



*150th Anniversary
of the
Civil War
& Orange Blossoms*

Local & Vicinity News.

Soldiers' Letters from the One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth.

Co. G, 124TH REGIMENT N. Y. V., 3D CORPS,
STONEMAN'S SWITCH, NEAR FALMOUTH, Va.,
May 8th, 1863.

Excerpt...

CAMP STONEMAN, May 7, 1863.

DEAR FATHER: It was with a sorrowful heart that I entered our old camp. We have had a hard time and a bloody battle; our regiment suffered severely; our loss must be about two hundred killed and wounded. Our company lost a good many; it does not seem like the same place. I wrote you two letters from the other side the river but I do not know that you will get them. I escaped injury, and have come out all right. We had some very hard marches. The Captain was slightly wounded in the chin; he came to the company to-day. Gowdy is wounded pretty badly in the leg; he is at the Division Hospital, I saw him to-day. We had six killed sure, and I think seven—W. L. Fairchild, Van Keuren Crist, C. Foster, D. Mould, J. Delamater, Geo. O. Fuller, C. Seaman—the last was badly wounded and I think could not live; eighteen were wounded, J. Rowland was among them, but I cannot give the names tonight as I do not feel like writing. It was a terrible fight, and we had a hard place. They drove us off the ground at last, but we gave them a hard time. Orange County need not be ashamed of the One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Regiment, brave men never stood before the enemy; they stood till they got their orders to fall back, although the men were falling thick and fast, and then fell back in good order. We made one charge after we fell back, and drove them before us, but they came again in force, and we had to fall back. Our colors were shot down three times. I was struck with a spent ball on the shin, but it did not hurt me an

Our brigade was the last to leave the breastwork. When the retreat was made we were four miles from the river; we covered the retreat, starting at three o'clock in the morning, roads very muddy, making it the hardest march we have ever had, getting to camp at three o'clock in the afternoon—eighteen miles, and mud very deep.

Your affectionate son,
JOHN R. HAYS.

[We have received from Mr. John Chatfield, of Cornwall, permission to publish the following portion of another letter received by him from P. P. H., whose letter, under date of May 2, was printed in Saturday's *Daily Journal*. We commence our extract at the point where the first letter closed an account of the regiment's movements up to Saturday noon, when orders for a march were received. The regiment was then near Chancellorsville.—*Ed. Jour.*]

CAMP AT STONEMAN'S, Va.,
Thursday Evening, May 7, 1863.

We were not to remain here long. Soon the order came for us to fall in, and on we went; and if we were not marched around the remainder of that day until nine or ten o'clock at night, then no troops ever were. I cannot begin to tell you all, nor will I attempt to. Suffice it to say we were all of us nearly exhausted.

In later years, LT. John R. Hays owned a business in Walden and with his wife, Sarah Millspaugh Hays, lived in the beautiful Victorian home on Maple Street now owned by Historical Society Trustees Nancy and David Ohlmer.



...We have posted more of the letters on our website www.thewaldenhouse.org

Some are undated. *Newburgh Daily Journal* except where otherwise noted

The 124th at Gettysburgh.

Below will be found an official list of the killed, wounded and missing of the 124th Regiment, (American Guard,) at the Battle of Gettysburg. July 2d, 1863. We copy from the Newburgh Journal:

Colonel A. VAN HORNE ELLIS, killed, shot through the head.

Major JAMES CROWWELL, killed, shot through the breast.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cummins, wounded slightly.

COMPANY A—Newburgh.

Private Jacob Lent, killed.

" Wesley Morgan, wounded severely.

" Chas. Valentine, wounded and missing

" Isaac Conklin, wounded slightly.

" Michael Hager, wounded severely.

COMPANY B—Goshen.

Private Robert J. Holland, killed.

" Wm. Lamoreux, killed,

" Harrison H. Storms, killed.

✓ Captain James Scott, wounded in six places—will get well.

Private Edward M. Carpenter, wounded in hand.

" John Glanx, wounded in hand and arm.

" Wesley Storms, wounded in knee.

COMPANY C—Cornwall.

Sergeant Peter P. Hazen, wounded in face.

COMPANY D—Warwick.

Private John W. Leeper, killed.

" James Pembleton, killed.

" Thos. S. Storms, wounded, head, slight.

" Thos. M. Hyatt, wounded, head, slight.

" John C. Degraw, wounded, foot, slight.

Corporal Ezra Hyatt, wounded, leg, slight.

" Gideon H. Pelton, wounded, leg, slight.

Private Geo. B. Kinney, wounded, head, severe.

" John Gannon, wounded, thigh, slight.

" John Edwards, missing.

COMPANY E—Middletown and Mt. Hope.

Corporal John Scott, wounded in breast.

Private H. Harris, wounded in head.

" James Moores, wounded in thigh.

" Matthias Wood, missing, since paroled.

COMPANY F—Port Jervis.

Sergeant John B. Drake, killed.

Corporal O. U. Knapp, killed.

Private A. St. Quick, killed.

Corporal James H. Taylor, wounded in foot.

" James Conner, wounded in head.

✓ Private George Garrett, wounded in face.

" F. S. Goble, wounded in knee.

" Wm. Van Sickle, wounded in hand.

" George Langdon, wounded in arm.

" Ira Gordon, left arm amputated.

" Isaac Gillson, missing.

COMPANY G—Washingtonville.

Captain Isaac Nicoll, killed.

Private Walter Barton, killed.

" James Roak, killed.

" Wm. Campbell, killed.

" Thomas Corbitt, killed.

Lieutenant Jas. O. Denniston, wounded in thigh by one ball and calf of leg by another.

Sergeant Isaac Decker, wounded in hip.

Private Selah Brock, wounded in hip.

" Garrett H. Bennett, wounded in ankle.

" Wm. Dawkins, wounded in hip.

" Cornelius Hughes, wounded in side.

" Charles Benjamin, wounded in side.

" Gilbert Piatt, wounded in wrist.

COMPANY H—Walden.

Private James E. Horner, killed.

Sergeant Thomas Bradley, wounded in groin.

" Chas. H. Tindall, wounded in arm.

" Wm. H. Cox, wounded and missing.

✓ Captain Noah B. Kimbark, wounded.

Private Jesse Camp, wounded in arm.

" John E. Kidd, wounded in breast.

" Thomas O. Connell, wounded in leg, and putated.

Private Wm. Hatch, missing, prisoner.

COMPANY I—Newburgh.

Lieutenant Milner Brown, killed.—

Private G. S. Allen, killed.

✓ Sergeant Amos Eager, wounded in arm.

✓ Corporal Samuel McQuaid, wounded in breast.

" Samuel Chalmers, wounded in hand.

Private John Gordon, wounded slightly.

" James Partington, wounded mortally.

" N. Jackson, wounded in ankle.

✓ Sergeant A. Vanderline, wounded in hand, slight.

✓ Private J. T. Larue, wounded in shoulder.

" Wm. Moore, missing.

" Wm. Whan missing.

COMPANY K—Middletown.

Corporal Isaac Decker, killed.

Private Ambrose S. Hurlbut, killed.

" John Carroll, killed.

" George H. Stephens, killed.

Lieut. James Finnegan, wounded in leg and arm.

Sergeant Woodward T. Ogden, slight.

Private Henry W. Smith, wounded slightly.

RECAPITULATION.

Field officers killed.....	2	
Line officers ".....	2	
Enlisted men ".....	19	
Total.....	23	23
Field officers wounded.....	1	
Line officers ".....	2	
Enlisted men ".....	52	
Total.....	55	55

Enlisted men missing.....	7	7
Killed, wounded and missing.....	85	
Two hundred and seventeen muskets and eighteen officers went into the fight.		

124th at Gettysburg,
Official List of Killed & Missing
July 2, 1863

The most Complete details of the Killed and Wounded in the 124th Regiment.

We are indebted to REV. CHAS. S. BROWN, for the principal items of the annexed list of casualties in the 124th Regiment. MR. BROWN, our readers will remember, left this Village immediately after the battles on the Rappahanock, for the purpose of looking after the wounded. He writes:

"I have seen as many of the wounded men who have been brought on to Washington as I possibly could, and have seldom worked harder than I have during the past two days. Most of the casualties occurred in the terrible battle of last Sunday. Many (both rebels and Union) were burned in the woods which had taken fire from the explosion of shells, and in a hospital near by which also took fire.

"An officer who came in here last night, showed me where a ball entered his left breast very near the heart. It went through eight thicknesses of clothing, and struck a crucifix which the Captain showed me. Probably the cross saved his life. This man was of the 3d Army Corps (the 124th is also in that Corps), which did the hardest fighting on that day.

"We should not, perhaps, be particularly uneasy in reference to the wounded and those reported missing. The hospital reports have not come in, and besides the hospitals are spread over considerable distance and are without mall facilities of any kind.—Many who are in hospital, therefore, cannot send word to their friends. I think this will be remedied in a few days."

LIST OF CASUALTIES.

COMPANY A.—NEWBURGH.

KILLED.

Private William Odell,
" John H Judson,

WOUNDED.

Captain Weygant, in temple, slightly.
Corporal J W Taylor, in neck, severely.
" Joseph Davy, in thigh and right cheek severely.
Sergeant Samuel T Rollings, in head, slightly.
Sergeant Peter Rose, slightly.
Private Robert Potter, in left shoulder, severely,
" James Kyle, accidentally shot by one of his own company—leg amputated.
Private R. Rawlings, bruised, slightly.
" Henry Arcularius, in hand.
" John Worford, in breast, slightly.
" Abram Bellows, slightly.
" Newton Goethus, slightly.

MISSING.

John Lewis.

COMPANY B.—GOSHEN.

KILLED.

Captain Henry S. Murray
Corporal George Shawcross.

WOUNDED.

Sergeant Robert R Murray, forefinger cut off
" Coe L Reeve, severely
" William Valentine, severely
Corporal Henry O Smith, severely
Private Dennis McCormick, in thigh, not dangerous
" Matthew Crawley, in leg, severely
" George Culver, in leg, not severely
" Matthew Holbert, in arm, severely
" Hiram Crans, in arm severely
" Ezra F Tutthill, severely
" Edmund N Lane, severely wounded—reported since dead.

MISSING.

Henry O Smith, reported wounded
William Valentine, do
Frank Lee, do
William Snyder, do
Hugh McShane, do
Edward Mapee, do

Some of these are supposed to have been burned to death in the woods near Chancellorville, or in the hospital near, set on fire by the shells.

COMPANY C.—CORNWALL.

KILLED.

Sergeant Thomas Foley, color-bearer, shot dead
Corporal Charles Chatfield,
Private Robert Rush,
" John W Foley,
" James A Ward

WOUNDED.

Corporal Daniel O'Hara, severely

" Charles Knapp
Thomas Rodman,
William Bordenstein
Albert Wise, slightly
Samuel Dodge, slightly
David L Westcott, slightly
Peter Conkling, slightly
Daniel S. Gardner, slightly
Charles H. Goodsell, slightly
Frederick Dezendorf, slightly
Andrew Boyd, severely

MISSING.

Clark Smith, George H. Barnes,
James D. Tilton, John Thompson,

COMPANY D.—WARWICK.

KILLED.

Corporal Francis Mediet

WOUNDED.

Lieutenant Daniel Sayre, in thumb, slightly.
Joseph S. Brooks, severely
Jonas F. Quackenbush, severely
Zopher Wilson, severely

William L. Beecraft, slightly
John K. Clark, slightly
Daniel P. Dugan, slightly
George W. Decker, slightly
Jesseniah Dolson, severely
Norman L. Dill, slightly
Abram C. Forshee, severely
Orlando Humphrey, severely
Carl G. Hoffman, severely
William McGarran, slightly
Joel McCann, severely
Coleman Morris, slightly
David F. Raymond, slightly
William H. Tomer, severely
John Garrison, slightly

Six of this company are missing, and some of the wounded with whom I have conversed think they were burned in the woods.

COMPANY E.—MIDDLETOWN.

KILLED.

Corporal William Daly
John C Staples
Charles Newell

WOUNDED.

Lieut Theodore M. Robertson, slightly
Sergeant William Price, severely
Corporal Hiram Ketchum, slightly
Judson Kelly, severely
Adam W Miller, slightly
Adam W Beakes, severely
William L Dougherty
Charles M Everett, hip
Edward Glenn, breast and arm
Jonah Harris, body, left
Abram Rogers, leg
Moses Crist, knee

124th in the battles on the Rappahanock
Reported Killed & Wounded,
Undated

COMPANY F—PORT JERVIS,

KILLED.

Wm V C Corner
 Thomas H Jeffrey
 James Cunningham
 Ira Wilcox, wounded—s'noe dead
 Clement B Anderson, in body—reported dead

WOUNDED.

Lieutenant Thomas J. Quick, under the eye, slight.
 Corporal Charles Peters, in arm, severely
 Job M. Sneed, in hand, slightly
 Henry R. Bodhead, in cheek, slightly
 Bernard F. Keen, in thigh, shot wound
 Charles P. Kirk, contusion, caused by shell
 Corporal Alfred Bartley, in abdomen, severely
 George W. Adams, slightly
 Isaac Gillison, in hand, slightly
 Job Sneed, do
 Reuben Doty, do
 Jacob Garrison, slightly
 J. F. Fisher, gone to Philadelphia Hospital

MISSING.

Peter A. F. Hanara Andrew J. McCarty.

COMPANY G.—BLOOMING GROVE.

KILLED.

George Coleman, first to fall, ball went through his head between the eyes.
 Peter Higgins,
 William Hawkshurst
 William Raker.

REPORTED DEAD.

H. Trainer, } Reported wounded,
 Grant B Benjamin, }
 Cornelius Huxhea, } Touhey th are dead.
 Sergeant Fred J Wood, in back—re- dead.

WOUNDED.

Sergeant Horatio J Estabrook, in foot, rely.
 Corporal Daniel S White, not severely.
 " Lewis P Miller, in knee, severely.
 " James Miller, in leg, very severely.
 " George W Odell, in finger, slight.
 " Alexander Jones, severely.
 John H Calyer, in head, not severely.
 William E Cannon, in hand.
 William Fosberry, not severely.
 Patrick Touhey, not severely.
 Cyrenus Giles, slightly.
 Ed Hughes, leg broken.
 Joseph Miller, slightly.
 Abram Stalter, in hand.
 Alexander Trainer, leg broken.
 D S White, not severely.

MISSING.

Corporal Sandford T Estabrook, wounded. Captain Clark reports that he saw him leave the field in ambulance. Fosberry, Touhey, and White were wounded at the same time.
 Hector Pinaay.
 John W Bennett.

COMPANY H—WALDEN.

KILLED.

Corporal David Mould.
 " William L Fairchild.
 Van Keuren Crist.
 Charles A Foster.
 George O Fuller,
 Joseph Delmeater.

WOUNDED.

Captain David Crist, slightly,
 Lieutenant Henry Gowdey, in leg, was in Washington with his brother, did not see him,
 Sergeant John Rowland, severely,
 " Albert R Rhinehart, severely
 " William H Cox, slightly
 Corporal Benjamin Dutcher, in thigh, flesh wound
 " John R Post, slight—on duty
 D D Post
 William H Brown, above eye—not severe.
 Thomas H Baker, in both legs
 John McCann, in arm, badly
 Daniel Carman, in leg, slight
 Andrew Bowman, slight
 Jerry M Crist, severely
 Josiah Dawson, slightly
 William H Dawson, severely
 Grandison Judson, slightly
 Charles A McGregor, severely
 Samuel L Youngblood, slightly
 Charles Seaman, } Mortally wounded, left on th
 Jos Delamater, } field—so reported
 Henry Matthews, }

MISSING.

Theron Bodine
 A Hawley

COMPANY I—NEWSBURGH.

KILLED.

George Weygant
 Courland Bodine
 James Cooper

WOUNDED.

Sergeant Charles Stewart, in head, slight
 Corporal William Wallace, severely
 " Andrew P Millsapugh, slight
 William Milligan, not very severely—says he was reported dead—I saw him in hospital
 James Bovel, lost one finger—slight
 William Hamilton, leg amputated
 Joseph Hanna, in head, not dangerous
 John Hamill, in arm, badly
 Anson Hamilton, in foot, slight
 Rensselaer D Baird in head, slight
 George Scott, in foot, slight
 David Storms, in wrist, slight
 Daniel Loughridge, in shoulder, severe
 James C Haggerty, severely
 John H McAllister, slightly
 James Barrett, slightly
 John P Whiteman, slight
 Robert Wilson slight

COMPANY K—MIDDLETOWN.

KILLED.

Lieutenant Jacob E Denton
 " Alanson W Miller

WOUNDED.

Corporal Daniel C Carpenter, in arm, pretty badly
 " George Van Selver, in foot, slight
 " Solomon W Smith, fingers
 Egbert S Puff, arm amputated above the elbow
 Alonzo Price, in shoulder, severe
 Cornelius Herron, in hand, severe
 Nathaniel J Conkling, in hand, slight
 Stephen B Kerr, in hand, severe
 Jacob E Smith, in leg by bayonet
 Nathan B Mullen, in leg, badly
 Wm H H Wood, above knee, badly
 Gordon B Cox, very badly
 Cornelius Crans, hand
 Daniel E Webb, wounded in leg
 Isaac Rainoff, severe
 Samuel Malcolm, in leg
 Robert McCartney, in wrist
 John O'Brien, in foot
 David U Quick, in arm
 Paul Holliday, in hand

MISSING.

Isaac Kennough
 W W Bailey
 Daniel E Webb, son of Dr Webb, of Ridgebury
 Sylvanus Grier