

1861; was mustered into the U. S. service, July 22, 1861, and left Hartford, Conn., for the front July 29. The 5th Regiment joined Gen. Banks' command at Sandy Hook, N. J., Aug. 1, 1861. During the first year we did guard duty along the Potomac River from Darnestown, Md., to Hancock, Md.

"Mar. 1, 1862, we crossed the Potomac and on the 22nd we were in the first fight at Winchester, Va., on the 25th with Banks on his retreat up the Shenandoah Valley. We were fighting for over two hours in the morning and then marched forty-five miles and crossed the Potomac River into Md. at Dunn's Ferry, a few miles below Williamsport, on an old swing ferry. Before two o'clock in the morning at the battle of Cedar Mountain, Va., on the 9th of Aug., 1862, in a charge on the rebels, I was wounded twice; in the left knee by a piece of shell, and in the left hip by a buck shot. I was taken prisoner and was confined one month in Libby Prison and two months in Belle Isle. After this I was paroled and taken to Annapolis, Md., from there to Parell Camp, near Alexandria, Va., until I was exchanged. I then joined my regiment at Frederick, Md. In September 1863 the 11th and 12th Army Corps were consolidated into the 20th Corps, and the 5th Regiment was transferred to the Army of the Cumberland. Here I was in the fight at Lookout Mt., then guarded the R. R. at Cowan and the coal mines at Tracy City, Tenn., on the Cumberland Mts. On the 5th of Jan., 1864, at Tracy City, I enlisted with others and had a thirty days' furlong in the state. When I returned to the regiment we advanced toward Atlanta, Ga., and we were at the siege of that place in August. The Union troops entered the city September 2, 1864, and the 5th Conn. was the first regiment to march into the city.

"We were with Sherman on his march from Atlanta to the Sea. I was at the siege of Savannah in Dec. We entered that city on the 23rd of Dec., 1864. The last engagement that I was in was Aversboro and Silver Run, N. C., both the same day, Mar. 16, 1865.

"After Lee's surrender, we marched to Washington, arriving there the 19th of May. The total distance marched from Savannah to Washington (taken from my diary from day to day) was seven hundred and fifty miles. Our regiment participated in the grand review at Washington, May 24, 1865, and was mustered out of service July 19, 1865, at Alexandria, Va. I arrived at Hartford, Conn., with the regiment July 23, 1865.