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### HISTORICAL SKETCH

BY

CAPT. FREDERICK PHISTERER

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Roster of Membership and Death Roll of the  
Brigade During the War

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OFFICIAL REPORTS OF THE BATTLE OF  
STONE RIVER, TENN.



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# Regular Brigade of the Army of the Cumberland



## FORMATION

**I**N the Army of the Ohio there were five battalions of regular infantry, serving in two different brigades and divisions; General William S. Rosecrans, when he assumed command and reorganized that army as the Army of the Cumberland or Fourteenth Army Corps, united these battalions into one brigade with a battery of regular artillery and designated it, December 19, 1862, the Fourth Brigade, First Division, Center of the Army of the Cumberland. The division was under the command of Major General Lovell H. Rousseau, U. S. Volunteers, and the "Center" was commanded by Major General George H. Thomas.

The organization of the brigade was completed at Nashville, Tennessee, December 25, 1862, on the arrival there of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 18th Infantry, and it consisted of

Battery H, 5th Artillery, commanded by First Lieutenant Francis L. Guenther;

First Battalion, 15th Infantry, composed of its companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, commanded by Major John H. King.

First Battalion, 16th Infantry, composed of its companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, and also Company B, 2nd Battalion attached, commanded by Major Adam J. Slemmer;

First Battalion, 18th Infantry, composed of its companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, with companies A and D of the 3rd Battalion attached, commanded by Major James N. Caldwell;

Second Battalion, 18th Infantry, composed of its companies A, B, C, D, E and F, with companies B, C, E and F, of the 3rd Battalion attached, commanded by Major Frederick Townsend;

First Battalion, 19th Infantry, composed of its companies A, B, C, D, E and F, and commanded by Major Stephen D. Carpenter.

Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver S. Shepherd, 18th Infantry, the senior officer present, was assigned to the command of the brigade, and selected his staff from its officers.

In an account of this nature where space is limited, it is impracticable fully to narrate the part taken by the brigade or its components in the various engagements and battles in which it participated; extracts

from official reports, and figures of losses which generally tell the tale, will show whether or not it performed its duties; nor is it practicable to give a roster of the officers and enlisted men who served in and with it.

### MURFREESBORO CAMPAIGN

The Regular Brigade broke its camp at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 26th of December, 1862; it encamped that evening on the Petersburg turnpike; on the 27th near Nolensville, on the 28th at night it marched across the country to Stewart's Creek; on the 30th to a point on the Murfreesboro and Nashville turnpike about four miles from Murfreesboro, and on the 31st soon became engaged in the battle of Murfreesboro, or Stone River. About 8:30 o'clock the Brigade was ordered to the right to support the troops of the right wing, but as no suitable position, especially for the battery, could be obtained, it was ordered back with the latter to a point between the railroad and the Nashville pike; in this movement while all were under fire the 15th, 16th and 19th were actively engaged with the enemy. Between ten and eleven A. M., fierce and repeated attacks were made on the battery, which were all repulsed and the battery became entitled to the flag of the 2nd Arkansas Regiment captured in its front. Toward noon Negley's division required support, and time being also needed to readjust lines and reorganize bodies of troops, the brigade without its battery was sent to action in the Cedars; its left in the new position formed almost a right angle with the remainder of the Center still holding its ground; the left battalions of the brigade had to withhold their fire for a while until the retreating troops had passed to the rear, but when it opened it was the most terrible musketry fire, experienced officers declare they ever heard. Here the brigade suffered its great loss, but stopped the advance of the enemy, inspired already with the sense of victory. On orders being received to retire, the movement was executed by battalions from the right, the 2nd battalion of the 18th being the last. On retiring the brigade resumed its position in support of its battery, and with it in the course of the day assisted materially in keeping the enemy at bay.

In the afternoon of the 1st of January the brigade was ordered in haste to Stewart's Creek, but when near there was ordered back at double quick; early on the 2nd the brigade was formed to meet the attack of the enemy, which, however, was not made; on the 3rd it moved to its original position, held December 31st, and fortified it, and early in the morning of the 4th of January it found that the enemy had withdrawn from its front and the battle was won.

January 3rd the quartermasters, Lieutenants Jacob Kline, 16th Infantry, D. W. Benham, 1st Battalion and Wm. P. McCleery, 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry, distinguished themselves in the defense of their trains against the enemy's cavalry near La Vergne.

General George H. Thomas in his report of the battle says: "In the execution of this last movement, the Regular Brigade came under a most murderous fire. \* \* \* but with the co-operation of Scribner's and Beatty's brigades, gallantly held its own against overwhelming odds."

General Rousseau reports: "On that body of brave men the shock of battle fell heaviest, and the loss was most severe. Over one-third of the command fell killed or wounded, but it stood up to the work and bravely breasted the storm, and though Major King, commanding the 15th, and Major Slemmer (old Pickens) of the 16th, fell severely wounded and Major Carpenter, commanding the 19th, fell dead in the last charge, together with many officers and men, the brigade did not falter for a moment \* \* \* of the batteries of Guenther and Loomis I cannot say too much. \* \* \* Without them we could not have held our position in the center."

As the brigade commander, being directly interested, might be considered partial, the following only is taken from his report: "Resting in the hope that this brigade, but recently organized, has displayed in this great battle of five days' duration, a career worthy the approbation of the government and worthy the cause in which it is engaged, \* \* \*"

In the official reports we find the officers all mentioned by name, and some specially mentioned, as for instance Captains Jesse Fulmer, R. E. A. Crofton and Jas. B. Mulligan, who under fire succeeded to the command of their respective battalions, the 15th, 16th and 19th, in place of Majors King and Slemmer, wounded, and Carpenter, killed.

All the reports speak in high terms of the enlisted men, and the following are mentioned by name: Sergeants Egan, Reed, Metcalf, Brodo, Bickel, Ervin and Manbeck of Battery "H"; Sergeant Major Reuben F. Little, Sergeants Allen C. Barrows, Ralph Horton, Isaac D'Isay, E. C. Beach, Carpenter, Quartermaster Sergeant Price and Commissary Sergeant Livesey, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry; Sergeant Major John S. Lind, Sergeants Samuel C. Williamson, Charles B. Meredith, George F. White (killed), Corporal Sylvester S. Bartlett, Lance Corporal Paul Fisher, Privates William H. Maxwell, Jacob Kline, James McKenzie, James Hofler, and Jacob Troutman, of the 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry.

The officers killed and those who died of wounds received in this battle, were: Captains William W. Wise and Jacob B. Bell of the 15th Infantry; Captain Charles L. Kneass and First Lieutenant Joseph McConnell, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry; Captain Charles E. Dennison, First Lieutenant James Simons and Second Lieutenant John F. Hitchcock, 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry; Major Stephen D. Carpenter, 19th Infantry.

The officers wounded, who recovered, were: Major John H. King, Captain Joseph S. Yorke, and Lieutenant W. B. Ocleston, 15th Infantry; Major A. J. Slemmer, Captains Robert P. Barry, John C. King, and Newton L. Dykeman, Lieutenants W. H. Bartholomew, John Power (adjutant), and James C. Howland, 16th Infantry; Captains Henry Douglass,

D. L. Wood and R. B. Hull, Lieutenants G. C. Carpenter and John C. Adair, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry; Captains A. B. Thompson and Henry Haymond, and Lieutenant Morgan L. Ogden, 2d Battalion, 18th Infantry.

Major Frederick Townsend, who commanded the left wing of the brigade, had one horse killed and another wounded under him; Adjutant Fred. Phisterer, 2d Battalion, 18th Infantry, had his horse killed under him, and Major Caldwell and Adjutant R. L. Morris, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry, had their horses wounded; Battery "H" had eight horses killed and five wounded.

The following, taken from official sources, shows the casualties of the brigade in this battle, nearly all of which occurred on the 31st of December:

Organization	Number Engaged		Number Killed		Number Wounded		Number Captured		Total loss	
	Officers	Enlisted Men	Officers	Enlisted Men	Officers	Enlisted Men	Officers	Enlisted Men	Officers	Enlisted Men
Battery H, 5th Artillery..	3	120	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	5
1st Battalion, 15th Infan'try	16	304	1	10	4	74	..	17	5	101
1st Battalion, 16th Infan'try	15	293	..	16	7	126	..	16	7	158
1st Battalion, 18th Infan'try	16	273	1	28	6	115	..	2	7	145
2d Battalion, 18th Infan'try	16	298	1	30	5	98	..	5	6	133
1st Battalion, 19th Infan'try	10	198	1	6	..	57	..	10	1	73
Total.....	76	1486	4	90	22	475	..	50	26	615
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Or 41.10 % of the number engaged.

The campaign closing with a victory for the Union arms, the brigade, having buried its dead on the battlefield, where there is now a monument erected to their memory, marched on the 5th day of January, 1863, from its last position on the field to Murfreesboro and encamped between the Shelbyville and Salem turnpikes, near the town.

#### AT MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE

The brigade remained in camp near Murfreesboro until June 24, 1863, receiving recruits, reorganizing companies, performing grand guard and foraging duties and meeting the enemy on several such occasions, notably March 2nd at Eagleville; officers joined and officers were relieved. February 12th General Rosecrans sent Major Frederick Townsend to Washington, D. C., as bearer of dispatches with captured flags, etc. April 14th

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Lieutenant Colonel Oliver L. Shepherd was promoted colonel of the 15th Infantry and relieved from duty with the brigade and shortly thereafter Brigadier-General Robert S. Granger, U. S. Volunteers (Major 5th U. S. Infantry) was assigned to the command, it then being the third brigade of the first division, of the fourteenth corps, the Army of the Cumberland having been reorganized under War Department General Orders No. 9, of January 9, 1863, into three corps, the 14th, originally the Center, the 20th and 21st, originally the Right and Left Wings.

### MIDDLE TENNESSEE OR TULLAHOMA CAMPAIGN

The operations of General Rosecrans, by which he compelled the enemy to evacuate his strongly intrenched position at Tullahoma, extending north of Duck River from Shelbyville to Wartrace, and to fall back to Chattanooga, commenced June 23rd and closed July 7th, 1863.

The brigade left its camp near Murfreesboro June 24th, advanced on the Manchester turnpike and bivouacked near Hoover's Gap; on the 25th at two P. M. it again advanced and skirmished with the enemy the remainder of the day; on the 26th at nine A. M. it charged a battery of the enemy strongly posted near Hoover's Gap and drove it from its position; on the 27th it marched through Fairfield to Manchester, where it arrived at two A. M. of the 28th; on the evening of this day it marched out on the Tullahoma road and bivouacked on and near Arnold's farm. On the 1st of July the brigade marched toward Tullahoma and bivouacked near Allen's Mill; on the 2nd it marched to Elk River, which it crossed on the 3rd, a difficult and perilous affair, there being no bridges and the river very high and swollen by the rain, which had been almost continuous since the brigade left Murfreesboro. July 4th it encamped near Cowan Station on the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad.

In his report of these operations General Rosecrans says: "Bearing testimony to the spirit and gallantry of all, both officers and men, \* \* \*" General Thomas says "The enemy had evidently prepared for an obstinate resistance, and attempted to enfilade my troops from the high ground on our right, but were effectually prevented by a gallant charge of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, Colonel Walker and the 4th (Regular) Brigade, 1st Division, Major Coolidge commanding. The steady and rapid advance of my troops forced the enemy to retire \* \* \* very rapidly \* \* \*. The behavior of our troops was admirable — everything that could be desired." General Rousseau, the division commander says: "\* \* \* On approaching the enemy, Coolidge's command charged in double quick, driving the enemy before them. \* \* \* It began to rain just as my division was being formed to march out of Murfreesboro on the 24th ultimo and it has rained every day since but one."

The casualties in the brigade on the 26th of June are reported as follows:

Sixteenth Infantry: killed, three enlisted men; wounded, one officer, one enlisted man; total, five.

Eighteenth Infantry, 1st Battalion: wounded, one officer, four enlisted men; total, five.

Eighteenth Infantry, 2nd Battalion: wounded, one officer, nine enlisted men; total, ten.

Nineteenth Infantry: wounded, five enlisted men.

Aggregate, twenty-five.

Captain John A. Thompson, commanding 2nd Battalion, was mortally, and Lieutenant R. F. Little, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry, slightly wounded.

A return of the brigade of June 30, 1863, shows that the commanding officers on that date were: Of the 15th Infantry, 1st Battalion, Captain Henry Keteltas; of the 16th Infantry, 1st Battalion, Major Sidney Coolidge; of the 18th Infantry, 1st Battalion, Captain George W. Smith; of the 18th Infantry, 2nd Battalion, Captain Henry Haymond; of the 19th Infantry, 1st Battalion, Captain Augustus H. Plummer; of Battery "H", 5th Artillery, Captain George H. Kensel, and of the Brigade, Brigadier-General John H. King, U. S. Volunteers.

#### ALONG THE NASHVILLE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD

From July 4th to September 10th the brigade performed various duties, repairing roads, guarding railroads and stations, on the Cumberland Mountains, near Cowan, Anderson, Tantallon, Stevenson and Bridgeport and other points.

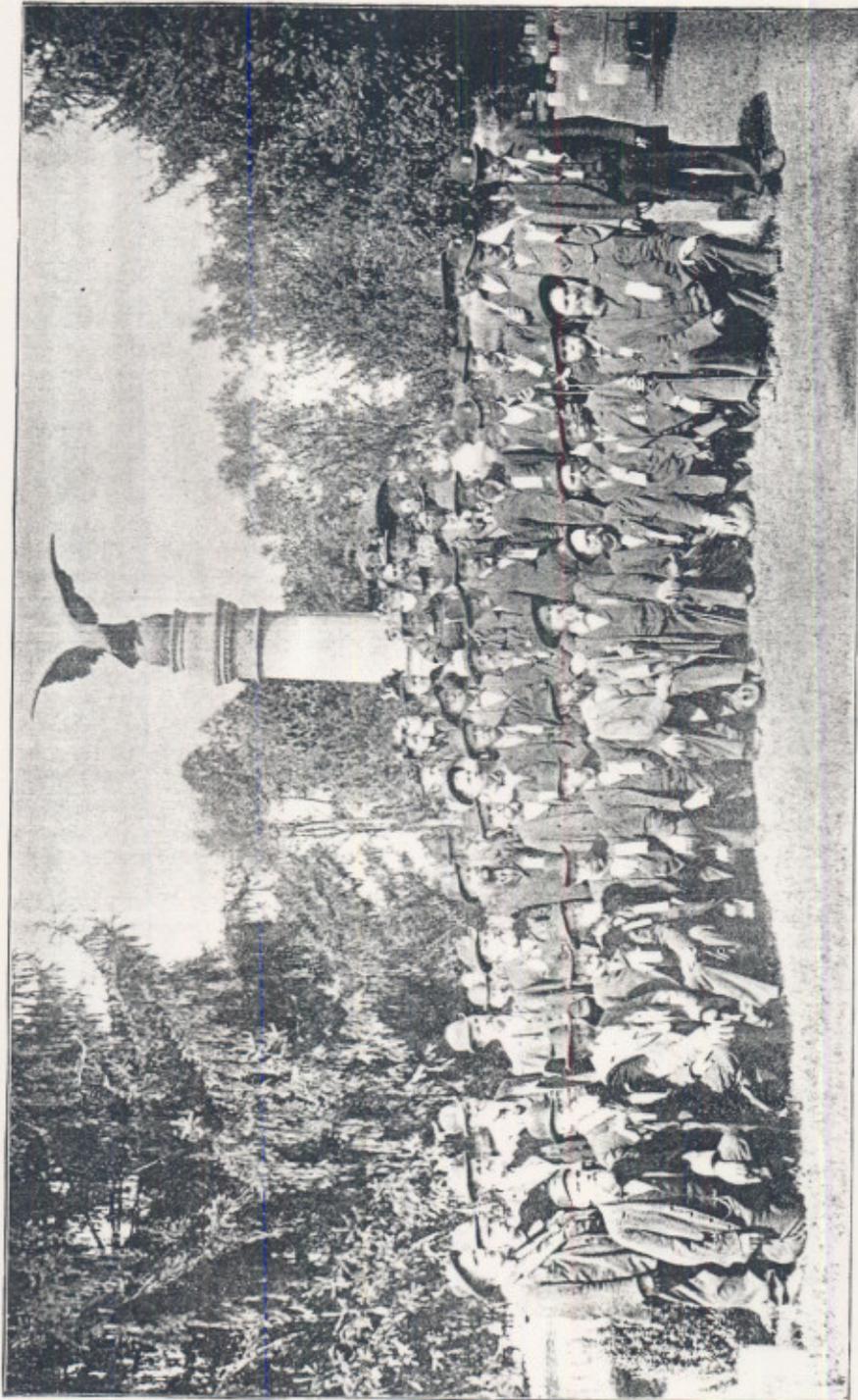
A return for July 31st reports the brigade commanded by Major Samuel K. Dawson, 19th Infantry;

The 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry, by Captain Henry Keteltas;  
First Battalion, 16th Infantry, by Captain Robert E. A. Crofton;  
First Battalion, 18th Infantry, by Captain George W. Smith;  
Second Battalion, 18th Infantry, by Captain Henry Haymond;  
First Battalion, 19th Infantry, by Captain Edward L. Smith;  
Battery "H", 5th Artillery, by Lieutenant Francis L. Guenther.

On the 31st of August the brigade was commanded by Brigadier-General John H. King, the 15th by Captain A. B. Dod, the 16th by Major Sidney Coolidge, the 19th by Major Samuel K. Dawson, the Battery by Lieutenant Howard M. Burnham, the battalions of the 18th as on the 31st of July.

#### THE CHICKAMAUGA CAMPAIGN

This campaign commenced August 16, 1863, but the Regular Brigade did not take actual part in it until September 10th, when it crossed the Tennessee River at Bridgeport, Alabama; September 11th and 12th, were



THE EXCURSION PARTY AT STONE RIVER CEMETERY



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## THE EXCURSION PARTY



**O**N the opposite page will be seen the picture taken at the monument of the Regular Brigade, in the Stone River Cemetery. For the benefit of all concerned we give the names of those present, so far as we are able to do so.

First row kneeling from right to left:

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| 1. Adam F. Snyder,     | 8. Henry Cordes,      |
| 2. George W. Hughes,   | 9. Unknown,           |
| 3. James T. Loop,      | 10. Thomas Carpenter, |
| 4. Franklin J. Parker, | 11. William O'Brien,  |
| 5. William M. Harris,  | 12. George N. Smith,  |
| 6. John Saile.         | 13. Henry E. Scott,   |
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First row standing from right to left:

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| 1. David Laken,       | 9. M. W. Strait,     |
| 2. A. B. Cleveland,   | 10. Thomas J. Smith, |
| 3. Unknown.           | 11. Theo. W. Brake,  |
| 4. Unknown,           | 12. Henry K. Bailer, |
| 5. James Sweger,      | 13. Thomas Doyle,    |
| 6. William J. Carson, | 14. Thomas E. Hite,  |
| 7. Fred. Knagi,       | 15. Unknown,         |
| 8. Philip Game,       | 16. A. J. Crumley,   |
| 17. Louis Bauman.     |                      |

Second row standing from right to left:

1. Peter Schmidt, Company "F", 108th O. V. I.,
  2. Daniel S. Wilder,
  3. Unknown,
  4. James Deering,
- Rear of James Deering, W. B. Reynolds.

Standing on base of monument from right to left:

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| 1. Mrs. Henry Cordes,   | 5. Mrs. Daniel S. Wilder,   |
| 2. Mrs. Adam F. Snyder, | 6. Mrs. David Laken,        |
| 3. Eddie W. Reel,       | 7. Mrs. Geo. W. Hughes,     |
| 4. Mrs. John Saile,     | 8. Mrs. Franklin J. Parker, |
| 9. Mrs. Philip Game.    |                             |





REGULAR BRIGADE MONUMENT, STONE RIVER NATIONAL  
CEMETERY

# Inscription on the Stone River Monument



FRONT OF MONUMENT:

IN MEMORY  
OF THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE  
15TH, 16TH, 18TH AND 19TH U. S. INFANTRY, AND BATTERY "H,"  
5TH U. S. ARTILLERY,  
WHO WERE KILLED OR DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED AT  
THE BATTLE OF STONE RIVER,  
TENNESSEE,  
DECEMBER 31ST, 1862 TO JANUARY 3RD, 1863.

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OPPOSITE SIDE OF MONUMENT:

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ERECTED  
BY  
THEIR COMRADES  
OF THE  
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PLAN OF THE CEMETERY of the Killed in the Regular Brigade in the Battles before Murfreesboro, December 31, 1862, and January 1, 2 and 3, 1863. This Cemetery is about three miles north of the town and on an elevation midway between the Nashville pike and the railroad, and about one hundred yards from each.

			CHARLES SHRECK Private, Co. G	MAHLON F. HANCOCK Private, Co. F, Third Bat.
			VALENTINE FARENKOFF Private, Co. D, Third Bat.	GEO. F. WHITE First Sergt., Co. F, Third Bat.
			ELIAS WHITE Private, Co. H	EDWARD CUNNINGHAM Private, Co. F, Third Bat.
			MARTIN SWANK Private, Co. G	JAMES A. PIERCE Private, Co. A
			JAMES HARRISON Private, Co. A	GIDEON BEARD Private, Co. A
			FRANCIS MASTERTON Private, Co. B	JOHN HENRY TIEMAN Private, Co. C
				ISAAC B. JONES Private, Co. C, Third Bat.
				AMOS ROBBINS Private, Co. C, Third Bat.
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	CAPT. J. B. BELL		FIRST LIEUT. JOS. McCONNELL	FIRST LIEUT. JAS. SIMONS
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