H. H. Wood, Capt. 2nd Vol. Sept. 23, 1861

J. J. Mathie

Sir,

I have the honor to respectfully report the part taken by my Regiment, 2nd Volunteers, in the engagement of the 17th Inst.

On the 15th Inst. I was stationed at a post as Regiment Guard, which post was the scene of action on the 17th. As far as my Regiment was concerned, the Evening of the 16th, the enemy advancing in force, I sent out a body of skirmishers who were driven back. Early the next Morning the enemy, shown in great force (at least three Brigades) supported by Artillery, charged which met some Mountain Howitzers. They poured a heavy fire upon us which continued almost uninterupted for nearly five hours. My Regiment about two hundred strong maintained its position inflicting a heavy loss to the enemy, killing and wounding according to statement of Field members of my Command. The dead came to numbers, near one thousand. The fire of the enemy continued in undiminished force, and as all the ammunition available on the ground, from the Rock of the Dead and wounded men had been expended, and being infallible by a battery in which the enemy had planted on our left, I deemed it proper to withdraw my Command. This order was not given until the advancing enemy were within fifty or one hundred yards of my line.

A portion of the Regiment under
My immediate Command returned to the engagement during the afternoon and fought on the right of the 18th to 19th July until after dusk
When men acted as my Command did I cannot mention the names of any who particularly distinguished themselves during the whole duty

Accompanying this is my list of Casualties

Killed 11
Wounded 17
Missing 19
Total 48

I am very respectfully

Yours truly

[Signature]

Capt. [Last Name]
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