

History of Co H 115 OVI

The members of Co "H" 1156 VI was recruited undered the call of Farther Abraham for 600,000 troops in the year 1862 for a term of three years unless sooner discharged, About 75 being enrolled by Abidd Sturges from Columbiana and Fairfield and about 26 being enrolled by Simon Simmon from Salem Franklinsquare and North Georgetown. The members of C"H" when elisted was lead to believe that they would be assigned to the 104 regiment we reported at Camp _____ some time in August 1862 and found that they had recruite about 1600 men for the 104 regiment being 600 more recruits than was necessary to form the 104 regiment the recruits of Co H being some of last recruits to report for duty at Camp _____ we were ordered to lay in Camp _____ while 400 more recruits could be recruited and another regiment formed which took about 3 weeks during which time the most of Co H took 4 or 5 day furlough Co H was mustered in service by A.E. _____ and assigned to Co H 115 Regiment - OVI on the 19th day of Sept 1862. I will never forget the ordeal we went through to be examined our first and only Captain was Abdul

Sturgeon of Columbiana who commanded
 H during our term of service. Simon Sumner
 was our first 1st Lieut of Salem who
 served as such to March first 1864 when he
 resigned on account of disability the members of
 H all remember his disability Harry C. March
 was H second 1st Lieut who was promoted from
 2nd Lieut of Co F to 1st of Co H. March 21st 1864.
 and mustered out with Co H Henry H. _____
 was H first Lieut and was promoted to 1st Lieut
 of Co E 115th Oct Aug 11th 1864 ~~from 1st Serg.~~
 Harvey L. Shirdler was promoted from 1st Sergeant
 of Co I to 2nd Lieut of H sept 8 1864. and
 transferred back to Co I. Nov 1864 Harry H Wood
 a sergeant of H was promoted to the office
 of 2nd Lieut of Co I Aug 11th 1864 and was
 transferred back from Co I to H Nov 9 1864.
 All of the original Sergeants of Co H was
 chosen by Ballott on the _____ of Co
 1862 on the later part of Aug 1862 Co H with
 the balance of the 115th was ordered from
 Camp _____ to Camp Dennison for drill
 and receive Camp _____ After remaining
 at Camp Dennison some time drilling we were
 ordered to Cincinnati we went into Camp
 on Each Side of the street for a few hours on
 the afternoon of Oct 4th 1862 we broke camp and
 was taken across the Ohio river and _____

Bridge to Covington Ky and was marched up to
 head of Green — where we went into Barnches
 and stayed about 5 day here co H received
 its full quota of teams consisting chiefly of
 raw and rebelling mules in drilling them and
 making the animals acquainted with their collars
 it seemed — time more than probable that
 the first blood of the Co would be shed but
 Garrit Williamson was equal to the emergency
 and came off victorious and _____
 in short time he taught the rebellious mules
 to perform their duties in accordance with
~~Uncles~~ Uncle Sam's Rules, on Oct 9 1862 the
 regt was divided and Co H was ordered with the
 left wing of regt under command of Licut Col
 _____ Boone to report at Camp Chase to perform
 Guard Duty. I might right here remark while
 at Camp Chase "H" had a large time fighting
 rats while laying at camp chase co "H" was
 detailed to go to Noble and Gurnsey Counties
 to hunt up deaserters and bounty jumpers
 on this trip "H" had quite an experance "H"
 was gone over a week on this trip "H" was
 ordered back to Camp chase late in Oct 1862
 Co "H" with the balance of the left wing was
 ordered under command of Col. Lucy where we
 pitched our tents on a hill. Dec 1862 Co "H"
 with the left wing of regt was ordered to

Covington Ky where the H went into winter
 quarter [^] while in Covington I think
 some time in June 1863 "H" heard the long
 Roll be sounded one night about 10 o'clock and
 we were _____ in line and made a double
 Quick march to Fort Mitchell on a false
 alarm did get back until late in the
 morning. While quartered in Barrack at Covington
 while we were still located in Covington Ky in the
 late spring of 1863 "H" was mounted and did
 service south of Covington and in and around
 Liberty Swan Co Ky, hunting bush whackers and
 Guerillas. Some time in the early part of the
 summer of 1863 Co "H" with the balance of
 the left wing of regt was ordered to Cincinnati
 and when to quarters at the Vine street
 Barrick at Cincinnati and performed patrol
 duty on one Sunday in July 1863 "H" was
 ordered out on a special train from Cincinnati
 in pursuit of the John Morgan's raiders on
 the Harrison Pike in Indiana Darke Co
 Just before we reach a little town in Indiana
 where Co H was unloaded we crossed a RR
 Bridge that was set on fire by the Morgan
 Raiders and the bridge fell in just as [we]
 got across it which I think was a close call
 when Co "H" reached Harrison Pike the
 Company was divided the right platoon on

command of Capt. Sturgeon and second platoon
 under command of Lucret. Summers right platoon
 going out Harrison like left platoon going
 over into the valley Capt Sturgeon had schirmish
 on Sunday with Morgans Cau in which there
 was 10 or 15 volleys fired. A bullet of the
 calvary coming in close contact with Serg't C.F.
 Lease, he being out of his position in which [he]
 became so scared that he soon got back in position.
 In Oct 1863 Co "H" with the balance of the
 Regt was relieved and ordered to report to Major
 — Rosecrans at Chattanooga Tenn Upon reaching
 Nashville and ascertaining that they had plenty
 of troops at Chattanooga and short of rations
 and after laying at Nashville 4 or 5 days we
 were ordered to report to the Post Commander
 at Murphrystboro for duty and such a time as
 Co "H" had in ~~displaying~~ ^{disposing} of extra clothing and
 blankets and unnecessary equipment that we
 had at that time caused quite an excitement
 among the boys of Co "H" The order required that
 we march from Nashville to Murphrystboro a distance
 of about 40 miles. The 1st day we marched and
 struck camp at dusk making a march of over 20 miles.
 The second day we marched to the fortress about a
 mile north of Murphrystboro and went into camp
~~and~~ Sometime in Nov 1863 Co "H" built barracks
 made out of cedar logs gathered on the battle

field of Stone River for ~~just~~ winter quarters in which we lived comfortably all winter.

in the summer of 1864 most of the members of Co H was ordered to do Garrison duty at Block house nos 11 & 12, balance on duty at a small Fortress at Lavergne on ~~any~~ Aug 31 1864 a great many of Co H was in Wheeler charge on the rail road between _____ River and Lavergne which saved RR and _____ of the fort. During the Hoods advance in Nashville in Dec 1864 the member of Co H Block house no 11 & 12 was ordered back to Murfreesboro and the next day after they were ~~an~~ ordered back to Block Houses no 11 & 12. During the charge made by Gen Buford on Dec 7 1864 Gen Roussan ordered Col T.B. Boone to take charge of the 3^d Michigan regt and his own regt after a few hrs fighting the rebels was replaced and driven out of town, quite a number of Co "H" was in this fight.

During the Hood raid on Nashville and along the Nashville and Chattanooga RR the 115 reg lost about 150 men, and 80 of these lost their lives in the Steamer "Sultana" which exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis April 27 1865 Co H had _____ on the steamer _____ after Dec 1864 Co H done Garrison duty at Murfreesboro and guard duty on the Nashville and

Chattanooga R.R. until the 22d of June 1865 when
 it was mustered out of service by Capt W.S. Wilson
 A.C.M. at it received its first _____ pay at
~~Gene~~ _____ O July 7' 1865. The Co was 4th
 Division 20th A Corps under _____ Rousseau

Total number of Reg	985
recruits	<u>300</u>
	1285

mustered out 630