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Rutland Light Guards

Captain William Young Warren Ripley, pictured on the cover was the first Vermonter to volunteer for the Union Army. He was a member of the Rutland Light Guards, formed in 1858 as a unit of the state militia, the topic of this issue.

Beginning with a lengthy account of the Rules, Regulations and Bylaws of the Guards it includes a listing of its officers and all of its members. A separate section discusses the later organization of veterans, providing extensive personal information.

Included is a map of the battle of Big Bethel fought by the Guards , and a variety of photographs. A valuable and interesting insight into an aspect of the Civil War with its focus on Rutland men.

