

The SPERRYVILLE SHARPSHOOTERS

This Company was enlisted on June 8, 1861, for a period of one year, at Sperryville, Rappahannock County (at the foot of Thornton Gap), by Captain John C. Gibson, and elected Officers. They were mustered into service on July 18, 1861, as Captain Gibson's Company of the 7th Regt. Virginia Infantry, to which the Company was attached until Aug. 7, 1861, when it was permanently attached to the 49th Regiment Va. Vols. as Company "D".

Upon the reorganization of the 49th on April 30, 1862, this was designated Company "K". A large proportion of the men re-enlisted on this date, at Yorktown.

The following narrative appears on the muster of Aug. 31, 1861.

"Camp Pickens, near Manassas Junction.
This Co., Sperryville Sharpshooters, went into barracks at Sperryville, Rapk. Co. Va. June 18th, 1861. Was ordered to Culpeper CH, a distance of 20 miles July 11, 1861. Was ordered thence to Manassas on 20 of July 1861, 33 miles. Arrived there by R.R. at 10 AM, 21 July. Fell in with the 7th Va. Regt. under Col. J.S. Kemper, marched a distance of 5 miles and was engaged in the battle of Manassas on that day. Remained near Bull Run till 25 July, marched to Centreville a distance of 5 m. Remained there with the 7th Va. Regt. till Aug. 7th, when it was marched to Manassas, a distance of 7 m., and permanently attached to the 49th Regt. P.S. In my recapitulation of this roll, it will be observed that I make 48 Privates, there is only 47, Stephen Dodson being dead.

R.N. Bruce

Lt. Co. D, 49th Regt. Va. Vols."

Sperryville Sharpshooters, Original Staff, June 8, 1861.

Captain	GIBSON, John Catlett	Re-elected April 30, 62.
1st Lt.	WILLIS, Achille Murat	Promoted to Captain of a Cavalry Co., April 30, 62.
2nd Lt.	BRUCE, Frederick H.	Resigned Nov 11, 61.
2nd Lt.	BRUCE, Robert N.	Dropped April 30, 62.

NCO's:

1st Sgt.	GIBSON, Edwin	Promoted to 2nd Lt. Nov 18, 61.
2nd Sgt.	McINTYRE, Thomas	Transferred to 1st Kentucky Regt. Nov 19, 61, then a Pvt.
3rd Sgt.	BURKE, James E.	To 2nd Sgt. Nov 1, 61. 1st Sgt April 30, 62.
1st Cpl.	FREEMAN, Nichodemus L.	Later Sgt.
3rd Cpl.	FRAZIER, Andrew	Broken to Pvt Oct 1, 61. Present through Nov 20, 64, but had tried desertion twice.

Original Privates, enlisted June 18, 1861

ATKINS, Henry	AWOL Dec 10, 63, captured at Woodstock Oct 7, 64, POW thereafter.
ATKINS, John	Dischared Nov 18, 62, at Cedarville.,
ATKINS, William	Eounded Sep 17, 62, at Sharpsburg, absent in hospital thereafter.
BERRY, James M.	Deserted March 16, 63.
BROWN, John W.	Deserted June 8, 62.
BROWN, Mordecai	Deserted Nov 25, 62.
BROYLES, William V.	Wounded in action near Richmond, July 2, 62. Wounded again, at Gettysburg, July 3, 63.
BURKE, Reuben	Deserted June 7, 62.
BUTLER, Richard	Med. discharged Oct 23, 64.
CALLAHAN, William	Later Sgt, April 30, 62.
GRIGLER, Nathaniel P.	Med. discharged Sep 16, 62.
CRIGLER, William A.	Deserted (second time) Oct. 14, 64.
DODSON, Edward	Medical discharge Aug 22, 63.
DODSON, Stephen	Died, typhoid dysentery, Aug 18, 62.
DWYER, James	Deserted May 4, 64.
FINCHMAN, Benjamin F.	Wounded, Seven Pines, May 31, 62; died of wound June 3, 62.
FINCHMAN, James	Died, disease, April 30, 62.
FORD, Daniel	Died, typhoid, June 12, 62.
FRAZIER, Federick	Captured at Burksville, April 5, 65.
GAINES, Reuben H	Deserted July 25, 62.
GRIMSLEY, William	Killed in battle at Manassas, July 21, 61.
JENKINS, Andrew	Deserted March 16, 63.
JENKINS, George W.	Deserted Feb 16, 62.
JENKINS, Joel	Deserted March 30, 62.
JENKINS, John S.	Killed in battle, Seven Pines, May 31, 62.

Later enlistments after June 8 1861; Privates unless otherwise noted:

BRYANT, David A Enl Sep 1862 at Richmond; present through Dec 63

BRYANT, H H Enl unk; on POW roll only = "rebel deserter" captured March 15, 65.

Sgt EASTHAM, Presley Transferred in from Kanawha Artillery Oct 24, 61. Later Lt.

FRASER, Charles Enl April 1, 64 at Somerville Ford, WIA at Spotsylvania CH May 14 64. Surrendered July 26, 64.

FRAZIER, Alfred Enl July 18, 61 at Culpeper; died of measles in Aug 61.

GIBSON, John S Transferred in from 14th Tennessee on Dec 6, 61. Later Ord Sgt.

GRIMSLEY, William Enl July 18, 61 at Culpeper. KIA at Manassas on July 21, 61.

LEAKE, Henry Enl March 1, 64 at Somerville Ford. Deserted May 12, 64.

MENEFEE, B F Enl Aug 1, at Bunker Hill. WIA & POW at Winchester Sep 19, 64.

SMITH, William C Enl Oct 13, 64 at Richmond; later Sgt. In hospital at the end.

Sgt WOOD, Henry A Enl Feb 62 at Manassas; Lt in April 62

Orig Co. D
Re-org. Co. K

Staff after reorganization of April 30, 1862

Officers:

Captain GIBSON, John C Appointed LtCol of the 49th May 1, 62.
Became Col June 31, 63.

1st Lt. EASTHAM Presley C Resigned July 15, 62.

2nd Lt. WOOD, Henry A Later 1st Lt; retired Jan 24, 65.

2nd Lt. SPICER, Richard M Paroled at Appomattox, then Captain.

NCO's:

1st Sgt. GIBSON Edwin Elected 2nd Lt not confirmed
Became a VMI Cadet May 1, 62.
Appointed Captain & AQM Jan 1, 64;
relieved later in 64.

2nd Sgt. BURKE, James E WIA at Gettysburg July 3, 63 Captured
at Ft Stedman, Petersburg, March 65.

3rd Sgt. NEWLON, John H WIA near Richmond May 19, 64. WIA & POW
at Winchester Oct 20, 64; died of shock
on October 31.

4th Sgt. FREEMAN N L Discharged Oct 31, 62.

Sgt. CALLAHAN, William Captured at Frederick Md on Sep 12, 62;
exchanged in November 62.

Cpl. GIBSON, John S Became Ord. Sgt. Nov 8, 62. WIA & POW
at Cedar Creek Oct 19, 64.

Cpl. JENKINS, Gilderoy WIA and died near the Wilderness in May 64.