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TWENTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT.

GEN. JAMES H. LANE WRITES ITS HISTORY.

A history of Glory and Honor—The Ninety-ninth First and Last—The Twenty-eighth Regiments in Their Front at Cedar Creek—America's Victories at Gettysburg—The Twenty-eighth Regiments in Northern Cities—experience has shown that there is more of the pride that will stand and will not run unless it is forward. Col. Lane may well be proud of his regiment."

On the 28th of October, 1861, the regiment numbered 970 all told. It reached Newbern the 14th of March, 1862, just as the troops were withdrawing and it helped to cover their retreat. It fell back with them through mud and rain to Kinston, where it remained until it was ordered to Virginia. Soon after reaching Kinston it was assigned to the brigade commanded by Gen. L. O'B. Branch. It at once renewed its work of reorganizing for the war which it had so gloriously begun in Wilmington and completed the same the 12th of April, 1862. The following from the correspondent was published at the time in the Raleigh Journal:

"It is with an ordinary emotion of joy and pride that I inform you, and through your paper the public, that the Twenty-eighth North Carolina Regiment has reorganized for the war." Six companies reorganized before we left Wilmington. Last week the four remaining companies reorganized, and on Saturday we had an election for field officers, when Col. Lane and Lieut. C. J. Lowe were elected to their former positions by acclamation. For me I had some warm feelings. Several were nominated after several ballottings, Capt. Stone's D. Lowe was elected. I noticed that the captains were very popular with the first lieutenants. Perhaps the recent laws of succession in office had some influence.

"It makes us very proud to know that we are the first North Carolina regiment to reorganize. The regiment is very large, now numbering 1,250 men.

"Considering that our original term of service would not have ex-died till the 1st of Sept. last, and being the first North Carolina regiment to reorganize, we think very modestly, that we are entitled to some favors. We have no old companies. We would be glad to have two, though we are not disposed to grumble, and will cheerfully do the best we can."

"We are now realizing the privations and hardships of camp life. We often think of our comfortable quarters and the kind-hearted people of Wilmington. Some of the fair on's of Wilmington, I hope, are remembered with more than ordinary feelings of friendship.

"We see nothing here but to obey orders. A man has to be very patriotic, or good terms with his fellow soldiers, and on patriotic grounds with himself, to see much enjoyment here; but so long as our country needs our services, we will be contented in her service wherever it may be."

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