

1831

Diary - A. G. Canada.
Fort Delaware.

April 19 Mustered into the service of U. S. as private
in the Commonwealth Artillery Company
for the term of 3 months -

Elected for officers -

Capt. James E. Montgomery
1st Lieut. Thomas K. Lancaster
2^d Do. John W. D. Robertson
3^d Do. John Kester -

" 24 Ordered to Fort Delaware on duty.

When we remained until the expiration of
our term of service - During our stay
there we mounted 5th heavy guns &
placed the Fort in a good state of defense
Perfected ourselves in the Infantry &
Heavy Artillery drill -

July 30 Returned to Philadelphia & had a
public reception civic & military -

Augt. 1 Received our pay & were mustered out
of service -

" " Was appointed 1st Lt. of the 23rd Regt P.V.

" 5 Was authorized by Col. D. B. Beatty to raise
my own company & was appointed
Captain - My Lieutenants were -

1st Lieut. Thomas W. Boggs - Philad^a
2^d Do. John R. Johnson - Chicago.

" 15 The enemy having made demonstrations of an
advance on Washington all the troops were
hurried from here and other states to its

Camp on Queen's Farm

absence - The 2^d Regt., though not completely organized, was ordered away also.

I remained to finish accounting for the Regiment - The Rebels at this time were close to Chain Bridge and occupied Munson's Hill - 7 miles from the Capital

I was ordered to take command of my Company - The Regiment is encamped on Mr. Henry Queen's Farm about 5 miles in rear of Washington -

The Regiments composing our Brigade are 23rd Regt. P.V. Col. D. B. Birney - 8^d Regt. P.V. Col. Williams - 1st Lt. S. Chasseurs Col Cochran 1st Regt. Long Island - Col. Adams -

December 14. A set of colors was today presented by the State of Pennsylvania, to our Regiment - A grand celebration & holiday for the men - The camp transformed into a vast garden Lager Beer and whiskey in abundance - Mother and Mr. Dutton came down today on a visit to Fred & myself - They stop at Mr Queen's House -

Picket & Grand guard, drill and dress parades are our out of door duties - Very severe work this cold weather -

25 Christmas!! Eat our Christmas dinner with Mother at Queen's House

Camp Graham
Queen's Farm
Sept. 26

Yorktown - Peninsula.

passed through the Rebel fortifications
at Young's Mills - Heard marching.

Reinforced again

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Early this morning on the go again - The
roads very bad - Heard several guns
ahead - The men in good spirits at
the prospect of a fight - Passed through
Warwick Court House - two houses and
a jail - Brick masonry firing ahead -
Began to feel a little queer - Drew up in
line of battle behind the artillery - The
skirmishing very lively - Forward! Double
Quick! By Company into line! Great
excitement - Into the woods as skirmishes
but no enemy to skirmish with - much
disappointed, no doubt - Laid on our
arms again - feeling very safe - when
Bang! goes a gun close by - whiz! whiz!
goes something through the air - down
go the heads of all the Regiment - Nobody
hurt but a good many scared - Bang!
Whiz - bang! Whiz, whiz! go two more -
and two more profound bows were
made by our veterans - Nobody hurt
again - who cares for shells! Have
to go with my company on picket - no fun.
On Picket with the Rebs in front of us
amusing themselves by shooting at us.
Warwick Court between us and the
bowie knives of the Cavalry - Our

Yorktown.
Warwick Court
Yorktown -

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Yorktown - Warwick River.

boys begin to shoot at the Rebels - Fire
practice at 250 yards - Exchange of
courtesies by standing out from behind
trees to give the bullets a good chance.
The officers join in the sport - A man
wounded - all hands behind big trees -
"First blood" claimed by the "Louisiana
Tigers" on pleasant vis-a-vis.

- " 10 On picket - The same thing kept up -
" 11 Two more companies of the 23rd with us
on picket - Rumors of a night-attack
by the enemy - Under arms all night
Firing from towards Yorktown -
No attack made -

On picket every day - The Brigade
took up its position some distance back
from Warwick Creek, as given on the
map - On pickets and reserves were
regularly established - Occasionally I
go in search of adventure - crawling on
hand & knees opposite to the Rebel
batteries, by Capt Hildebrand, Fred
& myself was considered particularly sin-
ful - as of course the enemy's sharp
shooters would try to interfere with
our observations - Sometimes our picket
lines would be separated by the width
of a wood path only - A mutual agree-
ment not to fire would be made by the
two sides - and there was no danger ex-

Camp Birney - Prospect Hill.

1862

January 1st

Our occupations are the same - General Pike Graham in command of our Brigade & Creek of the Division - Genl. Buell of the Corps.

Buell makes his appearance at all ours of the day - sometimes at day-break - and is remorseless in his discipline -

Camp Birney

Where will we be next New Year's Day?

February 8

We today changed our camp to a new place two miles back - on Mr. Clark's farm

March 6

Birney a Brigadier & G. H. Peile appointed Colonel of the 23rd
Have kept up the old routine of duty.

About 12 o'clock tonight while I was on duty as Officer of the Day we received orders to be ready to move at 3 o'clock in the morning, in regular marching order - Great commotion in camp.

Prospect Hill
Virginia

" 7

Marched off in high glee - passed through Washington, Georgetown - crossed Chain Bridge into Virginia and reached Prospect Hill that night completely tired up - The distance marched was 89 miles - It is supposed that Beauregard has evacuated Manassas in order to make a flank movement on Washington - Went into Camp - Nothing to eat - The whole of our Division with us.

Prospect Hill

Camp "Starvation"

We remained here until the 14th of the month - Rations very scarce and good appetites prevailing - Our first experience in the field & pretty rough -

Camp "Dare" - Peninsula.

March

14 Commenced our retrograde march to Camp
Biny - Bivouacked near Chain Bridge &
suffered terribly from a rain storm - Next
day reached our old camp in Clarke's farm

28 Marching orders again - What's up -
Five days cooked rations in haversacks -
Started at 9 o'clock Am - Through ~~the~~
-ter over Long Bridge into Virginia again
Marched to Alexandria & bivouacked for the
night - Are informed that we embark on
transports tomorrow -

" 29 Going down the Potomac it is supposed
to Fort Monroe -

" 30 Arrived at the Fortress at 4.30 P.M. today
Had a good look at the little "Monitor"
Marched to very near Newport news &
bivouacked - Rebel cavalry reported
only 4 miles from us -

Called this Camp "Dare" in honor of
Col. Dare formerly commander the Regt.

April

1 Marching orders - Started along the road
by the River towards Yorktown - General
E. D. Keyes commanding our corps d'armee
the 4th Corps - The rest of the Army mass
towards Yorktown by way of Bethel -
Bivouacked near Young's Mills - heard
the first cannon fired "in anger" -
Will get used to the noise before we
come back this way -

Resumed our march to Yorktown -

Yorktown - Warwick River.

Ceptions for the officers who are never counted in this arrangement - and each visit to their picket posts is thereby attended with considerable inconvenience.

While on picket - one night a terrific storm came up - the lightning was fearfully vivid, the peals of thunder made the ground tremble, while we crouched on the ground under a perfect deluge of rain - We were aroused from this comfortable position by the discharge of musketry near by - several rapid volleys were fired - artillery began to send forth shells whizzed and burst - the lightning flashed the thunder crashed and the rain splashed - Altogether about the grandest piece of music in nature's repertoire - The flashes of lightning revealed pale and anxious faces around me - but every man was ready to do something if required to - I shall not forget that night - it is now known to many as Mr. Lullon's Serenade.

May 5

Our regular routine of out-post duty was suddenly stopped today - While on inspection we received orders to advance on the enemy's position - Knapsacks and all encumbrances were hastily thrown aside and the line reformed - and moving in a few moments after - Our Regiment was to lead what we supposed would be an assault on the Rebel batteries - The works were

Williamsburg. Peninsula

abandoned houses and we occupied them with-
out a struggle. The Rebels had buried torpedoes
along all the approaches to their works & we
lost seven men by the explosion of one of
these fiendish contrivances. From one of
these infernal machines was hastily traced
on the ground the word "Beware!" evidently
done by some one friendly to us although
in the Rebel ranks -

After emptying the works for two or
three hours we were hurried forward
along the Williamsburg road. Passed
through several Rebel camps deserted - and
Bivouacked about 5 miles from Williamsburg -
It rained all night on our unprotected heads.

May
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1 Heavy firing in the direction of Williams?
and nothing to eat - A void to go forward -
Troops, Artillery &c hanging to the scene of
action - Roads knee deep in mud - Horrible!
A battle going on ahead - 5 o'clock P.M.
halted about a mile from the fighting -
McClellan & Staff passed us, going to the
front - Raining violently - Forward again -
Bullets begin to chip, chip, through the
trees - Wounded men in every stage of
suffering being carried to the rear - Bang!
Bang! Bang! Cheers, curses, yells, and orders
by excited Colonels & Brigadiers - Bang!
Whiz, whiz! Look out for your heads! Men
sneaking ahead eager for the fray; men

Williamsburg Peninsula
rushing back eager to get out of it - Aids
and epited ordances rushing their horses
in every direction like a stampeded
Secretary's Asylum - We formed in line
of battle by Brigade behind Hancock's Brigade
which was just advancing at double quick!
through the woods - Several fearful volleys
outlets; balls whizzed all around us - several
men fell - Shells flew very fast - Night was
coming on - More volleys, more bullets and
a tremendous cheer! Genl. Keyes rode
up to our line crying out "The day is
ours! Throw cheers for the Union!" Nine
rousing yells answered this announcement
Quiet reigned through the whole army
that night. Exhaustion made us in-
different to the mire & water in which
we made our beds -

7 Before daylight under arms - Marched
over the battle field - to form picket
line in front of Fort Magouder -
The woods full of dead and dying -
At daylight Capt. Mullen of our
Regt - advanced his company as this-
mishus & found the Fort & other works
abandoned by the enemy - but covered
with dead & wounded Union & Rebs.
Pushed forward to Williamsburg & entered
the town - a desolate looking place
it was

Chickahominy -

From Williamsburg we started two days after and followed the road through which the Rebel Army had retreated. Our march was necessarily slow owing to the bad state of the roads and the uncertainty of the enemy's movements - We were told, at Williamsburg, that Magruder would fight us at Bottom Bridge on the Chickahominy. We made the acquaintance at Williamsburg of Mr. Bowden's family, and secured them with an regimental band. Passed through Baltimore Cross roads & New Kent C. H. Had a fine view of the York River & West-Point - Gunboats, transports &c. Reconnected to the Bottom Bridge

May 28 The 23^d P. V. 10th Mass^{ts} ^{7 61st P. V.} detailed to support the cavalry in crossing Chickahominy - The bridge being repaired we commenced crossing at about 2 o'clock P. M. Left knapsacks behind - Struck with rebel cavalry - Took some prisoners - Reconnected and opened the way to beyond Savage station - and returned to other side of the River to get our knapsacks and again recrossed taking position for the night on Charles City Cott. Road - The rest of our Division & Casey's moved ahead to Fauquier -

Early next morning moved to Seven Pines in rear of Casey's Division and 1/2 mile from the Rail road - Went into camp in woods.

Fair Oaks!

- " 30 On camp in woods. In the afternoon entered
Fair Oaks in Picket with my company - Terrible storm
through the entire night.
- " 31 In the morning while waiting posts met Genl.
Biny & staff - Stopped to lunch with him
Returning to Picket M^{rs}. heard picket
firing on our left - Muckety very rapid -
A general engagement - Took 20 men of
my reserve and moved up Rail road toward
our Regimental camp - The firing near
& near - our Regiment in line - &
moving forward - Engaged with the enemy
Wounded and sick men crowding down
the road - Our Regt. used up and
going back to the rear - Met Genl. Biny
coming up with his Brigade - Volunteered
with part of my men - Went in again
as left flank comp^y. of the 38th N.Y.V.
Col. Ward - Our losses heavy - the
fight over for tonight -
- June 1st At day break the fight resumed & the
enemy driven with great loss -
The 23rd ordered to recommit on the
flank - Completely used up - Return
behind rifle pits - for the night -
Stampede of the whole line by a couple
of runaway mules -
- " 2 Remained all day behind rifle pits
The next day entered ahead to
Fair Oaks & took position one mile

Old Tavern - White Oak Swamp

to the right of the Road - and only 4/2
from Richmond - The army in line -

Getting shelled every day - but don't mind
Old Tavern. that now - On picket at Old Tavern

" 7 On picket at Old Tavern - Fred sick
and gone to camp - I take his company
on picket - Skirmishing 24 hours -

Get driven back twice but regain the
ground - St. Martins Mass of Philad^a
killed long side of one - Same work every day

" 20 Moved to a position on the left flank
of the Army near the Saw Mills -

" 21 Sent on picket on the Swamp - out two
days -

" 23 Return to camp & ordered out again
two days more -

" 25 Firing in front - Steuben engaged -

" 26 On picket - Firing towards Mechanicsville

" 27 Heavy firing same direction - Genl. Porter
reported nearly in Richmond -

" 28 Heavy firing still - and nearer - On
picket at Fords of White Oak swamp -

" 29 Same place - Fighting going on on the right
The Army retreating - Burning bridge
at White Oak Swamp - Firing very close
Troops crossing the Swamp - Firing
towards James River - What's up now -
Ordered to withdraw pickets and join the
Regiment - A mistake - Have to go
back - Everything moving better shelled -

Turkey Bend! - Malvern Hills.

- Turkey Bend. 30
" 30
Malvern Hills July 1
August 13
" 15
" 16
" 17
" 18
- Being all around - ordered off picket at last - dark night - Roads blocked up - Move about a mile & halt - Rejoin the Regt. at 9 o'clock am. on James River - ordered to the front again - McDowell's various troops - and off we go to the scene of action Get into it - Splendid view of battle field - Lie on the field all night. The enemy repulsed with heavy loss - We move back to Hanson's Landing - Sent to Fortross Minor road off - In camp at Go home -
- Orders to move again - Returned to duty with my Regt. at Hanson's Landing James River - Rumors of a move - Regt. at the breastworks
- Orders to move at 12 o' tonight - Men busy making "dummies" and mounting "Quaker Guns" on breastworks -
- Move before daylight - March 7 miles toward the Chickahominy - Burnak - rations very short
- Start at daybreak - March by flank road few miles in wrong road - turn back - take another road - Fearfully hot and dusty March to other side of Chickahominy making thirty two miles this day - nothing but saw posts and hard work to eat -
- Start at daybreak again - March to Williamsburg 12 miles - halt for rations. Afternoon march few miles beyond the town

Yorktown - Chantilly

and bivouac for the night - much fatigued
Hungry &c

" 19 Forward once more - March through
and 2 miles beyond Yorktown - and
encamp -

" 20 Muster of company &c. Fishing crabs
by stars &c. tacking & rustling off

" 29 Marched to Yorktown and embarked on
transports - at night

" 30 Leave Yorktown - down York River and up
the Bay

" 31 Arrive at Alexandria and disembark
Quarters in the town - Muster company,
orders to march at 3.0 P.M. Start off -
towards Fairfax C. &c. - march 4 miles.
Popi reported badly whipped and re-

Chantilly cheating - Bivouac -

Sept 1. On the road again - March through
Fairfax C. &c. - Cannonading in the dis-
tance - Ambulances and wounded (?)
going to the rear. Firing ahead -
Take road to the right 4 miles beyond
Fairfax and form in line of battle
facing N.W. Hooker in command of
his Division & our's (Curtis's) Musketry
very thick in our front - Can see the
fight - Kearney's line breaking - Kearney
& Stevens reported killed - Get orders
to fix bayonets and prepare to charge?
Shot - killing our thick - 3rd Corps

1st Maryland campaign - Cham ~~bridge~~

in our front falling back - Bad! Our pieces
open on the enemy - Musketry very
heavy! Ready to charge - Col. Peile
Commanding our Brigade "Steady, 23rd
Give them cold steel!" Hurrah!!

Firing ceases - Rebs off - Advance about
100 yards - No rebs to be found - Raining
Bivouac in the mud - nothing to eat.

" 2 Under arms all night & day. No more
firing here - Columns of our troops moving
towards Fairfax - Burying dead -

Start for Alexandria - March all night
Rebs fire a few shells after us - The
23rd Regt. the Rear Guard of the column
Reach Alexandria at 2 o'clock A.M.

Completely exhausted - marched 24 miles since
5 o' P.M. ~~Sitting~~ today..

Alexandria

" 3 Took transports to Georgetown this
afternoon - Landed at Yorktown - Sunday.
crossed through Aqueduct Bridge to
Old Virginia one more - Bivouacked near
the River - Arlington Heights -

" 4 Marched to near Chambridge - Encamped
in same spot as March 14 -

" 5/15 Left Chambridge a day or two after - Crossed
into Maryland at the above Bridge - It is
rumored that we go to our Old plan Camp
Benny - Men very cheerful - At Finally
Town we turn to the left - No Camp Benny
for us! Our line of march continued along

Whites Ford - Upper Potomac.

The River runs to Poolsville - This place we reached about the 14 inst - The movements of the rest of the Army are towards Fredricks City - New Regiment, the 1st N. Y. under Col. Brown - and a squadron of Regular Cavalry with 4 pieces Art. were now detached under Col. Neill to watch the Fords of the Potomac from Conrad's Ferry to Point of Rocks.

" 15 Weather very pleasant - Was sent with my own company & Co. B. under Lt. Joshua Bared to guard White's Ford - between Conrad's & Memoracy Aqueduct - Posted pickets, signals.

" Splendid weather - Plenty of searches & made several captures of stragglers & of Jacksons Army which crossed at this place -

" Carey Cain joined me here - Just from home.

" More captures - Heavy firing 18 or 20 miles off - towards Harper's Ferry and South Mountain

" 17 Very heavy firing towards Sharpsburg (Antietam) all day - Caught more stragglers -

" 18 Want to cross the River to destroy Rebel stragglers - orders from Col Neill to withdraw my command and rejoin him at Leesville Co' P.M. Start for Leesville - Rejoin the Regiment that night -

" Four or five days after the next morning Lt Bared got permission to go back to White's Ford and cross over to the Virginia side to destroy Rebel stragglers - He goes and is captured together with 22 men - Carey Cain

Licksville - Point of Rocks - Jefferson - Middleburg
Sharpsburg - Bakersville - Downsville.
went with them to get chickens &c and came
very near being taken also.

Some days after, we took camp at Licks-
ville and marched to Point of Rocks - Col.
Walt, at starting, fell with his horse and
was badly injured - Left us at Point of Rocks

From Point of Rocks we marched by easy marches
to Jefferson - a nice little village - Had a
magnificent view of the Valley and Harper's
Ferry, from the summit of the Ridge of
Mountains -

From Jefferson to Middletown - Crossed
the South Mountain range at Fox's Gap, the
scene of the Battle of the 11th - to Bowersboro
& bivouacked outside the town.

From Bowersboro to Antietam - crossed
the Battle ground - many Rebs lying
around - Reached Sharpsburg - Bakersville
and encamped -

October

From Bakersville to Downsville - Remained
in Brigade - our Division forms the 3rd
of the 6th Corps under Gen. Franklin.

We remained at Downsville (a place of
6 or 8 houses) until October 18th - During this
time we drilled &c daily - The army stretched
from here to Sharpsburgh vicinity - I went
several times to Hagerstown 9 miles distant

October

19

Received marching orders for tomorrow - 5 days
rations -

18

Left Downsville at 12 P.M. with our outfit

October - Williamsport - Clear Springs - Hancock,
and Downsville

- Brigade to Williamsport $11\frac{1}{2}$ miles and moved
to Clear Springs 10 miles - Marched all night
- " 19. On the move again - marched through the
town of Clear Springs - Crossed the mountains
at Fairview - to Hancock - 14 miles.
- " 20. In camp near the Potomac - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from
Hancock - Some of our men go for their
supper in Pennsylvania - Feels like getting
home - A Rebel cavalry raid expected
- " 21 - Booke camp at 5 o' P.M. & marched back
toward Clear Springs 12 miles - Night very
dark - but clear - The men singing in the
wood "Gloria, Gloria Halleluyah!" make the
distance in 4 hours - Lose the rest of our
Brigade in the dark - Bismarck.
- " 22 - Took up line of march at daybreak
join the Brigade - Encamped - Genl.
Newton (previously at Fort Delaune in the
3. mos. service) is now in command of our
Division.
- " 23 - In camp - Marched at 8 o'clock P.M.
Guarding ammunition train - on guard
all night - very cold
- " 24 - Fixed camp here - $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Fair
View - Lt. Col. Ely (wounded Fair Oaks) &
Chaplain Skinn arrived tonight.
- " 25 - In camp same place -
- " 26 - Our Regt. returns to the Brigade
- " 27 - Booke up camp and marched through
Williamsport to our old camp near Downsville

Doumsville - Poversville - Berlin

- October - 28 - In camp near Doumsville.
" 29. Same place.
" 30. Same place - marching orders
" 31 - Marched to Poversville.
Nov. 1 - Marched from Poversville to Berlin
on the Potomac - Found our corps en
camped here - Pontoon Bridges laid,
" 2 - Berlin - Capt. M^c Cag^e - 125th P. V.
" 3 - 12 o' M. Crossed by Pontoon Bridge into
Virginia once more. - Marched to beyond
Lovettsville 12 miles & encamped on road
" 4. Marched to beyond Union (Retel) a
distance of 14 miles
" 5 - At 12 o' M. marched 5 miles towards
Ashby's Gap -
" 6 - Marched back towards Union - one
mile from Middle brook took road to the
right - and reached White Plains - 14 miles
" 7 - Marched 2 miles from White Plains
on Rail Road. Geny M^c C. came to see me.
" 8 / 11^h - Marched to New Baltimore and encamped
in Bull Run mountains - Genl M^c Callan
rode through the Army for the last time
Genl. Burris in command of the
Army of the Potomac -
Marched to three miles beyond Cattlets
Station and bivouacked - Kirby M^c Callan
" 17. Left in the morning - wagon guard - Marched
towards Menton -
" 18 Started early in the morning - towards Stafford

Stafford Co. Md. Belle Plain -

Court. House - Breakfast within 2 miles of the town - Carry M.G. sends for me -

- " 19 - Drilling 7th same place
" 20 - Get permission to go to see Genl. Humphreys
" 21. and Fred - Stay overnight with Fred - Fred & Collis come to see me -

Dec. 21 - Break camp and marched to within 2 1/2 miles of Bell Plain Landing.

- " 5 - Bell Plain Landing - Heavy Snow storm.
" 9 - Received notice to prepare for a move.
" 10 - Orders for moving tomorrow at day break.

At 8 o'Clock received order from M. J. of the Army to report to Brig. A. A. Humphreys for duty on his Staff - Start with Curry on foot - for M. J. Col. Will returned to the Regt. Walk all night over muddy roads - Go as far as Falmouth 12 miles - Turn back over same

- " 11. muddy - First gun fired from our side - Looks like a fight - learned - Find the 114th Regt. & Fred - Borrow a horse (Stonewall) from him and meet Genl. M. - at the road with his troops - Reported to him - Troops halted & encamped - Our batteries kept up a heavy fire on Fred's side.

- " 12. Under arms - Cannading resumed - our Division (3rd Div. 5th Corps) moving towards the River - Halted near Phillip's House - Encamped
Our Staff consists of the following officers -
Capt. Cassius M. Nelson, A. A. C. - Lieutenant
M. C. Christiany A. A. C. - Lieut. H. H. Humphreys A. A. C.

Palmyra Stonemans' Switch.

Capt. Herbert L. Thomas - 129th Regt. P.V. Insp: Genl.

" E. Solway Robinson - 134. " " Spec. A. D. C.

" A. F. Corada - 25th 708. " "

" Edmund Knowles - Commy. of Subst.

" G. B. Crane - Dr. Master.

St. Stoke - Ord: office - Sagin Daily - Med: Director.

1st Brigade - Genl. E. B. Taylor - 91st P.V. Col. Gregory -

126 P.V. " Rowe

134 P.V. " O'Brien

129 P.V. " Fritke

2nd Brigade - Lt. P. H. Allabout. 131st P.V. Dr. Spot -

123rd " " Clarke

155th " " Allen -

133rd " " Speckman.

Fredericksburg - 13 - Under arms early in the morning
Pontons reported ready - Ride with Genl. St -
to the Phillips House, Genl. Beunsides D. D. 2nd.
Troops crossing into Fredericksburg - Am sent
by the Genl. to the other side to reconnoitre
the position our Div. as to occupy on the
shore - Skirmishing commenced outside of
town - Sumner's Corps (2nd) across - Shelling
commenced - Firing down the River about
2 miles - Franklin with the 6th Corps &
Bainey's Div. of the 3rd crossing there -
Ride through the town - Shot flying
around lively - Return to Phillips House
& report to Genl. St - The battle commenced
in earnest - Fine view of it from Phillips
House - Orders to cross immediately - Cross

Battle of Fredericksburg
at 3 P.M. by bridge at Lucy Horse - Form
our Div. in street - Shell & solid shot raking
the streets in all directions - Mr. Clellan and I
make a narrow escape - Solid shot passes be-
tween our heads - The fighting very sharp out-
-side of town - Orders to move up double quick
to support Couch - Start off - out at ~~Manor~~ Street
Genl. & staff at head of column - Enemy's batteries
open on us as we debouch from the town -
Form in right and left of Telegraph road -
Allaback's Brigade on the left, Tyler's on the right
Musketry & Artillery doing execution on our troops
Form behind a slight hill - Genl. Hooker orders
Genl. St - to carry the enemy's position with
The bayonet - Genl. St - & staff ride up to the
crest of the hill to look at the ground - and are
greeted with a shower of bullets - Fix bayonets
Charge! the General & staff at the head -
Allaback's Brigade in column of Regiments,
moves up splendidly - Hurrah! The Rebel
artillery and musketry all concentrated on
us - Terrible fire - Men men fall by hundreds
but still keep on - All the staff dismounted
having their horses killed - ~~wounded~~ - ordered
to hurry up Tyler's Brigade to Charge behind us
Allaback - The enemy's fire terrific - Tyler's troops
come up well - The air is full of flying bullets
The ground ploughed up by Artillery - Men falling
in groups - Tyler's Brigade comes on the right of
Allaback but meeting some of Couch's men lying down

Battle of Fredericksburg

our troops imitate them - Genl. H - rides along the front - ordering them forward - But the impetus of the Charge is broken and our men vacillate - Orders, entreaties are vain - The mass of men becoming divided commence firing and falling back - We were within fifteen or twenty yards of the enemy's muskets - The smoke of their discharges flying into our faces - Genl. Humphrey second horse is killed, Sumner's Diamond his personal orderly, jumps off and gets him his horse - Our men fall back in confusion excepting two or three regiments - the 91st 126th & 105th, who retire in good order. The enemy seeing us broken redoubled his fire on us - Our troops rally and reform behind the slight cover of the hill from which the Charge commenced - The enemy's Batteries continue firing for some time - Night closes in - all quiet getting the different commands together -

Capt. H. L. Thomas - lost horse & was severely wounded

Lt. Humphrey - wounded slightly & horse wounded

Capt. Reber - do. do.

Lt. H. C. Christianity lost horse -

Genl. Humphrey - two horses killed -

Capt. W. C. Kellean - horse wounded

Capt. Leavada - all right -

All Abaker's Brigade remained in position on the edge of town - Tyler's Brig^d drawn into the town - An order at 12 o'night to place Tyler's Brigades on picket beyond the

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town and in the battle field - Hard work -
Rebel pickets within 50 yards. dark as pitch
The plain over which we charged covered with
dead & wounded - stumbling over the bodies.

Get troops in position - and later ambulances
over the field - very foggy - get lost, on the
field - luckily hit our own line - Moon rises
very clear - showing the entire field and
the groups of dead & dying - Rebel pickets
fire at us - Get back to quarters (Dr. White's
House on the outskirts of the town -) at 5 o'clock
used up -

" 14 - Sunday - While asleep on the floor, the
house is being shelled - wake up at last -
Find the staff & Genl. gone - Find them up
street - Change our St. Ds. to Mr. Herndon's House
corner of Hanover & Amelia Streets - Company keeps up
a firing on the town - Sharpshooters command
the street evenings - Promising not very
pleasant - Am sent out in the afternoon by
the Genl. to make sketch of ground around
the west side of the town - Dodging sharpshooters
for 2 or three hours - Sketch made hurried -
Could sleep that night - Rebels popping
away at us - but sleep soundly through it -

" 15 - Firing on the town - another attack to be
made - Our division goes to west end of town -
Change St. Ds. to a house on that side -
Have a capital dinner - our accounts come
over at night and across the river in the

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morning - Breakfast at 4 a.m. Dinner at 10 p.m.
Tonight was sent together with Lt. Claretary
with two Regts. (91st & 126th) to form junction with
Franklin's picket-line on the east of the town.
Night very dark and rainy - Establish the picket
line - Go out again to pickets - Our Quarters moved
again to a house on east side of town - Our troops
crossing the River - Go again to picket line to
arrange for withdrawing at daybreak - Pickets to
fall back skirmishing - our Div. the last to
cross - at daybreak go out to pickets to withdraw
them - Get off just in time, and cross.

" 16 - March back to the old camp of the Div. near
Stoneman's switch - and go to bed - tired out.
Sent Gary to enquire after Fred - Returned with the
information that he is wounded - Rode to his
camp - Fred sent to hospital -

" 17. Appointed Inspector of the Division -
Employed from this time till the end of the
1863 year in Inspections, drawing maps &c.
January 1 - Just year at this time in Camp on
Queen's Farm in rear of Washington -
It has been a year of hard work & hard
knocks - Where will next New Year's
Day find me -

" 18 - Fred came up to stay with me - Very sick
Then an rumor of another movement of the
Army - Inspections and preparations are
being made - Took Fred in ambulance to
his Regiment & brought him back to me

in Mud March in January 1863.

camp -

" 19 - Orders to move tomorrow at 2 o'clock P.M.

Went to Binney's to get Fred's sick leave attend-
ed to & to Grand Division St. Drs. Got his
papers, all right - Fred goes home to see
Covey with him.

mud
march

" 20 - Under arms and ready for the start -

Weather clear & very cold - Troops moving
along the Hatfield Church road - We start
at 4 P.M. March about three miles to
binney on the review ground - It begins
to rain at about 7 P.M. & rains all night

" 21 - Still raining hard - Commence on march

roads very bad - Artillery and wagons
can hardly move - Reached Benn Church
about 4 miles further and encamped -
Troops, trains & stacks fast in the mud.

" 22 - Still raining heavily - All hands at

work making Corduroy roads for the wagons
& Artillery - On horseback all day in
the rain & mud.

" 23 - Took fifty men & Linnic Dragoon and

went on a scout outside of the lines -
visited several houses - Captured some
15 or 20 stragglers - placed guards &c
and returned to camp - Was sent in
the evening to establish a picket line
at Benson's Mill near the river -

" 24 - Weather good - Started on our re-
turn trip to Palmyra - The campaign

- Falmouth or Camp Humphreys.
 a hundred. - Reached our old camp in the
 afternoon - For Bensides!
- " 23 - Looking up a new camp ground for the
 winter - Found a very fine one & report.
- " 26 - Took a detail of 100 men to work on new
 Camp -
- " 27 - Genl. St - Harry & Christianity gone to Wash^g
 on 5 days leave - At work on new camp.
 For several days very snowy and rainy
 Employed some of the time on the new camp.
- Febry. 2 - Moved our camp to the Pines near Stafford
 G. H. road - Every thing up. Called the Camp -
 "Camp Humphreys"
- " 4 - Received orders for Benson's Disposition
- " 5 - Every inspecting - Snowing fast
- " 7 - Genl. Humphreys & Harry St - returned today
- " 9 - Christianity returned
- " 10 - Got leave of absence for 10 days.
- " 11 - Went for Philad^a - for home! A most
 delightful sensation to be able to shake
 off camp life for 10 days and look forward
 to a meeting with friends & relatives.
- " 21 - Back in camp once more - My visit during
 a dream - How narrow and comfortless
 appears my poor little tent now - Have
 got the "blues" terribly - Striving heavily.
- " 24 - Appointed Judge Advocate of Genl.
 Court Martial - Something new and
 interesting &
- " 25 - A report brought in that Stuart

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has attacked our picket-line - Our Division under Arms and goes to support the pickets - Det Steuart's Cavalry makes a dash at us - some prisoners & a few killed and wounded - Our command returns to camp - All quiet -

March 1 - A Division Color presented to the General by his Staff - Speeches and toasts.

" 4 - The General Reviewed the Division.

" 7 - Col. Webb - Corps Inspector - inspected the 155th Regt.

" 25 - From the 7th inst. - to today my time was occupied with the Courts Martial of which I am Judge Advocate -

Governor Curtin of Penn^a visited our Division - The troops turned out under arms to receive him - Col. Puliston his A.D.C. and Genl Birney accompanying him -

" 31 - Det Steuart absent - Up all night ready for him -

April 1 - The rebel raid an "April Fool"

" 2 - General George S. Meade comm^d Corps. reviewed our Division -

" 3 - Received complimentary order from Corps H^d Qrs.

" 4 - Went to see Fred - coming back together, at night, a terrific hail & snow storm came on - After wandering about for two hours nearly frozen we put into a Country Hospital and were well lodged for the night - Striving very valiently.

Falmouth Chancellorsville Campaign

- April 6th Grand Cavalry review by President Lincoln - 12000 cavalry reviewed.
- " 7- The President ^{inspects} ~~reviews~~ the camps of our Corps. - Rode with Genl. M. to Meades H^q. Drs. to meet him -
- " 8 Grand Review of the Army by the President 80000 men under arms - The Army of the Potomac in splendid trim.
- " 12. Maj^r. Genl. Fogliardi of the Swiss Army visited our Camps.
- " 26 - Marching orders! March at 2 o' P.M. tomorrow -
- " 27 - Our Division in motion at 2 o'clock P.M. Troops marching in every direction along the same roads as when the mud march. We reached Mastwood Church in the evening & bivouac. Distance 8 miles.
- " 28 - Resumed the march early today and reached within a mile of Kelly's Ford where we encamped. The 11th & 12th Corps are ahead of us on this road.
- " 29 - Moved up to the Ford - and crossed late at night behind the Cavalry - our Division is the rear guard of this column and has charge of the trains pontons &c. At midnight the Bridges being raised we started in a S. E. direction for Ely's Ford on the Rapidan - General Mansfield's platoon was in charge of the advance Guard, consisting of three Companies - About two miles beyond Mountain Run, our

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guide lost his way and the night being fear-fully dark we came to a halt on the road. We tried to get some sleep but the rain made that impossible.

30 - With the first signs of day we resumed the march - very much jaded by the want of sleep and wet of the previous night - At Richmansville my advance came upon some guerrillas and at the same time a squadron of our cavalry came dashing down the road. For a moment we took each other for enemies and would have commenced hostilities - but inquired each other in time to prevent it - There were five guerrillas were taken here - General S. sent me word to halt my guard - The head of the column came up soon after and I reformed the Staff - Taking the road at right angles to the left we pushed on through very bad roads to Clybird - Forded and forded in two miles further toward Chancellorsville - Bivouacked on Shantons Creek - 3 miles from Chancellorsville - open communication with Genl Meade -

Chancellorsville - May 1st at day break commenced our march to Chancellorsville - and halted two or three hours. The enemy reported three miles off toward Freds? and advancing to meet us - The 5th 11th & 12th Corps were - The 1st Div. 5th Corps, Genl. Griffin takes the road to Banks Ford and becomes engaged - An division follows to support him - The country

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all about here is a dense forest intersected by narrow country roads - Griffin hotly engaged about a mile from us - After moving a mile further we receive orders to retire in haste and make our way back to Chancellorsville - the Rebs close behind us pressing Griffin's troops - We reform on road in front of Chancellor House - Genl. H - goes to reconnoiter the left - toward the river, for a position - The enemy pressing Griffin - Sykes throws in a Brigade to help Sumner and is badly cut up - The Third Corps coming into position on the right of Chancellor House - the enemy retires into the woods - Genl. H - returns and receives orders to move the Division to the left - our left resting on the Rapidan^R River at Scott's Mills - The woods cleared by narrow road and take up position on strong ground - Little firing towards Chancellorsville - Bivouac on the road -

- 2 - Early this morning a brisk artillery and musketry from the right - kept up at intervals during the day and night - Our men busy throwing up rifle pits - cutting roads through the woods - Firing very close toward night - The 11th Corps reported to have stampeded - Bivouaced in the woods, expecting an attack on our line - Heavy firing kept up - Channing's
- 3 - Moved to the right and to the fight - The 11th Corps (but not left of it) moves down to take our place at the left - Double quick to the

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some of action - Find our line a mile back of where we were on the 7th inst. The enemy though badly punished still presses on us - Form in line of battle on the road and close to White House - The enemy shells us with great effect - our batteries reply with interest - Taylor's Brigade goes into the woods - meets the advancing Rebels, has a hard fight and is obliged to retire - with considerable loss - Rally on the road - More shelling - Altabach's Brigade ordered up the road towards Chancellorville to cover the retreat of part of 3rd Corps - We go along with it into the woods - and get awfully pattered into - A Rebel battery opens on our staff, with grape & canister - Altabach's men skirmishing in the woods - Bullets flying thickly around Genl H - gets orders from Genl Meade to "get out of that" The Rebels open on us again - Shells fly close to our heads - but nobody on the staff hurt - Move back to the road - Altabach's Brigade withdraws - The enemy keeps quiet - Form in line in woods behind the breastworks - Occasional shot from the enemy - Bivouac - No sleep tonight.

" 14 - Skirmishing along our line - No attack made by the enemy - Griffin's Division goes into the woods and has a sharp fight - & takes some prisoners - Genl. Whipple commanding 3rd Div. 3rd Corps killed by

May 1863. Chancellorsville - Falmouth

sharpshooters - Up all night - occasional firing
" 5 - Pretty well used up today - Same place
expect to take the offensive today -

In the evening get orders to move - Raining
fiercely in our unsheltered heads - Go to
Genl Meade's Quarters for orders - Horrible night
Orders to retreat at 2 o' clock - Move back to

U. S. Ford over Rappahannock covering the movement
" 6 Formed in line of battle at U. S. Ford -
Raining still - no signs of the enemy - Cross
the Rappahannock over pontoons - All the
Army across - Start for Camp Humphreys
in the afternoon - Half starved & tired
out - So ends the Chancellorsville
Campaign -

" 7 - In camp - Reflections - Another grand
movement, another terrible, bloody battle
fought by the Army of the Potomac resulting
in so many killed, so many wounded, so
many prisoners - This movement to Chan-
cellorsville was intended evidently to draw
Lee from the strong defenses of Fredericksburg?
and force him to a battle on open ground,
when, all other things being equal, our
superior numbers would prevail - The con-
centration of the different Corps d'Armee
was admirably planned and as admirably
executed by the different columns by way of
Kelly's Ford & Germania's Ford - to unite at Chancellorsville and even the crossing of another column

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at U. S. Ford. Lee in moving to ~~Fredericksburg~~ at this point, uncovered, or at least weakened his position on the heights of Fredericksburg. The 6th Corps by its ~~unintentional~~ movements was destined to avail of this circumstance and take possession of the heights by a sudden movement thereby placing Lee between two fires and obliging him to retreat in a southerly direction to save his Army - At the same time the Cavalry force under Gen. Stoneman was to effect a raid upon ~~the~~ ^{his} communications ~~from~~ ^{from} Gordonsville & Richmond - All this was accomplished - Lee moved the bulk of his Army against our Concentrating Corps at Chamellerville and checked our advance on the 1st day - We at once assumed the defensive, ~~and~~ ^{and} instead of pushing in with our Columns on the following day remained stationary to await further attacks - Favored by a thorough knowledge of the intimate ground, Lee was enabled to concentrate heavy masses abt of our view and break our lines of battle, obliging a retrograde movement ^{on our part} to reform our lines on the third day, finding us disheartened and still in the defensive; Lee moved a Heavy force against Sedgwick's Corps which was endeavoring to form a position with our extreme left - and while we lay listening to the constant shower of the guns, pressed him back upon the River and finally drove

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him across - This destroyed the connection of action of the two bodies - Fredricksburg was occupied by the enemy - and we retraced our steps to our old camps to mourn the loss of thousands of our brave men, cruelly slaughtered.

The miserable behavior of the 11th Corps at a most critical moment doubtless influenced the fortunes of the Campaign - and I might add to the above disaster - the want of energy or ability of the Commander in Chief who seemed to lose heart & hope long before his soldiers - Burnside's "Magnificent folly" & Hooker's "Magnificent blunder" now stand side by side.

" 8 - The 123rd Regt. P.V. Col. Clark - left for Manassas to be mustered out of service its term of 9 mos. having expired.

All the other Regiments (134th, 126th, 131st & 129th) left during the month for the same reason - The 91st & 155th were transferred to the 2nd Div. 3rd Corps.

" 18 - The Genl. to be assigned to another Command - Genl. St. & Staff off on five days leave - Go home -

" 22nd Back to Camp Humphreys again - Christianity & I came together - the sect to come tomorrow.

" 23rd General assigned to the command of 2nd Div. 3rd Corps formally commd. by Maj. Genl. Berry, killed at Chancellorsville.

Talman - May - 1863 - 1st Div. 2nd Div. 3rd

May 24 - Moved from 1st Div. to Genl. Berry's
former 1st Div. Genl. Humphrey's place
in command -

2nd Division 3rd Corps -

1st Brigade - Brig. Genl. Carr.

1st Mass^{ts} Vol. Col. M. B. McLaughlin
11th do. do. " Blaisdell
16th do. do. " Banks
11th New Jersey " Geo. M. Alister
26th Penn^a do. " Felghman
84th do. do. " Bowman
12th New Hampshire "

2nd Brigade - "Excelsior"

1st Excelsior. Col. O. E. Farnum
2^d do. Lt. Col. Potter
3^d do. Col. J. S. Austin
4th do. " R. Brewster (commanding Brig^e)
5th do. " Lonsbury
120th N. York. " Westbrook.

3rd Brigade - "Jersey"

5th New Jersey - Col. W. J. Sewall (commanding Brig^e)
6th do. " Beurling
7th do. " Louis R. Francine
8th do. " Ramsay
115th do. Major Dunn
81st New York "

2nd New Hampshire led. Bailey

Staff of Division - Major Genl. Hamlin A. A. G. Captain
W. R. Chester - Judge adv. Capt. Stofen - Ordnance Officer
Capt. J. P. Johnson - Dr. Master - Capt. Earle

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Surgen. Catham - Med. Director - Capt. Russell
Prot. March. Lieut. Kusling. Amb. offic.

Gen. Humphreys' personal Staff.

Capt. Carr. M. C. Clellan Sp. A. D. C. & A. A. S.

" A. F. Carada - do. do. & A. A. Insp. Genl.

Lieut. H. Humphreys - A. D. C.

" H. C. Crutcher - A. D. C.

" 27 - Invited to Maj. Genl. Birney's Division
to witness presentation of Medals of Honor
to deserving men of his Div.

" 31 - First Anniversary of the Battle of Fairbairn

June 2 - Genl. Humphreys reviews and inspects
The 1st Brigade - Genl. Carr.

Went to see Fred at the Picket-line.

" 3 - Review of 2nd Brigade by Genl. Humphreys
This Brigade was first commanded
by Genl. Joseph Hooker - and is called
the "fighting" Brigade.

" 4 - Review of the 3rd Brigade by Genl. H.

" 5 - This morning we were awakened by
Artillery firing below the Phillips House
on the River - Rumors of a move of
some kind.

" 6 - Occasional firing from same direction
travels down along the bank of the River
Pentagon Bridge, stream across & one
Div. of the 6th Corps over. Throwing up
sift pits on other side.

" 7 Occasional shots from our batteries -

The enemy replies languidly - nothing

Falmouth - June 1863 - Rappahannock Station

- " 8 - The same state of things - a Division of 6th Corps still over the river -
- " 9 - Same thing - Rumors of moving
- " 10 - Marching orders for tomorrow at 10 P.M. Busy preparing for the march - All extra baggage turned in - Lee supposed to have commenced another Maryland campaign
- " 11 - Broke up camp and started after the first Division - The roads very dusty and weather hot and sultry - We made Hartwood Church tonight and bivouacked 10 miles.
- " 12 - Broke camp at 6 o' Am. and started Took road to Morrisville - Stopped for a couple of hours - sent detachments to hold roads towards Kelly's Ford - Resumed our march; the 2^d Div. taking road to Kelly's Ford & by the River, to Rappahannock Station - The head of our column reached the last-named place at midnight - A Brigade encamped at the Railroad & planted Batteries to command the Bridge - Lewis' Brig.^e went on to Beverly Ford & the 2^d Brigade encamped near Brown's house 2 miles from River - Our march today was 22 miles.
- " 13 - Same position - Took supper with Col. Bowster at Mrs. Brown's - Mr. & Mrs. Brown & Miss Brown friendly Marching orders tomorrow
- " 14 - Ordered to be ready to move this evening Started at dark and marched all night - A most distressing march & my trust

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night without sleep.

- " 15 Reached Battletts Station at 6 o' Am.
having marched the night through -
We here halted for breakfast and dinner
and at 9 o' P.M. started again - This
days march was one of the most trying
ever experienced - Intense heat and
the dust rising in dense clouds under
the men's feet and horses' hoofs - forcing
itself into your eyes, mouth & nostrils - the
scarcity or rather total want of water
along the route, added to the fatigue &
wounds of the previous days work made
this march a memorable one to our
troops - At 11 o' P.M. we reached

Manassas Junction completely exhausted

- " 16 Same place - saw M^{rs} D^r. opposite to
Beauregard's old quarters - At 12 o'
P.M. sent with two regiments on picket.
All night posting them -

Orders to march tomorrow morning

- " 17 - Started from Manassas at 9 o am
this morning - crossed Bull Run
& halted to give the men a chance
to push off - Reached Centreville in
the afternoon and encamped -
Order from Genl. M - to inspect &
secure transportation tonight - Up
nearly all night again.

- " 18 - At Centreville - Raining

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June

- " 19 - Got in motion at 2 o' P.M. taking
a N.W. route to Gum Springs 10 miles
distant - Gum Springs a village of
5 or 6 houses. Troops went into camp
(The 1st Div. on our right.) at 8 o' P.M.
Our M^o 2^{os}. in the woods
- " 20 - Same place -
- " 21st " " "
- " 22 - The Division put in position to
meet an attack. Moved our M^o 2^{os}
to Garner's House behind our troops
The Garners are Union people.
Staid here until the
- " 25 - when we once more took the road -
as usual in the rear of the corps. "
Marched in a westerly direction
to the junction of Dove Creek - crossed
Edwards' Ferry in frontons - and con-
-tinued along the top path of the canal.
Marching all night again - Arrived
at Monrovia Aqueduct at near
day light - & the men bivouacked
making a march of 32 miles, partly
in utter darkness over a narrow top path
and with a cold driving rain in our
faces - Hundreds of men were left
behind along the road completely ex-
hausted - The Genl. & I went on search of
Genl. Birney & found him after a weary search.
I then started to hunt up the trains &

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the sun was in my sleepless eyes. On re-
turning to H.^d Qrs. I found change on the
26 - Start again - Our march today lay along
the river road from Monocacy through
Licksville to Point of Rocks - We stopped
to dinner at Mr. Hazzards Farm, about
3 miles beyond Licksville and enjoyed
even more a Maryland dinner and
a look at a sweet Maryland maiden.
Scarcely the turn of Point of Rocks 1/2 mile
to our left we crossed over the mountain
ridge and stopped at Doctor Durals Farm
where we made our H.^d Qrs. The Division
encamping near by -

" 27 - Commenced our march early this morning
again - Our road along the crest of the mountain
A magnificent view of the valley beneath -
Harper's Ferry Gap and the Potomac winding
through it toward the west - and the valley of
Middleton with the picturesque town of Jefferson nestling
among the hills toward the north. As we approached
Jefferson the road by which we marched gradually
descends the ridge -

When near the entrance of the town Genl. Humphreys
directed me to ride forward to ascertain from Genl.
Birney where our Division should halt - A few
hundred yards ahead I met Lieut. R. Moore
of Genl. Birney's Staff who was ordered to meet
us with the desired information. He pointed
to a large clover field on the left of the road

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as the place designed for a camp for our troops and to a beautiful residence on the right of the road to serve as our H. Q. Satisfied that the troops would "live in clover" I rode to the house above mentioned to prepare its inmates for the arrival of the Genl & Staff. A plain, dressed middle aged lady met me at the door - upon stating my errand I was not a little mortified to see her burst into tears begging me for God's sake not to make use of her house - She soon explained to me that the night previous a general officer & his Staff had made their quarters at her house, that she had been up all night cooking & preparing their breakfast and that upon leaving this morning they had only paid her fifty cents apiece - that the ordnance and guards belonging to said General officer had stripped her house and farm of everything that could be carried off and that she was a "miserable woman" &c. &c. The General alluded to was Gadsworth, commy. a Division - a man I knew to be incapable of an ungenerous & unmanly action - and concluded that the woman's lamentations were only an old dodge we had too often known further south -

The young lady of the house made her appearance and to her I pledged myself to protect the house and property, and at once detailed a guard for the purpose -

We had scarcely made ourselves & the troops

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comfortable when orders came from the Camp to be ready to move in an hour - Time was left us to wash & take a hasty dinner and resume our march - On leaving our hosts we found that their sentiments towards us had changed for the better, although the "poor," "distracted" sweetest took good care to dispose of her previous night's labour at the rate of \$1⁰⁰ per loaf to our hungry patriots - Her name should be recorded

On passing through Jefferson's only, but very pretty street, I had the pleasure of meeting with some old acquaintances made during our last year's journey through the place - Turning at right angles from the centre of the town we pursued the route towards Middletown - and as the sun was setting we halted and bivouacked within a mile of the town - Campaigning in Maryland is not more arduous than an excursion of pleasure - The country is beautifully picturesque and highly cultivated - the roads are excellent - pleasant and sometimes luxurious residences meet you everywhere the inhabitants are cheerful and friendly & as a general thing loyal to the "old flag"

" 28 - This morning found us once more "en route" Genl. Carr's Brigade was detached to watch Shubert's Camp while the

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balance of the Division proceeded through Middle-
-town to the Frederick City turnpike taking an
easterly direction - Middletown is quite a good
sized congregation of houses and boats two or
three steeples. When three or four miles from
Middletown Genl. Humphreys received a des-
-patch requesting his immediate presence in
Frederick City - in compliance with which
he started off with Harry St. & M^o. Lellan
leaving the Div. in Charge of Col. Bonister
The same dispatch announced to us that
Genl. George B. Meade had been placed
in command of the Army of the Potomac -
Genl. Hooker being relieved at his own request.
My prediction in the field of Stranellsville
is therefore realized.

We continued our march to Frederick City -
On the way I tried to purchase a good horse
to replace my well worn steed but all horses
of any value had been removed out of the
clutches of the "Chivalry" who had been ex-
-pected to visit the neighborhood - St. Chris-
-teany & I took a good lunch with Doctr-
two miles out of Frederick & after
wards joined the head of the column - Genl.
St. met us at the entrance of the town
The sight of our Army was no novelty to
the inhabitants who nevertheless thronged
the streets to see us march by - There is
something very pleasant in the sensation

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of being looked at while riding with the troops, particularly when those troops are the heroes of a war, and veterans of many hard fought battles.

Filing out of Frederick we took a westerly course following the main road to Taneytown - We learned here something of the movements of Lee's Army whose steps we have been dogging for so many days - The rebel army occupies Chambersburg Penn^a and is moving on Hanstburg, Va. Their cavalry is reported at Carlisle which is only a few miles from Hanstburg - Our Army is being concentrated about Emmetsburg with the object of pressing the enemy and obliging them to fight this side of the Susquehanna River - Lee's policy will be to avoid a general engagement & by moving constantly, subsisting in the rich country he occupies inflict serious losses on the State, occupy or destroy the Capital of the State and gain material & moral advantages thereby.

We reached Walkersville early in the evening and encamped nearby - Genl. Carr's Brigade joined us here.

" 29 - At 4 o'clock AM. we were under arms and in motion - About midday reached Ladiesburg - a place village counting

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Three full grown horses and four full grown ladies - and abounding in bad signs.

The Column halted here to breathe and await the arrival of Genl Sickles who arrived this morning & took Com. and of the Corps.

Fresh bread & fresh milk made us a good lunch by the road side.

A marked difference becomes noticeable as to the sympathies of the people about here - The look of distrust and hesitancy gives place to the hearty and cheerful expression - and it does one good to hear an honest outspoken "God bless you, boys" from the simple minded country folks.

Genl. Sickles having come up and moved on the Division received orders to move forward. Taneytown was reached early in the afternoon & we marched through its principal street amid hearty cheers and waving of handkerchiefs &c. Groups of young girls greeted us with choruses of patriotic songs and one party sang "When this cruel war is over" very charmingly - The houses were thrown open and refreshments &c. offered to officers & men - The third corps encamped on the north side of the town - The camps were soon crowded with country folks of both sexes who came from miles around to get a look at the Army - On the

Jamneytown - June 1863 - Gettysburg -

evening I rode into the town & soon made many acquaintances - partook of a hearty supper &c. Miss Molly Linn.

" 30 Early next morning went into town again with Fred - Genl. Meade & staff rode through the town - About 2 o'clock received orders to move at once - Genl. Stuart reported between us and Washington disturbing our communications - Lee at Cashtown on the road to Gettysburg - Things looking equally - We marched once more through Jamneytown & turned to the right on main road to Emmetsburg - After making some three or four miles got orders to halt for the night - which was accordingly done - Rumors of Lee's movements across the mountains to inter
Gettysburg - Capt us at Emmetsburg.

July 1st Up and moving early - Made Emmetsburg about 11 o'clock Am. On entering the town found the 1st & 11th Corps moving through in great haste on the Gettysburg road. Halted to let them pass - Mr. Clellan & I with an escort went through the town in a westerly direction to examine the country beyond the town and report. Went as far as Liberty Mills 2 miles inside the Penn. line - looked around and returned - The Division halted for further orders - Genl. St. & I went to ascertain

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The ground and established line of battle - After examining the surroundings thoroughly returned and again met out with him to make further arrangements - While on this duty a dispatch from Sickles arrived urging the greatest haste in pushing forward to Gettysburg "Genl. Reynolds's Corps is fighting against great odds and is in danger. Genl. Reynolds is killed" - One of our Brigades was already on the road Everything pushing on in earnest with some difficulty, the Genl. & Staff made their way through the mass of men struggling forward - Fatigue, Hunger and sickness were all forgotten when a battle became certain - Our road The 1st Div. took the main road from Emmetsburg while ours moved by a country wagon road making many turns to right and left - At dark we ~~reached~~ ^{reached} Marsh Run - Lt. Col. Sta. Inspector of the Corps met us at the stream with instructions to guide our column - After crossing the stream we diverged to the left along the bank of the creek and followed it for a short distance; then took a short road to the right for half a mile - Our guide fearing that he had taken a wrong direction

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came to a halt - The night was very dark and the sky lowering - and the enemy supposed to be near at hand. Genl. Humphreys issued orders along the line for prevent all noise - then dismounted, and accompanied by Col. St. went cautiously up the road to the Black Horse Tavern, which was only a few hundred feet, and discovering a rebel picket close by understood the exact exact condition of things. At this time a Rebel Artillery Sergeant who mistook our column for his own troops, was brought in, and revealed the pleasing fact that we were almost within the Rebel lines and that over thirty pieces of artillery crowned the very hill we were about to ascend & completely commanded the point we then stood on - Silently and quickly the regiments "about faced" and noiselessly filed off on the same over the road we came by; took the bank of Marsh run to the left until we reached the covered Bridge across that stream and resumed our proper road - Crossed Hellenough's Creek and kept the road to the right of the School House - not a little relieved at our fortunate escape from our perilous position - We very soon

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encountered another well. The General dismounted at a small house about a mile beyond the School House in order to examine the prisoners and obtain reliable information from the occupants of the house. The sergeant repeated his former statement - and the man of the house assured us that the woods a third of a mile beyond his house, were occupied by the enemy's cavalry - a company of infantry was thrown a couple of hundred yards in advance and we resumed our way. We found the road clear and at the cross roads (Peach orchard) met our own cavalry videts who were notified of our approach. Taking the main road to the left we followed it for a mile and found the camp fires of the 1st Div. of our Corps. The command made their bivouac without delay - Overcome with fatigue & sleepiness I threw myself under the nearest tree and covered the wet grass, and in spite of rain & mud was soon lost to everything around me.

" 2 - With the first light of day came a rude shake of the shoulder and a summons from a well known voice to "arise". It was easier said than done for my limbs were stiffened and painful and I was

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am I to relieve?" "I don't know." Knowing that in Staff intercourse this means, "find out." I asked no more questions but professed to start ~~up~~ a low wail from beneath an India-rubber punch on the ground said "Genl. Birney find out." After extricating my poor horse - the indomitable "Brick-bat") from amid fence rails and briars I started to hunt up Genl. Birney's Head Quarters - guiding myself by the twinkling of the distant business fires (after much searching (I was going to add, and much swearing) I at last discovered some of the Genl's Staff officers, one of whom gave me the necessary information, and I retraced my steps towards the two large trees that marked our St. Jos. Daylight had by this time gained on the summing gleam - ^{painting} the rough outlines of hills & scrolls above by were painted against the sky - and revealing the heavy growths of timber nearby - The clear notes of a single bugle broke upon the ear - and before its echo had lost itself among the hills a dozen had taken up the call, and the drums added their sullen roll - to warn the tired soldiers that the sun of rest had expired and they must awake - Perhaps not one of those who pillowed ~~their~~ ^{their} heads upon the ~~grass~~ the night before but knew that they would awake to witness a fearful struggle

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on the morrow would prove a bloody battle upon that very ground - all felt the weighty mighty issue at stake between defeat and victory - and all alike resolved "to do, or die"

Genl. Humphreys & staff were assembling when I rejoined them, and reported - I was then directed to take a regiment and place it on the picket line - While the men were being raised and formed I made a "fighting toilet" & drank a hasty cup of coffee - We moved down the slope of the hill crossed a rocky hollow through which a muddy brook ran and ascended the opposite hill side - The first shots were fired about this time - Halting the regiment on the hill side I rode forward with the Colonel to the picket line to ascertain the position & distribution to be made - As we moved at a gallop to the front several shots were fired at us and the officers on the ground warned us against showing ourselves on horseback - but time was worth more than prudence at that time, and we kept on - Our picket line at that hour of the day was placed about one hundred yards beyond the Ectyobury and Emmetsburg road and following its course for about a mile southward. A small, white frame house stood by the road side, where I found the officer in command and accompanied him along

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the line and made the necessary arrangements. British skirmishing commenced along the left of the line ~~to~~ is the Peach Orchard and there was every appearance of an early beginning of a general engagement. Availing myself of Genl. St. -
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- permission I took a survey of the topography of the ground. The Emmetsburg road, on which I stood, followed the crest of a hill or ridge towards Gettysburg; passed near the base of a high commanding hill (Cemetery Hill) where it is intersected by another broad road at an angle of abt. 30°. This latter road leads to Taneytown & elsewhere. Looking towards the Peach Orchard, the Emmetsburg road at the distance of half a mile makes a slight bend to the right before arriving at the Peach Orchard. There are two or three houses on or close to the road. The first a small two story brick house with an orchard of small apple trees facing it on the left and opposite side of the road. Beyond that again another small house - and then the ground rises to the right of the road to a wooded hill. Along the slope of this hill and crossing the road into the hollow is the Peach Orchard, a point hotly contested during the battle. Westward towards the enemy the hill in which the Emmetsburg

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road is situated slopes very gently for several hundred yards where thick woods and under brush intercept the view - at a point immediately in rear of the white house these woods approach within a hundred yards of it - Having eastward toward our troops the ^{hill} ground slopes more steeply for a hundred yards or more - and terminates in a rocky hollow thickly grown with small trees - and broken by heavy rocks and boulders through which runs a small brook or ditch - then the ground rises again, ~~at~~ a small angle, for two or three hundred yards forming the west slope of the ridge terminating at Cemetery Hill, which is its highest point.

On the west slope of Cemetery Hill our Corps was drawn up facing the Emmetsburg road - Bettyburg was concealed from our view by the high ground about the Cemetery - but beyond that were high rocky eminences thickly wooded & occupied by the Rebel sharpshooters To the south of us two or three high hills of the same nature, and about a mile distant, prevented a more extended view.

what we - In our rear the ground was hilly and broken and mostly cultivated - The Ferrytown road immediately in rear of our troops was covered from the enemy's direct fire by the ridge, in which were

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were formed - Temporary hospitals were established at small houses in this road and others a mile back on Rich Creek.

After taking in the main features of the ground I returned to meet Dr. at the "two trees" - I found the men making themselves comfortable some trying to regain the lost nap of the morning others making their coffee and all cheerful and happy - The skirmishing was very brisk at times and then would die away again to an occasional shot of spent balls from Rebel sharpshooters would sometimes sail lazily over our heads or drop among us without doing injury. One of these, however, more serious than the others, struck close by us passing through the loose partition of the frontations of one of the men who was lying fast asleep on his face, and buried itself in the contents of his haversack - The man slept on unconscious of the narrow escape he had made and when awakened by the laughter of his neighbors and informed of the fact would not credit the statement until convinced by the holes in his pants & haversack & the discovery of the bullet among his notions - Another remarkable "hit" occurred a couple of hours later when

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we had advanced some two hundred yards and halted - One of the men was lying on his back resting his head on a canteen containing water - A minnie ball struck the canteen, passing through it and giving the bystanders a shower-bath, but inspiring no further courage.

About 4.0 P.M. the 3rd Corps moved forward beyond the hollow; formed in line of battle on the other side - our left joining the right of Birney's Division, which had also advanced - Genl. H. - directed me to select a position for one of our Brigades (the "Jersey" commd. by Col. Burling) in rear of Birney's right and lead them to the place - I placed the Brigade in a rocky wood of large growth about a third of a mile to the left of the "big barn" - a crumbling stone wall about 3ft high serving as a cover - This done I returned to our Div. now reduced to two small Brigades -

The rattle of musketry directly in front of us increased every moment - an occasional shell passed over us - Our skirmish line had been pushed back to the road where a slight depression of the ground partly sheltered their bodies - The enemy still kept the woods, from which their skirmishers kept up an incessant

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fire protected & screened by trees and bushes whilst ours were on open ground. At Peach Orchard a severe fight was going on but it was evident that the enemy ^{were} holding the highest portion of it ~~against~~ it. It was at this moment that Genl. Meade, accompanied by his Staff, rode by along our front from right to left. The men jumped to their feet and cheered lustily as he passed. Graham's Brigade of Birney's Div. had already received orders to advance to the road and hold it and at the same time make a demonstration on the high ground over the road, which had remained in the hands of the enemy's skirmishers - whilst the whole Corps advanced simultaneously to occupy the road. I saw Graham's Brigade move forward, the 114th Regt P. V., commended by Fred, and conspicuous by their square uniforms, took the lead and reached the road under a heavy fire from the enemy's batteries and sharpshooters. The whole line, extending near half a mile along the side-hill, now moved forward while the supporting regiments, formed in column of divisions, followed the movement. The distance from our starting point to the road was not over a hundred yards. It was a grand sight - enough to make the blood warm and tingle through its channels. All sense of

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danger - the past & future are both ^{absorbed} ~~encompassed~~ up in that great present that surrounds us - The distance had not been quite traversed as a rapid discharge of cannon and musketry opened from the Rebel line. A battery of heavy guns skillfully planted by the enemy enfiladed our whole line from left to right making our situation a very uncomfortable one - The troops were ordered to lie down - Our batteries came up into position in a line with our infantry and at once commenced replying to the rebel fire - while the artillery on our right will find a cross fire from the right. The air was soon full of flying shot, shell and canister - and a groan here and there attested their effect - For more than a quarter of an hour the roar of musketry and the crashing, pounding noise of guns and bursting shells was ~~increasing~~ ^{deafening} - Our men immediately were ~~struck~~ ^{wounded} severely from the enemy's guns enfilading us - One or two of our ordanals were struck down beside us - Genl. H. in the midst of this hail storm moved around among the troops, and himself looked to the fire of the batteries, (Seely's & Turnbull's) stepping between the guns and giving his directions - wholly intent upon the work & heedless of the numerous missiles that were falling the very gunners around him -

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While standing by Sully's battery I looked towards the left to ascertain the condition of things and try to make out the Enamers, in whom I felt particular interest at that moment - The enemy's fire slackened for a moment ~~that~~ then came a rebel "Cheer" ~~coming~~ like a continuous yell - nearer and nearer it came - the "Red legs" (Enamers) jumped to their feet - volley upon volley rained into them and the another regiment joined along side of it - The fire was bravely returned but the enemy's columns were upon them before they could fall back - all was confusion on that side - Our batteries kept up a rapid fire - Our left (Bering) seemed to be pressed back - and beyond our Corps, where the 5th Corps was engaged, a terrible pounding and crashing was going on - The breeze blowing from the southward carried the heavy ~~and~~ ^{thick} smoke in clouds along the ground - at times concealing everything from my view - Our skirmishers now began a lively popping, the first drops of the thunder shower that was to break upon us - An aide from Genl Bering rode up to Genl. St - with the report that heavy masses of the enemy were gathering in our front & to prepare for an attack - As everything was ready we sat quietly in our horses, dodging the shot and shell that skinned along - Our skirmishers were hotly engaged now - and moving back -

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study - Our own batteries silently awaiting the assault - A copious shower of shell and canister from the enemy was followed up by a diabolical cheer and yells - and "here they come!" sang along our line -

At this moment my horse was shot in the leg and reared around frantically - Our batteries opened - our troops rose to their feet - the crash of artillery and the tearing rattle of our musketry was ~~disfellowing~~ ^{staggering} and added to the noise on our side, the advancing roar & cheer of the enemy's masses, coming on like devils incarnate. But our fire had not checked them and our thin line showed signs of breaking - The battery enveloping us resembled its fire - portions of Peiney's command were ~~moving~~ ^{retreating} to the rear broken and disordered. Our left regiments took the contagion and fled - leaving a wide gap through which the enemy poured in upon us. In vain did Staff officers draw their swords to check the flying soldiers - and endeavor to inspire them with confidence - for a moment the route was complete - Finding myself precisely at the point where the enemy pierced us, I endeavored to make towards our right Brigade which by Genl. H-'s orders had changed front in order to meet the enemy's charge - but

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my horse could scarcely stand and moved so slowly that I was enveloped by our retreating soldiers and born down the hill - On reaching the hollow I tried together with several other officers, to stop our men, and partially succeeded - three rebel battle flags seen at the head of the column were now within a few yards of me. Squads of our men dropping behind ^{rocks} ~~stones~~ and fallen trees kept up a spirited fire and just as I saw the head of the column of rebels hesitate and waver, my poor Brickbat received his death wound and fell, holding me down to the ground by the weight of his body on my leg - After struggling a few seconds I disengaged myself from my horse and taking my handy flask of pistol from off the saddle staid in as fast as my weary legs could carry me. Our broken troops still continued to fall back firing, which placed me between their fire & the Rebels, who fired as they advanced. As I made my way up the steep hill I saw a line of ours forming in the crest and already commencing to fire. To avoid them I took more to the right and finally reached the top where out of breath I seated myself on a stone - Carr's Brigade of our Division had not been materially broken by

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The enemy's desperate charge, and continued to pour its fire on the veteran Rebels, while the troops drawn up on the hill behind followed their example. The Rebels finding themselves in a tight place fell back in confusion to the Emmetburg road leaving in our hands many prisoners and one of the very battle flags so defiantly brought ^{forward}.

Being on foot I could see very little of what was occurring around me. My own orderly (Stanley) passed me at this time on horseback and badly wounded in the foot. I directed him to go to the Hospital and from there send me his horse. After waiting half an hour the firing having mostly ceased, I walked some distance back and finally got his horse. Darkness had by this time come on—and my anxiety increased to find our Staff and learn their fate—missing my way I wandered about for more than an hour over the battle field and amid the dead and dying, until ~~accident~~ ^{chance} brought me to where the General & Staff were grouped upon the ground. A hearty shake of the hand all around—There is a feeling indescribable in the meeting of friends after a battle. I heard with regret that our gallant

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ennade Capt. Chester was among the fallen and left upon the field. Many showed me his bandaged arm through which a bullet had passed - The others were safe and had ^{not} lost their horses in the fray - Our line now occupied the ridge of Cemetery Hill while our pickets were in the hollow through which we had advanced the day before - So that we held one half the field still -

The night was intensely dark; the air laden with mist and pervaded by that strange musty smell peculiar to battle fields immediately after a battle - Each one was endeavoring to catch a little sleep and rest, confident that the battle would be renewed on the full morrow - I need not say what gloomy thoughts filled my mind as I lay upon the ground - My brother's fate I knew not yet and I had every reason to believe that he had fallen in that fearful charge and perhaps now lay dead or wounded within the rebel lines or a prisoner in their hands - Poor Chester we knew to be mortally wounded, and many other friends were yet unheard of - A proposition to go out in search of Chester's body was agreed to by some of us and we started on our sad errand. We walked silently over the field ~~and~~ into the hollow - On every side lay the cold stiffened bodies of our dead soldiers,

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sometimes two or three forming ghastly groups together - in most unnatural attitudes - Sometimes lying naturally and as if asleep - occasionally a wounded man ~~capable~~ to move, would draw your attention by plaintive moans or a request for water - These we comforted with the assurance that the ambulances would find them in a few minutes - We found but few

Rebel dead or wounded on this side of the hollow - but on crossing it they became very numerous, even more so than our own - We searched every corner near the spot where Chester fell - attracted by the sight of a white horse close by and quite dead, and knowing that Chester had ridden such a one in the fight, we went up - Scarcely enough there was Chester's horse the lower part of his head shot away - Still holding the bridle lay the prostrate body of a Corpse of Sargent - the Sargent in charge of our orderlies - but only the ~~head~~ ^{trunk} remained - and lying at right angles to the dead Sargent was the grim form of a dead rebel whose brain oozed from a wound in the forehead - but, where was Chester? Our suspense was terminated by the intelligence, soon after obtained, that another

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party of officers had devoted the night to the same humane object as ourselves and had found Chester lying on his back and suffering greatly but still alive and conscious, in the midst of that horrible tableau we had just witnessed - They had carried him to the Hospital, but no hopes were entertained of his recovery - After looking to the comforts of some of our poor fellows who lay helpless on the field and promising others speedy succor, we returned to the Barracks to seek the repose we stood so much in need of. The moon was just rising as we stretched ourselves upon the ground -

" 3 - Before day break we were up - The men were roused and fresh ammunition despatched to them - orders were given to build small fires at the base of the hill for the troops to cook their coffee - Staff officers began to move around with orders and everything was being prepared for another struggle this day - The morning was cold and damp, the smoke from the fires scarcely rising above the ground -

With the first light of day came a shot from a battery opposite to us - barely grazing our heads as we stood on the crest of the hill - As the light increased the firing from

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find the enemy's batteries increased also - and with great accuracy - so that our position soon became very "hot" The rank & file were ordered to keep low - but the Genls. & officers remained standing - Several shots solid & shells struck in the midst of us sending the earth into our faces. We only laughed at each other or at some particular one of the party for making a very sudden "low" & then positively denying that he had bugged at all - A shell (~~solid~~) burst so near over the General's head that he could have reached the missile, with his hand as it passed - An orderly standing in horse-back beside us, heard a solid shot coming straight for him instinctively threw up his right leg and thereby saved it, for the shot carried off the stirrup - One of our batteries posted close by us in our left nest became the recipient of these rebel Sugar plums - The second or third shot exploded one of its Caissons sending the contents in all directions - Genl. H. received orders to move his division back about half a mile to give the men a chance to rest and gather the stragglers - A Division from the 1st Corps took our place on the line - The Genls. sent me back to the hospital at Rock Creek to look after

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The wounded officers of our command & hurry up our breakfast. I found the hospital another mile further and a dreadful sight it was - even my familiarity with such scenes was not proof against the agonizing picture here presented - The hospital was formed by the two banks of the stream along which were ranged in two or three ~~rows~~ ^{tiers} the twelve or fourteen hundred patients that up to that time had been brought in - while hundreds limped around or supported shattered arms or hands - No groaning or cries were heard - those seriously but merely looked around with a quiet bereaving look, following the movements of the busy surgeons with the hope that their turn will come next - Those slightly wounded talked pleasantly & even cheerfully bantering each other on the extent of the leave of absence likely to send them home - "How many days have you got, John?" Oh, only twenty days in the arm? but I guess I can keep it sore ten days more." "Mine's a sixty day fellow just below the hip." I found Captain Chester among these sufferers He suffered very little pain and appeared

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cheerful and full of hope though his wound,
(through the stomach) was one considered fatal
From him I learned the following account of
his ^{misfortune} ~~adventure~~ - "At the time that our line broke
on the left and swept in fragments down
the hill, the Genl. ordered those nearest him
to try to rally the flying soldiers towards
the right where Carr's Brigade was hastening
to effect a change of front - At the moment
of leaving the General's side I received the
wound through my stomach causing me
such acute pain that I was obliged to
drop from my horse - The General ordered
two orderlies (one of them the Color Sergeant)
to assist me off the field - Supported
by one on each side of me I had moved
some few paces when a solid shot came
flying by taking off my horse's head
and the Sergeant also - The sergent. was
leading my horse by the bridle - The other
orderly at this abandoned me and
saved himself by flight - Unable to
proceed I fell to the ground, ^{beside the dead sergent & horse,} turning on
my back - The enemy came in my
hot pursuit and soon overran the
ground where I lay - The bullets from
our troops struck several times close
by my head but I did not so much
fear being killed as captured - A Rebel
soldier came up to me as I lay, helpless.

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as he thought, and fruitally endeavored to wrench the watch and chain from off my person - I told him to release it or I'd shoot him - fortunately the chain was stout and as he worked to get it off I raised the pistol I had concealed till then, and shot him through the head - He uttered a deep groan and rolled dead at my feet, where he was found with the rest of my mournful party when I was picked up last night. I had the mortification of seeing a d-d rebel come up shortly after and strip my horse and saddle - carrying off my splendid pistols & the silver flask that held that last drink you had given me - only a few minutes before -"

These are nearly Chester's words - He also expressed a determination to pay those "shieving rascals off as he had served the one who tried for his watch - His mind still retained under ^{the} pain & danger of his situation, all the fortitude and determination, the manly pride and courage that had ever marked him as a brave and gallant officer - I turned away from ~~the~~ ^{his side} ~~him~~ confident that I had bidden him farewell forever - I knew that poor Chester had fought his last battle -

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In other parts of the ground I found several officers of the Division - some severely & many slightly wounded - among these were Col. Famine of the 7th N. Jersey Regt. slightly wounded, ^(since dead) and Lt. Col. Eric same Regiment severely hurt - Col. Sewall - Capt. ~~and several more~~. After a painful survey of the place I returned towards the front found Carey awaiting me with the much needed report - of which I partook heartily and then resumed my way towards the part of the ground our Division had been ordered to occupy - As I passed behind Cemetery Hill the cannonading became very sharp on the right - I gained the top of a hill overlooking a portion of the line engaged - I could see nothing of the enemy excepting the little puffs of smoke shooting out from among the rocks and trees of a craggy knoll where their sharpshooters were at work - Below me our batteries were hammering away at something I could not see - There was much moving back & forth of troops, an occasional volley then more banging! of guns; cheers and yells, ~~raising~~ raising of flags - & shouts of defiance - towards our part of the line (the left centre) only occasional shots were heard - I got my loaded horse into a troop, from

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which he subsided into a walk and finally refused to move at all. I jumped from his back supposing that he had suddenly become lame when upon examining him I found, to my astonishment, a deep bullet wound below the left shoulder - apparently fresh - when or how he received it has remained a matter of conjecture with me - Fortunately I was close by our line - & on meeting the remnants of my brother's Regiment - I found his horse with it and transferred my saddle at once - No positive information had been received of Fred's fate - some thought he had escaped, others had seen him wounded and prisoner others still had seen him struck down by a cannon ball - amidst so many contradictory statements I still hoped for the best -

Our division lay in a thick woods of tall oaks about the left centre of the General line - Heavy rocks and loose stones broke the surface of the ground - Immediately in our front was a wheat field of some thirty acres from the other side of which rose an abrupt and very rocky knoll covered with thickly matted weeds - This knoll and the woods skirting the field to the left were occupied by our troops in strong force our division being a supporting force - The 5th Corps had the high ground over this

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hills & knobs the day before - that Corps now occupied a position still further to the left - Burney's Division of our Corps was on our right - Much firing was going on during the morning but from our position we could see nothing beyond the wheat field - Several times sharp shelling took place along our immediate front - the men were thrown up in rearward, but nothing came of it - About 1 o'clock P.M. the cannonading became very rapid on the right - we could hear, during the lulls of that fearful thunder, the rebel cheer & our own hurrah mingled together - An hour after the enemy's batteries, of over one hundred guns, opened with great fury on the centre and left of our line - I have never heard such artillery firing - it was as rapid as ordinary musketry - the hills fairly groined the ground trembled and the air seemed filled with shrieking shells and whining shot - at this moment an aide rode hastily up to where we stood and delivered an order to Genl. Humphreys to move "double quick" to the right & form in charging column behind our batteries - In an instant every man was on his feet and in another minute we were pouring out of the woods at a full run along the road - as we moved our flags extended toward the enemy's line

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and for some time a shower of shot, shell and canister followed us cutting down many of our men in their tracks. Under this desolating storm of missiles our columns were formed with an alacrity and enthusiasm I had never witnessed before - The order to charge had been heard by the men and they could with difficulty be restrained from rushing up the hill over our guns - The murderous fire of the enemy's guns continued without intermission and a cheer & shrill yell from the rebel lines announced the enemy's movements - Genl. H- ordered our two foremost regiments to advance to the rifle pits, supposing that they were ordered to charge the whole mass became infected and our entire division would have poured over the hill but for the united efforts of all the officers to restrain them - In the language of the immortal Saker they were literally "speaking for a fight" Genl. H- & Staff rode up to the crest of the hill - Our batteries from right-left and centre, silent until now, opened a perfect hurricane of shot upon the advancing columns of Rebels - It was a grand sight. Down the opposite hill side came the swarm of greybacks, their battle flags flaunting in our faces, and their bayonets glistening like moonlight on the rippled surface of a vast lake - One of their brigades had

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already dashed into the hollow during
our ^{springing} ~~push~~ in disorder - At that moment
it was our guns opened - For a minute
the smoke was so dense that nothing could
be distinguished, but as the cloud rolled
by ~~again~~ ^{again} was our joy to see the ~~masses~~
of humanity rolling and tossing shattered
into fragments and disorder - A tremendous
Cher arose from our entire line in which
The redoubled fury of our discharges joined
The reeling columns stopped, broke and
fled to the shelter of the ridge behind
which they had started, leaving the field
covered with dead, dying and crawling
forms - Then upon cher arose from
our troops and spread far right &
left - like wild fire - and even those
a mile behind us echoed back the
cry of victory - A brigade of Green Mountain
boys were in the rifle pits - Unable
to control their enthusiasm they rushed
from their cover down the hill upon
the enemy in the low ground below - a
scattered volley announced their presence
to the discomfited Brigade of Rebels - who
fled in haste towards their lines leaving
two thirds of their number in the hands
of the gallant Vermonters - Our fire
followed the fugitives in their panic &
many came back and surrendered

Gettysburg

propellers of reaching their ^{own} lines in safety - They came by tens, twenties, and hundreds waving their hats and throwing down their muskets in token of submission - and ~~we~~ marched off to the rear at once - It struck me that as a general thing they looked very well pleased at the change - Their only anxiety being to get out of reach of their own guns and find something to eat - As the Genl. & staff rode along the crest in rear of the rifle pits we became a target for the enemy's guns - their fire was so accurate that every shot passed immediately over our heads as we sat on our horses, or ploughed the ground in front of us - As we moved along & slowly the shot followed us, till one at last tore directly through our group tearing an infantryman's leg into shreds; scattering our horses on all sides, wounding Capt. Mc. Clellan in the foot - (the stump being cut off as if with a knife) The poor fellow whose leg was shattered by that ball was standing before the general's horse at the time the ball passed through - The torn flesh and blood from his limb bespattered ~~over~~ clothes and added to the ~~beard~~ ^{hair} of our horses - We adopted the single file as we returned along the dangerous path - but still closely followed by the flying shot - I saw here for the

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first time a large solid shot in its course
through the air - In order to do this it
is necessary to be placed in a direct line
with the projectile as it comes towards you -
This one fortunately for me, struck the
ground within six or eight yards of me
and by this contact ricocheted over my
horses back - doing no harm to me, but
further on tore the knapsack off of a
soldier's back, causing him to turn over
several times, and bruising him severely.
A spent ^{completely} ball struck me fairly in the
right breast and with considerable force
Lifting my hand up to the supposed
wound I caught the ball imbedded in
my coat and pocketed it as a trophy.
Lt. Christiany was struck in a similar
manner while riding by my side - Capt.
McClellan was so far the only one of
our party injured ^{seriously} & that, not seriously -
The firing on the right was still very brisk &
by the sound of the guns to our practiced
ears, concluded that our line on that side
had not been as successful as ours was -
The galls on Cemetery Hill were busy as usual
firing to right and left - This was the key
to our position - The enemy had made
desperate efforts to take it from us but
had been signally defeated - On the right
the Rebels had captured and held a small

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vantage ground - but all through we had gained a glorious victory - Lee fled and his troops demoralized would not dare attempt another attack; and retreat + perhaps annihilation, were remain to him.

A little before dark our Camps moved back to the position on the left, occupied during the morning - Very little firing occurred during the night to disturb our rest - We made our bivouac in front of the line - Spread our rubbers and went supperless to bed - McClellan & Henry St - went to hospital to have their wounds dressed.

64 - The Fourth of July! A day made doubly dear by the Victory of Liberty over Slavery on the fields of Gettysburg -

The day opened clear & bright and with it came the same old routine of banging of guns & popping of musketry - Good Heavens! is not the Fairy God yet appeared? Shortly after a smart engagement towards the night we received information that General Geary with troops of the 12th Corps. had recaptured the ground and guns left in the enemy's hands the day before - This makes our triumph complete - Rumors began to circulate that Lee is already on the Steeple - I rode out to the front and over a portion of the field in hopes of getting some tidings; some clue to Fred

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condition. Capt. ~~John~~ Bowen of the 114th Regt. commanding the regiment since Fred's disappearance, informed me that he had seen him trying to get off the field when the regiment was surrounded - That Fred had fallen or been knocked down, and that he was much exhausted and unable to proceed further - Some of the men of the regiment had seen him fall others knew that he was captured having seen the rebs. envelope him while trying to form some of his men - but the general deduction was that he was wounded and a prisoner -

Returning to our bivouac I was overtaken by a terrible thunder and rain storm and thoroughly drenched - and slept that night in mud and water - Everything quiet -

" 5 - Morning found us in the same place - Lee's retreat confirmed - Our cavalry and the 6th Corps in pursuit.

Burying parties sent out - arms &c. being collected off the field - Rode over the field again & went into the lines lately occupied by the enemy - The mud and underbrush filled with dead Rebels besides numerous graves and trenches hastily made & no doubt, well filled. In one spot. 50 or 60 feet square, counted

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Thirty dead horses and fifteen dead soldiers (Rebels) Many groups of five, ten and twelve corpses - The mortality among the horses was very great - they lay at every three or four yards all over the field - at the "big barn" in front of which Birney's Division fought on the 2^d, I found two or three hundred men Rebels and ours, some of them still living and awaiting the ambulance train with impatience.

Mr. O'Leary goes to the Hospital and will go home -

Slept in same place - Orders to move at 6 o' am tomorrow.

- 1st - Made a start and marched a couple of miles when orders overtook us to return to the same place -

Met Genl. Birney and staff - Genl. B. said he had no doubt of Fred's capture - Harry M. goes home also.

" 7 - Orders to march at 4 o' am. today -

Started after a light breakfast - Took the road to right and entered the Emmetsburg road at the Peach Orchard - The battle field presents a scene of gloom & desolation - and the air is poisonous - Heard distant firing towards Fairfield - Reached Emmetsburg about midday and

H^d Qrs. A. P. Mechanistown - Friday

Halted for dinner in the grounds of the Catholic Seminary just beyond the town. Resumed the march at 3 o' following the same road - Crossed the ridge of Mountains - Stopped to leave my card at Mr. Tiers place, on this road -

Marched on in S. W. direction to Mechanistown where we arrived in the evening and encamped outside the town - Met an officer formerly of the 12th Regt P. V. of an old 3rd Div. 5th Corp who invited me to his house - Spent the evening with his family and got a soaking enemy way back to St. D^s - Mechanistown is situated at the foot of the Blue ridge.

" 8 Our march today was to two miles beyond Frederick City - Passed the hanging body of a rebel spy who was executed two days before - This fellow had sold me papers and light literature etc Seman's Switch last winter - We encamped on a farm near the road and got a good supper - About midnight Genl. Humphreys received a despatch appointing Major Genl. and Chief of Staff of the Army of the Potomac and started at once for St. D^s to report - A new base of military

14th Div. A. P. July 1868 - South Mountain.

Life reveals itself to me - 14th Div. of the Army are today at Middleboro - Christianity and I am to follow ^{in the} morning with the 14th Div. - baggage &c.

9 - Started early with the Division - travelled leisurely and arrived at 11 o'clock am at 14th Div. of the Army - Captain Rice was already there having just returned from his sick leave from Fort of Porter on the 27th ulto.

I know personally several of the officers at Army 14th Div. - There was considerable confusion owing to the constant moving of the Army and the recent changes that had taken place -

At 12 o' M. we were in the saddle - & on the road to South Mountain pass. A gun or two boomed in the distance towards Beersboro - We arrived at South Mountain in the evening and the camp was pitched in the Pass near the road - Some more firing towards Beersboro - Our cavalry said to be hotly engaged - Had a quiet night & sound sleep - for once -

10 - Up early at our breakfast at our ease - Orders to move camp at 20' P.M. Moved to junction of Antietam & Beaver creeks and pitched camp in the woods on left of road.

July 18 03 - Antietam & Seaver -

- " 11 - Antietam and Seaver Creeks - Lee brought to bay in a strong position - His left at Falling Waters and right at Hagerstown. Our troops gradually close on his line and another battle is imminent. The Potomac is reported impassable - The picket lines
- " 12 are close to each other. Was sent with despatches to Genl. Slocum - 12th Corps, at Fair play and Genl. Sykes (5th Corps) and French (3^d Corps - the 1st on the Hagerstown Pike the second at Jones & roads - From the nature of the despatches I judge there will be a fight tomorrow - The Gen^{ls} of Corps came to a council of War at Army H^q D^{os}.
- " 13 - No fight yet - Considerable firing along the outposts. Carried several orders. Our duties so far are arduous but there is a much deeper interest excited by all the movements as seen from this height. One comprehends the object of the different movements made by different portions of the Army - There is mental as well as physical labor.
- " 14 There is brisk firing this morning in the direction of Falling Waters - Probably our cavalry sent out to reconnoiter. There is a general desire to push forward on the rebel lines - but something prevents that course being taken

July 1863. Annapolis & Berlin -

A report has just come in that Lee's Army is escaping across the Potomac by means of rafts and boats -

A despatch from Pleasanton confirms the sad news, and reports that Custer's Brigade of Cavalry fell upon the rear guard of Lee's Army capturing two thousand prisoners and two guns from them. But Lee has escaped! There is gloom on every countenance here -

Orders to move M^d. Tro. at 7 o' am. tomorrow.

" 15 - Struck camp early and got into the saddle - our camp tonight to be at Berlin on the Potomac 16 miles from here. Reached Berlin early in the afternoon on the road and about 2 miles from Berlin Gen. Humphreys' Christiany & I stopped at a beautiful country seat - the residence of Mr. O'Donnell Consul from Brazil - His lady invited us to partake of lunch which invitation the Genl. accepted and we spent a very agreeable half hour in her society - Mrs. O - is an English woman. At Berlin we found the pontons already laid and front of the Army encamped along the River - our camp was pitched in the grove of

July 1862, Berlin -

tried to reach General McClellan had his
St. On November of last year - a chat
with me from here I could see the hill
where he encamped with the 23rd Regiment
during the 4th & 5th of November 1862 - Things
have changed in my favor since then.

I then regarded St. On of the Army as an
"inaccessible height" and within a year
I had reached it by slow gradations.

" 16 - Everything being prepared to push in
pursuit of Lee's flying Army - The
scenery around here is beautiful.

" 17 - Our cavalry is crossing the River.
The trains are moving.
The rain is falling.

Cavalry and infantry crossing

" 18 - Broke camp at 11 o' am. and moved
into the "sacred soil" once more
Passed through Lovettsville and en-
camped two miles beyond. Troops
pushing forward - Our marches now
are comparatively comfortable - St. On
move somewhere after the troops and
trains have passed on - We then ride
at a brisk gait to our next camp
and make ourselves comfortable at
once - The riding at the head of a
column of infantry - with the con-
-stant halts used to be very trying
to the staff of a division -

- July 1863 - Union, ~~at~~ Manassas Gap
- " 19 - Same place - ~~at~~ towards Warrenton -
- " 20 - Moved on to Union through Purcellville. Made our camp near the town - ~~at~~ in same way. The town deserted - Made the acquaintance of Miss Bertha Seith who resides in a nice fine mansion by the town - Miss Bertha couldn't bear the sight of the "hoid Yankees" but nevertheless chatted very pleasantly with us.
- " 21 - At Union still - Chiramus says we are to have a fight at Manassas Gap.
- " 22 - Orders to move at 10 P.M. today. H. Qs. to be at Upperville tonight. Reached that place at 30 P.M.

Wapping Heights Orders to move at 60 A.M. tomorrow.

23 - Rode briskly along the foot of the mountains through Piedmont, Ferrisville into the Gap and made H. Qs. at Linden on the Manassas Gap & Front Royal Railroad - The mountains rise all around us - The third Corps pushed into the Gap and had a skirmish with the enemy - Carried several orders to Genl. French & giving me a side of over 40 miles today over rough mountain road, nothing to eat. The Cavalry Brigade made a charge on the Rebel pickets & drove them with loss - Beautiful view from the mountain.

Wapping Heights was a beautiful little fight in which the Cavalry Brigade whipped a larger force & we witnessed the fight from the summit of a mountain and they fought very bravely.

July 18th 63 - Massachusetts Gap - Salem -
and Warrenton.

" 24 - A fight anticipated - We were in the saddle early - The third, fifth & second Corps in the gaps drawn up in line of battle with skirmishers out, Genl. Meade and staff up the mountain a magnificent view of the Winchester Valley, Front Royal, the Gap and our three Corps drawn up in line far below us - Heavy lines of skirmishers were pushed forward, but the bid had flown - a few shots were fired at our Cavalry as they advanced. The 2nd Div. 3rd Corps advanced to Front Royal but found no enemy worth fighting. At midday the troops were recalled and we rode back through the Gap, & Piedmont? Our H. Drs. to be at Salem. 15 miles further south - (Trustany?) I took an independent road - through Rector town and was chased by some of Mosely's gang in the vicinity of Salem - They captured some mules from a train just behind us.

Reached Salem & H. Drs. at night.
After a hard day's work.

" 25 - Marched to Warrenton today
Stopped at Warren Green Hotel
one the fashionable resort of the Virginians - Warrenton is a beautiful town - the inhabitants

July 1863. Warrenton.

Contrary to Rebel custom, remain at home at our approach - There is an air of elegance and refinement about the houses and residents of the place, that I had ^{not} yet seen in Virginia - Have the acquaintance of a very nice family Mr. Mrs & master Tongue - They do not pretend to be Union people but treat our officers & men with civility & kindness - another new feature in Virginia - Our St. Pros. beyond the town - Had a severe storm tonight in the midst of which Capt. McBlain returned restored in health & limb.

" 26 - Called on Mrs. Tongue in town - Met the Misses Lucas - very pretty and intelligent young ladies - In the afternoon was sent with a cavalry escort to take orders to the 1st, 2^d, 11th & 12th Corps which are to take positions from Warrenton following the branch Railroad around the Junction and up to Catlett's Station - Returned to St. Pros. after midnight - The Rebel Army is beyond the Rappahannock River.

" 28 - Captain Bower stopped to see me and fully denies having having made the statement which Col. Collier attributes to him.

" 31 - Received notice that St. Pros. will move tomorrow at 8 o' am. to a more

August 1863 - Berriantown.

central position.

Aug. 1 - Our camp established at Berriantown which consists of an old sawmill in ruins - Two & a half miles south of Warrenton Junction and 10 miles from Warrenton - The weather excessively hot and good water very scarce.

" 15 - The past fortnight has been spent in reading writing sleeping eating & broiling in the sun -

Today I rode to (~~Berriantown~~) Warrenton for a change.

" 16 - An order was issued some days ago at these H^d. Qrs. appointing H^d. Qrs. Officers of the Day - I am that duty today for the first time.

" 31 - Applied for and obtained leave of absence for five days - to be home tomorrow to see Mrs.

Sept. 12 - Returned to camp today after a very pleasant trip home - On the 9th inst. I called on Major Bowen at the Court Martial in Grand Street He will ~~not~~ meet me or write in full. On the night of the 10th left for the Army -

" 13 - Harry H - arrived today entirely recovered from his wound.

" 15 - The Army in motion - an advance to be made - Our cavalry is across

September 1863 - Culpepper.

- the river driving Seb Stuart handsomely.
- " 16 - At 9 o' am. broke camp, crossed the river at Rappahock Station and followed the Rail road to Culpepper. Our troops occupy the country between us and the Rapidan - Culpepper is quite a town; large, but not so well built as Warrenton. There are two large Hotels and numerous stores & shops. The R. Road to Orange and Gordonsville runs through it. Our H^o. Qrs. are established at Mr. Wallack's place half a mile south of the town.
- " 17 - Genl. Humphreys arrived by train from Washington - The army stretches from Stonehouse Mountain on the right to Stevensburg. Ascended Pony Mountain 2 miles east of the town - a splendid view of our position and the enemy's. The scenery is beautiful all around. The blue ridge mts. in full view -
- " 22 - Genl. Buford starts on a cavalry reconnaissance towards Madison C. H. Mr. Cellan goes with them.
- " 23 - Some firing towards Madison C. H. Sir Henry Holland, private physician to Queen Victoria, visits our H^o. Qrs. - am introduced to him by the

Sept. & October 1863 - Sulzreiser -

General - Gen. St. - is apparently from 65 to 70 years of age - of medium height slender and very quick in his motions bright eyes and large features; very cordial and pleasant manners. He left for Washⁿ by the evening train.

" 24 Cavalry returned - Collier's band seen
ades Genl. Meade - refreshments - ^{old} ^{Union}

" 28 - Officer of the Day - Genl. Cortez of
the Mexican Army - J. Degollado, in
of Genl. Degollado, and Fran^c de P. Suroz
of Maravanna down here on a visit -

Genl. Meade ordered a review of the
5th Corps for their benefit - They left
in the evening very well pleased.

" 30 - Went with Genls. Meade & Humphreys
to be present at the sword presentation
to Genl. S. K. Warren, commd^g 2^d Corps.
at Mitchell's Station - Big spree!

Oct. 1 - This afternoon accompanied Genl. St. - to
geth^r with Lt. Col. Lyman & M^r Collier to
call on Mr. John Minor Botte and fa-
mily at their country residence near Boany
Station - Mr. Botte has been a prominent
man in the country for many years &
has held important office in his own
State and under the General Government.
In person, he is of large fleshy build with
a broad and finely formed head - a clear
and expressive eye - and a mouth denoting

October 1863 - Sulphur -

firmness and determination - His age may be fifty - There is something very engaging in his manner and his language is easy and expressive - He has three daughters well known for their amability and intellect

" 8 - Col. P. M. Allabout - an old companion of the 3^d Div. stopped on a visit to us. There is a flying rumor of moving - Recent changes in the enemy's lines indicate a movement on their side.

" 10 - Orders to move tomorrow - Lee is said to be moving rapidly by our right towards the upper ford of the Rappahannock evidently with the purpose of getting between us and the Capital and destroying our lines of supplies or make us fight at a disadvantage - But if I know Meade, he will not succeed in the enterprise

" 11 - The Army is in motion since last night - our cavalry gone towards Beverly Ford & Sulphur Springs - 3^d Div. moved to Smith's house 2 miles beyond Rappah Station - Gregg's Division of cavalry is at the upper ford watching them - Two corps crosses the river to offer battle at Brandy station - During this time the enemy's entire force confronts Gregg's cavalry and drives him from the river.

October 1863 - Centerville Campaign
- Cutlets Station

crosses, making for Warrenton by the Sulphur Springs road - Gregg reflects to give this information to Genl. Meade who still supposes Lee to be on the south side and awaits his attack - intending to draw him across in pursuit and then fall upon him with the whole Army - It is needless to say that the Paraly Gen's. negligence was criminal as it endangered the entire Army. When the intelligence finally came everything was hurried forward while a hope still remained of intercepting Lee - The 1st Corps. (Genl. Newton) proceeded by forced marches to Centerville by the Rail Road - the 2^d & 3^d Corps. French & Warren, covered the left flank by way of Auburn, the 5th Genl. Sykes, within supporting distance of these, and the 6th Genl. Sedge-wick, towards Abanassas and Bull run -

" 12 - The above disposition of troops was completed today - Lee is at Warrenton still and we are all right as far as being cut-off is concerned - but the plan of giving him battle this side of Centerville must be abandoned

" 13 - This morning moved on to Cutlets

October 1863 - Centreville Campaign
— Bristoe Station & Centreville —
station where our camp is pitched - Third Corps
had some skirmishing with the enemy - this morning
then moved on to the Right.

" 14 - At daylight there was musketry firing
close by our quarters and a little later the
2nd Corps (Brown) became engaged ^{at Centreville} - Camp
Strick - Was sent with cavalry escort with
orders to the Reserve Art^y moving towards
Manassas - Overtook them at Bristoe Station
and returned full speed - Met the 5th Corps
moving rapidly along the Railroad
Road 24 miles in 70 minutes.

H^q 2^d Div. Staff moving up - Crossed Bull
Run at 4 o'clock - Heavy firing in
the rear - Warren hotly engaged with
the enemy at Bristoe - Rode with des-
patches to Centreville and returned to
Bull Run - The fight at Bristoe going
on - We can see the artillery firing very
plainly - Despatch received from Warren
in the evening, that he has whipped
the rebels badly - Capturing 670 prisoners
and 5 guns - Bully for Warren!

We move on to our H^q 2^d Div. a mile
beyond Centreville, our troops at Centreville
& Bull Run - Will Lee fight tomorrow?

" 15 - In camp - Firing towards Union Mills
Lee supposed to be moving towards
Charlottesville to flank us - The 6th Corps
at Charlottesville -

October 1863 - Centerville campgrounds.
Groveton - Gainsville - Warrenton.

16 + 17 - all quiet - No signs of an attack

18 - Orders to move tomorrow at 7 am.

19. Broke camp and started the 3rd
Corps moves by way of the Railroad.

The other columns take the road
to New Baltimore via Gainsville -

Lee in retreat once more - Will
probably fight us a Warrenton.

St. D. at Groveton the battle field
of Bull Run No. 2 - Many skeletons
found in our camp -

"The Skull with the Glass eye",
Carried over to Genl. Newton at Gains-
ville - Our cavalry roughly handled
just beyond.

" 20 At 8 o' am moved St. D. to Gainsville
the point where the Pike crosses the
Manassas Gap & Alexandria Railroad
The army moving through Thoroughfare
Gap towards Warrenton - The Rebels
reported on the skirts adde. - Too bad!

" 21 - Moved on this morning in St. D.
to be at Warrenton - Passed through
New Baltimore, where the 23rd Regt was
encamped when Genl. McClellan was
relieved in November of 1862 - Arrived
at Warrenton and encamped outside
the town - Went to see Mrs. Tongue in
the evening -

October 1863 - Warenton, Auburn -
Three mile station - Rappah. Station

" 25. Took McClellan to make camp in Warenton.
Major Harry Trenchard called to see me - The first
time we have met since 1845 -

Orders to move camp to Auburn as a
more central position - The enemy believed
to be preparing to advance on us. Genl.
Beauford's Division has had skirmishing &
has fallen back around Germantown.

" 27 - At Auburn - a very poor place for camp
The Inspector General Col. S - very un-
popular - "Frog concert" by the Staff
officers - Water froze tonight - no
stoves yet -

" 29 - Orders to move tomorrow at 10^o Am
another change of quarters - to near
3 mile station on Warenton branch,
on the farm of Col. Moomy's Col.
Moomy is married to Caspar Moomy's sister
and old Philad^a friends.

Nov. 6 - Everything ready for a start tomorrow
A surprise to be made on the enemy's
positions this side of the Rappah^{an}

The 1st, 2^d & 3^d Corps. to move by Moomy's
-ville on Kelly's Ford while the 5th & 6th
Corps move simultaneously by the Rail-
-road in Rappahannock Station -

" 7 - At 9 o'clock Am in the saddle - The
different columns already in motion -
Stopped at Beulton to await informa-
tion from the front - The Kelly's Ford

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Rappahannock Station!

Column gives signs of life - at this signal the 5th and 6th Corps advance - H^q. Drs. move to near Mannville & form camp at Carter's House - British firing of art^y at Kelly's Ford - can see the firing from windows of the house - Sedgewick also engaged at the Station - considerable firing from both points during the afternoon - French has mined and mined the rifle pits - Col. Detrouche the hero. Sedgewick's capture at dark, is still better - He has mined the strong works at the River, at the point of the bayonet capturing 2000 prisoners, 4 guns & 9 colors - Hurrah for Sedgewick!

- " 8. In the morning the Genl. started for Kelly's Ford - French's troops all across. Sedgewick & Lykes crossing at the Station. The enemy flying in great haste - our Cavalry after them - more prisoners taken in all abt. 3000 - The troops advanced to Brandy Station taking up a position from Stevensburg to Rickeyville in the west. Buford holds Culpeper - The route to Brandy & from there returned to H^q. Drs. at Smith's house north side of the River.
- " 9. The troops being in position our Drs. again moved forward - The H^q. Drs. were established in a thick wood of

November 1863. Near Brandy Station
of Oak & pines - abt a mile west of
Brandy Station and near St. James
Church -

Our time for several days has been
occupied in getting things comfortable
in Camp - obtaining information of roads
and the topography of the country here
- about - arranging the general disposi-
tion of the different Corps. &c.

" 24 - A very heavy thunder storm - an un-
usual occurrence at this season of the year
in these parts.

Four British officers came down from
Washington on a friendly visit to the
Army - they are -

Lieut. Colonel - Earl - Royal Grenadier Guards.
1st Lieut. Viscount Castlereagh - do. do.
Capt. Peel - Royal Fusilier Guards.
Adjut. Stevenson do. do. do.

The Staff have taken possession of them
if their looks don't belie them they will
prove to be very fine fellows.

Lord Castlereagh is son of the Earl of Portarlington
an Irish title - Capt. Peel is nephew of
old Sir Robert Peel.

" 25th There was some firing in direction of
Raccoon Ford this morning -

" 26 - A Review of 3rd Corps by Genl. Fremont
The British officers attend it -

" 27 - Passed the day pleasantly in camp

November 1863. - Brandy Station.

- " 18 - Genl. Warren has a review of his corps (2^d) and invites our guests, the Pitters.
After the review, two divisions were maneuvered, and in order to give the strangers an idea of a Cavalry charge, a sham assault was made on the hill we occupied - The men entered into the spirit of the thing and came on with yells & shouts and colors flying making a beautiful display.
- " 20 - Genl. Sedgwick Commd. 6th Corps paid a similar compliment to the strange officers, and got a splendid military display, with his splendid Corps - +++

The days passed very agreeably. & our guests are so well pleased that they have decided to remain to accompany us in the resumed campaign. Unfortunately Lord Galtcliffe, the most eager to witness a fight, was obliged on account of certain indiscretions, to return to Washington on the 23rd inst.

- " 23 The order is out to move tomorrow at 4 am. and everything is in a whirl of preparation - Many different reports are in circulation as to our coming move - I only watch & pray.

- " 24 - The night has been very rainy and today the rain continued to fall

November 1863 - Moine Run campaign

and our start is therefore postponed until
the

" 26 - This morning early the bustle of
departure commenced - The troops &
trains are in motion toward the
Rapidan - At 7 am. moved at 7 am.
taking the road through Brandy to
Stevensburg, to Richardsville, took
Old Plank road to Germania Ford.
Found Warrens Corps massed & ready
to cross at 9 am. Lykes & Newton (5th & 1st)
took road from Richardsville to Cul-
pepper Moine Ford threw his bridges
and crossed a Division - French not
yet at his place (Jacobs Mills) abt.
a mile higher up the River - a few
sebel videts alone are seen - but the
woods may conceal a large force.
Rapid ride to Genl. Lykes - rode
27 miles in 2 hours through roads en-
cumbered with troops and trains.
Lykes moving down on S. side to
communicate with Warren who
is crossing at Germania - French at
last arrives at Jacobs Mills and
is delayed in crossing by the nature
of the opposite ground - At dark
all the troops were over - We made
our camp on Road side at Germania
Mills.

November 1863 - Moore Run -

" 27 - Started early and crossed the Rapidan at Germania and took road to the right through dense woods - Firing ahead until we struck the Old Turnpike from Orange Co. Va. and reached Robertson's Tavern - Lykes and Newton's Corps struck the new plank road from Orange to Fredericksburg and advanced to Parker's store at the crossing of the Rappahannock road Warren's 2^d Corps is at Robertson's Tavern and hotly engaged - and French is still 6 or 8 miles off. French and Sedgewick's Corps are the right flank column - and are to march from their crossing at Jacob's Mills by muggy road striking the Rappahannock road about two miles north of Robertson's Tavern to form junction with Warren's left - This should have been effected at early dawn today - and was not done until 11 o' P. M.

During the whole day Warren has been fighting to keep his right flank clear - French by the best reports of cannon must be hotly engaged - Lykes is also hard at it - A Division of Newton's (1) Corps - was sent to strengthen Warren and enable him to push his right up the Rappahannock

November 1863 - Moore Run -
road to meet French, but even this did
not bring about the desired result - until
near midnight - and the important mo-
ment of the movement was lost.

Everything quiet during the night -
Bivouacked on road side -

28. Morning dawned rainy and foggy -
Genl. Meade and Staff rode up to the front
orders to advance were despatched along
the line - A heavy cloud of skirmishes
penetrated the woods and moved
along the Turnpike - The enemy as
was expected had fallen back as soon
as our formation concentration was effected
The second and 6th Corps pushed down
the Turnpike - the 5th 1st & 3rd met at
the Tavern until further orders -
Beyond the Tavern the ground falls
easily for half a mile then ascends
again forming another ridge not
quite so high as that at the Tavern -
This second ridge again slopes to
the westward for another half mile
and rises abrupt to a third ridge
commanding it - On this third
ridge Lee had drawn up his army
to receive us - As we ascended to the
2^d crest from the Tavern, the fog was
so dense that nothing could be dis-
tinguished in the direction of the enemy

November 1883 - Moore River -

I thought for enough, without meeting any troops I was turning to search more to the rear when an officer met me & on my questioning he informed me that Genl. French had passed him with his staff going to the right. I followed the path pointed out for some time but finding no traces (except hoof prints) of the Genl. & Staff I turned my horse short through a pine woods intending to make a "short cut" to our troops - Several shots close by warned me of my proximity to the skirmishes - Just at this moment ^{a mounted} ~~an~~ officer attended by two orderlies, evidently lost too, rode up behind me resolved no doubt, to follow me somewhere - From the pine woods I emerged upon a bare hill - and saw a thick line of rebel skirmishers barring my progress - Had a warning to meet our own skirmishes which I could distinctly see on the rising ground opposite - Here was a predicament! My despatches were urgent & time was precious - to return by the road I came was impossible as numerous paths crossed & recrossed each other in all directions - to strike off to the rear and attempt a long and unknown circuitous route involved too much time - so, I hastily decided my course - My orders were awaiting - I read the

November 1863 - Moore River

The 2^d Corps came into position at once throwing its left a little way across the Turnpike - the 6th formed on its right following the conformation of the ridge - The first (1st) Corps came promptly into its place on the left of the 2^d - The skunkholes were pretty dry down in the deep hollow between the two armies - The little stream which has given the name to the operations of this campaign, runs through the hollow above referred to. For a moment the fog lifted revealing a rebel column moving from our left to right along the slope of the opposite hill - one of our batteries, posted by the Pike, opened on it and at the third shell, broke it and scattered it in all directions - The dense vapors again closed and our guns ceased firing - and the astonished Rebs made good their retreat behind their works.

Genl. Meade sent me with despatches to Genl. French who was to be in position on the left of Newtons corps. I rode along the front passed the 1st Corps & believing French to be still further pushed on through a tangled woods - After riding what

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few lines until I felt sure I understood them perfectly - tore the paper into pieces and put them in my mouth - put spurs to my horse and galloped off to the right in hopes of securing myself with the underbrush till near enough to one line to attempt a "break" for it - I fully expected to be shot or captured and felt perfectly resigned, at the same time that I resolved to use every effort to escape - As I left the Pine woods I looked back to see whether my follower guided himself by my movements but he had vanished - Keeping as much out of sight (though close behind) of the gray Chukos as possible I made my way through the bushes - ^{for a couple of hundred yards} then concealing myself well clear of the extreme right of their line I took a little path leading down the hill and urged my horse forward at a brisk gallop trusting to my lucky Star. A few seconds afterwards the rebels nearest me saw me and two or three rifles were discharged at me - The bullets sang past my ears and I only whistled and spurred the horse - Two or three voices cried out - "Come in here!" "Get off that horse!" unaccompanied by a hasten message - but I disregarded their advice and kept on at a run - crossed an impassable marsh - I don't know now,

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and rode straight for our skirmishers who, looking upon me with distrust coming as I did in such "questionable shape" began to show signs of shooting - I raised my cap and waved it in token of friendship and was admitted within the line. I found Genl. French soon after at the rear his troops not having yet come up into the position they should have occupied there hours before.

Our H^d Qrs. were pitched in the woods close by and on the right side of the Sun Pithe - within range of the enemy's guns. Consultation of Corps commanders in Genl. Meade's tent - Warren to move his corps beyond our extreme left to turn the enemy's position by the Plank road -

1. 29 - Early this morning brisk skirmishing along the front - Warren's Corps moves to the left and Lykes' 5th Corps takes its place on the front - The whole day is spent in moving and arranging troops. Warren asks for more troops - A Division of the 3rd & one of the 6th is sent to him. Warren reports everything ready and is confident of success. The general assault is ordered for tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. A general communique of the whole line to commence at 8 a.m., and be kept up for an hour when a charge along

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The entire line is to take place. A grand sight it will be - but will cost us a great many lives.

30 - The day ~~was~~ cold but very clear & the air bracing - There is a cheerful look on every face and none look better pleased than the rank & file - They know that thousands of them will not see another sunrise but are anxious for the word to go forward.

At 8 o'clock Genl. Meade mounted and we all jumped into the saddle. Five minutes after 8 o' the first gun from Sedgewick's front opened - one after another the batteries took up the roll and the ball was freely opened - The enemy replied his batteries vigorously in reply and the fight raged warmer & warmer each minute.

At 8:40 an aide de camp arrived breathless, from Warren with a despatch to the Commander in Chief - We all watched his countenance to catch the nature of the despatch - The General read it compressed his lips and gathered his eyebrows into a frown - then turning to his Chief of Staff, General Humphreys - said "Countermand the order for the assault - order the batteries to come firing until further orders!"

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My heart sank as I heard the words.

A moment after orders were being
in all directions along the front to stop
the firing - There was disappointment
and regret in every face as the word
flew along. The firing ceased and the
occasional drop of shot alone was heard.

Genl. Meade started off at once to Warren's
position - Every thing remains in statu quo
It is evident that no attack will be made
by us here - It is very cold tonight.

December 1 - The day opens very cold - Some of
our pickets were frozen last night at their
posts.

The skirmishing between the picket
lines continues - The day spent in con-
sultation as to our future movements - There
are two courses left us the attack being
abandoned - One to return where we
came; the other to move on Fort Mifflin
and occupy it - letting Washington take
care of itself -

In the afternoon received orders to be
ready for a start at 6 o'clock P. M. Some
of our troops are already on the back
tracks - Left our bivouac and moved
towards Germanias - H. D. to be there
tonight - Had a reconnoiter of it - to that
place - found our camp ready waiting
for us - The 2^d & 3^d Corps being up

December 1863 - Brandy Station

The rear-

" 2^d - All the army on the south side of the River - The enemy made a mere show of following us -

In the afternoon moved to our old Camp at Brandy Station and pitched camp - a little the worse for wear but not a particle demoralized. Everything has ended well & "All's well that ends well". I found a batch of letters awaiting my return.

" 3^d - Our English friends leave us today - They take with them our best wishes & an invitation to return for another campaign with the Army of the Potomac.

Report tonight that the enemy is crossing to attack us - Too good to be true! Only a cavalry reconnaissance.

" 10th - This day one year ago joined the Staff of Gen. St. at Fredericksburg

" 13th - Irish Anniversary of the battle of Fredericksburg!

" 14th - Lieut. Christman (my (Aunt) left today on leave of absence for 15 days. Lucky fellow!

" 15th - Something new at last -

The Russian Naval Officer on a visit to the Army - Review of the Sixth Corps for their entertainment - Too fellows! They had

December 1863 - Brassey Station.

a severe time of it on our rough horses. For like true sailors they all insisted on riding although very few of them knew what particular day is intended for the runs - We enjoyed a good laugh at their equestrian perform-

ances & sent them back to Wash.

" 16 - First fall of snow - very light.

Nothing doing.

" 19 - Obtain leave of absence for 10 days and am off tomorrow -

" 31 - New Year's Eve - In camp again

— Ready to begin another year -
What events will 1864 bring forth -
One will be The triumph of the North.

January 1864.

Cienfuegos 13 de Junio 1871.

Juan ch'o 3 onzas,

Carlos 2 onzas.