

REPORT

OF THE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

OF THE

STATE OF INDIANA.

VOLUME III.—1861-1865.

CONTAINING ROSTERS OF

OFFICERS AND HISTORICAL MEMORANDA OF INDIANA REGIMENTS, NUMBERED FROM THE SEVENTY-FIFTH TO THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH INCLUSIVE; OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT OF U. S. COLORED TROOPS; AND OF INDIANA BATTERIES OF LIGHT ARTILLERY, NUMBERED FROM THE FIRST TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH, INCLUSIVE. ALSO, ROSTERS OF OFFICERS OF THE U. S. NAVY APPOINTED FROM INDIANA, AND OF OFFICERS OF THE INDIANA LEGION. ALSO, AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ALL OFFICERS.

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| <i>Captain.</i> | | | | |
| ABRAHAM K. BUSH | Michigan City | Sept. 15, 1861 | Sept. 30, 1861 | Discharged to enter Invalid Corps, Sept. 29, '63. |
| DAVID FLANSBURGH | | Sept. 30, 1863 | | Missing at battle of Chocomauga, Sept. 20, '63; died in rebel prison at Columbia, S. C. |
| <i>First Lieutenant.</i> | | | | |
| MARK L. DEMOTTE | | Sept. 15, 1861 | Sept. 30, 1861 | Resigned March 8, '62. |
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| AUGUSTUS A. STARR | | May 16, 1862 | May 23, 1862 | Resigned July 1, '63. |
| HENRY J. WILLITS | Valparaiso | July 2, 1863 | Nov. 17, 1863 | Mustered out Oct. 6, '64; term expired. |
| BENJAMIN F. JOHNSON | Indianapolis | Sept. 30, 1863 | | Transferred to re-organization. |
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| <i>Captain.</i> | | | | |
| BENJAMIN F. JOHNSON | Indianapolis | Oct. 28, 1864 | Nov. 10, 1864 | Mustered out with Battery. |
| <i>First Lieutenant.</i> | | | | |
| BENJAMIN F. JOHNSON | Indianapolis | Oct. 14, 1864 | | Promoted Captain. |

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| JAMES E. GAMBLE | | Nov. 1, 1864 | Jan. 10, 1865 | Mustered out with Battery. |
| <i>Second Lieutenant.</i> | | | | |
| GEORGE W. JACKSON | | Nov. 1, 1864 | Nov. 2, 1864 | Mustered out with Battery. |
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FOURTH BATTERY, LIGHT ARTILLERY.

The Fourth Battery of Light Artillery was mostly recruited in Laporte, Porter and Lake counties, and was organized at Indianapolis, on the 15th of September, and mustered into service on the 30th of September, 1861, with ASABEL K. BUSH as Captain. Shortly after it proceeded to Louisville, and there joined the army of General Buell. During the winter it remained in camp in the vicinity of New Haven, Munfordsville and Bowling Green, and when the forward movement of the army was commenced, it moved with it to Nashville. From thence it marched to Savannah, on the Tennessee river, with Buell's army; but, for lack of transportation, did not cross the river in time to take part in the engagement at Shiloh.

During the siege of Corinth, the battery marched with Buell's army, and participated in the subsequent campaign through Northern Alabama and Middle Tennessee, reaching Nashville late in the month of August, 1862. Falling back into Kentucky, and to the Ohio river

at the time of Bragg's invasion, it moved out from Louisville, with Rousseau's division of McCook's corps, and took part in the campaign that resulted in driving that rebel general from Kentucky. During the progress of this campaign the battle of Chaplin Hills, near Perryville was fought on the 8th of October. The Fourth Battery and Stone's Kentucky Battery were placed on a high ridge on the extreme left of Rousseau's division, and extending diagonally to the front. To support these batteries, the First Wisconsin was placed on that ridge, and the Seventy-Ninth Pennsylvania on another ridge running almost at right angles with the one on which the batteries were planted. This formation gave a cross-fire, and proved of great value in maintaining that all important position during the day. General Rousseau, in his official report, says of this movement: "These formations were made in great haste, and in a few moments, but without the least confusion or disorder, the men moving into line as if on parade." The special order at this point moved McCook's left, and ordered to the army

the Maxville road, upon which stood the entire ammunition train and ambulances.

After this campaign, the Fourth Battery marched to Nashville, and upon the re-organization of the army, under General Rosecrans, it was assigned to the Third Division of General McCook's corps, of which General Sheridan was the division commander. In December the division marched with the right wing of the army towards Murfreesboro, then the headquarters of General Bragg. On the morning of December 30th, the battery moved near the enemy's lines at Stone river, and by order of General Sheridan, opened fire on a rebel battery at fifteen hundred yards range, and drove it under cover. About ten o'clock it moved across the open field near the woods occupied by the enemy, when a rebel battery opened upon it from the woods, at about six hundred yards range, when General Sill ordered Captain Bush to place his battery in position in the woods, and silence the opposing battery. This was accomplished, after a sharp contest of about two hours, at four hundred and fifty yards range. As a result, about one-half of the horses of the enemy's battery were killed, one of his gun carriages disabled, one of his Lieutenants and twelve men killed, and several others wounded, besides the killing and wounding of a number of the infantry supports which lay near. The Fourth Battery lost in the contest four men killed and three wounded. After dark the battery was posted about three hundred yards further to the right, in open ground, where it remained till next morning. About daylight on the 31st the enemy began his attack. The battery replied with canister, at short range, until the division was flanked, and obliged to retire, the battery moving to the rear of its brigade, and firing canister as it fell back. On reaching the first position of December 30th, it made another stand and fired canister from its

howitzers and six-pound smooth-bores into the enemy in front, and with its rifles drove two of the enemy's pieces from position, which were firing on General Davis' retreating lines. In reaching this position, one caisson was lost, every horse drawing it being shot down by the enemy's musketry. Retiring from this position, it moved to a point eight hundred yards to the left, adjoining Gen. Negley's division, near which point it remained until its ammunition was expended, and then retired to the left. In crossing a dense cedar woods, near the Murfreesboro pike, the infantry were driven rapidly past the battery causing two rear pieces to be captured by the enemy. These were not abandoned until all the horses except four had been killed, and one piece had become fastened among the trees, and the enemy within forty yards of the two guns. On reaching the pike, Captain Bush moved his battery a short distance to the rear and obtained a supply of ammunition, and then reported to the front with three pieces for duty. By order of General Rosecrans the battery was then placed in park in front and on the left of the pike. The next morning General Sheridan placed it in position, where it remained until the morning of the 2d of January, 1863, without further casualties. The total loss to the battery in this battle was six killed, seventeen wounded, two paroled by the enemy, and one missing.

Encamping near Murfreesboro until June, 1863, it then moved, with its division in the campaign against Tullahoma, engaging the enemy on the 24th of June at Hoover's Gap. After the occupation of Tullahoma, it marched with the army toward Chattanooga, crossing the Tennessee river at Bridgeport, Alabama. Passing over Lookout and Sand Mountains, the enemy was encountered at Dug Gap, where a brisk engagement ensued. On the 19th and 20th of September the battery participated in the engagement at Chica-

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On the 14th of October, 1864, telegraphic authority was given by the War Department for the re-organization of the Fourth Battery. The re-organization was perfected on the 28th of October, with **BENJAMIN F. JOYNSON** (one of the First Lieutenants of the old organization) as

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