

The Iron-Hearted Regiment

Nineteenth Annual Reunion Held at South Glens Falls Today—History of the Regiment.

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The nineteenth annual reunion of the surviving members of the late One hundred and Fifteen[th] Regiment, N.Y.S. volunteers, was held in South Glens Falls, today. About 150 of the surviving veterans were expected to be present. The Johnstown and Gloversville survivors of the one Hundred and Fifteenth regiment include: Fred Meyer, Charles m. Marcellus, Eli smith, William A Peck, Lorenzo Bradt, Henry Billington, John W. Hagadorn, John VanDeusen, Johnstown. Charles Lewis Clark, James H. Taylor, Peter J. Keck, Alfred Allen, James H. Austin, Franklin H. Barker, James F. Hollet, John Hilton, Stewart Putman, Ralph Sexton, James Hill, Melville, W. Cole, Edgar L. Demarest, Gordis G. Honeywell, Aaron Ward, Gloversville.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth regiment was recruited in the counties of Montgomery, Saratoga, Fulton, and Hamilton and was mustered into the service on the 26th of August 1862, by Captain Edgerton, U.S.A., at Fonda. The field staff was as follows: Colonel, Simeon Sammons; Lieutenant Colonel, George S. Batcheller; Major, Patrick Henry Cowan; Adjutant, Thomas R. Horton; Quartermaster, Martin McMartin; Surgeon, Richard E. Sutton; Assistant surgeon Surgeon. William H. Ingersoll; Chaplain, Sylvester W. Clemens. Captains: company A, Garrett Vanderveer; Company B, John P. Kniskern; Company C, William H. McKetrick; Company D, Sidney D. Lingenfelter, Company E, W.H. Shaw; Company F, Walton W. French; Company G, Edgar W. Savage; Company H, Solomon P. Smith; Company I, Ezra L. Walrath; Company K, William Smith.

Companies E and K were composed wholly of Fulton and Hamilton County recruits. August 29, the regiment left the barracks at Fonda, and without a halt, took its journey to Charleston, Va., where it was assigned to duty guarding the Shenandoah Valley railroad. Its first battle was at Maryland Heights. The regiment took an active part in upward of twenty-five battles the most disastrous of which was at Olustee, Fla., where more than one half of the regiment was killed or wounded. The gallant conduct of the regiment in this battle came to the notice of General Seymour, and so impressed was he at the heroism of its officers and men that he bestowed upon it the name of the "Iron Hearted Regiment."

This regiment was mustered in with 1,040 men, including officers, and was mustered out with a loss of nearly 800.

The engagements of the One Hundred and Fifteenth was as follows: Maryland Heights September 13, 1862; Boliar Heights, Va., September 15, 1862; West Point, Va., January 8, 1863; Jacksonville, Fla., February 7, 1864; Camp Finnegan, Fla., February 8, 1864; Baldwin, Fla., February 9, 1864; Sanderson Fla., February 11, 1864, Callahan Station, Fla., February 14, 1864; Olustee, Fla., February 20, 1864; Palatka, Fla., March 10, 1864; Bermuda Hundred, Va., May 5, 1864; Chesterfield Heights, Va., May 7, 1864; Old Church Va., May 9, 1864; Weir Bottom Church, May 12, 1864; Drury's Bluff, May 14, 1864; Proctor's Creek and Port Walthall, Va., May 16, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864; Chickahominy, June ____, 1864; Petersburg, June 23, 1864; Burnside Mine, July 30, 1864; Deep Bottom, August 16-18. 1864; Fort Gilner, September 29, 1864; Darbytown, October 27, 1864; Fort Fisher, N.C., December 25, 1864; Fort Fisher, N.C., January 15, 1865; Fort Anderson, N. C., February 19, 1865; Sugar Loaf Battle, February 20, 1865; Wilmington, February 22, 1865, [Article ends here.]