

HOME MATTERS

THE FORTY-THIRD REGIMENT N. Y. S. V.
—By special order of the War Department Colonel Baker has been authorized to raise two more companies to fill up the gallant old Forty-third regiment. As our citizens may not be fully aware of the faithful service which this regiment has done, we will give a few of the leading facts in its history.

From the 21st day of September, 1861, until the present moment, this regiment has been constantly in the face of the enemy, skirmishing, reconnoitering, or taking part in all the great events of the war. After the first Bull Run battle it made the first reconnoissance to Fairfax, and subsequently was complimented for a forced march of twenty-one miles in mid winter, over the worst roads. Throughout the Peninsular campaign it took a prominent part. At the battle of Golden's farm it held the extreme right of the line on the Chickahominy, when by its steady valor, assailed by treble its own numbers, it repulsed the famous Eighth Georgia regiment in three charges, and contributed partly to the safe escape of Porter across the river. In connection with the Maryland campaign its conduct was conspicuous. After the first battle of Fredericksburg, when it was deemed advisable to organize a Light Division for the most trying and arduous service, the Forty-third regiment was one of five chosen from the army, for its dash and endurance, to constitute a part of the infantry force. At the second battle of Fredericksburg after Schaller's brigade had been repulsed, the task of carrying the Heights was entrusted to the Light Division, consisting of the 6th Maine, 8th Wisconsin and 31st New York on the left and the 61st Pennsylvania and 43d New York in column across a narrow causeway on the right. But one regiment of that gallant band faltered for a moment. This was the 61st Pennsylvania, which retreated in confusion on 43d. Then occurred a scene seldom witnessed in warfare; the 43d receiving the shock of the retreating mass, held it in check under a galling fire, and then actually charged through the affrighted Pennsylvanians, carrying its colors gallantly into the enemy's works, capturing guns and prisoners, and only halting in the pursuit when it had thrown its wearied braves against the works at Salem Heights, where Brooks lost a thousand men the same afternoon. It is a regiment composed of such material as this, reduced by battle and disease, that we desire our citizens to give their earnest support. If any regiment is filled, let it be the 43d Regiment N. Y. S. V.

GONE TO JOIN HIS REGIMENT.—Lieut. Peter K. Kennedy, brother of Ald. Kennedy, who has but recently returned from two years' service in the 3d Regiment left this city last evening to join Co. I, 43d Regiment. Last September when the 43d was recruiting in this city Ald. Kennedy and the 3d and 4th Ward Committee assisted Capt. Newman and Lieut. Annesley in filling up their company, furnishing over forty recruits. A commission as 2d Lieutenant was, therefore, awarded Peter K. Kennedy, dated Sept. 15th, 1862, and he is now on his way to join the regiment, and assume his position in Co. I, Capt. Newman's company.

Fell at the late battle of Fredericksburg, May 3, 1863,
Lieut. GEORGE H. KOONS, 43d Reg't N. Y. S. V.

Among the many noble spirits who have offered up their lives in the support of this patriotic war for the suppression of an infamous rebellion, special remembrance is due to our young fellow citizen, whose untimely fate is noticed above. Leaving a happy home where his many estimable qualities had endeared him to a large circle of relatives and friends, he early entered the field, and though foremost in all the contested engagements of three campaigns, he seemed to bear a charmed life, and escape without a wound. Always attentive to the duties of his position, he soon gained the notice and regard of his superior officers. For meritorious conduct he gained the commission of 1st Lieutenant, and was marked for further advancement. While gallantly leading his command to a charge in the storming of Fredericksburg heights, in the last engagement, he received the fatal bullet, which ended his career. He fell as a hero desires to fall with his face to the foe, and heard as his life passed away the cheering shouts of victory, thrilling the last moments of his existence.

The sad news of his death is a heavy stroke to his parents, though broken hearted at the loss of one they loved so well, there is some consolation, that his blood was shed in a noble cause, and that he now rests secure in the hope of a Christian resurrection.

Buried in a soldier's grave, on the shores of the Rappahannock, whose waters he had so lately crossed in all the exultation of prospective victory, lies now, all that is earthly of our beloved friend and companion, GEORGE H. KOONS; his only requiem, the gentle murmur of the stream, as the Southern breezes fan its waters, or the roar of artillery, as future strife may renew the terrific combats, which have brought sadness and tears to so many hearts.

"He sleeps his last sleep, he has fought his last battle,
No sound can awake him to glory again."

June 4, 1863.

E. J. R.

Letter from Lieut. Col. John Wilson.

Extracts from a Letter dated

CAMP NEAR FALMOUTH, Va.,
HEADQUARTERS 43D N. Y. S. V.,
LIGHT DIVISION, 6TH CORPS, May 9, 1863.

I imagine it to be unnecessary for me to write you anything with regard to the actions in which we have been lately engaged, as your correspondents have doubtlessly informed you of every detail. The 43d have well sustained the reputation of the Albany soldiers, and of no other Regiment in the service should our own native city feel prouder.

The charge of the "Light Division" (consisting of the 5th Wisconsin, 6th Maine, 31st New York, 43d New York and 61st Pennsylvania Volunteers,) on Mary's Heights, is accorded by all to be the most brilliant action of the war, and although we lost nearly one-half of the effective force of the Division, yet we are ready to rush forward once more, if ordered, and carry those bloody Heights, though the entire command perish in the attempt. The "Light Division" cannot be demoralized as long as the Rebel host remains in arms against our Government; and the greater the odds against us, with more desperate determination does our Column rush to the contest.

I am, faithfully, yours,

JOHN WILSON, Lieut. Col. 43d N. Y. Vols.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE CAPT. DOUGLAS LODGE.—

The funeral of the late Capt. Douglas Lodge, of the 43d Regiment, who was killed during the storming of the heights of Fredericksburg, took place yesterday afternoon, from the Unitarian church, Division street, and was very largely attended. The exercises were of the most interesting and solemn character. The escort consisted of a portion of the 25th Regiment, under command of Lieut.-Col. Friedlander, preceded by Schreiber's Band. Co. R, Capt. Kingley, of which the deceased was formerly a member, acted as a guard of honor. The Burgesses Corps followed as mourners, in citizens' dress. The streets through which the funeral cortege passed were crowded with people. The hearse, Springstead's, was drawn by four gray horses heavily caparisoned, surmounted by very elaborate mourning plumes. The remains of the gallant soldier were deposited in the vault on the hill, to be hereafter removed to the Cemetery.

THE WOUNDED OF THE FORTY-THIRD.—Rev. Mr. OSBORN, Chaplain of the Forty-third, writes us to say that "all the badly, and many of the slightly wounded of our Division, were sent to Washington, where they can be found by application to the Sanitary Commission there."

CAPT. NEWMAN WOUNDED.—His friends received information Saturday morning, that Capt. John Newman, of the 43d, was wounded in the thigh, in the late battles near Fredericksburgh.—He was in Sedgwick's Corps.

From the Chaplain of the Forty-Third.

Correspondence of the Evening Journal.

FALMOUTH, May 7th, 1863.

You already know that we have fought a series of terrific battles among the Fredericksburg hills; but *our* part in it perhaps you have not learned. The "Light Division," to which we belong, has covered itself with honor. Though fully one-half are missing, we, who are left, feel that our part was well done.

It was our Division who performed the perilous and delicate work of laying the pontoons, and which was done in darkness and in such silence that our crossing was a perfect surprise.

But the deed of peril and of glory was storming the heights back of the city. One cannot imagine the terrors of that fight. Through storms of bullets, grape and bursting shell, our own Forty-third streamed up the hill, and, with the Sixth Mass., were the first who planted our flag on those long defiant heights.

Colonel BAKER has won for himself a name of which he may well be proud; and every officer in the regiment did nobly. Yet our hearts are sad, and in the eyes which flashed so sternly in that fight, are gathering tears of sorrow, when we think of the noble dead. I think my heart was never so heavy, yet never so proud, as when I looked upon the dead faces of Captain KNICKERBOCKER, Captain LODGE and Lieutenant KOONS. God comfort their sorrowing friends. We shall never forget them.

If I had time I could fill pages; but there is too much work among these wounded men lying in the chill, damp air.

Of general results I saying nothing, because I know but little; but of this be sure, that our army is not "demoralized."

Yours, truly, C. OSBORN,
Chaplain Forty-third, N. Y.

CAPTAIN JOHN L. NEWMAN, OF THE 43D REGIMENT, WOUNDED—LIEUT. WM. HASTINGS A PRISONER.—The New York papers of Saturday contained the following additional: *May 1863*

Wounded—Capt. John L. Newman, thigh.

Missing—Capt. John W. Wilkinson, Capt. William Wallace, Capt. William L. Thompson, Capt. V. V. Van Patten, First Lieutenant William Hastings, First Lieutenant Biram Van Buren, Second Lieutenant ——— Smith, Enlisted men killed, 11; wounded, 51; missing, 241.

Saturday noon a letter was received by a brother of Captain Newman, from him, stating that his wound was not of a serious nature. He says he was wounded slightly in the side, but that he will not be inconvenienced by it. He confirms the report that Captains Wallace, Thompson and Van Patten, and Lieuts. Hastings and Van Buren are prisoners.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

JKK Letter from Capt. Burhans, of the 43d.

COPY OF EXTRACTS FROM A PRIVATE LETTER
FROM CAPT. DAVID BURHANS, Co. H, 43d
REGIMENT, NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEERS.

SAFE SIDE OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK, }
NEAR BARKS' FORD, May 5, 1863. }

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pieces in my company; but hurting no one.
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the city, at the very spot where the Irish Bri-
gade lost their men in December. As we had
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got about seventy-five men to follow him. Capt.
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Your brother, DAVID BURHANS.

SOME OF THE WOUNDED.—The following are the names of some of the wounded in the left wing of Hooker's Army, who are connected with companies or regiments from this city:

David Conley, Co. F, 43d New York, foot.
W. Heilsinger, Co. A, 43d, side.
O. W. Drake, Co. E, 43d, lung.
John Wilson, Co. A, thigh.
C. Philip, Co. A, head.
John L. Tift, Co. I, hip.
Martin Cahill, Co. H, hand.
Asaph Holdridge, 44th New York.
James Banen, Co. C, 44th.
Sergeant W. Johnson, Co. G, 44th.
Andrew G. Taylor, Co. G, 44th.
James Hendrickson, Co. F, 44th.
Lieut. Huested, 44th, by a shell.

DEATH OF TWO BRAVE ALBANIANS.—Among the killed of the 43d Regiment, at the storming of the Rebel entrenchments on Sunday last, Captain Knickerbocker and Lieutenant Koonz, both Albanians, were killed. The 43d was in the thickest of the fight, and fought with desperate bravery. The charge against the enemy was entirely successful, and the two brave officers whose names we give above fell while gallantly fighting for the restoration of the Union and in defense of the Constitution.

Letter from Captain Wallace, of the 43d.

Extracts from a letter from Capt. Wm. Wallace, of the 43d, dated

PRISONER'S CAMP,
NEAR FREDERICKSBURG, May 5.

I write to inform you that a number of our regiment were taken prisoners while on picket in rear of Fredericksburg last night. I subjoin a list of my Company now with me. Capt. Thompson, of our Regiment, is also here. Please inform Mrs. T. that John Hoffman was mortally wounded. Father McAtee administered the viatican to him. In addition to the names I subjoin, Capt. Van Patten, Lieut. Van Buren and J. H. Smith are with us.

CASUALTIES IN CO. F, FORTY-THIRD REGIMENT.

Killed—Jacob R. Skinkle, Timothy Kelly.

Wounded—John Hoffman (since dead), H. Ewald, David Connelly, Patrick Boyle, John McGown.

Prisoners—Capt. Wm. Wallace, Lieut. Wm. Hastings, Orderly Sergeant Wm. Blasie, Sergeants Wm. Hill, Henry Gunther; Corporals Michael Brown, Dennis Kerr, Martin L. Carroll, Frederick Brooks, Chas. McGuire, Wm. T. Rockefeller; Privates David Griffiths, Jas. George, James McNamara, James Maloy, Jas. T. Slingerland, John Thompson, Joseph Given, James Padden, John Kelly, Wm. Dalton, Chas. H. Grant, Wm. Clowes, Josiah Stanton, John McCormick, Louis Boyer.

Yours, &c.

The Captain is undoubtedly, ere this, at Annapolis, with the other paroled prisoners of his company.

What the 43d Did in the Late Battles.

The part of the 43d in the late battles commenced on the night of the 28th of April, when the regiment spent a most toilsome night in carrying the pontoons by hand down to the river and launching them.

The two following days, the 29th and 30th, were passed under arms on this side of the river, and at 5 P. M. on the 1st of May, Col. BAKER was ordered, with one hundred men from each of the five regiments of our Light Division, to cross the river and relieve the picket line.

At dark the entire division crossed to support the picket line.

At 5 P. M. on the 2d, the line of pickets under Col. BAKER advanced and skirmished for an hour, driving the enemy before them. At 12 that night we were under arms and skirmished up to the city of Fredericksburg, reaching the city at daylight on the morning of Sunday, the 3d.

The enemy being driven out of Fredericksburg at 10 A. M., the division stormed the heights, under a tremendous fire of canister and musketry.

The ascent was very steep, and about a quarter of a mile in length. Here Captain KNICKERBOCKER was killed.

At the beginning of the ascent, the regiment in front of the 43d broke and fell back upon us. It was in attempting to rally this broken regiment that the gallant Lieut. KOONS, of Albany, met his death.

Finding it in vain to attempt getting through the broken regiment in front of us, the Colonel drew off the colors to one side, rallied the regiment around them, and, as soon as the way was clear, the works were charged at double-quick and carried, the colors of our regiment being the first which were planted on the redoubt on the right, and those of the 6th Maine on the left.

The 43d here captured twenty-five prisoners and one gun. The retreating enemy were pursued for three or four miles, the 43d being half a mile in advance of all the rest. At this point the regiment was halted, by order of Gen. SEDGWICK, within half a mile of a strong position and force of the enemy, which was attacked that night and found to be impregnable.

On Monday, the Rebels returned in our rear, and re-occupied the heights which we had so perilously won.

The 43d having been ordered to leave their knapsacks and haversacks in Fredericksburg, our men were for two days without food, and now held the position on the extreme right, where we had seven companies deployed. On this picket line, Capt. LOBEZ, while gallantly and coolly leading his company, was shot through the head and died the next morning.

Capt. LOBEZ was one of the bravest and coolest of our men. He had been struck by a bullet upon the belt-plate during the charge upon the fort, but recovering, said gaily that he would be the first man upon the works, which he actually was.

During the afternoon the entire force on the left which held the position, was withdrawn, except the 43d and two companies of the 31st New York.

It was only at this moment that we discovered that the pickets, as well as the force on the left, was withdrawn, leaving our flank entirely exposed.

We then extended pickets for our own protection; when the enemy advanced in line of battle, came in the rear of our pickets, captured two of our companies and two of the 31st. Of our officers captured, were Capt. WALLACE and VAN PATTEN, and Lieuts. HASTINGS and SMITH. This Rebel line was afterward repulsed by the reserves of the 6th Maine and 43d New York.

After that repulse, knowing that our flank was exposed to a strong Rebel force, we retired, making good our retreat to the main body; during this retreat Capt. WILKINSON and THOMPSON, and Lieut. VAN BUREN were captured.

We recrossed the river at Banks' Ford at about 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning; having thus crossed the river below Fredericksburg, burst through the enemy's works, marched through them for six miles up the river, and recrossed, with a loss of twelve officers and about two hundred men.

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The Casualties in the 43d.

THREE CAPTAINS AND SEVENTEEN OTHERS KILLED—A HUNDRED WOUNDED—TWO COMPANIES CAPTURED.

The following letter was received by Gen. JOHN F. RATHBONE last evening:—

CAMP OF SIXTH CORPS, HOSPITAL, }
OPPOSITE FREDERICKSBURG, May 5. }

Gen. John F. Rathbone, Albany:

The 43d has suffered severely. About one hundred wounded, say twenty killed. Capt. Knickerbocker, killed; Capt. Lodge, killed; Lieut. Koonz, killed; Lieut. Russell, injured; Capt. Wallace, prisoner; Capt. Van Patten, prisoner; Lieut. Gillman, prisoner; Lieut. Lombard, prisoner. Two companies (on picket) prisoners. Field and staff safe. Col.

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Baker, "bravest of the brave," led two charges.
In haste, MERES CARR,
Surgeon 43d Regiment.

The Sixth Corps took, yesterday, 2,000 private Rebels, a Brigadier General, 20 Captains, 30 Lieutenants.

CASUALTIES IN THE FORTY-THIRD REGIMENT.

Among the wounded in the recent battles we notice the names of the following members of the 43d Regiment:—

Charles Drake, Co. E.
David Connelly, Co. F.
J. Thompson, Co. B, forearm, slightly.
Daniel Magee, Co. I, abdomen, seriously.
John Moore, Co. H, hand, not seriously.
H. Esward, Co. I, knee, seriously.
G. Elden, Co. H, arm, not seriously.
J. E. Stanville, Co. H, thigh, not seriously.
Corp. L. Lasher, Co. H, arm, not seriously.
Michael O'Hara, Co. B, thigh, not seriously.
George Brown, Co. G, hand.
Sergt. Richard Costlo, G, foot, not seriously.
Albert C. Read, Co. G, elbow, not seriously.
Sergt. John Hoffman, Co. F, seriously.
Alex. Thompson, Co. B, wrist, not seriously.
John Hays, Co. K, ankle, seriously.
Lieut. Robert Russell, Co. A, hip, seriously.
Corp. Thomas Bristy, Co. A, leg, seriously.
Fred. Brisch, Co. A, foot, not seriously.
Sergt. J. Henderson, A, stomach, seriously.
Corp. Cyrus C. Smith, Co. I, leg, seriously.
Corp. Michael Doyle, Co. C, thigh, seriously.
Jacob Runstuf, Co. A, ankle, seriously.
Corp. W. Lindsay, Co. A.
John Caldwell, Co. E, dead.

The New York papers contain the following additional:—

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MISSING.

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Captain V. V. Van Patten.

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First Lieutenant Hiram Van Beuren.

Second Lieutenant ——— Smith.

Enlisted men killed, 11; wounded 51; missing, 241.

When SEDGWICK found it necessary to cut his way to the river, the Times correspondence says:—

The Forty-third New York and Seventh Maine were left at the extreme right, near a cross-road, to keep up a show, while the remainder of the corps retired across Banks' Ford. The force commenced crossing at 11 o'clock Monday night. The enemy succeeded in getting in the rear of the pickets of these two regiments, took them before they fired a gun, then moved down upon the Sixth Maine, which fired a volley, repulsing them, and then retreated to Banks' Ford, together with the Forty-third New York, reaching it in safety, being obliged to make their way through brush and slashing. Haines' Battery did fine execution, and lost but one man.

THE 43D MAKE A BIG HAUL.—The correspondent of the New York Times gives an account of a burning of an elegant mansion in Fredricksburg belonging to a man named Bernard and adds:—

While a party of the 43d New York, Col Baker, stationed on picket, last Friday afternoon, near by, were delving among the ruins, they discovered, buried beneath them, in a chest, \$100,000 of Confederate money, placed there, doubtless, by the owner, for safe-keeping. There has been no lack of Confederate currency in that regiment since.

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LIEUT. HASTINGS, of the 43d, who, with others, was taken prisoner at Fredericksburg, has arrived at Annapolis, paroled. We presume that all the others, captured at the same time, are at the same place, if not already formally exchanged.

Lieut. Wm. Hastings, of the 43d, taken prisoner at Fredericksburg, in a letter to his brother, says:—

When captured, they compelled us to walk from Fredericksburg to Guinea's Station, a distance of upwards of twenty-five miles, in a terrible rain storm, fording streams up to our waist, and camping out without a particle of covering, save what we wore upon our backs. We were released from Libby Prison Wednesday afternoon last, about 4 o'clock, and were again compelled to march from Richmond to City Point, a distance of thirty-five miles—the Rebels refusing to give us any transportation whatever. We marched all that night and all the next day, reaching City Point about six o'clock on Thursday evening, where we took a transport, and arrived at this place to-day.—My feet are so completely blistered that I find it difficult to walk. Our squad consisted of about eighty-six officers, of all grades, including one Brigadier General.

There are about 100 officers still left at Richmond; among them are Captains Wallace, Thompson, Van Patten, and Lieut. Smith.—Captain Wilkinson and Lieut. H. Van Buren came on with me.

Letter from Lt. Col. John Wilson.

Extract from a letter dated
CAMP NEAR PALMOUTH, Va., HEADQUARTERS 43d
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**INTERESTING LETTER FROM SERGT.
H. J. WILSON OF THE 43d REG'T.**

**A March to Richmond as a Prisoner—Indig-
nities to Dend Federal Soldiers—Their Bod-
ies robbed and Stripped—Cowardly Treat-
ment of our Men—Short Rations and Sharp
Appetites—Secesh Women Showing Their
Teeth—Paroled Prisoners Murdered by a
Drunk Rebel, &c. &c. &c.**

ON BOARD THE STEAMER STATE OF MAINE,
OFF CHESAPEAKE BAY.

FRIEND CUYLER—Having a few leisure moments,
the first I have had since I got out of the hands of
the Philistines, I avail myself of the opportunity of
writing you these few lines, informing you, and the
many readers of your spicy sheet, that there are 133
of the 43d on board of the fleet on its way to Anna-
polis, which has the paroled prisoners on, and that
they are all in good health and spirits, (notwith-
standing the rascally Rebs. tried to kill us off, by
marching, rough usage, and starvation,) and will
yet make their mark again. I pity the poor secesh
that falls into the hands of some of our boys, as they
have sworn to have satisfaction, and get even with
them. As it will undoubtedly be interesting to the
men