

and was then sent to Gen. Franklin's headquarters for nine months. When the welcome peace had come he was discharged June 26, 1865, at Buffalo, N. Y. July 4, 1864, he was united in marriage at Machias, N. Y., to Eloise White, daughter of Isaac and Anna Smith White. She was born in Yorkshire, N. Y. Two children were given to this marriage, Anna A. and Charles A. Charles Runyan in an Iowa regiment was a faithful soldier. Com. Runyan is a member of the I. O. O. F., Royal Templars; has served as remunerator, collector, and constable. He is spending the last years of his well-spent life in Delavan, N. Y., a faithful member of the Howell post, 390.

WESLEY J. STARKS.

Son of Chester and Laura (Rawson) Starks, was born Sept. 21, 1837, in Little Valley, N. Y., and was united in marriage to Malissa Whipple, Oct. 20, 1860, at Mansfield, N. Y. Three children were given to this union, Ida and Eda, twins, and Lulu, dec. The wife and mother passed to her reward Mar. 27, 1891, Good Friday, and buried on the Resurrection day, Easter, in the quiet cemetery on the hill near Little Valley, N. Y., death resulting from consumption. When the President issued his call for volunteers, Com. Stark answered, and was enrolled as a private, Oct. 28, 1861, at Little Valley, in Co. H, 37th N. Y. V. L. 2d Brig., 2d Div., 3d A. C. He fought at Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, and on reserve at Malvern Hill. In summer of 1862 he was confined in the hospital at Portsmouth Grove, R. I., suffering with diarrhea for four weeks. He barely escaped capture at New Market. On the whole, he was fortunate, a faithful soldier, ever ready for duty. At last discharged June 21, 1863, at New York City. Com. Starks is a member of the Sherwood post, and now lives on a pleasant farm near Elkdale, N. Y., a respected and truly esteemed citizen.

ISRAEL RICKARDS.

Son of Nelson R. and Roxlina (Talbot) Rickards, was born Mar. 25, 1840, in Freedom, N. Y., and was engaged in farming when Lincoln issued his call for the boys to don the blue. He was enrolled as a private of Co. D, 154th N. Y. V. L., Aug. 15, 1862, at Yorkshire, N. Y. He bore the brunt of battle at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie Valley, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mt., Rocky Face Ridge, with Sherman to the Sea and campaign in the Carolinas. He was wounded in the little finger at Rocky Face Ridge, and on account of injuries to right hip and back he was confined in the hospital at Jeffersonville, Ind. two months. He was detailed as teamster at Thoroughfare Gap for one year, also as tonnage master on the train, reporting to his regiment on consolidation of 11th and 12th A. C. into the 20th in 1863,

was detailed at Corps H. Q. and remained there until discharged June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg, Md. He left the army with a noble record and one of which any true soldier ought to be proud. Dec. 10, 1865, in Yorkshire, N. Y., he took for his companion on life's hard journey, Lucretia (Langmade), daughter of Steven and Maranda (Thornton) Langmade. Four children hallowed their home, Steven, Nelson, Richard and Mabel. Com. Rickards was again married Mar. 30, 1878, to Jane Roy, daughter of Alexander Roy. Three children have been born to them, Maude, Emma and Grace. Com. Rickards is a Mason and the honored Commander of Rust Post, 357, and is at present the postmaster of Great Valley, N. Y.

WILLIAM C. SMITH,

Son of Russell and Abigail Mathewson Smith, was born Dec. 18, 1826, in Villenova, N. Y., and was employed as a machinist when the war cloud rolled up from the South. He enlisted when Lee made his invasion of the North, when every loyal heart trembled for the fate of the nation, when every loyal man sprang to defend the flag; he enlisted June 25, 1863, at Hamlet, N. Y., in Co. H, 168th N. Y. V. L., as 2d Sergt. The command was hurried forward to Harrisburg, Pa. and was on the march toward Gettysburg field and would have arrived in time for the fight but for the cowardice of their Col. Forbes. After enduring the privations of the camp and dangers of the field he was given his honorable discharge July 28, 1863, at Harrisburg, Pa. Com. Smith is the happy father of five children, Emily, Edwin, Elmina, William R., and Abigail by his first wife, Louis Patterson, daughter of Robert and Chloe Stilson Patterson. His second marriage was to Phoebe T. Sissen. His grandfather Mathewson was a drummer in war of 1812. Comrade Smith is a member of the F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., and of the Howell post, 390. He lives on a quiet farm near Delavan, N. Y.

JOHN T. SAMPSON.

Son of James Henry Sampson and Elizabeth Rodgers, was born in Niagra, Province of Ontario, Canada. He was a shoe manufacturer when the Rebellion began. He was enrolled as an artificer Oct. 28, 1861, in Buffalo, N. Y., in the ranks of Co. B, 10th N. Y. V. Cav., of Grigg's Div., Sheridan's Corps. He was with his command through all of its heroic campaigns, with Beard fighting in the army of the Potomac, with Sheridan in the Shenandoah. He was injured at Bealton Station by the throw-offs of a caisson, the caisson being tipped over. June 25, 1863 he was confined in the Campbell Hospital, Washington, and Dec. 31, 1863 was given a 30 days' furlough, promptly return-