

Army Correspondence.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 27, 1861.

Your readers have heard already enough about the battle at Bull Run, and yet they will be pleased to read still more. The writer is a member of the Maine Fifth, and will, therefore, refer to this regiment.

The Fifth was in the engagement with the Second, Third and Fourth, and was equally exposed to the fire of the enemy. The exposure continued, as the most say, one hour and thirty minutes. It was enough to satisfy any one, no matter how much he may have desired to behold a defeat of the enemy. Like the other Maine Regiments, the Fifth went on to the field with a largely reduced number in consequence of the awfully cruel march of six or seven miles at the double quick. No mortal can describe the scene presented. As we entered the field, we passed, for a mile, ambulances taking off the dead and dying. As we formed our columns in the first ravine, prior to going on to the hill, it was broken by the retreat of the cavalry, and then should our own forces have been allowed to retreat, and not exposed to the batteries of the enemy. But the object of this communication is to mention the names of some officers who were present on the field, or who took part in the fight on the hill. Col. Donnell, Major Hamilton and Dr. Buxton, were present and active in the fight. Dr. Buxton did not leave his post, but acted nobly his part. He was taken prisoner. Captains Thompson, Beamon, Thomas, Heald, Goodwin and Sherwood, were at their posts and rallied the men to duty. Capt. Sherwood was wounded in the left arm, but will soon be able to go to his friends in Portland. It is proper to say, that the above officers deserve much praise for their brave and heroic conduct for the hour of so great danger. Lieutenants Barrows, Co. C., Walker, Co. I., Bookman, Co. K., Munson, Co. H., Sawyer, Co. G., Kenelston, Co. D., and Walker, Co. F., nobly met danger and bravely discharged their duties; most of the remaining officers of the regiment fell by the way completely exhausted by the fatigue of the march. The color Company, Co. D., Capt. Thompson, brought off our colors in fine style, and no officer can surpass Capt. T., in real bravery. Lieutenant Kenelston, of Co. D., has been taken prisoner. It is thought that Peter Moran, of Co. H., was killed. Q.

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MARINA. EDITOR: I give no account of the Maine Brigade in the terrible affair at "Bloody Run." The Maine Brigade was there, and fought—fought, as Russell, the correspondent of the London Times said, with such desperation as he never saw surpassed in the Crimean War. We were the last Brigade called into action. The tide of war was doubtful. I was in the thick of the fight, and all the reporters had left Centreville for safer quarters. So had the members of Congress who had gone there to hear and see the conflict. That may explain the fact of no notice of the Maine Brigade. We were aroused at one o'clock, Sunday morning and marched with various delays to the woods just to the right of Centreville, and there were halted; why, nobody knows, until 12 or 1 o'clock; then we were marched at quick or double quick, nine miles through the woods. We accomplished the distance in an hour and forty-five minutes, the men carrying some 40 lbs. visit gear, canteen, blanket, haversack, with three days provisions, and belts across their body, impeding their free motion. Over half our men, from sheer exhaustion, dropped down in the roads, and were not in the fight. We had now gone some 14 hours without food and with such water as we fished up from brooks trampled through by thousands of men. In such condition we were called upon to ascend the last hill and come out upon the open summit, amidst a galling fire, of batteries of misera rifles, front and right flank. Our men obeyed the order, marched up and fired, not an enemy in sight; and yet facing this terrible fire from our concealed foes, and fired until the order was given to retreat. We had the honor of retreating last from our part of the field, and Col. Howard brought off his Brigade in good order. You will be pleased to learn that the Portland companies did their duty and that their Captains led them on to the fields. The exhaustion of our troops was such, that the largest company of the 5th on the field was Capt. Thomas', and that numbered but forty men. The next largest, Capt. Goodwin's, of Biddeford, had but thirty-two men. Capt. Beamon's, a noble company, and perhaps the best drilled in the regiment, had 27 men. Some had but 12 or 15. I mention this to show the terribly exhausted state of our troops. Had the battle been delayed one day, Patterson with his fifteen thousand troops and four batteries could have co-operated with us, and the day would have been ours. Our pray is that God may send us such leaders as the occasion demands.

The 5th Regiment, after the battle, were quartered in Alexandria, and on Friday they moved on to Clermont, near their old encampment.

On Friday, Mr. Young, director of our Regimental Band, died. He was universally liked and respected. He had a pleasant word for every body and was a thorough master of his instrument. The Mayor of Portland was with him in his last moments and generously furnished at his own expense the best metallic casket the city of Washington afforded to bear his remains to his family.