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## BOSTON'S COLORED VETERANS.

THEY VISIT NEW-YORK TO COMMEMORATE  
THE TAKING OF FORT WAGNER.

The Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association, of Boston, composed of colored veterans of the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Massachusetts Regiments, who served during the war of the rebellion, arrived in this City by the Norwich Line steamer yesterday morning. The object of their visit was to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the battle of Fort Wagner, which was fought on July 18, 1863. Three attempts to take this stronghold of the Confederates had been made, and the Union troops had been repulsed each time, when the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts, commanded by Col. Robert G. Shaw, made an assault, and, after a fierce and bloody hand-to-hand conflict, captured the fort. The price paid for the victory was a terrible one. Of 1,140 men who marched to the assault but 350 lived to boast of their triumph, and Col. Shaw was among the slain. The visiting veterans number 54, and are officered as follows: Major James B. Watkins, commanding; Adjutant, Howard L. Smith; Quartermaster, Edward C. Day; Paymaster, Robert Bell; Surgeon, W. H. Taylor; Chaplain, the Rev. William Burck; Captain Company A, Wesley Furlong; Captain Company B, Solomon Elliott. Lieut. William J. B. Oxley, of the Sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, and Adjt. James Gardiner, of Post No. 184, G. A. R., Department of Massachusetts, accompany the veterans as guests. The visitors were received on their arrival by Thaddeus Stevens Post, No. 235, Commander, William G. Harris, and John A. Andrews Post, No. 284, G. A. R., and escorted to the head-quarters of the former, at No. 99 Sixth-avenue, where they were dismissed, and they passed the day in visiting the notable points in the City. The officers called on the Rev. William B. Derrick, Pastor of the Sullivan-Street Church, and notified him that he had been elected a member of the association.

In the evening the veterans, escorted by Thaddeus Stevens and John C. Andrews Posts and delegates from William Lloyd Garrison Post, of Brooklyn, and Meade Post, of Stapleton, Staten Island, paraded.

The line of march was from No. 99 Sixth-avenue to Tenth-street, to Fifth-avenue, and up Fifth-avenue to the Union League Club-house, at Thirty-ninth-street. There a halt was ordered and the club was serenaded. The veterans sang "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner," and gave three rousing cheers for the Union League Club, the battle of Fort Wayne, and Col. Robert G. Shaw. The members of the club gathered at the windows and acknowledged the serenade by waving their handkerchiefs. The line of march was then taken up again down Fifth-avenue to Thirty-fourth-street, to Sixth-avenue, and down that thoroughfare to the head-quarters of Thaddeus Stevens Post. The streets were crowded throughout the line of the parade, and a great throng of colored men and women followed the veterans from the beginning to the end of their march. Upon their return a camp-fire was held, at which speeches were made by Senior Vice-Commander Charles McKee, of Stevens Post, and Major Watkins and Adjt. Smith, of the visiting association. At the conclusion of the addresses the veterans and their friends indulged without stint in pork and beans, coffee, and beer, and the time was passed until an early hour this morning in social festivities. A number of colored and white ladies were in the hall, and added to the pleasure of the occasion.

This morning the Boston veterans will visit Staten Island and pay their respects to the mother of the late Col. Robert G. Shaw. If they are back to the City in time they will make a visit to Coney Island in the afternoon, and at 5 o'clock they will start on the return trip to Boston.