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Annual Report of the Adjutant General.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, Albany, February 6, 1849.

To the Legislature:

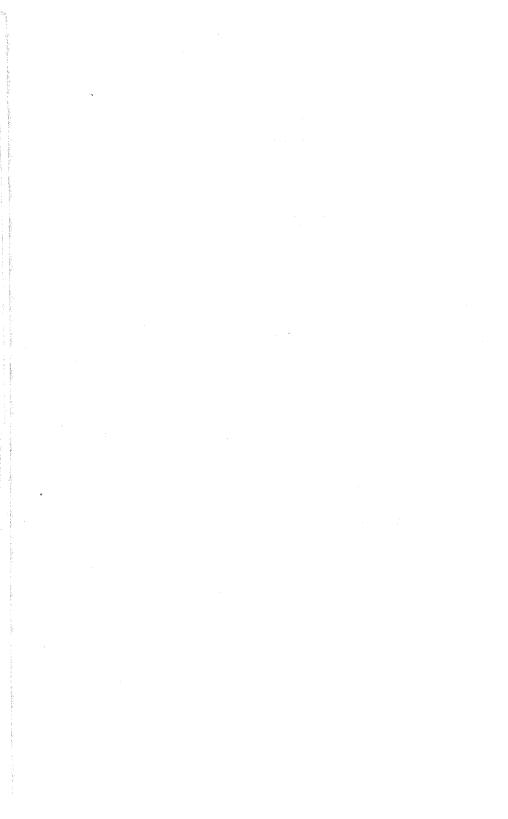
I transmit herewith the annual report of the Adjutant General. The report, it will be observed, suggests several alterations in the present militia laws of the State. I would respectfully ask for those suggestions your consideration.

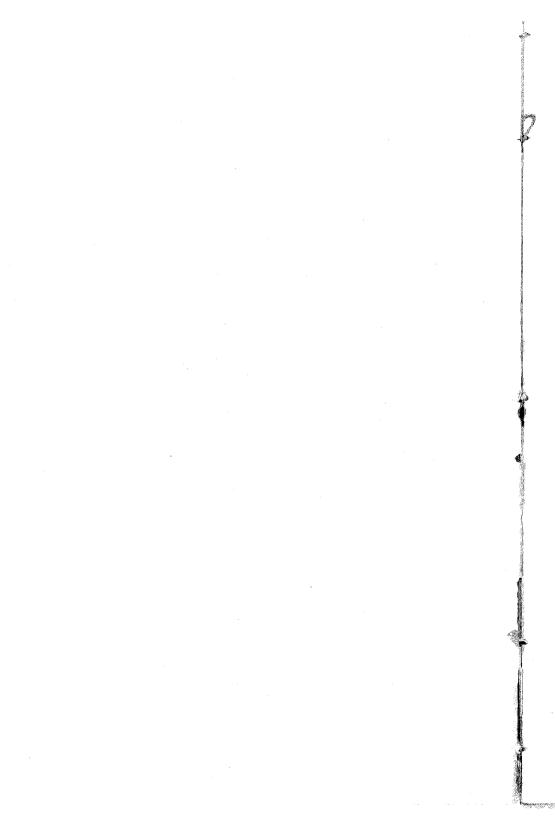
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REPORT.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.
Adjutant General's Office, Albany, Feb. 1, 1849.

To his Excellency Hamilton Fish, Governor, &c.

Pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress, approved May 8th, 1792, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States," I have the honor to submit the annual report of the condition of the militia of this State.

Annexed to this report is a copy of the return from this office, made to the President of the United States, on the 31st day of December last, which will show the strength and condition of the militia as fully as the returns made to this office enable it to be done.

The existing militia law makes no provision for brigade inspectors, until uniform regiments have been organized in each brigade district, and they shall have been elected. The want of this officer in the several brigades, to make the proper returns to the Adjutant General, renders it impossible to report with certainty, the actual strength and condition of the militia. As much time must necessarily elapse, before a perfect organization can be had in many of the regimental and brigade districts, some legislative enactment is necessary to obviate the difficulty. An act giving the appointment of the officers directly to the Commander-in-Chief would remedy this defect, and greatly add to the efficiency and discipline of that portion of the militia which performs military duty.

In most sections of the State the operation of the present militia law, answers the expectations of its warmest friends. In some locali-

ties, however, it has as yet been found impossible to carry its provisions into complete effect. A military organization, depends for its efficiency mainly upon the spirit and energy of the officers. The present law provides that after the division of the state into brigade and regimental districts, the command of each of said brigades and regiments, should be assigned to the senior brigadier general and colonel, residing in each district respectively. In thus assigning the command, it has, in most instances, devolved upon officers who have faithfully and intelligently discharged their duty. It is to be regretted, however, that in some instances such has not been the case. An amendment of the law, authorising the Commander-in-Chief, in cases where the public service required it, to assign the command to junior officers, would add much to the facilities of organization.

The two great objects hoped to be attained by the present organization of the militia, were first, to furnish a uniformed, well disciplined and efficient military force, sufficient under any emergency, and in every part of the state to preserve peace and order, and eusure the execution of the laws. Second, to procure a full and complete enrolment of all liable to military duty in any emergency. It is this enrolment which alone furnishes any accurate knowledge of the military strength of the state, and which regulates the quantity of arms which this state is entitled to receive from the United States. Under former laws neither of these objects could be accomplished. present act imposes the duty of enroling upon the commandants of the several company districts. For the purposes of a temporary organization, it is provided, that the Commander-in-Chief should designate "one captain, one first and one second lieutenant, from among those officers who were in commission on the first day of November, 1846, to act until the organization of a uniform company." the manner in which the record of commissioned officers has been heretofore kept in the Adjutants General's office, it was found impossible to ascertain what officers resided in any particular district, who could be designated as company officers. Under these circumstances, the colonel of each regiment was requested to suggest the names of proper officers to be thus designated.

It was ascertained that there was no captain, or first or second lieutenant residing in some of the company districts, and it was thus left without an officer to act. It is respectfully suggested that the law be

so amenden as to obviate this difficu'ty, and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to cause the enrolment to be made by any individual. Without an amendment of this character, it will be impossible to obtain an enrolment in some of the company districts, until the organization of a uniform company. In those sections of the State which are but sparsely settled, it is possible that many years may elapse before the organization of a uniform company, and it may never be accomplished if measures are not taken to compel the performance of military duty, or to enforce the collection of commutation and fines.

By the passage of the act of May 13th, 1847, most of the officers under the old system were rendered supernumerary. Their rights and privileges are reserved, "provided they shall within one year report themselves to the Adjutant General." The year within which such report was required to be made, expired on the 13th day of last May. Many officers have availed themselves of this provision, and reported themselves within the time, but a large majority have failed to do so. Some, from ignorance of the law, and others, under the impression that the year did not expire until the 15th of December. The error committed by the latter class has arisen from the fact, that on the 15th day of December, 1847, some amendments were made to the act, and the law having been published as amended, many entertained the belief that the year, within which they were to report themselves, commenced on that day. Many of these officers have been subjected to considerable expense in procuring uniforms, and have faithfully performed military duty for a long time, and justice seems to require that they should not be deprived of the benefits arising from this service. A failure to report themselves within the year, in effect deprives them of their commissions, and it is questionable whether it does not conflict with that provision of the constitution which declares that, "no commissioned officer shall be removed from office, unless by the Senate on the recommendation of the Governor, stating the grounds on which such removal is recommended, or by the decision of a court martial, pursuant to law."

In the early part of November a circular was addressed to the county treasurers, calling their attention to that provision of law, which requires them to report to the Adjutant General, on or before the first day of December in each year, "the amount of all moneys

received as fines or commutation money, and the balance then remaining in their hands." Annexed hereto is an abstract of the amounts received by the different county treasurers who have made reports. This abstract is necessarily imperfect, for the reason that in most of the reports no distinction is made between the amount received for fines and the amount received for commutation. By the act of 1846 the fines and commutation moneys received, were directed to be paid into the State treasury, and by an act passed in 1847, those sums were directed to be re-paid to the several county treasurers. Most of the reports give only the gross amount received, without distinguishing the amount received in 1848, from the amounts received in 1846 and 1847.

The greater portion of the amount received was probably during the past year, for the reason that during the former years the organization was but partially completed. The amount of monies in the several county treasuries will doubtless be greatly increased upon their receipt of the fines imposed during the past year. The law requires the fines to be paid to the commandant of the regiment, and by him to be paid to the county treasurer. Most of the fines would not probably be received until after the first of December, and are not, therefore, included in the reports for the past year. It is respectfully suggested that the law be so amended as to require a more specific report from each county treasurer, in order that the exact amount of military fines and commutations received in each year might be ascertained. A large discretion is vested in the boards of officers who have the control and disposition of the military fund, and it may be questioned whether it has in all instances been exercised with a due regard to prudence and economy. These boards should be required to report to the Adjutant General the amount disbursed by their order, and specifically and in detail for what in particular the disbursements were made. The military fund, if properly husbanded, will be sufficient to defray the entire expense of the military department, and I would suggest whether this fund should not be placed under the control of the pay department, with such provisions and regulations as would prevent any portion of it being illegally or improvidently expended.

The special law which governs the first division, which embraces the counties of New-York and Richmond, does not require any report to be made to the Adjutant General of the amount of monies received, and consequently no returns have been made from those counties.

By an act of the Legislature, passed May 7th, 1839, it was provided, that the Commander-in-Chief should "from time to time direct such books as to him should appear expedient, as a guide for the different corps of the militia of this State, and should furnish the same to the commissioned officers of the militia, at the expense of the State." It is a number of years since the State has purchased any works of this character, and they are now much needed. An appropriation of money is necessary in order to carry into effect the provisions of that act.

The pamphlet containing the laws applicable to the first division has not yet been published, for the reason that it is understood efforts will be made the present winter to procure amendments to the special act. It is respectfully suggested that, in order to avoid confusion and differences of opinion in reference to construction, all the laws applicable to that division be embodied into one act, and the whole be reenacted. The uniform corps in the city of New-York are not surpassed in point of discipline and efficiency by those of any other city in the Union, and while differences of opinion may exist as to the proper laws which should govern them, great caution is required in legislating upon the subject, that all proper inducements be held out for keeping up their organization and high state of discipline.

Since my last annual report the treaty of peace with Mexico having been ratified, the two regiments of volunteers from this State have been discharged from the service of the United States. The part borne by these regiments in the late war with Mexico has become a matter of history, and renders unnecessary a recapitulation of the extent of their services. Accompanying this is a full and extended report from Colonel Ward B. Burnett, giving a detailed account of the acts and doings of the 1st regiment of New-York volunteers, under his command. No report has been received from Colonel Jonathan D. Stevenson since the departure of the regiment under his command from the harbor of New-York.

In conclusion permit me to add, that aside from the provision of the constitution, which requires that the militia "shall at all times hereafter be armed and disciplined, and in readiness for service," the public peace, private security, and the due execution of the law require a

permanent and energetic military organization. To accomplish this, some legislation will be necessary from time to time, as defects in the system are discovered by its actual working. The amendments to the law necessary to remedy some of the most prominent defects which the partial operation of the system has developed, I have with great diffidence ventured to suggest.

All which is respectfully suggested.

SAMUEL STEVENS,

Adjutant General.

ABSTRACT

Of the amount of the military fines and commutations received and expended by the different county treasurers in the year 1848, as appears from their reports made to the Adjutant-General.

COUNTY.	Amount re	ceived.	Am't expended.	Amount or Dec. 1, 1	
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Albany,	\$1,131	45	\$510 65	\$620	80
Allegany,	544		332 03	212	47
Broome,	354	15	209 25	144	
Chautauque,	483	35	32 81	450	54
Chenango,	617	36	215 75	401	61
Clinton,	261	13	258 06	3	07
Columbia,	604	79	534 75	70	04
Delaware,	502	75		502	75
Dutchess,	1,699	32	1,501 09	198	23
Erie,	912		´148_50	763	80
Essex,	82	32		82	32
Franklin,					
Fulton,	399	85	396 75	3	10
Genesee,	275	04		275	
Greene,	11	86		11	86
Herkimer,	430	19	158 40	271	79
Kings,	1,344	62	1,312 37	32	25
Lewis,		14		2	14
Madison,	495	87	488 58		29
Monroe,	131	07	84 80	46	27
Montgomery,	219	74	198 50	21	
Niagara,	811	65	811 65		
Ontario,	206	60		206	
Orange,	868	89	453 40	415	
Oswego,					
Otsego,	1,119	41	844 91	274	50
Putnam,	82		82 42		
Queens,	588		62 10	326	
Rensselaer,	1,206		449 21	757	
Rockland,	460		$\frac{110}{153} \frac{21}{50}$	306	
St. Lawrence,	1,194	1	100 00	1,194	
Saratoga,	192			192	
Schenectady,		- '		102	O i

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235	15 24 173 13	Lt. Colonels.
226	18 25 172 11	Majors.
235	19 26 178 12	Adjutants.
192	13 26 139 14	Quarter Masters.
219	13 27 164 15	Pay-Masters.
110	16 23 62 9	Chaplains.
143	14 23 96	Surgeons.
128	14:	Surgeons' Mates.
1454	64 137 1170	Captains.
1489	133 133 284 1016 56	Lieutenants.
988	944 44	Ensigns.
12	::: 2:	Cornets.
175	16 23 122 14	Sergeant Majors.
160	15 23 109 13	Quarter Master Sergeants.
6636	362 451 5320 503	Musicians.
5251	122 618 4301 210	Sergeants.
4731	116 425 3982 208	Corporals.
155438	3603 6972 142763 2100	Privates.
6161	6 450 687 4746 272	Total commissioned officers.
172391	4234 8512 8597 156597 3048	Total non-commissioned offi cers, musicians, and privates
178549	6 4684 9196 161343 3320	Aggregate.
∞		No. of Divisions.
35	: : : : :	No. of Brigades.
8	- : : : : :	No. of Regiments.
8		No. of Companies.

Of the annual return of the Militia of the State of New-York, for the year 1848.

COUNTY.	Amount received.	Am't expended.	Amount on hand Dec. 1, 1848.		
Schoharie,	\$106 71	\$80 07	\$26 64		
Seneca,	437 36		437 36		
Steuben,	518 44	30 00	488 44		
Suffolk,	637 89	57 40	580 49		
Sullivan,	82 30	74 89	7 41		
Tioga,	390 17	18 00	372 17		
Tompkins,	50 22		50 22		
Warren,					
Washington,	1,056 70	883 12	173 58		
Wyoming,	239 66	42 00	197 66		
Yates,					

REPORT OF COL. WARD B. BURNETT,

Giving a detailed account of the operations of the 1st Regiment of N. Y. Volunteers in Mexico.

New-York, December 2, 1848.

General Samuel Stevens,
Adjutant General of the State of New-York.

Sir,—In consequence of the difficulty and irregularity of communition between Mexico and the United States, during the continuance of hostilities between these countries; copies of several reports relating to the action, and exhibiting the force of the first regiment of New-York Volunteers under my command, in the late campaign, have not been received by your department. While my duty as the commander of a state military force, in the service of the United States, has required that all reports emanating from it, should be made directly to the power, which for the time being controlled its immediate action, I have, nevertheless, felt it to be equally my duty, to furnish your department with copies of the reports, and such other information as would keep the State advised of the force and action of, and casualties connected with the regiment. I therefore avail myself of the earliest opportunity afforded, since the expiration of the term of service, to supply the deficiencies existing.

It will be recollected, that prior to the requisition of the President of the United States, upon the Governor of the State of New-York for seven regiments, made under date of 19th of May 1846, a large body of our citizens animated by a patriotic desire to serve their country, had organized regiments and tendered their services to the government. It was my good fortune to be placed at the head of the first organization. Although under the above requisition, the seven regiments were merely required to hold themselves in readiness for ser-

vice, still with commendable zeal, in June following, the organization of the first and second were completed, and they were mustered under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief of the State military force, as ready for service. Other regiments displayed equal zeal, but were later in their organization.

It was not, however, until the 16th of November following, that the President, through the Secretary of War, gave official notice that one of the seven regiments was required for immediate service in Mexico. On the 22nd of the same month, I received a communication from the Commander-in-Chief, in which, after informing me of the requisition, he says: "Entertaining the opinion that the regiments of volunteers of this State, organized under the requisition from the President, of the 19th May last, are entitled to service in the order in which they were organised, and tendered for service, the tender is made to your regiment as the first of the service, by the requisition now received." On the same day, I accepted the service, and issued orders for the command to assemble forthwith.

The length of time intervening between the first organization and second requisition of the President, had engendered in the minds of many connected with the regiment, an impression that they might not be required for actual service; and being unable to remain unememployed, they had sought other occupations; so that when the final call was made, the regiment, which had originally consisted of thirtythree officers, and about eight hundred men; had become reduced to fifteen officers, and about two hundred and fifty men; thus rendering necessary almost an entire re-organization. The difficulties surrounding this undertaking it is needless to detail. The preparation of a body of troops for active service, fresh from their various employments, unskilled in a great measure in the discipline and requisites necessary in such cases, is, and must at all times be, a work of no ordinary difficulty and labor. It may not, however, be improper to mention one source of embarrassment, in order to acknowledge my obligations for the aid I received in enabling me to surmount it, arising first from a construction given by the mustering officer to the order of the War Department, to the effect, that the regiment must be mustered as a whole, and not by companies; and secondly, from the necessity of an almost entire reorganization, rendering it necessary to send the recruiting officer to the interior of the State, to aid in filling

up the companies. The first caused heavy expenses to be incurred before the construction was changed, for the places of rendezvous, lodging of men, &c. The second required additional outlay, beyond the allowance of the government for transportation. These, among other causes, required large disbursements, which were in the first place borne by me; but from which I was early relieved by the generous appropriation of the common council, and donations from several patriotic citizens of the city of New-York, to whom, with pleasure, I acknowledge my obligations.

Apart from these difficulties, which are now mentioned for the reason stated, the patriotism of our citizens, soon enabled the companies to be completed and mustered into the service of the United States; and on the 30th December, 1846, the regiment was organized and ready to embark.

As no complete list of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, composing the command at that time, is, I believe, before the department, I annex hereto a list and the order and time of departure, marked A.

In the latter part of February, 1847, the command arrived off Lobos Island, disembarked and encamped; and in the early part of March, re-embarked and sailed for Vera Cruz, to participate in the siege and investment of that city. From this period it was the good fortune of the regiment to engage in that series of brilliant victories, which marked the progress of our army from its landing at Vera Cruz, until the final surrender of the city of Mexico.

A detailed statement of the part which the regiment took in the several engagements, and the casualties in each, will be found in the reports, copies of which are annexed, in the following order:

- 1. The part taken by the New-York Regiment in the seige of Vera Cruz, marked B.
- 2. At the battle of Cerro Gordo, marked C, to which is added a report made by General Twiggs, containing the names of those belonging to the regiment, who pursued Santa Anna, in advance of the whole army.
- 3. At the battles of Contreras and Churubusco, marked D, to which is added a copy of an order, issued after those engagements.

4. At the storming of Chepultepec, and the battle of Gauta de Belen, marked E.

I annex also, a complete list of the casualties which occurred in the regiment, from the time of its departure, to its return; which is marked F; and the statement exhibiting the force of the regiment and roster of officers on final muster, and the resignations, transfers and deaths of officers, marked G.

There will also be found annexed, marked H, a table copied from the report of General Scott, Commander-in-Chief, showing where and when the different officers of the regiment were employed.

These papers, it is believed, will furnish all that is necessary and material, and place the State in possession of full information, relating to the condition and action of the command.

It was the earnest desire of the late Commander-in-Chief of this State, when the regiment was called into service, that the officers and men should at no time forget that the character of the State, and the character of the regiment, were so connected, that any stain upon the latter must be a blemish upon the former. It affords me pleasure to say, that at no time was this intimate connection forgotten; on the contrary, the recollection of it tended to create a generous rivalry with troops of other States, and exerted a most beneficial influence.

The official reports bear ample evidence of the valor and bravery of the officers and men; still I cannot, in justice to my own feelings, permit this occasion to pass, without again bearing testimony to their cheerful endurance on their fatiguing marches, and gallantry in action. I derive a high gratification from having had the privilege of commanding the regiment; and it will be greatly increased, if its conduct has been such, as to secure the approbation of the State, which it had the honor to represent.

I have the honor to be,

your obedient servant,

WARD B. BURNETT,

Col. Commanding 1st Regiment of N. Y. Volunteers.

(A.)

Statement of the number of officers and men in the 1st regime New-York Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Ward B. Burnett its departure for service in Mexico.	ent of upon
Field and Staff,	8
of which Captain Webster, A. Q. M., and Captain Hutton, A.	C. S.,
did not report for duty until the landing at Vera Cruz.	
Non Commissioned Staff,	4
Captains,	10
1st Lieutenants,	9
2d Lieutenants,	20
Sergeants,	40
Corporals,	40
Musicians,	12
Privates,	662
	805

Roster of Officers.

Ward B. Burnett, Colonel.
Charles Baxter, Lieut. Colonel.
James C. Burnham, Major.
C. R. Webster, A. Q. Master.
Charles F. Gallagher, 1st Lieut. and Adjutant.
J. L. Hasbrouck, Surgeon.
Mina B. Halsted, Asst. Surgeon.
James F. Hutton, A. Commissary.

Company A.

Captain Charles H. Shaw. 1st Lieut. Augustus Jacobs. 2d Lieut. Israel Miller. 2d Lieut. Thomas W. Sweeney.

Company B.

Captain Gustave De Bougars. 1st Lieut. Gustave Reichardt. 2d Lieut. M. N. Croft. 2d Lieut. James G. Hillis.

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Company C.

Captain James Barclay.
1st Lieut. Charles H. Sherwood.
2nd Lieut. Francis G. Boyle.
2nd Lieut. David Scannell.

Company D.

Captain Jay P. Taylor.
1st Lieut. Alfred W. Taylor.
2nd Lieut. Francis E. Pinto.
2nd Lieut. Robert M. Floyd.

Company E.

Captain Charles H. Pearson. 1st Lieut. Robert A. Carter. 2nd Lieut. James Ward Henry. 2nd Lieut. Edgar Chandler.

Company F.

Captain Samuel S. Gallagher. 1st Lieut. William Forry. 2nd Lieut. Charles B. Brower. 2nd Lieut. Mayne Reid.

Company G.

Captain Daniel E. Hungerford. 1st Lieut. Charles. H Junes. 2nd Lieut. William H. Browne. 2nd Lieut. Henry Gaines.

Company H.

Captain Abram Van Olinda. 1st Lieut. Charles F. Gallagher, adjutant. 2nd Lieut. Addison Farnsworth. 2nd Lieut. Jacob Griffin, 2nd.

Company I.

Captain Morton Fairchild. 1st Lieut. George B. Hall. 2nd Lieut. James W. Greene. 2nd Lieut. James D. Potter.

Company K.

Captain Garret Dykeman. 1st. Lieut. William Taylor. 2nd Lieut. James S. McCabe. 2nd Lieut. John Rafferty.

Time and order of departure of the regiment.

Companies C, D and E, in the barque Catharine, under the command of Major James C. Burnham, and companies A and G in the barque Isabel, under Captain Charles H. Shaw, on the 9th of January, 1847; companies H, F and part of K, in the brig Empire, on the 19th, under Colonel Ward B. Burnett; companies I and balance of K, in barque Jubilee, on the 20th, under Captain Morton Fairchild; Company B, under the late Lieut. Col. Baxter, on the 22d.

(B.)

Part taken by the First Regiment of New-York Volunteers, under Colonel Ward B. Burnett, at the seige of Vera Cruz.

Headquarters, 1st New-York Volunteers, & Camp near Vera Cruz, March 30th 1847.

To Lieut. Hammond, A. A. Adjutant General, 3rd Brigade of Volunteers.

Sir:—I have the honor to transmit the following report of the part taken by the regiment under my command at the seige of Vera Cruz.

On the morning of the 10th inst., the regiment was disembarked under my directions, and at noon, upon its arrival we joined the brigade for duty.

Three companies were immediately detached for duty with the engineers to cut a road through the chapparal, and the remaining seven companies accompanied General Shields to take possession of the convent and magazine. Upon arriving at those points we found the convent already taken by a portion of the volunteer division, among which were two of the companies sent forward with the engineers. The regiment bivouacked for the night.

On the 11th we moved forward about four miles upon the line of circumvalation, and halted for the night. A small party, under Lieutenant Mayne Reid, which had gone to the rear in search of water, discovered a large body of the enemy from the town of Medelin. A command was immediately detached to his assistance, under Lt. Col. Baxter, which caused the enemy, who were mounted, to retreat upon Medelin.

From the 12th to the 15th, the regiment occupied the same position. On the 15th, three companies as light infantry were detailed under my command to unite with other portions of the army in driving in the enemy's pickets. On the same day, the regiment changed its position to the Orizaba road, where it encamped at the point it occupied during the seige, and about one and a half miles from the city of Vera Cruz.

That portion of the army, remote from the Commissary's stores upon the beach, were allowed to send parties into the interior for the beef required for their subsistence, and those parties were constantly annoyed by the enemy, whose numbers were generally reported at 250 to 300 men. The position of my regiment upon the main road leading to the interior, compelled me to give protection and relief to the parties so attacked almost daily, all of which duty, in addition to that required from large details for picket and camp guards, besides 150 to 200 men every night for labor in the trenches and batteries, was promptly and cheerfully performed.

Among the skirmishes in which portions of the regiment became engaged in the interior, may be mentioned the following: Lieut. Gaines, with thirty men, escorted me to make a reconnoisance of the country immediately in our rear, when we fell in with, and drove back about one hundred and fifty lancers.

In another, Lt. Colonel Baxter, with two companies, relieved a party that was surrounded by a large body of the enemy's cavalry, but could not pursue them, as his force was infantry.

On another occasion, it was reported to me that a foraging party of about twenty men were beseiged in a building called "The Tower," seven miles distant, and that three Pennsylvanians had been killed. Under your orders, I moved there with four companies of fifty picked men each, released the beseiged, and found myself between the Lower

and Nueva Ranche, upon a plain interspersed with clumps of bushes, surrounded by at least eight hundred cavalry, and three hundred infantry under Colonel Zenobia. Concealing a portion of my force under Captains Jay P. Taylor and Dykeman, I directed another portion under Captain Hungerford, to decoy the enemy into an ambuscade, which a battalion of cavaly was passing, in the act of charging those in sight, when they were surprised by a close and destructive fire that broke their ranks, and caused them to fall back upon the commander At this juncture, a large party of Rancheros had gained the rear of those in ambush, and annoyed them with a distant fire from escopettes. Our command was immediately faced to the rear, and our best marksmen, under cover of clumps of bushes, soon reached points sufficiently near to deliver an effective fire upon the enemy. Lieut. Gaines, principal musician Murphy, with rifles; and privates Barnes and McCanna, distinguished themselves in these daring detachments. The approach of night induced the enemy to desist in their attack, and my command returned to camp at midnight, with but a small loss compared with that of the enemy.

A band of scouts, organized under your orders, being ready for service, six of them under private Barnes, accompanied me, under the darkness of night, to within three hundred yards of the walls of Vera Cruz, and privates Barnes and Trainor advanced to those walls and obtained information which would have been important if we had been ordered to storm the city. The formal surrender of the city and castle on yesterday, the 29th, made this movement unnecessary.

The fatigues, dangers and privations of the seige have all been borne by the officers and men in such a manner as to reflect upon them the highest credit, and at the same time to give me, as their commanding officer, entire confidence in their efficiency for a more active and daring service.

Annexed is a list of the killed, wounded, &c, during the siege.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

WARD B. BURNETT,

Colonel commanding.

List of the killed and wounded during the siege at Vera Cruz.

Private Wm. H. T. Barnes, Co. I, killed in a skirmish near the Tower.

- Benj. Johnson, Co. F, killed near Vera Cruz.
- " ----- McCanna, Co. D, slightly wounded.
- " Alexander Cook, Co. K, severely
- ⁴⁴ David Bell, Co. G. slightly ⁴⁴
- " Joseph Adams, Co. D, " "

Taken prisoners by the enemy: Privates John O'Donnell, of Co. G, and Bradley, of Co. A.

(C)

Report of the part taken by the First Regiment of New-York Volunteers, under Col. Ward B. Burnett, at the battle of Cerro Gordo.

Headquarters, 1st New-York Volunteers, Jalapa, April 23d, 1847.

To Col. E. D. BAKER,

Commanding 3d Brigade of Volunteers:

Sir:—I have the honor to send you the following report of the part taken by the regiment under my command, in the battle of Cerro Gordo:

At noon on the 17th inst., I received orders to detach three companies, under a field officer, to aid Lieut. Ripley in establishing an eight-inch howitzer upon the heights opposite to the extreme right of the Mexican entrenchments, for the purpose of enfilading the enemy's works; and Major Burnham, with Companies C, F and H, were designated for that duty. It was a work of great labor, but was accomplished in time to enable Lieut. Ripley to open his fire at the the commencement of the battle, on the following morning, very much to the surprise of the enemy, who had not thought it possible to ascend those heights with artillery.

At 3 P. M., the remaining seven companies marched under my command to join the brigade under Brigadier General Shields, which had been ordered forward to support General Twiggs' division, in the

attack upon the main works. We bivouacked after sun-set, immediately in the rear of the mountain taken by the light troops in the afternoon, and furnished details through the night, to the number of 350 men, to aid in dragging one 24 pounder, and 2 eight-inch howitzers, with ammunition, over rugged acclivities. That work having been accomplished, the command was allowed rest until day-break. Company A was then detached to support a field-battery, and with the remaining six companies moved on the left of the brigade until we were halted in full view of the attack then commenced by Gen'? Twiggs' division. We there received orders to move rapidly towards the enemy's left, about one mile distant, and in passing an opening, received one discharge from a battery on the other side of a deep ravine upon the main road—which was afterwards taken by the Illinois Regiments and Company B of the New-York Volunteers. In moving forward, I saw Generall Shields, as I supposed, mortally wounded, and I immediately reported to you for further orders.

You directed me to take a ranche near the enemy's extreme left, and gain his rear. This was done in a few minutes by my gallant volunteers, with a triffing loss, and by that time the enemy's line was in full retreat. After leaving a guard to protect their principal hospital in the ranche and to secure their train of packed mules, waggons, specie, &c., I proceeded up the Jalapa road, in advance of the whole army, with about 75 men of the New-York Volunteers and 50 of the Illinoisians. With this small body of men, under the personal directions of General Twiggs, we pursued about 2,500 cavalry and infantry, for three miles, when we were overtaken by yourself, with two pieces of field artillery, and the remainder of the New-York Regiment, under Lieut. Col. Baxter. Thus reinforced, we continued the pursuit to the plain of Encerro, where our cavalry joined us with Major General Patterson, and we were ordered to bivouac for the night.

Annexed is a list of our loss, consisting of three men killed, and one officer and five men wounded.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WARD B. BURNETT,

Colonel Commanding, 1st Regiment N. Y. Volunteers.

A list of killed and wounded of the above regiment in the battle of Cerro Gordo.

James Bacon, Co. C. killed. 66 do. John O'Brien, James T. George, do. near Plan del Rio. Capt. C. S. Pierson, Co. E. slightly wounded. Private Ebenezer Cook, Co. I. mortally wounded, died on the 19th. severely wounded.

Richard Hendrick,

66 John Stevens, slightly wounded. 66

Henry Heveran, Co. E. do Co. I Lewis Monroe, do

Report of Gen. Twiggs of the New-York Volunteers, who pursued Santa Anna in advance of the whole army.

Jalapa, Mexico, April 28, 1847.

Colonel,—I have the pleasing duty of laying before you the names of the gallant New-Yorkers who accompanied me in the pursuit of Santa Anna's army from Cerro Gordo on the 18th of April 1847. Their advanced position, when the Mexican army broke, enabled them to partake in all the glory of the day.

> Colonel Ward B. Burnett, commanding regiment, Captain Morton Fairchild, Co. I. 1st Reg't. N. Y. volunteers, Principal musician, Jacob David.

1st Serg't Charles S. Cooper.

2nd Marx M. Hart,

4th Thomas J. Rodgers,

1st corp'l Jacob Riley,

2d Augustus Britell,

Edward Cook, 3d

4th Smith Harris,

Privates.

Joseph Bell, James Curran, William Bishop, Wm. D. Craig, John Coleman, Robert Dooley, Samuel Duffin, Thomas L. Decker, William Dailey, Thomas L. Doty, Joseph Emmons, Joseph Duffin, Benjamin Romain, Daniel Robertson, Thomas Rowley, Charles Stewart, John Saunders, Joseph Franklin, Joseph Fry, John Hammond, Thomas Hackett, Thomas L. Halsey, George Loomis, Wm. McGuire, Horace Meech, James Mullin, 1st. James Murphy, Thomas Normand, Henry Philips, George Strutters, Stephen Strutter, John L. Fricner, Charles M. Tucker, Robert Woods.

Company E.

1st Sergeant, Garrett Fitzgerald,
3d " Francis Crawford,
4th " George M. Blake,
3d Corporal, John Keissen.

Privates.

Thomas Martin,

James Armstrong, Hugh Brein, Francis Comoy, Joseph Corniff, George Gienen, Robert Gannon, John Leach, Stephen Conner, Christopher Dunn, Martin Duncan, Timothy Dunoren, Michael Mansen, John Seaman, John Graham, Robert Heland, Charles Thompson, James Williams, David Wells. Martin Folan, Wm. McCoffin, James Grady, David Simmons, Theodore Zimmerman, William Hunter, Philip Ewanst, William Cornell, William Miller,

Captain Pierson was previously wounded.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir,

Very respectfully, your ob't servant,

D. E. TWIGGS,

B'r General.

To Col. Burnett, 1st Reg't New-York Volunteers.

(D.)

The New-York Regiment.

The official report of the part performed by the 1st regiment, U.S. volunteers, of New-York in the investment and capture of the city of Mexico, at the battles of Contreras and Churubusco.

The volunteer brigade, commanded by Brig. General Shields, to which the regiment under my command belongs, left the city of Peubla on the 8th and encamped at Buena Vista on the 11th in full view of the country surrounding the city of Mexico, and arrived at San Augustine in position for the investment, on the 19th day of August, 1847. Generals Pillow and Twiggs, with the 3d and 2d divisions of regulars, left San Augustine on the morning of the 19th, and at 3 o'clock P. M. the New-York and South Carolina regiments were ordered to their support, under Brig. General Shields. The regiment marched immediately, leaving Major Burnham with a force of about one hundred men, consisting of company C, under the command of captain Barclay, Lieut. Sherwood and Boyle, a detachment of thirtyfive men of different companies, and twelve sick. The regiment pursued its way across the Pedregal, a series of ledges of rocks and chasms, with great difficulty; and at the deep ravine, through which a torrent falls some eight or ten feet, lost their way and returned to San Augustine. At midnight we reached the village of San Geromina in a drenching rain. Every hut was occupied; and our troops wet and weary, were obliged to stand under arms in the road until day light, when the enemy's works in the immediate vicinity of the village were to be stormed by the 2d division of the regulars. We then repaired to the church and other shelter in its neighborhood, by order of Gen. Shields, to prepare our arms for action.

As the sun rose, the cheers of the storming party were heard, and our men assembled to meet the legions of the enemy who were retreating on their fortifications nearer to the city of Mexico. We captured three hundred and thirty-six prisoners, and amongst them was one general, two colonels, and many subaltern officers, with at least two hundred stand of arms, lances, horses, &c. The regiment was then ordered to return to its former position at the church, from which small commands were sent to overtake straggling parties of the enemy, in which they were particularly successful, under the command of captain J. P. Taylor and his first lieutenant A. W. Taylor. o'clock, A. M., we received orders to advance upon the city of Mexico, leaving company D and about fifty men of other companies, that had not yet returned from scouting, in charge of the prisoners. We marched from the village of San Geromina with about three hundred officers and men. After passing through San Angel and halting for a short time, the second division of regulars engaged the enemy in

front to Churubusco. We were soon ordered to countermarch, and directed, with the other troops, to turn the enemy's right, and reach the rear of that formidable position. The New-York regiment was now upon the right of the brigade. We followed a road way for about a mile, crossed a ditch into low wet grounds, pursued our way for about one mile and an half more, through corn fields and marshes, and reached the enemy's right and rear at Los Portales. The whole line, in consequence of the character of the ground over which we passed, was very much extended, so that a few minutes were lost in forming the regiment to the front. During this time it was discovered that the enemy's line was protected by an embankment, with a deep ditch extending parallel to a roadway for more than a mile to the rear of Churubusco and to the hacienda of Los Portales. This formidable breastwork and hacienda were occupied by at least three thousand infantry, besides large bodies of cavalry. It was not until our line was formed to charge this work that the enemy was discovered, with large bodies of other troops, endeavoring to turn our left; but we had now reached a point where we were receiving a random fire from the enemy's line at a distance of about three hundred and fifty yards. The order to charge was received with cheers, and the regiment advanced to within one hundred yards of the enemy's line under a most terrific fire, in which I was wounded in the left leg by an escopette ball, compelling me to turn over the command to Lieut. Col. Charles Baxter. The regiment being as yet entirely unsupported it was thought advisable by him to retire until the South Carolina regiment, in our rear, could come up and form on our left, which that gallant regiment did in most handsome style. Gen. Shields then ordered the two regiments, or parts of regiments, to charge on the enemy's line, which they did most bravely, up to the bayonets of the enemy, breaking their line, crossing the ditch, and reaching the roadway, where they planted the standard of our States and Nation. But this advantage was gained at a great loss; out of less than three hundred officers and men who entered the field, one hundred and five were killed and wounded. A few were now sent back to see to the dead and wound-The remnants of the two regiments were again ordered to advance upon the city of Mexico. In advancing, the enemy retired in pretty good order until we were joined by a piece of artillery, captured from the enemy, and commanded by Captain Ayres of the 3rd Regiment U. S. Artillery, manned principally by volunteers. This

piece was fired several times at the column of cavalry, after which the enemy retired in disorder. We were then halted, and ordered back to Los Portales.

In this desperate engagement, where almost all were heroes, it is difficult to name those who most distinguished themselves, as all who were there may ever remember with pride that they participated in one of the most daring charges ever made by Americans against an enemy.

There were those in the command who were foremost and steadiest in every movement, from whom I take occasion to name Lieut. Col. Charles Baxter, who had two horses shot under him during the engagement; Captains Garret Dykeman, Daniel E. Hungerford, Abram Van Olinda, Morton Fairchild, and Lieutenants Mayne Reid, (commanding company B,) who particularly distinguished himself; Jacob Griffin, jr., company H; Charles F. Brower, commanding company F; J. Miller, commanding company A; John Rafferty, company K; Charles S. Cooper, company A; Charles H. James, company C; James S. McCabe, company K; James W. Henry, company E; James D. Potter, company T; F. W. Sweeney, company A; Sergeant-Major James O'Reilly, who fell whilst gallantly advancing in front of the colors; Color Sergeant Romaine, with the national colors, who, after receiving a wound in the right arm, carried the colors in his left, and it was not until he received the third and mortal wound that the color fell; in falling, Corporal Lake, of the colors, seized it, and was immediately shot down; private Tweedy, of company B, then took the colors, and was severely wounded; Orderly Sergeant Doremas, of company A, again saved it from the ground, and carried it through the engagement. The State color was gallantly carried by Sergeant Rogers, of company J, during the battle. Orderly Sergeant — Barber, of company J; O. S. Fitzgerald, of company E, and O. S. Wilson, of company G, who after being wounded so that he could not use his musket, assisted Captain Ayres in directing the piece of artillery. Adjutant Robert A. Carter behaved gallantly throughout the engagement, and was sent at one time for medical assistance, and during his absence, as well as throughout the day, Captain J. F. Hutton, United States Commissary, and Lieut. George B. Hall, A. A. Quartermaster, assisted the commanding officer, and rendered the most efficient services. It is with the highest pleasure that I recommend to your notice Assistant Surgeon M. B. Halstead,

acting surgeon of the regiment; his skill and activity can be alluded to by you with higher encomiums than my own. He was with the wounded prisoners in the morning, and with our wounded in the evening, and night and day, ever since, in our hospital, and in attending to the wounded of other corps. He speaks in the highest term of Dr. John G. McKibbin, acting assistant surgeon, who rendered him efficient aid in the performance of his duties. To Dr. Swift, United States army, I would here return my most sincere thanks for his care and attention. It is with the deepest regret that I mention the death of Lieutenant Edgar Chandler, who fell early in the action, whilst fearlessly standing by his colors.

In conclusion, I would say for my gallant regiment, that it was the third occasion in which we served under the same commander, and with equal success.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, yours,

WARD B. BURNETT,

Colonel Commanding.

A LIST

Of killed and wounded in the 1st Regiment U. S. Volunteers of New-York, at the battle of Contreras and Churubusco, on the 20th of August, 1847.

Wounded-Col. W. B. Burnett, severely in the leg.

Co. A. Killed-Private Benjamin F. Bennett.

Wounded-2d Lieut. T. W. Sweeney, severely.

do do C. S. Cooper, do do Corp'l Louis Albrough, do

do Pr. Samuel M. Baylis, do do John S. Drew, do

do James S. Stacum, slightly.

Co. B. Killed-Col. Sergeant H. Van Romaine.

do Louis Bovet.

do Private David Rathbun.

do Peter Wiese.

Co. B.	Wounded-		g't Col. Becher, se ral H. Dardenville,	•
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	do		e, John E. Tweedy	·
	do	do	L. Muir,	slightly.
Co. C.	do	do	C. Pingolt,	do
	do	do	Peter Shears,	do
	do	do	George Daub,	do
Co. D.	do	do	Goodrich Spauld	ing, do
Co. E.	Killed—2d	Lieut.	Edgar Chandler.	
			acob Touris.	
		•	g't G. Fitzgerald,	since dead.
	do		· _ · ·	severely.
	do	do	Charles Thompson	
	do	do	John H. Leach,	do
	do	do	Francis Conroy,	slightly.
	do	do	Wm. Manson,	do
	do	do	James Armstrong	, do
	do		John Hoe,	do
	do	do	Edward Sloely,	do
	do	do.	Martin Duncan,	do
	do	W	nt, Joseph Coniffe,	do
Co. F.		0	Major, James L. O	
00. 1.		_		everely, since dead.
	do	do	Dennis Costello,	do
	do	do	Peter McCann,	do
	do	do	Thomas Supple,	slightly.
	do	do	William Tompkir	0 •
	do	do	John Myer,	do
Co. G.	Killed—P	rivate, F	Robert Devoe.	
	do		Burnet Crummie.	
	Wounded-	-1st Lie	eut. Charles H. Jar	nes, slightly.
	do	Private	e, Andrew Kline,	severely.
	do	do	James Hart,	do
	do	do	Martin Finney,	do
	do	do	Charles Crapo,	do
	do	do	Alexander E. Fis	
	do	do	Peter Failey,	do
	do	do	William Hart.	do

Co. G.	Wounde	l, Private, James	s McGill,	severely
	do	•	ander Rodney,	, do
	do		ard Carr,	do
	do		a Saun,	do
3	do	1st Sergeant,	John Wilson,	slightly.
	do	Private, Nels		do
	do	do Alber	t E. Denis,	do
	do	do Berna	ard DeYoung,	do
	do	do John	Shaw,	do
	do	do John	Smith,	do
	do	do Lot S	Swift,	do
	do	Musician, Pat	Berry,	do
Co. H.	Killed-	Private, William	Allison.	
	Wounded	—2d Lieut. Jac	ob Griffin, Jr.,	slightly.
	do	Private, Jame	s Brady,	severely.
	do	do Wm.	Brumigen,	do
	do	do Robei	rt Dyer,	do
Co. H.	Wounded	Private, John	Gower, severe	ely.
	do	Corp'l Henry	Moorehead, s	lightly.
	do	Tyler l	H. Gray,	do
	do	Pr. Wm. Boyo	i,	do
	do	Alfred Dou	gherty,	do
	do	Ed. Fisher	,	do
	do	Cornelius 7	Winter,	do
Co. I.	Killed—C	orporal H. H arri	S ₂	
	do P	. James Murphy	7,	
	Wounded-	-Lieut. Potter,	s	everely.
	do	Serg't Edward	Cook,	do
	do	Jacob Ri	ley, s	slightly
	do	Pr. Robert Dool	ley,	do
	$_{ m do}$	Samuel Gar	dner,	do
	do	Harvey Lak	e,	do
	. do	Stephen Stre	eter,	do
	do	John S. Gar	dner,	do
	do	Joseph Duff	in,	do
	do	Richard Ox	ten,	do
	do	Daniel Robe	ertson,	do
	do	Horace Mea	ich,	do

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Co. I.	Wounded	Joseph Franklin,	slightly
	do	Henry Philip,	do
·	do	Capt. Morton Fairchild,	do
Co. K.	Killed]	Pr. Patrick Fagan,	
	do	Henry Maxham,	
	do	Charles Foley,	
	Wounded-	—Capt. Garret Dykeman,	severely
	do	1st. Lieut. Jas. S. M'Cabe,	slightly
	do	2d. Lieut. Mullahoskie,	do
	do	Corp'l Alexander Morran,	severely
	do	Pr. James Bower,	do
	do	William Jones,	do
	do	James F. Tompkins,	do
	do	Henry S. Wood,	do-
	da	A. Van Allen,	do 🐃
	$_{ m do}$	Randoph Tuttle,	do
	do	Jno. Cook,	slightly
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		Total,	104

Head Quarters, 1st. Reg't U. S. V. of N. Y. San Augustine Aug. 24, 1847.

Sir,—The above shows a corrected list of the killed and wounded in the 1st Regiment U. S. Volunteers of New-York, in the actions of the 20th inst., on the battle fields of "Contreras" and "Los Portales."

(Signed)

ROB'T A. CARTER, Adj't.

Headquarters, 1st Regt. U. S. Vol., N. Y. San Augustine, 1st Sept., 1847.

Order No. 34.

The Colonel takes the earliest occasion to compliment the regiment upon its gallant conduct during the investment and capture of the city of Mexico; and in doing so, he is proud to say that he can bestow upon the officers and men higher encomiums than his own. The Major-General commanding the division, and the General of brigade, have each desired him to say that they shall, on some future occasion, dwell most fully upon the merits of the regiment, but that in the mean time they request him to thank the officers and soldiers of his command for the very gallant manner in which they have conducted themselves throughout the bloody fields of the battles of Mexico.

It is a matter of surprise to us, as it is unaccountable to many of the distinguished officers of the Mexican army that are now prisoners with us, that our small brigade should have been successful at Los Portales. Since writing my report, I have learned that the whole reserve of the Mexican army was there; that the line of embankment and ditch, with the hacienda were occupied by four thousand five hundred infantry, instead of three thousand; and that the two columns of cavalry in sight did not amount to less than five thousand. Besides this, in our immediate vicinity, and on our right, the force engaged with the divisions of Generals Twiggs and Worth, is said to have amounted to twenty thousand men.

If the flight of the enemy can be attributed to anything, it must be to the indomitable spirit of our men, who rushed upon their bayonets, broke their lines, and threw themselves in the rear, producing an impression on their part that our whole force was to follow. Be this as it may, the field was gloriously won; and to both officers and men I tender my heartfelt thanks for their coolness and gallantry upon this occasion. Their fame will soon reach the State whose banner they so nobly sustained, and the highest reward that a soldier can desire will be theirs: the grateful acknowledgments of their fellow citizens.

It is a sad truth, however, that this honor has been purchased by the sacrifice of many brave and gallant spirits, endeared to us by the ties

of long and active service. After a trifling loss in the morning, more than one-third of the command was killed and wounded at Los Porta-There are but few in our ranks who do not retain upon their persons marks of the enemy's shot, whilst more than forty were hit twice, and many three times, before they fell. The gallantry displayed at the colors, which were always in advance, and where so many were shot down, deserves particular notice. It was here that the gallant Chandler fell. The national colors first fell from the hands of the gallant Romaine into Corporal Lake's, who was immediately wounded: then into the hands of private Tweedy, of Company B, who shared the same fate; it was saved from falling to the ground by O. S. Doremus, of Company A, who carried it during the remainder of the action. 4 The State colors were carried by Sergeant Rogers, of Company I, who displayed great coolness and courage throughout the day. The sergeant-major was killed in front of the colors, and a braver soldier never lived.

There is one incident connected with the battle of Los Portales, which deserves to be mentioned in orders. When all had rallied to make the final charge upon the enemy's line, and even the attendants of the wounded had left them for that purpose, it was reported in the field hospital that a large body of Mexicans was approaching. All who could stand, numbering about forty, formed in a single file, fronting the enemy, who then displayed a white flag. The colonel not deeming it safe for so large a body to approach even with a white flag, directed Lieut. Griffin, who was wounded in the left arm, to say to them in Spanish, "lay down your arms." They hesitated, when he approached and convinced them, by signs, that it was necessary for them to comply with the command. They then marched in as prisoners of war, and were surprised that they had been captured by a small party of wounded men. No less than forty-five of the prisoners proved to be deserters from the American army, belonging to the battalion organized by foreigners, under the Mexican flag.

It is to be regretted that so few promotions can be granted, where all, with but one exception, have been so deserving. The following promotions and appointment are made, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Orderly Sergeant Robert Doremus, of Company A, to be acting 2nd lieutenant, vice Chandler, killed in action.

Orderly Sergeant Robert McVey, of Company K., to be sergeant major, vice O'Reilly, killed in action.

Sergeant Rogers, Company I, to be color sergeant and command the colors, vice Romaine, killed in action.

Corporal Dardonville, of Company B, promoted to color sergeant, vice Trainor, sent to his company.

Company A. Corporal Robert F. Allison to be sergeant, vice Doremus, promoted; private James M. Baylis to be sergeant, vice Henry, discharged; private Thomas McGiven to be corporal, vice Allison, promoted.

Company B. Corporal Emile Loven, to be sergeant, vice Bovet, killed in action; Corporal Dardonville to be sergeant, vice Romaine, killed in action; private Hab, to be corporal, vice Dardonville, promoted; private Pallot, to be corporal, vice Loven, promoted.

Company E. Private David Wells, to be sergeant, vice Trainor, reduced; private Ewauld, to be corporal, vice Lombard, reduced.

Company I. Private Richard Oxten, to be corporal, vice S. Harris, killed in action.

Company G. Private Montgomery, to be sergeant, vice Patterson, reduced.

Company D. Private John Whaley, to be corporal, vice Standeweek, resigned.

Company K. Sergeant S. D. Serrins, to be 1st sergeant, vice McVey, promoted; private John McLean, to be sergeant, vice Henriques; corporal Edward Reynolds, to be sergeant; private E. Everett, to be corporal, vice Reynolds, promoted.

Second corporal Lake, of Company I, and private Jno. Coleman, to be second sergeants, and wear sergeants' cheverons.

By order.

WARD B. BURNETT, Colonel.

ROBERT A. CARTER, Adjutant.

(E.)

The Report of Lieut. Col. James C. Burnham.

Headquarters 1st Regt. U. S. Vols. of N. Y., City of Mexico, September 16, 1847.

To Capt. F. N. Page,
A. A. Adjutant General:

Sir—I have the honor to make the following report of the part taken by the 1st Regiment U. S. Volunteers of New-York, in the affairs of the 12th and 13th instant:

In the absence of Col. Ward B. Burnett, who was still confined at the Hacienda Misquaque, from a wound received on the 20th ultimo, at Los Portales, Lieut. Col. Charles Baxter was in command of the regiment. The regiment, after furnishing the different details that had been ordered for the storming party, light battalion and batteries, was reduced to 280, officers and men. We arrived at Tacubaya on the morning of the 12th instant, and were posted until about 8 o'clock in the morning of the 13th inst., on the rear of the road from Tacubaya to the city, and near Capt. Drum's battery, to protect said battery.

About 8 A. M. on the 13th, as the division filed past the gate on Tacubaya road, Col. Baxter received orders to advance and storm the castle. After proceeding about half a mile, he was ordered by the general to file to the left by a ranche through a corn-field. Here we were received by a shower of grape, cannister and musket balls, when Col. Baxter fell, severely wounded, gallantly leading the charge. I immediately took command, and in ascending the hill was struck by a spent ball, which disabled me for a few minutes, during which time I directed Capt. Taylor to command the battalion.

Notwithstanding the difficult nature of the ground, intersected as it was by numerous ditches, and swept by a galling fire from the enemy, the regiment which I had the honor to command was the first at the ditch, the first in the enemy's works, and the first to place the national flag upon the conquered castle.

General Bravo, commanding the garrison, surrendered himself a prisoner of war to Charles B. Brower, commanding Company F.

The castle having surrendered, I was ordered by the general to proceed with my command on the Tacubaya road, and was halted at the aqueduct, where the men re-filled their cartridge boxes. After a short rest, we advanced towards the Garita de Belen, where two skirmishing parties, under Captains Hungerford and Taylor, were detailed by order of Gen. Quitman, and rendered essential service in driving the enemy from the batteries at the Garita. A working party was also detailed to carry sand bags, fill ditches, and make a road, under the direction of Lieut. Pinto, of Company D. Capt. Barclay was then ordered to superintend the building of a breastwork, and rendered me efficient aid, as second in command throughout the day.

The acting Adjutant, Lieut. Charles Junes, having been wounded, about this time, I appointed Lieut. McCabe, of Company K, in his place, and assigned Lieut. Francis G. Boyle to the command of Company K.

At dusk a large working party was detailed from the New-York and Pennsylvania regiments, and placed under command of captain Fairchild, in order to erect a battery in front of the Garita, as well as to strengthen our position in other respects. At daylight the following morning we marched with the rest of the division into the capital.

I feel that it is due to Doctors Edwards and McSherry of the marine corps, to thank them for their kind attention to our wounded during the absence of our surgeon, Dr. M. B. Halsted, who was ordered to remain in charge of the hospital at Misquaque. Captain Hutton, commissary to the regiment, was left in command at Misquaque, and was active in forwarding supplies. Captain Van Olinda was killed gallantly leading his company to the charge, and Lieut. Mayne Reid severely wounded at the head of his company on the hilt.

In closing my report I must do justice to those gallant officers, by particular notices, whose assistance to me, both in the attack on Chapultepec and the advance on the city, added greatly to the brilliant results of the day. They were captains Barclay, Taylor, Hungerford, Fairchild and Pearson, (the latter fell early in the engagement, severely wounded,) Lieuts. Henry, (whose gallantry deserves a special notice,) Miller, McCabe, Junes, Brown, Griffin, Green, Boyle; Scannel, Farnsworth, Dorning and Doremus.

A list of the killed, wounded and missing, in the storming of the castle, and the subsequent battles on the road to Mexico, is herewith annexed.

I have the honor to be, very respectfullg, yours, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES C. BURNHAM,

Lieut. Col. Commanding U. S. Regiment.

A list of the killed and wounded in the 1st Regiment U. S. Volunteers of New-York at the storming of Chapultepec, and subsequent action on the 12th and 13th Sept., 1847.

Co. A. Wounded, Lieut. Col. Chas. Baxter, severely; since dead

Pr. Fife,

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Pr. McGinnis,

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Pr. Duncan,

slightly,

Pr. Bowath, slight Corp'l McGiven, "

Co. B. Wounded, Lieut. Mayne Reid, severely,

Corp'l John Hale,

Pr. John Hunt, "

Pr. John Eber,

Pr. James Kelly,

Pr. Jas. Rentler,

Co. C. Wounded. Capt. Jas. Barclay, slightly,

Lieus. Chas. H. Sherwood, "

Killed. Pr. Timothy Golden,

Pr. Andrew Jelard.

Wounded, Pr. S. S. Saxton, severely.

Pr. Benj. Van Clief, "

Pr. Conrad Remansnyder, severely.

Pr. John Russell, slightly.

Pr. John White,

Serg't Wm. Peel, "

Co. D. Wounded, Corp'l Whaley, severely.

Pr. Robert Anderson, slightly.

P. Luke Cassady, severely; (since dead.)

Pr. James Smith,

Pr James Kennada, slightly.

Pr. Daniel Standerwick, "

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Pr. L. Strowbill, severely.
                    Pr. Jno. Wright,
                                              (since dead.)
                     Pr. Pr. Jno. Seaman.
Co. E.
         Killed,
                    Pr. Theo. Zimmerman.
         Wounded, Corp'l Jas. Williams, severely; (since dead.)
                    Capt. Pearson,
                                            u
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                    Pr. John Homer,
                                            66
                    Pr. Wm. Connell,
                    Pr. Tim. Donovan,
                    Pr. John Olney, slightly.
         Wounded, Pr. John Burke, severely.
Co. F.
                    Pr. Garret Barry,
                    Pr. M. Conlin,
                    Pr. H. Hardenbrook, slightly.
                    Pr. Wm. Tompkins, severely.
Co. G.
         Killed,
                    Pr. Albert Denis.
                    Pr. John Shaw.
         Wounded, 1st Lieut, Charles H. Junes, slightly.
                    Serg't Daniel Montgomery,
                                                   66
                    Capt. Charles Thompson,
                                                   66
                    Pr. Aaron Elwood,
                                                   "
                    Pr. Thomas Healy.
                    Pr. John McKinney, severely.
         Wounded, Pr. John Snyder, slightly.
Co. G.
                    Pr. Varnham Vauslyke, slightly.
                    Pr. James Hart,
                                              66
                    Capt. Hungerford,
                   Capt. Abram Van Olinda.
Co. H.
         Killed,
         Wounded, Searg't Duffy, slightly.
                    Pr. M. Butler, severely, (since dead.)
                    Pr. P. Roney,
                    Pr. Adam Hanzel, slightly.
         Wounded, Capt. M. Fairchild
                                           66
Co. I.
                    Lieut. J. W. Greene,
                                           66
                    1st Serg't Barber,
                    Pr. D. Robertson, severely.
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Pr. Geo. Thistleton,

Pr. Thos. L. Decker, slightly.
Pr. Jos. Franklin, "
Pr. John L. Gardner, "
Pr. Geo. Pemberton, "
Pr. R. Headrick, "

Co. K. Killed,

Pr. Jno. Young.

Pr. Wm. Daily,

Wounded, Capt. Eliphalet Everett, slightly.

Serg't Jno. McLane

Pr. Alex. Cook, severely; (since dead.)

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(Signed)

R. A. CARTER, Adjutant.

Complete list of casualties in the 1st Regiment New-York Volunteers, commanded by Col. Ward B. Burnett, from the third day of December, 1846, to the first day of August, 1848, except those recruits who died in Mexico, before joining the Regiment.

$\mathcal{N}ames,$	Co.	D ate.	Remarks.
Private, John M. Allyn, do Frances Hurlbach, do Wiliam H. Jeffres, dn Charles Wheeler, do John B. Bontier, O. Serg't Alexander Young, Private, Carl Francis, do Wm. H. T. Barnes, do David Bell, do Edward Price, do Benj. Johnson, Q. M. Serg't Wm. H. Kearney, Private, Joseph Adams, do James Bacon, do James T. George, do John O'Brien, do Ebenezer Cook,	B. H. G. A. E. B. I. G. C. F. D. C. "	12 28 Feb. 22 28 M'ch 10 11 April 1 5 7 9	Drowned on passage from New-York to Vera Cruz. Died at Labos Island. Died in Vera Cruz. near do at do Killed in a skirmish near Vera Cruz. Died at Vera Cruz. do Killed by the enemy near Vera Cruz.

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Private, Louis Upperman C.	191Died at	Vera Cruz.
Tilling Tours	10 Dica at	do
Frederick Ontenbraun, "		do
Thomas Malan,	May 1 Died at	
1 - 1	may I Died at	Vera Cruz.
1	14 Willed	
Louis Weisse, E. Edward Cushing, F.		by enemy near Amosoquie. Vera Cruz.
8)		
George Cole, G.		by enemy at Amosoquie.
George E. Rosevach, A.	15 Died ne	
John Brown, F.	i i	Vera Cruz.
Charles Gode, A.	18	Jalapa
John Byrnes, C.	25	Puebla.
Lawrence O'Brian, "		do
Corp'l Jesse Carman, D.	29	Vera Cruz
Private, Charles Glenn, I.	30	do
John Evert, C.		Puebla.
John Hutchinson,		Perote.
James Wiman,		Puebla.
Robert W. Hill,		Perote.
Frank Smith, G.		do
Serg't George L. Wilber, I.		Vera Cruz.
Corp'l John Watkins, "		Perote.
Private, John Hammond,		Vera Cruz.
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John Shanons,	June 1	Puebla.
	4	Vera Cruz.
Private, Joseph Banks, A. Thomas Lawler, F.	5	do
Thomas Lawler, F.	01	CA C

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Names.	Co.	Date.	Remarks.	
To be Freshood	В.	1847. June 9	Died at Vera Cruz.	
Private, John Kocher,	66	11	Puebla.	
Charles Debegne,	66	11	do	
Valentine Petgaldt,	I. !	12	Jalapa.	
William H. Bishop,	K.	.12	do	
Joseph Lent,	B.	14		
Otto Neder,	1 -		Killed by enemy at Puebla.	
Alfred A. Leonard,			Died at do	د ليز
Peter Hirsbach,	В.	$\frac{1}{20}$		4
Philbert Dure,		22		
John Sullivan,	F.		Vera Cruz.	
John Simmons,	J	23	Puebla.	
Joseph Kicker,	1 .	25		
Charles P. Robbins,	K.	25	Died at Puebla.	
William Lackemueyers,	1	26		
Thomas T. Davies,	F.	July 5	5 Died at Vera Cruz.	
Zaphel Myers,			Puebla.	
George Shaw,		1 8	Perote.	
Henry H. Satterly,			e) do	Ş
Alexander McClennan,			Puebla.	Ì
John Benjamin,			do	73.000 0000
James Hoe,		1	Perote.	

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Corp'l Jacob Albright,	G.	12 Killed by the enemy at Puebla.
Private, Edward Riley,	F.	19 Died at Puebla.
James Cook,	66	22 do
William M. Cooper,	Н.	31 do
Serg't Major Henry Griffeth,		Died at Vera Cruz.
Private, James Uniack,	F.	Aug. 3 Killed by enemy at Puebla.
Michal Manning,	66	10 Died at Puebla.
Tomas McKopps	E.	12 do
James McKenna,	66 1	Buena Vista.
Briel Herin,		Puebla.
Charles M. Tucker,	I.	
James Sullivan,	D.	18 Killed by enemy near San Augustine.
Benjamin F. Bennett,	A.	20 Killed in battle at Churubusco.
Serg't Major James Z. O'Reilly,		do do
Col. or Serg't Paul V. H. Romein,	В.	do do
Serg't Louis Bovet,	"	do do
Private David Rathborn,	66	do do
2d Lt. Edgar Chandler,	E.	do do
Private, Jacob Zuers,	66	do do
Bernard Crummey,	G.	do do
Robert Devoe,	66	do do
William Allison,	Н.	do do
	1 .	do do
Serg't Smith Harris,	"	do do
Private, James Murphy,	į.	
Patrick Fagan,	K.	21 Mortally wounded in battle of Churubusco.
Henry Maernen,	1	
Thomas Folly,	1	22 do do
Thomas Mullins,	ω.	25 do do
Edward Kline,] G.	, 26 do do

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O. Serg't Garret Fizgerald,	E.	Aug.	28	Mortally wounded in battle of Churubusco.
Private Robert Heland,	66			Died at Puebla.
Andrew Van Allen,	K.			do do
William Blake,		Sep.	2	do do
Christian Wyer,	В.	1	3	do do
Henry Sturmer,				do do
William H. Thompson,	D.		8	Died at San Augustine
William Cheyne,		<u> </u>	10	Miscoae.
1st Lt. Charles F. Gallagher,				do
Private, Abraham Adler,			11	Puebla.
Conrat Keecher,				do
John Cooper,		İ		New Orleans.
Alexander Rodney,			12	Mortally wounded in battle of Churubusco.
George Coleman,				Died at San Augustine.
Andrew Jelard,			13	Killed in battle of Chapultepec.
Timothy Golden,		1		do do
James Smith,				do do
John Wright,				do do
John Sanman	E.			do do
John Seaman, Theodore Zimmerman,				do do
				Killed in battle at Garita De Belin.
John Shaw,	4	1		do do

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Capt. Abraham Van Olinda,	Н.	Sept. 13	Killed in battle at Chapultepec.
Private Michael Butler,	66	pept.	Mortally do do
Mus. Nathaniel Randall,	K	10	Died at Puebla.
Private, Thomas H. Boraem,	66	1	Mortally wounded in battle of Garita De Belin.
John H. Young,	"	1	Killed in battle of Chapultepec.
John Lawrence,	\mathbf{C} .	14	Died at Puebla.
Thomas Ingram,	Ğ.	18	
Lt. Col. Charles Baxter,	٠.	1	Mortally wounded in storming Chapultepec.
Corp'l James Williams,	E.	17	
Private, Francis Notte,	$\widetilde{\mathbf{B}}$.	1	Died at city of Mexico.
John Homer,	Ĕ.		Mortally wounded in battle of Chapultepec.
Joseph Boyle,	$\overline{\mathbf{F}}$.	25	Killed in battle at city of Mexico.
Charles Carpenter,	66	1	do do
Luke Cassady,	D.	26	Mortally wounded in battle of Chapultepec.
William Connell,	Ē.	Oct. 6	
Capt. Charles H. Pearson,	66	10	do do do
Private, Frederick Heartwick,	В.		Died at Puebla.
William Wiggins,	C.		do
Charles C. Randall,	G.	14	do
Adam Hansel,	Η.	10	1
Patrick E. Bucker,	G.		Puebla.
Charles J. Hacker,	66	18	do
Moses D. Day,	I.		city of Mexico.
William D. Craig,	66	34	
Alexander Cook,	K.	2	1
James Saxton,	C.		Mortally wounded in battle Garita De Belin
Samuel D. Duncan,	D.	Nov.	Died at Puebla.
John Burk,	F.		city of Mexico.
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Joseph Richardson,	H.		Died at city of Mexico.	
Farrell Orrow,	D.	6	do	
Samuel S. Steele,		8	do	
Serg't John Maxwell,	66	9	do	
Private, Constantine Blleitz,	В.	11	do	
Henrick Hurtuck,	46		do	
David Niblock,	H.	18	Puebla.	
Ransom Pettit,	66	[do	H
Thomas Tupham,	G.		do	•
James Horton,		19	city of Mexico.	
Thomas Halsey,		20	do	
Orvin Elwood,	G.	22	do	
Valentine Neyle,		Dec. 4	do	
John C. Johnson,	D.	11	do	
C W Dil	113	1848.	do	
George W. Blake,	E.	Jan. 13	do Mortally wounded in battle of Chapultepec.	
Edward Tife,			Died at Vera Cruz.	
Amasa Keith,		20		
James McMannus,		20	do	
Thomas Connelly,		25		
Thomas H. Jolly,		28		
EHOMES IT. BOILY,	1 .2-4+	, 20	1 Company Const	,

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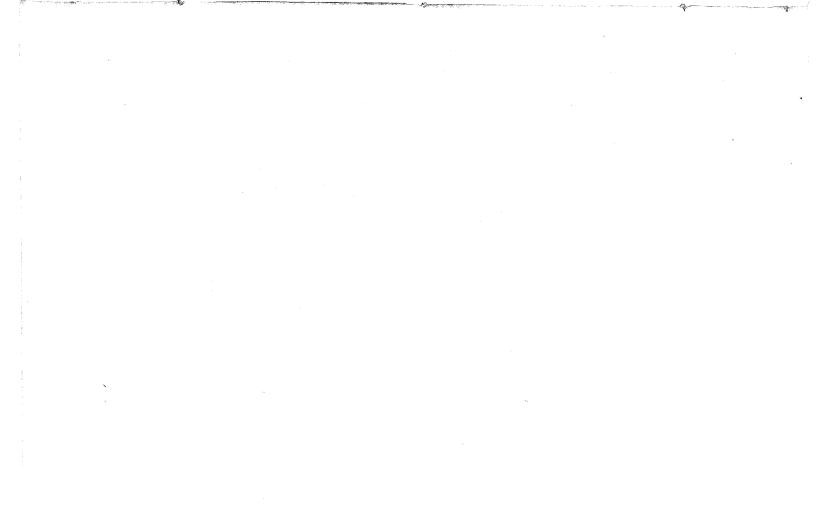
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Pri	vate, Cornelius Legodd,	66	Feb. 3	do			00
As.	John Jordan,	H.	5	do			∞
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z embly	Patrick Behun,	66	M'ch 4	do			
U.S.	nt. Cha's A. Ringold	F.	8	San Angel.	*		
₹ Pri	vate, Henry Clark,	66	22	Vera Cruz.			
00	William S. Manus,	"		San Angel.			
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romboni	Jacob Serma,		May 10				
	Hugh Byron,		24	San Angel.			
	John Walsh,	A.	June 11	New Orleans.			
	Charles Redmark,	В.	15	Encerro.			
	Charles Reeber,	F.	19	Killed by enemy at San Juan.			pfini
r i z~	Henry R. Brown,		July 22	Died at Marine Hospital, Staten Island.			\$
	John G. Snow,		30	Died at Fort Hamilton.		MATERIAL CONTRACTOR CO	

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	For dut		the r to N			1e	Died from sickness, or killed in battle.						Discharged for disabili- ty from wounds, sick- ness, &c. Left regiment at Fort Hamilton, be- fore its departure for Mexico.						Mis de	Aggre-			
	Officers. Non-com'd staff.	Officers.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Musicians.	Privates.	Officers.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Musicians.	Privates.	Officers.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Musicians.	Privates.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Privates.	Sergeants.	Musicians.	Privates.	_
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Deduct non-commissioned officers and privates, who left previous to sailing for Mexico, including those discharged under habeas corpus, &c. 65 Aggregate marched to the seat of war,												1075											
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First aggregate of 1st detachment of 2nd do 3rd do	First aggregate of regiment, in January, 1847, 805 1st detachment of recruits sent in November, 1847, 100 2nd do do do January, 1848, 73											. 100 . 73											

^{*8} officers, includes 1 surgeon, 1 quarter-master, and 1 commissary, appointed by General Government.



Roster of Officers on final Muster.

Company.	Rank.	Name.
	Colonel,	Ward B. Burnett.
į	Lt. Colonel,	James C. Burnham.
	Major,	Garrett Dyckman.
	Adjutant,	James S. M'Cabe.
	Surgeon,	Mina B. Halsted.
1	Assist. do	James McNulty.
	Ass't Coms'y.	James F. Hutton.
	Reg. Q. Master	Israel Miller.
Company A.	Captain,	William Torry.
company 11.	1st. Lieut	Israel Miller, Reg'l Q. Master.
	2d. Lieut	Charles S. Cooper.
	2d. do	Thomas J. Rogers.
Company B.	Captain,	Alfred W. Taylor.
company B.	1st. Lieut	Robert M. Floyd.
	2d. do	Hypolite Dardenville.
	Act'g 2d do	Carl Becher.
Company C.		George B. Hall.
company C.	Captain, 1st Lieut	
	2d. do	Francis G. Boyle. Alexander H. Barber.
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7	2d. do	Edward Cook.
Company D.	Captain,	Jay P. Taylor.
9	1st Lieut	Francis E. Pinto.
-	Acting 2d do	John Hill.
, ,	do 2d do	Henry Dusenbury.
Company E.	Captain,	Robert A. Carter.
	1st Lieut	James W. Henry.
	2d do	David M. Doremus.
	2d do	James A. Suiter.
Company F.	Captain,	Samuel S. Gallagher.
	1st Lieut	James G. Hillis.
	2d do	Michael A. Curran.
	Acting 2d do.	Edward B. Carroll.
Company G.	Captain,	Daniel E. Hungerford.
1	1st Lieut	M. N. Croft.
	2d do	Henry Gaines.
	Acting 2d do	John Wilson.

Officers continued.

Company.	Rank.	${\cal N}ame.$
Company H.	Captain,	Addison Farnsworth. Jacob Griffin. John Cook.
Company I.	2d do	Philip Van Vechten. Morton Fairchild. David Scannell, James Wiley.
Company K.	2d do Captain, 1st Lieut 2d do Acting 2d do.	James McNulty. Charles H, Junes. James S. M'Cabe (adjutant.) Robert Rafferty. Robert S. Waugh.

STATEMENT

Of Resignations, Transfers, Discharges and Deaths among the officers, &c.

	April printer will File to		PARANCE SERVICE SERVIC	
Company.	Ran k .	Resignations.	Date.	Remarks.
A. B. B. C. F. G. I. K.	Surgeon,. Captain, . 1st Lieut. 2d " 2d " 2d " 2d " 2d "	I. L. Hasbrouck, Charles H. Shaw, Gustave Richardt, Vincent, Cha's H. Sherwood, Mayne Reid, Wm. H. Browne, James W. Greene, Wm. Taylor,	20th October, 1847, 31st " " 31st " " 28th June, 1848, 5th May, '48, 31st December, '47, 29th February, '48, 9th June, '47,	Unfit for service by sickness in Mexico. """ At New Orleans upon return of regiment. Unfit for service. Unfit for service. On account of family affairs. Unfit for service, physical disability.
<u>A</u> .	2d "	Tho's W. Sweeny,.	TRANSFERS.	To 2d regiment infantry. To 3d " "
F. I.	2d " 2d "	Cha's B. Brown, James D. Potter,	29th February, '48, 18th March, '48,	To 3d dragoons.

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A. C. E. E.	Liut. Col 1st. Lieut. Captain, . Captain, . 2d Lieut. Captain, .	Cha's Baxter, Augustus Jacobus, . James Barclay, Cha's H. Pearson, . Edgar Chandler, Ab'm Van O'Linda,	17th September, '4 7, 1st May, '47, 28th January, '48, 10th October, '47, 21st August, '47, 13th September, '47,	At Jalapa, of diarrhea. At San Angel, of diarrhea. Mortally wounded at Chapultepec, Sept. 13, 1847. "Aug. 20, '47.	į
\mathbf{H} .		Ab'm Van O'Linda,		Killed at Chapultepec.	
\mathbf{H} .	1st Lieut.	Cha's F. Gallagher,	10th ""	At Miscoac, of diarrhea.	
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DISCHARGES.

B. Captain, . Gustave de Bongars, 2d June, '47, By order of Gen. Scott, upon cert'e of disability.	