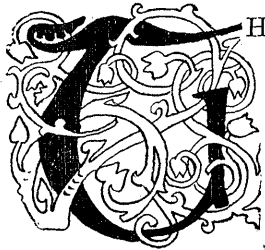


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THE work of compiling Volume 2, being the Record of Sailors and Marines accredited to the State of Maryland during the Civil War 1861-5, disclosed unexpectedly, a much larger number of Marylanders who served their Country in the U. S. Navy than the official publications heretofore made had taken cognizance of. As a matter of fact the other States of the Union had all the Sailors and Marines born in said States accredited to their respective States who served in the U. S. Navy during the Civil War, whether actually enlisted from their respective States or not, and the Navy Department concluded to furnish the Commission with transcripts of Records on the same basis, that is of all Officers, Sailors and Marines born in Maryland and who served in the U. S. Navy during the Civil War 1861-5, when it was found that instead of 3,925 names as originally estimated, the State of Maryland was actually entitled to a credit of 5,636.

A perusal of the Records of the gallant Officers and Sailors from Maryland presents a most creditable and honorable record of the individuals mentioned therein, and when taken collectively really a historical record of which Maryland as a maritime State could well feel proud.

The Commission as far as practicable, placed themselves in communication with the surviving Officers and Sailors of the Civil War, and with the Veteran Naval Association as well as Grand Army Posts in the State of Maryland, with a view of supplementing the records with historical facts, as well as to correct errors in the misspelling of names and omissions in records furnished by the U. S. Navy Department, and by these agencies have been able to return quite a number of records for correction to the Navy Department before compilation, and they realize that even after these patient and persevering efforts, errors and omissions will doubtless exist.

Quite a number of survivors, both Officers and men, called upon the Commission and examined the records during the long and tedious process of compilation and co-operated with us. They are entitled to our thanks and to the thanks of all gallant survivors and their families.

The history and record of the Colored Troops raised in Maryland is one of which the survivors can also point with just pride. The severe losses incurred were above the average of the regimental losses in the Army during the Civil War. The number of deaths from exposure and hardship incident to an active field campaign was most remarkable.

These regiments were well officered and thoroughly disciplined, and evinced on all occasions a desire to perform their duty as soldiers of a Republic of which they would henceforth be citizens. They had to contend with prejudice that time and their own good conduct