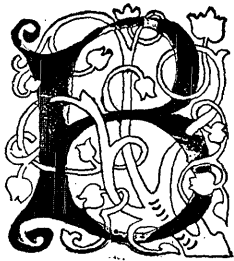


BATTERY B, LIGHT ARTILLERY [1st], "SNOW'S."



BATTERY B, Maryland Light Artillery, was organized at Baltimore and Pikesville, Md., in September and October, 1861, to serve three years. On the expiration of its term of service, the original members (except veterans) were mustered out of service, and the organization, composed of veterans and recruits, retained in service until July 3, 1865, when it was mustered out of service, in accordance with orders from the War Department.

Battery B was originally a part of the Purnell Legion.

Battery B was sent to the eastern shore of Virginia in the latter part of the year of 1861, where it performed efficient service.

In the summer of 1862, Battery B was sent to the Army of the Potomac, then on the Chickahominy.

At the battle of New Bridge, Va., June 5, 1862, Battery B was conspicuous for its gallantry and efficiency. At the battle of Malvern Hill, Va., July 1, 1862, Battery B took a conspicuous part.

At the battle of Antietam, Battery B took position on the right of the line and rendered valuable service.

Battery B was assigned to duty in the department of Western Virginia, in the spring of 1863, and fought with Sigel's Army at New Market, Va., May 18, 1864.

Battery B moved up the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia with General David M. Hunter's Army and took part in the battle of Piedmont, Va., June 5, 1864; from thence, with Hunter's Army, Battery B proceeded to Lynchburg, Va., on the James, and, upon the arrival of reinforcements from Lee's Army and the retirement of General Hunter's Army via the Kanawha Valley to the Ohio River, Battery B shared all the hardships incident to the retreat through the mountains of West Virginia.

Battery B had a fine record for bravery and efficiency.

The following are the casualties from death in Battery B, viz.: Killed in battle, five (5) enlisted men; died of wounds, disease, etc., twenty-seven (27) enlisted men; total, thirty-two (32).

Battery B participated in the following engagements, viz.: New Bridge, Va., June 5, 1862; Malvern Hill, Va., July 1, 1862; Antietam, Md., September 17, 1862; Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862; New Market, Va., May 15, 1864; Piedmont, Va., June 5, 1864; Lynchburg, Va., June 18, 1864; near Salem, Va., June 21, 1864.