
Chapter I Spring of 1861
Hope of the people, North and South, That Peace would prevail—Reasons for some hope—Review of Distinct Elements—The War Faction North—The War Faction South—Their Composition—The Pro-Slavery Conspirators

Chapter II Treason Strikes
Effect of Lincoln’s inaugural—desperate conspirators—increase of their aims—fall of Fort Sumter—effect—troops called for—unparalleled patriotism—Illinoisians in the service of other states—entire regiment credited to Missouri

Chapter III The Ninth Missouri Companies, St. Louis, Cape Girardeau—Pilot Knob—Howell’s Island—officer roster—company K—Jefferson City—Booneville—sick list—October 13, 1861

Chapter IV One Hundred Days with Frémont

Chapter V Springfield to the La Mine—the La Mine to Springfield
Camp—Ramrod Bakeries—en route for La Mine—Midnight burial—alcohol—whiskey—camp near Syracuse—neglect of the sick—camp life—storm, tents—sham battle—Sigel’s guns—first sound of battle—Price absent

Chapter VI Springfield to Cedar Creek
Retrospect—Price at Springfield—second evacuation of Springfield—military footrace—Sugar Creek Hills—singular incident—malicious rumors—Camp Halleck—9th Missouri

Part II
59th Illinois Infantry, 59ff

Chapter VII Pea Ridge

Chapter VIII After the Battle
Battlefield scenes—Union casualties—McGowan—Dastard captain—atrocities—tomahawk and scalping knife—murder of prisoners—Sigel letter—Opothleyoholo’s Opinion—Chief Lagarash—Indian war—Van Dorn—news of McCulloch’s death in Fayetteville

Chapter IX From Pea Ridge to Corinth
Chapter X  Corinth to Nashville—Nashville to Louisville
March to Ripley; guerrillas capture three men; Colonel Post; camp at Jacinto Dr. Maynard; destroying stores at Bay Springs; Iuka; army wagon, Eastport, crossing Tennessee River— Florence—Nashville—Edgefield—Buell—Buckner capture of Wilder—camp at Louisville— murder of William Rumsey—Surgeon Maynard leaves regiment 99

Chapter XI  Louisville—Bardstown—Perryville


Chapter XIII  Shelbyville—Tullahoma—Winchester
Winter at Murfreesboro—Lt. Col. Frederick resigns—promotions—reorganization—Post’s brigade—marching to Franklin—illness at Murfreesboro—Vallandigham passes through lines—retirement of Captain Veatch—Bragg’s position—Rosecrans plan—march on Tullahoma— capture of Liberty Gap—Manchester occupied—advance on Winchester—Davis’ division—camp at Winchester 131

Chapter XIV  Chickamauga
Advance on Chattanooga—crossing Tennessee River—Davis’ Division in Winston’s Gap— Post’s Brigade guarding the Valley—moving over Sand Mountain—Lookout Mountain—Bragg evacuates Chattanooga—McCook’s Reconnaissance—Crittenden occupies Chattanooga— Crittenden at Ringgold—Rosecrans concentrates forces—Davis division moves from valley head—McCook closes up on Thomas—Post’s Brigade ordered to hold Stevens’ Gap—Bragg reinforced from Mississippi and Virginia—Bragg plan—Rosecrans night march— Chickamauga—Boynton’s account 139

Chapter XV  Chattanooga
Post’s Brigade—siege of Chattanooga—army again remodeled—division of the Mississippi— Grant in command—Rosecrans relieved by Thomas—Post’s farewell address—camp at Whiteside—battle of Chattanooga—Grant plan—Lookout Mountain—Corse’s Brigade—up the northern slope—Confederates on Lookout Mountain—Missionary Ridge—bayonet charge— Bragg’s first line carried—charge of entire army—cost and value of Chattanooga 176
Chapter XVI From Fields of Carnage to Fields of Peace
Pursuit of Bragg—prisoners—Ringgold—Tunnel Hill—skeletons on Chickamauga battlefield—mustered as veteran regiment—furloughs—home-camp Butler—Address of Adjutant General Fuller—summary of service 188

Part III Veteran Services of the 59th Illinois

Chapter XVII Dalton and Resaca
Sherman and Atlanta campaign—Corse’s Brigade—Johnston—Dalton—topography—Snake Creek Gap—Sherman plan—camp at Blue Springs—Corse’s men at Rocky Face Ridge—Fourth Corps enters Dalton—Resaca—casualties 199

Chapter XVIII Beyond the Oostanaula
Johnston escape Resaca—Sherman pursues—country south of Resaca—crosses the Oostanaula—Howard’s corps—skirmishing—Stanley moves on Cassville—Jefferson C. Davis at Rome—dissension in Johnston’s army—Reilly and Casement—Johnston crosses the Etowah 207

Chapter XIX Beyond the Etowah
Out and rations, Sherman’s soldiers—staff mess mule—division headquarters mess—bridge builders—telegraph on wheels—topographical observers—Sherman crosses the Etowah—Johnston at Allatoona Pass—country between Etowah and the Chattahoochee, march on Dallas—skirmishing—Howard closes up on Hooker—New Hope Church—Hell’s Hole—casualties 211

Chapter XX From Allatoona to Kulp’s Farm
Sherman occupies Allatoona Pass—movements to left—Allatoona Creek—Johnston abandons New Hope Church line—Blair arrival—Johnston between Lost and Brush Mountain—advance on Pine Mountain—Corse’s brigade—death of General Polk—Johnston abandons Pine Mountain—Lost Mountain abandoned—Johnston driven from lines beyond Mud Creek—Brigade at Nose’s Creek—Johnston position at Kennesaw Mountain—Howard’s advance—two incidents—midnight charge—Whittaker’s Brigade in peri—49th Illinois and 9th Indiana to the rescue—repulsed at Kulp’s Station 220

Chapter XXI Kennesaw
Confederate fortifications—Yankee trick—Irishman’s barrel—Sherman and lightning bugs—reasons and preparations for assaulting Kennesaw Mountain—Reilly—Davis’s men—Logan’s charge—Newton’s Charge—defeat and casualties—July 4—Captain Henderson’s men—Johnston crosses the Chattahoochee 228

Chapter XXII Beyond the Chattahoochee
Corse’s brigade crosses Chattahoochee—fraternization—peace talk—maps—Johnston plans—removed—Hood—Peach Tree Creek—attack on Newton’s left—attack on Geary’s right; Williams’ right center—Ward’s right—Hood’s determination—useless valor—slaughter—results of battle 241
Chapter XXIII Battle of Atlanta
Thomas advance—Hardee sent to attack McPherson—Hood abandons Peachtree Creek—Atlanta fortifications—losses in Army of the Tennessee east of Atlanta—Hardee attack—Dodge’s Corps caught in rear—McPherson, Logan, Blair learn of movement in their rear; Walker’s and Bate’s divisions—death of McPherson—Blair’s men driven out of trenches—Leggett’s Division—Cheatham’s Onslaught—Logan’s reinforcements—Logan corps driven back—Lightning Brigade demoralized—gap in the Fifteenth Corps—Schofield’s massed artillery—Cheatham checked with great loss;; Hardee retires—Walker’s Confederate division annihilated 252

Chapter XXIV Siege of Atlanta
Promotions and changes—general with a grievance—Sherman and political influence—Lines around Atlanta McCook and Stoneman raid—Hood—Ezra Church—Confederate infantry refuses to obey orders—failure of cavalry raids—McCook routed and Stoneman captured—Stoneman plan to free Andersonville prisoners—camp judgement on Hood’s army—losses for July 260

XXV Fall of Atlanta
Movement to the right—Hood’s counter movement—Palmer’s question of rank—Reilly’s reconnaissance, Stanley, Williams and Howard move forward—bombardment of Atlanta—Wheeler—59th Illinois transferred to Third Division—Kilpatrick raid—West Point railroad—Flint River—Hardee’s attack—Schofield and Stanley reach Macon railroad—Jonesboro—evacuation of Atlanta—Hood and fall of Atlanta—Losses—Tunnel Hill to Atlanta—losses August and September—strength and casualties in Corse’s brigade 271

Chapter XXVI Depopulation and Destruction of Atlanta
Camp near Decatur—Sherman in Atlanta—order removing civilians—Sherman’s letter—Halleck—pitiable scenes—suburbs razed—powder and fire level the town—291

Chapter XXVII Northern Georgia—Middle Tennessee
Effects of fall of Atlanta—Davis and Hood—destruction of railroads, captures of Garrisons—Corse’s defense of Allatoona—Confederates cross the Coosa—Hood before Resaca—Forrest in Middle Tennessee—Schofield in command at Chattanooga—Sherman at Gaylesville—pursuit of Hood abandoned—Hood’s Tennessee campaign—failure at Spring Hill 302

Chapter XXVIII Franklin
Retreat from Columbia—Confederate at Spring Hill—Schofield—Wagner’s orders—Hook attacks Franklin—Cleburne—hero as his stead—fall of General Adams—death—tragic and sorrowful discovery 313

Chapter XXIX Nashville
Schofield’s army—Thomas strengths and defenses—Steedman—Fourth and Sixth Corps and Wilson’s Cavalry—details of various advances and attacks 326

Chapter XXX From Tennessee to Texas—Home!
Fourth Corps at Huntsville—East Tennessee—Greenville—Lee surrender—Lincoln assassination—regiment sent to Texas—San Antonio—mustered out—farewell address—Camp Butler—paid and discharged 345

Summary of Service of the 59th Illinois Infantry, 355-58

Part III Miscellaneous
C. A. Mosman Diary, Co. D, 59th Illinois Infantry, Lieutenant
Soldier pay, 361
Runaway slave, 361
Wagon train of the regiment, rain, 362
Springfield, Missouri, 364-65
Wilson’s Creek battlefield, 365-66
Sugar Creek, Bentonville, Arkansas, 367
Soldier drummed out service, 368
Pea Ridge, wounded, 369-71
Coffee, 376
Corinth, 379
Alcohol, wine, 382
Daily routine, 383
Rations, food, 391
Perryville, casualties, 392-93
Christmas, foraging, 395
History of the Thirty-Seventh Illinois Infantry, 398-405
5th Wisconsin Battery, organization, summary of service, 406-13
Charles Cunningham, Incident of Stones River, 414-15
George E. Currie, Organization and Summary of Service of the Mississippi Ram Fleet, 416-423
Rev. O. Summers, Negro Soldiers in the Army of the Cumberland, 424-34
Biographies and incidents, 435-41
Roster of the 59th Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry, i-xxx