

than 90 pounds." Our subject is a member of Bayard Post, No. 222, in which he was honored with the office of O. D., also a member of I. O. O. F. He is employed by the Standard Oil Company at Olean, N. Y., where he has been during the past ten years, and is loved by his comrade and respected by all who know him.

GEORGE W. OAKLEY

Is the son of Zachariah D. and Lavina (Reynolds) Oakley, and was born on the 2nd of November, 1842, in Essex county, N. Y. He was engaged in farming near Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., when the summons came from the White House for the boys to don the blue. He left the farm and was enrolled among the honored members of the gallant Co. G, 9th N. Y. V. I., 1st Brig., 1st Div., 19th A. C., as a private. He was with Sheridan in the famous Shenandoah Campaign and remained in the Valley watching Early and Hood, keeping them busy so they could not aid Lee in the defense of Richmond. His career was remarkable, never wounded, captured, or in hospital. He remained with his command and was always ready and willing to perform all duties to his command, and was a brave and gallant soldier to the last. On the order of consolidation he was transferred to Co. F, of the same regiment. After the assassination of Lincoln his command was detailed to Havre de Grace to watch for the assassins. Comrade Oakley was given his final honorable discharge June 8, 1865, at Washington, D. C. March 7, 1868, at Olean, N. Y., occurred a pleasant marriage ceremony when Comrade Oakley was happily wedded to Maria T. Bartlett, who was born May 14, 1845, in Olean, N. Y., a daughter of Orrin and Theresa (Briggs) Bartlett. Seven children were the crowns of their union, Fred Z., John, Hattie M., Lewis, Jennie, George C. and Alice P. Comrade Oakley is a charter member of Bayard Post, of Olean, and has held the office of S. V. C. He is enjoying his declining years as best he can under the circumstances, being badly afflicted with heart disease and hardly able to ascend a flight of stairs. He lives in a quiet home on the corner of 3rd and Irving streets, Olean, N. Y.

HARVEY B. ORCUTT,

A Son of John H. and Sarah (Harrison) Orcutt, was born June 20, 1836, in Oswego, N. Y. He was united in marriage at Oramel in 1861 to Sarah Smith, daughter of Henry and Phoebe (King) Smith. Mrs. Orcutt was born Aug. 23, 1842, in Granger, N. Y. Ten children were given to their union, Martin, John, Oscar, Andrew, Phoebe, William, Mary, Albert Clarence and Gilbert. Comrade Orcutt was living in Portage, N. Y., and was engaged as a blacksmith when the

summons came for men to go forth to save the nation. He enlisted in August, 1862, at Portage, N. Y., as a private in Co. A, 130th N. Y. V. I. He was an active participant in the following battles: Deserted House, Blackwater, Whitehouse, Cedar Creek, Petersburg and Fredericksburg. At Whitehouse Landing, in 1863, he was wounded in the left leg by a gunshot, and was confined in Findlay hospital, Washington, for two months, and one month in Regimental hospital at Plymouth. He was once captured by Mosby, but in twelve hours made his escape. While in Findlay hospital he was given a furlough for fifteen days, and rejoined his command at Berlin, Va. In July, 1864, he was transferred to Co. A, 1st N. Y. N. Cav. Dragoons, and in October, same year, was detailed as headquarters blacksmith for Sheridan. When the welcomed peace had come he was discharged at Rochester, N. Y. Martin Orcutt, a brother, was in the 13th N. Y. I., and was killed at 2d Bull Run; his wife's brother Norman died in the service, but Hiram served all the way through without injury. Comrade Orcutt is a member of Wessel Post, and lives with his large and interesting family near Weston's Mills, N. Y.

EMERY OSTERSTUCK.

Sept. 15, 1837, Emery Osterstuck, son of John and Elizabeth (Swartz) Osterstuck, was born in the town of Hinsdale, and in 1847 was united in marriage to Lavina Moyer, by whom he had four children, Mary, Frank, Hettie and George. When the thunders of Civil war shook the hills of old Cattaraugus, Comrade Osterstuck left the quiet farm life and was enrolled as a private Aug. 9, 1862, in Co. G, 154th N. Y. V. I., 1st Div., 11th and 20th A. C. He was the hero of the following battles: Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mt., Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, in fact all the engagements under Hooker to Atlanta and with Sherman to the sea. "At the battle of Resaca we were drawn up in battalion front, and when the order came to charge the response was unanimous, but before the day closed I thought many times I could feel the hot air from the cannon's mouth burn my face; but nothing daunted, on we pressed through six lines of breastworks, defended not only by skill but by foeman 'worthy of our steel.' Sustained by the vision of the old flag we knew not what defeat meant, and marched on to complete our perfect success when, on May 24, 1865, we swung into line for the Grand Review at Washington. June 11, 1865, at Lydensburg, Md., our Comrade was given his well-earned discharge, having served as a private through the storms of shot and shell of many battles. Fifteen days in hospital and three months in Q. M. Dept., were the only periods away from his command; his record is a noble one. His two brothers, William of Co. B, 154th, and John, of Co. G, served faithfully. Comrade Osterstuck

was united in marriage at Olean, Jan. 28, 1895, to Adelia Babbet, widow of John Babbet, a corporal in Co. I, whose death resulted July 2, 1893, from diseases contracted while in service; at the time of his death he was the trusted janitor of the public school building. Comrade Osterstuck was compelled to retire from farm life by reason of pulmonary affection contracted while in service, from which he is a constant sufferer. He is a member of the G. A. R., and for forty years has been a member of the church; he lives in a quiet home at 32 Water St., North Olean, honored and respected by all who know or come in contact with him.

E. D. OSTRANDER

Was born in 1848; in Steuben county, N. Y., a son of S. E. and Amelia Ostrander. At the time of his enlistment he was employed as a laborer, and was enrolled at Hebron, Potter Co., Pa., March 1, 1864, in Co. H, 46th Pa. V. I., 1st Div., 1st Brig., 20th A. C. He took part in the battles of Resaca, Cassville and Dallas, Ga. He was in the hospital at Kingston, then Chattanooga, Nashville and Jeffersonville, in all about eight months, suffering with chronic diarrhea and typhoid fever; on this record he receives a pension. He was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., July 20, 1865, and married June 20, 1868, Miss Alma Gibbs. Five children were born to them, Albert M., Edith, Jessie, Mattie and Alta. Comrade Ostrander has served as school director for six years, and as supervisor of public roads in Ceres townships, Pa., for eight years. He is a member of the K. O. T. M. and of the Mason society. At present he is a farmer residing at Ceres, McKean Co., Pa.

JOHN F. OTTO.

John and Margaret (Ayers) Otto were the parents of our subject, John F. Otto, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1829. Comrade Otto was engaged in farming in Farmer's Valley, Pa., when Honest Abe issued his call for volunteers. Private Otto enlisted at Smithport, Pa., on Sept. 15, 1864, in Co. C, 211th Pa. V. I., 2d Brig., 3d Div., 9th A. C. He participated in the Bermuda Hundred Campaign, Weldon Raid, Hatcher's Run, Petersburg, the famous assault on Ft. Steadman, and was totally disabled while building a fort, receiving his honorable discharge July 3, 1865, at Baltimore, Md., from hospital, where he had been confined about six weeks. Nov. 26, 1874, he was happily united in marriage at Springville, N. Y., to Lucinda K. Irons, daughter of Clark and Diantha (Bunce) Irons. Mrs. Otto was born



COL. GILES BLEASDALE OVERTON.

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