

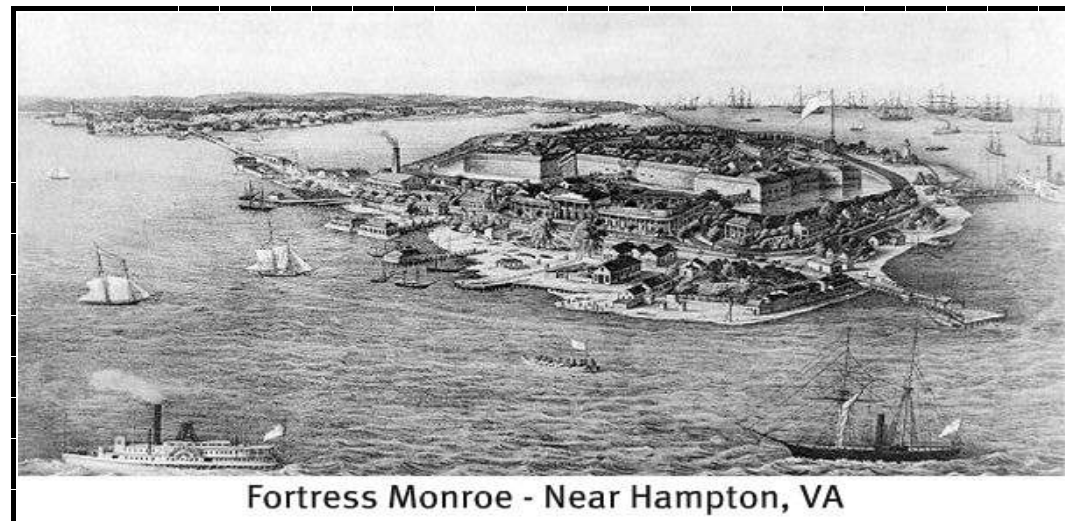
A vignette from "Three Years With the Adirondack Regiment" by **John Lovell Cunningham**

*"June 18, 1863. Yesterday our brigade received marching orders. The 9th Vermont and 19th Wisconsin left at once, but our regiment and the 99th New York returned late last night after a hot and weary march of 22 miles, and did not leave until to-day, by train, for Norfolk at about 11 o'clock am. At Norfolk took the transport Utica for Fortress Monroe and there ordered to go on to Yorktown. Ran aground in Mob Jack Bay late in afternoon and having no pilot familiar with the river remained there over night, although high tide floated us.*

*We had a good time, however, bathing in the York River, gathering oysters and eating them, even though June had no "R" in its spelling. Before sundown that afternoon we heard the music of a cow-bell on shore and it gave our farmer boys a "bucolic feelin'" and an appetite for genuine milk, so much so that three or four, including Sergeant **James Garrett** of Company A, proposed lowering a*

*boat and going ashore for milk. This was done and reaching the shore they entered the bushes which hid the animal wearing the bell. We could hear the retreating bell as the boys pursued until it went beyond our hearing. After an hour the "milk raiders" returned and reported that after a long chase they discovered that the wearer of the bell was a bull! — hence no canteen had a drop of the lacteal. We considered it a laughable episode; even those who made the "raid" thought so."*

James S. Garrett enrolled in Plattsburgh when he was twenty-seven years old, first as a private in Company A on August 10, 1862. By the end of the month, he was a sergeant and by



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Lieut. James S. Garrett

December he was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. In January 1864, he was made 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. When the company mustered out he was on detached service in Annapolis, MD.