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"No rumor of the foe's advance
Now swells upon the wind;
No troubled thought at midnight haunts
Of loved ones left behind."

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SEVENTEENTH REGIMENT MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER
INFANTRY

THREE YEARS

(Re-enlisted)

The 17th Regt. Mass. Vol. Inf. was composed of companies recruited mostly in Essex County in May and June, 1861. The regiment rendezvoused at Camp Schouler, Lynnfield, assembling there July 10, 1861, and was mustered into the service July 22. Leaving Massachusetts August 23 under command of Lieut. Col. Fellows, it proceeded to Baltimore, Md., where it became a part of the command of General Dix. It was not until Sept. 2, 1861, that its colonel, Thomas J. C. Amory, formerly Captain, 7th U. S. Inf., was commissioned and assigned to the command of the regiment. It remained at Camp Andrew, Stewart's Grove, Baltimore, most of the time until the 27th of March, 1862, when it embarked upon transports for Newbern, N. C.

At Newbern it was attached to the 1st Brigade, Foster's (1st) Division, Burnside's command. The regiment was kept busy making small raids and doing outpost duty until the middle of May. The first loss in action was sustained by Co. I near Pollocksville, May 22, while returning from a scouting and foraging expedition.

Little now occurred to break the monotony of camp life at Newbern until Dec. 10, 1862, when the regiment was assigned to the Goldsboro expedition. During the next eleven days it marched about 180 miles, being engaged in battles at Kinston, Whitehall, and Goldsboro, and suffering a total loss of 32 officers and men, only one of these being killed in action.

Encamped in or near Newbern until April, 1863, on the 7th of that month the regiment went on an expedition to the relief of Little Washington. It was engaged at Blount's Creek, April 9, 1863, losing eight men wounded. Between April 17 and 22 it was in the expedition which finally relieved Little Washington. On April 27 it went on an expedition to Core Creek. The summer, as a whole, was not eventful, expeditions to Winston and Mount Tabor being the most important operations.

The winter of 1863-64 was spent at Newbern, and the regiment saw little activity until Feb. 1, 1864, when it was sent in an expedition to Batchelder's Creek, where it was engaged with loss, especially in prisoners. On April 18 it accompanied another expedition to Little Washington.

On July 16 the men whose terms were about to expire were sent home to Massachusetts, where they were mustered out August 3. The recruits and re-enlisted men were formed into a battalion of three companies under the command of Capt. Henry Splaine, thus preserving the identity of the organization. On July 26, 1864, the 17th was removed to Newport Barracks, where it remained until the spring of 1865. During the fall of 1864, the yellow fever broke out in North Carolina, claiming as one of its victims Col. Thomas J. C. Amory, who died at Beaufort, N. C., Oct. 7, 1864, while he was in command of that sub district.

During the winter of 1864-65 the 17th was again enlarged to regimental proportions by the transfer to it of 450 men from the 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery, Captain Splaine now

being commissioned lieutenant colonel and continued in command. About March 4, 1865, the regiment was transferred to Core Creek, and from the 8th to the 11th of the month was engaged in action at Wise's Forks, Major William Smith being in command of the regiment and Lieut. Col. Splaine having command of the brigade. Joining General Sherman's army at Goldsboro, N. C., March 25, 1865, the regiment moved to Raleigh, April 14, receiving here the news of the surrender of Johnston's army. May 5, it left for Greensboro, where it performed garrison duty until the close of its service. On July 11, 1865, it was mustered out and sent to Massachusetts. It reached Readville, Mass., July 19, and was here paid off and discharged July 26, after fully four years of service.

SEVENTEENTH REGIMENT MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

THREE YEARS' SERVICE

FIELD AND STAFF

Thomas J. C. Amory — Colonel — Res. Boston; officer in U. S. Army; 36; comm. and must. Sept. 2, 1861; died Oct. 7, 1864, of disease, at Beaufort, N. C. Brevet Brig. Genl. U. S. Vols., to date Oct. 1, 1864. See Officer U. S. Army.

John F. Fellows — Lieut. Colonel — Res. Chelsea; occu. —; age —; comm. Aug. 21, 1861; must. Sept. 2, 1861; taken prisoner Feb. 1, 1864, Batchelder's Creek, N. C.; exchanged, to date not shown; comm. Colonel, Oct. 9, 1864, after discharge, but not mustered; disch. to date Aug. 9, 1864, as Lieut. Colonel.

Jones Frankle — Major — Res. Haverhill; teacher; 32; comm. and must. Aug. 1, 1861; disch. Dec. 28, 1863, for promotion. See F. & S. 2d Mass. Hy. Arty.

Levi P. Thompson — 1st Lieut. and Qr. Master — Res. Cambridge; occu. —; 33; comm. Aug. 12, 1861; must. to date July 22, 1861; comm. Captain, Jany. 9, 1862; died Sept. 20, 1862, of disease, at Newbern, N. C., as Captain of Co. "D".

Robert Harris — 1st Lieut. and Qr. Master — Res. Haverhill; occu. —; age —; comm. Jany. 9, 1862; must. Feb. 4, 1862; disch. Nov. 26, 1862, for promotion. See Officer U. S. Vols.

Isaac F. Galloupe — Surgeon — Res. Lynn; physician; 37; comm. Aug. 21, 1861; must. Sept. 2, 1861; prisoner Feb. 1, 1864, Batchelder's Creek, N. C.; rejoined regt., March 30, 1864; must. out Aug. 3, 1864. Brevet Colonel U. S. Vols., to date March 13, 1865.

Daniel S. Allen — Surgeon — Res. Gloucester; physician; 46; comm. Feb. 20, 1865; must. March 18, 1865; must. out July 11, 1865. See F. & S. 3d Mass. Cav.

William H. W. Hinds — Asst. Surgeon — Res. Boston; physician; age —; comm. Aug. 22, 1861; must. to date July 22, 1861; disch. May 26, 1863, for promotion. See F. & S. 12th Mass. Inf.

Charles G. A. Eayrs — Asst. Surgeon — Res. Lowell; physician; age —; comm. and must. Aug. 16, 1862; must. out Aug. 3, 1864. See Officer U. S. Navy.

George W. Clark — Asst. Surgeon — Res. Boston; physician; 28; comm. July 3, 1863; must. July 14, 1863; dismissed to date Dec. 23, 1864, by S. O. 344, for desertion.

Barnabas N. Mann — Adjutant — Res. Chelsea; trader; 37; comm. Aug. 21, 1861; must. Sept. 2, 1861; wounded Dec. 17, 1862, Goldsboro, N. C.; transf. to Co. "K", Nov. 7, 1863; prisoner Feb. 1, 1864, Batchelder's Creek, N. C.; died Oct. 8, 1864, at Charleston, S. C., a Prisoner of War, as 1st Lieut. Co. "K".

William D. Haley — Chaplain — Res. Rochester; minister; 34; comm. and must. Sept. 6, 1861; disch. for disability, May 30, 1862.

William P. Colby — Chaplain — Res. Amesbury; minister; age —; comm. Sept. 2, 1862; must. Nov. 15, 1862, resigned and disch. Nov. 2, 1863.

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF

Henry Poor — Sergt. Major — Res. Stoneham; clerk; 22; enl. July 10, 1861; must. July 22, 1861; comm. 2d Lieut., Dec. 19, 1861; comm. 1st Lieut., Sept. 25, 1862; resigned and disch., Dec. 23, 1862, as 1st Lieut. of Co. "F".

Linus B. Comins, Jr. — Sergt. Major — Res. Roxbury; occu. —; 19; enl. and must. April 3, 1862; comm. 2d Lieut., May 28, 1862; comm. 1st Lieut., May 17, 1863; must. May 18, 1863; taken prisoner Feb. 1, 1864, at Batchelder's Creek, N. C.; paroled April 30, 1864, at City Point, Va.; must. out Aug. 3, 1864, as 1st Lieut. of Co. "I". See Co. "L" 4th Mass. Hy. Arty.

Horace Dexter — Qr. Master Sergeant — Res. Cambridge; occu. —; 35; enl. and must. July 22, 1861; comm. 2d Lieut., Feb. 9, 1862; comm. 1st Lieut. and Qr. Master, Jany. 1, 1863; must. out as 1st Lieut. and Regt. Qr. Master, Aug. 3, 1864; re-comm. 1st Lieut., Aug. 3, 1864; must. Jany. 19, 1865; assigned to Co. "B"; apptd. Qr. Master, Feb. 1, 1865, and transf. to Field and Staff; comm. Captain, June 16, 1865; not must.; must. out July 11, 1865, as 1st Lieut. and Regt. Qr. Master.