

THE CONFEDERATE WAR

No county could hardly have made a better showing in the Confederate War than did Fairfield. By the census of 1860 Fairfield County had 1578 white males between the ages of 15 and 60 years of age. The best obtainable records show that Fairfield furnished about 2,000 men to the Confederacy. There were here and there a few men from other counties, in companies in the Confederate army credited to Fairfield, but also there were men from Fairfield in companies not credited entirely to Fairfield. But it may be said that Fairfield furnished six companies in the 6th, S. C. V., two companies in the 12th S. C. V., two companies in the 17th, S. C. V., one company in the First S. C. V., one company in Rion's battalion, and two companies of cavalry.

When the 6th, S. C. V. was organized Col. James H. Rion was colonel, but upon its reorganization Captain John Bratton of the Fairfield Fensibles was made colonel, and so continued until he was made brigadier general.

The Sixth S. C. V. Infantry Regiment at the time of its organization in 1861 was composed of ten companies, six of which were almost wholly of Fairfield County men, the other four companies were of men almost wholly of men from Chester and Lancaster counties.

The field and staff and the six companies from Fairfield at the time of the organization, as published in *The News and Herald*, Winnsboro, in a Memorial edition May 25, 1910 follows:

Field and Staff Officers

Jas. H. Rion, Colonel; A. J. Secrest, Lieutenant Colonel; T. W. Woodward, Major; Julius Mills, Adjutant; J. J. McLure, Quartermaster; Isaac H. Means, Commissary; John Douglas, Surgeon; Jno. D. Palmer, Assistant Surgeon; Charles B. Betts,