

in the Carolinas, and was one of the heroic veterans to swing into line in the Grand Review. June 11, 1865 he was given his honorable discharge at Bladensburg, Md. He returned home and united in marriage, Christmas Day, 1865, at Mansfield, N. Y., to Alzina A. Courter, daughter of Alanson S. and Diantha (Harvey) Courter. Two children were given to them, Effie, dec., and William. His brother, David G., Co. H, 37th N. Y. V. I., wounded twice at Williamsburg, and Theodore of 37th N. Y., and William of 154th N. Y. V. I., were in the Northern army. Com. Laing is oldest member of the F. & A. M., of Otto Lodge, 620, since 1863; is member of W. T. Wickham Post, Otto, N. Y., in which he is Surgeon. He is living on a pleasant farm near Eddyville, N. Y., in town of Mansfield.

CAPT. WILLIAM LAIDLAW,

Son of Gilbert and Margaret (Lamb) Laidlaw, was born in romantic Harwick, Scotland, New Year's Day, 1839. The village was on the border and youthful William attended school until he was 12 years of age. He came to America, and when the War of the States began, he tendered his services to the North, and was enrolled as a landsman in New York City, May, 1862, on gunboat "Montgomery" of the West Gulf Blockading Squadron. Before the close of his memorable career he was made ordinary seaman, able seaman and captain of the fore-castle, and was never off duty while on this boat, from which he was discharged, and began to recruit men from Olean, Hinsdale, Ischua, and Farmersville townships for the navy, and was very successful, getting over 60. They went to Erie and he re-enlisted on the "Tawah." Their vessel was sunk in action near Johnsonville, and Com. Laidlaw was among the number who went to Nashville and were transferred to the "Cincinnati." This vessel served in Lower Miss. Squadron, was in bombardment of Mobile, and on long cruises up the Tombigbee and Alabama Rivers. In May, 1865 he was sent to report for examination for Asst. Paymaster under waiting orders to Admiral Spaulding, but as the war had closed, Com. Laidlaw is still under his 'waiting orders.' When the war had closed, he was discharged and came home. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, and has been one of most successful criminal lawyers of Western New York. Sept. 1, 1864 at Franklinville, N. Y., he was married to Elizabeth McVey, daughter of William and Margaret Dow McVey. She was born June 4, 1837, in Covington, N. Y. Three children were given to this union, Gilbert W., Archie M. and the Rev. Clarence L. The wife's brother, Archibald McVey, was Navy Paymaster of the fleet off Charleston, and his brother James was Paymaster's clerk. Comrade Laidlaw has ably filled office of Dist. Atty. for six years, Supervisor of Ellicottville for one year, Congressman for four years, and is now

the leading lawyer of the county. He is a mason of 25 years membership; he is a member of H. VanAernam post, and is now living in a quiet home in Ellicottville, N. Y.

JOHN LANGHANS.

Son of John and Dora (Merow) Langhans, was born Oct. 21, 1843, in Lauenburg, Germany, and came to America in winter of 1857. He was farming near Ellicottville when summons came for the boys to fight for their country. He was enrolled as a private Sept. 12, 1861, at E. Otto, N. Y., in Co. H, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 20th A. C., and in due time was promoted to corporal. He joined regiment at Atlanta and served on March to the Sea, campaign in Carolinas, and was one of the worn veterans to swing into line in the Grand Review at Washington. While on March to the Sea, he was detailed to forage with 50 men, and was always successful in his expeditions. He was given his honorable discharge June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg, Md. Oct. 21, 1865, at Ellicottville, he chose for his companion, Sophia Block, daughter of Joachem and Dora Kruse Block; she was born on May 2, 1851, in Mecklenburg, Germany. Three children were born to them, Augusta (Ranke), Frank J. and Emma (Dunkleman). Mrs. Langhans' three brothers, Charles, William and John, served during the war. Com. Langhans is a member of Lutheran Church, and is assessor of Ellicottville for past 9 years; a member of H. VanAernam post. He lives on a large farm near Ellicottville, N. Y.

ABRAM MABIE,

Son of John and Nancy Mabie, was born July 4, 1839, Cananoharie, N. Y. He was employed as a barber in Ellicottville, N. Y. when he went out as a cook in Co. I, 36th N. Y. V. I., May, 1861. He was with Capt. Clark until hired by the government to drive in wagon train under William Frech, and in Va. was transferred to Q. M. Dept. under Hall; in the wagon trains carrying ammunition and commissary supplies for 3d A. C. under Kearney. At Stafford C. H. he was taken prisoner when their train was captured by rebel cavalry, but 8th Ill. came up and recaptured them. He left the service to join the U. N. S. T., when he re-enlisted July 1, 1863, at Ellicottville, in Co. A, 20th N. Y. V. C. T. He fought at Port Hudson, Little York, Doy River, Maumee, Pursuit of McGruder's Cav. into Texas to Galveston, fights at Brownsville and Mansville, Texas. He was detailed with rebel prisoners as a guard to Dry Tortugas from the Red River expedition, and was on provost guard duty for a long time in New Orleans. In fall of 1865 he was sick with breach, diarrhea fever in New Orleans in Court of Fouting or Africa for three weeks, receiving his honorable discharge in Sept., 1865. In July, 1867, at Ellicottville, N. Y., he