

FIGHTING THEM OVER.

What Our Veterans Have to Say About Their Old Campaigns.

SPANISH FORT.

Comrade Santos Thinks It Easy to Kill a Dead Lion. To the Editor: I see a recent issue of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE...

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A LIVELY EXPEDITION.

A Lieutenant Tells How Well the Colored Troops Fought.

To the Editor: Interested as I am in reading the columns of "Fighting Them Over," by the old vets, I have been very anxious to hear from some of the comrades who commanded the colored troops known as the First Division, U. S. Colored Troops, while stationed at Vicksburg, Miss., during the Summer of 1864. As yet none has stepped to the front. As one of those bigger officers, as the rebels called us, I will try and give the readers of your valuable paper a brief sketch of an expedition sent out from Vicksburg under command of Maj. Gen. Slocum. The expedition was composed of the First Division colored troops, commanded by Brig. Gen. Hawkins. There were one or two regiments of white troops accompanying us, but what regiments they were I cannot call to mind at this time. The First Brigade of colored troops was commanded by Brig. Gen. Sheppard, comprising the 52d U. S. Col. Inf., commanded by Col. Zeigler; 4th U. S. Col. Inf., commanded by Col. Reagon; 47th U. S. Col. Inf., commanded by Lieut. Col. ... Battery C, 23d U. S. C. L. A., commanded by Capt. Ranney. This expedition left camp at Vicksburg on the 24th or 25th of June, 1864, with three days' march, and on our first day's march we made but 12 miles, and went in camp at Big Black River. The next morning we broke camp and started on our march toward the rebel works. We were annoyed very little by the rebels. Occasionally you could hear a shot fired in our advance, but of little importance happened until we arrived near Jackson. We were ordered to fire right through a field, when several shots could be heard in our front. After passing through the field of corn we passed through a small belt of timber, where we were drawn up to line of battle at the edge of an old field. You could look up and down the line of troops, and could see that the boys were eager for a fight. Skirmishers were ordered in advance across the field, and the order was given to fire. We again set out on the march, and as night was approaching went into camp near Bayou Pierre. The next morning we broke camp again, started out and soon reached the bayou. This was the only alternative. It was quite amusing to see the boys tip-toe across the bayou for the water was from four to five feet deep. A beautiful town called Port Gibson. After passing through the town about a quarter of a mile we received orders to march to the left. We were ordered to march to the left, and was just in the act of moving by the flank over the breastworks, when Col. Rogers came up with the left wing of the regiment and commanded by the right wing of the 8th Iowa had reached the rebel works and was holding their position. Our regiment reached the rebel works and took position on the right of the 8th Iowa.

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JUST AS BAD AS PAINTED.

Widespread Commotion Caused by the Terrible Confession of a Physician.

The story published in these columns recently, from the Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat and Chronicle, created a deal of comment here as it has elsewhere. Apparently it caused even more commotion in Rochester, as the following from the same paper shows:

Dr. J. B. Henion, who is well known not only in Rochester, but in nearly every part of America, sent an extended article to this paper a few days ago, which was duly published, detailing his remarkable experience and rescue from what seemed to be certain death. It would be impossible to enumerate the personal inquiries which have been made at our office as to the validity of the article, but they have been so numerous that further investigation of the subject was deemed necessary.

With this end in view a representative of this paper called on Dr. Henion at his residence on Andrews street, when the following interview took place: Q.—"I have read your article, and it is a most interesting one. Are the statements about the terrible condition you were in, and the way you were rescued, such as you can sustain?"

A.—"Every one of them and many additional ones. I was brought so low by neglecting the first and most simple symptoms, that I did not think I was sick. It is true I had frequent headaches, felt tired most of the time, could eat nothing one day and was ravenous the next, felt dull pains, and my stomach was out of order, but I did not think it meant anything serious. The medical profession had been treating symptoms instead of diseases for years, and it is high time it ceased. The symptoms I have just mentioned, or any unusual action or irritation of the water channels, induce the line of battle at the edge of an old field. You could look up and down the line of troops, and could see that the boys were eager for a fight. Skirmishers were ordered in advance across the field, and the order was given to fire. We again set out on the march, and as night was approaching went into camp near Bayou Pierre. The next morning we broke camp again, started out and soon reached the bayou. This was the only alternative. It was quite amusing to see the boys tip-toe across the bayou for the water was from four to five feet deep. A beautiful town called Port Gibson. After passing through the town about a quarter of a mile we received orders to march to the left. We were ordered to march to the left, and was just in the act of moving by the flank over the breastworks, when Col. Rogers came up with the left wing of the regiment and commanded by the right wing of the 8th Iowa had reached the rebel works and was holding their position. Our regiment reached the rebel works and took position on the right of the 8th Iowa.

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The Sixteenth Corps at Mobile.

To the Editor: In your issue of Oct. 29, 1885, I notice "The Capture of Mobile, Ala.," by John W. Fry, 43d Ohio. I beg to differ with the writer. He mentions Gen. Granger and Gen. Steele, but does not mention Gen. Sherman. I am surprised that he has forgotten Maj. Gen. A. J. Smith, commanding the Sixteenth Corps, one of the oldest, truest and bravest officers of the U. S. Army, and one of the best second lieutenants. However, I do not wish to make a long story of it, but will correct some of the statements made.

The Sixteenth Corps, commanded by Gen. A. J. Smith, did most of the fighting before Spanish Fort and Blakely. The First Division, commanded by Gen. Eugene Carr, operated in front of Spanish Fort and captured it, the troops of that division making the general attack and final capture. The Second Division, commanded by Gen. Kenna Garrard, operated in front of Blakely, and the undersigned, commanding the 17th N. Y., attached to the First Brigade, Second Division, Sixteenth Corps, on night of April 6, 1865, was ordered, with his regiment re-enforced by the 1 (I think) 51st Ill. and 10th Kan., to capture the rebel rifle-pits directly in front of Blakely, and succeeded in capturing them that night after a pretty brisk engagement, and held them until the 9th of April, when the Second Division, commanded by Gen. Kenna Garrard, was ordered to capture Blakely, which resulted in the capture, April 9, 1865. I state this, as by the article in your issue of Oct. 29, it is stated that Gen. J. Smith, his officers and the Sixteenth Corps, under the command of Gen. A. J. Smith, captured Blakely, Ala., on the night of April 6, 1865, which is not correct. JOHN B. GANDOLFO, Lieut.-Colonel, commanding 17th N. Y., St. Louis, Mo.

Discharges Awaiting Owners. To the Editor: I send you the discharges of James W. Crabb, of the 49th Ind. He left these papers in my care when at Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1864. I have since been unable to obtain anything in the shape of information in regard to him since. Will you please advertise the facts, and see if you can get any person to take care of them during the next two decades.—JOS. A. STORMARKER, Box 570, Galion, Ohio.

Col. Joyce Was "Thar." To the Editor: From March, 1862, to November, 1862, most of the fighting before Spanish Fort and Blakely, Ala., was done by the 15th, 40th and 57th Ind., with the 24th Ky. These regiments participated in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, the general attack on Stone River, when the 24th Ky. was transferred for recruiting purposes to Kentucky. This is correct. I was "thar!"—JOHN A. JOYCE, Worcester, D. C.

Consumption Cured. An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Chronic Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested his wonderful powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to any who desire it, this receipt, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noves, 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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CONDENSED LETTERS. Regarding the use of lanes in the rebel army, H. G. Parker, Co. B, 10th Ill., Lansing, Kan., says he saw plenty of them in the lower part of the rebel line, and that they were used in the subject, George S. Richardson, Co. G, 6th Iowa, also says he saw lanes at Camp Ogletree, Va., while a prisoner of war at that place in 1862.

John H. Bowman, Co. G, 35th Ohio, Milton, Ind., tells how, in December, 1861, he was captured at Somerset, Ky., and after various adventures, he was captured at New Market, Va., where he remained until the following spring.

M. H. Buskirk, 13th Ind., Bloomington, Ind., tells interesting anecdotes of his foraging expeditions in Virginia.

James Cavanaugh, Co. C, 24th N. Y., Decatur, Ill., gives an interesting account of a sharp little battle between his regiment and the rebels at Dinwiddie C. H., in which most of his men were captured. After being chased many miles by the rebels—their horseback, he at last—was fortunate enough to escape.

W. Gillis, Co. B, 25th Ohio, Kinman, O., has recently been on a hunting expedition in the vicinity of Cheat Mountain, Va. He found the fortifications and everything very much as the rebels left it. He also noticed the remains of Union soldiers, and saw two men, among which were the following: Lieut. W. Kelly, Co. D, 9th Ind.; H. Hosler, Co. F, 9th Ind.; A. Jack, 34th Ohio; B. F. Huson, Co. A, 24th Ohio.

J. E. Staunton, Co. G, 14th Conn., 23 Dymon street, Springfield, Mass., has in his possession the photograph of a young lady, probably about 1862, which he picked up on the battlefield of Spotsylvania, Va., May 12, 1864. He will be pleased to return it if the owner can be found.

Henry Elsey, Co. B, 7th Ill. Cav., Eagle Point, Ill., alluding to the hardships of the "sons of the South," says: "The loyal Southerner staked more upon the issue of that contest than did the Northern soldier. He had his health, home, family, and friends."

J. R. Dawson, Concordia, Kan., gives an interesting sketch of his experience in Cahaba Prison, Ala., where he was held for several months. He says: "I was in the hands of the rebels for several months, and during that time I saw many things that were very interesting and dangerous of all diseases, that it is exceedingly common, but that it can be cured if taken in time."

David Ennis, Captain, Co. A, 23d Ind., Hancock, Ind., sends an interesting history of his regiment from the date of its organization until its muster-out.

Jonathan Wellen, Co. C, 33d Ind., Mabelville, Mo., calls upon the survivors of his regiment to use up and tell something about what they did in the war.

Thomas J. Temple, Co. K, 115th Ohio, Monterey, Colo., says a good word for the San Juan Mountains, which he captured on the night of the 1st of August, 1864. He says: "I was in the hands of the rebels for several months, and during that time I saw many things that were very interesting and dangerous of all diseases, that it is exceedingly common, but that it can be cured if taken in time."

James Taylor, Co. L, 3d Ohio Cav., writes a brief sketch of some of the campaigns of that regiment.

Matias DeMoss, Co. A, 42d Ohio, Sullivan, O., thinks applicants for pensions are not always justly treated by the Special Agents sent out from the Bureau to take testimony in their cases. He writes a long account of his own case, in which he claims he has been greatly wronged.

THE NATIONAL HOME.

The Proposed New Western Branch.

To the Editor: A bill has been introduced in the Senate for an additional branch of the Soldiers' Home, to be located in one of several States or Territories mentioned therein. That these Homes must be multiplied is evident from the report of the Board of Managers, if appearing that those already established are overcrowded and unable to accommodate those now applying for admission. It is also an established fact that this great Nation will care for her veteran soldiers and the people both North and South are far in advance of their Representatives in Congress in all measures tending to that end.

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