

Casualty List

63rd New York Volunteer Infantry

Battle Of Gettysburg Pennsylvania July 2, 1863

This list was prepared from a photocopy of an original casualty list I found in the National Archives, Washington, D.C., with entries from the "Annual Report of the Adjutant General of the State of New York," 1901, which is the 63rd New York Volunteer Infantry unit roster, and other sources. The names are placed in the same order as they are in the original list. When there is a difference in spelling between the roster, and the list, I have used the name in the roster.

Charles Hogan age 20 years. Enlisted on March 13, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years. Mustered in as private, Company G, on April 3, 1862. Transferred to Company A on June 12, 1863. Killed in action on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa.

William Moran age 24 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as corporal, Company C, on August 21, 1861. He was returned to ranks, no date. Transferred to Company B on June 12, 1863. Captured in action on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. Paroled on December 28, 1863. He was mustered out on August 31, 1864, at Petersburg, Va. He appears in the casualty list as killed in action.

Edward Eagan age 28 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years. Mustered in as private, Company C, on August 21, 1861. He was transferred to Company B on June 12, 1863. He was discharged on August 21, 1864. He appears as Edward Egan in the casualty list, 'killed in action.'

John O'Brien Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Company I, on January 16, 1862. He was transferred to Company A on June 12, 1863. Wounded in action on July 2, 1863, and died of his wounds on July 3rd. His name is also borne as O'Brian. He appears as killed in action in the casualty list.

Patrick Kenney age 35 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Company B, on August 14, 1861. He was transferred to Company A on June 12, 1863. Killed in action on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. His name is also borne as Kenny.

Richard C. Bently Adjutant, Thirtieth Infantry, he was mustered in as major, 63rd New York, on February 14, 1862. Mustered in as lieutenant colonel on October 31, 1862. Wounded in action, slightly, leg, on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. Commissioned major on March 24, 1862, with rank from February 14, 1862, vice Thomas F. Lynch, deceased. Commissioned lieutenant colonel on October 31, 1862, with rank from October 25, 1862, vice Henry Fowler, promoted. Commissioned colonel, not mustered, on October 6, 1863, with rank from September 5, 1863, vice Henry Fowler, discharged. Discharged for disability on September 18, 1864.

D. P. Conyngham bio, page 566. "Lieutenant Colonel R. Bentley, a native of Albany, New York, was commissioned as major in the early part of 1862; afterwards promoted to lieutenant colonel, which position he held until the battle of Cold Harbor, at which engagement he left the regiment on sick leave, and resigned a short time afterwards."

"Among the wounded was Lieut. Col. R. C. Bently, who was struck in the left leg with a piece of shell." From the Official Report of Captain Thomas Touhy, Company A, Commanding Battalion, dated August 2, 1863

Thomas Murphy age 18 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Company A, on August 7, 1861. Promoted to sergeant on March 1, 1863. Wounded in action, severely, abdomen, on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. He re-enlisted as a veteran on February 12, 1864. Deserted in March, 1864, on the expiration of veteran furlough.

John O. Halloran age 22 years. Enlisted at Albany, New York, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Company K, on September 25, 1861. Promoted to corporal in January, 1863. Transferred to Company B, no date (but likely to have been June 12, 1863). Wounded in action, severely, hand, on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. No further record. His name is also borne as John O'Halloran,

and it appears that way in the casualty list.

Laurence Cronin age 33 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Company B, on August 14, 1861. Transferred to Company A on June 12, 1863. Wounded in action, severe, arm, on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. Discharged for wounds on August 31, 1863, at Philadelphia, Pa.

James Gow Private, Company A Wounded in action, slightly, in hand, on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. No information; not in unit roster. (James Gow?)

Hugh Meehan age 30 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Company I, on October 29, 1861. Transferred to Company A on June 12, 1863. Wounded in action, slightly, breast, on July 2, 1863. He re-enlisted as a veteran on December 21, 1863. Wounded in action on May 5, 1864, at the Wilderness, Va. Transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps on May 20, 1865. Mustered out on August 7, 1865, as of Company E, Twelfth Regiment, V. R. C., at Washington, D. C. His name is also borne as Meahen.

The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion has more information on him: "Private Hugh Meehan, Co. A, 63d New York Volunteers, was wounded at Gettysburg, July 2d, 1863, by a ball which entered the right side, between the second and third ribs, passed around to the inner border of the scapula and lodged, injuring the edge of the bone to some extent. He was sent from the field hospital of the 1st Division, Second Corps, to Patterson Park Hospital, Baltimore, where the ball was extracted on July 31st, 1863, through a counter incision. The wound healed kindly, and Meehan was returned to duty on December 11, 1863. The operator, Acting Assistant Surgeon A. T. Pick, presented the missile, represented in the wood-cut (Fig. 293), to the Museum. Fig. 293 Ball studded with particles of bone from scapula. Weight 483 grains. Spec. 1422, Sect. I, A. M. M." (Army Medical Museum).

Peter Walsh age 33 years. Enlisted on August 30, 1861, at New York City, to serve three years. Mustered in as private, Company E, on September 24, 1861. Transferred to Company A on June 12, 1863. Wounded in action, severely, abdomen, and died of his wounds, on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. The casualty list states that he was wounded, and makes no mention of his death.

John Graham (2nd) age 23 years. Enlisted on September 16, 1861, at New York City, to serve three years. Mustered in as private, Company F, on September 19, 1861. Promoted to corporal, and returned to ranks, no date. Transferred to Company B on June 12, 1863. Wounded in action, severely, leg, on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. He re-enlisted as a veteran on March 19, 1864. Promoted to corporal on April 7, 1865. Mustered out on June 30, 1865, at New York City. The roster entry makes no mention of him being wounded. There is another entry for a John Graham in the unit roster. I hope I have the right one.

David Hickey Private, Company B wounded in action, slightly, hip, on July 2, 1863.

No information; not in unit roster, unless this man is:

Daniel Hickey age 19 years. Enlisted on September 17, 1861, at New York City, to serve three years. Mustered in as private, Company F, on September 19, 1861. Transferred to Company B on June 12, 1863. He re-enlisted as veteran on December 21, 1863. Promoted to sergeant on April 7, 1865. Mustered out with company on June 30, 1865, at Alexandria, Va.

John Hartigan age 18 years. Enlisted on October 6, 1861, at New York City, to serve three years. Mustered in as private, Company H, on October 19, 1861. Transferred to Company B on June 12, 1863. Wounded in action, no date or place. He died of his wounds on December 9, 1863, at Satterlee Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. Corby, "Memoirs of Chaplain Life," Page 374 (Mulholland). "Here again, note the gallantry of John Hartigan, a boy of sixteen...who, advancing in front of the line, defiantly waved the colors in the face of the enemy." Cavanaugh, "Memoirs of General Thomas Francis Meagher," pages 461-62 "The Sixty-third Regiment of this brigade, always conspicuous for deed of daring in battle, was particularly so in the battle of Antietam. The colors were shot down sixteen times, and on each occasion a man was ready to spring forward and place the colors in front.

John Hartigan, a member of Company H, and only sixteen years old, went some distance in advance of the regiment with the colors, and waved them defiantly in the face of the enemy. The whole brigade gave a cheer that was heard along the lines for a mile..”

John Hartigan was born in Limerick, Ireland. Occupation: laborer, Height 5 ft. 6 in. Complexion: fair, eyes blue, hair fair. His service record states that he enlisted on September 22, 1861. Enlistment by Captain Walsh, in Company H. Mustered in by Captain Lynch on October 6. Wounded at Gettysburg by a ball which passed through the metacarpo phalangeal art. between the middle fingers of right hand, shattering the bone so much that his two middle fingers were amputated on the field about half an hour afterwards. Bones from both fingers projecting and wound looks bad. Never has had the attention it should have had. Admitted to Satterlee Hospital on July 9, 1863. The information above and below comes from a medical descriptive list from this hospital. He was in Ward W, Bed 43, with 96 crossed out. July 13, looks better, though patient very weak. July 16, bones uncovered. July 30th, Dr. Lewis amputated little finger of right and half of metacarpal bones of last three fingers. July 31, doing well, August 1, feels much better. August 23, improving rapidly both in health and spirits. September 5, continual improvement. October 29, furlough, November 16, no treatment, Retd-health good. December 7, typhoid symptoms, December 9, opium. December 9, at 8 P. M., died, Peritonitis. Last paid by Major Farnsworth to include the 30th day of April, 1863. He received twenty-eight dollars and forty-seven cents for clothing since the first of March, 1863. Hospital number at Satterlee: 8346. Unmarried Cause of death: typhoid fever, the word pneumonia is crossed out.

Inventory of personal effects: Uniform coat, 2 shirts, one cotton, one wool. One vest, one pair of stockings, one valise, and two hankrfs. Buried at Philadelphia, Pa., on December 12, 1863, Mt. Moriah? No 126. John Hartigan is buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Philadelphia, in Section 200 Lot I Grave Number 200 (124?) (do I have GN confused with section, and is it GN 200, 124 or 126?).

Dominick Connolly age 17 years. Enlisted on September 16, 1861, at New York City, to serve three years. Mustered in as musician, Company H, on October 1, 1861. Promoted to corporal on November 20, 1862. Promoted to sergeant on January 1, 1863. Mustered in as second lieutenant on March 1, 1863. Transferred to Company B on June 12, 1863. Captured in action on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg. The casualty list shows him missing in action. Paroled, no date. Discharged on November 14, 1864.

Daniel E. Looney age 33 years. Enlisted on August 30, 1861, at New Yrok City, to serve three years. Mustered in as corporal, Company E, on September 24, 1861. Captured in action on July 1, 1862, at Malvern Hill, Va. Paroled, no date. Wounded in action on September 17, 1862, at Antietam, Md. Captured in action on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. He died of disease on December 1, 1863, at Hospital No. 21, Richmond, Va. His name is also borne as Lonney, and it appears that way in the casualty list, where he stated to be missing in action.

Timothy Manley age 24 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Company A, on August 7, 1861. Missing in action on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa.

Thomas Kelly age 24 years. Enlisted on August 30, 1861, at New York City, to serve three years. Mustered in as private, Company E, on September 24, 1861. Transferred to Company B on November 1, 1861. Transferred to Company A on June 12, 1863. Captured in action on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. He was exchanged on December 29, 1863. Mustered out on August 31, 1864, near Petersburg, Va. The casualty list shows him missing in action.

Michael Kelly age 24 years. Enlisted on August 7, 1861, at New York City, to serve three years. Mustered in as first sergeant, Company C, on August 21, 1861. Returned to ranks, no date. Transferred to Company B on June 12, 1863. Captured, no date, but the casualty list shows him missing in action on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. He died on October 5, 1864, at Andersonville, Ga. He is buried in Andersonville National Cemetery, in Grave Number 10388.

John Murphy age 23 years. Enlisted at Albany, New York, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Company K, on October 19, 1861. Transferred to Company B on June 12, 1863. Captured, no date. He died of disease on December 30, 1863, at Richmond, Va. The casualty list shows him

missing in action on July 2, 1863. There are eight entries in the unit roster under the name John Murphy, but I think I have the right one.

Michael Sheehan Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Company K, on August 7, 1862. Transferred to Company B on June 12, 1863. Missing in action on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. No further record.

Patrick McGeehan Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Company I, on February 2, 1862. Transferred to Company A on June 12, 1863. Missing in action on July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pa. No further record.

The casualty list shows Lt. Col. R. C. Bently in command of the regiment.  
Captain Twohey is in command of Company A  
Lieut. Lee is in command of Company B

The Official Report of Thomas Touhy Captain Company A, Commanding Battalion, is dated August 2, 1862. "...each man...was provided with 60 rounds of buck-and-ball cartridges.."  
"Our aggregate strength was 75 men." "Second Lieut. Dominick I. Connally was taken prisoner, and is now at Richmond, Va."

"The battalion after being relieved returned to the position they at first occupied, threw up breastworks, and were under heavy fire from the enemy's batteries all the succeeding day (July 3), having 1 man wounded by explosion of a shell."

The Official Report of Patrick Kelly, 88th New York, commanding Second Brigade, states "...with a loss of only one man wounded." There was only one casualty in the Irish Brigade in the bombardment which preceded Pickett's Charge, a man of the 63rd New York.

D. P. Conyngham "The Irish Brigade And Its Campaigns"

One officer wounded, 5 enlisted men killed, 9 wounded and one officer missing, and 7 enlisted men, for a total of 25

Phisterer "New York In The War Of The Rebellion"

5 enlisted men killed, 2 enlisted men died of wounds

1 officer recovered from wounds, and 7 enlisted men

1 officer missing, and 7 men, for a total of 23

William F. Fox "Regimental Losses In The Civil War"

5 killed 10 wounded 8 missing, for a total of 23

My list from the unit roster:

This is a list of men who are stated to be casualties in the unit roster.

Killed in action

Charles Hogan  
Patrick Kenny

Mortally Wounded

John Hartigan  
John O'Brien  
Peter Walsh

Captured in Action

Dominick Connolly  
Thomas Kelly  
Daniel E. Looney  
William Moran

Missing in Action

Timothy Manley  
Patrick McGeehan  
Michael Sheehan

Wounded in action

Richard C. Bentley  
Laurence Cronin  
John O. Halloran

This list contains 23 names

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