THE NATIONAL GUARD.

The First Division Staff-Drills and Presentations-Interesting Miscellaneous News and Gossip.

We present our usual summary of National Guard news for the week for the information of those interested in military affairs. For some unexplained reason, our regular official advices from General Headquarters have not come to hand in time for publication. We are therefore unable to give the bulletin of commissions issued and resignations accepted for the past week.

THE DIVISION STAFF.

In General Orders No. 3, under date of March 7, Maj.-Gen. ALEXANDER SHALER, announces that the following gentlemen have been appointed as the Division Staff:

JOSEPH E. HAMBLIN, Division Inspector, with the rank of Colonel.
Capt. George W. Smith, Division Engineer, with

Capt. George W. SMITH, Division Engineer, with the rank of Colonel.

John Oakey, Division Judge-Advocate, with the rank of Colonel.

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CHARLES McMillan, M. D., Hospital Surgeon, with the rank of Colonel.

Maj. WILLIAM B. BEND, Division Quartermaster, with the rank of Lieutenaut-Colonel.

John Fowler, Jr., Aide-de-Camp, with the rank of Major.

Capt. D. William Diggs, Aide-de-Camp, with the rank of Major.

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bereatter be addressed to Col. and Brevet Maj.-Gen. Jos. E. Hamblin, Division Inspector.

These several appointments are made with special reference to the past services and capabilities of the

officers forming the Division Staff. We present a brief sketch of the services performed by each:

Col. and Brevet Maj.-Gen. Joseph E. Hamblin was for several years a member of the Seventh Regi-

was for several years a member of the Seventh Regiment, having served as Orderly Sergeant in one of the companies of that command. When the rebellion broke out, in 1861, Hamblin was appointed by Col. (afterward Brig.-Gen.) ABRAM DURYEE as Adjutant of the Zouave Regiment, (Fifth New-York Volunteers,) which was organizing for two years or the war. In this capacity he served in the Summer of 1861, at Old Point Comfort, under Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, and was present at Big Bethel, the first battle of the war. The Fifth were transferred to Baltimore in July, 1861, and Hamplin was commissioned Captain in August. With the rank of Major, United States Chasseurs. dated from Nov. 3, 1861, Hamblin was transferred to the vicinity of Washington. After the Peninsular campaign, Hamblin, with rank from July 20, 1862, became Lieutenant-Colonel of his regiment. This promotion he had won by hard service before Yorktown, at Williamsburgh, Fair Oaks, Glendale and Malvern Hill.

icksburgh 2.; in the storming of St. Marie's Regnts in the morning, and defence of Salem Heights in the afternoon—both on the left of that line of engagements known as Chancellorsville.

Col. Shales having received his Brigadier's commission for gallant conduct at the capture of St.

As Licutenant-Colonel, Hamblin participated in

tho battles of Antietam, Fredericksburgh 1., Freder-

Marie's Heights, Hamblin became Colonel of the Chasseurs with rank from May 26, 1863, and as such fin the Sixth Corps) was at Rappahannock Station, Gettysburgh, and Mine Run, under MEADE; in the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, and Cold Harbor, under GRANT; and at Winchester, Fisher's Hid, and Cedar Creek, under Sheudan, when he was made Brevet Brigadier-General "for gallant and meritorious conduct at the battle of Cedar Creek," at which battle he was desperately wounded in the thigh. On his feturn to the Army of the Potomac, in front of Petersburgh, Gen. HAMBLIN assumed command of a brigade in WHEATON'S (First) Division of the Sixth Corps. where he participated in the second battle of Hatcher's Run, Va., and finally at Sailor's Creek, Va. Commissioned as Brigadier-General U. S. V., with rank from May 19, 1865, Hamblin was made Brevet Major-General, with rank from April 5, 1865, for "conspicuous gallantry in Sheridan's great victory of Sailor's Creek, and with that rank was mustered out of the United States service. Col. GEO. W. SMITH has been an active member of the Seventh for over 30 years. He was enrolled, in

which he was elected Second Lieutenant in 1837, First Lieutenant in 1839, and Captain in 1840. He resigned his commission in 1840, and entered the Eighth Company as a private. In 1843 he was again elected Captain of the Fifth Company. He subsequently resigned, and in 1844 was elected First Lieutenant of the Eighth Company, resigning this last commission in 1860. He went out with the regiment as a private in April, 1861. In 1862, when the Seventh Regiment was again summoned to the field, he was appointed Adjutant. This position he held until 1864, when he resigned it to assume that of Captain of the Eighth Company, of which he still retained the command when appointed Division Engineer. Col. John Oakley is a well-known member of the legal profession. He was a private for many years in

1835, in the Fifth Company, Seventh Regiment, in

Gen. Shalin's old company, in the Seventh Regiment, was for some time its Secretary, and afterward the presiding officer over its meetings for the transaction of business, repeatedly declining to be elected as a commissioned officer. He served in the three months' campaigns of 1861, 1862 and 1863 with the Seventh Regiment.

Surgeon Charles McMillan has seen considerable service. He was commissioned by Gov. Mordan, as Surgeon of the Seventy-first Regiment N. Y. B. M., April 16, 1861, and he accompanied that regi-

ment to Washington on the 21st. When appointed Brigade Surgeon, Aug. 3, 1861, he was assigned by the Medical Director, Army of the Potomac, first to the stair of Gen. Heintzelman, then to those of Gen. Stoneman, Chief of Cavalry, Gen. Hunt, Chief of Artillery Reserve, and finally to the Medical Directorship of the Fifth Corps. With these various commands he served through the Peninsular campaign, from Washington to Harrison's Landing, taking part in the seven days' battles.

In August, 1862, Surgeon McMillan was ordered to report to Gov. Morgan, and was assigned to duty as Acting Medical Inspector of the Department of New-York.

He was then ordered to Gen. Sherman, at Memphis, Tenn., and engaged in all of the campaigns in the Mississippi Valley, from Memphis to Vicksburgh, and Arkansas Post, as Medical Director of Gen. Sherman's and Gen. McClernand's forces, to the surren-

MAN's and Gen. McClernand's forces, to the surrender of Vicksburgh, the two captures of Jackson, Miss., and finally to Chattanooga, Ringgold and Knoxyille, in December, 1863.

He was relieved from that Department in the Spring of 1864, while at Huntsville, Ala., after which he was on continuous service as Chief Medical Officer to the Provost Marshal's Office, having in charge the inspection of recruis, besides being a member of the United Ssates Army Medical Board for the Examina-

Lieut.-Col. William B. Bend, Division Quarter-master, is the only one of Gen. Sandford's Staff reteined, and has been complimented by a promotion by Gen. Shaler for his progressive ideas, and the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of Division Inspector since the resignation of Col. Hamilton, as well as for his military attainments. As a representative of the old Staff the choice is a good one. Lieut.-Col. Bend has been identified with the National Guard for over seven years, and served with his regiment during the campaigns of 1861, 1862 and 1863, as a private soldier.

Major John Fowler, Jr., Aide-de-camp, is well

tion of Medical officers. Dr. McMillan's record is a

model one.

cer. Several years ago he completed his term of service in one of the New-York regiments and was for nine years Judge Advocate of the Second Division. Soon after the commencement of the war, he was instrumental in the organizing and drilling of a company, which afterward entered the field. He was also successful, in 1849, in the organization and command of a battery of Light Artillery in Col. Bates' regiment. Major D. William Diggs, Junior Aide-de-Camp, has a good volunteer and militia record. At the age of 24, Major Diggs entered the Ninth New-York State

known in the State forces as a good and faithful offi-

Militia, in April, 1861, and was mustered into the United States service as a private for three years. In September, 1861, he was made corporal, and was ordered, in 1862, to New-York, on recruiting service. While there, Gov. Mongan authorized him to raise a company. This company, which elicited honorable mention at the close of the war, together with others belonging to the same battalion, was afterward consolitated with the One Hundred and Thirty-second New-York Volunteers.

In the Fall of 1862, Major Digos, while serving in North Carolina, was commissioned Major of the Eighty-third New-York Volunteers. He joined his regiment near Fredericksburgh, Va., and assumed

the command, in which duties he was actively engaged until March, 1868. About this time, injuries received in the Autumn of 1861, at Ball's Bluff, were so much aggravated by the fall of his horse, that Major Diggs was compelled to resign. Subsequent to the return of the Eighty-third in June, 1864, Major Diggs reorganized G Company for the Ninth New-York National Guard, of which he has since that time retained the command.

THE FOURTH BRIGADE.

In promulgating General Orders, No. 2, from Division Headquarters, Brig.-Gen Lloyd Aspinwall

Announces that all official communications intended for the Commandant of the Fourth Brigade, will, until further orders, be addressed to Maj. Robert Tay.

Lor, Brigade Inspector, Headquarters Fourth Brigade, No. 54 South-street, New-York City. All officers of this brigade will apply themselves to carry out in detail the provisions of the above general order. Officers of the brigade desiring to communicate with the Brigade Commander, in person, can do so at Brigade Headquarters, daily, between 3 and 4 D'clock P. M. Copies in duplicate of all orders is sued from Regimental Headquarters, will be forwarded promptly to these Headquarters.

FIRST BRIGADE CAVALRY.

By order of Brig-Gen. BROOKE POSTLEY, E. H. V. Kent, Brigade Major, announces in General Orders

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KENT, Brigade Major, announces in General Orders

No. 8, that at all meetings for theoretical instruction in this brigade, in addition to the minor tactics, cavalry manual, Jomini, &c., officers will be expected to be familiar with Mahan's Field Fortifications and Mahan's Out-Post—works by one of the first living engineer officers. The latter work, though claiming at itse to be merely elementary, is now justly entitled to the designation of Mahan's Art of War. Both

to the designation of Mahan's Art of War. Both works should be in the hands of every officer.

The Fourth regiment.

This regiment will assemble for battalion drill at the Arsenal, corner of Thirty-fifth-street and Seventh-avenue, at 8 o'clock P. M. on Thursday, March 14, in fatigue uniforms, without turbans or gioves. Tickets of admission will be issued to a limited number of the friends of the regiment, and can be obtained from the commandants of companies. No person whomsoever will be admitted to the Art.

senal after 8 o'clock, P. M. Any member not present at that time will be considered absent.

The following change is announced: Louis Geht to be Hospital Steward vice James Jollier relieved. The above non-commissioned officer will rank from date and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The McKeon Red Leg Social Club (Company A) met on Monday evening at their headquarters, No. 596 Broadway, with their lady friends, and proceeded to the Armory of the Fourteenth (Brooklyn) Regiment, where they succeeded in surprising the members of Company K. The Chasseurs surrended at discretion and the evening was agreeably spent in the mazy uance. These surprises are becoming quite frequent and are generally successful.

THE SIXTH REGIMENT.

The following are the mansouvres to be executed at the regimental drill of the Sixth Regiment ordered to be held at the State Arsenal on Thursday evening, March 28, at 7:30 o'clock. Casey's Tactics, second volume: 1-Formation; paragraph 2. 2-Manual of arms; paragraph 35. 3-March by the flank; paragraph 805 to 816. 4-By companies into line; paragraph 819. 5-March in column at full distance and halt; paragraph 216 to 224. 6-Close column to half distance on the leading company; paragraph 294 to 305. 7-Take distances at the head of the column; paragraph 408 to 418. 8-Close column to half distances on the rearmost company; 316 to 324. 9-Take distances on the rear of the column; paragraph 397 to 407. 10-Report No. 8; paragraph 316 to 324. 11 -Take distances by the head of the column; paragraph 386 to 392. 12-Repeat No. 6; paragraphs 294 to 305. 13-Form divisions; paragraph 453. 14-Form equare; paragraph 1,000 to 1,018. 15-Advance square by the first front and halt; paragraph 1,049 to 1,057. 16-Advance square by the fourth front and halt; paragraph 1,058. 17-Reduce square; paragraph 1,086 to 1,087. 18-March in column by division; paragraph 1,068. 19-Form companies and balt; paragraph 236. 20-Repeat No. 7; paragraph 408 to 418. 21-Left into line of battle; paragraph 464 to 472. The non-commissioned staff officers, sergeants and corporals of the regiment will assemble for drill with the commissioned officers, on Thursday evening, the 21 inst., at 8 o'clock, at the regimental armory, and will be excused from the drill ordered for the fourth Wednesday in this month. Resignations .- Lieut. Lewis Lyons, Company A, Lieut. MICHAEL STACHELBERG, Company H; Lieut.

THE TWENTY-SECOND REGIMENT.
In General Orders No. 4, Col. Geo. B. Post, commanding the Twenty-second Regiment, announces

that in future all communications, of whatever nature, from a subaftern officer, or from an eulisted man, must pass through his Captain to the Adjutant. No report, return or information required to be sent to or through these headquarters, or any application for furlough, or excuse from any duty, or the granting of any request, will be received verbally; all such communications must be in writing, and forwarded in accordance with the rules prescribed in these orders. The Company books required to be kept, of which copies may be had upon the written order of the Captains at these headquarters will be inspected from time to time by the Adjutant, to guard against omissions and irregularity. The following drills are hereby ordered for the month of March. On Wednesday, the 6th, at 8 o'clock

form, for practical and theoretical instruction. On Friday, the 15th, at 8 o'clock P. M., a skeleton battalion drill of commissioned and non-commissioned officers. On Fridays, the 22d and 20th, battalion drills of the right and left wings respectively. First Sergeant's call at 8 o'clock P. M.

Also, the following drills of two companies in battalion, to be commanded by Licut.-Col. REMMEY: Menday, the 11th, at 8 o'clock P. M., B and G. Tuesday, the 19th, D and F. Wednesday, the 27th, C

Arrangements have been completed to furnish the

P. M., a meeting of commissioned officers, in uni-

command, at the lowest price, with the additions to the uniform approved by Special Orders No. 5, of Jan. 12, from general headquarters. The members of the command should lose no time in completing their uniform, as at the Spring parades the full uniform will be worn. The following is the report of the Committee on Additions to Bill of Dress, as submitted by Capt. GEO. W. WINGATE: "On behalf of the Committee on Additions to Regimental Uniform I have the honor to inform you that the additions in question to the uniform of the non-commissioned officers and privates, consisting of epaulets, with strap for the shoulder, dress hat and plume, and gaiters, have been ordered from the parties offering to furnish the same at the lowest prices, and will be completed on March 1. The gaiters are to be furnished by NEIL McCal-LUM, No. 19 Spruce-street, (up stairs,) and will cost \$1 65. Mr. McCallum will measure such of the regiment as may desire their gaiters to be made for five cents additional, and those members who wish to be

measured are requested to call immediately at his office for that purpose. The other articles can be procured of Messrs. BAKER & McKENNEY, No. 141 Grand-street, at the following prices: dress hat and plume, \$7 50; epaulet, with strap, \$3 50; total, \$11. The strap is to be sewn to the shoulder of the jacket parallel with the sleeve, and two and a half inches from it. The present shoulder-strap is to be removed entirely, and a piece of cloth, three-quarters of an inch wide by one-half inch long, is to be sewn on the shoulder of the jacket, so as to admit be hook of the epaulet. This strap should be lined with linen to strengthen it. A sample jacket has been placed in the hands of the armorer for the information of the members." By resolution of the Board of Officers, on Friday last, the geiters were made a part of the fatigue uniform, to be worn whenever white gloves are used. Capt. George W. Wingate, commanding Company

A, Twenty-second Regiment, has issued an order an-

nouncing that in accordance with Regimental General Orders No. 4, the commissioned and non-commissioned officers of that Company will assemble at the armory in uniform, with white gloves and gaiters, on Friday, 15 b inst., at 7:55 P. M. The Company will assemble for wing drill on Friday, 29th inst., at the same hour (with gloves, but without gaiters.) Hereafter, when a detail is required from the Company, selections will be first made from these members not in ranks at roll call, in the inverse order of their arrival, and no credit will be given them for such detail. There will be no company drill on the 28th inst. The particular attention of the command is called to the necessity of procuring the additions to the uniform as directed in general orders. As there will soon be an inspection of pieces by a State officer, the members are directed to leave their bayonet-scabbards on their bayonets until further orders. THE TWELFTH REGIMENT. Division drills at the Regimental Armory are hereby ordered in this command as follows: Monday,

March 11, Companies A and C; Tuesday, March 12, Companies G and II; Wednesday, March 13, Companies F and K; Thursday, March 14, Companies D and I; Friday, March 15, Companies B and E. The senior officer present will conduct these drills. Especial attention will be paid to securing uniformity in the manual of arms, and promoting precision in the loadings and firings. The commands will also be exercised in forming column, in racing by the rear rank, forming divisions, and in such other movements as the commanding officer may select. Strict attention will be paid to the posting of the guides, and instructing them in minute points of detail. The officers and non-commissioned officers of this command will, assemble in fatigue uniform, for instruction and drill, at the Regimental Armory, corner of Fourth-street and Broadway, on Thursday evening, March 21, and on Wednesday, April 3, at 7:45 o'clock P. M. The right wing of the regiment comprising Companies C, F, G, D and B, will assemble in fatigue uniform with leggings for battalion drill at the State Arsenal, corner of Seventh-avenue and Thirty-fifthstreet, on Monday evening, March 25th, and on Monday evening, April 8th. The Left Wing comprising Companies H, A, E, K and I, will assemble equipped as above on Tuesday evening, March 26th, and on Tuesday evening, April 9th. Any member presenting himself without leggings will be returned as absent, and not allowed to fall in. Line on each occasion will be formed at 8 P. M., precisely. Field and staff will report to the Colonel; Non-Commissioned Staff and Field Music to the Adjutant, 15 minutes before the time of formation. Returns of delinquents from Division and Wing Drills, together with Morning Reports and Squad Warrants, will be made to the Adjutant, at the Regimental Armory, within three days after each drill. Every name occurring on the previous returns must be strictly accounted for. Commandants of Companies will be held responsible for delay in complying with these orders. 1st Lieut. Edward Kirk, of I Co., is hereby honorably relieved from duty as Acting-Adjutant of this Regiment and will report to his Company. Staff Appointment .- First Lieutenant Henry B.

Smith, of F Company, is hereby appointed Adjutant, to date from Feb. 28, 1867. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Elections and Promotions.—First Lieutenant Robert McAfee, of E Company, promoted Captain, vice Knox

McAfee, promoted Major. Rank from Feb. 1, 1867. Second Lieutenant William H. Smith, of E Company, promoted First Lieutenant, vice McAfee, promoted. Rank from Feb. 1, 1867. Third Sergeant James F. McCunn, of E Company, promoted Second Lieutenant, vice Smith, promoted. Rank from Feb. 1, 1867. First Sergeant Alexander Shaw, of H Company, promoted Second Lieutenant, vice Teets, promoted. Rank from Feb. 6, 1867. George S. Burger, elected First Lieutenant of A Company, vice James A. Manderville, resigned. Rank from Feb. 21, 1867. Appointments-Non-Commissioned Staff.-Second Sergeant John Hill, of E Company, appointed Quartermaster Sergeant, rice Henry E. Spinning, returned to his Company. Private Colin Gourley, appointed Color Sergeant, viec Charles Wolf, returned to his

Discharges.—Anthony McReynolds, H Company, Feb. 8, 1867; William McConkey, H Company, Feb. 11, 1867; Joseph McElroy, F Company, Feb. 11, 1867; Jeremiah Henry, F Company, March 4, 1867, and George Mulligan, F Company, March 4. Expiration of term of service.

Expulsions.—The action of D Company, Feb. 7, in

expelling the following members is hereby approved,

Company.

and their names directed to be stricken from the roll:
J. C. Merritt, J. P. Corrigan, M. Gallagher, E. F.
Sniffen, E. Mount, Jr., W. J. Flanagan, A. E. Burgess,
A. Featherstone, J. W. Mantle, G. Hannington. Commandants of Companies will be careful to return the
names and address of all expelled member to DougLAS TAYLOR Commissioner of Jurors, No. 3 Chambers-street.

In compliance with paragraph 8, of General Orders
No. 2, from division headquarters, all communications intended for these headquarters.

No. 2, from division headquarters, all communications intended for these headquarters must be addressed to the Adjutant, at the regimental armory. This includes all reports, returns, applications for furloughs or petitions of any kind whatsoever; and such communications must in all cases be in writing, and properly forwarded as above.

SWORD PRESENTATION.

On last Friday evening Lieut. James T. McCuen

was the recipient of a splendid sword, each and best, presented to him by the members of Company E, as an evidence of their appreciation of his efforts to advance the interests of the organization. Major Knox McAree being present was called upon to make the presentation speech, which he did in his usual eloquent style. The Lieutenant briefly responded, after which the company adjourned to discuss the merits of a bounteous repast.

A DRUM CORPS CHALLENGE.

The following challenge has been issued by the Twelfth Regiment Drum Corps, and it is to be noped that their ambition will not be banked:

NEW-YORK, March 7, 1867. The Twelfth Regiment Drum Corps do hereby chal-

lenge any militia drum corps in the United Plates to

compete with them in the art of drum-heating (army duty) for the championship. The trial to take place within three months from date. No corps will be recognized unless every member can show his certificate of enlistment. Arrangements can be made by addressing the undersigned at the regimental armory. This challenge excepts the Thirty-seventh Regiment Drum Corps, they having agreed to compete with the Twelfth within six

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G. A. STRUBE,

Drum-Major Twelfth Regiment.

THE TWENTY-THIRD REGIMENT.

In Special Orders No. 5, Brig.-Gen. Jesse O. Smith, commanding the Eleventh Brigade, announces that a Court-martial for the Twenty-third Regiment is ordered, consisting of Capt. D. W. Van Ingen, of said regiment. The Court will convene at the regimental armory, corner of Fulton and Orange streets, on Monday, March 25, inst., at 8 o'clock P. M., and adjourn from time to time as may become necessary. Col. and Brevet Brig.-Gen. Calvin E. Pratt, of

the Twenty-third Regiment, in promulgating the

above order, makes the following supplementary announcements: Commandants of companies will immediately forward to these headquarters returns of delinquents at the several battalion and wing drills since Jan. 1; all such returns must hereafter be accompanied by a recapitulation showing number of men present at first sergeant's reports to Adjutant and the number absent, the total to agree with morning reports! Commandants of companies desiring to place company accounts in the hands of the Court-martial for collection will be furnished with blanks by the Court. The commissioned officers of this regiment will assemble at the armory, in fatigue uniform, on Saturday evening, March 16, at 8 o'clock P. M., for examination and instruction in tactics and regulations. The commissioned officers, sergeants, and six files, (including corporals,) will assemble at the Arsenal, Portland-avenue, on Friday evening, March 29, for exercise in guard-mounting and inspection. Roll calls at 7:45 o'clock P. M. Non-commissioned staff and drum corps will report to the Adjutant at 7:45 o'clock P. M. The attention of Captains is called to the unnecessary delay in forwarding morning reports to headquarters. They should be sent in on the last day of each menth, and more prompt returns will be expected in future. Captains will immediately forward to these head-

quarters the pay rolls of their respective companies for duty performed in the United States service in 1863; they will retain a copy of the same for future reference. Lieut. Chas. H. Hunter has been appointed Adjutant with rank from Feb. 6, 1867; he will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

THE NINTH BRIGADE.

In General Order No. 1, Brig.-Gen. John F. Rath-

BONE, announces his resignation of the command of

the Ninth (Albany) Brigade, and seizes the occasion to pay a handsome and deserved tribute to the gallantry and present condition of the brigade. Every member of the brigade will regret the loss of their Commander; but they will read with pleasure the reminiscences given in the tollowing order:

The General-Commanding, having tendered his resignation as commandant of the Ninth Brigade, desires, in bidding farewell to the officers and men of the brigade,

to express his acknowledgments for the uniform courtesy which has ever been manifested toward him, and for the promptness with which his orders have ever been executed. When, on the 1sc of January, 1861, the Genoral assumed command of the brigade, it consisted of eight companies of the Twenty-fith Regiment (some of them skeleton companies) and Company E of the Tenth Regiment. These troops were armed with unserviceable muskets, and their uniforms such as had been provided at their own expense. The brigade now includes three good regiments—the Tenth, Iwenty-fifth and Righty-second, the squadron of cavalry, and independent Battery A-all well armed and uniformed, and, with some few exceptions, fully equipped. The history of the brigade since 1800 is full of interest. The Twenty-fifth Regiment was one of the first of the Now-York State regiments that volunteered for the protection of Washington. It served there for three months, and was then again called into the United States cervice for the further period of three months. For the ready discharge of duty, for the excellent discipling, and for the valuable services thus rendered, the regiment received the commendation of the General effivers in command of the Department where such service was performed. The Tenth Regiment (as One Hundred and Seventy-seventh New-York Volunteers) volunteered for nine months' service. It was ordered to the continuest, and there distinguished itself for its discipline and gallantry, earning, and justly so, a reputation of which any regiment of regular troops might well be proud. In addition to these services, Companies A and B of the Tenth Regiment were detailed for guard duty at the Albany Depot of Volunteers from April to July, 1861. The names of many of the enrolled members of the Ninth Brigade have become historic. Unswerving loyalty, patriotic obedience to the stern requisitions of a soldier's duty, a spirit of heroic sacrifice for the grandest purposes, have made them so. Sad mementoes of their unselfish patrictism have been left upon many a distant battle-fiel, and desolate homes and widows' tears have told the story of the sacrifice which has been so cheerfully offered in the cause of God and their country. Bo long not only as this brigade shall exist, but so long as humanity shall recognize valor and fortitude, loyalty and true manhood, so long will the names of Frisby, Bryan, Wilson, Visscher, Tremain, Fryer, Dawson, Strong, Merriman, Bogart, Lodge, Bell, Southwick, Sullivan, Williamson, Orr, McGuire and many others be gratefully remembered. Many members of the Companies enrolled on the 1st of May, 1861, entered the service of the United States as officers during the late rebellion, and rendered valuable service by giving efficiency and discipline to the volunteer regiments. Thus has the Ninth Brigado made for itself an honorable record, and could its history be written it would exhibit a record inferior to no other in the State for efficient service in support of the Government. The General-Commanding cannot take leave of the brigade without expressing his earnest desire that no effort will be spared on the part of the officers and men to improve its discipline and increase its efficiency, and that no question personal to any officer now connected with it, in which either precedent or justice may be invo ved. shall be permitted to disturb its unity or ronder the members of this rigade forgetful of the duties which they, as citizens and roldiers, owe to the State and to the

last at the State Arsenal, when the members of Company C, F 1st Regiment, (Hawkins' Zonaves,) gave evidence of their superior drill and discipline. There were thirty-five muskets present, under the command of Capt. A. P. Webster and Lieuts. Fox and Morschawzer, and the drill was very creditable. After the several movements in the school of the company had been executed, Col. Rush Hawkins stepped forward and presented an elegant gold medal to Sergt. Lindner, in behalf of the company. The Colonel spoke as follows:

Sergt. Linder: To me has been assigned the pleasing duty of presenting you with an appropriate testimonial for services which you have per-

formed in assisting your officers to organize the

THE FIRST REGIMENT.

An exhibition drill took place on Tuesday evening

National Government.

regiment of National Guard of which you are an honored member. To you we must give the credit of having shown the most zeal and energy in obtaining recruits for your company. Your example is one well worthy of emulation; and while we are sure of the assistance of such young men as yourself, there can be no doubt of ultimate success. But there is another and better reason why I take especial pride and pleasure in presenting you with this badge of the old Ninth Corps: In April, 1861, when you were just verging from boyhood, you came forward at your country's call, shouldered the musket, and marched with the Ninth New-York Volunteers to face danger, and defend from the assaults of treason the sacred rights left us by the founders of American liberty. You were with your regiment at Roanoke, Camden, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburgh, and Suffolk; and on the battle-field, when every expiring minute told the story of many brave companions dead and dying, you stood nobly to your duty, and, though a boy in years, vindicated the highest attributes of mature manhood. Therefore, take this little memento, which you so well deserve, and cherish it as a sign of the noblest era in your existence, because it is inseparably connected with the darkest days in our history, when you, and hundreds of thousands of the best youths of our land, marched boldly out to the rescue of an imperiled country. MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP. Battalion and wing drills took place in the Seventh and Thirty-seventh Regiments during the past week.

Our space precludes any extended notice at present. In promulgating General Orders No. 2, headquarters First Division, to the officers of the Fourth Brigade, Brig-Gen. Wm. G. Ward would call attention to its great importance, and to the confusion which must result from a failure to comply with its provisions. These will be strictly enforced.

At the annual election of Washington Continental Company B, held at their armory at Albany on Monday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Civil—President, Frank Cole;

Vice-President, D. N. Kirk; Secretary, Richard T. Lockley; Treasurer, E. Seymour Near. Military—First Sergeant, James McMillan. Duty Sergeants—J. A. Fassett, J. H. Lane, Wm. L. Burton, T. S. Fassett. Corporals—D. S. Winnie, A. D. Cole, W. Agno, Frank Craft, J. F. Vandercook, P. H. Crounse, R. B. McMillen, S. Brennen.

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