

# "The Clarksville Blues" Of 1861

Reprinted below is a story which appeared in THE TOBACCO PLANT, a newspaper published in Clarksville, under date of May, 1861.

Many citizens, we feel, would appreciate reading this story today, and families will remember names listed as members of "The Clarksville Blues" as they went to battle.

The story as written and printed in 1861 reads:

## THE CLARKSVILLE BLUES

The infantry company after having been in camp in this place for more than a week, received orders on Monday afternoon to repair to their Rendezvous in the city of Richmond. They left Clarksville by the Roanoke Valley Railroad on Thursday morning and doubtless reached Richmond in the afternoon of the same day.

Mecklenburg feels proud of them, as she has a right to do. They are the flower of her youth and the prime of her manhood. They go to the post of military duty not without some preparation for the glorious, yet toilsome arduous labors before them. Their gallant and skillful officers have bestowed every attention with a view to familiarize themselves with the arts of war, and it is our belief that when they enter the encampment at Richmond they will exhibit a degree of proficiency in all the exercises of a soldier, which will surprise as well as delight the superior Officer of the army.

More than this, they go to the post of danger with stout hearts and determined spirits, resolved to drive back the dastard invader from the consecrated soil of Virginia, or to die in the attempt.

As a matter of interest to the public of Mecklenburg we append the names of the officers and privates of this company:

- Captain—G. W. Finley.
- 1st Lieutenant—G. J. Dabbs.
- 2nd Lieutenant—W. W. Wood.
- 3rd Lieutenant—N. Talley, Jr.
- 1st Sergeant—H. W. Carter.
- 2nd Sergeant—J. E. Benson.
- 3rd Sergeant—C. W. Tisdale.
- 4th Sergeant—W. H. Yancey.
- 5th Sergeant—G. A. Wilkerson.
- 1st Corporal—M. A. Barner.
- 2nd Corporal—V. V. Vaughan.
- 3rd Corporal—W. J. Moore.
- 4th Corporal—J. L. Haskins.
- Gauntermaster—W. A. Hester.
- Privates—Phile Alicot, B. C. Anderson, B. A. Arnold, J. D. Arnold, W. J. Averett, J. G. Baptist, D. E. Bacon, S. H. Bardour, E. Beal, J. L. Binford, J. L. Blanks, E. B. Brewer, J. R. Burch, R. Burrough, A. Burwell, C. S. Burwell, J. R. Clack, H. Clyborne, J. Daniel, S. Davis, C. H. Dunkley, F. B. Easley, W. A. Elam, H. E. Elam, P. G. Elam, W. L. Ellington, G. B. Finch, C. Fiburnoy, D. M. Garner, J. W. Geoghegan, J. Gobde, J. R. Graves, E. T. Greene,

R. H. Gregory, E. K. Harris, W. A. Harris, E. K. Heggesson, J. O. House, C. W. Hudson, F. A. Jeter, J. H. Johnson, S. Lackley, W. J. Lawson, C. H. Lewellen, J. T. Lewis, Thomas Lewis, G. K. Ligon, F. J. Lipfort, A. C. Loafman, H. R. Loafman, W. T. Loafman, W. H. Mcfarlin, G. H. Moore, T. B. Nelson, Joe Newton, W. Newton, C. T. N. Park, T. A. Park, B. P. Phillips, Isiah Puryear, R. A. Puryear, Jr., R. S. Powell, J. Y. Ramsey, W. D. Ramsey, S. T. Reynolds, C. A. Riggin, J. T. Richardson, Archie Sandler, Albert Sandler, R. C. Scott, W. D. Shelton, M. Sizemore, W. J. A. Smith, J. A. Smith, J. W. Spencer, J. M. Swan, R. H. Taylor, E. A. Vaughan, C. B. Watkins, W. M. Watkins, E. Wiles, E. A. Williams, J. N. Woltz, C. Yancey, R. H. Yancey, J. L. Yancey, L. G. Yancey 101.

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I, N. G. Hutcheson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, do hereby certify that the above copy was made by me on the 6th day of December, 1967, from the records of the Boydton Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy which is now in my hands.

Given under my hand this 6th day of December, 1967.

*N. G. Hutcheson*, Clerk  
Mecklenburg Circuit Court