, 1865, at Richmond, Va. Commissioned second lieutenant, November 3, 1862, with rank from August 29, 1862, original; first lieutenant, August 22, 1861, with rank from August 1, 1861, vice T. Roberts promoted; captain, February 18, 1865, with rank from December 15, 1861, vice E. M. Faye not reported.

**HOSTER, JOHN L.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 11, 1862, at Fayette, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, August 13, 1862; promoted sergeant, September 14, 1862; first sergeant, no date; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled, no date; discharged, June 20, 1865, at Elmira, N. Y. ; also borne as Holster. [ Died October 29, 1930 at Seneca Falls, NY ]**

Hoster, John L.. *Correspondence of John L. Hoster, 1860-1867*.  
88 items.

Hoster writes to his sweetheart, Josephine (Josie) Cole, describing action of the 148th in Virginia, particularly around Porthsmouth, Norfolk, Yorktown and Williamsburg. He discusses life in camp and frequently mentions low moral character of Union soldiers and Southern civilians. Several letters mention African Americans, including a description of a church service. There are references to the progress of the war and prominent generals. A letter to a Mr. and Mrs. Vincent concerns the death of their son, George, in Andersonville. Josie's letters describe daily life in Seneca County, N.Y. A few pre-war letters refer to schooling and one refers to "excitement about South Carolina and secession."  
Located at the University of Virginia.

Hoster, John L. *John L. Hoster diary, 1862-1865*.

The collection consists of a bound typescript copy (137 pages) of the diary of John L. Hoster with entries between September 22, 1862 and April 14, 1865. Hoster's diary chronicles his military service and imprisonment (June - September 1864), his move to Charleston and Florence, South Carolina, then to Goldsboro, North Carolina, and his exchange near Wilmington, North Carolina. There are regular daily entries, some of considerable fullness, during the months at Andersonville, giving details about food, health, morale, and general treatment at Andersonville. His comments are restrained and remarkably detached. He thought Savannah a pretty place and was grateful to the citizens of Charleston for their kindness to the prisoners, particularly the sick.

1 bound volume.

Located at Emory University.

**RANDOLPH, CHARLES B.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted at Fayette, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, December 28, 1863; promoted sergeant, May 19, 1864; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled, no date; discharged, December 29, 1864, for promotion as captain One Hundred and Eighteenth U. S. Colored Troops. [ Died February 13, 1910 at Chicago, IL ]**

**PRINGLE, THOMAS W.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, August 12, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, August 18, 1862; promoted corporal, September 14, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor, Va.; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; died, September 6, 1864, at Andersonville, Ga. [ Mother applies May 9, 1876 ]#7,964 at Andersonville National Cemetery**

**OWENS, WILLIAM.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, August 27, 1862, at Tyre, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, August 28, 1862; promoted corporal, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled, January 3, 1865; promoted sergeant, February 14, 1865; mustered out with company, June 22, 1865, at Richmond, Va.; also borne as Owen. [ Died February 4, 1916 at Seneca Falls, NY ]**

**DILLON, WILLIAM J.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, August 28, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, August 29, 1862; promoted corporal, no date; discharged, July 8, 1865, at Rochester, N. Y. [ Died in 1905 ]**

**BARTON, HIRAM P.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, July 31, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, August 8, 1862; promoted corporal, September 14, 1862; returned to ranks, no date; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled, no date; promoted corporal, February 14, 1865; mustered out with company, June 22, 1865, at Richmond, Va. [ Died around January 1870 ]**

CHURCHILL, JAMES V.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, August 28, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled, no date; discharged, June 29, 1865, at Elmira, N. Y. [ Died June 6, 1913 ]

CROSS, JAMES G.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 9, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; **died, no date, at Florence, S. C.** [ Father applies for a pension on August 12, 1884. Denied. Form also notes 3 more sons in Union army. ] [ J.G. Cross is buried at Florence National Cemetery, SC. Plot D, Grave 2916. Birth and death are unknown and the tombstone says NY.

CAMPBELL, ROBERT.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, August 28, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled, May 26, 1865; mustered out with company, June 22, 1865, at Richmond, Va. [ Died November 21, 1890 at Seneca Falls, NY ]

CRELLY, THOMAS.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, August 14, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va., and **absent at muster-out of company.** [ Father applies for pension on April 12, 1876—not granted ]

DEAL, PETER A.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 12, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va., and **absent at muster-out of company.** [ Father applies on October 29, 1885 ]

HUDSON, JOHN.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, August 6, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; **died October 11, 1864, at Andersonville, Ga.;** also borne as John A. [ Widow's pension file of ten pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) Says he was captured June 3, 1864. This is probably a mistake. ]#10,666 at Andersonville National Cemetery

HOOD, WILLIAM A.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 9, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va. ; **absent, since, and at muster-out of company.** [ No Pension Application Found/NPAF ]

HIBBARD, CORNELIUS.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, August 28, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; mustered out with company, June 22, 1865, at Richmond, Va. [ August 21, 1891 at Seneca Falls, NY ]

LACE, WILLIAM.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 30, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled. May 20, 1865; mustered out with company, June 22, 1865, at Richmond, Va.; also borne as William Lace, Jr. [ Lived to at least March 1909 ]

MERRY, BENJAMIN.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, August 30, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; absent, prisoner of war since June 15, 1864, and at muster-out of company. [ 76 pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) Died at Florence, SC on November 4, 1864. Testified to by William Lacey. ]

MORRIS, WILLIAM P.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, July 31, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, at Petersburg, Va.; absent since, and at muster-out of company. [ Widow applies on February 17, 1865 ] There is a William A. Morris, F, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry, USA at Florence National Cemetery—Grave 2971.

PERSANNAR, JOHN.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 15, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled, February 17, 1865; mustered out with company, June 22, 1865, at Richmond, Va. [ NPAF ]

SNEIDER, JOSEPH.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, December 29, 1863, at Vernon, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A. January 2, 1864; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled, May 26, 1865; transferred to One Hundredth Infantry, June 22, 1865; also borne as Snyder. [ NPAF ]

THOMPSON, WILLIAM.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 4, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, at Petersburg, Va.; absent, since, and at muster-out of company. [Died at Florence, SC on February 27, 1865 according to testimony of James Churchill; 23 pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) Mother applies November 22, 1866 and receives pension until 1908 ]

VINCENT, GEORGE.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, August 21, 1862, at Fayette, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; died, no date, at Florence, S. C. [ Father applies February 28, 1880. Denied ]

WEAR, JOHNSON.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, August 7, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1861, at Petersburg, Va.; absent, since, and at muster-out of company; also borne as Were. [ Died September 18, 1864 at Andersonville, GA. according to testimony of Hiram Barton. Mother applies December 23, 1865; 21 pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) #9,155 at Andersonville National Cemetery

YOUNG, TALCOTT B.—Age, 38 years. Enlisted, August 28, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; died, August 31, 1864, at Andersonville, Ga. [ Widow and four children pension file of 95 pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) #7,411 at Andersonville National Cemetery

Co. D.

June 3d.—Sears F. Brainard, hand.

" 15th.—Capt. E. D. Gage, head, slight.

" " —Darnel Yoder, leg broken.

" " —F. M. Dillinbaugh, prisoner.

DILLABAUGH, LAFAYETTE M.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 25, 1862, at Seneca Falls, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled in December, 1864, at Charleston, S. C.; mustered out with company, June 22, 1865, at Richmond, Va.; also borne as Dillinbach and Dilliabaugh. [ Died around May 1880 ]

Co. F.

June 15th.—Sergt. John Earl, left hand, slight.

" " —Wm. H. Francisco, left breast, a bruise.

" 16th—Albert Sharp, missing—supposed taken prisoner.

SHARP, ALBERT I.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, August 30, 1862, at Gorham, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; paroled in December, 1864; mustered out with company, June 22, 1865, at Richmond, Va. [ Died July 9, 1928 at Soldiers Home, CA ]

Co. G.

June 15th.—Phoenemonine Lacy, back, slight.

" " —Corp. Wm. H. Swift, hip, slight.

" " —H. Chamberlain, foot, slight.

June 3d.—Gustavus H. Klube, killed,

" Frank Lammel, missing, supposed killed.

" Corp. Charles P. Wilson do.

" Joseph Lehman do.

" Matthias Moll, do.

" Philander Powell, wounded in leg.

" Joseph F. McIntyre, head, severe.

" Andrew Lob, foot, slight.

" John Vanhorn, foot, very slight.

" Corp. Julius Seibold, face, very slight.

June 15th.--James Beck, killed.

" Abram V. Terhoun, left leg.

" Sergt. John Hiller, leg, slight,

" John Reger, right hand.

" Michael Regan, taken prisoner.

RYAN, MICHAEL.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 1, 1862, at Junius, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, September 11, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, at Petersburg, Va.; **absent, since, and at muster-out of company;** also borne as Richard Regan, Reagan, Reygan and Ryom [ NPAF ]

Co. I.

June 8th.--Sylvester Decker, little finger, accident.

" 15th.--Alvah H. Wheat, hip.

" " Philip L. Shaw, face.

" " John Carey, face, severe.

" 16th.--Corp. George Scofield, left leg.

" " Henry Hulbert, leg, very slight.  
" " Peter J. Conklin, leg, and taken prisoner.  
" " Dennis Lewis, Lewis, hip, slight.  
" " Joseph J. Wright, side, severe, a prisoner.

CONKLIN, PETER J.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, August 31, 1862, at Jerusalem, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, September 14, 1862; **killed in action, June 15, 1864**, near Petersburg, Va.; also borne as Conkey. [ 20 pages of Mother's pension file at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) ]

WRIGHT, JOSEPH J.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, December 21, 1863, at Chester, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, January 5, 1864; wounded and captured, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; **died of scorbutis, August 9, 1864, at Andersonville, Ga.** [ Widow applies April 22, 1865 ]#5,125 at Andersonville National Cemetery

Co. K.  
June 15th.--Wilber C. Rouse, right eye, severe.  
" " Francis Lee, arm or leg, probably mortally.  
" " Noah Turner, missing—supposed captured.  
June 18th.--Homer B. Webb, Band, foot,

TURNER, NOAH.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, August 31, 1862, at Manchester, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, September 14, 1862; captured in action, June 15, 1864, near Petersburg, Va.; **died, October 14, 1864, at Florence, S. C.**

Previously reported 175

Additional killed, wounded and missing, 76

Total, 251

Co. A has but six men on duty in the Company. The above list is as nearly accurate as it can be made.  
FERRIS SCOTT, Chaplain.

Additional list of Casualties in the 148th N. Y. V. up to Date, June 23, 1864.

Richard Stevens, killed.

James Roe, wounded in hip.

Charles Marshall, back.

Matthew Caroll, hip.

Taken Prisoners of Co. A, June 15th.

2d Lieut. Cortland Van Renssalaer, 1st Sergt. John L. Hoster, Sergt. Charles B. Randolph, Corp'l Thomas Pringle, Corp'l Wm. Owens, Corp'l Wm. J. Dillon, Privates, Hiram P. Barton, James B. Churchill, James G. Cross, Robert Campbell, Thomas Creily, Peter A. Deal, John A. Hudson, Wm. A. Hood, Cornelius Hibbard, Wm. Lace, Benj. Merry, Wm. F. Morris, John Bersannar, Joseph Snyder, William Thompson, George Vincent, Johnson Weir, Talcott B. Youngs.

Co. D.

H. M. Dillinbaugh, taken prisoner.

Co. F.

Albert Sharp, missing--probably captured.

Co. H.

Frank Lammel, missing—supposed killed.

Charles P Wilson, " " "

Joseph Lehman, " " "

Matthias Moll, " " "

Michael Regan, taken prisoner.

Co. I.

Peter J Conklin, leg, and taken prisoner.

Joseph J Wright, side, taken prisoner.

Co. K.

Noah Turner, missing--supposed prisoner.

Source: Ferris Scott, Chaplain.

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29 names here. 28 enlisted men.

13 survived imprisonment.

11 died starting August 9 at Andersonville and going to February 27, 1865 at Florence, SC

The fates of 4 additional men remain unknown.

In this case, about 40% died, and probably closer to 50%. The dead at Florence were buried in trenches and record keeping was poor. Estimates are that 2300 Union soldiers died there.

In the Official Records, I found no exact description of the incident that led to the capture of so many men from Company A. (See OR51, pt.1, p.1256) However, in the casualties list in the same OR volume, 24 men and 1 officer are counted as missing from the 148<sup>th</sup> NY and these numbers are almost exact for the total from Company A. As part of General Griffin Stedman's brigade testing the defenses of Petersburg, a reconnaissance party got too far out towards Harrison's Creek when the rest of the brigade pulled back unexpectedly. [The captors were probably the 26<sup>th</sup> Virginia. Ironically, at about 6:00 PM on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, the 26<sup>th</sup> VA was captured by the 117<sup>th</sup> NY and 13<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire---211 men, 16 officers and 5 guns at Battery #5.]

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In addition, I found the following: “In stark contrast at least some of the prisoners from Petersburg who also had arrived that day [at Andersonville prison] enjoyed unimaginable luxuries. Not only had Sgt. John L. Hoster of the 148<sup>th</sup> New York and his companions retained all their money, clothing, rubber blankets, canteens, cooking gear, and haversacks stuffed with food and coffee, they even had pup tents, which they snuggled in that night.”

Lundstrom, John B., [One Drop in a Sea of Blue, The Liberators of the Ninth Minnesota](#) (St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2012) p. 139. Lundstrom’s source for this quote is Hoster’s diary at Emory University, GA.

Their good fortune could be a mixed blessing. This excess of survival goods would surely have made them a target for “Raiders.” Whatever goods this small group had with them , it did not mitigate their suffering much since the death numbers are similar to those of much larger (and better documented) groups of captives such as the 85<sup>th</sup> New York and 16<sup>th</sup> Connecticut who also came to Andersonville flush with cash and tradable/sellable equipment from their capture at Plymouth, NC, on April 20, 1864 and also the 60% dead from captivity experienced by the 9<sup>th</sup> Minnesota captured at Brice’s Crossroads, Mississippi on June 10, 1864. [See the above resource for an excellent regimental history of the 9<sup>th</sup> MN.]

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