The casualties in the 108th are few when working through "slashes" (felled trees) engagement on the 27th. In the morning, at day-break, the boys forded Wyatt's Creek, which was breast deep in many places, and, trocking through "slashes" (felled trees) charged upon and carried a heavy line of earthworks, and being fired up with a go-a-head principle pressed onward carrying a second line. The rush was too much for the enemy; they could not stand the pressure. During the day very heavy artillery and musketry firing occurred, and the movements were made skillfully and ably in a dense undergrowth of scrub oak. The enemy endeavored to flank and force our men back, but were repulsed heavily. It was one of the most bristling and hardest days' work of the campaign, yet the men stood their ground manfully and heroically—for which glorious conduct they have been warmly praised by Generals Grant, Meade and Hancock, who were present watching the movements with much interest. Darkness put an end to the incessant roll of musketry; and, soon after, one of the most serene storms of wind and rain set in that could fall upon a fatigued soldier. The object of the movement having been accomplished the troops fell back, bringing with them captured flags and several hundred prisoners.

The casualties in the 108th are few when looking at and comparing the hot work of the day. There are as follows:

Capt. D. H. Ostrander, Co. A, wounded in right arm, near shoulder, badly.

Privates John Van Mall, Co. G; Robert Ris-der, Co. H; J. Frank Gels, Co. I; Joseph Frecker, Co. I—all slight.

The men are feeling well and hearty, and are ready for a tug with the Johnnies whenever the order is given, and the query is propounded why it was so, the reply given was, that we were "waiting for the cavalry to catch up." In the light of day, and in the murky darkness of night—in rain and mud (of which there has been enough,) the duties arising have been performed.

From the 108th Regiment.

IN FRONT OF PETERSBURG, VA.

Oct. 4, 1864.

The past month has been one of considerable activity with the 2nd Corps, in which the 108th has borne its share of the duties, readily and cheerfully. As Reserve Corps its feats of travel to the various portions of the line as required, gained it the sobriquet of "Hancock's foot cavalry." Numerous witticisms were indulged in, which served to keep up good cheer and ameliorate the fatigue of marching. If a halt was made, and the query was propounded why we were so, the reply given was, that we were "waiting for the cavalry to catch up." The regiment has also come in for its full share in throwing up breastworks and setting trees, to render it "a hard road to travel" for the enemy, in case they were disposed to try it.

The only casualty I have to report since my last is that of private Jeremiah Howard, Co. A, who was wounded by a piece of shell on the morning of the 2d instant.

The enthusiasm was great, so great that the men were willing to accept any sacrifice to win the victory.

The great struggle has now opened with the Army of the Potomac, and while the political events of the past month have caused much rejoicing and great activity with the 2nd Corps, in which the 108th has been living under fire of shot and shell—behind works and in gopher holes. It is no desirable or agreeable mode of living this; the bearing by frequently of the shattered remains of comrades causes a shudder, but old soldiers shrink not from the perils of war, and send back the "mishak" with vengeance. The pyrotechnics (mortar shelling) at night are great and brilliant, but dangerous to the spectators. No stated hour is given as to the time this display will be made—the ball is likely to open at any moment after dark. Soldiers have a great dislike for mortar shells. In the explosion of this can shells the breastworks afford protection, but the pieces fly forward, but mortar shells fly upwards and gracefully curving (rainbow-like) through the air, "call" where they are not expected. There is no staying in tented habitations during such shelling, for every one is out to watch the course the villainous explosives are liable to take, or see that we don't get more pieces than are "accounted for."

On the 21st instant the 108th with associated regiments moved into Fort Davis, formerly Fort Warren, where we are now taking our regular routine of duty on the skirmish line. Officers whistle over us and through our tents, yet, tho' the firing is kept up, after night-fall the "soldiers sleep." Over the ground gained, mounds are visible, denoting the sepulture of our fallen. On the boards posted I noticed names of the 16th H. A. and 24th Cavalry, one is out to watch the course the villainous explosives are liable to take, or see that we don't get more pieces than are "accounted for."

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A pleasing incident occurred this evening which has caused much rejoicing and great cheering throughout the Brigade. Col. Smyth, of the 1st Delaware Veteran Volunteers, who has commanded our Brigade with gallantry and ability, received his "star" as Brigadier General. The enthusiasm was great, so great that the enemy commenced a brisk firing of artillery and musketry, to which they got in return a fitting response.

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Return of the 108th Regiment.

[Apologetic.—Owing to the somewhat sudden illness of the Editor who presides over this department of the Union, a notice of the return and reception of the 108th Regiment was inadvertently omitted yesterday. It is hardly necessary to say that no one can regret the omission more than ourselves. Below will be found an account of the interesting affair together with the full Roster of the Regiment.]

Word was received Wednesday that the regiment had left Elmira and would arrive on the 8:10 P. M. train on the Erie road. The report soon spread through the city and every one was anxious to give the returning soldiers a hearty reception, such a one as the brave boys of this regiment deserved. The Common Council Committee having the matter in charge immediately made arrangements for the reception of the regiment. The several military organizations and civil societies were invited to participate, and word was given out that the signal for assembling would be the ringing of the fire bell in the Court House. Major Lee, Masterly and Disbursing Officer, made immediate preparations for the camp of the regiment, and succeeded in getting the County Fair Grounds for that purpose.

The Court House bell was rung at a quarter before seven, and in an incredible short space of time the streets were filled with people all along where it was expected the returning regiment would march. The 8th Regt. N. Y. S. N. G., headed by Newman's Band, and commanded by Col. Clark, the Light Artillery Battalion under Major Lewis, and the Union Blues, under Capt. Waydel, proceeded to the Valley Depot, and were immediately followed by the Common Council, Fire Department and several civic societies. At the appointed time a salute by a detachment of artillery announced the arrival of the train, and it was almost impossible for the police to prevent the crowds from pressing on to and overwhelming the soldiers. They formed on the platform and the column started for the Court House, where they were addressed by His Honor Mayor Moore as follows:

**Veterans of the 108th Regiment:**

It is my pleasant duty to welcome you home, and to congratulate you upon the glorious battles and victories in which you have participated. After nearly three years of arduous, honorable and patriotic service, you are entitled to all the honors your fellow-citizens may render on this joyful occasion. You have represented us well and nobly, and are entitled to our lasting gratitude. The people of Rochester and Western New York are justly proud of you on account of your sacrifices, gallantry, bravery and heroism, as displayed upon many well-contested and bloody fields. You have fought the good fight to perpetuate the Union and save the Republic, and we now invite you to a substantial repast after the fatigues of your journey.

The reception was very enthusiastic, the crowds seeming never to tire of cheering and waving their handkerchiefs all along the route of the march. The boys have good reason to be proud of the part they have performed in the work of putting down the rebellion, and they are well assured by the reception they received Wednesday evening that their services are appreciated.

Below we give the list of officers and men of this regiment:

**STAFF AND LINE OFFICERS.**


- Lieut. Col. Francis E. Pierce.
- Adjutant H. Halsted.
- Quartermaster, Franklin B. Hutchison.
- Surgeon Francis M. Water.
- Surgt. Major George Rice.
- Q. M. Surgt. John C. Harris.
- Commissary Sergeant, Greenleaf E. Fish.
- Hospital Steward, Charles H. Riley.
- Principal Musician, Alex. Lockie.

**COMPANY A.**

- Lieut. John W. Smith.
- Capt. Christopher Kohale.
- Charles H. Allen.
- 1st Lieut. Alvah Atwood, Mus.

**COMPANY B.**

- Capt. J. B. Kennedy.
- Hugh Carey, Corp.
- 2d Lt. A. B. Hadding.
- Capt. R. Gundry, 1st Sergt.
- Orin A. Chilton, Corp.
- Jno. Goughlin, Sergt.
- John Reed, 1st Sergt.
- T. H. Steadman, 1st Sergt.
- James Jackson, 1st Sergt.
- Cheerful Chorus, usual teamster.

**COMPANY C.**

- Jesse R. Squires, Corp.
- 2d Lt. W. H. Raymond.
- Alfred M. Taylor, Corp.
- John Wielgot, Sergt.
- Henry Wright, Corp.
- Wm. W. West, Sergt.
- Wm. G. Marble, Corp.
- Wm. M. Dohorah, Sergt. Andrew Main.
- Harrison Smith, Corp.
- John B. Allen, Corp.
- Jno. J. Jessett, Corp.
- Geo. W. Green, Sergt.
- Orville S. Talman, Corp.
- Geo. Green, Corp.
- John W. Green, Mus.
- Henry Barnum, Corp.
- John J. Fassett, Corp.
- James Bownes, Corp.
- Jas. Blount, Musician.

**COMPANY D.**

- Myron C. Fraser, Corp.
- Geo. T. Ball, 1st Sergt.
- Jas. Plunkett, Sergt.
- Orin A. Chilton, Corp.
- Lewis Sleeker, Corp.
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- R. S. Conger, Corp.
- Jno. J. Jessett, Corp.
- Thomas A. Albro, Corp.
- Theodore H. Albro, Corp.
- Henry Barnum, Corp.
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- Henry Barnum, Corp.
- Jas. Bownes, Corp.

**COMPANY E.**


- Alb. Horton, 1st Sergt.
- M. C. Bryant, 1st Sergt.
- P. B. Timmy, Sergt.
- John Wickham, Corp.
- Elisha Wager, Corp.
- James M. Rose, Corp.
- John H. Parmer, Wagoner.
- Alvah Atwood, Mus.
- Charles R. Allen, Wagoner.
- James Hillton, Wagoner.
- Charles C. Hill, Wagoner.
- Charles Miller, Wagoner.
- Wm. H. Moore, Wagoner.
- Gilbert G. Towesand, Wagoner.
- Edward B. Hillyer, Musician.
Capt Sam'l Porter, James E. Bowman, Alexander Conolly.
Lieut John O. Jewell, Sam'l T. Covert, Alexander Conolly.
Fletcher M. Thrasher, Claude Leonard, Alexander Conolly.
1st Sgt., James McAdams, Alexander Conolly.
Peter Anger, Sgt., Robert McVety, James McAdams.
David Croft, Sgt., William Pitts, Robert McVety.
C. L. Harris, Sgt., James Grunder, William Pitts.
Albert French, Corp., John Swytting, James Grunder.
Michael Ryan, Corp., George Smith, John Swytting.
Frederick Grey, Corp., George W. Vaughan, Adam H. Todd.
Thomas Bannister, William Welch.

COMPANY H.
Norman Westfall, Srgt., Daniel S. Flaks, Edward Cotters.
Edward Crouch, Srgt., Timothy Haley, Francis Guyon.
Geo. H. Green, Srgt., Thomas Haney, Timothy Haley.
Charles Cady, Corp., Isaac S. Thorn, Robert J. Rider.
Jno. Cunningham, Mu., George Vroman, Isaac S. Thorn.
Jacob Conder, Wg'r., Jacob Vroman, George Vroman.
Silas G. Boughton.

COMPANY I.
1st Lieut. Sol. Fatzer, Mathias Goeden, Mathias Goeden.
Jacob Hottinger, Srgt., Adam Guelner, Mathias Goeden.
Otto Werner, Srgt., George Hoffman, Adam Guelner.
Adam Moser, Srgt., Frederick Kunig, George Hoffman.
H. C. Dietrich, Corp., Ferdinand Mayer, Frederick Kunig.
C. Schrueder, Corp., George Wicklas, Ferdinand Mayer.
Thos. Bohrer, Music'n, Conrad Peter, George Wicklas.
John Geicig, Peter Reinwald, Conrad Peter.
Jacob Geicig, Christian Sass, Peter Reinwald.
Peter Geicig, Jacob Spring, Christian Sass.
Frank J. Geicig, Jacob Spring.

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