

# 158<sup>th</sup> New York casualties at Fort Harrison or Chaffin's Farm, VA on September 29-October 8, 1864---four medals of honor recipients

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ABRAMS, HIRAM.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 16, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, August 25, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va.[ Died September 26, 1889 ]

ANDREW, METZLER.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. C, December 30, 1863; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; transferred to Co. I, One Hundredth Infantry, while absent, wounded; **no further record**. [ Not found in roster of 100<sup>th</sup> NY ]

BAYLIS, EDGAR.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, August 16, 1862, at Jamaica, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, August 31, 1862; promoted corporal, November or December, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Bluff, Va.; discharged, June 7, 1865, at Port Monroe, Va.[ Invalided in January 1867; appears to have died around that time.]

BERNKOFF, ISAAC—Age, 21 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. B, August 29, 1862; promoted sergeant, February 14, 1864; **wounded in action, October 8, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; discharged, May 26, 1865, at Richmond, Va.[ **Died December 10, 1925 at Brooklyn, NY** ]

BOWDITCH, WILLIAM P.—Age, 29 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. B, January 7, 1864; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; died of his wounds, October 13, 1864, at Lovell Hospital, Portsmouth Grove, R. I.** [ No Pension Application Found/NPAF ]

BRAY, HENRY.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. D, November 5, 1863; **wounded in action, September 30, 1864**, before Petersburg, Va. ; transferred to Co. C, One Hundredth Infantry, June 30, 1865, while absent, wounded; **no further record**. [ Not found in roster of 100<sup>th</sup> NY ]

BRENNAN, THOMAS.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. E, December 31, 1863; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Fort Harrison, Va.; transferred to Co. E, One Hundredth Infantry, June 30, 1865.[ BRENNAN, THOMAS.—Private, Co. E, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth

Infantry; transferred to Co. E, this regiment. June 29, 1865; mustered out with company, August 28, 1865. at Richmond, Va.][ BRANNAN---Files as an invalid in March 1883; no death date given ]

BRETTMANN, JOHN H.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. H , September 10, 1862; promoted corporal, May or June, 1863; **killed in action, September 29, 1864, at Fort Harrison, Va.**[ NPAF ]

BRICKLEY, LEWIS L.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. G, December 24, 1863; **killed by explosion of shell, October 7, 1864, at Fort Burnham, Va.**[ NPAF ]

BROWN, JOHN.—Age, 22 years. Enrolled, August 23, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. E , August 31, 1862; promoted first sergeant, August 23, 1863; **wounded in action, October 1, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; mustered in as second lieutenant, January 18, 1865; first lieutenant, March 7, 1865; mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va.  
Commissioned second lieutenant, October 31, 1861, with rank from August 31, 1864, vice Theodore Linder promoted; first lieutenant, May 17, 1865, with rank from March 3, 1865, vice Theodore Linder promoted.[ NPAF ]

BURNS, THOMAS.—Age, 33 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. C, December 10, 1863; **wounded in action, October 1, 1864, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; died of his wounds, same date, at hospital, Virginia.**[ Only 4 pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) ]

CARLL, JAMES.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, August 25, 1862. at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private. Co. D, August 26, 1862; **wounded in action, September 30, 1864**, before Petersburg, Va.; transferred to Co. E, January 15, 1865; discharged for disability, July 19, 1865, at De Camp Hospital, New York Harbor; also borne as Carlon. [ CARLIN---Invalided in September 1865; died in 1907 ]

CLONEY, JOHN D.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 12, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, September 2, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; discharged for disability, June 10, 1865, at New York city.[ Invalided in June 1866; appears to have died around that time ]

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CORNELL, EDWARD.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 25, 1862, at Jamaica, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, August 31, 1862; **missing in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; no further record.[ **Parents apply in April 1876; his death date is given as September 29, 1864** ]

COYLE, ARCHIBALD J.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as corporal, Co. I, September 6, 1862; promoted sergeant, April 28, 1863; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; absent,

wounded, in April , 1865; **no further record.** [NPAF ]

DALEY, EDWARD.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. K , December 30, 1863; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Fort Harrison, Va.; transferred to Co. C , January 15, 1865; discharged for disability, June 24, 1865, at McDougall Hospital, New York Harbor.[ Invalided in September 1865; died January 1899 ]

DICKSON, DANIEL.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. I, December 1, 1863; **missing in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va. ; **no further record.** [ NPAF ]

DUNN, JAMES.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. H , September 4, 1862; **wounded in action, October 8, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; transferred to One Hundred and Fifth Company, Second Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps, January 9, 1865 discharged, September 4, 1865, at Mower Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. [ Pensioned as an invalid in September 1865; appears to have died around then ]

FARRELL, WILLIAM.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, July 29, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, August 25, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; discharged for disability, April 11, 1865, at Grant hospital, West Point, N.Y.[ Pensioned as an invalid on May 18, 1865; no death date given ]

FITZGERALD, MICHAEL.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. K, August 5, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864, at Fort Harrison, Va.; died of his wounds, October 17, 1864.**[ Parents apply in September 1878 ]

FLOOD, TERRENCE.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. I, January 5, 1864; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; transferred to Co. I, One Hundredth Infantry, June 30, 1865. FLOOD, TERRENCE.—Private, Co. I, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Infantry; transferred to Co. I, this regiment, June 29, 1865; mustered out with company, August 28, 1865, at Richmond, Va.[ NPAF ]

GARRISON, JOHN.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. E, December 4, 1863; **wounded in action, September 30, 1864**, at Fort Harrison, Va.; transferred to Co. E, One Hundredth Infantry, June 30, 1865. [GARRISON, JOHN.—Private, Co. E, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Infantry; transferred to Co. E, this regiment, June 29, 1865; mustered out .with company, August 28, 1865, at Richmond, Va.[ NPAF ]

GLINN, JOHN.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A , January 6, 1864; **wounded in action, September 30, 1864, at Chaffin's Farm, Va. ; died of his wounds, November 8, 1864, at Fort Monroe, Va.**[ NPAF ]

GRAY, EDWARD.—Age, 31 years.- Enrolled, August 22, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. F, August 25, 1862; promoted first sergeant prior to April, 1863; mustered in as **second lieutenant**, July 15, 1863; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; discharged for disability, May 15, 1865.

Commissioned second lieutenant, July 23, 1863, with rank from July 15, 1863, vice W. B. Booz promoted; first lieutenant, declined, not mustered, December 22, 1864, with rank from September 20, 1864, vice W. B. Booz discharged. [ **Died on March 11, 1866 of above wound and diarrhea at Freemont, NY.** See 40 pages of mother's pension at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) ]

HANSE, MICHAEL.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. H , January 9, 1864; **wounded in action, October 8, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; discharged for disability, May 12, 1865, at New York city. [ Pensioned as an invalid in late December 1866---appears to have died around that time ]

HARLE, BARNARD B.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, July 30, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. E, August 31, 1862; **wounded in action, October 2, 1864, at Fort Harrison, Va.; died of wounds, November 16, 1864, at Fort Monroe, Va.** [NPAF ]

HARPELL, BENJAMIN.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, August 20, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, August 31, 1862; promoted corporal, January 10, 1863; **killed in action, October 7, 1864, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.** [ See 11 pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) Apparently killed in action on September 29, 1864 ]]

HENNESSEY, JAMES.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. I, November 25, 1863; **missing in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; **no further record.** [ NPAF ]

HENRY, JACOB.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. I, January 16, 1864; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; promoted corporal, January or February, 1865; transferred to Co. H , One Hundredth Infantry, June 30, 1865. [ H E N R Y , JACOB.—Corporal, Co. I, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Infantry; transferred to Co. H , this regiment, June 29, 1865; mustered out with company, August 28, 1865, at Richmond, Va. [ NPAF ]

HUNTSMAN, EDWARD.—Age. 27 years. Enlisted, August 25, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, August 30, 1862; **killed. October 2, 1864, at Fort Harrison, Va.**[ According to pension papers, he was killed by a rebel sharpshooter; see 53 pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) Colonel James Jourdan attests to the soldier's death]

JOHNSON, JAMES.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. F , September 6, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's

Farm, Va.; discharged, June 6, 1865, at Fort Monroe, Va. [ Applies as an invalid in January 1873; died February 2, 1919 at Freeport, NY ]

JOHNSTON, EDWARD T.—Age, 42 years. Enrolled, August 11, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as first sergeant, Co. D, August 31, 1862; as second lieutenant, January 10, 1863; as **first lieutenant, Co. H**, March 1, 1864; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864, at Fort Harrison, Va.; again, October 8, 1864, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.**; discharged for disability, May 15, 1865.

Commissioned second lieutenant, February 28, 1863, with rank from January 10, 1863, vice J . Kalt promoted; first lieutenant, February 23, 1861, with rank from January 9, 1864, vice S. C. Roof promoted.[ Invalided in 1873; died April 22, 1883 ]

KELLY, PETER.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted, August 29, 1862, at Williamsburg, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, August 31, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; discharged, May 15, 1865, at Fort Monroe, Va.[ NPAF ]

KULLE, ALBERT.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 25, 1862, at Jamaica, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, August 31, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va.[ **Died August 8, 1924 at College Point, NY** ]

LAIB, GEORGE.—Age, 39 years. Enlisted, August 22, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, August 25, 1862; **killed in action, September 29, 1864, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.**[ NPAF ]

LAING, WILLIAM.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted, August 12, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, August 25, 1862; promoted corporal, January 1, 1863; sergeant, January 1, 1864; **killed in action, September 29, 1864, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; awarded a medal of honor**. Citation: "Was among the first to scale the parapet." His medal was sent to his family, according to the Official Records. [ Only 4 pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) ]

LEISELER, WENDEL.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted, August 28, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 31, 1862; **wounded in action, October 1, 1864**, at Fort Harrison, Va.; mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va.[ appears to have died sometime in 1888 ]

LUND, WILLIAM.—Age, 29 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1862, at Williamsburg, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, August 31, 1862; **captured while on picket, October 6, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; **no further record**. [ NPAF ]

MAGNER, THOMAS.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. K, December 10, 1863; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; died of his wounds, October 1, 1864. at**

**Flying Hospital, Eighteenth Army Corps.**[ Mother applies in September, 1869 ]

MATHEWS, JOHN.—Age, 39 years. Enlisted, August 22, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, August 29, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; discharged for disability, May 30, 1865, at U.S. Hospital, Fort Monroe, Va.[ Invalided in July 1865; no death date given ]

McCABE, OWEN.—Age, 43 years. Enlisted, August 22, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, August 29, 1862; **killed in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.[ See 25 pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) ]

McCORMACK, JOHN.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. I, June 27, 1864; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864** at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; discharged for disability, May 12, 1865, at New York city.[ Invalided in June 1865; died in 1905 ]

McCOUN, GEORGE W.—Enrolled at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as **captain, Co. I**, September 2, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; discharged, April 13, 1865.[ Invalided in September 1865; appears to have around that time ] Commissioned captain, November 10, 1862, with rank from September 2, 1862, original.

McDONALD, MICHAEL.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. I, November 20, 1863; **wounded while on picket, October 2, 1864**; transferred to Co. I, One Hundredth Infantry, June 30, 1865, while absent in hospital, Portsmouth Grove, R. I. ; **no further record.**

McGRATH, EDWARD.—Age, 30 years, Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. H , January 4, 1864; **wounded in action, October 8, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; transferred to Co. F, One Hundredth Infantry, June 30, 1865.[ M c G R A T H , EDWARD.—Private, Co. H, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Infantry; transferred to Co. F, this regiment, June 29, 1865; discharged for disability, July 8, 1865, at Hampton, Va.[ NPAF ]

McGUIRE, THOMAS.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, August 22, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, August 28, 1862; **accidentally killed, October 5, 1864**, at Fort Burnham, Va.,[ Only two pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) ]

McKENNA, PATRICK.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, August 29, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H , September 3, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Fort Harrison, Va.; discharged for disability, August 12, 1865, at David's Island, New York Harbor.[ Invalided in October 1865; died October 4, 1879 ]

MEAGHER, THOMAS.—Age 22 years. Enrolled, August 12, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. G, August 28, 1862; promoted, **first sergeant**, July 15, 1863; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Fort Burnham,

Va.; mustered in as second lieutenant, March 19, 1865;  
mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va.;  
also borne as **Thomas Marr**. [ Invalided in July 1872; died January 16, 1890 ]

Commissioned second lieutenant, February 25, 1865, with  
rank from February 18, 1865, vice G. Gallagher promoted;  
first lieutenant, not mustered, May 17, 1865, with rank from  
March 3, 1865, vice H . M . Connelly promoted. [ **awarded a medal of honor** "...led a section of his  
men on the enemy's works, receiving a wound while scaling the parapet, is recommended for a medal  
for his gallantry."

MOORE, GEORGE M.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted at New York  
city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. E,  
January 14, 1864, **killed in action, September 30, 1864, at Fort Burnham, Va.** [ Real name was Frank  
R. Mills; see 17 pages of mother's pension at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) ]

MORGAN, JAMES.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, at New York city,  
to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. I, January  
12, 1864; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's  
Farm, Va.; discharged, to date May 25, 1865, at New York city. [ NPAF ]

NACHMAN, GOTTFRID.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted at .New  
York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private,  
Co. A , January 6, 1864; **wounded in action, September 30, 1864**,  
near Chaffin's Farm, V., and April 6, 1865, near Rice's Station,  
Va. ; discharged, May 15, 1865, at Fort Monroe, Va. [ NPAF ]

PETTIT, LOUIS A.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, August 29, 1862,  
at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D,  
August 31, 1862; promoted sergeant, September 1, 1864;  
**Wounded in action, September 30, 1864**, at Petersburg, Va.;  
mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va. [ Died October 15, 1916 at Freeport,  
NY ]

PFEFFER, JOSEPH.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, August 22, 1862.  
at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co.  
E, August 31, 1862; **killed in action, October 7, 1864, at Fort Harrison, Va.** [ Shell wound of head; see  
minors pension at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) Widow remarried in November 1865 ]

PHILLIPS, GEORGE W.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, August 16.  
1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal,  
Co. D, August 31, 1862; **wounded in action, September 30,  
1864**, at Petersburg, Va.; discharged, May 18, 1865, at Whitehall Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. [ **Died  
January 6, 1930 at St. Cloud, FL** ]

RABBIT/RABIT, JOHN.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, September 1, 1862,  
at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co.  
H, September 8, 1862; **wounded in action, October 8, 1864**, at  
Chaffin's Farm, Va.; mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va. [ Died June 1891 ]

RETZLAFF, FRANZ.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, August 20,  
1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private,  
Co. E, August 31, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29,  
1864**, at Fort Harrison, Va.; discharged to date May 9, 1865, at New York city. [ Died January 1, 1896  
at illegible, NY ]

SMITH, JAMES W.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 30, 1862, at Jamaica, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, August 31, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va. ; discharged, July 20, 1865 at New York city. [ **Died April 30, 1928 at Jamaica, NY** ]

STRATTON, WILLIAM.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. D, December 29, 1863; **killed in action, October 7, 1864, at Fort Harrison, Va.**[ NPAF ]

TAGGART, ANDREW.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted at Jamaica, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. C, September 2, 1862; **killed in action, September 29, 1864, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.**[ NPAF ]

VALENTINE, ALFRED A.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, August 27, 1862, at Jamaica, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, August 31, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va.[ Died September 26, 1900 ]

WALSH, JOHN.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. G, September 1, 1862; promoted corporal, July 22, 1863; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864, at Fort Burnham, Va.; died of his wounds, September 30, 1864, at City Point, Va.**[ Sister applies in March 1877 ][ Possibly Plot 665 at City Point National Cemetery ]

WATSON, LUCIUS B.—Age, 37 years. Enlisted, August 5, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. D, August 31, 1862; promoted sergeant, March 15, 1863; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; died of his wounds, October 22, 1864, at U. S. Hospital, Fort Monroe, Va.**[ Widow remarried in September 1866; filed for pension for her two children; see 30 pages at [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) ]

WENTZEL, JOHN.—Age, 33 years. Enlisted, August 18, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 31, 1862; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; discharged for disability, May 23, 1865, at Lowell Hospital, Portsmouth Grove, R. I.[ Invalided in June 1865---appears to have died around then ]

WICKS, SIDNEY S.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1862, at Jamaica, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, August 31, 1862; **captured in action, October 6, 1864**, at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; no further record. [ Applies as an invalid in July 1898---not granted ]

WIECKENBERG, HENRY.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. I, November 21, 1863; **wounded in action, September 29, 1864**,



at Chaffin's Farm, Va.; transferred to Co. I, One Hundredth Infantry, June 30, 1865. [W E C K E N B E R G , HENRY.—Private, Co. I, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Infantry; transferred to Co. I, this regiment, June 29, 1865; mustered out with company, August 28, 1865, at Richmond, V a . ; also borne as Wieckenburg. [ NPAF ]

ROBISON/ROBINSON, ROBERT O—Age, 25 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. K, January 14, 1864; **wounded in action prior to October, 1864**; transferred to Co. H , January 15, 1865; discharged, June 22, 1865, at Fort Monroe, Va.[ Died April 15, 1895 ]

ROSCH, EDWARD.—Age, 41 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. K, November 23, 1863; **wounded in action prior to October, 1864**; transferred to Co. G, January 15, 1865; discharged, May 18, 1865, at Whitehall Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. [ NPAF ]

SMART, ANDREW.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, August 22, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, September 3, 1862; **wounded in action, no date; discharged, to date October 2, 1864**. [ Died August 1, 1889 ]

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## **Deserters from Fort Harrison/Burnham, October 3 to December 13, 1864---10 (of 12) with Irish surnames deserted to the enemy..**

DAY, CHARLES.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. H , January 8, 1864; **deserted to the enemy**, October 3, 1864, while on picket at Fort Harrison, Va.

McGUINTY, PATRICK.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. H , December 31, 1863; **deserted to the enemy**, October 19, 1864, while on picket at Fort Harrison, Va.

BROWN, TIP.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. G, December 31, 1863; deserted, October 21, 1864, at Fort Burnham, Va.

SHANNON, MICHAEL.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private Co. A, January 2, 1864; **deserted to the enemy**, October 23, 1864, while on picket at Fort Burnham. Va.

DEVLIN, JAMES.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, January 6, 1864; **deserted to the enemy**, October 24, 1864, while on picket.

RILY, JOHN.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, December 23, 1863; deserted, October 24, 1864, at Fort. Burnham, Va.

FEENEY, JAMES.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 22, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co.

A, August 30, 1862; **deserted to the enemy**, November 1, 1864, while on picket at Fort Burnham, Va.

McCANN, PETER.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, December 14, 1863; **deserted to the enemy**, November 1, 1864, at Fort Burnham, Va.

SMITH, CHARLES.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. K, November 30, 1863; **deserted to the enemy**, November 6, 1864, at Fort Harrison, Va.

FITZPATRICK, BERNARD.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. B, November 19, 1863; **deserted to the enemy**, November 23, 1864, while on picket at Fort Burnham, Va.

STUVAL, LOUIS.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. E. November 30, 1863; **deserted to the enemy**, November 24, 1864, at Fort Burnham, Va.

McKENNA, THOMAS.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted at New York city, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. I, April 20, 1864; **deserted to the enemy**, December 13, 1864, at Fort Burnham, Va.; also borne as McCannach.

There were 424 desertions according to search engine for roster. About 213 men deserted at Brooklyn, NY on September 18, 1862--- slightly less than three weeks after being mustered in---while Colonel James Jourdan/Jordan was in command. By 1864, this regiment appears to have improved its morale and desertions lessened considerably. Col. Jourdan left in mid-March 1865, in time to miss the regiment's second big moment of "glory" at the bloody storming of Confederate Fort Gregg on April 2, 1865.

Nonetheless, it is fairly rare to see so many desertions to the enemy as noted above. At this point, I can only guess that the hardships of guard duty at Fort Harrison/Burham were too much for some men not wholly enthused for the American Union. From surnames, it would appear that many of the regiment's soldiers were foreign born and the overwhelming number of them enlisted at Brooklyn, NY. Medals of Honor recipients Schiller and Grueb were German born and Meagher Scotland born. Laing was the only native born man of the four. D'Alleaume and Murphy, others who were singled out as gallant in action, seem French and Irish names respectively.

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"In Sept., 1864, soon after joining the Army of the James, the regiment was attached to the 1st brigade, Heckman's (2nd) division, 18th corps and was heavily engaged at Fort Harrison, losing 78 killed, wounded and missing. Gen. Butler wired to Gen. Grant: 'The 158th is with the Army of the James, and won its colors handsomely at Battery Harrison.'" Source: *The Union army: a history of military affairs in the loyal states, 1861-65 -- records of the regiments in the Union army -- cyclopedia of battles -- memoirs of commanders and soldiers*. Madison, WI: Federal Pub. Co., 1908. volume II.

Phisterer counts 22 enlisted men killed or died of wounds; my count here is 20

3 officers and 43 enlisted wounded; my count is 42

10 missing; my count is 5

Apparently the regiment had suffered only one battle fatality prior to Fort Harrison. They had come to Virginia having had fairly easy and healthful garrison duty around New Berne, NC, and missing the slaughters of the 18<sup>th</sup> Corps, Butler's Army of the James, at Drewry's Bluff and Cold Harbor and in the sweltering trenches at Petersburg. They rose to the occasion on September 29 at Fort Harrison, for whatever reasons, inflicting major casualties on the Confederates sent to re-take the fort the next day.

### Additional information from the Official Records

D 'ALLEAUME, ARMAND.—Age, 42 years. Enlisted, August 7, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. A . August 30, 1862; promoted sergeant, July 3, 1863; discharged, November 4, 1864, by **promotion to captain, Thirty-eighth U.S. Colored Troops.** [ "...for soldierly coolness in turning the captured guns upon the enemy..." According to his pension application as an invalid in July 1890, he was a Mexican War veteran of B, 1st Battn., U.S. Engineers. Appears to have died in 1890 ]

GRAHAM, SAMUEL.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, August 18, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 31, 1862; promoted corporal, January 1, 1865; mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va. [ Was color sergeant; "...recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal for conspicuous gallantry and bravery in the assault upon the second line of works, and is promoted as first lieutenant in the U.S. Colored Troops." Apparently he refused the promotion and did not get any medal that I can find. ] [ Died May 12, 1904 ]

SHILLER, JOHN.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, August 23, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 31, 1862; mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va. [ **SCHILLER—awarded medal of honor** ] Citation reads: "Advanced to the ditch of the enemy's works." [ **Died June 3, 1926 at Brooklyn, NY** ]

GRUEB, GEORGE.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 20, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 31, 1862; promoted corporal, January 15, 1861; mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va.; **awarded medal of honor.** [ Citation reads: "Gallantry in advancing to the ditch of the enemy's works." ] [ Died June 23, 1901 ]

MURPHY, THOMAS J.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted at Brooklyn, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. K , August 15, 1862; promoted corporal, February 18, 1864; mustered out with company, June 30, 1865, at Richmond, Va. [ "... distinguished himself by capturing a rebel battle-flag, for which service he received a twenty days' furlough and \$25 from the commanding general." ] [ NPAF ]

