

Eighty-First Indiana  
Its Annual Reunion on Friday in this City and Election of Officers.  
Brief History of the Gallant Regiment in the Civil War.

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The annual reunion of the Eighty-First Indiana Regiment of Infantry in the civil war, held in this city Friday, was a most happy and enjoyable one. It was held in G.A.R. Hall, and the veterans present made the event one of genuine reunion of old comrades in arms, of social enjoyment, of reminiscences of the war and since, and of general enjoyment. A grand dinner was spread by the ladies of the Relief Corps and other ladies of the city to which the veterans present did ample justice.

The Association elected the following officers: W. R. Atkins, New Albany, President; George Littell, Borden, and Henry Robertson, Grantsburg, Vice Presidents; C. B. Ashton, Utica, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Eighty-first Indiana was recruited at Camp Noble, New Albany, and mustered into the service here on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August, 1862. Its first battle was at Perryville. Later it was on the right in the fierce battle at Stone River, December 31, 1862, losing four killed, forty-four wounded, and forty missing, and in the subsequent days of that battle, January 1 and 2, 1863, it bore a conspicuous part and met heavy losses. It took part in the movement that forced the enemy to evacuate Chattanooga, and fought gallantly at Chicaugua losing 8 killed, 59 wounded and 22 missing.

The Eighty-first marched with Sherman to the Sea, and was in the actions at Turnell Hill, Buzzard Gap, Snake Creek Gap, Resacca, Dallas, Chattahoochee River, Kennesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta, and, indeed, in nearly all the engagements of the historic campaign.

The Colonels of the regiment were, in the successions of their terms, William W. Caldwell, Horatio Woodbury, Ranna S. Moore and Oliver P. Anderson, the latter being in command as Lieutenant-Colonel, when the regiment was mustered out. Maj. Leonidas Stout, of this city, was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the 81<sup>st</sup>, July 7, 1863, but declined the appointment in order to accept the appointment of Major of the 13<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, in which he did gallant service. The 81<sup>st</sup> was mustered out of the service at Nashville, June 13, 1865.