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PRIVATE OF COMPANY I.

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We have shared our blanket and tent together,  
And have marched and fought in all kinds of weather,  
And hungry and full we have been;  
Had days of battle and days of rest,  
But this memory I cling to and love the best, —  
WE HAVE DRUNK FROM THE SAME CANTEEN!

— MALAR O'BRIEN.

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TO  
THE BRAVE MEN OF THE SECOND,

WHOSE CONDUCT

REFLECTED SO MUCH CREDIT UPON  
THEMSELVES, THEIR REGIMENT,  
AND THEIR STATE,

This Volume

IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED.





## P R E F A C E .

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THE gallant men to whom this volume is dedicated leave, by their heroic deeds upon a score of battle fields, engraven their history in imperishable letters, upon tablets more enduring than marble—upon the memories of a grateful people. In view of this fact it were vain for the historian to attempt to add to or detract from their fair fame, and the author of the following pages, in presenting them to the public, claims only to give a plain, straightforward account of what the Second New Hampshire Regiment endured and accomplished while following the “Old Flag” over the hills and through the vales of Maryland and Virginia. He refrains from remarks of praise or censure upon the conduct of General Officers, whose sphere of action is so far above that of a private that it would be presumption to decry what was generally so little understood by those not high in authority.

The history commences with the organization of the Regiment in 1861, and is carried forward until the muster out of the original members, not re-enlisted, in 1864. Although the Second New Hampshire Regiment still existed as an organization upon the army rolls, and many of the old members still remained to officer it, the interest with which the people of New Hampshire watched its course sensibly diminished from that time, from the fact that by far the greater portion of those remaining in the regiment were men whose interests were not identified with those

of New Hampshire—substitutes from New York and Baltimore, importations direct from foreign ports, of every nationality and tongue, who cared little whether New Hampshire were honored or disgraced by their conduct.

For the members of the "Old Second" and their friends, this volume is especially intended. Errors and omissions have without doubt occurred, unavoidable from the scarcity of reliable documents relating to the Regiment, and if, among the rock-bound hills of the Old Granite State, some rugged and stalwart veteran should read his own name in the list of killed, the author would assure him that the pleasure of taking his hand with the strong grasp of friendship would be far preferable to recording his death, and in apology for such error respectfully refer him to the Report of the Adjutant General of the State of New Hampshire, to which the author is greatly indebted for the regimental roster and names of enlisted men, although making such corrections as his acquaintance with the facts would warrant him in doing.

If, by a perusal of the following pages, a smile is called upon the face of some old comrade for the pleasing recollections awakened of by-gone times, when "marching to the music of the Union," or a tear is dropped in memory of the fallen, who sealed with their life-blood their devotion to the "starry banner," and whose graves lie so thickly strewn along the banks of the Potomac, the Chickahominy, the Rappahannock, and the James, the author's highest ambition will be satisfied, and he will retire with the pleasing consciousness of having contributed his mite in memory of the "GALLANT SECOND."

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