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TO THE

**Enlisted Men of the Forty-sixth Regiment,
Indiana Volunteers;**

For the Private Soldiers are the true Heroes of the War; not the officers, upon whom too generally falls all the credit of successful action. They bear the weight of the heavy blows sent by the enemy, while the glory earned by them too often settles around those who, although more prominent upon record, are often less so upon the field.

PREFACE.

AT the annual meeting of the FORTY-SIXTH INDIANA REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION, held at Delphi, Ind., in September last, it was determined that a History of the Regiment should be prepared, and a committee was appointed to compile the work. The duty has been performed, and the Committee presents this volume as the result of its labor, in the hope that the book will serve the purpose of the Association, in giving the survivors of the Regiment, in sufficient detail, a record of most of the incidents of the service.

The Committee does not pretend that it has succeeded in compiling a work that will entertain the general public, though, to many outside of the organization, it may prove interesting. It was designed to furnish the survivors of the Regiment, their families and friends, a book which, now and in future years, may recall the stirring and exciting scenes through which the Regiment passed.

Much difficulty has been encountered by the Committee, in reaching facts and dates through the memory of the members of the Regiment. The lapse of a quarter of a century has dimmed the memory of nearly all, and left many interesting facts and events forgotten. With the material at hand, the Committee has done the best that was possible, and believes that the History will be found as complete as could be expected.

The service of the Regiment was varied. It served on land and water. Much of its time was spent on gunboats, transports and flatboats. It served in Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. It was

often engaged independent of other regiments. It was in active service nearly four years, and with many of its original members as officers. It was in many important actions, and acknowledges one *bona-fide* retreat. The members of the Regiment were harmonious, and the most unwelcome order was always promptly obeyed.

The members of the Committee acknowledge the pleasure they have enjoyed in reviving many forgotten incidents of the service, and the companionship of the comrades of those eventful days. Even the fatigue, the danger and the suffering of the times, were compensated for, by the acts of kindness they called out, and cannot be forgotten.

The record of no Indiana regiment was dimmed by any act that dishonored its members or the State. The Forty-sixth simply claims that it was an Indiana regiment, and that its members are satisfied with its record.

THOS. H. BRINGHURST,
FRANK SWIGAERT,

Committee.

July 2, 1888.

The Forty-Sixth Indiana.
