

**NATIONAL GUARD NOTES.**

There have been a number of sensational stories circulated recently about Col. David E. Austen of the Thirteenth Regiment compelling his Captains to resign. The reports are denied by both Col. Austen and by the Captains themselves. Capt. W. W. Harold of Company G was one of the officers mentioned, and he is very indignant about the story of his resignation. He has written Col. Austen the following letter:

"Col. David E. Austen, My Dear Colonel: I rarely pay more than passing attention to newspaper criticisms of the Guard, especially when they refer to myself only, but the purpose of the enclosed clipping to maliciously attribute my intended resignation to a feeling with you or acts of yours as commanding officer of the Thirteenth Regiment, and the implication that the relations between us are other than cordial and pleasant, is so evident that, in justice to you and myself, I wish to place on record the statement that my possibly contemplated resignation is simply for business reasons, and no other.

"Of the eighteen years I have been in the Guard, eight years' service has been performed under you in the Thirteenth, and I would like to stay longer, as the associations in the regiment have been very pleasant and enjoyable, but I have always maintained that when military duties interfere with business requirements, military should yield to business (if term of service had expired), and I may be compelled to act on this principle.

"Regarding the insinuation that my company is dissatisfied with me, I will only say that at a recent meeting the members unanimously requested me to remain as their commander. It is too bad that a man like you, who has done yeoman service in and for the Guard, and like myself, who have tried to do faithfully whatever has fallen to my lot in the eighteen years I have served the State, can, in the estimation of these newspaper critics, do little while we remain in the service that seems worthy of their commendation, and even displease them in the manner of our 'taking off.'"

A like denial has been made in the case of Capt. Lyons of Company H.

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Following these reports the story was revived that Col. Austen would resign on account of dissensions in the regiment. Col. Austen has denied this many times, yet he makes the following statement:

"I have no more intention of resigning at present than I had when I went into the service. When I made the statement that I would not resign, until after camp, and the removal of the regiment to its new quarters, it did not necessarily imply that I was then going to resign. I do not know of any dissension among the field officers, and, in fact, when there was talk of my resignation some time back, all united in asking that such a proposition be not considered. Such criticisms are unworthy of notice, or even contradiction."

Both Major Charles H. Luscomb and Major George Cochran, who have been accredited with the wish to be Colonel, deride the story and vouch for the fact that there is no dissension among the field and staff officers.

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Military circles have been unusually dull during the past week. The only excitement in the field was that caused by the assertion that two of the companies which were disbanded are about to march back into the ranks of the Sixty-ninth Battalion whether the State authorities want them or not. They intend, so the members assert, to take their old officers with them. Company B, commanded by Capt. Paul Leonard, has now 100 men, and Company E, Capt. Hugh Coleman, has 80 men. They are all ready to return to the regiment, in spite of the oft-repeated fact that they are not wanted, and that they were disbanded in order to relieve the State of officers whom both the Adjutant General and Inspector General declare are incompetent and cannot hold another commission in the National Guard of this State.

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Major-elect Hewling H. Quick of the Forty-seventh Regiment has received his commission. The following shows the standing of the various companies in the Forty-seventh Regiment:

	Loss.	Gain.	Total.
Non. Com. Staff.....	1	..	11
Field and Staff.....	1	..	11
Company A.....	1	..	53
Company B.....	..	..	54
Company D.....	1	..	90
Company E.....	..	1	71
Company F.....	..	1	87
Company G.....	1	..	64
Company I.....	..	..	63
Company K.....	1	..	62
Total.....	..	..	566

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At an election held for Captain and First Lieutenant of Company I, Thirteenth Regiment, last Friday night, First Lieut. W. A. Turpin, recently transferred from Company B, was unanimously elected Captain, and First Sergt. Samuel F. Fahnestock was elected First Lieutenant.

Privates Graham and Cook of Company F, Thirteenth Regiment, have passed the examining board of the regiments as Sergeants, and Privates Kerr, Dowling, and Weir for Corporals.

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The movement is not looked upon with any favor by the men and officers in the Sixty-ninth Battalion. They assert that should these men be received again in their old company formations, it would renew the old quarrels. Ex-Lieut. Col. James Moran is accused of holding out false hopes to the men, it is said, and some time they will realize how they have been duped.

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Major Charles H. Luscomb of the Thirteenth Regiment entertained Col. Charles J. Burdett and staff of the First Regiment of Connecticut National Guard, and Col. David E. Austen at dinner at the Brooklyn Club last Thursday evening.

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Capt. Frederick Rotzler of the First Battery desires to have corrected the statement made in this column some weeks ago that he attended the West Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church.

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Company C of the Sixty-ninth Battalion, Capt. O'Connell, is making extensive preparations for its annual dinner and meeting, which is to be held at Riccadonna's, 42 Union Square, Jan. 10.

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The annual dinner of the Veterans' Association of the Forty-seventh Regiment will take place Jan. 23 at the Hanover Club, Bedford Avenue and Rodney Street, Brooklyn.

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First Lieutenant T. W. Timpson has been unanimously elected Captain of Company G, Seventy-first Regiment, vice Coburn, resigned.

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The following changes have taken place recently in the Forty-seventh Regiment: William A. McLearn, Company F, dishonorably discharged; August F. Jager, Company D, honorably discharged; A. W. Hib, Company I, promoted to Corporal.

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The Ninth Regiment will attend church Jan. 28 and listen to a sermon by their Chaplain, the Rev. Newland Maynard, D. D.

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The reviews of the First and Second Battalions of the Seventy-first Regiment will take place in January. The annual meeting of the Board of Officers will occur Jan. 9, when civil officers for the year will be elected.

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Wednesday evening the Riker Trophy final match was decided in the Twelfth Regiment Armory. Company E won. The score:

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	Yds.	Yds.	Totals.
Company E.....	103	112	215
Company C.....	104	108	212
Company B.....	101	110	211
F. S. and N. C. S.....	99	112	211
Company I.....	97	103	200
Company A.....	96	100	196
Company H.....	92	98	190
Company K.....	88	95	183
Company F.....	93	84	177
Company G.....	75	94	169
Company D.....	71	91	163

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The following general orders have been issued to Company F, Seventh Regiment, bearing date Dec. 26, 1893:

The regular quarterly meeting and session of the Committee on Discipline will be held at the armory Jan. 4, 1894.

Promotions.—April 6, 1893, Private Alexander Stevens, Corporal, vice Wiswall, promoted; April 19, 1893, Private Alanson E. Wilson, Quartermaster Sergeant, vice Burnette discharged; June 2, 1893, Corporal Robert C. Fisher, Jr., Sergeant, vice Van Benschoten discharged; June 2, 1893, Private Harvey H. Duryee, Corporal, vice Fisher promoted; Oct. 10, 1893, First Sergt. Charles W. Nichols, Second Lieutenant, vice Appleton promoted; Oct. 10, 1893, Sergt. Thomas C. Wiswall, First Sergeant, vice Nichols promoted; Oct. 10, 1893, Corp. Harvey H. Duryee, Sergeant, vice Wiswall promoted; Oct. 10, 1893, Private Henry E. Turner, Jr., Corporal, vice Duryee promoted; Oct. 10, 1893, Private Louis W. Stotesbury, Corporal, vice Colwell discharged.

The following members are hereby recognized as Lance Corporals of this company, to date from Oct. 10, 1893, viz.: Hayden J. Bates, Frederic P. Moore, George L. Catlin, Jr.

Discharged.—Sept. 25, 1892, Private James F. Quin, expiration term of service; Jan. 11, 1893, Private John L. McCammon, expiration term of service; Jan. 23, 1893, Private James D. Foot, expiration term of service; March 10, 1893, Private Henry T. Knowlton, expiration term of service; April 1, 1893, Private Frank A. Potter, expiration term of service; April 3, 1893, Private John Miller, expiration term of service; April 19, 1893, Quartermaster Sergt. Edward W. Burnette, expiration term of service; May 25, 1893, Private Edward H. Hudson, expiration term of service; May 28, 1893, Sergt. Francis L. Van Benschoten, expiration term of service; Sept. 27, 1893, Private Joel S. Mason, expiration term of service; Oct. 6, 1893, Corp. Frank W. Colwell, expiration term of service; Nov. 20, 1893, Private Alfred H. Taylor, expiration term of service.

Recruited.—Joseph H. Covell, proposed by Ex-Commissary Charles H. Covell; Edgar W. Bayliss, proposed by George H. Bird; John Adams Learned, proposed by Richard A. Learned; John K. Mulford, proposed by Chester A. Darling; Edward F. Lonsdale, proposed by Henry D. Mora; Edward S. Prince, proposed by Wilberforce D. Edwards; James McDonald, proposed by Frank M. Edwards.

Re-enlistments.—June 3, 1893, Joseph R. Dederer; June 6, 1893, John Miller.

Honorary Members.—Jan. 5, 1893, ex-Lieut. Robert A. Powers; Jan. 5, 1893, Joseph R. Dederer; April 6, 1893, James D. Foot; April 6, 1893, Frank A. Potter; April 6, 1893, John Miller; April 6, 1893, L. Strettell Miller; April 6, 1893, John L. McCammon; April 6, 1893, Henry T. Knowlton; July 6, 1893, ex-Sergt. Francis L. Van Benschoten; Oct. 6, 1893, Adjutant Charles A. Appleton; Oct. 6, 1893, Edward H. Hudson.

The following recently discharged members

are hereby especially mentioned for their long and faithful service in this company, viz.: Ex-Corporal Frank W. Colwell, enlisted Oct. 18, 1874; discharged Oct. 6, 1893. Ex-Quartermaster Sergt. Edward W. Burnette, enlisted May 4, 1877, discharged April 19, 1893. Ex-Sergt. Francis L. Van Benschoten, enlisted April 1, 1880; discharged May 28, 1893. Ex-Private Joel S. Mason, enlisted Jan. 20, 1880; discharged Sept. 27, 1893.

The following indorsement of the Inspector General appears on the muster roll received from General Headquarters: "A good company, neatly presented for inspection. Military appearance and soldierly bearing good. Of the maximum strength. George W. Rand, Captain."