

command, and he more than once expressed himself to that effect. He felt for them in their exile, for they were not citizens of a seceded State, and their self-sacrifice won his admiration and excited his sympathy.

The latter end of August, 1864, the strength of the battalion was augmented by the arrival of Company H, commanded by a Captain Callan. This company had been enlisted for the cavalry, but was for some reason assigned to the Second Maryland Infantry, because Callan and his men claimed to be Marylanders. This was not a fact. There were few of them who had ever been in the State, and with some exceptions they were a bad lot. But the battalion soon got rid of Captain Callan and his Lieutenants, and for awhile the company was commanded by Sergeant Thomas O'Brien, an old United States soldier, and a good man. By the time Hanover Junction was reached later in the season the undesirable element had taken their departure, and what remained did good service. In February of the following year Lieutenant J. Thomas Bussey, of Company D, was elected to the command of the company.