Camp near Winchester
Oct 2nd 1862

To Col W. L. Brevin

Sir,

I have the honour to submit to you the following report of the engagement at Southford Gap which took place Sept 27th 1862 between the enemy and our troops, My Regt the 17th Ca which at that time was commanded by Maj. J. H. Reclott, and who was afterwards wounded at Manassas in consequence of which he was unable to make a report of the duty. The major falls upon myself being 2nd in command of the 17th together with the balance of Co. E Lieut. trout’s command reached the gap about 6 o’clock P.M. after a

immediately ordered to take position and accordingly occupied the gap.
as we entered the gap the enemy opened a terrific fire of shell upon us still we pushed forward and took position near their lines their sharp shooters killing & wounding several of our men our position was a very critical one as we were ordered to simply hold our position which as we did the enemy kept up a terrible fire which seemed to be from two positions at the same time their sharp shooters kept up a fire on us which proved considerably fatal to us. Still our position was held and every man stood firm except the unfortunate who were either killed or wounded.

Then about this the 2nd & 20th had the balance of our brigade and were seen by us ascending the Mountain upon which their sharp shooters were posted and as they reached the summit the enemy came down to give way but a short
Keen engagement that commenced between the 2nd and 3rd, and the enemy exposed itself during the night. Capt. Anderson at 4 a.m. had engaged them on our left and a thanksgiving for our success and the enemy were repulsed on both sides, and those battles silenced about sunset and our march was through the dark that night and camped while the men the sight of the enemy to my great astonishment having stumbled leaving many dead on the field. Our own loss being one killed 8 severe wounded another died in a few hours after in words.

Sgt. A. McGregor
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To Col H. L. Benning

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