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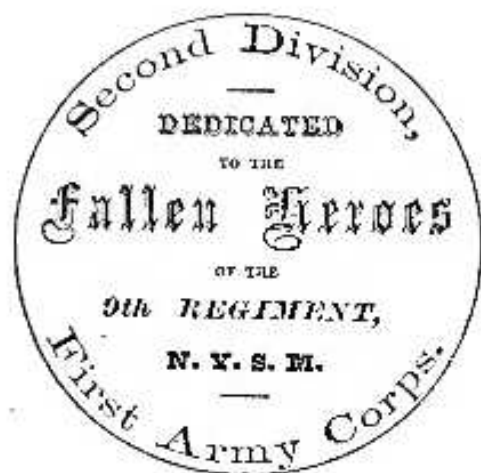
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BATTLES
IN WHICH
THE NINTH REGIMENT,
NEW-YORK STATE MILITIA
WERE ENGAGED.

Harpers Ferry, Virginia, July 4, 1861
Cedar Mountain, Virginia, August 9, 1862
Rappahannock Station, Virginia, August 20, 1862
Thoroughfare Gap, Virginia, August 28, 1862
Second Bull Run, Virginia, August 30, 1862
Chantilly, Virginia, September 1, 1862
South Mountain, Maryland, September 14, 1862
Antietam, Maryland, September 17, 1862
First Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 13, 1862
Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 1, 1863
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 1, 1863
Wilderness, Virginia, May 5, 6, and 7, 1864
Laurel Hill, Virginia, May 8, 1864
Spottsylvania, Virginia, May 12, 1864
Bold Coal Harbor, Virginia, June 4, 1864

[27] Besides the four last named battles, there were other, as the regiment was marching and fighting, on their way to Richmond, Virginia, until they left for home, June 8, 1864

PREFACE.

THE object of this little book, is to place upon the Annals of History, of the Southern Rebellion, the records of one of those *gallant* regiments, that volunteered their services to put down the traitors. As the Author was a member of the NINTH NEW-YORK STATE MILITIA, he has endeavored to truthfully portray, the marches, incidents, and battles, in which that regiment took an active part, passing through hardships and trials, as true patriots, battling for the cause of their beloved country, and nobly carrying the "Stars and Stripes," to the discomfiture of the rebel hosts. Many of the members of this regiment, gave up their lives on the field of carnage and strife to whose memory, we drop a tear, hoping that our courteous readers, who are endowed with the senti-

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ments of Freedom and Constitutional Liberty, on the perusal of this work, will ever bear in their memory, the hardships and privations, endured by this band of true and loyal patriots, who fought and bled, to preserve the Constitutional Rights of their beloved country.

Many of the regiments have received credit and honor, from the hands of Public Opinion, but shame to tell, a regiment which courageously carried the Banner of its Country, through the campaigns of Virginia and Maryland, for three years, giving up the lives of many of their comrades, on the field of action, were scarcely or ever noticed, by the scrutinizing hands of Public Opinion, but the Author believes, that these men, who nobly fought for their country, and many who died in its defence, receives a silent and grateful acknowledgement, from a true and loyal people; and that the NINTH REGIMENT, NEW-YORK STATE MILITIA, will ever be remembered by the loyal people of the United States, for the aid it rendered in subduing the Southern Rebellion.

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CHAPTER I.

From May 27, to August 17, 1861.

THE Ninth New York State Militia, were organized in June 1859, in the city of New York, as a Militia regiment, and received their charter from the state of New York, and elected Michael M. Van Beuren as Colonel, it then consisted of four companies, but at the breaking out of the Southern Rebellion in 1861, there were four more added to the regiment, making it eight companies; their fatigue uniform were dark blue pants with red stripes; jackets with red trimmings on the cuffs; low caps with gilt braid around them, with the letter of the company on the peak; overcoats