

THIRD MARYLAND ARTILLERY.



THE Third Battery of Maryland Artillery served in a wide field and had a varied experience. It was organized at Richmond, Virginia, yet it saw field service in Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia.

Henry B. Latrobe, eldest son of John H. B. Latrobe of Baltimore, received a commission from the Secretary of War at Richmond, Virginia, September 9, 1861, to recruit and organize a company to be known as the Third Maryland Artillery.

The rendezvous was at Ashland, fifteen miles north of Richmond, where recruits were conveyed as fast as enrolled.

John B. Rowan and William L. Ritter joined the company October 24, 1861, and went to camp together.

On November 4 the company (so far as recruited) was ordered to Camp Dimmock for instruction. On the 15th Lieutenant H. A. Steuart started for Maryland to obtain medical supplies and raise recruits for the Third Maryland Artillery, but was captured by the enemy at Millstone Landing on the Patuxent River. He was imprisoned at Washington in the old Capitol for about a year, when he was killed while attempting to escape.

Sergeant McCreary, who went to Maryland about the same time, did not report to the battery on his return.

On December 4 the company was ordered to Camp Lee, at the New Fair Grounds, two miles from the city, where more comfortable winter quarters were to be found. Nothing of importance here broke upon the routine of camp life.

The company was mustered into the service of the Confederate States as the Third Maryland Artillery on January 14, 1862, to serve during the war.

The following is a list of the officers at that time :

Captain, Henry B. Latrobe, of Baltimore, Maryland ; Senior First Lieutenant, Ferd. O. Claiborne, of Louisiana ; Junior First Lieutenant, John B. Rowan, of Elkton, Maryland ; Second Lieutenant, William Thompson Patten, of Port Deposit, Maryland ; Orderly Sergeant, William L. Ritter, of Carroll County, Maryland ; Quartermaster's Sergeant, Albert T. Emory, of Queen Anne's County, Maryland ; First Battery Sergeant, James M. Buchanan, Jr., of Baltimore County, Maryland ; Second Battery Sergeant, John P. Hooper, of Cambridge, Maryland ; Third Battery Sergeant, Edward H. Langley, of Georgia ;