

## First Regimental Flag of Iowa

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[We here give the interesting history of the Regimental Flag of the First Iowa Volunteer Infantry, by Allen Broomhall, Esq., of Atalissa, Iowa.]

This Flag was offered, by the ladies of the city of Muscatine, as a prize to the best drilled company of Wide-Awakes in attendance at a Republican mass meeting, held at Muscatine, during the Presidential campaign of 1860; and was won by the Atalissa or Goshen company. And by them, in April, 1861, it was presented, with a neat and appropriate address, to company "C," of the First Iowa regiment of volunteers, and by them carried as the Flag of the regiment, through their eventful campaign.

After the regiment was mustered out of the service, and company "C" returned home, the Flag was again presented to its donors, and by them presented to the Adjutant General of Iowa, and by him to the State Historical Society.

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AN EXTRACT.

[The following is taken from the history of the First Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry, by Henry O'Connor, Esq., of Muscatine, Iowa.]

In connection with the flag of the First Iowa Regiment, described on another page, the account of the battle of Wilson's Creek, (Springfield,) will be read with interest. From this first regiment of three months' men, have gone to the field as commissioned officers, over one hundred and fifty, who lately, in part, paraded in Vicksburg, Miss., after its surrender, with Maj. General F. J. Herron, at their head, who presided at a public dinner, at their celebrated meeting.]

We camped for the night. A council of war was held, and as the General could not coax them into a fight, he said he would not kill his men running after them; so we marched back for Springfield, next day. We reached our camps around Springfield on the fourth of August. The Iowa First encamped on the farm of Major Phelps, who was then in Washington at the extra session of Congress, his patriotic wife and daughter at home, with trunks packed and horses saddled, ready for any emergency, but rendering all the service in their power and making every sacrifice for the Union cause. The troops lay on their arms day and

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