

2nd. Lieutenant Henry M. Talley
Company G – 14th Virginia Infantry

Enlisted in Co. I of the 38th Virginia Infantry in Clarksville, Virginia, on 6-20-1861. Henry is 18 years of age.

On June 27, 1862 he transferred to Co. G of the 14th Virginia Infantry as 1st Sergeant.

As the 14th Virginia is leaving the Valley and heading toward Fredericksburg in November, 1862 Henry writes, *"This leaves me well . . . but I have vary sore feet. I have marched so much that I have worn my feet out . . . we have marched 400 miles since we left Richmond."*

On July 3, 1863 he was wounded in both feet at Gettysburg, captured and transferred to DeCamp General Hospital on David's Island, New York. From here he wrote the following note to his mother, *". . . I take much pleasure in dropping you a few lines to let you know I was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg. Also was taken prisoner. I was wounded in my right foot and my left ancle. I suffered a good deal at first . . ."*

In April, 1864 he is paroled and exchanged and he is promoted to Lieutenant on April 16, 1864. Henry is shown absent sick in the June muster report.

On July 4, 1864 from the Howlett line at Bermuda Hundred the unit is hungry, needs clothing and they are losing quite a few men to desertion. Henry writing to his mother pens, *"we are having some right smart sickness in camp . . . my company is quite small."*

Henry is captured on April 1, 1865 at Dinwiddie Court House.

He depart City Point, Virginia on April 9 enroute to Johnson's Island Prison, Ohio, on the shore of Lake Erie. His POW records note that he is 23 years of age, with fair skin, light hair, blue eyes and stands 5' 11."

Henry will take the Oath of Allegiance and is released from prison on June 20, 1865.

Postwar he will reside in Clarksville, Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

(14th Virginia Infantry, Ed Crews & Tim Parrish, Lynchburg, 1995, p.143, 32, &58; 'Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive, J. Toalson, Bloomington, 2012, p.238)