

THIRTIETH REGIMENT INFANTRY, U. S. COLORED TROOPS, MARYLAND VOLUNTEERS.



THE Thirtieth Regiment Infantry, United States Colored Troops, Maryland Volunteers, was recruited principally on the eastern shore, and southern counties of Maryland, the regiment was organized at camp Stanton, Maryland, from February 12th to March 18, 1864, to serve three years.

The 30th regiment was assigned to Ferreros Division of the 9th army corps, with which it marched and fought with great gallantry and suffered severe losses. It participated in the Wilderness campaign under Gen. Grant in his advance to the James river in the spring and summer of 1864.

The 30th regiment during the Siege of Petersburg, Va., was very active in building forts and rifle pits, and at the mine explosion July 30, 1864, the 30th regiment took a distinguished part.

The 30th regiment also formed a part of the Butler's expedition against Fort Fisher, N. C., December, 25, 1864, and also took part in the second expedition under Gen. Terry that resulted in its capture after a brief siege, January 13-15, 1865.

After the capture of Fort Fisher and Wilmington the command was with the portion of the army that co-operated with Gen. Sherman's Army in North Carolina, resulting in the capture of the Confederate Army of Gen. Joseph Johnson, April 7-13, 1865; after the surrender of the Confederate Armies, the 30th regiment continued on garrison duty until December 10, 1865, when it was duly mustered out of the service of the United States.

The casualties in the 30th regiment infantry, U. S. colored troops, Maryland Volunteers, were as follows: Killed, commissioned officers three, enlisted men forty-three, total forty-six; died of disease, wounds, etc., commissioned officers two, enlisted men one hundred and seventy-seven, total one hundred and seventy-nine, or an aggregate death list of two hundred and twenty-five.

In addition to the numerous skirmishes in which the 30th regiment infantry, U. S. colored troops, Maryland Volunteers, were engaged were the following battles, viz: Petersburg, Fort Fisher, Sugar Loaf Hill, Cox Bridge.