

CW/VFM-69: *Stephen Allen Osborn, 145th Pennsylvania, Co. G*

Manuscript, "Reminiscence of The Civil War," [145th Pennsylvania Regiment, Brooke's Brigade]. Photocopy of typescript of published pamphlet.

This regiment was organized in Erie on September 5, 1862. It participated in such major battles as Fredericksburg (12/12-15/1862), Chancellorsville (5/1-5/1863), Gettysburg (7/1-3/1863), Spotsylvania (5/8-12/1864), Petersburg (6/16/1864), and was present for Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House (4/9/1865). It was mustered out on May 31, 1865.

Reminiscence of the Civil War:

Pg. 2-3: first-hand account of the horrors of burial detail (Antietam).

Pg. 4: January 1864 he was relieved from duty and sent to Harrisburg.

Pg.5: brief mention of the Wilderness campaign.

Pg. 5-7: Petersburg, where he was taken prisoner.

Pg. 8-14: description of being processed into Andersonville, and the horrors of prison life.

Pg. 15-21: moved to Charleston to be turned over for parole; they found themselves interned at Florence, which he said was cleaner than Andersonville.

*pg. 20- Osborn got into an argument over the spoiled rations he and his men were issued.

Pg. 21-3: Osborn begins to plot his escape but, when they're about to carry it out, a rumor spreads that some of the men are going to be paroled.

*pg. 23-4: Osborn and his friend were among those paroled.

Pg. 25: the journey back was horrendous because so many of the men were very sick, but he and his friend survived; they soon landed in Annapolis, MD.

Battle of Fredericksburg: pg. 27-30

Battle of Chancellorsville: pg. 31-6

Typed copy: 36pp.

The Battle of Gettysburg: Before the Invasion and the Aftermath

Typed copy: 27pp.

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