

# ROSTER AND RECORD

OF

# IOWA SOLDIERS

IN THE

## War of the Rebellion

TOGETHER WITH

HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

1861—1866



VOL. V

32d—48th REGIMENTS—INFANTRY

1st REGIMENT AFRICAN INFANTRY

AND

1st—4th BATTERIES LIGHT ARTILLERY

---

Published by authority of the General Assembly, under the direction of  
Brig. Gen. Guy E. Logan, Adjutant General

---

DES MOINES  
EMORY H. ENGLISH, STATE PRINTER  
E. D. CHASELL, STATE BINDER  
1911

# HISTORICAL SKETCH

## FORTY-SIXTH REGIMENT IOWA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

---

The ten companies of which the Forty-sixth Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry was composed were enrolled in the following named counties: Company A, in Dubuque; Company B, in Poweshiek; Company C, in Dallas; Company G, in Monroe; Company I, in Cedar; Company K, in Lucas; Company D, in Taylor and Fayette; Company E, in Linn and Ringgold; Company F, in Delaware and Winneshiek, and Company H, in Wayne and Clark. While the counties named are mentioned at the foot of each roster as those in which the different companies were enrolled, an examination of the different rosters reveals the fact that there were a large number of other counties represented in the regiment. The short time allowed for recruiting the one hundred day regiments, and the fact that the State of Iowa had already furnished more troops for the Union armies than the filling of her quota required, rendered it necessary to practically cover the entire State, in order to raise the number of men needed and to place them in the field as quickly as possible.

The records show that nine of the companies of the Forty-sixth Iowa were ordered into quarters by the Governor, on April 25, 1864, and the tenth company (G) received its orders on May 30, 1864. The designated rendezvous was Camp McClellan, near Davenport, Iowa, and there, on June 10, 1864, the organization of the regiment was completed, and it was mustered into the service of the United States by Captain Alexander Chambers, of the Regular Army. The original muster-in rolls contain the names of eight hundred ninety-two men—rank and file.<sup>1</sup> Four days later—on June 14th—the regiment was on its way to the South. It will thus be seen that but little opportunity had been given to the officers and men to prepare themselves for the important work before them. It was their good fortune, however, to have been placed under the command of an officer of great ability. Colonel David B. Henderson had entered the service with the Twelfth Regiment of Iowa Infantry, in September, 1861. He had won honor and distinction in the battles of Fort Donelson and Corinth, in both of which he was severely wounded. Having partially recovered from his wounds, he felt that he was able to discharge the duties of a field officer, and, upon tendering his services to the Governor, was appointed Colonel of the Forty-sixth Iowa.<sup>2</sup> He was the only one of the Colonels of the

<sup>1</sup>Report of Adjutant General of Iowa, 1865, Vol. 1, pages 122 to 151 inclusive. Original roster of the regiment.

<sup>2</sup>The previous military record of this gallant officer is given in the Historical Sketch and Revised Roster of the Twelfth Iowa Infantry, contained in Vol. II, of this work, pages 410 and 467. For many years after the close of the war, Colonel D. B. Henderson was the foremost member of the Iowa delegation in the Congress of the United States. He was elected Speaker of the House, and discharged the duties of that high office with great ability for many years. He voluntarily retired from Congress on account of failing health, and died at his home in Dubuque, Feb. 25, 1906. His death was deeply lamented by all the people of Iowa.

one hundred day regiments who furnished the Adjutant General of Iowa with a detailed report of the operations of his regiment. His report was written after the regiment had been mustered out of the service, but may, nevertheless, be regarded as official, for the reason that it was submitted in compliance with the personal request of Adjutant General N. B. Baker, and was published by him, in his official report, covering the operations of Iowa troops for the year 1864. It reads as follows:

DUBUQUE, IOWA, OCT. 8, 1864.

General: In compliance with your request of the 16th ult., I would respectfully submit the following brief history of the Forty-sixth Regiment Iowa Infantry Volunteers.

The Forty-sixth Regiment was organized at Davenport, Iowa, and mustered into the United States service on the 10th day of June, 1864, to serve for the term of one hundred days. On the 11th of June the regiment was armed and clothed, and, on the 14th, we took the cars for Cairo, Ill., at which place we arrived on the 15th. Immediately upon my arrival in Cairo, I dispatched a letter to Major General Washburn, commanding at Memphis, and, on the morning of the 17th of June, I received orders from General Washburn to report with my regiment at Memphis. On the evening of the 17th of June, I embarked the regiment upon the "John D. Perry" and arrived in Memphis on the morning of the 20th, when I was ordered into camp two miles east of the city. We remained in camp at Memphis until the 27th, performing heavy picket duty during that time.

On the morning of the 27th of June, I was ordered to move my regiment to Collierville, Tenn., take command of that post and throw out detachments east and west on the railroad, and was also ordered to guard the railroad against the interference of the rebels, who had recently been firing upon the trains in the vicinity of Collierville. On the 28th of June, I sent Lieutenant Colonel L. D. Durbin, with two companies—A and I—Captains Guilbert and Wolf, to Camp Look Out, a post three miles west of Collierville, and situated on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. On the same day, Major George L. Torbert, with Companies E and K, Captains Harrison and Palmer, moved to Camp Henderson, two and a half miles east of Collierville. Both of these detachments performed their duties faithfully, and not another train was disturbed while they guarded these posts. While the regiment was stationed at Collierville and outposts, the men performed very heavy picket duty, being upon guard each alternate day. I partly compensated the men for this by inaugurating a generous system of foraging.

The enemy disturbed us but once during the two months that we were stationed at Collierville. The event that I allude to occurred about the middle of August. Lieutenant Colonel Durbin was informed that a band of guerrillas had captured two men of the Sixth Illinois Cavalry, near his camp. He promptly sent out Captain Wolf with sixteen men, to rescue the prisoners, if possible. When about a mile from camp, the party was fired upon by some thirty guerrillas lying in ambuscade, and Captain Wolf and three of his men were brought down at the first volley, the Captain and one man seriously wounded, the others slightly. The men returned the fire, killing one and wounding three of the rebels. The Captain having been shot and supposed to be killed, and being outnumbered two to one, the men retreated to camp.

On the 1st of September we were ordered to Memphis, where we remained until the 10th, when we were ordered to embark on the "Golden Era" for Cairo, at which place we arrived on the 14th of September. Taking the cars the same day, we started for Davenport, Iowa. On the evening of September 16th we reached Davenport, at which place we were mustered out and paid off on September 23, 1864.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. B. HENDERSON, Colonel,  
*Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry Volunteers.*

GENERAL N. B. BAKER.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Report of Adjutant General of Iowa, 1865, Vol. 2, pages 1229, 30.

It will thus be seen that the general character of the service performed by the Forty-sixth Iowa was much the same as that of the other one hundred day regiments from Iowa. It had moved promptly to the posts of duty to which it was assigned, had acquitted itself most creditably, and had rendered such important service as to deserve and receive the thanks of the President. At the time the regiment returned to Iowa, the great rebellion was everywhere tottering to its fall. A few months later there was no large body of armed rebels in existence. The plans of President Lincoln and General Grant had been successfully accomplished, and the war-worn veterans, who had fought so valiantly for the preservation of the Union, were being gradually disbanded and permitted to return to their homes. While it took long years to bring about a complete reconciliation between the people of the States which had been engaged in rebellion and of those which had adhered to the cause of the Union, the time has finally come when only the valor of American Soldiers, of both the North and the South, is remembered and cherished, and abiding peace and good will prevails throughout the land.

## SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES.

Total Enrollment .....	918
Killed .....	2
Wounded .....	4
Died of wounds.....	1
Died of disease.....	25
Discharged for wounds, disease or other causes.....	4
Buried in National Cemeteries.....	14
Captured .....	—
Transferred .....	—

**Jay, Evan T.** Age 18. Residence Chariton, nativity Iowa. Enlisted May 7, 1864. Mustered June 10, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 23, 1864, Davenport, Iowa, expiration of term of service.

**Jones, Jesse.** Age 23. Residence Lucas County, nativity Iowa. Enlisted May 9, 1864. Mustered June 10, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 23, 1864, Davenport, Iowa, expiration of term of service.

## COMPANY "A"

**Kimmling, Christopher.** Age 18. Residence Dubuque County, nativity Germany. Enlisted May 7, 1864. Mustered June 10, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 23, 1864, Davenport, Iowa, expiration of term of service.

**Koch, George.** Age 44. Residence Dubuque, nativity Switzerland. Enlisted May 7, 1864. Mustered June 10, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 23, 1864, Davenport, Iowa, expiration of term of service.

**Kopp, Andrew.** Age 22. Residence Dubuque, nativity Germany. Enlisted May 4, 1864. Mustered June 10, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 23, 1864, Davenport, Iowa, expiration of term of service.

**Kroll, Henry, Jr.** Age 20. Residence Dubuque, nativity New York. Enlisted May 14, 1864. Mustered June 10, 1864. Accidentally injured Sept. 15, 1864, enroute to Davenport; leg amputated. Mustered out Sept. 23, 1864, Davenport, Iowa, expiration of term of service.

## COMPANY "B"

**Kaufer, Johann Michael.** Age 44. Residence Poweshiek County, nativity Germany. Enlisted May 13, 1864. Mustered June 10, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 23, 1864, Davenport, Iowa, expiration of term of service.

**Kerr, Adam.** Age 24. Residence Poweshiek County, nativity Pennsylvania. Enlisted May 23, 1864. Mustered June 10, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 23, 1864, Davenport, Iowa, expiration of term of service.

**Korns, Jacob C.** Age 19. Residence Poweshiek County, nativity Ohio. Enlisted May 25, 1864. Mustered June 10, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 23, 1864, Davenport, Iowa, expiration of term of service.

## COMPANY "C"

**Kunkle, John.** Age 32. Residence Guthrie County, nativity Pennsylvania. Enlisted May 21, 1864. Mustered June 10, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 23, 1864, Davenport, Iowa, expiration of term of service.

## COMPANY "D"

**Kauble, David.** Rejected June 10, 1864, by Mustering Officer.

**Kepner, Erasmus D.** Age 22. Residence Taylor County, nativity Pennsylvania. Enlisted May 21, 1864, as Third Sergeant. Mustered June 10, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 23, 1864, Davenport, Iowa, expiration of term of service.