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THOMAS H. BARBER, COLONEL COMMANDING.

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FIRST REGIMENT, INFANTRY, NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS.

In accordance with section 1, General Orders No. 8, General Headquarters, S. N. Y., dated A. G. O. Albany, April 27th, 1898, the Commanding Officer of the Third Brigade, N. G., Brigadier General Robert Shaw Oliver, ordered to organize two Regiments from organizations of his Brigade, formed one of these two Regiments of the Tenth, Twelfth and Seventeenth Battalions and the 44th Sep. Company of his Brigade, and designated it the "First Regiment, National Guard, composed of organizations of the Third Brigade." The Regiment thus organized consisted then of Companies A, B, C and D of the Tenth Battalion, the 5th, 14th, 16th and 24th Separate Companies of the 12th Battalion, the 3d, 20th and 33rd Separate Companies of the 17th Battalion and the 44th Separate Company. It appearing that the 16th Separate Company would find it difficult to recruit the required number of men, it was relieved and replaced by the 15th Separate Company.

The organizations above named were located at the time: Companies A, B, C and D, Tenth Battalion, at Albany, the 3rd Separate Company at Oneonta, the 5th Separate Company at Newburgh, the 14th Separate Company at Kingston, the 15th Separate Company at Poughkeepsie, the 20th Separate Company at Binghamton, the 24th Separate Company at Middletown, the 33rd Separate Company at Walton and the 44th Separate Company at Utica.
Upon the recommendation of the Brigade Commander, General Oliver, the Governor of the State, appointed on April 29th, 1898:

General Thomas H. Barber, formerly Inspector General of the State, Colonel, and Major Horatio Potter Stacpole, Tenth Battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel of this Regiment.

Pursuant to Special Orders, Nos. 70 and 72, dated Adjutant-General's Office, Albany, April 30th, and May 1st, respectively, the organizations of which this regiment is composed left their home stations in time to take trains for Camp Black at Hempstead Plains, Long Island, as follows:

The 20th Separate Company at 11 p. m. May 1st; the 33rd Separate Company at 12.15 a. m. May 2nd; the 24th Separate Company at 3 a. m. May 2nd; the 3rd Separate Company at 3.55 a. m. May 2nd; the 44th Separate Company at 5.30 a. m. May 2nd; the 10th Battalion at 8.30 a. m. May 2nd; the 15th Separate Company at 9.30 a. m. May 2nd, and the 5th Separate Company at 10.45 a. m. May 2nd, 1898.

At Camp Black the component parts of the regiment received regimental company designations as follows: Companies A, B, C and D, Tenth Battalion, became corresponding companies of the regiment; the 44th Separate Company, Company E; the 33rd Separate Company, Company F; the 3rd Separate Company, Company G; the 20th Separate Company, Company H; the 24th Separate Company, Company I; the 15th Separate Company, Company K; the 5th Separate Company, Company L, and the 14th Separate Company, Company M.

The medical examination of the officers and enlisted men developed the fact that a number of men could not be accepted, and others were sent from the home stations of organizations to replace them.
GENERAL THOMAS H. BARBER,
Colonel, First New York Volunteer Infantry.
The regiment was mustered in the United States service and became in accordance with General Orders No. 11, A. G. O., S. N. Y., series 1898, the "First Regiment, Infantry, New York Vols." May 20th, 1898, and remained at Camp Black until June 11th, 1898.

On the 6th of June, Colors were presented to the regiment by Mr. Talbot Olyphant, representing the society of "The Sons of the Revolution" in presence of the Command and of a large assemblage of citizens. The colors were formally accepted by Colonel Barber with appropriate ceremonies.

Special Orders, No. 122, Headquarters, Department of the East, dated June 7th, 1898, assigned the regiment to the following stations: The Colonel, headquarters and two companies to Fort Columbus, New York Harbor; the Lieut.-Colonel, a Major and five companies to Fort Hamilton, and a Major and five companies to Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island.

June 11th, the regiment, except Company H, then in measles quarantine, left Camp Black at noon, and the Colonel, regimental headquarters, Major Scott, Assistant Surgeon Griffith, and Company G, proceeded from Long Island City in the Government boat "General Meigs" to Fort Columbus.


June 15th, Company H joined headquarters at Fort Columbus.
The regiment performed the usual duties incident to occupation of garrisons, and received while at these garrisons 301 recruits.

July 7th, in accordance with Special Orders, No. 141, Headquarters, Department of the East, dated June 28th, 1898, the Colonel with Headquarters and Companies G and H left Fort Columbus, Lieutenant-Colonel Stacpole and Companies E, I, K, L and M left Fort Hamilton and Major Emmet, with Companies A, B, C, D and F left Fort Wadsworth and proceeded in transports to Jersey City, pier 6, Erie Railroad. At 5 p. m. of that day the regiment left Jersey City en route for San Francisco, via Erie Railroad, in four sections. The first section consisted of one Pullman sleeper for the Colonel, Surgeon Davis, the Adjutant and Quartermaster, and the officers of Companies G, H, I, K, L and M, nine tourist sleepers occupied by Companies I, K and L; the second section consisted of nine tourist sleepers occupied by Companies G, H and M, in charge of Lieutenant Decker; the third section consisted of one Pullman sleeper, Lieutenant-Colonel Stacpole, Majors Chase, Scott and Emmet, Assistant Surgeon Griffith, Chaplain Schwartz and the officers of Companies A, B, C, D, E and F, and nine tourist sleepers, occupied by Companies C, E and F; the fourth section consisted of nine tourist cars occupied by Companies A, B and D, under charge of Lieutenant Staats, accompanied by Assistant Surgeon Ashley. The baggage was carried in cars attached to each section.

July 8 at 10 p. m. to July 9 at 3 a. m. the regiment arrived at and left Chicago, Ill., the sections having been transferred to the Chicago and North Western Railroad.

July 9th at 6 p. m. to July 10th at 4 a. m. the regiment arrived at and left Omaha, Neb., on the Union Pacific Railroad, without change of cars.
July 11th at 1 p. m. to 10 p. m. the regiment arrived at and left Ogden, Utah, on the Southern Pacific Railway.

July 13th at 3 and 11 a. m. the first and second sections of the trains arrived at San Francisco, Cal., and the troops carried in them proceeded to Camp Merritt. On the same day the regiment was assigned to the First Brigade, Independent Division, Eighth Army Corps.

July 14th, 8 a. m., the third and fourth sections arrived and the troops joined these at Camp Merritt.

July 15th, at 8 a. m., on the representation of Col. Barber to the Major-General Commanding, the regiment was moved to the Presidio of San Francisco, the change being made owing to the bad sanitary condition of its former camping ground.

July 29th, Colonel Barber, Quartermaster Winthrop and Assistant Surgeon Griffith sailed from San Francisco on steamer "St. Paul" for Honolulu in order to select a camp for the regiment, assigned for garrison duty at Honolulu, and to choose a site for the New Hawaiian Post. They arrived at Honolulu, August 6th.

Colonel Barber was in command of the transport "St. Paul," having on board 850 officers and men of South Dakota, Colorado and Minnesota troops en route to Manila.


August 14th at 6 p. m. the vessel arrived at Honolulu, and August 15th they disembarked and established a temporary camp upon the grounds of the race track, Kapiolani Park, about five miles from Honolulu.
August 10th, Adjutant Strevell, Company E, and Second Lieutenant Smith and 48 enlisted men of Company D embarked on the steamer “Mariposa.” The ship left San Francisco harbor about 6 a.m., August 11, and arrived at Honolulu about 11 a.m. August 17th; the detachment aboard her disembarked and joined the first detachment of Companies at the race track, Kapiolani Park.

August 18th. Chaplain Karl Schwartz, Surgeon Davis and Companies F, G and H, under command of Captain U. A. Ferguson, Company G, boarded the steamship “Alliance” and sailed at 4.30 p.m. arriving at Honolulu Harbor 11.30 a.m., and August 27th Companies F, G and H disembarked and camped upon the “Irwin Tract” at the foot of Diamond Head, three or four hundred yards from “race track” camp of the first two detachments.

August 27th, 11 a.m., United States troopship “Scandia” left San Francisco with the remainder of the regiment, consisting of headquarters band. Lieutenant-Colonel Stacpole, Major Scott, Major Emmet, Companies A, B, and the remainder of Company D, and arrived at Honolulu, September 3rd, at 8.30 a.m. The troops aboard her left and joined the regiment on the “Irwin Tract.” August 30th. camp of Companies C, E, I, K, L, M and detachment of Company D, removed from race track grounds to “Irwin Tract,” upon which Companies F, G and H were already encamped. This camp was named “Camp McKinley.”

The camp site was chosen by a Board convened for the purpose, consisting of officers of the 1st Regiment, New York Volunteers, and of the 2nd Regiment, Volunteer Engineers, and approved by Colonel Barber. It was near the only Ocean bathing beach on the Island and the reported site
of a proposed Sanitarium selected by the resident physicians and in the immediate vicinity of the best residential quarter of the Island. In addition it had shade in the Park, a drill and parade ground on the race course, city water, and was accessible.


On the 28th of August Major-General Henry C. Merriam and Brigadier-General Charles King arrived at Honolulu on the "Arizona." On the 2nd of September General King was by virtue of his rank placed in command of the District of Hawaii by General Merriam. He was relieved on the 28th of October when Colonel Barber again assumed command.

Owing to the prevalence of malarial and typhoid fever in the command, it was deemed advisable to move the regiment to a camp more remote from the unsanitary conditions of and in the immediate vicinity of Honolulu, accordingly Company E was on October 22nd, moved to Waielae, on the north side of "Diamond Head," about seven miles from Honolulu and three miles from "Camp McKinley." Company H was moved October 27th and Companies A, B, C, D, F, G, I and L about November 4th; Companies K and M on November 8th sailed to "Hilo." Island of Hawaii, and from there made a march to the Volcano of "Kilauea" and returned to "Camp McKinley" Nov. 27th; Company H started on a practice march October 5th around the Island of "Oahu" returning to "Camp McKinley" October 15th, having marched 92 miles.
The regiment was inspected in the end of November by Major Edward Field, 3rd Artillery, Acting Inspector General, Department of California. (Extracts from Major Field's Inspection report will be found at the end of this report.)

The regiment having been ordered to San Francisco per Special Orders No. 201, Headquarters Department of California, Colonel Barber, Lieutenant Colonel Stacpole, Major Scott, Lieutenant Strevell, Regimental Adjutant, Lieutenant Winthrop, Regimental Quartermaster and Companies A, B, D, I and L embarked for San Francisco on the mail steamer "Australia" November 30th, arrived at San Francisco December 6th and camped at the Presidio. Major Emmet with Companies C, E, F and G embarked on mail steamer "Alameda" December 7th, arrived at San Francisco December 14th and camped at the Presidio.

Major Sague with Companies H, K and M embarked on U. S. hospital ship "Scandia" December 10th, arrived at San Francisco December 18th.

On December 15th, orders having been received directing the regiment to return to its home station and there await muster out of the Federal service, Colonel Barber, Lieutenant-Colonel Stacpole, Major Emmet, Adjutant Strevell, Quartermaster Winthrop and Assistant Surgeon Griffith with Companies A, B, D and L left for New York, arriving December 22nd.

December 19th Major Scott with Companies C, E, F and G left for home station, arriving December 26th. December 20th, Major Sague with Companies H, K and M left San Francisco and arrived at home station on December 27th.

Officers and men were given leave of absence and furlough till February 26th, 1899, when the regiment was finally mustered out of the service of the United States.
Lieut.-Col. Walter Scott.
Lieut.-Col. Horatio P. Stacpole.
Major James T. Chase.
Major Robert T. Emmet.
Major John K. Sague.

FIELD OFFICERS FIRST REGIMENT NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS.
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
At date of Muster Out of Regiment.

FIELD AND STAFF.

Colonel, Horatio Potter Stacpole.
Lieutenant-Colonel, Walter Scott.
Major, Robert Temple Emmet.
Major, John K. Sague.
Regimental Adjutant, Clarence Strevell.
Regimental Quartermaster, Bronson Winthrop.
Surgeon, Lewis Theophilus Griffith.
Assistant Surgeon, Maurice Cavileer Ashley.
Chaplain, Karl Schwartz.

COMPANY A.

Captain, Frank R. Palmer.
1st Lieut., Adrian W. Mather.
2nd Lieut., Howard U. McMillan.

COMPANY B.

Captain, William D. Manson.
1st Lieut., Harry C. Staats.
2nd Lieut., Edward H. Burton.

COMPANY C.

Captain, James E. Roach.
1st Lieut., Christopher Gresham.
2nd Lieut., Edward Oliver.

COMPANY D.

Captain, William B. Gracie.
1st Lieut., William F. Wheelock (acting battalion adjutant).
2nd Lieut., James E. Smith.
Captain, Arthur W. Pickard.
1st Lieut., Franklin T. Wood.

COMPANY F.
Captain, James C. Martin.
1st Lieut., Charles H. Boice.
2nd Lieut., Arthur E. Oothoudt.

COMPANY G.
Captain, Ursil A. Ferguson.
1st Lieut., Herman A. Tucker.
2nd Lieut., Fred W. Boardman.

COMPANY H.
Captain, Charles H. Hitchcock.
1st Lieut., Harry P. Worthing.
2nd Lieut., Charles N. Hinman.

COMPANY I.
Captain, Amos E. McIntyre.
1st Lieut., Abraham L. Decker.
2nd Lieut., Albert E. Nickinson.

COMPANY K.
Captain, Wilbur Vossler.
1st Lieut., Clarence Sague.
2nd Lieut., Lucius J. Slater.

COMPANY L.
Captain, James F. Sheehan.
1st Lieut., Alexander G. Baxter.
2nd Lieut., William H. Mapes (acting battalion adjutant).
COMPANY M.

Captain Robert F. Tompkins.
1st Lieut., John A. Huhne.
2nd Lieut., Joseph M. Fowler.

Resigned Prior to Muster Out of Regiment.

Major James T. Chase, October 21st, 1898.
Major Chas. E. Davis, Surgeon, December, 1898.
Captain Charles B. Staats, September 12th, 1898.
First Lieutenant David Terry, September 30th, 1898.
Second Lieutenant George E. Wallace, September 30th, 1898.

Transferred Prior to Muster Out of Regiment.

Captain Lewis E. Goodier, promoted Major, 203 New York Vols., July 7th, 1898.
Captain George D. Ramsey, Asst. Surgeon, promoted to be Surgeon of 69th U. S. Vols., May 16th, 1898.
Battalion Adjutant Frank B. Edwards discharged, as supernumerary to organization, July 6th, 1898.

Promoted Prior to Muster Out of Regiment.

Colonel Barber to be Brigadier General U. S. Vols., Feb. 6, 1899.
Major Scott to be Lieut.-Col. 1st N. Y. Vols., Feb. 7, 1899.
Capt. Sague to be Major 1st N. Y. Vols., Oct. 22, 1898, vice Chase resigned.

1st Lieut. Strevell to be Regimental Adjutant May 24, 1898.
1st Lieut. Manson to be Captain Co. B, Dec. 8, 1898, vice Staats resigned.

2nd Lieut. Staats to be 1st Lieut. Co. B, Dec. 8, 1898, vice Manson promoted.


1st Lieut. Pickard to be Captain Co. E, July 7, 1898, vice Goodier transferred.

2nd Lieut. Wood to be 1st Lieut. Co. E, July 7, 1898, vice Pickard promoted.


1st Lieut. Vossler to be Captain Co. K, Dec. 6, 1898, vice Sague promoted.


ENLISTED MEN WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE.

*Taken from Muster Out Rolls.*

**COMPANY A.**

Private Webster McCarty, October 26th, 1898, of typhoid fever, Camp McKinley, H. I.

Private Thomas F. Lennon, November 3, 1898, of typhoid fever, Camp McKinley, H. I.

Private Carlton W. Taylor, Feb. 17, 1899, of typhoid fever, Presidio, Cal.

**COMPANY B.**

Private Edward A. Bailey, Nov. 26, 1898, of typhoid fever, Honolulu, H. I.

**COMPANY C.**

Sergeant William Goodrich, Oct. 30, 1898, of disease, Honolulu, H. I.

Private Robert Wands, Nov. 14, 1898, of disease, Honolulu, H. I.

**COMPANY D.**

Private James H. Sawyer, Dec. 11, 1898, of disease, Albany, N. Y.

**COMPANY E.**

Private James H. Read, Jr., of double pneumonia, August 9, 1898, Presidio, Cal.

Private Oscar R. Wheeler, Nov. 6, 1898, of typhoid fever, Honolulu, H. I.

**COMPANY F.**

Private Burton M. Beardslee, Nov. 26, 1898, of typhoid fever, Honolulu, H. I.

**COMPANY G.**

Private Charles F. Carter, Oct. 30, 1898, of typhoid fever, Honolulu, H. I.
Private Burton Woodbeck. Nov. 11, 1898, of typhoid fever, Honolulu, H. I.

Private John V. Springsteen, Dec. 4, 1898, of typhoid fever, Honolulu, H. I.

Private George L. Peet, January 9, 1901, of typhoid fever, Fort Logan, Col.

COMPANY H.


Private George H. Cowles. Nov. 12, 1898, Honolulu, H. I.

Private Albert Glasby. Nov. 21, 1898, Honolulu, H. I.

COMPANY I.

Private Alfred C. Weller, Nov. 26, 1898, disease, Honolulu, H. I.

COMPANY K.

Private Fred Wardell, Nov. 30, 1898, carbolic acid poisoning, Honolulu, H. I.

COMPANY L.

Private Hudson B. Moore, Dec. 23, 1898, typhoid fever, Honolulu, H. I.

COMPANY M.

Private George Van Keuren. Nov. 4, 1898, disease, H. I.

Private Granville L. Wells. Dec. 1, 1898, disease, Honolulu, H. I.

Sergeant Walter E. Van Gaasbeek, Dec. 20, 1898, disease, Hilo, H. I.

Corporal Herbert A. Crouch. May 30, 1898, disease, Camp Black, N. Y.
Departure of the Tenth Battalion from Albany for the Camp at Hempstead, L. I., Monday, May 2, 1898.
OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE REGIMENT.

The following is a copy of the correspondence in respect to the assignment of the regiment to the Forts in New York Harbor.

Governors Island, New York,
May 27, 1898.

My dear Colonel.— In regard to station of your regiment, there is at present some uncertainty, as General Frank has not fully determined the allotment of Infantry supports to the fortifications in this Harbor but from conversations with him I am of opinion he would be pleased to have the Headquarters and two or three companies of your regiment garrison Governors Island, sending the battery now there to man the guns at some other point and divide the remainder of your regiment garrison Hamilton and Wadsworth. The supports in contemplation for these points would just about require your command. This would give you command of this important post, command of your regiment for its administration and supervision of drill and instructions and to my mind is the nearest approach in sight to keep your command intact as you desire and it promises more permanence than anything else in view. If this would suit you, I suggest that you see the General and I think it will be gratifying to him to so arrange it.

With kind regards, very truly yours,

M. BARBER,
(Colonel and Asst. Adjt. General, U. S. A.)

To Col. T. H. Barber,
1st. N. Y. Vol. Inf.

Camp Black, Hempstead, Long Island,
New York, May 28, 1898.

My dear Colonel.— Thank you very much for your letter. My first wish is to take part in any active operations and secondly to keep my regiment together or as nearly so, as practicable.

I do not want to take any station where my chances for activity will be eliminated. I believe that I will be as near any point of debarkation in New York Harbor as I would be in Chickamanga.
or Washington (Camp Alger). I would be glad to go to Governors Island and especially to be with General Frank.

Will you kindly show this letter to the General and I will let the matter rest. I am, yours very truly,

T. H. Barber.

To Colonel Merritt Barber, U. S. A.

TELEGRAMS RELATING TO FIELD SERVICE.

In respect to the assignment of the Regiment to the Hawaiian Islands the following telegrams are of interest:

COPY.

June 29th, 1898.

Received at Governor's Island, N. Y. Dated San Francisco, Cal. 29.

To, Col. Thos. H. Barber, 1st N. Y. Vols.,

Governor's Island, N. Y.

Have just sent telegram to Adjt. Genl., Washington, recommending you for Brigadier General and asking your assignment to my command.

WESLEY MERRITT, Maj. Genl.

Washington, D. C., July 11th, 1898.

Major General Otis,

San Francisco, Cal.

If you should find that the First New York is not suitable for service in Honolulu and Colonel Barber would prefer to go to the Phillipines, the Secretary of War says you can then select the California Regiment. It was desired to send the First New Y—ck for the reason that Colonel Barber was an educated soldier a man of such character and ability as commended him for delicate and important duty. It is desired you confer wi before making final selection.

By order Secretary War.

H. C. CORBIN, Adjutant Gener
San Francisco, Cal.,

July 13, 1898.

Adjutant General, U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.

Colonel Barber's regiment fully equipped except in the matter of light clothing which can be obtained here. He desires to go to Honolulu provided it does not prejudice his chances of going to the Philippines ultimately. Have contracted for transportation and one half of regiment can be embarked this month remaining early in August. Shall this regiment be sent

(Signed) OTIS,
Major General U. S. Volunteers,
Commanding.

Washington, D. C., July 13, 1898.

Major General Otis,
San Francisco, Calif.

Your telegram of this date asking if the First New York shall be sent to Honolulu received; and the answer is in the affirmative. Your action in contracting for transportation and one half regiment embarked this month, remaining, early in August, is also approved. It is further remarked that Colonel Barber's station at Honolulu will not prejudice his chances in going to the Philippines later on. May have to remain some three or four months however.

By order of the Secretary of War.

H. C. CORBIN, Adjutant General.

Washington, D. C., July 14, 1898.

Major General E. S. Otis,
San Francisco, Calif.

reported here that Colonel Barber objects to going to 

If this is true you will designate another regiment. 

is the desire of this department to meet Colonel Barber's 

wishes as far as consistent with the interests of the service.

H. C. CORBIN, Adjutant General.

True copies, Thomas H. Barry, A. A. V.
Copy of telegram.  
San Francisco, California, July 14, 1898.

Adjutant General, U. S. Army,  
Washington, D. C.

Colonel Barber is a good soldier and says he cannot object to any service which Government assigns. He is preparing his regiment for Honolulu and will doubtless sail with a portion of it in a very few days.

(Signed)  OTIS, Major General, U. S. Vols., Commanding.

REPORT OF MAJOR EDWARD FIELD, U. S. A.

Subject: 4157. I. G. O.

All official communications to this office should be addressed "To the Inspector General,  
U. S. Army, Washington, D. C."

War Department, Inspector General's Office,  
Washington, March 1, 1899.

Commanding Officer,  
1st New York Vol. Infantry,  
New York City.

Sir.—The following extracts from the report of an inspection of the Post of Honolulu, H. I., made November 21st, to December 2, 1898, by Major Edward Field, Acting Inspector General, Department of California, are furnished for your information.

Very respectfully,

THOS. T. KNOX, Acting Inspector General.

REVIEW AND INSPECTION.

"Ten companies of the 1st New York Volunteer Infantry were reviewed at their camp on Waielea Beach, in light marching order, formed in two battalions. The passage in review was the best of any volunteer regiment I have seen since the war began and I have seen nearly all the regiments that passed through"
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California. Salutes excellent, dress almost perfect, rear ranks strictly closed up.

"Military appearance and bearing very fine, active, clean built, well set up for volunteers.

"The arms and equipments were, considering their age, in really wonderful condition. I inspected them quite minutely and did not find a poor musket in the ten companies. Many of them were faultless and almost all in first class condition. This of course refers to their care.

"The uniforms were, considering their wear, well cared for and generally well fitting. Belts, brasses and scabbards were in the same uniformly smart condition, many of them up to our orderly standard.

DRILLS, EXERCISES, ETC.

"The First New York Volunteer Infantry were drilled in regimental, battalion, company drills, bayonet exercise, individual drill and extended order. They show the same excellence in drill as they did at review and inspection.

"Their officers are all thoroughly up in their duties. The Captains can drill the regiment, Second Lieutenant can drill the battalion. I regretted that the limited ground did not give more scope for the regimental drill in which I imagine this regiment is the equal of any volunteer organization that has been raised. Battalion and company drills were equally good.

"The volley firing was excellent.

POLICE.

"The camp was scrupulously clean and all approaches and surroundings thoroughly policed."
behavior.

"The behavior and general appearance of officers and men during the stay of the Inspector at the post was commendable.

INSTRUCTION.

"This command has been unusually well instructed in drills and tactics, probably as well as any volunteer organization in the service.

"All the companies are exceptionally well up in tactics and are composed of intelligent and willing men, many of them educated and representing an excellent class in the communities where they were raised.

"They would make excellent field soldiers. They are young, intelligent, spirited, patriotic, especially well drilled and some who have served in the National Guard, excellent shots.

COPY.

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War Department, Inspector General's Office,

Washington, March 1, 1899.

Col. T. H. Barber,
First N. Y. Vol. Inf.,
New York City.

Sir.—The following extract from the report of an inspector of the Post of Honolulu, H. I., made November 21st, to Dec. 2, 1898, by Major Edward Field, Acting Inspector General, Department of California, is furnished for your information.

Very respectfully,

THOS, T. KNOX,
Acting Inspector General.
"Colonel Barber has been an excellent commander under the most trying circumstances and has been the victim of much undeserved attack. He is devoted to his men, untiring in trying to further their welfare and interests, of good judgment and the most sterling integrity. Much of the abuse to which he has been subjected is the result of a systematic attempt on the part of the local board of health and that part of the press controlled by them to maintain the position that Honolulu is normally healthy and free from typhoid and malarial fevers in face of the facts that there is not a sewer in the town, all drainage being by cesspool, that the climate is practically tropical, that the town is mostly low and is surrounded by a perfect network of wet ditches, rice, banana and taro plantations, and that Kapiolani Park, on the edge of the town, is intersected in every direction by canals which are simply big ditches. To maintain this improbable thesis the army and army administration have been persistently and venomously attacked to show that all sickness is due to neglect on their part."

Extract from report of Major E. Field, Acting Inspector, General Department of California:

"Chaplain Schwartz, First New York Volunteer Infantry, was on duty in the Post Hospital, where his services have been most valuable. He is highly spoken of by every one, officers and men, and instead of being the fifth wheel that a Volunteer Chaplain usually is, has been doing excellent work on behalf of humanity."

For the five months preceding the arrival of the regiment in Honolulu and shortly thereafter, viz.: from May 1st. to Oct. 2nd, the Regiment had lost two men, one at Camp Black and one at San Francisco.
At a special meeting of the Board of Health of Honolulu held Friday, Dec. 29th, 1899, the report of the Civil Sanitary Commission was read, accepted and the recommendations of the three commissioners adopted. The following extracts will account for the illness among the regular and volunteer troops contracted at Honolulu during the preceding year, 1898. President Dole of the Hawaiian Islands, Minister Mott-Smith, Minister Young, etc., were reported present with the Board during the meeting.

"We are not surprised at the indignation expressed when a citizen finds he is living in a community where fresh meat is exposed for sale in shops within a few feet of which are cesspools reeking with filth and vermin, from which come clouds of flies; where restaurants have cess-pools with no other covering than the kitchen floors, into which cockroaches crowd by the thousand after a night of foraging over tables and dishes; where poultry is kept huddled for weeks in small coops one above the other; where poi is manufactured and sold in shops sour with fermented slime; where kitchens are built next to foul smelling privies, and so arranged that a ray of light never enters them; where sinks are maintained with long, leaking drains; where cesspools and privy vaults are crowded together or combined and left unopened year after year to saturate the ground with filth and germs; where cess-pools are often without ventilation of any kind excepting the crevices of the floors above or perhaps a rickety wooden vent ending within two feet of a sleeping apartment window, which is overcrowded at night with occupants, and where the ground is often without drainage, so that the seepage from the surroundings accumulates and becomes stagnant.

"Nothing should be forced to the front in the discussion of proper sanitation of this city more vigorously than the water
supply. With a system of reservoirs collecting its surface water for distribution to our houses, there is now absolutely no attention paid to the purifying of the water before it reaches the consumer."

"Whereas the increase of typhoid fever and other febrile diseases offers a dangerously favorable ground for such further spreading which is and, unless counteracted, will continue to be a menace to the lives of our people, etc., etc."

MILITARY RECORD


Served in Garrison at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. II., Oct. 1st, 1867, to February, 1870.

Served as Post School Teacher for non-commissioned officers and privates. On duty with Company at suppression of illicit distilleries in Brooklyn, N. Y. Acting Post Adjutant and in addition served on Courts Martial, Boards of Survey and in all other capacities incident to garrison duty. At the Military Academy at West Point, as Assistant Professor of the French language, February 28th, 1870, to January 17th, 1873, and prin-
Principal Assistant Professor July 10th, 1872, to August 21st, 1876. Promoted 1st Lieutenant 1st Artillery, July 10th, 1872.

Spent summer leave of 1872, granted officers on duty in Academic Department, U. S. Military Academy, in Europe. Traveled in Ireland, England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Switzerland. From August 28th, 1874, to April 30th, 1875, in charge of the Department of French during the absence of the Professor of the French Language in Europe.

On Signal duty at Fort Whipple, Va., from Sept. 4th, 1876, to June 21st, 1878.

Special Orders 134, par. 2, A. G. O., Appointed Instructor of Signalling, etc., at Fort Whipple, Va., January 17th, 1878. Special Orders No. 8, War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington. Relieved from duty as Instructor by Special Orders No. 84, War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, June 17th, 1878. On duty with Company at Fort Adams, R. I., until May 1st, 1880. Detailed during summer of 1879 to make surveys of certain government military reservations in Newport Harbor, R. I. On year's leave of absence in Europe extended one month, Special Orders 12, A. G. O., January 17th, 1880, I. O. 79, April 7th, 1881.

Traveled extensively in England, Scotland, France, Spain, Italy, Germany and Switzerland.

Returned to duty with Company at Fort Adams, R. I.

Directed to report in person for special duty at Yorktown, Va., Special Order 42, par. 3, Division of the Atlantic, Sept. 22nd, 1881.

Detailed as Aide-de-Camp to Major-General W. S. Hancock, General Orders 11, Div. of the Atlantic, Oct. 22nd, 1881, Yorktown, Va.
Endorsement of Major-General Winfield Scott Hancock on letter of resignation:

"Lieutenant Barber has proved to be an intelligent and accomplished staff officer of an exceptional class, and one difficult to be replaced. He was recommended to me by his superior officers for the excellent reputation he bore as a line officer and was in consequence appointed to the position of A. D. C. on my staff."

Detailed as Acting Assistant Quartermaster and Acting Commissary of Subsistence at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., by Special Orders No. 15, dated Headquarters Military Division of the Atlantic, Governor's Island, N. Y. H., April 6th, 1882.

Relieved as Acting Asst. Quartermaster and Acting Commissary of Subsistence by Special Orders No. 18, Headquarters Military Division of the Atlantic, dated Governor's Island, N. Y. H., May 1st, 1882. While on leave of absence during the summer of 1883, accompanied the Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology of the U. S. Military Academy on a geological examination of the Big Horn and Shoshone Mountains and Yellowstone Park, escorted by a cavalry detachment with pack train. During various leaves of absence traveled in the Dominion of Canada, British Columbia and in all the States and Territories of the United States, except Alaska and Idaho. Resigned July 1st, 1885.

National Guard service, State of New York: Lieutenant-Colonel and Assistant Adjutant-General 1st Brigade, Nov. 30th, 1886; resigned and honorably discharged Oct. 5th, 1887; Colonel 12th Regiment, Dec. 31st, 1888; Brigadier-General and Inspector-General, Sept. 12th, 1889.
Offered re-appointment as Inspector-General by Governor Flower, Nov. 30th, 1891. Declined the appointment.

April 29th, 1898, appointed Colonel, 1st N. Y. Vols. during war with Spain.

Resigned, February 6, 1899, as Colonel, on acceptance of commission of Brigadier General, U. S. V.

Mustered out February 28th, 1899.

SUMMARY.

Four years a cadet at the United States Military Academy. Eighteen years a commissioned officer in the 1st Artillery, United States Army. Three years and ten months and six days in the National Guard, State of New York. Nine months and eight days U. S. Volunteers service. Total service 26 years, 7 months and 14 days.

Lieutenant-Colonel Horatio Potter Stacpole, April 29, 1898.

In United States Service.—Lieutenant-Colonel, 1st Regt., N. Y. Vols., May 20, 1898. Colonel Feb'y. 6, 1899, to Feb'y. 26, 1899.

In State Service.—Private, Co. B, 10th Regt., May 6, 1867; Corporal, March 9, 1868; Quartermaster-Sergeant, March 23, 1869; First Sergeant, April 16, 1870; Adjutant, 10th Regt., Dec. 16, 1871; resigned, Feb. 20, 1873; First Lieutenant, Co. B, 10th Regt., Feb. 28, 1876; Captain, Dec. 19, 1877; Brevet Major, Dec. 31, 1881; Major 10th Battalion, June 20, 1891; Lieutenant-Colonel, 1st Regt., April 29, 1898; resigned to return to 10th Battalion as Major, Feb. 24, 1899. Resigned, September 11, 1899. Died, June 3, 1901.
MAJOR JAMES T. CHASE, MARCH 29, 1898.


In State Service.—Private, Co. D, 19th N. Y. S. Militia, Sept. 22, 1858; Sergeant, May 26, 1862; First Lieutenant, March 28, 1866; Captain, Feb. 12, 1868; discharged by disbandment, May 9, 1878; Adjutant, 17th Battalion. Oct. 10, 1878; Captain, Co. A, March 17, 1881, which company became the Fifth Separate Company, Jan. 1, 1882; Major, 12th Battalion, March 29, 1898. Retired, March 9, 1899.

MAJOR WALTER SCOTT, APRIL 1, 1898.

In United States Service.—Major, 1st Regt., N. Y. Vols., May 20, 1898; Lieutenant-Colonel, February 6, 1899, to February 26, 1899.

In State Service.—Private, Third Separate Company, Dec. 29, 1880; Second Lieutenant, Aug. 1, 1881; First Lieutenant, Jan. 25, 1886; Captain, Sept. 28, 1886; Major, 17 Battalion, April 1, 1898. Retired, March 9, 1899.

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Military History.—Cadet at the Military Academy, Sep. 1, 1873, to June 14, 1877, when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to Second Lieut., 9th Cavalry, June 15, 1877.
Served: on leave of absence and awaiting orders, June 15, to Dec. 26, 1877; on frontier duty at Ojo Caliente, N. M., Dec. 26, 1877, to Mar. 18, 1878,— on Ute Expedition, to Sep. 10, 1878,— at Ft. Union, N. M., and commanding Indian Scouts in the field, to Feb. 10, 1881, being engaged in Fights with Apache Indians, Sep. 18 and 29, 1879, and Apr. 12, 1880. — Acting Engineer Officer of District of New Mexico, Mar. 5 to Oct. 26, 1881,— and in Chief Engineer’s Office, Department of the Missouri, to Nov. 21, 1881; on leave of absence, to Jan. 7, 1882; as Aide-de-Camp to Major-General Pope, Jan. 7, 1882, to Oct. 21, 1885; on frontier duty (First Lieutenant, 9th Cavalry, Jan. 20, 1883 at Ft. Niobrara, Neb. (leave of absence, May 20, to Sep. 23, 1887, and Dec. 20, 1887, to Feb. 21, 1888), to Mar. 22, 1889; and on recruiting Service. Resigned, April 6th, 1891.

Awarded Medal of Honor for distinguished gallantry in fight with hostile Indians at Las Animas Canon, N. M., Sept. 18th, 1879.


Major J. K. Sague.