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UPON THE STAFF OF THE SECOND VERMONT  
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TO MY  
COMRADES LIVING AND DEAD  
OF THE  
TWELFTH REGIMENT VERMONT VOLUNTEERS

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## PREFACE.

The letters collected in this little volume are taken from the columns of the Burlington (Vt.) *Free Press*, to which paper they were written by its then junior editor.

Describing scenes in army life, sketched *currente calamo* as they passed before the eye of the writer, with no attempt at writing history and containing little of "blood and thunder," it is not supposed that they will have much interest for the general reader; nor would they be now reprinted except in compliance with repeated requests from a number of my army comrades who have expressed a desire to preserve in permanent form what happened to be almost the only record published at the time (though but a fragmentary and imperfect one) of the service of the regiment to which they belonged. It was a service at best comparatively uneventful, and it is now, after over thirty years of peace, passing into oblivion for most of those who were not directly connected with it. For those who shared it, however, these letters seem still to have interest, and such as they are they are submitted in their present shape without further apology.

G. G. B.

Burlington, October, 1895.

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