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## MEMORIAL RECORD.



DROPS of water fill the ocean; particles of sand make up the mountain.

So the great contest—largest, fiercest, bloodiest, of the century—by which the Union of the United States was saved from division, and liberty and free institutions were newly assured to this land and the world, was carried on and made successful by the *individual* patriotism of American citizens of the North. One by one the lovers of their country joined the Union army till their number was two million, and their strength, employed as it was in the interest of justice, righteousness and liberty, irresistible.

Our own town, containing a population of about one thousand, contributed its proportion of voluntary offerings on the national altar. Though far removed from the scenes of conflict, and employed in the most quiet of vocations—the industrious cultivation of a fertile soil—yet she felt the vigorous pulsations of the large patriotic heart of the country. The bugle call of war, sounded, as she imagined, by the Goddess of Liberty, stirred the blood of her people, especially her young men, and they gathered around the national standards and remained with them till they were carried in triumph over all the

land. Our contribution of men and means, necessarily small, was by no means insignificant, and the record thereof we will preserve, and herewith transmit to our children.

The record of each soldier is necessarily brief: a few dates, and all is told. But let it be remembered that these dates cover a long experience of privation, suffering and danger. That days and weeks and months were consumed in exposure to heat or cold, or storm; in hunger, or thirst, or hard fare; in dull and heavy life in camp, in laborious and painful marches, in lonesome, weary watchings at guard stations and picket posts; in perils of ball and shell, in the deadly field of strife and carnage; in sufferings from wounds and sickness that we sadly remember too often proved fatal.

These cannot be revealed, but they must not be forgotten, if we would understand at all the history of our soldier friends during their stay in the army.

“Do we count the sick man’s weary bed,  
His days and nights of pain—  
The ghastly spectres that round him flit,  
While the fever burns his brain?”

Have we watched his feeble, wasted form,  
When the frenzied spell had passed—  
When his life as in a balance hung,  
And each hour might be his last?  
Who knows of the weary, weary march  
Through the dust and burning heat,  
When a step is an age of agony,  
To blistered and bleeding feet?

Who thinks of the wintry bivouac,  
’Twixt the frozen earth and sky—  
The sentry’s walk, ’mid rain and blast,  
While the long, long hours go by—  
Of the night-long watch on the picket line,  
Where a fire must never burn,  
Where you hear the tread of the deadly foe,  
And death is at every turn?”

## LUTHER AINSWORTH,

Enlisted August 14th, 1861, in Company H, Sixth Regiment, and was mustered in as Second Lieutenant, October 15th, 1861; was promoted First Lieutenant, February 18th, 1862; was promoted Captain, September 20th, 1862; was killed May 4th, 1863, near Fredericksburgh, Va., while leading his men in a charge upon the enemy. He was shot through the abdomen, dying a few hours after he was wounded. His homeless, orphaned children draw a pension of \$20 per month.

## EDWARD L. ALLEN,

Enlisted February 9th, 1865, in Company K, Fifth Regiment; was mustered in the same day; was mustered out June 29th, 1865.

## ALEXANDER BAIRD,

Enlisted June 20th, 1862, in Company I, Ninth Regiment; was mustered in July 9th, 1862; was promoted Corporal March 16th, 1865; was mustered out June 13th, 1865.

## ALBERT D. BARNARD,

Enlisted in Company B, Thirteenth Regiment, August 25th, 1862, and was mustered in October 10th, 1862. He was discharged with his company at Brattleboro, July 21st, 1863, in a state of exhaustion from which he did not rally. Fever set in, and he died August 12th, at the age of twenty-one years and seven months.

## MITCHELL BASCONNER,

Enlisted August 14th, 1861, in Company H, Sixth Regiment; was mustered in October 15th, 1861, and killed at Lee's Mills, April 16th, 1862.

## CHARLES M. BENEDICT,

Enlisted May 7th, 1861, in Company F, Second Regiment; was mustered in June 20th, 1861; deserted August 30th, 1862.

## LEONARD C. BERRY,

Enlisted in Company H, of the Second Regiment U. S. Sharpshooters, December 14th, 1863; was mustered in December 18th, 1863; was in hospital at Washington three months with a wound; was transferred to Company H, Fourth Regiment, February 25th, 1865; was mustered out July 13th, 1865. He was wounded June 16th, 1864, in the arm.

## THOMAS BURKE,

Enlisted August 6th, 1864, in Company B, Eleventh Regiment, was mustered in the same day; was mustered out August 25th, 1865.

## EDWARD A. BURNS,

Enlisted in Company K, Seventh Regiment, February 10th, 1865; was mustered in the same day, and discharged during the following summer.

## FORDIS O. BUSHNELL,

Enlisted August 25, 1862, and was mustered in as a member of Company B, Thirteenth Regiment, October 10th of the same year. He served as Corporal. He was discharged July 21st, 1863, with the rest of the company.

## HENRY N. BUSHNELL,

Enlisted August 14th, 1861, as a member of Company H, Sixth Regiment, and was mustered in as Sergeant, October 15th, 1861. He received a commission as Second Lieutenant, May 4th, 1863; as First Lieutenant, May 15th, 1864; as Captain,



October 29th, 1864. He was on detached service in Division Sharpshooters for four months. For five months he served as First Lieutenant in Company C, Sixth Regiment. With others of his company from this town, he was in all the battles in which the Regiment was engaged—about twenty-five engagements in all—covering fifty days' fighting. In his four years' service he was sick less than a week, and never wounded, save very slightly. He was mustered out June 26th, 1865.

BERTRAM D. CAMPBELL,

Enlisted in Company H, in Third Regiment, June 3d, 1861, and was mustered out the following August. Enlisted again in Company H, 6th Regiment, but was thrown out by the surgeon; reënlisted in Company G, and was mustered in October 15th, 1866. Taken sick toward the close of the summer campaign and sent to hospital at Philadelphia; he was discharged honorably October 22, 1862, receiving a pension of \$6 per month. August 9th, 1864, he again enlisted for the town of Barton, in Company C, of the First Vermont Cavalry, and was mustered in August 11th. In the battle at Winchester, September 19th following, he was shot through the abdomen and died in a few moments. He was buried near a white church, one and one-half mile east of Winchester.

OLIVER C. CAMPBELL,

Brother of the foregoing, enlisted in Co. I, Ninth Regiment, June 9th, 1862; was promoted Second Lieutenant July 9th, 1862, at the time of mustering into the service. He was taken prisoner with his Regiment at the affair of Harper's Ferry, September 14th, and being paroled, was sent to Chicago. December 1st he resigned his commission. He reënlisted July 9th, 1863, in the Veteran Reserve Corps; was promoted First Sergeant at the organization of the company, and served at Rut-

land, Vt., Concord, N. H., and Boston, Mass., till November 15th, 1865, when he was discharged.

HENRY F. DANA,

Enlisted June 1st, 1861, in Company H, Third Regiment; was mustered in July 16th, 1861; was mustered out July 21st, 1864. He was sick for six months at the time.

FOSTER S. DANA,

Brother of the above, enlisted July 2d, 1861, in Company H, Third Regiment; was mustered in July 16th, 1861; was mustered out July 27th, 1864. He was on duty every day of his three years' service, though twice wounded, once at Lee's Mills, and again at Spottsylvania, Va.

WESLEY E. DANA,

Enlisted in Company F, Seventeenth Regiment, Jan. 2d, 1864; was mustered in April 12th, 1864; was discharged July 17th, 1865. He was a brother of the two preceding. He was wounded at Spottsylvania by a ball passing through the neck.

Three other brothers of the above, C. S., Edwin H., and S. J. Dana, enlisted and served in the army. All six returned safely, after being honorably discharged. The six performed 12 years of service.

JOSEPH P. DAVIS,

Enlisted in the Second Battery, Dec. 15th, 1863, and was mustered in Jan. 8th, 1864. He was discharged June 21st, 1864, while stationed at Port Hudson, on account of disability.

ALBEE H. DEWEY,

Enlisted in Company B, Thirteenth Regiment, Aug. 25th, 1862; was mustered in as Sergeant, Oct. 10th, 1862. He

re-enlisted in the Signal Corps on the 28th of October, 1863. Jan. 1st, 1864, he was sent to Newbern, N. C., and soon after placed in command of a signal station at Fort Gaston. On the 26th of September he was attacked by yellow fever, and died on the 28th, aged 32 years and five months. He was buried in the Soldiers' Cemetery at Newbern.

HIRAM F. DIKE,

Enlisted Aug. 14th, 1861, in Company H, Seventh Regiment; was mustered in Oct. 15th, 1861; was promoted Corporal, March 12th, 1862; was missed in action at Banks' Ford, May 4th, 1863, and is supposed to be dead.

JULIAN DUMAS, JR.,

Enlisted in Company B, Thirteenth Regiment, Aug. 25th, 1862, and was mustered in Oct. 10th, 1862, and, serving his term of enlistment, was mustered out July 21st, 1863.

ALBA B. DURKEE,

Enlisted in Company I, Ninth Regiment, Dec. 21st, 1863; was mustered in Jan. 6th, 1864, and died Sept. 25th, 1864.

ISAAC H. ELLIOT,

Enlisted in Company I, Ninth Regiment, June 26th, 1862; was mustered in July 9th, 1862. He was taken prisoner at Winchester, Sept. 3d, of the same year, and held by the enemy 20 days; was discharged Sept. 25th, 1862, by reason of ill health.

EDWARD A. FISK,

Enlisted Aug. 21st, 1862, in Company B, Thirteenth Regiment, and was mustered in Oct. 10th, 1862. He was mustered out July 21st, 1863.