

of Uncle Sam's, enlisted for 5 yrs. donning the blue June 21-1856. I was sent to Newport Barracks Ky drilled and then to Ft Meyers Fla some 28 miles above the mouth of Calosahatchee River

Assigned to Capt Randolph B Marcys Co. "D" 5th U S Inf Gustavus Loomis Col. Jan 1857 active operations began against Seminole Indians under leadership of Chief Billy Bowlegs. The Regt continued to scout during spring & summer until June 1857, engaged in several skirmishes. One in particular which occurred in Billy Bowlegs garden Mar 5-1857 in which the writer acted, our loss was 2 k. & 7 wounded. June 1857 5th U S Inf was ordered to Ft Leavenworth Kan for the Utah Expedition leaving Ft Meyers behind, crossing the Gulf to the mouth of the Mississippi River, up that and the Missouri to Leavenworth July 20-1857 On the 23d the long and tiresome march of 1250 miles commenced, after review before Brig Gen W S Harney. The old California trail was followed across the great American desert to Ft Kearney, Ft Laramie and on to Bridgers fort 150 miles fr. Salt Lake City, arrived Nov 24-1857 after enduring many hardships; toiling through hot sands of the desert during July Aug & Sept and snows of the Rocky mountains of Oct & Nov. The army under Brig Genl Albert S Johnson consisted of 5th & 10th Inf 2d Regt of Dragoons & Battery B 4th Artil, lay at Ft Bridgers until June 1858 suffering with cold & hunger, on half rations. In June the march was resumed towards Salt Lake; arrived the latter part of month, passed through and encamped temporarily in the valley some 10 miles west city. Permanent camp established some 55 miles s of Salt Lake C. & west of Utah lake in Cedar Valley, named Camp Floyd after Sec of War. Adobe houses were erected. My Regt remained until July 1860 when it received orders to march across the mountains to New Mexico. Accomplished under Maj E R S Canby 10th Inf.

Passed through Santa Fé, and Albuquerque arrived at Ocho del Oso or Bear Springs 150 miles W. of Albu. heart of the Navajos Indian nation then hostile to the Gov

The Indians attacked our camp and herds within a few days after arrival resulted in a running fight of four miles. They wounded several of our men and ran off 75 mules. Indian loss 2 k. & 15 wounded. Scouting & skirmishing continued during winter until May 1861 when they sued for peace

June 21-1861—My five years service in Co D 5th Regt expired and prepared to start for Ind. After delay transportation was secured in one of Ambrose Armiejo trains of Alberquerque N M. then going to Kansas City for goods. Arrived home Shelby Co Aug 23-1861. The War had begun, recruiting for the Army was in order. I began an active canvass of my neighborhood, secured some 30 odd to my paper, joined in with two other men of the Co & marched to Camp Morton Indianapolis Sept 24-1861. James E McGuier Capt. John M Flynn 1st Lt & Joel A Delano 2d Lt Co F, was attached to 51st Regt Ind Vol Inf under Col Abel D Straight Lt Col Benj Spooner & Maj. W'm Colescott

Dec 14th the Regt. started to the front, arriving at Louisville Ky thence to Bardstown Ky. and Nashville was Brigaded with