Captains,

I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the part taken by the 1st Brigade in the battle of Chickamauga.

At about 10 o'clock A.M. of the 19th I was ordered to advance to support Brig. Gen. Rood, who was a little to my left. In advancing I found him with his brigade heavily engaged with a superior force of the enemy's infantry aided by a battery. The place was on the Chattaunoga road near a small house and a smaller outlying set of stockades. The road was open ground for one thousand feet, the houses being on the back, and the high ridge of the hills to the right, fifty or one hundred yards distant, through which ran the road from front to rear. Beyond all was forest in which on the right of the road was the enemy's battery covering all of the open ground.

Then the musketry from this battery not only swept over nearly all of the open ground but passed on with effect far into the level woods in the rear.

When we first encountered...
The enemy were at first on the right of the road and then on the near side of the open ground. After an obstinate contest they were driven from the foreground by the men grooving into the woods. Beyond them a few infantry men were too few to contest.

Following them into the wood, they met a few 200 British in the battery. The place was once exposed to the enemy fire, but with the rebel cannon formed by the battery, some 500 men, and a few scottish troops, I could hold till the rein of presence was broken. 'Present' was given. When the cannon was ready to fire, I ordered the old held to for a long time, giving several cheers of the enemy to release it. A rein presence came, finally requiring the surrender of the enemy. From this moment forward, the enemy was forced back by the many of the officers and men had to fall. They had no forces to hold the position a hundred yards or so near the house. Where we remained till the close of the fight with engagement.

The enemy fell much the want of artillery and the fight not to to oppose not only to the enemy boiler but to his infantry. But none came to our aid. None was attached to others to my brigade or to the General.
to my men. In the 50th regiment Seventeen officers out of twentytwo were killed wounded. In the other regiments the proportion through rich to great was very great. Beyond the proportionate loss my little force proportioned to the proportionate loss among the non commissioned officers little and large.

The Command fought with a dogged resolution.

On the next day the Brigade was in line a little to the right of the plan where it had fought the day before. At short distance on the rear of David's Brigade. At about 12 o'clock, I was ordered to follow that Brigade at the distance of from three to four hundred yards. After advancing in obedience to the order for five hundred yards after advancing having passed the Chaloner Morgan, I saw David's Brigade to which had moved a little further than this became lost to view in the smoke. At the same time I saw the enemy in considerable force on his right apparently preparing to attack my flank. Seeing I immediately charged the direction of movement by bearing to the right 150 yards. I then left five to face the enemy. Marching to the rear them I attacked them. After a sharp contest they gave way to me and joined.
They made a Stand at some artillery in the woods but were driven back again from this position & advanced towards several hundred yards beyond the guns where they arrived in the woods. In a short time returned in heavy force and made a desperate effort to recover their ground. Here they met a very obstinate fight. At length I saw them turning my right to get into my rear. We then fell back behind the Cannon firing so as to force their next demonstration. The enemy proceeded with short distance but not far enough for some time to return the artillery increased time and at last the enemy fire to return. The artillerists Conceded of 7 or 8 pieces among the Couch three came straight for our lines to some extent some of the officers thought even only three. A flag was also taken with the General. The Brigade ordered on its way to a handful by the fight of the day before,—again suffered heavily. Maj. Gen. Matheus, Commanding 17th Ga. fell instantly wounded while acting in a most heroic manner. On this day four field officers had been wounded one from Mortally St. Col. Seago 2d Ga. The other three were Col. De Ross of the 18th Ga. Col. Skelhorn Commanding 2d Ga. Capt. Mc. Lewis acting Major of 2d Ga.
Many others officers of the
Fire fell killed or wounded on
our side or the other.

Sergeant Wm. M. Perry before
inspector relating adjutant had his
horse shot under him. Owen Thomas
Coomer one of my Company had his horse shot
under him. Joseph D. Bingham another
had his horse shot under him, at the
same time mounted. The remaining
Captain S. Sibley was knocked from
his by a piece of shell which however
only bruised him. Hardly a man
or officer escaped without a wound
of this sort. There were on the
Eight Co. Officers of the 2nd Maj. Shannon of the
15th Regt. Col. Waddell of the
2nd Lt. M. M. of the 12th Regt. Capt. W. T. O. "D" and
Capt. R. S. Brown of the 1st Ohio
Regt. that were already
either wounded or
already knew the strength of the
brigade on each side.

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