

Some War Experiences

As related of Thomas Kelsey, a resident of our city and a member of Veteran Post No. 84, C. A. R.

At the age of eighteen, he enlisted in Co. C. 34 Indiana Infantry, on August 28, 1861 at Huntington, Ind.

His regiment started for the seat of war on September 16, 1861, going through Louisville, Kentucky to Nelson, Ky, where they spent the winter in plain army tents for shelter against the weather.

For warmth, they dug fire-places in the ground, with underground passageway for smoke; the opening being far enough outside to prevent burning the tent. It smoked bad and was not very warm.

In the spring of 1862 they marched to the Ohio River, a little below Louisville, Ky., where on February 17, they embarked on transports; they were attached to Gen. Nelson's division of the army. Disembarked on the west bank of the Mississippi river below Cairo, Illinois and marched to New Madrid, Missouri, here they took part in the siege of this place, which the rebels evacuated on March 14, 1862; the rebels taking to their boats and retreating down the river, leaving three prisoners.

On the next night, his company and another company of his regiment assisted in dragging two 32-pound siege guns about twenty-five miles through timber and swamps, and before daylight the cannons were in position on the river bank. At daylight they were discovered by the rebel fleet and at once attacked. The rebel fleet consisted of seven gunboats. After a spirited engagement one of the rebel gunboats was sunk and the others beat a hasty retreat. This action having dispersed the rebel fleet that supported the rebel position on Island No. 10, this rebel stronghold was soon thereafter surrendered, and was occupied by his regiment.

He also assisted in the capture of Fort Pillow; afterwards went by transports to Memphis, Tennessee on June 15, 1862, where his regiment soon took transports for the White River in Arkansas, going up this river as far as Aberdeen.

On the night of July 2, 1862, they had an engagement with the rebels ten miles from Aberdeen, and soon drove them to Duvall's Bluff. They then again embarked on transports for Helena, Arkansas, where they went into winter quarters. Their camp was in heavy timber, of which they made shanties breast high, using their tents for roofs. Made chimneys of sticks and mud on the outside. They were occupied during the winter doing guard duty, guarding government property and cotton.

During two weeks of this time they were engaged in removing heavy timbers which the rebels had felled in the stream at Yazoo Pass.

In the spring of 1863 went on transports up the Arkansas river to Pine Bluffs and Little Rock, where they attacked the rebels some miles back from the river, surprising the rebels at daylight before breakfast in heavy timber. Closed in on the rebels in line of battle, firing as they could; went right in on them, driving them out and dispersing them. They then returned down the river to its junction with the Mississippi river, and went down the Mississippi some miles, landing on the west side, north of Vicksburg.

On April 10, 1863, started on the Vicksburg campaign. During this time they built bridges to facilitate the march of the army from Milliken's Bend to a point below Vicksburg. They also guarded government property while the army was digging the canal.

The regiment crossed the Mississippi river below Vicksburg on transports, his company going over on a tug boat on the night of April 30, 1863. They marched all night over a partly hilly and partly level country, well timbered, with dusty roads. His regiment was in the fighting next morning at Port Gibson, Miss., making a charge, capturing two cannons and many prisoners. His regiment lost forty-nine in killed and wounded in this engagement.

On the same day he was in the battle at Champion Hills, where his regiment captured the 46th Alabama Infantry with its colors, and arms; here his regiment lost seventy-nine killed and wounded.

He took part in the siege of Vicksburg, his camp being about two hundred yards over the hill from the trenches and out of range of the rebel guns. He made his own coffee, cooked his own pork and beans and lived on hardtack. He was engaged in digging trenches for over a month. Would dig up he dirt and throw it out three or four feet toward the rebel lines until the trench was deep enough to afford shelter from the rebel cannon and small arms.

There was a trench running up from the rear in which soldiers could reach the front trenches without being under fire. Would be in the trenches about four hours at a time

and then be relieved for eight hours. Kept digging the trenches up closer and closer to the rebel fortifications all the time. The rebels tried several times to break through the Union lines but were never successful. Towards the last the lines of the two armies were not over a rod apart, and many a night he talked with the rebel soldiers across the intervening space.

When the rebels displayed the white flag of surrender, the Union army was in line of battle ready to charge the rebel works. He was not over three hundred yards from the rebel army when it marched out of its fortifications and laid down their arms, and within a few minutes afterwards he was in Vicksburg gratifying his curiosity about the place. In this siege his regiment lost thirteen in killed and wounded.

The rebel army after stacking their arms was fed by the Union army with army rations. They soon signed papers of parole not to fight again during the war and were allowed to go home.

Next day after the surrender his regiment joined Gen. Sherman's army and marched to Jackson, Miss., where rebel Gen. Johnson had gathered another rebel army. He took part in the nine days' siege of Jackson, his regiment losing ten men in killed and wounded. They returned to Vicksburg and embarked on transports on August 4, 1863, for Brazos City, which is below New Orleans.

He was with Gen. Banks' expedition up the Teach Bayou and Carrion Crow Bayou, where on Nov. 3, 1863, they had a spirited engagement with the rebels. From here his regiment marched to New Iberia, Louisiana, where he and 464 others of his regiment re-listed for three years more of service. Then marched to New Orleans where they boarded transports December 23, 1863, bound for Port Cavalla, Texas, on the Gulf of Mexico. From here they returned to New Orleans February 24, 1864.

In March, 1864, those who had re-enlisted went home on a thirty-day furlough by transports to Cairo, Illinois and from there by train to Indianapolis, Ind., where they arrived April 1, 1864. Here his regiment was welcomed by Gov. Morton, of Indiana.

At expiration of his furlough he went back to New Orleans, rejoining his regiment, doing guard duty until December, 1864, when his regiment embarked on transports for Brazos Island, Texas, which is situated at the mouth of the Rio Grande river, the boundary line between the United States and Mexico.

His regiment was in the last battle of the war, fought at Palmetto Ranch, Texas, on May 13, 1865. In this engagement his regiment was overpowered and had to retreat, losing two companies of prisoners; their total loss being eighty-two in killed, wounded and prisoners. This battle was after the Surrender of Lee at Appomatax. As soon as the news of the close of the war was received the rebels released their prisoners. The day he learned the war was over was one of the gladdest days of his life. He was then back at Brazos Island.

His regiment went 250 miles up the Rio Grande river on a scout after this, returning to Brownville, Texas, in August, 1865, where he stayed until February, 1866. This was on account of the trouble arising from the French occupation of Mexico.

He was mustered out on February 19, 1866 having served in the army four years and a half. He was then twenty-three years old. During his service in the army he never missed guard duty but a few days on account of sickness and was never wounded or taken prisoner.

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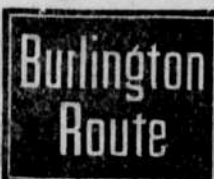
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