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Notes of Lt. & Guards, C. S. A.

The Irvin Guards after being in Camps nearly 4 weeks were ordered by Gov. Brown to Rendezvous at Atlanta to join the 9th Reg. Ga. Vol.

Left Washington June 14th at one and half past - in the evening, Arrived in Atlanta at 12 o'clock that night. Laid on floor of A Hotel until day then went to camp & pitched Tents

~~Electing officers at 8 o'clock. Result Capt. Goulding 1st. Capt. Simpson 2nd. Lt. Col. Capt. Moultrie 3rd. Capt. Bacon appointed Adjutant Dr. Henry Andrews Surgeon (Assistant Sur.) Confederate Army. Rev. H. A. Trapp Chaplain Lt. Watkins Quartermaster.~~

Left Atlanta

June 15th left for Richmond by four Companies at same time. Drove by way of Augusta ga. & through Tennessee

Irvin Guards Left Atlanta

For Augusta 11/2 P. M. arrived there 5 A. M. June 16 Laid over until eve. Sunday. Capt. Norman

Preached. Reg. in cars in cars at Carolina Depot Left Augusta 7/2 P. M. Arrived at Kingsville 3 A. M. changed Cars & started for Wilmington in box cars at 5 P. M. June 17. Rough ride.

Lost connection and had to stay in Wilmington all night - on a floor of Warehouse & miserably over with molasses. Some of us on guard got no supper. for the Ballance eat it up while we were on guard. June 18 Left Wilmington 5 A. M. I passenger Cars for Weldon N. C. 160 miles but and Drained by a sorry Engine. All Day going.

Stopped at Weldon Depot without much to eat - ~~the~~ ^{we} ~~any~~ until 1 A. M. Jumbled June 19 into box cars and off for Petersburg.

Reached Petersburg 5 P. M. Marched with the utmost precision for one mile to Richmond Depot. Left for Richmond 8 P. M.

Arrived same morning at Richmond with about 200 men of the 9 Regt. Marched from Depot to Encampment near Fairfield race course. Distance from Depot about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles on open field. No other weather hot; wind a little up. Pitched Tents. Dinner took the evening to wash &c.

30 June Began to Drill first in squads then Company. (23rd quite a storm & shook many tents blown over.

First sick with the common Soldier's ill. B. C. (22nd June) Dining with Genl Tombs & Sacy filling again & on all the time.

Sunday 23. Mustered into Confederate States Service at 6 o'clock P. M. By Capt. Tom Taylor afterwards Col. of 1st Kentucky Regt.

Under our first Confederate orders to march can't get off for want of cars.

The Irish Guards on right of Regt by virtue of oldest Captain and best Company. Dress Parade on 24th

25 orders to march for Winchester 26 & A. M.

Dress Parade at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ P. M. 25 day of June.

26 June

Struck Tents & Marched to Depot to take the cars for Winchester in the valley of Va. Beautiful Country all the way, on our passage the cars broke down at Manassas detained there without much until 12 M. of 27 of June. We passed through the Blue Ridge at Manassas Gap Reaching Strasburg at 5 P. M. Camped in clover field. Most of the regt. was waiting for us when we arrived detained by broken down

Being ordered to get wagons we did not proceed
until 10 AM. 28 June. I. G. Thrown for
word as an advance guard. Under command
of Lt Wingfield. When we would get too far off
we would stop - marched as skirmishers by
the right flank. Halted long enough at Middletown
to eat. Stayed all night at New Town & left
next morning at six. marched on until we
~~halted about one mile from Newburgh~~
Washed & cooled off. A very pleasant and lux-
uriant & Beautiful place.

Reached Manchester at noon 29th day June.
Marched to the east of Town and came to camp
at Col. Bartow's command.

Pitched Pents and cooked & Washed up.
Camps were situated in woods.

Marching orders July 1.

Report that our services would be needed at
William's pt. Late in afternoon orders came
to march sun not very high when we started
one wagon to 2 Companies.

1st Regt was in Rear of Bartow's Brigade
halted after dark eat & spent Pleasant night
on next morning before sun up ready to march
about 10 o'clock halted in a grove behind the

First thought of an engagement.

Here we thought we were to be met by the advan-
cing columns of the Enemy.

But it was only to rest and distribute
Cartridges. Here to high in our prospect of a fight
we saw the retreating Baggage of Col. Jackson
afterwards Genl. Lionell. after stopping awhile we
marched on to Seabrookville making it at 3 P.M.

July 3rd 1861. Here for the first time we formed a line
of battle.

Line of Battle Dockville July 3rd 1861
Marched our Regt in an Apple orchard & stacked
armed in position on the line of Battle,
ordered to sleep on arms that night.

Artillery came up some was posted in the road
running middle through the lines and some
towards each flank. 6 pieces Artillery,
various Batteries &c

July fourth 4th another day of uncertainty.
Some Regt sent back. our Regt 9th having
received orders later than other Regt Commander
Cowan had a Committee to wait on him & he
promised to do better by us, or he would get Reported
At Noon Reported our pickets had been driven in
Commotions in camps. White badges put our
orders every body to be ready.

Regt Returned without any information concerning
our pickets and enemy.

Gen. D. C. Johnston & Staff passed across
lines. Loud cheers. 9th Regt Returned received
the Genl in Calmness but not silence July 5th.
Quiet Morn But exciting Evening.

July 6th
on the night of the 5th we were aroused by
a discharge of pistols & other firearms in front
on picket lines. the whole time up and ready
for a fight. Name the Lt. get up Com. A.
This was between 1 & 2 on the morning of the 6th

July 7th
We marched on this day back to Winchester after
waiting 4 days for the Enemy who would come
no closer than Martinsburg 8 miles North of
us. The march to Winchester was rapid for a large
body of men. No men faulted in going up but
a good many did coming. all I. G. kept up.

Winchester July 7th 1861 Sunday
Reached Camp from Dickville at Dark
Very much fatigued. Coffee ordered made
Cloths changed. The Irish Guard had left
sick than any other Company from 9th Regt.

July 8th Sun. Parade &c

July 9th Mr. Tupper preached. The sermon very
appropriate and feeling. July 10 orders told ourselves
~~in readiness to march at a moment's notice~~

beyond Winchester. Yankees approaching.

James Smith died & July 10 Buried
James Smith at 10 o'clock. Cemetery Winchester.
14th Mr Tupper preached to Brigade at Request of Col
Bartow. (Quit you like men) &c

15th July

orders to be in readiness to march every advance
ing. Cook 3 days rations. Enemy at Bunkerhill
& miles off. other Brigades off. ones marching about
Dark. Hauled after passing through many camps
of troops North of Winchester about one mile.

Sleep on our arms that night. Camp in grove just this
side of Darkville. Cross Lake Arms at tip of stream.

16th July

Moved and placed in positions to receive the attack
of the enemy if he advanced against us.
Lat this evening we were marched back to camp
and passed.

July 17th every thing quiet.

Enemy said to be flanking us at Charleston. But
really they were moving to assist the Federal army
advancing on Manassas. Troop arriving Daily

July 18th 1861

Ordered to march at 1 1/2 P. M. very hot afternoon
after getting out of the City Genl Bartow told the troops
that we were destined for Manassas. to meet
Genl. Beauregard - fighting fearful odds.

Irvin Guards Occurred the news 6
with loud cheers. march all night untill 3
in the morning of the 19th. Crossed Shenandoah
at Midnight. from knee to hip deep. bottom
rough. road very rough Troop exhausted some
companied with only a few men. This was the
condition when we got to Paris a little
Town on the Eastern slope of Blue Ridge.

~~Irvin Guards Occurred the news~~
few exceptions. Halted 3 hours only.

July 19th Got private breakfasts as
best we could. Had five miles to go to strike
Piedmont or Manassas Gap. Railroad
Reached point 9 1/2 A.M. 40 miles below Manassas
Many Troop at Piedmont (10,000) Being sent off
as rapidly as cars could move them.

Various Reports. Such as Beauregard at Arlington
Heights. Fed. 50,000 thousands conf. 20,000
Formed led by Genl. McDowell. Irvin back 3 times
Sent flag of truce to bury dead.

July 20

Rumors still afloat. Cavalry arriving. &c &c
Troop continued to come during night. not much to
eat. Men brought no rations with them.

21st

troops still leaving. Bu's & Ellis' Buzgass to pursue
Bartons 9 & 11 Regts. 7th

22

9 Regt. off about 3 o'clock A.M. on this morning
Capt. Norman came by way of ~~some~~ Striking
and met up with us. In a few hours reached
Manassas. After reaching this point found a serious
Battle had been fought. Waited in cars at junction
to know where to go. Many reports. Some saw
many prisoners.

July 22nd 1866.

Battle of Manassas Began about 9 o'clock A.M. Scott's
Cate in afternoon. First made in front attack on
flank. Some time before discovered. The first Companies
never reached his destination. Genl Beauregard
sent to know why attack was not made. If it
had been properly carried the whole army would
have been Bazed. The Enemy left the field
~~with baggage and military equipment~~
Artillery & small arms. Thousands celebrated
battery of Artillery waded the field and captured
but receipted, our forces not being well sustained.
Captured & again retaken. Captured by us and finally
held. All the Horses killed. Enemy fought against
all Military Law under Confederate flag.
They were attacked and dispersed.

The first gun was fired at 6 A.M.
Genl. Scott as Staff of Lee's came as far as
Centerville 6 miles off. The Federal forces fled
in confusion to the Cities of Alexandria &
Washington Col. Baisio fell. Col. Gattell of 7th
wounded. also Maj. Curran was.

Thus closed a signal victory for our army.
July 23 we marched from Manassas
for miles in rain & mud to Bull Run
Swamp near Lewis' house. Wet & hungry.

July 23rd

Most of Union Guard visited the field to day.
Genl Lee placed in command of Brigades
7 8 9 11 Co. Regt. Did not march for several days.

July 27th

Moved this day through Battle field.
Halted at Leesley's Mills. and encamped.

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July 28 Sunday
Mr. Tupper preached at Tutley's Mill
3rd in the late in evening oration to
cost 2 ~~large~~ rations. Countermanded

August - 1st good many sick.
Marched to the. Aug 3rd oration to march
to Camp Barton 2 miles from Mammee
to get with Brigade.

~~Started at 10 minutes to 11 AM. The day was~~
very hot and disagreeable. Men suffered
awfully from the rapid march and heat.

Distance marched was 13 miles - knepacks
on. Drilling - dress parade &c for several days.

Wolfe discharged. along now a great deal of
rain. 31st company visited Bull Run
Battle field - working Roads. Looking for
new encampment. This place has gotten very
fittly. 33rd August ordered to move to new
Camp on a high hill (Camp Walker) back
when needed.

Aug. 24 Removes Company skinning
& advancing. officers studying the art of drill
relating to Maj. & Col. 31st August began to appear
like Fall. 31st Muntine and pay off for first
time. To June 30th leaving nearly 3 months out paid.
Preaching & play meeting.

September 1st

Received 6 recruits Lane, Bowdree, Williams
Kearis & 3 Coffers. A guard on 2nd for corn field
received from 8th Regt invitation to go to battle
field and be present at putting up a marble
pillar where Col. Barton fell. Erected on Sept-
4th Wolfe on Sept 7 came from Warrington Spring
1. Now discharged.

10 Sept. 1861.

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ordered to cook & prepare to move. along
about this time a great many sent to Richmond.
Started from camp Walker or Barton at 7th Sept. 11th
reached place selected about 2 P.M. 4 from
Fairfax C. house. 5 from Station. 3 from Cent
ville. Some sent to Richmond some to old field
Hospital. ∴ Sept 12

at 9 P.M. at night ordered to march to Fairfax
Station. Taking guns. With our company scattered
by sickness &c. marched with 34 men & 2 Sargts
& 2 Corp. Very cloudy, dark and roads very
wet & muddy. Some fell. Some lost shoes. had
to lock arm to keep from falling. after a
tramp of a few miles we reached Fairfax Station
and found we were not needed. It was said
we should have gone to Fairfax C. house.

at 12 1/2 P.M. dismissed to take care of ourselves as best
we could. reached camp at 10 day of the 13th
ran the road traveled night before and wonder
how we got along at all.

13th

ordered to hold in readiness. on our way to purchasing
on 15th at 10 o'clock A.M. were ordered to leave at once
in a half hour off. 3 1/3 miles more camp forward
very hot. reached place at 1 P.M.

16. W. S. Boyce left camp and afterwards discharg
early in morning an occasional gun towards the fort.
9th Regt thrown into excitement. line of march formed
afterwards found to be beyond Potomac river

21st

Regt ordered to fall. Church to march 7 A.M.

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Reached Munson's Hall. about 1 o'clock

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Munson's Hill. Had 3 Com. Officers 3
Sargt. 3 Cpls. 31 men. In sight of Washing-
ton City & Alexandria
On first picket duty. Returned the Ga. regulars.
1st Regt.

Sept 23. From Munson's hill the company
could see by the aid of a good glass
The Capitol of Washington. Soldiers' home
Alexandria & Fort Clworth. Masons Hill
and other fortifications & encampments
on North side of river.

While on picket here the enemy fired a
Barr some good distance off by some
explosive material of a Ball. and
then fired very fast to prevent
it from being put out.

Here our lines fell back but soon
advanced, Infantry, Artillery and Cavalry.
And all anticipated an engage-
ment.

24th Relieved by 11th Ala. Regt. Left this
Hill and fell back to Fall Church, Va.
Guards.

Sept 25th. Part of the Regt. marched off
after Breakfast on fatigue duty.
About 1 P.M. we marched of towards
Lewisville preceded by 17. Va. 3 R.C.
Col. Kershaw's & Regt. understood the
Ganks had crossed the river for some
purpose. Stopped a while until Col
Lievant & afterwards Genl. Grant could
locate the enemy. Enemy finding out
our force in neighborhood began to

Some photo exchanged between the Washington Artillery and enemy.

Result of battle 1st 22nd Killed, 1 prison taken by Confederates.

26th Moved to Fall's Church & 1 P.M. Started Back to Camp being relieved

Thus ends our first trip to the hills along the Potomac. ~~have few came back with~~

28th Being in Camp once more ordered to cook up their day's ration and wash. Capt. Morrison went to see John Booker. He found him very sick with Pneumonia

Oscar Booker & W. H. Boyle Discharged in Richmond

Henry Simmons died on 26th at Richmond 29. Pickets Drivers in at Mountain Kill. on night of 27th.

Sept 20th 11th Permits came from home. Oct 2nd 1st Just fore noon received orders to report at 2 1/4 P.M. to Capt. Stringfellow at Head Quarters with 1 Coy 1st Regt. As men for pickets on the Bradwell gap road. Did not have far to go.

Oct 5th ordered Regt to report immediately to Genl Longstreet. Had at 12 1/2 P.M.

Co. A. Relieved 11th Va. Col. Garland in command. Advanced our post on account of house food. Found ourselves at an old Gullman's House by the name of Guling. 2 miles from falls church. 9 miles from Alexandria

Oct 6th All quiet New 20 Wagons come for
Hay. 7th Heavy firing in enemys line
18th Heavy Rain cool and met on
Picket at Mr. Durlings. relieved by
Capt. Web. 9th Gas on Regt.

10th Oct Major Mann Jnr in Command
Relieved by 7th Co.

got Back to our camps by 3 1/2 P. M.

Boys who had been sent off getting
back to Camps.

11th 7.9.4.2. 1st Regt on Brigade
drill afternoon. Genl. Sam Jones. affairs
14th Remarkably mild fall first frost-

15th At 4 1/2 A.M. Rockets being sent up
from Court House - Long Roll.

Buttons Regt called into line.

Boys Genl. pretty lively. on that
night orders to strike tents Load wagons
and ready to march at 3 A.M. 16th

Boys still very lively over the whole Regt
By waiting in line we did not move
till about 4th A.M. Reached Centerville
on the road leading on to Warrenton
by 10 or before. This was a general move
by the whole Army and a succession of
camps lined on the Potomac almost
totally. Genls Smith Beauregard, and
Johnston all Here.

Centerville

Oct-17th

I. Gravel detailed for fatigue duty
Went over north of Centerville and put in
mud & maze work

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Oct 17th On this day began the building of the fortifications of Centerville which held at bay Gen. McClellan on the Potomac and finally left that base and established himself on the peninsular. after one days work we returned to Camps at 5 1/2 o'clock P.M.

We saw other Regts out on inspection. ~~Review we supposed and the 9th was~~
~~ordered for our trouble we got~~

drilled about one hour in the night & then had one mile to go to get to camp. all after a hard days work. Oct. 18 order to reduce baggage of officers to small or value. privates to what they can carry.

Trunks &c packed to be sent to Manassas. tents to put things in and a guard for them.

Orders to hold ourselves in readiness to move at once in any direction & with lightness. We were encamped on the road that led from Centerville to the Stone bridge. between 1/4 & 1/2 a mile from town near a house on left-hand going from town. Camps all around.

19th Oct - George Corbiers died 2nd Oct.
along now we had drilling dress parade. Count Marshall &c. etc. Boys from Rich-
mond coming in daily. 26 Regt went on picket
27th Sunday a lovely day.
28th Oct - Green Smith died in Richmond Oct 22
29th Regt returned from picket afternoon
while out there had a barbecue.

2 Oct For many days Lieut John V. Thompson
had been on Court Martial

31st Court martial adjourned. Mustin left
Nov 1st Court Martine in session.

Nov 1st Const-Martin in session.

" 2^d A severe storm began to blow
Last night continued all day

Last night continued all day

A great many tents blown down &

Nos 3 Preaching - and at other times
when we can, cont. Musical

when we can't, can't Master

Nov 4. ...pared to Sept 14 - 1882 C.M. joined

Have die: pick 7 cases. And review

Genl. Jones Bug'ee By Genl Johnston
6th on Paigne duty at fortifications
west of our camp.

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west of our camp.

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Weather getting quite cold & evening
on high hill.

on high hill!

8th Company Detailed to act as provost
Guard, for Centerville

Guard for Centerville

9th Dr. Wingfield office of D. Grand

Relieved for 24 hours by Capt. Kings

company. 10th me Irvin Guards returned
at 4 1/2 P.M. 11/1/88.

Capt. King at 4 P. M. Lt. Arnold Officer

of Guadalupe, 11. Not certain how long here and
residing in 12. Dr. F. P. Chittenden

To remain, 12. Lt. F. J. Griffin Officer
of Guard

16th Pilgr

16th Picnic entirely of Provost Study
at Centerville.

at Centerville.

18th Right. Mound across the road a suggestion of Mrs. Cold Snow an Blue Ridge seen plainly

seen plainly

Dr. Nov. Fatigue Party on Bearwallow
Grounds. Little Snow etc

Browned a little, flanks &c &c.
Breastworks to be repaired, in

Headworks is occupied in event
of an attack. 20. Dr. Schindler Schuchard

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Nov. 25: Snow began to cover ground.
Melted in clear places. Mountains
Genl. Review of all the forces of this
Division by Genl. Johnston, Smith.

Beauregard. Troop drawn up in position
so that all would know his post where
attacked. Genl Johnston's review
and orders. Starting of the evening
column before our works he is whipped
if he attempted to flank us his fall
is sealed.

26th our chaplain left us and returned
home.

27 wood details to go off to get wood.
29th Nov Regt went on picket.

Dec 3. Snow drawn returned early before
from picket. Division review. orders about
battle flags &c.

on the 4th of Dec. Capt. Normans resigna-
tion accepted. preparatory to being
detached for Artillery.

11th Company had a committee to
confer with Capt. N. Report in
satisfactory settlement.

13th Capt. N. left for Manchester.

Col. Goulding issued an order
for an election on 13th to fill vacancy.
on same day order from
Genl Johnston transferring us to
artillery, and ordering an elec-
tion for a capt and additional
officers, and Lt.

W Transferring to Artillery etc
Dec 13. Genl Johnston's orders not only released
from any further duty with the 9th Gen. Regt
but put us under control of Col.

W. N. Pendleton Chief of Artillery and
joined us on to Corps Artillery.

Election result for Capt John Hanes
1st Lieut Ferguson.

Dec: 14th The Capt went over beyond curb...
to hunt a place for a ~~camp~~ ~~camp~~
And to place the company in Winter
Quarters. Weather fine.

Dec 17th Moved to our New camp which
in honor of our former Capt. we called
Camp Norman. And intended by us
as no slight token of high esteem.

18th Weather getting very cold began to put
chimneys to Tent! So soon as that was
done began to cut poles & clear off
grounds for our Houses. Now applying
ourselves assiduously to meeting houses working
on Sunday Dec. 22 for we felt it our duty
23 rains nearly all night - sleety & snowy

But still we labored.

24th getting Boards &c Working on houses &

25. Christmas but nothing to have Christmas
as our houses covered. Capt & Lt gave a
christmas treat. an egg nog.

31 Dec. Muster & Inspection By Col. Pendleton

Jan. 1st 1862

Jan 3rd Nearly finishing Houses. Began to work
on Stables. Began to sleet just at night.
Sent wagon to Manassas.

Moved Into Cabins.

Jan. 4th Saturday 1862. Camp Brown
Our deserted tents stand. Now next care is
to take care of our horses, apply our selves
assiduously to erecting Stables. Some little
work on cabins

Sunday No preaching Col. Pennington
being absent. Monday tried to work on
Stables ground but weather for ~~the~~ ^{the} first time
so so. Jan 7th got home board for hospital
putting up Hospital & Capt's house & Lt house.
Now cutting going on for me must
keep comfortable. Along now weather
appearing very much like it would have.

9th Snowed Jan 9th sent to Manassas for
Boxes & plank. no plank.
10th till working on Capt's Barr. Hospital tent
11th finished Capt's & Hospital a uric
building.

13 Jan. Still at work. 14th Snow from 2-3 inches deep. Jan 17th still at work on stables

21st hauling wood nothing else going on.

22nd found in States etc.

23. Cut and split cross pieces for side walls along our houses.

24" snow on ground. Wazous sent off.

Jan 29th made a finish of Hospital and laid
down side walks

February

Feb 2. Col. Knollton preached and ordered
all to attend to hear what he had to say &
his Company marched over

Thursday 6th. Began to establish wood getting
By Messes each cut its own wood then have
it hauled. Capt Lane Having been
absent since 34th of Dec.

Sat 10th 1862. Lt Jno. F. Wingfield and Sgt
Lindsay detached to recruit the company
(While in our tents we as a company
almost to a man subscribed to the
Charleston Affair). An object in recruit-
ing so far was to secure a permanent
in an artillery Company.

After getting our horses all built we
wanted straw to lie on so we went
over to old George a free negro and offer-
ed him a high price for his wheat
stack. He refused - we charged and Genl
Johnston issued a special order against the
perpetrators to pay a high price for said
straw to lie on we did so.

We continue in camp till about
March 9th 1862 when all things being pre-
pared for a general fall back we start
first putting our wagons on the road and
afterwards putting our regt in line of
march for Richmond.

March 20 - 25

our company reached the Camp at Camp
B. H. Lawrence. Some time from 20 to 25

Monday 34th Went over to Gordonsville to get
grain but Genl Alexander told us they
could not be furnished until the
decision of War Department was heard
from. A difficulty about transportation

