

"Now of our women soldiers.

"In the Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania, Charles D. Fuller of company D was discharged, detected as being a female. Sergeant Frank Mayne of company F, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania, deserted August 24, 1862, and was subsequently killed in battle in another regiment, and when being buried was found to be a woman, whose real name was ascertained to be Frances Day.

"Franklin Thompson, company F, Second Michigan, deserted. The charge of desertion was removed by the house committee on military affairs February 7, 1887, the soldier having a good record and fought well in several battles, but proved to be a woman whose real name was Miss Seylee.

"It must not be supposed that the few I have quoted are all the women who were found in our ranks serving as men, for I personally know of one who wore the pants and blouse of a soldier, a corporal in one of the New York regiments in Sickles' brigade, who gave birth to a young infantryman while in camp at Falmouth, Va., in the winter of 1862. The husband of the supposed corporal being a member of the same company and cook for the officers mess, was able to cover up his wife's identity until the unexpected arrival of the young recruit.

"In concluding these remarks I desire to invite attention to the profession, nativity, age, weight, color, etc., of those who composed our armies. The mean age of each recruit was 25 years. When classed by age the largest class was that of 18 years, from which the classes decreased to that of 45 years. Of the 1,012,273 recorded ages taken from the company rolls there were 133,475 at 18 years, 90,215 at 19 years, and so on, the number at 25 years being 46,626 and at 44 years, 16,070.

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