

Miscellaneous.

From the 130th Regiment.

CAMP THORP, Suffolk, Va.

EDITOR NEWS:—Another week has passed without our being ordered into battle, though the sound of distant guns reminds us that skirmishing is going on between the rebel pickets and our own. Drill for the present is interrupted, and all the men in the brigade are employed on the entrenchments. Extensive earthworks are being thrown up at different points, and each day finds us better prepared to resist an attack. For the present we are obliged to act in the defensive. The sudden change we have undergone in climate, water and manner of living has very naturally increased the number of sick in the Regiment. They have been removed from the hospital tent to comfortable quarters on the premises of a wealthy Secessionist. Our Surgeon, Dr. Kneeland, and his associates are deserving of the highest praise for their constant and assiduous efforts in relieving the wants of the sick. The doctor, as you are aware, is a strong Unionist; and in his labors, being influenced by the two-fold motive—humanity and patriotism—will aim to keep the Regiment in the best fighting condition possible.

The 6th Massachusetts Regiment, of Baltimore notoriety, have pitched their tents next to ours. Our own *Campus Martius* is our especial delight. Its cleanly swept streets laid out with mathematical accuracy are the scene of constant bustle during the day, and by night the frequent resort of those whose delight it is to “trip the light fantastic toe.” Camp life has its pleasures as well as its privations. Without being able to comprehend the plan of the campaign, and not being allowed to anticipate the movements of his own reg-

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iment, the soldier is to a certain extent, free from care and anxiety. His motto is, “Let us eat and be merry to-day, for to-morrow we die.”

The constant routine of duty, with the excitement of an occasional alarm,

absorb the attention and prevent any disagreeable feeling of ennui.

The influence of military discipline upon an individual is in some respects highly beneficial. If any parent has a forward son in the army, he has cause for self-congratulation in the fact that his son is in a good school, and must there learn for the first time, perhaps, the lesson of *strict obedience* to those placed in authority over him. No matter how perverse and self-willed he may have been at home, here he must perform promptly every duty assigned to him, without consulting his own inclinations. Cleanliness of person and attire, courtesy towards superiors, and mutual kindness is enjoined upon all.— Habits of early rising are soon formed and a praiseworthy indifference to the quality of food is manifested. Skill in the manipulations of arms, courage and endurance constitute the chief points of excellence in the education of the soldier. Intellectual service but little time is allowed and scanty provision made for moral and intellectual culture. In these respects the soldier remains *status quo ante bellum*, he does well.

Our new Colonel has arrived, his personal appearance is prepossessing. "A front like Jove, an eye and Mars, to threaten and command," see

I trust you will hear good reports from the 180th when called upon to meet the rebels.

J. N.

Official Compliment to the 186th Regiment.

At a meeting of the Military Committee of the Thirtieth Senatorial District, held at Camp Williams, in Portage, September 30th 1862, the following preamble and resolutions were passed unanimously:

Whereas, We, the Members of the Military Committee of this Senatorial District, have assembled here this day, by invitation of Col. Wood, Commandant of the 186th Regiment N. Y. S. Volunteers, for the purpose of inspecting the appearance and discipline of the Regiment, prior to its leaving Camp, and whereas the Colonel has had a review of the Regiment in our presence, and shown to us the arrangements and order of the Camp—Therefore,

Resolved, That the organization and discipline of the Regiment, for the time it has been forming, reflects the highest credit upon its Commanding Officer, for his ability, energy, activity and

industry in raising said Regiment, and that the thanks of this Senatorial District are due to Col. James Wood, jr., for the able, faithful, and efficient manner in which said Regiment has been organized.

Resolved, That our thanks are also due to the Staff and Commissioned Officers for the able discharge of their several and respective duties in bringing the Regiment to its present high military bearing and discipline.

Resolved, That the non-commissioned Officers and privates of said Regiment, for their subordination and good conduct while in Camp, are also entitled to our thanks, and inspire us with confidence that the 136th Regiment will acquit itself with credit wherever and under whatever circumstances it may be placed.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be signed by our Chairman and Secretary and transmitted to the Secretary of War, the Governor of the State, and published in all the newspapers of this District.

CHARLES C. CHAMBERLAIN

J. B. BRITTON, Secretary.

List of Promotions in the 136th Regiment.

HEADQUARTERS 136TH REG'T,
N. Y. V., CAMP NEAR SUF-
FOLK, VA., Oct. 10th, 1862.

ORDER No. 3.

The following appointments and promotions are hereby made in this Regiment, subject to the approval of His Excellency, Maj. Gen. E. D. MORGAN, Governor of the State of New York:

Co. A—1st Lieut. John R. Robinson to be Capt., vice Bills, absent without leave since Sept. 1st 1862.

George T. Hamilton to be 1st Lieut. vice Robinson promoted.

1st Sergeant Wm. J. Luther to be 2d Lieut. vice Dayley resigned.

Co. G—1st Lieut. Cha's L. Brundage to be Capt. vice Alanson B. Cornell resigned.

2d Lieut. G. Wiley Wells to be 1st Lieut. vice Brundage promoted.

1st Sergeant Alonzo W. Chamberlain to be 2d Lieut. vice Wells promoted.

Co. H—1st Lieut. Ira Sayles to be Capt. vice Wakeman resigned.

2d Lieut. E. S. Osgood to be 1st Lieut. vice Sayles promoted.

Asa R. Burleson to be 2d Lieut. vice Osgood promoted.

Regimental Staff—1st Lieut. Russell A. Britton to be Adjutant vice Cowee resigned.

Co. I—2d Lieut. Franklin S. Adams to be 1st Lieut. vice Britton Adjutant.

1st Sergeant Cha's E. Lewis to be 2d Lieut. vice Adams promoted.

Co. K—1st Serg't Oliver W. West to be 1st Lieut. vice Slayton resigned.

By order of Col. Alfred Gibbs.

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WITTS HOUSE, VA., June 27th, 1863.

* * You see by the heading of this letter that we keep moving around some. I wrote home last Tuesday from Williamsburg, and received one to-day by Capt. Smith, who joined us to-day at this place. We marched here to-day from Cumberland Landing, five miles from here. We left Yorktown last Monday, and have been on the march every day except one, which was last Wednesday, when we laid all day 10 miles this side of Williamsburg.— Thursday night we slept at a place called Roper's Church, a small building in the woods, about half as large as Dick's shanty, and most a quarter of a mile from any house. We left there yesterday morning and marched so far as New Kent Court House, 30 miles from Richmond. We then left the Richmond road and turned to the right and went to Cumberland Landing, three miles from there, where we staid all night, and then came here. Getty's Division has just landed here, and Spears' Cavalry have landed and gone on somewhere, I believe up towards the Chickahominy. I don't know how many troops there are here, but to use a Secesh expression, "there's a right smart lot of us, I reckon." We find country produce CHEAP up in these parts. Milk is offered at four shillings per quart, and butter from two to four dollars a pound, onions five for ten cents, &c. The houses are so far from the road that there is no chance for foraging, but when we stop to camp those who get to a house first look out for the garden truck, &c. We drew two days rations this morning of hard tack, pork, coffee, and sugar. I am on guard to-day, the first time since we left Suffolk. We are roughing it for certain now.— No home, money, or clothes, except those we have on our backs. CHARLEY.

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Our Correspondents.

We are in receipt of a letter from Lieut. E. S. Osqoon, Comp. H, 130th Regiment,, dated Suffolk, May 4th; also one from Lieut. JOHN BARTON, of the 141st Regiment, at the same place, dated May 6th. Time and space precludes the possibility of our publishing these letters entire. Lieut. O's letter is dated "In the Rifle Pits," showing that they are *en hand* for the enemy. He says the place has been invested by the Rebs on three sides, since the 10th of April, since which time his company (which is largely made up from Almond) has been in camp but part of three nights. He speaks of a hotly contested skirmish on the 17th of April, on the South Quay, in which his company took part, and although in the hottest of the fight, the entire company escaped without a scratch. They have been constantly annoyed by rebs in their immediate vicinity, and had frequent skirmishes, sometimes with strong rebel forces, but in each instance, have succeeded in holding the rebs at bay or repelling them. On the morning of the 4th they were surprised to find the rebs had skedaddled during the night, when they were ordered to provide themselves with three days rations, and to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moments warning. He also speaks

of meeting several of his old acquaintances in the 141st.

Lieut. BARTON mentions the fact that the members of his company received four months pay on the 2d inst. and that \$3000 of the same had been forwarded by them to their friends to the care of MARTIN ADST, Esq., of this village, besides which at least \$500 had been sent *directly* to their friends, which shows a laudable prudence and economy on the part of the members of company F, without a parallel.

He says, on Sunday the 3d 10,000 of our troops crossed the Nansemond and attacked the enemy, driving them some miles to their strongholds and capturing about 600 prisoners. The prisoners he describes as a rough looking, half naked, barefooted set of fellows—some heartily sick of fighting, not wishing to return again to the rebs, while others were very bitter and were anxious to return and fight us again.

On the morning of the 5th, the Division to which the 141st is attached, received marching orders, and at 10 o'clock A. M. took cars for Norfolk, to report at Fortress Monroe. Beyond that Lieut. B. was ignorant of the direction his Regiment would take, but supposed Yorktown or the army of the Potomac. He did not go forward with the Regiment when it left Suffolk on account of ill health, but expected to be able to follow in a day or two.

He describes Suffolk as a small but rather pleasant town—says the health of the regiment is good—boys feeling full of fight, &c. Speaks of being on the field in the fight of Sunday, and hearing the bullets whistle—says the churches and public buildings at Suffolk are used for hospitals, and Dr. J. W. ROBINSON has been promoted from the post of Brigade to that of Division Surgeon.

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TO BE MOUNTED.—By a letter from HENRY ROOR, a member of the 130th regiment, we learn that the arrangements for changing that regiment into Cavalry has been made, and the orders for that purpose issued. It is expected that the regiment will camp at Annapolis Junction during the time the change is being made, and instruction given in the new tactics.

The 130th Changed to a Cavalry Regiment.

Capt. H. M. Smith has just informed us that an order has been issued from the War Department, transferring the 130th Regiment into Cavalry, and that they will soon be ordered to Annapolis Junction. This regiment needs 200 men to fill it up to the maximum number. Its officers are extremely desirous to secure these men from this Senatorial District, and several are to be sent here immediately to promote enlistments. It is to be hoped that the Senatorial Committee of last year, under whose direction this regiment was organized, will at once take hold of the matter and assist in speedily securing the number of men wanted. This arm of the service is the most desirable in the field.—New recruits will at once go into the company of old associates and be under the command of friends.

From the 130th.

A letter from M. F. HOLTON, of Captain KNAPP's company, written from "Headquarters Army of Potomac, Warrenton, Va., August 1st," contains the following important statements:

"This morning Col. GIBBS came from Washington, and our Regiment is now a Cavalry Reg't instead of Infantry. We leave to-morrow morning for our camp of drill between Washington and Baltimore. We are to furnish our horses and the Government take them off our hands at the place of rendezvous—probably Portage or Elmira,—where they are to be apprized and the Government pays the cash there. The apprizer is to be from our Reg't. The Reg't is to be raised to 1200 men—200 conscripts and 200 volunteers being added."

"ALONZO HODGES of Co. D, died day before yesterday. He was from Pike."

—A letter written one day later says the Reg't is at Germantown, but will be at its place of drill near Washington very soon. It is numbered the 17th N. Y. V. Cavalry."

SICK IN HOSPITAL.—We regret to learn that S. Mills Fisher and Homer O. Holly, of the 130th Regiment, are sick in Hospital. Mills Fisher was taken sick on the Peninsula, during the advance on Richmond, and was obliged to be left behind. He was afterwarys taken to the Hospital at Portsmouth, Va., where he is at present. He is doing well.

From the 130th.

This Regiment was in Frederick, Md., on the 15th inst. A member writes to the *Dansville Advertiser*: "Our brigade is all broken up.— We are to be put in the 5th Army Corps, commanded by Maj.-Gen. Sykes—formerly Meade's. It contains Sykes's famous Regulars. The commanding officer here told Col. Gibbs that the reputation of the 130th had preceded it, and it should be put in good company. Had it not been for Gen. Terry, we would have stood a good chance of being retained in Washington to be mounted. But he wouldn't even let Col. Gibbs leave the boat when we arrived, but trotted off himself and got orders for us to start forthwith for the front of the Army of the Potomac."

—A letter from Capt. KNAPP, dated, Uniontown, Va., July 21st, states that the 130th Reg't is detailed as guard to Gen. Meade's headquarters.

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FREDERICK CITY, Md. }
Tuesday, July 14th. }
DEAR FRIENDS—Here we are in Maryland, arrived here last night. Will probably leave here for Boonesboro to-morrow. We leave our knapsacks here in private houses. I am well and in good spirits. Saw P. Thomas in Washington. C. House, Hinman, and all the boys are well. U. Chilson is in the convalescent hospital—will be with the Regiment in a few days. Direct to Washington. Things are as cheap here as at home—all we need is a little money to buy with.

Yours in haste, CHARLEY.

Major S. H. Lacey, aid to Gen. Ewen, of the Army of the Shenandoah, was captured by Lee's cavalry, near Carlisle, and is in Washington on parole, and under surgical treatment for a severe wound in his foot.— The wound is doing well. Mr. L. was formerly 1st Lieut. in our Co. B, 130th Regiment.

Recruiting.

Lieut.-Col. THOMP, Capt. ROBINSON and SMITH, and a detail of non-commissioned officers of the 17th Cavalry (late 130th infantry) are at home for the purpose of getting men and horses for their Reg't. Two companies of 100 men each and 500 good horses are wanted. It is likely that some of the conscripts from this District will be put into this veteran and favorite Regiment. The officers offer good inducements to volunteers, and will pay from \$125 to \$160 for horses.

—An officer of the old 33d Reg't, re-organizing as cavalry, has a recruiting office at Bingham's, and has enlisted 8 or 10 men.

—Capt. A. J. Leach, of the 130th, arrived here last week, on a furlough of thirty days.

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PERSONAL.—On Thursday last, Captain H. M. Smith, of the 130th, returned with ample orders for recruiting two hundred men and purchasing five hundred horses for his Reg't. As mentioned last week this Regiment has been transferred to Cavalry, and our indefatigable Captain returns to us bearing the well-earned commission of *Major* in the new Regiment. The Major is not in prime health, but since his advent to his old stamping ground, his former elasticity is apparent.—His indomitable will, like his patriotism, needs no bidding. In his new position his many friends wish him great success.

Sergeant Justice Smith, Jr., son of our worthy townsman, also returns with Captain Smith for a short time, on business connected with this Regiment—he is looking well, makes a brave soldier, and is sure to distinguish himself on the field. Who ever knew a true member of the "*Smith*" family who, if right and justice demanded, would not fight.

Our young friend, Sergeant S. McNeilly, son of policeman McNeilly, has also dismounted from his steed at Newbern, N. C., and is now breathing the invigorating air of his Northern home. He is a fine soldier boy, and under no circumstances will he show his "heels" to the rebels. He has been ordered home on service connected with the draft.—Mount Morris may well be proud of her representatives on the field.

PERRY ITEMS.

Capt. JOHN P. ROBINSON of Co. A. 130th Reg't N. Y. V., arrived here last week accompanied by private A. W. TALLMAN of our town. The above has been changed to a Cavalry Reg't, and Capt. R. is engaged in procuring horses for the same, to rendezvous at Portage. He is also ordered to take charge of drafted men at Elmira, (possible enough to fill up his regiment.) Both the above gentlemen are looking in fine health.

Mr. D. W. ERICKSON has disposed of his Meat Market, and will now devote his entire energies to the service of his country—unless he is exempt or pays his "three hundred"—one of which is probable. His successor in business is Gen. RANDALL WARROU, who will serve up his wares in the best style. Let us patronize home institutions.

The Rev. J. R. SAGE will preach at the Universalist Church next Sunday. This Society has not had a settled minister since the departure of Rev. Mr. TOMLINSON, a year ago.

The wool market appears to be *slow* this season—probably because the farmers cannot realize their "great expectation."

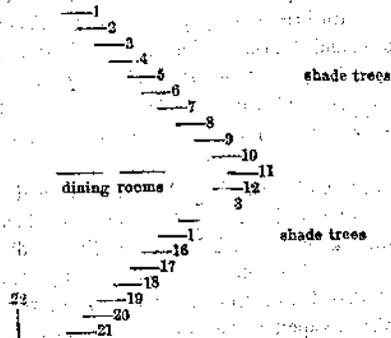
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AMERICA'S HEALTH FOR THE FUTURE

We are allowed to make the following extracts from a letter of HOMER O. HOLLY, of the 130th Reg't, whose duties as Division Postmaster have detained him at Portsmouth, Va.:

"We returned from Fortress Monroe yesterday (26th July) after an absence of 24 hours. We spent most of our time at Hampton, where the Hampton and Chesapeake Hospitals are, 1 1/2 m's from the Fort. I found four boys of Co. D in each Hospital, several having left a day or two before for the Reg't. There were Reynolds, Lewis, Osborn, Chas. Austin (started yesterday for the Reg't,) Clifford, Gliss, Thompson and Jenks.

The Chesapeake was formerly a Female Seminary. It is a large, five story brick building, situated very near the waters of the Bay, and commanding a fine view of Hampton Roads. The managers are very strict, and will not allow the patients to walk out of doors. There are separate buildings for kitchens, dining rooms, &c., and tents for the convalescents. I like Hampton Hospital much better. It consists of 22 wards, —each ward a separate wooden building, one story, over a hundred feet long and twenty-five wide, very airy and roomy, with plenty of windows and doors, and clean, soft beds. The wards are arranged in the shape of a letter A:



Shade trees are started all around in the center, and the grass is kept clean. The sick ones that are able can get out and walk around as much as they please. A week or so ago there were fifteen hundred in this Hospital, but there are only about 100 that now.

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Promotions in the 130th Regiment.

The correspondent of the Rochester *Union* in the 130th N. Y. V. gives the list of the late promotions in that Regiment. The Regiment has many friends in this vicinity who will be pleased to learn of the advancement of the officers. Those of our acquaintance who have been promoted are deserving of the honor.— The Regiment has recently been transformed to the Cavalry branch of the service. We doubt not that in their new capacity they will earn as fair a reputation as they won in the Infantry department :

FIELD.

Capt. Howard M. Smith, to be Major, from Aug. 1, 1863.

COMPANY B.

1st Lieut. Samuel Culbertson, to be Captain, vice H. M. Smith, promoted. 2d Lieutenant Henry Gale, to be 1st Lieutenant, vice Culbertson, promoted. Sergt. Fred. A. Bayer, to be 2d Lieutenant, vice Gale, promoted.

COMPANY D.

Sergt. Wm. C. Morey, to be 2d Lieutenant, vice J. M. Bills, promoted.

COMPANY E.

2d Lieut. Leander S. Callaghan, to be 1st Lieutenant, vice S. F. Randolph, dismissed.— 1st Sergt. James L. Crittenden, to be 2d Lieutenant, vice Callaghan, promoted.

COMPANY F.

2d Lieut. Jared M. Bills, Co. D, to be 1st Lieutenant, vice S. A. Farman, resigned. 1st