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THE BEMIS HEIGHTS BATTALION. he had been deprived of command by the Newport News "The right and left the morning's fight. Some ealogs Gates, (who, it is said was de-company were detailed for picket and said "Captain, see where tained in his tent from the effects of too telegraph line. It was my turn to be (Adjutant Gilbert Thomas) "was bit." Gil Carlos W. Rowe, Keeseville, N. Y.-- visions of m much cornjuice of the night before,) could number one near the reserve After the held up his sword scabbard and showed "After the terrible struggle in the Wil for naught ANNUAL REUNION OF THE SEVnot be restrained. On his black horse he picket was established it was the duty of me where a bullet had hit it in the center, derness and our army had advanced to dodge and fighting was out of the ques-ENTY-SEVENTH SURVIVORS. dashed from point to point encouraging number one to form a line back to camp denting it so that he could not put in his Spottsylvania court house. I was intro-the men until he was carried from the so as to give an alarm if pickets were sword. I can see him now just as he duced to the inside of rebeldom, the recol-So I put on a brave face and walked field from the effect of a wound, but not attacked. I was particularly ordered not looked and smiled as he held up the lection of which makes me hungry now. The Association Gathers in Schuyler-wille and Participates in the Exer-cans about dusk. The British began to rainy night. It was almost time for me charge in the afternoon when the color ly three years' service the strife seemed cises of the Twenty-Third Reunion at to escape, for Burgoyne finding the American soldiers pressing him so strong-towards the enemy's line. In a trembling, and with it in one hand and his sword called I had been through all the vicis-concluded that discretion was the Reminiscences. The twenty-third annual re-union of the Corber 17, 1777 upon the plains near the noise as before. Listening, very atten-The twenty-third annual re-union of the Seventy-Survivors Association of the Seventy-Survivo some of the veterans accompanied them. And children not yet in their teens who were numerous; even to nursing babies who were nut not use presentation and our defeat of the more and persistently enthusiastic in making themselves heard, much to this mondane sphere, we have been lit awas nearly 12 o'clock when Commate to order and invited the Rev. Mr. Par-sons to offer a prayer. George R. Salis-bury was then introduced and seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and welcomed to construct a prayer. George R. Salis-bury was then introduced and welcomed the advances and for the more of the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and welcomed to construct a prayer. George R. Salis-bury was then introduced and seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and welcomed to replication to observing the matcher the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and welcomed to replication to observing the matcher teers the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and welcomed to replication to observing the matcher teers the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and welcomed to replication to observing the matcher the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and welcomed to replication to observing the matcher teers the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and welcomed to replication to observing the matcher teers the seventeen replies were bury was then introduced and welcomed tor replication to observing the match bury was then introduced and welcomed one hundred and seventeen replies were of a cancer on my lower lip. At the Al- in the spring of '64, just prior to our of our lines soon enough, we found the ;he day, resuming my walk at dark and the veterans to this "Old Saratoge" from which 300 had enlisted in the Sevente-The following named were present: was performed and August 9 a piece of some time after taps, when most of the ourselves prisoners of war. This was a the city, which was a vast hospital of our

saved from capture."

buy weither intersection of the constraints of the

Mitchell, John Moore, Nathan Munu, C. H. McNaughton, Stephen, Mab, C. W. from in front of Petersburg, arriving by if one was in a hurry. So the 'boys' con-thirty of whom were officers. Up to this us went up stairs into a deserted house boat the afternoon of the 11th), anticipat-cluded to 'boom' the officer in command time we had been fairly treated. I wish I near our line. From a window we got Mosher, J. H. Myers, Michael Nolan, G. ing opposition only from government em- during the temporary absence of the could say as much of their treatment at ployes and convalescent soldiers. Though colonel, who the boys wanted back to lead Andersonville, where nearly all of them this house until we saw our skirmish line the loss on both sides was light, the im-N. Peacock, Charles Palmater, S. K. Por-ter, Alfred Pickett, J. R. Rockwell, Frank Reed, H. H. Richards, Thomas portance of the battle was as great as bustibles and discharged near regimental case with those I knew. some bloodier ones, for the capital was headquarters; the noise whereof disturbed The shelter tents our boys had managed 11-Selection of place for next reunion Ryan, H. C. Rowland, H. A. Reed, C. F. and appointment of executive committee Rich, Cornelius Rose, J. S. Safford, C. E.

the sleep of many in the brigade: on this to keep so long and anything that could

herefor. 12-Good bye. Oa the conclusion of president's re-Date of the porton of the camp in command of the (Third) brigade barrel was loaded to the brim and put I now determined to attempt to detail for a three days' picket duty. Re-lieving the old picket we entered upon ried carefully and placed as near the been considering a few days, Taylor, J. B. Thora, W. W. Velie, B. R. Velie, D. N. Weatherwax, Lewis Wood, J. B. Welch, our duties, a part of the outcost. The majors tent as practible and then the to escape if opportunity presented. 17th and 18th demanding only routine short fuse lit. The whole camp was quiet I had a pocket compass with me and had sociation, he is at liberty to remit to C. D. Thurber, treasurer, Saratoga Springs, Springs, N. Y. Secretary Fuller's report: SEPTEMBER 19, 1777, 1864, 1895. etc., whereby we were enabled to enjoy brought the wrath of the brigade com-the delicacies of the season. About 4 o'clock in the morning of the porary commander of the regiment that if we got to a creek usually small but had desperate fighting; we saw a lot of Secretary Fuller's report: SEPTEMBER 19, 1777, 1864, 1895, twenty-third reunion 77th N. Y. I. Vols, at Schuylerville. Henry Bradt, Charles Blaucuatu, N. N., SEPTEMBER 19, 1777, 1864, 1895, L. M. Bailey, J. H. Cozzens, C. W. 19th we were startled by sharp firing on there is any more noise in the camp of the swollen by recent rains until it was we were startled by sharp firing on there is any more noise in the camp of the swollen by recent rains until it was men waving our dear old flag, and we went toward them, and shortly after they began firing at us; every man tried to march through it, but the men ran off, began firing at us; every mar tried to to be componed to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar tried to to be componed to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar tried to to be componed to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar tried to to be componed to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar tried to be to to be componed to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar tried to be to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar tried to be to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar tried to be to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar tried to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar tried to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar tried to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar tried to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every mar to be the men ran off. began firing at us; every

one J. Palmater, Mclefield; J. H. Smith, Gill Clearwater.] "Gill Carlos W. Rowe, Keeseville, N. Y.----visions of my attempt to escape being all There was no chance to straight up to them and stopped and talked. After some time I was allowed to pass, they concluding that I was deserter.

the drop on the Jonnies'. We stayed i 9th of May, '64, among the regiments picked from our corps to make a charge was two from our brigade. We charged right into the enemy's works, taking over one housand prisoners. The next day after I had fired a number of times, while putting on a cap after reloading my rifle. a a few days, ball entered my left arm near my shoulder which caused me to be sent to the rear." Harvey Snow, Jay, N. Y .-- "I would like very much to see my old colonel. He always stood by us in every spot and place and was respected and loved by the the regiment. I remember the last fight

We're going into camp boys! Going into camp. There Lincoln heads, the martyr great, With Grant, the hero, a first-class mate: There sherman hails accession late, With Sheridan. a worth mate, Going into camp.

We're going into camp boys! Going into camp. Our rear of column, soon at rest, Shall lie amongst the early blest, And, joys supernal light the breast, To know the last shall be the best, Going into camp.

We're going into camp boys! Going into camp. There wait our nameless, brave and good, Who with ourselves in dangers stood, They haste to greet the brotherhood, All white, from "garments rolled in blood," Going into camp."

ALONZO HOWLAND, Committee.

bushes in our immediate front. Four of us went up stairs into a deserted house was our business.

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5-Payment of dues.

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8--- Report of treasurer

6-Report of last reunion.

10--Report of committees.

7-Report of secretary; reading of let-

Oa the conclusion of president's re-sponse the roster of survivors was called, Taylor, J. Velie, B.

111 answered here and ten were reported Velie,

9--Unfinished and new business.

to have died since our last reunion.

progress of the British was barred. Heretofore we have not had the pleas-Barred! and by whom? By just such ure or honor of a poet for the occasion, 'boys." that eighty-seven years later- two and which were fully appreciated. hearts. Sept. 19, 1864-at Winchester, Va., barred The letters were cordially received, the the progress of an army which was part reminiscences particularly as they took of a system that was trying to separate the 'old boys' back to the time and scene in which they were active participants. the Union.

Monday, Sept. 19, 1864, at break of day, the forward movement of Sheridan's army was resumed, with the Sixth corps Vols., at Schuylerville, N. Y., Septemin the lead. About noon the action became 19, 1895, by the poet Moore, whose sur general, with the Sixth and Nineteenth name is John, of Bacon Hill. general, with the Sixth and Nineteenth corps advancing together; the Eighth corps being held in reserve. About 3 Unto this pleasant call, o'clock a final charge was ordered by General Sheridan. The advance the enemy's ranks and driving them in disorderly flight about five o'clock. Twenty-five hundred were captured, with o'radiae them toget have been one with the to meet the by General Sheridan. The advance the enemy's ranks and driving them in disorderly flight about five o'clock. Twenty-five hundred were captured, with o'radiae life or childhood sweet, and see them one with pride: Dor some cheerful, pleasant scene the to meet the order of the ord disorderly flight about five o'clock. Twenty-five hundred were captured, with cannon, small arms and flags. This com-plete rout of the enemy caused the famous despatch of General Sheridan, "we have just sent the rebels whirling through Winchester; we will be after them at day light tomorrow." In this battle the Seventy-seventh New York Infanty Volunteers—the Bemis Heights Battalion —had a hand; it loosing forty-two men, chird, second division, sixth corps.) Mand Barnes was daucing round. More Phillips on his fiddle played, And all ablaze with lights, When with old comrades meet. I otten tink to of the outs you. Now I look back and seem to see, One of those plasant nights. Seventy-seventh New York Infanty The streets all arched with evergreens, And all ablaze with lights, When Phillips on his fiddle played, And Barnes was daucing round. On old Virginia's ground. Poor Phillips now sleeps in his grave And divirgina's ground. Poor Phillips now sleeps in his grave And furmie lost a les: "Thank God ! It's not my head." Were now old comrades, marebing on, Each other let us cheer, Hoping these Union's to attend For many a coming year. The "boys" we know are growing old, And for a l the Seventy-seventh boys, decision and became very impatient at his decision and became very impatient at his hereine Gameral Arnold, but for whose countersion. * Near the mill the guard halted the became General Arnold, but for whose countersion. * Near the mill the guard halted the became General Arnold, but for whose countersion. * Near the mill the guard halted the became General Arnold, but for whose countersion. * Near the mill the guard halted the became General Arnold, but for whose countersion. * Near the mill the guard halted the seventy countersion. * Near the mill the guard halted the

'I have no connection on my left, what not sore now; but others continue fighting bayonet, if not shot; but if not seen, I would you do?' I replied: 'I shall fall over the old ground with their mouth, and might, with my compass and borrowed and by whom? By just such ure or honor of a post for the occasion, back toward camp, as now there is only sometimes it seems as if they never were map, get back to my regiment. I pre-with brawny arms and brave but this time we have been blessed with occasional firing! I ordered Lieutenant whipped." occasional firing! I ordered Lieutenant whipped." D. A. Thompson, who was with me, to I take care of the reserve and fall back, keeping in supporting distance of the picket line, as we would also fall back to camp. No sooner had our picket line aged, waded through the swamp and gave night a correct of hom with anger and hardship. I town Comrade Alf See and myself for-and citizens occasionally passing. Toward

picket line, as we would also fall back to town Comrade Alf See and mysell lor and cutzens occasionant, provide camp. No sooner had our picket line aged, waded through the swamp and gave night a party of boys with guns appeared, began their backward movement than them a breakfast of fresh meat while they apparently out hunting. This recalled my boyhood and home. But I was a good

woods battle, as some boys seemed to have. Alheard. Looking through the woods battle, as some boys seemed to have. Al-I saw the reserve on the double len McLean, for instance, appeared to be quick. Running to the left reckless and daring as if there was no and looking around again I espied a rebel possibility of his getting hart." battery on a rise of ground where our regimental pioneer corps was encamped when we left our camp two days before. hands of my old comrades of the Seventy-heards of my old comrades of the Seventy-heards of the Seventy-heard the Seventy-heards of the Seventy-Again looking to the left (as we were Seventh regiment, not over four of whom opposite side I could get around the rebel Again looking to the left (as we were Seventh regiment, not over four of whom faced falling back) I saw our line of have I seen since we were discharged at battle of blue nearly a mile away; when Albany, July, 1865. As I cannot be with I 'double quick' ordered. The reserve you on the 19th, the thirty-first anniver-was not losing any time in getting back, sary of the desperate fought battle of our retrogade movement was considerably Winchester in which we took part. I accelerated by the music of that rebel send my regards to all and wish all a battery, the shot and shell from which happy time." that as they got to the edge of the woods, the Seventy-Seventh regiment; of our trip day, and then again marching all night, they 'took in' a rebel picket who said to Washington were we dined off of mule aided by the map, compass and the light 'don't go through the woods, we have a meat at the soldier's retreat near the of the moon. About half of the distance battery in position on the other side.' Balimore and Ohio railroad depot. Thence was covered; the last thirty miles had The lieutenant not believing him kept on. across the Potomac and down the Penin- been made on one cracker. For ten days After we had come to a walk and within sulas, to fight the Johnnies. And now I had been on very short rations, and I

short distance of our line of bat after thirty years I find we have to fight was as hungry as a bear which had been a short distance of our line of saw after outry yet." [fasting tle, I observed an orderly. A short some of them yet." [fasting sflerward I heard two N. N. Rice, Madrid, Neb.—"I would soon. fasting. I must have something to eat i soon. My feet were blistered and I was time afterward I heard two shots in quick succession. Look-like to take you all by the hand, espec-ing around. I saw the orderly, who was dressed in our uniform, wheel his horse and ride for the rebal lines, and one of boys come to Nebraska, come to Madrid, I reconnoitered enforce, then walked our men staggering. I ran to him and cosine by an article for the rebal lines. I must have solution in this country, and ride for the rebal lines, and one of boys come to Nebraska, come to Madrid, I reconnoitered enforce, then walked perkins county, enquire for me and you staight up to the house. Of the woman is a boys of the perkins county, enquire for me and you staight up to the house. Of the woman

His officers, however, did not like his had for a like sevents of the battle. The two armies were en- forget now proud the coroner was of the regiment, which we rejoined about 2 camped in sight of each other until -oo Seventy-seventh that day." tober 7, when about half-past two o'clock Charles Blanchard, Salida, Chaffee Co. in the afternoon the fight was Col., tells how "I commanded the sixth joyfully welcomed us, as they supposed renewed. General Arnold, although corps one night," while camped near we had been captured, and then told us of

always glad to receive the notice of the reunion, though I have seldom attended. Gladly would I clasp every 'Old Boy's' hand and talk of the days when together sometimes hungry and thirsty, tired and foot sore we tramped the sacred soil of old

Virginia." W. H. Wright, Colton, Cal.—"How wish I could be with you on the 19th. Often in the busy cares of my life my mind wanders to the years '61-5. Many of you will remember our march from Centerville to Clouds Mills, March, 1862, andria, where I got a good, hot supper. for two men to go out and ascertain the position of the enemy. John Northut and was shot and died Ivolunteered, John from the effect of his wound, the first man killed in our regiment. Boys I have found the veritable Garden of Eden, and the house is always open for my comrades. Hope to be with you in 1896." A. P. Waldron, Burlington, Vt .-

'Sickness deprives me of being with you on the 19th. I am sorry, because it will not be long ere the last one of us will be called to pass over to the other side of the river; may we all be prepared to be mus tered out.'

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S. B. Root, Fresno, Cal. -- "By your in vitation to the twenty-third annual reunion of the old Seventy-seventh regi-ment, I am pleasantly reminded of an organization with which I passed three of the best and proudest years of my life, while in person it will be impracticable for me to be present, in spirit you may ear me hovering with you,

GOING INTO CAMP.

We're going into camp, boys! Going into camp. Our head of column, years ago Went there, in earth's awaiting glow; And, astill, our forces, waxing slow; Are passing on, thro' fi.lds below, Going into camp.