

RECITALS AND REMINISCENCES.

Stories Eminently Worth Telling of Experiences and Adventures in the Great National Struggle.

CARRIED A MUSKET AT 13.

Interesting Experiences of One of Uncle Sam's Real Boys in Blue.

Editor National Tribune: I enlisted in 1862, when but a boy of 13 years of age. I was raised on a farm, and having seen the bright and attractive garb of some of the soldiers who were home on a furlough, a longing came over me to be a soldier, too. One day while I was harvesting oats I happened to see the possession of me, and I took the horses to the barn and asked my father if I could go to the war. His reply was: "I came from France to America to save you from possible death in your native country, and now you want to go to war. Well, you may go, but the risk is your own."

So I straightway went to Fostoria, the nearest town to our farm; but the recruiting officer would not accept me on account of my age. But I accompanied the soldiers to Johnson's Island, where I was enlisted as a drummer in the 49th Ohio, but had to carry a gun most of the time. When we returned from Johnson's Island I was put in the 164th Ohio, and there were two more regiments of the 49th. About the roughest night I believe I ever passed was at Johnson's Island, where on Sunday night it rained so hard that the water was so high that it did not serve to brighten my prospective hopes as to the war. It was at this juncture that I began to realize that this was not as bright as I had pictured it in my mind.

After leaving Johnson's Island we crossed the Potomac to what was called Arlington Heights, opposite Washington, where things began to look like business. We occupied Fort Strong. After leaving Fort Strong we returned home. Then they began drafting men, and I was one of the first to be drafted. Many of the boys who were on Johnson's Island will remember that later the rebel prisoners there were fed their great-grandfather's Yankee were starving in both in Andersonville and Libby.

In 1865, after I had substituted for one of my brothers, we went as far as the Potomac. We were in the presence of assistance, when Gen. Lee surrendered. I was in two battles—Fort Lincoln and Second Bull Run. We rebuilt Fort Strong, and after we had finished it we remained on guard there and had several small skirmishes. Most of our principal officers are still living, among them Capt. O'Leary, of Fostoria. Many of the boys who were on Johnson's Island will remember the fun we had on the Potomac River. We were nearly all young and inclined to be homesick, and there was one fellow with us who had a dog with him and an old meat-ax so that he would be allowed to go home. His hand was dressed in the camp hospital, but he did not get home as he had expected to. I can remember very distinctly the fun we had on the Potomac River. We were nearly all young and inclined to be homesick, and there was one fellow with us who had a dog with him and an old meat-ax so that he would be allowed to go home. His hand was dressed in the camp hospital, but he did not get home as he had expected to. I can remember very distinctly the fun we had on the Potomac River.

GEN. HOOD'S REPULSE.

Charged Seven Times at Franklin, and Was Seven Times Hurled Back by Schofield.

Editor National Tribune: In connection with Hood's repulse at Franklin, Tenn., I will say that we reached Franklin just at sunrise, very tired after our long march, and filed out on the left of the pike. After getting our morning meal the order came to build works, and so we pitched in with picks and shovels. We soon had our works completed. Just in front of our works was a brass cannon. There was also another regiment behind us, and when Hood's men commenced to drive in our advanced skirmish line, we were ordered forward movement we watched them with interest, as we felt they were coming to certain destruction.

Suddenly we saw a line of our guns from the east side of the pike, and they fired a few shots, then came back. This made Hood's soldiers as like wild men. They came on until their yell was drowned by our rifle fire and musketry. It was believed that Hood was drunk, for our impregnable works, bristling with guns, were in plain view, and it looked as though a man in his right mind would never have attempted to carry our lines by storm. Seven times did Hood's men charge and seven times they were repulsed with heavy loss.

This was one of the hardest-fought battles of the war on the part of the rebel army. It was the only battle in which Gen. Schofield had remained at Franklin until the following morning he could have cleaned up the whole rebel army in three hours, with but little loss to our side. Hood's army had all the fight knocked out of them. But we left Franklin at night, and started for Nashville. It was reported that his loss was 7,000 men.—Elias Baker, Pineville, Mo.

At New Orleans With Gen. Butler.

Editor National Tribune: It may be news to many of your readers to learn that I was in the Confederate Government when it was in the city of New Orleans during its occupancy by Gen. Butler in 1862. The plan was matured in the fertile brains of Beauregard, Breckinridge, Van Dorn and Ruggles. The ram Arkansas was ordered to have participated in the undertaking, came down the Yazoo River in May, 1862, and descended the Mississippi as far as Baton Rouge, where on or about Aug. 6 it was met by the gunboat Essex and destroyed. Some of the men were captured and the remainder escaped.

For the more successful prosecution of the enterprise the capture of Baton Rouge was also determined on, and this part of the program was assigned to Gen. Breckinridge, who reached Baton Rouge on or about Aug. 4, where he received a warm reception from the gunboats on the river. He left Baton Rouge quicker than when he came there, going to Vicksburg, Miss. Two armed steamers, the Music and the New Orleans, were ordered to accompany Gen. Breckinridge, but for some reason they failed to put in an appearance, and were afterwards discovered in the Yazoo River by our gunboats. When it became known that an effort would be made by the Confederates to recapture New Orleans, several vessels of Farragut's fleet were sent from Vicksburg and other places, and they were ordered to New Orleans, and their presence there prevented the Confederates from undertaking what under the circumstances would have been an absolute impossibility.

The Confederate Navy Department became interested in the movement, and issued an order on the subject, of which the following is a copy: "Confederate States of America, Navy Department, Richmond, Va., March 12, 1862. To Capt. James D. Bullock. Sir: The two ships under your immediate charge will be named respectively Mississippi and Louisiana. In accordance with your wishes you will take command of one and the other will be assigned to Commander Thomas with you as instructed to communicate with you."

looks to you alone. Every naval officer and agent of this Department is expected to give all possible aid to this important work.

"Circumstances may arise to render a change of instructions expedient, but through existing conditions the President hopes that these ships may be available for the recovery of New Orleans, and to this great object direct orders and preparations to be made. You are to be familiar with the character and defenses of the Mississippi River below New Orleans as yourself, details of them are unnecessary. It is believed that the two ships could pass the two forts at night they might drive away or destroy the enemy's ships at New Orleans and capture the city. I am, very respectfully, yours, "S. R. Mallory, Secretary of the Navy."

STOLE A HOT MESS-PAN.

An Incident of the Atlanta Campaign With a Humorous Side.

Comrade Cyrus Knapp, Co. K, 31st Ind., writes from Terre Haute to say that he is taking The National Tribune regularly and is "reading it clear through." Capt. Bullock was a member of a subscriber of "the soldier's friend" for more than 20 years. "I want to take it 25 or 30 years longer," he reads the paper. "The only thing I guess I will adopt Billy Sherman's tactics, and right flank you so I can capture one."

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CAPTURE OF SPANISH FORT.

Description of a Happening Near the Close of the War of the Rebellion.

Editor National Tribune: Occasionally there appears in The National Tribune something about the capture of Spanish Fort, Ala., and I would like to add some of my recollections about that affair. In a recent issue of your paper concerning the operations of the Thirteenth Corps, the writer says: "And my recollection is that the Thirteenth Corps was taken to fight the battle of Blakely." He also says that the capture of Spanish Fort on Saturday p. m., April 9.

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