

# Sixty-Ninth Regiment New York National Guard Artillery

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## Formation

In August 1862, Colonel Michael Corcoran was released from Confederate prison after his capture at First Bull Run. Corcoran visited the 69th New York National Guard (NYNG) the old 69th New York State Militia (NYSM), at Fort Lyon, Virginia. The 69<sup>th</sup> NYSM had been re-designated the 69<sup>th</sup> NYNG in April and had been mustered into federal service in May. Corcoran informed his old command of his desire to form a second Irish Brigade, stating that he wanted the 69th to be the first regiment of that new brigade.<sup>206</sup> Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Murphy then asked the regiment whether or not they wished to join and "all answered yes."<sup>207</sup> Upon their return to New York, 700 men joined the 69th New York National Guard Artillery Regiment (serving as Infantry) for three

years or the war.<sup>208</sup> Corcoran returned to New York City to a hero's reception and immediately began organizing his brigade.

## Mathew Murphy



Mathew Murphy who was only 23 years old enrolled to serve three years and was mustered in as the Colonel on November 17, 1862. On September 13, 1862, the 69<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Artillery Regiment was ordered to Camp Scott, Staten Island.<sup>209</sup> At Camp Scott, on Staten Island. Several soldiers would desert the Regiment from Camp Scott.



The Regiment was able to enlist new recruits due in part to the high bounties offered for enlistment in the Corcoran's Legion. In September,

for example, the National War Committee pledged an additional \$50 on top of the regular enlistment bounty for those who joined the Corcoran's Legion in the next ten days.<sup>210</sup> Additionally the 69<sup>th</sup> New York was authorized a veteran Bonus for all members of that organization who joined the new 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment serving in Corcoran's Legion.<sup>211</sup>

## Fenian Connections



Corcoran's Fenian membership was probably a strong impetus for his fellow Fenians to join. Indeed, for them, the impending liberation of Ireland was more important than the war to save the Union in 1861. To the Fenians, Corcoran was not only a fellow patriot, but also their chieftain in the Gaelic tradition of old. For instance Corcoran, along with Michael Doheny and John O'Mahoney were responsible for organizing the Irish Republican Brotherhood in the United States in 1859. Consequently, Corcoran was able to attract recruits from not only New York but also from other States and Ireland. Corcoran hoped that his Legion would swell into an Irish Division, with units being raised among the Irish communities in Boston, New Haven and Philadelphia.<sup>212</sup>

## Muster into Federal Service

From September to early November 1862 the Regiment drilled and trained for what they hoped would be a decisive role to play in the great struggle, much like their Celtic brothers in their sister Regiment Meagher's Irish Brigade. With the high bounties and the approach of the first draft in November 1862 the recruiting officers had little trouble finding recruits, but the harsh demands of

discipline, the boring routine of camp life, and the lures of family and friends in nearby New York City caused many recruits to slip out of Camp Scott at night. Of the 1,100 men who enlisted in the regiment, 265 deserted at Camp Scott before the regiment was mustered into service.<sup>213</sup> The Regiment mustered into Federal service September 17, 1862 at Newport News, Virginia.<sup>214</sup>

## Green Flags

On November 8, 1862 following orders which were issued by Corcoran, the Regiment broke camp at 1 PM and marched to Clifden Landing.<sup>215</sup> There they embarked on the steamers Cahawaba, City of Bath, and Pocahontas, for the trip to Fortress Monroe, Virginia.<sup>216</sup> The jaunty Irish soldiers in new uniforms embarked without incident, but due to inclement weather, the ships were unable to depart for two days. While waiting for the weather to clear, Colonel Murphy discovered that a well-known politician of the 6th ward was on board selling liquor to his men.<sup>217</sup> In front of the officers of the



69<sup>th</sup> Murphy exposed this politician as a corruptor of discipline and forced him to return of his soldiers' money.<sup>218</sup> The Politician was then "ingeniously put ashore amid the jeers and shouts of the men."<sup>219</sup>

Before their departure, the Regiment was presented with a green battle-flag by Judge Charles P. Daly, on behalf of Richard O'Gorman. Richard O'Gorman, a famous New York attorney had represented Corcoran at his court-marshal in 1860 for refusing to parade the 69<sup>th</sup> NYSM for the Prince of Wales on October 11, 1860. He

also presented the 69th New York State Militia with the Green Prince of Wales flag which it carried at First Bull Run. The new flag was embroidered with the Harp and the Fenian Sunburst with the words, in Irish, "First in the van and last in the retreat" above.<sup>220</sup> Colonel Murphy accepted the green flag on behalf of the Regiment and said that those words would be their battle cry and that "they would endeavor to do their duty and live up to that motto."<sup>221</sup>

## Dispute over a Regimental Designation.

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Yesterday afternoon the Special Committee of the Board of Councilmen, consisting of Messrs. Hogan, Lent and Hates, to whom was referred for investigation the matter of the protest against giving the Sixty-ninth Regiment, N.Y.S.N.G., Col. Matthew Murphy, the sum of \$10,000, gave a full hearing to the parties interested. The proposition for the appropriation is based upon the pledge of the Common Council, given in a series of resolutions adopted last September, that any militia regiment from the City volunteering into the National army for either nine months or three years, should be entitled to \$10,000 from the City Treasury for their regimental fund. It was introduced in the Board of Aldermen by Mr. Walsh, and passed there, but when it came up in the Board of Councilman a protest against it was presented by Mr. Morgan Jones, signed by Major Bagley, in

behalf of a number of the old officers of the original Sixty-ninth Regiment.

Col. Murphy first addressed the Committee, and presented many facts, in a clear and able manner, to show that the regiment which he commands, and which is now at the seat of war, is the "Original Jacobs," and therefore entitled to the money. The chief points were an account of the repeated assurances of the Board of Officers of the regiment, to Gen. Corcoran, that the corps would volunteer into his "Irish Legion;" an order from Adjt.-Gen. Hillhouse, issued last October, excusing the regiment from the Fall parade for inspection, because the regiment had volunteered into the National army, and ordering Brig.-Gen. Ewen to modify his order relative to the parade and inspection to that effect; and a presentation of the muster-in rolls of the regiment, showing that they now have mustered into the National army more than the complement -- eight full battalions -- required by the Common Council in order to be entitled to \$10,000 from the City.

Major Bagley replied at considerable length, mainly calling the attention of the Committee to the following representations: That the officers had no right to tender the services of the regiment without the consent of the men, which was not given; that the pledge to Gen Corcoran to volunteer into his Brigade was with the condition of being allowed to elect their own officers, the same as they did under the State law, which condition was violated by Gen. Corcoran, who appointed relatives to office, and exercised so arbitrary a course of action in this respect, that a large portion of the officers of the regiment withdrew from it and are now in the City; that the order given by Gen. Hillhouse was procured by request, in order to save the regiment from injuring Gen. Corcoran 's recruiting operations by a snow of their small numbers: that the officers remaining here have made a formal claim for the State designation of Sixty-ninth Regiment, N.Y.S.N.G., because several hundred of the old members, many of whom served in the first three months' campaign, are here, and which claim is awaiting the decision of Judge Advocate Gen. Anthon, to whom it has been referred; and that very few of the old members went out with Col. Murphy, the name of "Sixty-ninth Regiment," &c., being used only to attract enlistments.

Quartermaster Tully said the question was altogether of a legal character. He had no objection to Col. Murphy's regiment getting \$10,000, but not as the Sixty-ninth Regiment, New-York State National Guard, because given in that view it would injure the claim pending before Gen. Anthon. The Committee adjourned without indicating how they will report upon the subject.

### **Fortress Monroe and Consolidation**

Upon their arrival at Fortress Monroe, Newport News, the 69th New York had to be reorganized because the United States Army would only accept three officers for each company and the 69th, as it was organized as an Artillery regiment, had four. This caused many officers to become supernumerary. Furthermore the Legion was consolidated which increased discontent.<sup>222</sup> Corcoran wrote a letter to Judge Daly on November 28, 1862:

“The work of the consolidation was a disagreeable duty to be obliged to perform, in as much as some officers were rendered supernumerary, amongst them are some of my best friends and good and efficient officers, yet as they had not recruited the number of men required by law, the officers

charged with the duty of consolidation was obliged to give preference to those who had recruited the largest numbers.<sup>223</sup> Corcoran lamented that if he had only been allowed "a little more time" to recruit, he could have filled all of the regiments.<sup>224</sup>

At Newport News the Regiment continued to drill and train. Colonel Murphy was "indefatigable."<sup>225</sup> As always Corcoran continued to maintain strict discipline, understanding the value of training once on the battlefield, no "row or scrimmage" occurred.<sup>226</sup> Corcoran prohibited the sale of liquor in camp, declaring that any found by the provost guard would be destroyed.<sup>227</sup>

The Regiment began Thanksgiving Day 1862 with Mass celebrated by Father Dillon followed by a grand review. An officer of the 69th New York wrote in a letter to the Irish American stating the "defiant front and stately tread were worthy of veterans" offering a display which was "splendid indeed."<sup>228</sup> Christmas was celebrated in an equally festive and devout manner. Despite the prevailing "despondent" mood in New York following the battle of Fredericksburg and slaughter of the Irish Brigade, the morale of the Irish Legion remained high.<sup>229</sup>

On Monday December 29, 1862 the Regiment was ordered to break camp, which they did in less than two hours. They then sailed to Norfolk.<sup>230</sup> Upon arrival, Corcoran requested that Lt. Manahan play on his bugle. "The Groves of Blarney" and "Garryowen," were played to the delight of all.<sup>231</sup> The 69th then "Double-quickd" through the city to the Railroad, where they boarded a train for Suffolk, about 20 miles south-west.

## 1863

Suffolk, Virginia, had been occupied by Federal troops since May of 1862. With railroads to Petersburg, Norfolk and Weldon, North Carolina, running through the town, it controlled the land approaches to the mouth of the James River north of the Great Dismal Swamp.<sup>232</sup> Suffolk also sat aside the main lines of communication with coastal North Carolina. Union Major General John J. Peck took command of the town in September of 1862 and started building works. These works, supported by forts, took six months to build, and would stretch for fifteen miles.<sup>233</sup>

Upon reaching Suffolk, the Regiment bivouacked on the tracks, lying on the cold ground. The next several days were spent on fatigue duty, completing the defenses of Suffolk and digging rifle pits. Several of the 69th New York's companies were pressed into service to garrison network forts and were becoming "Practicing Artillerists."<sup>234</sup> Garrison life however soon became monotonous and routine, causing many soldiers to dream their fondest dream of "Liberating Ireland," and the common soldiers did not have to look far to rekindle the great national dream.<sup>235</sup> Neither Corcoran nor Murphy had resigned from key leadership positions in the Fenian Brotherhood. In addition they entertained visits from John O'Mahoney, the Head Centre of the Fenian Brotherhood. These were hardly social visits.<sup>236</sup>

The Regiment would get its first taste of battle in January. On the evening of January 29, a Rebel Brigade with several artillery batteries under Confederate General Prior advanced across the Blackwater River. At about 1 am on January 30, the Regiment marched for the Blackwater. Under Corcoran's command was not only the Legion, but also the 11th Pennsylvania Cavalry, 13th Indiana,

6th Massachusetts, 167th Pennsylvania, 130th New York and three batteries of artillery.

## Deserted House

As the 69<sup>th</sup> troops left Suffolk, they began singing but were ordered to stop as not to warn the Rebels of their approach.<sup>237</sup> The road was a morass and men began to fall into holes and lost their shoes in the mud.<sup>238</sup> At about 5 am the Regiment surprised a Rebel bivouac at the Deserted House, about 10 miles from Suffolk, and came under intense Rebel artillery fire. The 69<sup>th</sup> was ordered into a sunken road to escape the bombardment.

At about 5:15 am Corcoran ordered an advance but the 69<sup>th</sup> which had so far borne the brunt of the casualties, was ordered 800 paces rearward to reduce losses.<sup>239</sup> Later the 69th was ordered forward to support a Battery of the 7th Massachusetts Artillery. After pushing the enemy back and halting two counterattacks, the Regiment halted for breakfast. That afternoon, the Regiment pushed five miles further to Pocasin's Creek, only to find the enemy had fled.<sup>240</sup>

The casualty report for Deserted House included:

BIRMINGHAM, JOHN.—Age, 10 years. Enlisted, September 27, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; missing in action since January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

CAMPBELL, WILLIAM.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; killed in action, January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

GOLEMAN, CORNELIUS.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, November 1, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

DOWNS, CHRISTOPHER.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, October 28, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; reported killed in action, January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

KEARNS, JOHN.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, October 14, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

McLAIN, JOHN.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, November 2, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; missing in action, January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

PITTS, ELI, W.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, November 2, 1862, at New York City to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

REGAN, PATRICK.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, September 13, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

ROMICH, JOHN, R.—Age, 39 years. Enlisted, November 1, 1862, at Brooklyn, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; missing in action, January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

SHERO, GEORGE.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, October 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; missing in action, January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

STONE, THOMAS.—Age, 40 years. Enlisted, October 4, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; killed in action, January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

WOODS, THOMAS.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. B, November 17, 1862; killed in action, January 30, 1863, at Deserted House

On the evening of January 30<sup>th</sup> the Regiment headed back to Suffolk arriving early on the morning of January 31, after marching 32 miles in 24 hours.<sup>241</sup> The 69<sup>th</sup> New York lost 3 Killed and 10 wounded.<sup>242</sup> The Regiment suffered its baptismal fire and acquitted itself well. The 69<sup>th</sup> and its Colonel, Matthew Murphy, played an especially distinguished role.

After the fight at Deserted House, life once again settled down into the usual dull routine of camp life. In February, Corcoran departed to visit New York and Albany. While in New York, Corcoran testified at a Court of Inquiry called by Major Bagley and the Officers of the 69<sup>th</sup> National Guard. This Court was to determine which 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment was the real 69<sup>th</sup> National Guard.<sup>243</sup> The Court settled the dispute by designating the 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment serving on active duty with Corcoran's Legion as the 182<sup>nd</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment although this designation was often ignored. At this time in the Regiment's history, there were again three 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiments at the same time, the 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment New York National Guard serving as a militia unit in New York City, headquartered in the armory and commanded by Major Bagley, the 69<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment serving as the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Meagher's Irish Brigade and commanded by Colonel Nugent, and the 69<sup>th</sup> New York National Guard Artillery Regiment serving with Corcoran's Legion and commanded by Colonel Murphy. This situation was similar to the first ten years of the Regiment's history when three 69<sup>th</sup> Regiments also existed. All of these regiments are in the lineage of the 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment which exists today.

## **Saint Patrick's Day**

The Regiment celebrated Saint Patrick's Day by decorating the camp and holding a parade. This was the first St. Patrick's Day parade ever held in Suffolk, Virginia. The Regiment formed for parade at

12:30 and "The 69th in their Artillery Uniforms and the 164th in their Zouave Uniforms present a brilliant contrast to the Infantry Uniforms of the 170th and the 155th," wrote one observer.<sup>244</sup> They returned to camp around 5:30 pm and were dismissed. Food and beverages were sent to every regiment of the Legion.<sup>245</sup> A dinner was held at the "Hotel" for the Officers of the Legion and their guests which continued until the early morning hours.<sup>246</sup>

Matthew Murphy left command of the 69<sup>th</sup> and assumed command of the Legion on April 9, 1863 as Corcoran was now commanding the 1st Division, 7th Corps. In early April, the paymaster paid the soldiers and most of the money they received was sent home to families.<sup>247</sup> Elements of General Ambrose Burnside's 9th Corps, Army of the Potomac, arrived at the Suffolk in early April. However more importantly, Confederate General James Longstreet arrived with two divisions of his Corps, Army of Northern Virginia.

Richmond had detached General Longstreet in early February to defend Richmond. Longstreet was put in charge of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina.<sup>248</sup> Brigadier General Roger Pryor, who had been soundly beaten by Corcoran's Legion at the Battle of the Deserted House, informed Longstreet that there were large stocks of hogs and corn in the Northeast North Carolina. Seeing the opportunity to seize these invaluable stores, Longstreet moved upon the area on April 11.<sup>249</sup> In order to seize these stores, Longstreet had to tie down the 29,000 men strong garrison of Suffolk, which he did by laid siege although it appears that Longstreet had no intention of actually trying to take the town.<sup>250</sup>

Upon learning that Longstreet's troops were advancing upon Suffolk on April 11, the Regiment was ordered under arms as they awaited their next challenge. Corcoran alerted his troops around 3 am. As Colonel Corcoran approached the hospital of the 155th NYV, he was stopped by an intoxicated Lieutenant Colonel Kimball of the 9th Regiment NYV, Hawkin's Zouaves, who demanded the countersign and refused to let Corcoran and his staff pass.<sup>251</sup> After Corcoran had asked several times to pass, Kimball made what appeared to be a move for his revolver. Corcoran promptly shot him. Kimball died a short time after.<sup>252</sup>

Later that morning, the enemy drove the pickets of the Legion from South Quay Road and Edgerton Road, beginning the "Siege" of Suffolk. The "Long Roll" was beat by the drummer boys and the Regiment manned the breastworks.<sup>253</sup> The Legion was deployed to the right of Fort Dix. Here the Legion formed for battle with the 69th on the right, the 164th and the 170th on the left and the 155th in reserve. Although now serving as infantry, the soldiers in Lieutenant E.K. Butler's Company, Co. C, stationed inside Fort Union, were becoming accomplished artillerymen. Indeed infantrymen-turned-cannoneers were able to hit targets a mile away on the first shot.<sup>254</sup> Meanwhile, Captain Sullivan, Commander of Company A, held Fort Halleck passing the time constructing "a most pleasant garden."<sup>255</sup>

With his usual aggressiveness, General Corcoran took the offensive on April 24, leading an expedition up the Edenton Road to Bern's Farmhouse. Corcoran was determined to eliminate the advanced rebel Sharpshooters who were killing his troops. Corcoran led 5,000 Infantry, 400 Cavalry, and 2 Batteries of artillery forward. A skirmish ensued and Confederate General George



Pickett's Division was driven from their rifle pits. Corcoran's men burned the buildings which the Confederates had used for cover. The Legion, on the right of the line, was only lightly engaged and suffered only a few casualties.<sup>256</sup> After burning the buildings, Corcoran's troops returned to Suffolk. On May 2d the Rebels ended the siege of Suffolk

On May 13, Colonel Robert Foster led a two week expedition through the vicinity of Suffolk. Tracks were ripped up by the Yankees at Carrville on the 14th. Twenty-six year old Private Michael McIntyre of Company C, who had enlisted for three years in the Regiment on September 16, 1862 in New York, was wounded in action on May 16, 1863, at Carrsville

The next few weeks the Regiment spent on the offensive attacking and capturing several buildings from rebel sharpshooters, ripping up railroad tracks and destroying everything that could be of use to the enemy.<sup>257</sup> The Regiment then headed north to Fairfax, Virginia, where it would spend the next 10 months.

With the termination of Federal operations at Suffolk, the Regiment and Legion were transferred to the Department of Washington, 22<sup>nd</sup> Corps and placed in Corcoran's Division whose primary mission was guarding the Railroad connection between Alexandria and the Army of the Potomac at Falmouth.

HENRATY, JAMES.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, September 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; wounded, August 17, 1863, at Centreville



General Corcoran described his new assignment in October: "My whole command covers an area of thirty miles, a rather large amount of country for such a force."<sup>258</sup> Corcoran was assigned to guard the railroad between Centreville and Bull Run. The Regiment was assigned an area within this stretch to guard near Centreville. Confederate Major, John S. Mosby who in early 1863 was authorized to form and take command of the 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry, Partisan Rangers Mosby's Rangers often attacked the area with his raiders. The task of guarding this section of railroad must have been exceptionally unpleasant for the quite numerous Fenians in the Regiment, many of whom had been on the other side of the coin back in Ireland.<sup>259</sup> In Ireland Corcoran had been a member of a band of Rebels known as the "Ribbonmen" while serving as a Crown Revenue Constable.

When Corcoran was discovered by the authorities, he fled to New York joining the 69<sup>th</sup>. He and many of the officers and soldiers in the Regiment fully understood not only the nature of the task but also the futility of his mission. In a letter to Judge Daly dated August 14, 1863 Corcoran wrote:

"The only prospect for me here is one of interminable and almost entire uselessness, and I would

like in Justice not only to myself, but to the officers and men of the "Legion" that some better opportunity of service should be afforded us".<sup>260</sup> Three days later, a disgruntled Corcoran wrote to President Abraham Lincoln: "I respectfully request that I may be ordered to another command."<sup>261</sup> Corcoran emphasized how the transfer could be made without the "slightest injury to the interests of the service."<sup>262</sup> However, Corcoran's pleas were not answered. But Corcoran was not the only one to find the new assignment of fighting guerrillas most disagreeable. His sentiments were shared by many in the Regiment.

Perhaps more than their commander, the men of the Irish Legion despised their assignment of fighting guerrillas. In an October letter to the *Irish American* an officer probably from the Regiment wrote:

"The health of the Legion is good; but the men are damnably tired of Centreville. To what to compare this place I know not. It is a gloomy, dismal, lonely waste- death inscribed upon every piece of wood, upon every mound, upon every hill, in every crevice- all around death, death! It is the Halsitatron (Sic) of death and living skeletons. The Bull Run battlefield looks ghostly in the distance and recalls no pleasant recollections. Centreville! We wish never to see thee more! Rather, for it is far more preferable the region of the dismal swamp. Rather any place to Centreville."<sup>263</sup>

### **National Convention of the Fenian Brotherhood**

Shortly after the letter was written, the Irish Legion was transferred into the 3d Division, 5th Corps, much to the satisfaction of the Regiment.<sup>264</sup> November 1863 was an eventful month for the Regiment. The first National Convention of the Fenian Brotherhood was held in Chicago. Here, they voted to make their society an open organization. Prior to the convention the Fenians were a secret revolutionary society, which placed its members at risk of ex-communication from the Catholic Church. The two leading officers of the Irish Legion, General Corcoran and Matthew Murphy, were elected to the central council of the Brotherhood. In addition, Francis Welply of the 69th was also a signatory to the finished document which the Chicago convention approved, although these three signed by Proxy.<sup>265</sup>

Also, and most significantly in contrast to the better publicized 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Irish Brigade 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Irish Legion was the only military unit to have three representatives at the convention, indicating a significantly higher Fenian sympathy and membership than in any other unit in the Army of the Potomac. The Irish Brigade units had no signatories to the document.

### **Michael Corcoran 's Death**

As Christmas 1863 approached, visitors came to spend the holidays. Among them were the wives of Generals Meagher and Corcoran. On December 22, Corcoran and Meagher headed for Fairfax enroute to Washington to meet several ladies on their way to visit from New York.<sup>266</sup> Corcoran mounted Meagher's spirited horse, which had won the Irish Brigade Horse race on St. Patrick's Day 1863, and challenged Meagher to a race.<sup>267</sup> Meagher accepted, and Corcoran took the lead and rounded a wide bend on the dusty road. Corcoran had a seizure and was thrown from the horse.<sup>268</sup> Corcoran was carried back to his quarters where "he lay "insensible" until his death two and a half hours later.<sup>269</sup>

On Christmas Eve, 1863 Corcoran's body was removed from his quarters and escorted by the 69<sup>th</sup> and the 164<sup>th</sup> Regiments, along with a battery of Artillery, and squadron of cavalry to the railway station for the journey north. Corcoran was buried on December 27th at Calvary Cemetery in Queens, New York. Among the pallbearers were Generals Meagher and Dodge, Colonels Matthew Murphy, John O'Mahoney (Head Centre of the Fenian Brotherhood), J.R. McIvor, Hugh C. Flood, ex-Colonel McEvily and Lt. Colonel Reid representing the Regiment.<sup>270</sup> The Honor Guard and Escort was the first regiment of the Phoenix Brigade (99<sup>th</sup> NYSNG).<sup>271</sup>

In tribute to Corcoran, the Officers of the Regiment along with all the officers of the Irish Legion resolved to wear black crepe on their left arms for 30 days as a badge of mourning.<sup>272</sup> In a February letter to the *Irish American* an officer of the Legion wrote that the Corcoran Legion was faithfully continuing the legacy of their beloved General. "But without a representative head."<sup>273</sup> He continued: "Though gone, his memory lives, and his legion exists. His name we will cherish and his deeds endeavor to emulate".<sup>274</sup>

Corcoran's death was also mourned among the Irish community and particularly among the Fenians. For Michael Corcoran was not only the former military commander of the Fenian Brotherhood, but one of the three founders. The Secretary of War was going to replace Corcoran with General Meagher but General Halleck wanted General Tyler to take the position.<sup>275</sup>

## 1864

General Head Quarters State of New York  
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A Division Court of Inquiry having been instituted in the First Division by Major General Bradford (acting under orders from Chief Headquarters) on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1864 for the purpose of ascertaining First: Whether the Capt. Robert New York National Guard, did voluntarily go into the service of the United States and Secondly: Whether in fact the Capt. Robert New York National Guard did enter into the service of the United States as a part of the Corcoran Legion. The said Court having duly weighed and considered the evidence produced before it upon the questions first & secondly mentioned find as follows: That a large majority of the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment

The Irish Legion continued the dreary routine of trying to capture Mosby's Raiders and the routine of camp life. On January 20, 1864, a ball was organized by the sergeants of the Regiment. This was originally to have been a Christmas Ball but it was postponed because of Corcoran's death. The Ball celebrated the first anniversary of the Battle of the Deserted House.<sup>276</sup> On St. Patrick's Day the Regiment celebrated with normal elaborate festivities.<sup>277</sup>

### Spotsylvania Court House

With the opening of Grant's spring campaign and abandonment of Falmouth as his principal supply base, defending the railroad became unimportant. Consequently, the Regiment was ordered to Alexandria and from there, south west to Grant's new supply base at Belle Plain.<sup>278</sup> On May 17, the Regiment was ordered to report to Army of the Potomac Headquarters at Spotsylvania, west of Fredericksburg.<sup>279</sup> The Regiment re-assigned from the 6th Corps to the 4th Brigade, 2d Division, 2d Corps. In May at

Spotsylvania Court House, the Regiment joined the first line of attack on the Rebel works, advancing on the division's left flank. The Regiment plowed into Lee's rifle pits and light works and pressed on 500 yards to the main line waiting for the rest of the Brigade to come up.<sup>280</sup> The

Regiment was ordered to hold this advance position which they did until ordered to fall back to the left and the Po River.

The casualty list for the Battle of Spotsylvania included:

BARRY, MATHEW, J.—Age, 20 years. Enrolled, September 5, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years, mustered in as first sergeant, Co. E, November 17, 1862; promoted sergeant major, April 1, 1863; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. E, July 1, 1863; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

BERNSON, FREDERICK.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, December 5, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, April 29, 1863; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

BRIODY, JOHN—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, September 23, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. F, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

BROWN, JOHN.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, December 5, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, April 29, 1863; killed in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania,

BURNS, THOMAS.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, September 29, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as drummer, Co. K, November 17, 1862; grade changed to private, prior to April, 1863; promoted corporal, prior to October, 1863; returned to ranks, prior to April, 1864; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

COMER, THOMAS.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, October 20, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

CONNOLLY, JAMES.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, October 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

CONWAY, PATRICK.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, October 29, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. I, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks, no date; promoted corporal, April 28, 1863; wounded, in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

DARCY, MATTHEW.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, September 25, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Landron House,

DORSEY, BARTHOLOMEW.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, September 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, April 29, 1863; killed in action, May 18, 1864, at

Spotsylvania

PARMER, PETER.—Age, 40 years. Enlisted, October 20, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

FEELY MICHAEL.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, September 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; promoted, corporal, prior to April, 1864; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

GALLAGHER, JOHN.—Age, 40 years. Enlisted, September 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as first sergeant, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

GARVEY, PATRICK.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, October 20, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

GREAS, FREDERICK.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, October 2, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

GUSTENBURG, CHARLES.—Age, 38 years. Enlisted, September 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

JOHNSTON, HENRY.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, October 31, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal, prior to October, 1863; returned to ranks, prior to December, 1863; killed in action, May 18, 1864, at Landron House

KELLY, MARTIN.—Age, 23 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. A, November 17, 1862; as first lieutenant, July 1, 1863; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania, died of his wounds, May 26, 1864

KELLY, WILLIAM.—Age, 38 years. Enlisted, September 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Landron House

McGOEY, JOHN.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, September 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. I, November 17, 1862; promoted sergeant, September 1, 1863; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

McLOUGHLIN, WILLIAM.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, October 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 14,

1864, at Spotsylvania

MILEY, WILLIAM.—Age, 35 years. • Enlisted, October 28, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

MURPHY, MATTHEW.—Age, 23 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as colonel, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

RILEY, JOHN.—Age, 33 years. Enlisted, October 21, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Landron House

RILEY, THOMAS.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, September 30, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Landron House

RYAN, THOMAS, No. 1.—Age, 37 years. Enlisted, September 12, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; killed in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania Court House

SLOWEY, THOMAS.—Age, 30' years. Enlisted, November 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, April 29, 1863; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

STANLEY, FREDERICK.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, September 27, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania

TIGH, PETER.—Age, 20' years. Enlisted, September 6, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; absent, missing in action, since May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania Court House

WELLS, EDWARD.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, November 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; captured in action, May 19, 1864, at Spotsylvania Court House

WHYENBUTCH, JOHN.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted, October 8, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; absent, missing in action, since May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania Court House,

### **North Anna River**

The Regiment remained on the Po River until May 20<sup>th</sup>. On May 23, the Regiment was ordered up to

support Smyth's Brigade. It assisted in holding the captured Rebel works at the North Anna River.<sup>281</sup> During the Action at North Anna River Sergeant Major Joseph Keele earned the Congressional Medal of Honor. His citation reads: "Voluntarily and at the risk of his life carried orders to the brigade commander, which resulted in saving the works his regiment was defending."<sup>282</sup> The casualty list for the North Anna River action included:

BRADY, PATRICK GEORGE.—Age, 39 years. Enlisted, September 23, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; killed in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

BRENNAN, JOHN, W.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, September 12, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, April 29, 1863; wounded in action, May 22, 1864, at North Anna River

BRIARD, NICHOLAS.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 22, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 21, 1864, at North Anna River

BURK, MICHAEL.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, September 11, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. G, November 17, 1862; killed in action, May 21, 1864, at North Anna River

CASSIDY, JOHN, D.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, September 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. D, November 17, 1862; promoted sergeant, prior to April, 1864; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

CLARK, WILLIAM.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted, September 30, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. F, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

CUMBERLAND, ROBERT.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, November 5, 1862, at Suffolk, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 21, 1864, at North Anna River

D'ANCONA, JACOB.—Age, 45 years. Enlisted, September 25, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna

ELSON, WILLIAM.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. C. December 14, 1863; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

FAGAN, JAMES.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, October 8, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

JACOBS, HARRIS.—Age, 30 years, Enlisted, October 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

JOHNSON, BENJAMIN.—Age, 41 years. Enlisted, October 30, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; captured in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

KEYS, PATRICK.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted, October 13, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; killed in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

MAHER, JOHN.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, January 4, 1864, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, January 9, 1864; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

MAHER, MORRIS.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, October 14, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

MANNING, JAMES.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

McCANN, PETER.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, September 4, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. H, November 17, 1862; promoted sergeant prior to April, 1863; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

McGUIRE, MICHAEL.—Age, 30 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as captain, Co. D, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

McMAHON, BRYAN.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, September 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River,

O'BRIEN, JOHN, No. 1.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; killed in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River

O'CONNOR, TIMOTHY.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, December 26, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, April 29, 1863; killed in action, May 24, 1864, at South Anna River



## Cold Harbor

While the standoff continued along the banks of Topotomony Creek, General Philip Sheridan's Cavalry Corps, flush from its triumphant raiding mission, encountered Rebel cavalry and infantry on May 31, at a sleepy crossroads town named Cold Harbor. The Rebels were driven from their positions, and Lee counterattacked, but Sheridan's Cavalrymen held until reinforced by the Federal 6th Corps, and later by General Baldy Smith's 18th Corps. The two Corps attacked on June 1, and took the Southern rifle pits. Grant felt that an assault at 4:00 a.m. June 2 would destroy the Southern position. Hancock's 2d Corps was ordered to Cold Harbor, but arrived after 7:00 a.m. The attack was postponed 24 hours, during which Lee's Rebels dug in and prepared a series of trenches and works whose like had never been seen on the American Continent. Any hope of success was gone.

At 4:00 a.m. June 3, the Regiment attacked at Cold Harbor, charging on the Division's extreme left. The Regiment advanced to within 50 yards of the enemy works but was unable to take the Southern position owing to both a deep ravine and the heavy fire. Nevertheless, the Regiment along with the rest of the Irish Legion managed to hold their position for more than an hour.<sup>283</sup> Finally, the hard hit Regiment fell back 150 Yards to the crest of a hill and dug in.<sup>284</sup>

The casualty report for Cold Harbor included:

ALLEN, JOHN.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, October 24, 1862, at New York City, to- serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

BAKER, JAMES.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 25, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

BRAYTON, MARTIN.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, September 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded and captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

BROWN, FRANCIS, A.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, September 23, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years;" mustered in as sergeant, Co. G, November 17, 1862; captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

BUTLER, EDWARD, K.—Age, 27 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. F, November 17, 1862; as captain, Co. C, July 1, 1863; killed in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

CASEY, THOMAS.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, December 17, 1863; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

CLARK, WILLIAM.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, October 8, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

COADY, JOHN.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, October 22, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; wounded while on picket, June 4, 1864

CONWAY, MICHAEL — Age, 33 years. Enlisted, September 30, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

OOTTER, ANDREW.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, October 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

COURTNEY, PATRICK.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, October 7, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

CRONIN, DAVID.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, January 4, 1864; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

CROWLEY, MICHAEL.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

CUSACK, GEORGE.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, September 25, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

DOWNING, EDMUND.—Age, 42 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. A, November 17, 1862; promoted first sergeant prior to October, 1863; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

DWYER, MORRIS.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 25, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

FINNECUEN, JOHN.—Age, 42 years. Enlisted, October 7, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor, reported, died, July 20, 1864, at Andersonville

FITZGERALD, JAMES.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted, October 7, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at

## Cold Harbor

FLANNERY, PAUL.—Age, 42 years. Enlisted, September 12, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

FLYNN, JAMES.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, November 1, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

FORD, THOMAS.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, September 25, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

FOX, PATRICK.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, October 6, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

GILL, JOHN.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, September 8, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal, March 16, 1864; killed in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

GILMARTIN, ANDREW.—Age, 42 years. Enlisted, September 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Gold Harbor

GLYN, CHARLES.—Age, 27 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. E, November 17, 1862; as first lieutenant, January 12, 1863; as captain, Co. K, March 15, 1864; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

GOODWIN, CHARLES.—Age, 21 years. Enrolled, February 12, 1863, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. I, June 26, 1863; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

GREY, JOHN.—Age, 40 years. Enlisted, November 22, 1862, at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, April 29, 1863; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Gold Harbor

HAL, MATHEW.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, October 20, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

HARRIGAN, JAMES.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, October 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

HARTREDDY, PATRICK. Age, 25 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. B, December 14, 1863; captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor, died, June 11, 1864, while a prisoner of war

HASSARD, GEORGE.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Gold Harbor; reported' killed

HEP, CHARLES.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, November 5, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

HINES, HENRY.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, September 26, 1862, at New York City to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; promoted, corporal, prior to December 1863; returned to ranks, no date; wounded in action June 3, 1861, at Cold Harbor

HOEFER, H. A.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, November 14, 1862, at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, April 29, 1863; promoted corporal, prior to February, 1864; sergeant, no date; killed inaction, June 3, 1864, at Gold Harbor

HUGHES, JOHN.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted, October 4, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

JONES, THOMAS.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, October 4, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1863, at Gold Harbor; died of his wounds

KELLY, JOHN.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, October 6, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. F, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1861, at Cold Harbor

KENNEDY, JAMES.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, October 1, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor; died of his wounds, June 11, 1864

LAWLER, JOHN.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, September 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years, mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

LYNCH, WILLIAM, M.—Age, 37 years. Enlisted, September 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; promoted sergeant prior to October, 1863; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor,

LYONS, MICHAEL.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, October 6, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

MAHAN, JOHN, J.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 28, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. G, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks prior to October, 1863; promoted corporal, no date; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

MANNING, MICHAEL.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as first sergeant, Co. D, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks, February 28, 1864; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

MARTIN, THOMAS.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

MARTIN, WILLIAM.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, September 28, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. K, November 17, 1862; promoted first sergeant prior to October, 1863; killed in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

McCANN, JAMES.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, October 30, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

McCORMICK, MICHAEL.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, October 8, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. B, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks, April 27, 1863; wounded and missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

McELROY, FRANCIS.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, September 6, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

McGOUGH, STEPHEN.—Age, 38 years. Enlisted, September 29, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

McMAHON, JAMES.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, November 5, 1862, at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, April 29, 1863; promoted corporal, same date; returned to ranks prior to April, 1864; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

McMAHON, MICHAEL.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted, September 19, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 11, 1864, near Cold Harbor

McNALLY, MICHAEL.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, September 11, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. G, November 17, 1862; promoted first sergeant prior to October, 1863; captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor,

McREYNOLDS, THOMAS.—Age, 39 years. Enlisted, October 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

McSWEENEY, FELIX.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, September 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal prior to April, 1863; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

MITCHEL, JAMES.—Age, 33 years. Enlisted, September 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

MONAGHAN, JAMES.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, October 1, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

MONROE, JAMES.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, September 25, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

MURPHY, JOSEPH.—Age, 28 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. G, November 17, 1862; as captain, January 1, 1863; discharged, June 7, 1863; again mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. E, March 15, 1864; captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

NOLAN, GEORGE.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Gold Harbor

NUGENT, JOHN, H.—Age, 32 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. E, November 8, 1862; as captain, January 1, 1863; killed in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

O'BRIEN, JOHN.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, October 25, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

O'NEILL, MICHAEL.—Age, 29 years! Enlisted, November 10, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; missing in action, since June 3,

1864, at Cold Harbor

PEN, JOSEPH.—Age, — years. Enlisted, January, 1864, at New York City, to serve three years; not mustered in as private, Co. G; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor, Va., and died of his wounds

PHELAN, THOMAS.—Age, 40 years. Enlisted, September 23, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Gold Harbor

POWERS, PATRICK.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 10, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. I, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks prior to October, 1863; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

REGAN, JAMES.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 21, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal prior to April, 1863; sergeant prior to October, 1863; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

REYNOLDS, THOMAS.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted, September 23, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; missing in action, since June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

RICHARDSON, WILLIAM.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; wounded and captured in action, June 3, 1861, at Cold Harbor

RING, PATRICK.—Age, 43 years. Enlisted, October 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

ROSS, JOHN.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 20, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded and captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor; reported died at Richmond

RYAN, JOHN.—Age, 29 years. Enlisted, September 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

SCULLY, JOHN.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted, September 4, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor,

SHEA, JOHN, 1st.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, September 30, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold

Harbor; died September 3, 1864, at Andersonville

SHERIDAN, JOHN.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, November 4, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor,

SINGER, WILLIAM.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

SMITH, DANIEL.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, November 2, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

SMITH, PETER.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, October 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

STEELMAN, WILLIAM.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, November 10, 1862, at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, April 29, 1863; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

STEWART, JOHN, No. 2.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted September 29, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

SULLIVAN, PHILIP.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, October 6, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal prior to April, 1863; returned to ranks prior to October, 1863; missing in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

TIERNEY, PHILLIP.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, September 29, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; absent, wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

VERMONT, ALFRED.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, October 31, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; captured in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

WALSH, PATRICK.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor

## **Petersburg**

On the night of June 12, 1864, the Regiment, along with the 2d division, 2d Corps, secretly moved to



the James River and crossed at Windmill Point on steam boats. After a brief rest, the Regiment advanced on Petersburg below Richmond. Here, they participated in the initial assault on Petersburg during the evening of June 16<sup>th</sup>. They attacked along the Petersburg Road, east of the city, drove in the enemy pickets, and charged onward in the face severe fire however they were unable to take the enemy works.<sup>285</sup> Consequently, they dug in about 30 yards from the Rebel works and held this advanced position until the evening of June 17<sup>th</sup>.<sup>286</sup>

Three days later, the Confederate General William Mahone launched a hard-hitting counter-attack which struck the left and rear of 1st Division, Second Corps. The force of this brilliant counterstroke caused the extreme left unit, the legendary Irish Brigade including the 69<sup>th</sup> NYSV, to break and run along with the rest of the division.<sup>287</sup> The panic soon spread to the 3d division. In addition, most of 2d Brigade, 2d division, was surprised and captured almost to the man.<sup>288</sup> Trying to reverse the day's fortunes, Gibbon advanced the command of General Byron R. Pierce consisting of First Brigade, 2d Division, with the Regiment and the 170th New York detached. These Units were ordered to take back the lost ground at all costs. A member of the 42<sup>nd</sup> New York wrote:

“Just as night fell the Corcoran Legion was ordered to charge and retake the lost ground. The Rebels let them come well forward before they fired a shot; but when they got within good range they fired, and, my God! How they piled the ground with dead and dying. For two hours the wounded of the Legion kept coming in, and many were left to die in front of the Rebel Position.”<sup>289</sup>

With the Rebels dug in, Gibbon wisely ordered no additional attacks which were sure to be suicidal. That night the General Mahone's Confederates quietly evacuated their position. In part because of high losses, the Second Division was reorganized, and the Regiment and rest of the Irish Legion now became the Second Brigade. The casualty report for Petersburg included:

BARMICOL, JOHN.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, October 29, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 17, 1861, before Petersburg

BATERSBURY, JOHN.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal; Co. C, November 17, 1862; as sergeant, January 8, 1861; wounded in action, and died of his wounds, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

BELL, JOHN.—Age, 39 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. H, November 17, 1862; as first lieutenant, February 5, 1863; wounded while on picket, October 3, 1864, before Petersburg

BLAKELY, JOHN.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, September 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, near Petersburg

BOWLER, JAMES.—Age, 42 years. Enlisted, September 25, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864,

before Petersburg

BRENNAN, PATRICK, W.—Age, 29 years. Enlisted, November 14, 1862, at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, April 29, 1863; promoted corporal, prior to June, 1864; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

BRIODY, JOHN.—Age, 33 years. Enlisted, September 4, 1862 at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

BUTLER, WILLIAM.—Age, 30 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as captain, Co. H, October 18, 1862; as major, January 1, 1863; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg, V a.; mustered in as lieutenant-colonel, August 12, 1864; died of his wounds, August 16, 1864

GAIN, JOHN.—Age, 45 years. Enlisted, September 22, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

CASPER, FREDERICK.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

COYLE, PETER.—Age, 14 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, December 30, 1863; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

COYNE, PETER.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, January 5, 1861, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, January 9, 1861; wounded in action, June 16, 1861, before Petersburg

CUSICK, PATRICK.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, September 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. D, November 17, 1862; promoted sergeant prior to April, 1864; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

DALY, TIMOTHY.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, September 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; promoted, corporal prior to April, 1863; returned to ranks, no date; killed in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

DERRAM, PATRICK.—Age, 29 years. Enlisted, September 22, 1862, at New- York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

DEVINE, BERNARD.—Age, 40 years. Enlisted, September 29, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864,

before Petersburg

DIREEN, PATRICK.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, November 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; promoted, color corporal and returned to ranks, no dates; killed in action, June 16, 1864, near Petersburg

DIVINE, MICHAEL.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

DOHERTY, PATRICK.—Age, 41 years. Enlisted/September 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

DURKIN, OWEN.—Age, 33 years. Enlisted, September 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

EARLEY, THOMAS.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, September 25, 1862, at Suffolk, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, April 29, 1863; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

FARMER, CORNELIUS.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

FINNELL, STEPHEN.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted at Charlotte, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. I, December 22, 1863; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

FOX, THOMAS B.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted, October 26, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

GALLAHER, BERNARD.—Age, — years. Enlisted at New- York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. B, September 15, 1863; killed in action, June 17, 1864, before Petersburg,

GAYAN, SIMON.—Age, 15 years. Enlisted, October 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

GOLD, JOHN.—Age, 43 years. Enlisted, October 5, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg, Va.; died of his wounds, June 22, 1864

GORDEN, MILTON.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, October 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

GORMAN, MICHAEL — A g e, 29 years. Enlisted, September 19, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

GOWINE, CHARLES.—Age, 41 years. Enlisted, November 12, 1862, at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, April 29, 1863; captured in action, June 22, 1864; before Petersburg, Va.; died, December 24, 1864, at Andersonville

GRIFFIN, PHILLIP.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 22, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

HAND, PATRICK.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, December 15, 1863, at Utica, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, December 15, 1863; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

HAWLEY, PATRICK.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, October 4, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

HAYES, WILLIAM.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, November 1, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; captured in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg, Va.; reported died, at Andersonville

HINES, WILLIAM.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, November 8, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; missing in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg, Va.; reported killed

HOGARTY, DANIEL, C—Age, 38 years. Enlisted, October 30, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. F, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

HOLLAND, THOMAS.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, September 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

HYLAND, PATRICK.—Age, 39 years. Enlisted, October 23, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

JACKSON, WILLIAM.—Age, 45 years. Enlisted, September 23, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Go. I, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks, prior to April, 1863; wounded in action, June 17, 1864, before Petersburg

JOHNSTON, JOHN.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted, September 19, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Go. E, November 17, 1862; promoted: sergeant, prior to October, 1863; killed in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

JONES, JOHN.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 22, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, CO. K, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 16, 1864, at Petersburg

JUDGE, WILLIAM.—Age, 37 years. Enlisted, September 20, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal, prior to April, 1864; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, at Petersburg,

KEEGAN, THOMAS.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, October 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

KELLY, JAMES.—Age, 37 years. Enlisted, September 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

KILDUF, JOHN.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, October 23, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 22, 1864, at Petersburg

KILROE, RICHARD.—Age, 43 years. Enlisted, October 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

LILLY, EDWIN, B.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, September 12, 1862 at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. C, November 17, 1862; returned to the ranks prior to April, 1863; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

LUBY, CHARLES.—Age, 37 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

MAHLER, DIETRICK.—Age, 39 years. Enlisted, October 1, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

MALONE, PATRICK.—Age, 43 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

MARKSMAN, JOHN.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, September 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

MAVESON, GEORGE, T.—Age, 42 years. Enlisted, October 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg, died of his wounds, July 12, 1864

McCABE, JOSEPH.—Age, 38 years. Enlisted, October 1, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

McCUSKER, FERGUS.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, October 14, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

McFARLAND, TERENCE.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, October 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

McGEE, RICHARD.—Age, 22 years. Enrolled, September 19, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. C, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

McGRATH, WILLIAM, 1st —Age, 33 years. Enlisted, September 13, 1862, at New York City to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal prior to December, 1863; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

McGRATH, WILLIAM, 2nd —Age/24 years. Enlisted, September 23, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

McMAHON, JAMES—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, December 6, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, April 29, 1863; promoted corporal prior to December, 1863; sergeant, no date; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

McMAHON, JOHN.—Age, 29 years. Enlisted, October 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co E, November 17, 1862; promoted sergeant, April 16, 1863; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg\

McNEVINS, HENRY.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, September 12, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, April 29, 1863; promoted corporal prior to October, 1863; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

MONAHAN, THOMAS.—Age, 35 years. Enrolled, January 1, 1863, at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. H, April 6, 1863; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

MULHALL, PATRICK.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, October 30, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

MULHOLLAND, MICHAEL.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, November 4, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

NELSON, GEORGE.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, September 27, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, at Petersburg

O'DONNELL, PATRICK.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, November 7, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal prior to February, 1864; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

O'KEEFFE, DANIEL.—Age, 29 years. Enlisted, September 13, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

O'NIEL, JOHN.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, November 1, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

O'SULLIVAN, JEREMIAH.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal, July 1, 1863; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

POWERS, PATRICK.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 14, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

PURCEL, JAMES.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, September 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

QUINN, RICHARD—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, September 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. C, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks, January 7, 1864; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, at Petersburg

REGAN, THOMAS.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, September 12, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, at Petersburg

REYNOLDS, JAMES!—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, October 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. H, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks, no date; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

ROBINSON, HENRY, No. 1.--Age, 22 years. Enlisted, October 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, at Petersburg

ROBINSON, JAMES.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, October 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private," Co. G, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

SHERIDAN, FRANCIS.—Age, 37 years. Enlisted, September 19, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg died January 15, 1865, at Salisbury

SHERIDAN, PATRICK.—Age, 39 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; killed in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

SMITH, ADAM.—Age, 17 years. Enlisted, October 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

SMITH, JOHN.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, September 27, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

SPARKS, JAMES.—Age, 33 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

SPULLETT, GEORGE, H.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg



STEWART, JOHN, No. 1.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, September 27, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded and missing in action while on picket, June 17, 1864, before Petersburg

WILSON, JOHN.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, November 7, 1862, at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg

WOODS, FRANCIS.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, November 28, 1862, at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, April 29, 1863; promoted corporal, November 18, 1863; killed in action, June 22, 1864, before Petersburg

Additionally the following individuals were listed as casualties at Weldon Railroad:

BEL, CHRISTOPHER, I.—Age, 30 years. Enrolled, September 6, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant-major, November 17, 1862; as second lieutenant, Co. B, June 26, 1863; wounded in- action, June 22, 1864, at Weldon Railroad

CANNEY, WILLIAM, H.—Age, 31 years. Enrolled, September 10, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as first sergeant, Co. A, November 17, 1862; as second lieutenant, July 1, 1863; captured in action, June 22, 1864, at Weldon Railroad

GLYN, CHARLES.—Age, 27 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. E, November 17, 1862; as first lieutenant, January 12, 1863; as captain, Co. K, March 15, 1864; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor, Va., and June 22, 1864, at Weldon Railroad

LOONEY, JAMES.—Age, 29 years. Enlisted, October 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 22, 1864, at Weldon Railroad

OWENS, JOHN.—Age, 21 years. Enrolled, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; promoted sergeant, April 6, 1863; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. D, August 10, 1863; wounded in action, June 22, 1861, at Weldon Railroad

REDMOND, MICHAEL, W.—Age, 27 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. D, November 17, 1862; as adjutant, February 12, 1863; killed in action, June 22, 1864, at Weldon Railroad

Five days later, the Regiment was sent to Deep Bottom acting as a diversion for the offensive effort of the Petersburg Mine. The Regiment returned to Petersburg on the June 30th. Here, they remained

until they returned to Deep Bottom for a second time on August 14th where they participated in another diversion on the August 18th. The casualty reports for Deep Bottom or Strawberry Plains included:

INNARTY, MICHAEL.—: Age, 21 years. Enlisted, September 27, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; killed in action, August 16, 1864, at Strawberry Plains

GROGAN, BARNEY.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, October 28, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; killed in action, August 16, 1864, at Strawberry Plains

HANNOWAY, JOHN.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, January 2, 1861; wounded in action, August 16, 1864, at Strawberry Plains

OLWELL, THOMAS.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, September 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. C, November 17, 1862; killed in action, August 16, 1864, at Deep Bottom

PARKER, THOMAS.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, September 22, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. K, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks prior to October, 1863; promoted sergeant, June 16, 1861; wounded in action, August 16, 1864, at Strawberry Plains

SCANLON, WILLIAM.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, September 4, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, August 16, 1864, at Strawberry Plains

SMITH, PETER.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 22, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. K, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks, October 15, 1863; promoted sergeant, December 1, 1863; first sergeant, June 16, 1864; wounded in action, August 16, 1864, at Strawberry Plains; died of his wounds, October 27, 1864

## Reams Station

The Regiment returned once again to Petersburg on the August 21<sup>st</sup>.<sup>290</sup> While at Petersburg, the Regiment received orders to march for Ream's Station, which was reached on August 23. On August 25, Murphy's troops were ordered to hold a line of rifle pits just south of Ream's station, with their left resting on the Railroad.<sup>291</sup> In the early evening, the enemy struck hard, unleashing fire upon the front and both flanks of the 2d Corps. Around 6:00 p.m., the battered regiments of the 1st Division broke and ran. The Regiment held its position and withdrew only when it appeared they risked captured.<sup>292</sup> Dean Wilson a Second Lieutenant in Corcoran's Irish Legion described the scene of disaster in a letter to Matthew Byrne;

“Many of our troops would not leave the pits at all, preferring capture and imprisonment to running

the chances of getting out from the destructive artillery fire that was concentrated on us from all points front and rear, right and left.<sup>293</sup>

Hancock's Second Corps suffered heavily at Ream's Station and the Regiment was no exception. Regiments which lost their colors in the action were forbidden to carry them again. One general explained: "The officers and men of the command should understand that their colors should be the last thing surrendered, and that in all well regulated military organizations it is considered a disgrace for a majority of the command to return from the field of battle without them."<sup>294</sup> General Hancock, Second Corps Commander, enthusiastically supported the rebuke. In fact, He even wanted a similar system emplaced throughout the whole army.<sup>295</sup>

Reduced to only 116 members and under the command of Captain M. Doheny the Regiment was engaged in fatigue duties, with the rest of the 2d Corps around Petersburg for the next two months. The casualty report for Ream's Station included:

AHEARN, JEREMIAH.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

AMEND, JOHN.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. B, November 17, 1862; reported dead, missing in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

BRADY, PATRICK — A g e, 24 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

BRINKWOOD, JOHN.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, November 6, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

CALLAHAN, PATRICK.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, October 10, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

CANTON, THOMAS, M.—Age, 30 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. B, November 17, 1862; as adjutant, January 19, 1863; as captain, Co. B, February 12, 1863; wounded in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

CASSLEY, HENRY.—Age; 44 years. Enlisted, September 26, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; missing in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

COLLINS, DENNIS.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, September 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve

three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. H, November 17, 1862; promoted sergeant prior to December, 1863; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

CONDON, MICHAEL.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, September 26, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station, V a.; escaped from Libby prison, Va., March 25, 1865; reported to regiment, June 1, 1865

CULL, JOHN.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, October 1, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

GULLINAN, JOHN.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September- 20, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1861, at Reams Station

DONNELLY THOMAS.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, September 16, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

DOYLE, DENNIS.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 5, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; missing in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

DOYLE, MICHAEL.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, November 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, April 29, 1863; missing in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

DULEYE, LEWIS.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; missing in action since August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

DUNN, JOHN.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, November 24, 1862, at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, April 29, 1863; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

FAUST, CHRISTIAN.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, October 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

FLANAGAN, JOHN.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, October 30, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

FLYNN, THOMAS.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered

in as private, Co. B, December 16, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

GALLAGHER, JOHN.—Age, 40 years. Enlisted, September 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as first sergeant, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania, captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station; escaped from Salisbury, February 1, 1865; returned to company, April 21, 1865

GLUE, MICHAEL.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, September 19, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; missing in action since August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

HART, FREDERICK.—Age, 37 years. Enlisted, November 4, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; missing in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

KELLY, EDWARD.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, September 19, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. F, November 17, 1862; as first lieutenant, July 1, 1863; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

LYNCH, JAMES.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, September 13, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; promoted, corporal, prior to April, 1863; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Reams Station

MAHER, JOHN.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, January 4, 1864, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, January 9, 1864; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River, V a.; wounded and captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

MARA, JAMES.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

MARTIN, PATRICK.—Age, 33 years. Enlisted, October 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

McCONVILLE, JOHN.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, October 23, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal prior to October, 1863; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

McCUSKER, FERGUS.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, October 14, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg, Va.; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

McGOVERN, FRANCIS.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 16, 1862, at New York City, to

serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

McLOUGHLIN, JOHN.—Age, 35 years. Enlisted, September 13, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal, April 25, 1863; sergeant, June 30, 1864; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station, reported died, October 27, 1864, while a prisoner of war.

McMAGHON, WILLIAM.—Age, 20. years. Enlisted, September 29, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

McNULTY, HUGH.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted, September 6, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded and captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

MILLER, JOHN.—Age, 38 years. Enlisted, October 30, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

MULDOON, THOMAS.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, September 6, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. E, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

NEWMAN, PATRICK.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; missing in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

O'BRIEN, MICHAEL.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, September 26, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. K, November 17, 1862; promoted sergeant prior to October, 1863; captured in action August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

O'FARRELL, PATRICK.—Age, 25 years. Enrolled at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years, and mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. G, January 1, 1863; wounded in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

O'KEEFFE, CORNELIUS.—Age, 33 years. Enlisted, September 4, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. H, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks, prior to April, 1863; promoted corporal, July 1, 1863; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

O'NEILL, JAMES.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted, September 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; missing in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station reported captured and died at Salisbury

REILLEY, JOHN.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted at New York City, to serve three years, and mustered in as private, Co. A, December 12, 1863; missing in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station, reported died at Salisbury

RIORDAN, MICHAEL.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, October 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. D, November 17, 1862; missing in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

ROLSTON, JOHN.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted, November 5, 1862, at Suffolk, Va., to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, April 29, 1863; killed in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

SENCKLER, JOHN, H.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. B, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

SHARKEY, JAMES.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, October 29, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; missing in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

SHEEHAN, JOHN.—Age, 29 years. Enlisted, November 25, 1862, at Suffolk, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, April 25, 1862; promoted corporal prior to April, 1863; killed in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

STEELL, JOSEPH.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, October 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. F, November 17, 1862; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, September 10, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. A, November 17, 1862; wounded and captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

SWEENEY, DANIEL.—Age, 23 years. Enrolled, September 10, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as first sergeant, Co. G, November 17, 1862; as second lieutenant, Co. C, July 1, 1863; killed in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

TULLY, WILLIAM.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 28, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. K, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, at Ream's Station

WALSH, JAMES.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, September 22, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. D, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal prior to April, 1864; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

WELPLY, FRANCIS.—Age, 27 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. H, November 17, 1862; as captain, February 4, 1863; killed in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

WOODS, JOHN.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, September 20, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as corporal, Co. C; returned to ranks prior to February, 1864; wounded in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

WOOLEY, SAMUEL.—Age, 28 years. Enrolled, September 9, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. C, November 17, 1862; promoted first sergeant, January 8, 1864; captured in action, August 25, 1864, at Ream's Station

McDANIELS, MICHAEL.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, September 13, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; wounded while on . picket, October 8, 1864

### **Boydton Plank Road - Hatchers Run**

On October 26, the Regiment was ordered to march towards Hatcher's Run. October 27, 1864, the Regiment was ordered out as skirmishers with another regiment while the rest of the Irish Legion held a line of earthworks.<sup>296</sup> Around 2:00 p.m., the entire brigade advanced. The enemy out of his works and pursued across Hatcher's Run.<sup>297</sup> Once on the other side of the Run the Regiment dug in and repelled several counterattacks by Lee's Confederates, before being ordered to withdraw around 10:00 PM.<sup>298</sup> The casualty report for Hatcher's Run on the at Boydton Plank Road included:

ACKERMAN, JOHN, P.—Age, 39 years. Enlisted, October 20, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mastered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; captured in action, October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road

BERMINGHAM, WILLIAM.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 17, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years'; mustered in as corporal, Co. A, November 17, 1862; returned to ranks, September 22, 1863; captured in action, October, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road

CARROLL, MICHAEL — A g e, 39 years. Enlisted, September 30, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road

DUNLEAVY JOHN.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, November 17, 1862; wounded and missing in action, October 27, 1864, at Hatchers Run

HAWLEY, ANDREW.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, October 15, 1802; at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Go. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road



HEROLD, AUGUSTUS.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, October 23, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; captured in action, October 27, 1861, at Boydton Plank Road

KEEGAN, WILLIAM.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, October 1, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. G, November 17, 1862; wounded and captured, in action, October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road

McMAHON, BRYAN.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, September 18, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 24, 1864, at North Anna River; captured in action, October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road,

MEYER, JOHN.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road

MILLER, JOHN.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, October 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; captured in action, October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road

O'KEEFFE, DANIEL.—Age, 29 years. Enlisted, September 13, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 16, 1864, before Petersburg, and October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road

RICHTER, HENRY.—Age, 44 years. Enlisted, September 24, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. B, November 17, 1862; promoted corporal, June 1, 1863; missing in action, October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road,

RYAN, PATRICK.—Age, 32 years. Enlisted, October 1, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. H, November 17, 1862; transferred to Co. I, February 1, 1864; missing in action, since October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road

SHEERAN, ANDREW.—Age, 40 years. Enlisted, September 28, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as sergeant, Co. K, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road

SMITH, WILLIAM.—Age, 36 years. Enlisted, October 21, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, November 17, 1862; captured in action, October 27, 1864, at Boydton Plank Road

## 1865

### Hatcher's Run

In November, the Regiment and the Irish Legion were defending the Dunn House Battery and Battery No. 9 in the Petersburg Lines. As the Second Corps took to the field again on December 7<sup>th</sup> the Regiment and Corcoran's Legion was left behind to hold the 2d Division's lines.<sup>299</sup> The Regiment was now under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Coonan.<sup>300</sup> Later in the month, General Gibbon ordered each Brigade commander rank the regiments in their Brigades. The 69th was deemed to the crack regiment of the Irish Legion.<sup>301</sup>

The Regiment was once again at Hatcher's Run in February of 1865. On the morning of February 5<sup>th</sup> they deployed to the left of the Armstrong House, holding the right of the brigade's line.<sup>302</sup> Corcoran's Legion dug in while the Regiment moved out on picket.<sup>303</sup> At about 4 p.m. the Rebels suddenly attacked from the woods and the Regiment was driven back after about 15 minutes of skirmishing.<sup>304</sup> After dark, the works were improved and an abatis was thrown up in front of the line.<sup>305</sup> The greatest loss was Colonel Murphy, who went down mortally wounded. He died of his wounds on April 16, 1865 in the Field Hospital at City Point, Virginia.

The casualty report for the action at Hatcher's Run in February 1865 included:

O'BRIEN, DENNIS.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted at Jamaica, to serve one year, and mustered in as private, Co. D, October 21, 1864; captured in action, February 5, 1865, at Hatcher's Run

MARTIN, THOMAS.—Age, 30 years. Enlisted, September 15, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. C, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor; killed in action, February 5, 1865, at Armstrong's Farm

MURPHY, MATTHEW.—Age, 23 years. Enrolled, September 3, 1862, at New York City, to serve three years; mustered in as colonel, November 17, 1862; wounded in action, May 18, 1864, at Spotsylvania, Va., and February 5, 1865, at Hatcher's Run; died of his wounds, April 16, 1865

### Lee Abandons Petersburg

After Lee abandoned Petersburg, the Regiment remained in the lines.<sup>306</sup> On April 1<sup>st</sup> they were at Crow's Farm, where three lines of works were erected. At 7:00 a.m. the following morning, the Regiment was ordered to assault the Rebel works in columns of fours.<sup>307</sup> The soldiers charged forward to storm the defenses and prisoners.<sup>308</sup> The Regiment continued on, attacking another Fort beyond and capturing it and another gun and prisoners.<sup>309</sup> The following day, the Regiment and the Irish Legion was detached to guard the cavalry train. They were not re-attached with the Division until April 6.

On April 6 the Regiment along with the Division pursued the retreating Rebels for three days before encamping at Clover Hill on April 10, 1864. The Regiment stayed there until the end of the war.<sup>310</sup> The Regiment participated in the Grand Review and remained in Federal Service until July 15, 1865

when they were mustered out. The first time a Adjutant General's Report listed the regiment as the 182<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment was in 1864 but it always crossed referenced it as the 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment National Guard Artillery.

206. The Irish American (New York), February 28, 1863.
207. Ibid.
208. Ibid.
209. The Irish American (New York), September 20, 1862.
210. The Irish American (New York), September 13, 1862.
211. The Irish American (New York), February 28, 1862.
212. The Irish American (New York), November 1, 1862.
213. New York Adjutant General's Office. Registers of New York Regiments In The War Of The Rebellion. (1894-1906), Vol. 42.
214. Current 69th Regiment Lineage and Honors Certificate.
215. The Irish American (New York), November 15, 1862.
216. Ibid. The New York Herald for November 10, 1862 has the steamer Connecticut instead of the City of Bath.
217. Ibid. The newspaper account gave no name of the prominent 6th ward politician, but it is probable it was Colonel Isaiah Rynders, the Tammany agent of the 6th Ward, who also owned several liquor establishments.
218. Ibid.
219. Ibid.
220. Ibid. This flag is only one of two Irish colors that are known positively to have been carried by the Legion. At present the location of this color is unknown. The only other known Irish Color of the Legion is the Headquarters Flag of the Legion which is on display in the 69th Regimental Armory in New York.
221. Ibid.
222. The Irish American (New York), February 28, 1863.
223. Brigadier General Michael Corcoran, to Judge Charles P. Daly, 28 November, 1862, In the Charles P. Daly Papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, New York Public Library, New York.
224. Ibid.
225. The Irish American (New York), December 13, 1862.
226. Ibid.
227. Ibid.
228. Ibid. The officer in a letter dated November 28, 1862 is only identified as "J.D."
229. The Irish American (New York), January 10, 1863.
230. The Irish American (New York), January 17, 1863.
231. Ibid.
232. Richard P. Weinert, "Longstreet's Suffolk Campaign." Civil War Times. Vol. VII, No. 9. January, 1969, 33.
233. Ibid, 35.
234. Ibid.
235. The Irish American (New York), April 11, 1863.
236. The Irish American (New York), April 11, 1863.
237. The Irish American (New York), February 14, 1863.

238. Ibid.
239. Ibid.
240. The Irish American (New York), February 14, 1863.
241. Corcoran on Deserted House. OR XVIII (I), 136-9.
242. Ibid.
243. The Irish American (New York), February 18, 1863.
244. The Irish American (New York) March 11, 1863.
245. Ibid.
246. Ibid.
247. The Irish American (New York), April 18, 1863.
248. Weinert, 32.
249. Ibid, 33.
250. Ibid.
251. The Court Martial File pertaining to Michael Corcoran (MM682) Records of the Judge Advocate General (Army), National Archives and Records Administration, Washington.
252. IBID. At Corcoran's request a court of Inquiry was held in early may, and Corcoran was censored as the Killing was "Unjustifiable" but no action was ever taken upon the charges.
253. Col. Matthew Murphy's Report on the Siege of Suffolk. OR XVIII (I), 246-7.
254. The Irish American (New York) May 9, 1863.
255. IBID.
256. The Irish American (New York), May 2, 1863.
257. The Irish American (New York), July 4 1863.
258. Corcoran to Judge Daly, letter dated October 21, 1863. In the Charles P. Daly Papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, New York Public Library. Box 3.
259. It is interesting to note that a little over 50 years later a former captain of the 69th N.Y.N.G., J.J. "Ginger" O'Connell, would become chief of staff of the Irish Volunteers. In that capacity he conceived the Idea of "Flying Columns" and the I.R.A.'s guerilla strategy that ultimately not only led to Ireland's independence, but also set the example for most insurgents in the 20th Century. It is pure speculation, but probably not unreasonable speculation, that he may have been influenced by Veterans of the Legion that he met as a Captain of the 69th during the first decade of this century.
260. Corcoran to Judge Daly, August 14, 1863. In the Charles P. Daly Papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, New York Public Library, New York. Box 3.
261. Corcoran to Abraham Lincoln, August 17, 1863. In the Court Martial File Pertaining to Michael Corcoran (MM682). National Archives and Records Administration.
262. Ibid.
263. The Irish American (New York) October 17, 1863.
264. Corcoran to Judge Daly, Letter Dated October 21, 1863. In the Charles P. Daly Papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, New York Public Library, New York. Box 3.
265. Proceedings First National Convention of the Fenian Brotherhood Held in Chicago Illinois. In the possession of the New York Public Library.
266. Scrapbook No. 3, Unnamed Newspaper clipping. In the Charles P. Daly Papers, Rare Books

- and Manuscripts Division, New York Public Library, New York. The article indicates that among the ladies were Mrs. Meagher and Corcoran's Mother in law.
267. Ibid.
  268. Ibid.
  269. Ibid.
  270. Ibid.
  271. Ibid.
  272. Ibid.
  273. The Irish American (New York) February 6, 1864.
  274. Ibid.
  275. The Irish American (New York), January 16, 1864.
  276. The Irish American (New York), February 13, 1864.
  277. The Irish American (New York), April 2, 1864.
  278. Orders from J.H. Taylor. OR XXXVI (II), 768.
  279. Orders from Jno A Rawlins, May 17, 1864. OR XXXVI (II), 853.
  280. Matthew Murphy's Report. OR XXXVI, 459.
  281. McIvor's Report OR XXXVI, 460. Also Gibbon's Report, 432.
  282. The Congressional Medal of Honor. (Sharp & Dunnigan; Chico, 1984), 823. Henceforth referred to as CMOH. The award was issued on 25 October 1867.
  283. Major Byron's Report. OR XXXVI, 462.
  284. Ibid.
  285. Ramsey's Report OR XL, 366-72.
  286. Ramsey's Report OR XL, 366-72. Also McIvor's Report OR XL, 377.
  287. Noah Andre Trudeau, The Last Citadel. Petersburg, Virginia June 1864-April 1865. (Louisiana State University Press: Baton Rouge, 1993) 75.
  288. Gibbon's report OR XL, 366-7.
  289. The Irish American (New York), July 9, 1864.
  290. Murphy's Report. OR XLII, 317.
  291. Ibid.
  292. Ibid.
  293. Conyngham 478-9.
  294. Ibid.
  295. Hancock to Meade. OR XLII (II), 1071.
  296. Ibid.
  297. Ibid.
  298. Ibid.
  299. Humphreys to Meade, December 7, 1864. OR XLII (III), 850. Also Page 854.
  300. Ibid.
  301. General Orders 94 (2d Division). OR XLII (III), 1042.
  302. Smyth's Report. OR XLVI, 212-3
  303. Murphy's Report OR XLVI, 220-1.
  304. Ibid.

305. McIvor's Report. OR XLVI, 221.

306. Hay's Report. OR XLVI, 213.

307. McIvor's Report. OR XLVI, 764-5.

308. Ibid.

309. Ibid. In the assault the 69th suffered no casualties, the 164th 2 Wounded and the 8th NYHA 5 wounded. all told they captured about 300 Prisoners.

310. Ibid.