

FIGHTING THEM OVER.

What Our Veterans Have to Say About Their Old Campaigns.

The Tenth Indiana Battery at Moccasin Point.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

The evening after the battle of Chickamauga our battery was ordered across the Tennessee River. We went down to the extreme point of Moccasin, opposite Lookout Mountain.

The evening before the battle of Lookout, General Howard and Smith were over to see us and had a long talk with the boys.

Now, one word as to who shelled the signal flag from Lookout.

L. LA FAYETTE, IND. 10th Ind. Battery.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

Comrade Blodgett having shown me the letter that he has written, I wish to say that I feel that I can contribute to the National Tribune in the Philadelphia Ledger about the operations now in issue in your columns.

When I was discharged for physical disability in 1864, I was sent to the Springs of Leitch, where I could stay no longer, and went on board the gunboat Stone River, in Alabama, and served at my own expense, not being recognized as Federal soldiers, but doing any duty that might be required of me.

Now, as to families, there were four brothers of us, all in the service at one time.

LA FAYETTE, IND.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

I am more and more in love with your paper. Each number makes it more valuable; in fact, I couldn't do without it.

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stood it then and as I believe now. Comrade Frimley will remember that General Wagner was immediately relieved of his command, and the Black River campaign was abandoned.

Company D, Fifty-first Illinois.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

The Cavalry Fight at Decatur, Ga.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

In your Chronology for August 5, 1864, you mention the action of the Second Cavalry division, Army of the Cumberland, at Decatur, Ga.

The following account is taken from the History of the Seventy-second Indiana, page 327. We were ordered to march on August 15th, and ready to move out by sunup, supposing that we would go back to the rear to see about Wheeler.

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MONTSICOMERY, IND. B. F. MAGEE.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

The Fight at Champion Hills, Miss.

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In your last issue you asked who the three fellows were buried on the hill at the battlefield of Champion Hills. I have written for some of the boys to tell, and as they have not as yet answered, I thought I would try to do so.

MILANO, MO. Co. A, 119th Ind. Inf.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

Affair of Monroe Station—Allatoona.

Being one of the boys, I have a slight recollection of a trip on the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad, from Monroe Station, Missouri, in July, 1861, word came that at Queen's Hill, that the Sixteenth Illinois regiment was surrounded and in danger of being starved into surrender.

GLENNWOOD, MO.

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The Vicksburg Campaign.

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River Bridge, and how the cotton was run up on rafts and guns as a signal to surrender; (I was on the detail that built the bridge across the Black River, and was on the command of the morning of the 19th at Vicksburg); how, instead of sleeping and resting at night, we were dragging cannon up the hills with ropes and digging and building protection for our guns, which in the morning would open on the Johnnies as a morning salute; of the day, long to be remembered, at Jackson, after the fall of Vicksburg, May 4, 1863, and how, at Port Hudson we tried alligator soup and meat; of our campaign up the Teche, Western Louisiana, of our skirmishing around Alexandria, La., when cotton was king; how Alexander refused us to burn the camp as we were to fall back and intrench when no enemy advanced; how, after gaining our position, the boys hoisted banks and staff and cheered and threw their hats and caps in the air; how at Yellow Bayou the Thirtieth Corps lay in sight all day while the Sixteenth Corps were being cut to pieces and how some of the boys were cut to want to bring on a general engagement; or of our expedition from Pensacola around to Biakely; of the advance and charge on Biakely, and our trip to Ship Island, Mississippi, and how we had a sixteen-shooter, with which shot a rebel horse that day at Big Sandy.

Yours, in F. C. and L.

BATAVIA, ILL. Fourteenth Illinois Inf.

As to Where Forrest Got His First Whipping.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

Having noticed the article in your paper headed "Where Forrest Got His First Whipping," I feel that I can contribute to the National Tribune in the Philadelphia Ledger about the operations now in issue in your columns.

CLIFTON, KAN.

Yellow Bayou—A Correction.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

In the Tribune of July 12 appeared a letter from G. W. McKinsey, Ninth Indiana battery, relating to the engagement at Yellow Bayou, on May 15, 1864. I have been very interested in the account, and I note that the closer a writer sticks to his own regiment or brigade in reporting scenes and incidents of campaigns.

C. M. MOODY.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

Where the Flag Was a Welcome Sight.

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depot building, in which was posted about forty men of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth veteran battalions of Illinois. We held the fort till the Black River campaign, and we were the first amputated, performed upon the leg of a Confederate major, and that he died the next day, hundreds—yes, thousands—will testify that the facts are true.

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