

Boys Who Fought at Gettysburg to Meet There Again

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Men and boys of an invasion of the north having become a thing of the past.

Veterans Live in Nebraska.

In Nebraska live something like 100 men who fought on the Union side at Gettysburg and a dozen or more who had cast their lot with the confederacy and with Lee.

As to how the battle of Gettysburg went and regarding the incidents on the field and during the fighting, the tales told by the veterans are of interest to those who were not there and to the generations that have since come upon the stage of action.

Probably there was no man on the field at Gettysburg that saw more hard fighting than Captain Joseph J. Mallison, long a resident of Omaha and at this time commander of Grant post, Grand Army of the Republic.

As a boy, in December, 1861, he sailed as a private in the 69th New York Regiment and was immediately sent to the front. Showing marked ability, he was promoted to corporal and after the battle of Antietam was made sergeant.

"I got into the battle the very first day and was there until the finish, being under General Reynolds of the First Corps, and during the first day of the fighting we held Lee in check from morning until night. That day we changed brigade commanders four times, three of them having been killed or wounded.

Faced Pickett's Men. The day when Pickett made his famous charge I was in the front and remember distinctly seeing the general lead his men out and hurry toward the Union lines. Volley after volley was poured into them, but they came on and on until they were almost to our lines.

"On a solid column and with almost the speed of a tornado, firing as fast as they could load, and giving vent to yells that would have done credit to a band of Sioux Indians, these brave men came.

When they were perhaps 300 yards away, we got the word. Each one of our soldiers picked his man, took aim and fired. The result was appalling. The ground seemed to be covered with dead men, but this did not stop those who were alive.

"Probably Pickett was justified in making the charge, thinking he had us at a disadvantage. All day in the Devil's Den, where we were located, and on Culp's Hill, an artillery battle had been going on, 100 to 150 pieces on each side.

There was not much fighting over the Devil's Den. Long trenches were dug and the bodies placed in them, an attempt being made to identify as many as possible.

One of Curtain's Defenders. George W. Lower was 19 years old when, June 28, 1863, he answered the call of Governor Curtin of Pennsylvania for 20,000 troops to enlist and go to the front and guard the homes of the citizens of the state.

He was living in Philadelphia at the time and was one of 10,000 young men of that city who enlisted the first day after the call was issued. The next day he was mustered in at Harrisburg and together with the other Philadelphia recruits, uniformed and equipped, he started toward Gettysburg to head Lee off on his march through the state.

New Friend of Fighting. W. C. McClellan, another of the Omaha veterans of the battle of Gettysburg, enlisted in the 12th New York Infantry in 1862, being only a little past 18 years of age, and in a little while became a corporal, after being promoted to sergeant major, and during his four years of service he saw about as much fighting as any of the soldiers who were in the war of the rebellion.

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extreme right on Culp's Hill. Here we participated in the fighting and during the afternoon went out to Cemetery Ridge to strengthen the line. Getting over there we found the Union breastworks occupied by the enemy and after some sharp fighting we drove him out and took possession. This was directly opposite Swell's command, and after we got our position the fighting ceased until about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when the battle was resumed, with the main forces a little less than a mile apart.

Was in Iron Brigade. Thomas H. Dalley, survivor of the Omaha veterans and a survivor of the battle of Gettysburg, when but 15 years of age enlisted in the Second Wisconsin Infantry, answering President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, issued in 1861, just after the fall of Fort Sumter.

"What brigade is that?" To which Dalley replied, giving the name. "Well, the men must be made of iron," said McClellan, and ever after that during the war the fighting force was known as the Iron Brigade.

Daily participated in the first day of the Gettysburg fight, but after that he was a spectator. His company was one of the first on the field and was one of the first to open fire after Lee invaded the town. He was a gunner in Company H of the Wisconsin battery.

Battle a Grand Sight. "The battle was a grand sight and it made such an impression upon my mind that I remember it as if it was yesterday. I can remember witnessing the movements of the forces on Culp's Hill and Cemetery Hill, and it seems as if now I can hear the cheers of the men of each side as they gained temporary advantages of the fight."

The charge of Pickett was the most brilliant event that occurred. From where I stood on my entrenchment I could distinctly see the men sweep down the hill and right up to the mouth of the Union artillery and musketry that was mowing down the ranks like a reaper going through ripe grain. There were a few moments when the field was so densely covered with smoke that I could not see what was going on, but a little later I heard the cheers of the Union soldiers and then the confederates commenced to run back and know what was all over."

Blas E. Wiall, an Omaha veteran, was but 15 years of age when he enlisted in 1861 in the Third Pennsylvania. He was on the way to the front when the battle of Gettysburg was fought, but did not reach there until July 4. After that he served under Generals Butler and Ward and was present at the fall of Richmond.

Was to Devil's Den. T. J. McQuinn was one of the first men to volunteer from Pennsylvania, enlisting in 1861, and at Gettysburg he helped to hold the famous Devil's Den, on the left, west of the peach orchard. His company went into the fight with the regular quota of men and came out with but seven, all of the others having been killed or wounded.

Plans for the Reunion. An official statement of details concerning the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 2, 3 and 4 at the scene, Gettysburg, Pa., has been issued by Colonel J. M. Schoonmaker, chairman, and Lieutenant Colonel Lewis E. Bettler, secretary of the Pennsylvania state commission, in charge of the reunion.

Arrangements for the reception of the veterans have been made at Gettysburg. An immense camp has been provided, whose accommodations may be obtained through the various state representatives for the number of veterans expected to attend. The camp will be under the direct charge of the secretary of war and each officer as he may detail.

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will be known as Veterans' day, with exercises under the joint direction of the Pennsylvania and the commanders in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate veterans.

The chief justice of the United States will preside National day, July 4. There will be fireworks at night.

The reunion had its inception in the Pennsylvania General assembly through an act approved May 13, 1908, which created a commission to make the arrangements to co-operate with the national congress and the veterans' organizations of the anniversary. The Pennsylvania commission is composed of Colonel Schoonmaker, chairman; William D. Dixon, R. Bruce Ricketts, Alexander McDowell, Irwin K. Campbell, W. J. Patterson, William E. Miller, George F. Bizer and John P. Green. The office is in room 500 Capitol building, Harrisburg, Pa.

Pleanty of Tents. The camp is on 200 acres southwest of town and partly on the scene of the first day's battle. It consists of 5,000 tents regularly holding twelve men each, but planned to hold only eight of the veterans, each veteran being supplied with a separate cot, blanket and mess kit, the latter to become his own after the reunion.

Meals will be served at tables adjoining the kitchen at the end of each company street. Baggage, which shall consist only of hand luggage, must be taken care of by the veterans themselves, and to aid in prompt delivery of mail or telegrams, addresses should give with which state delegation the visitor is quartered.

Exact and authentic credentials from every veteran will be required for entrance. Several states are making arrangements for free transportation of veterans, and the Trunk Line Passenger association, in whose territory Gettysburg is, has granted a one and three-fifths round trip excursion rate.

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