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Official Report of the operations of the 59th Regt. N.Y. Vols on May 3^d & 4th 1863

Lieut Colonel A.A.A.S.
3rd Brigade 2^d Division 2^d Army Corps
Sir

I have the honor to report, by orders received from your Hd Qrs May 2^d 1863 the Regiment struck camp and formed to take up the line of march with the Brigade which was done at 12, O. Clock, midnight. The Regiment being fourth in line following the 20th Mass. Vols. and being followed by the 127th Pa Vols.

The Regiment marched with the Brigade to the Lucy House where it arrived at 1:30 A.M. and rested until dawn, when soon after we started for the embankment of the river where we waited for another half hour until the fronton bridge was completed. When this was done the Brigade was first to enter the city marching up Princess Anne Street until we came to Charles street where the Regiment was counter-marched and halted for about fifteen minutes when the Brigade marched to the right of Fredericksburg.

Having passed the Bridge over the mill run the Brigade formed column by Battalions right in front when the Brigade drew fire from the enemy's Batteries which threw shell and shrapnel with great accuracy into our lines. Soon after we advanced to a stone fence about one hundred and fifty yards ahead from which I advanced skirmishers to the front by your order who were voluntarily commanded by Capt. Horace P. Hogg, Lt. Jacob Snyder and St. W^m Kelley. A small fight ensued between the two lines of skirmishers but was soon stopped.

About midday we followed the Brigade through Princess Anne and Willow street to the enemy's first line of fortifications which we assisted in taking under a heavy artillery fire from the enemy.

We advanced with the Brigade to the second line (south) of the enemy's fortifications. From where we were soon withdrawn to the City, my Regiment took position near the Gordon House north

of the church yard guarding the outlet from that side of the city
and bivouacked for the night

Casualties of the day

Officers Wounded

Lt. Richard Dellamore Co "G" slightly in leg

Men Killed

Capt. Benj. F. Hanawalt. Co. "C."

Wounded

Capt. Barney Kennedy Co A in arm slightly

Private Geo. H. Harris " " " foot " "

Sergt. Benj. P. Lamed " B " " " "

Capt. Frank Barrett " D " leg severely (amputated)

Private Elisha Allen " G " breast slightly

" Simon Squires " H " hand "

At 6:30 A.M. May 4th 1863 struggling parties of troops belonging to the
6th Army Corps returned in disorder with the cry "the enemy are coming"
and I saw two heavy columns of Infantry coming from the left tow-
ards the first line of fortifications. Without waiting for orders I quickly for-
med my Regiment and threw it into the church yard behind a brick
wall four feet high guarded in front by the mill race over which only
a narrow dam connects with the opposite heights on which the ene-
my's first line of fortifications are situated.

I ordered Cos. G. & H. under command of Capt. Mc Ladden
Lt. Snyder and Lt. Pohlman to the left of the road in a black house
in which loop holes were made at once, also in the brick wall of
the church yard. Three Companies from the 19th Mass Vols under
command of Capt. Boyd were sent to my assistance. On the right
I kept connection with the 7th Mich Vols. I felt confident I could hold
my position as long as my ammunition lasted and therefore gave
orders that no unnecessary waste of ammunition should be made.

Until 10 o'clock A.M. the enemy made no other demonstration
than in filling his rifle pits. His strength did not appear to me to
exceed three thousand men Infantry without Artillery.

At 11 A.M. he advanced sharpshooters to points nearer my position who annoyed us somewhat as I was not able to reach their hiding places with my Enfield Rifles. At 12.30 P.M. a company of U.S. Sharpshooters came to my assistance, and from that time until 6 P.M. a brisk engagement was kept up. but I am happy to say I did not lose a single man either killed or wounded during the whole day. At night I advanced my pickets as far as possible on the dawn.

On the 5th of May at dawn I withdrew to the pontoon bridge by your order and arrived on the north side of the river at 6.30 A.M. and marched with the Brigade back to the old camp near Savannah.

Besides the praiseworthy conduct of the before named officers during the two days fight. I must mention the gallant assistance rendered me by Capt Geo. H. Crawford, Capt. B. W. Underwood, Lieut John. H. Murphy, and all other Officers and men of my command.

Col. William Northedge being under arrest the command devolved upon me.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt.

Max A. Thoman

Lt Col 5th Reg A. I. Cavalry

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