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In the absence of the Commanding officer of the 5th Regt. Va Vol. it becomes my duty to report the part taken by this Regiment in the engagement at Thorofare Gap, August 29th 1862.

On arriving at the Gap it was ascertained that the enemy was posted in considerable force on the opposite side for the purpose of detaining our passage. Our brigade was ordered forward to take a position on the mountain to the right of the Gap, and as we entered the Gap we had heavy musketry firing in front and bureau.

Capt. Dunham, the Commanding the Brigade led the 5th 20th Regiments in person up the side of the mountain to the right, and put them in position to repel any attack the enemy might make from that direction.

When we got into position we saw the enemy advancing to get possession of the mountain. Their skirmishers had already commenced the ascent of the hill, and they were preparing to plant three batteries upon the hills on our front and a little to our right. We immediately deployed skirmishers in our front and on our right as did the 20th also which was in position on our left. Our skirmishers opened fire upon the enemy driving them from his skirmishers. Compelling him to draw off his batteries and fall back from his position. Immediately after we took our position on the mountain, one of the enemy's batteries planted on the left of the gap opened upon us with shell and spherical case but fortunately without doing us any injury.

About seven the enemy skirmishers having
been driven from our front and the batteries with-drawn we were ordered to advance and proceeded down the side of the mountain and across the open field to the hills where the enemy had attempted to plant his batteries but we could find no enemy in our front. We were now ordered to support Drayton's Brigade in a charge upon the battery to the left of the road and which had kept up a pretty constant fire of shell down the gap, but as night came on the battery was drawn off and the encampment from retreated in the direction of Macapa. No casualties in our regiment in this engagement.

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