

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE  
STONEWALL

April 1996



*The general advance of Hancock's forces. Sketched by J. Becker for Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.*

## NIGHTMARE IN THE WILDERNESS The First Day

The work was at close range. No room in that jungle for maneuvering; no possibility of a bayonet charge, no help from artillery; no help from cavalry; nothing but close, square, severe, face-to-face volleys of fatal musketry. The wounded stream out, and fresh troops pour in. Stretchers pass out with ghastly burdens, and go back reeking with blood for more. Word is brought that the ammunition is failing. Sixty rounds fired in one steady stand-up fight, and that fight not fought out. Boxes of cartridges are placed on the returning stretchers, and the struggle shall not cease for want of ball and powder. *Charles A. Page, New York Daily Tribune, written May 5, 1864, 9 p.m.; published May 9, 1864.*

At our April meeting Gordon C. Rhea discusses May 5, 1864, the first day of Grant's and Lee's first face-off. Rhea's definitive study, **The Battle of the Wilderness, May 5-6, 1864**, won the Jules and Frances Landry Award in 1864. Copies of this excellent book will be available for purchase at a discount, and signing.

GORDON C. RHEA  
*Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.*  
*Manassas National Battlefield Park*  
*Visitor Center*

# President's Letter

Members, I once again take this pen in hand to update you on the goings-on at BRCWRT. On Thursday, March 28, our executive committee met at Centreville Library to discuss our constitution, the symposium, incorporation, preservation issues and membership. Enclosed in this edition is the Secretary's report of the highlights of this meeting. We made some minor adjustments to the constitution, mostly to remove ambiguity, and I will briefly describe these changes to you for your vote of approval at our April meeting.

## Nominations

Our nominating committee consists of Martha Hendley (VP), Scott Patchan (past president) and myself. According to our constitution we will submit a list of nominees for the offices of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary to you during our May meeting. They will be elected by your vote of approval at the June meeting, and will take over in September. If you are interested in serving the round table in one of these offices, or would like to help out as a member of our committees, which include preservation, membership, field trip, and newsletter, and would like to hear more about them, please contact Martha Hendley, 754-4181, or me, 406-4933. As one who has served the organization in various capacities over the past three years, I can assure you that the work is enjoyable.

## Tours

Our April tour of the third Winchester

battle is postponed until September. The new date is more timely, for it closely marks the anniversary of the battle and chronologically follows our August tour of Early vs. Crook in the valley. John McAnaw is hard at work planning our Wilderness and Spotsylvania tour on May 11 and May 18. He is also working on the Union Mills/Bull Run Fords tour in June.



Our Jackson's Winter Campaign tour last month was a tremendous success; the official report is submitted for this edition. It was great to see the big turnout, including a couple who responded to our advertisement on the World Wide Web. Thanks to Charlie Grymes for his expertise in setting up our Web page. I of course could have set it up myself, but I have had some difficulties to deal with at home — I cannot get my VCR to quit blinking "12:00", and my rotary phone is on the fritz, and I'm in a funk after hearing that the Beatles broke up; worst of all, my arm is sore from cranking my phonograph to play my records.

## Talks

If you missed Lt. Col. Marc Thompson's give-and-take presentation on the Yellow Tavern Campaign last month, I offer my condolences. I am looking forward to Gordon Rhea's Wilderness talk this month. LSU Press has sent me 15 of his books to sell at the meeting. They will be discounted at least \$10 below the \$35 cover price, a bonus for BRCWRT members who take advantage of this first-come, first-serve offer. I hope you are able to get one.

## Trivia

A clarification on the trivia question I asked at the February meeting: Who was the only Civil War officer to serve on both sides during the war?

The answer is Frank Crawford Armstrong, who served as a captain in the 2nd U.S. Cavalry (Union) at the first battle of Manassas before switching sides and fighting the rest of the war as a Confederate cavalry brigade and division commander. At least two other officers, Alfred Torbert and Beverly Robertson held rank for both sides during their war careers; however both saw action in only one color of uniform. To my knowledge only Armstrong actually fought on both sides as a commissioned officer. Thanks for the responses. Most of all I am

most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Gary L. Ecelbarger

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# Important Proceedings

## THE FUTURE OF MANASSAS BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL PARK PONDERED

BY JOHN P. MCANAW

**T**here should be no Civil War site of greater interest to the membership of BRCWRT than the Manassas National Battlefield Park. It is the site of our monthly meetings, of past tours, and is the subject of our symposium in October. Needless to say, the Manassas National Battlefield Park is one of the finest jewels in the crown of the National Park Service.

Every ten to 15 years the General Management Plan (GNP) for parks is revised. The last GNP for this park was completed in 1983. Concomitant with this revision, The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 requires an assessment of the environmental impacts of actions proposed in the GNP, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The GNP is the National Park Service's tool for long-range planning. The GNP develops the basic management philosophy for a park.

### Public Hearings

The first round of public hearings on this plan was held March 18 and 20 at the park's visitor center. In a nutshell the purpose of the two sessions were to: meet the new superintendent, Robert K. Sutton, and to listen to his ideas about the park and upcoming events; and to request our participation in the revision of the General Management Plan and the Environmental Impact Statement for the park.

Other speakers included Karen Cucurullo, the management assistant at the park, and Jeff Reinhold, the National Park Service Planning Team representative.

Mr. Reinhold discussed the GNP Project Schedule and the opportunities for public involvement in the revision process. For your information I have included the Project Schedule: Phase 1 — Data gathering and issue analysis, public meetings and initial comment form; December 1995-March 1996.

Phase 2 — Development of primary alternatives; March-June 1996.

Phase 3 — Preparation of alternatives newsletter and comment form; public meetings; July-November 1996.

Phase 4 — Preparation of the draft General Management Plan

with Environmental Impact Statement; public review of the draft plan; public meetings; April-November 1997.

Phase 5 — Preparation and approval of the final GNP with EIS; Final plan available August 1998; Record of Decision; December 1997-August 1998.

### At Issue

I attended the March 20th public meeting. A lively question and answer session followed the presentations by the park service personnel. Many issues were raised during this session.

Please examine your perception of, and desire for, the park. Public Comment forms will be available at our April meeting. Following is a truncated version of this form. Take the time to write down your views and send them in. Our comments are very important at this point; maybe we can make a difference.

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## PUBLIC COMMENTS REQUESTED

The National Park Service is soliciting comments on two questions:

1. What issues and concerns should the General Management Plan of the Manassas National Battlefield Park address.
2. How would you like to see the park in 20 years.

The comments may be mailed to: Superintendent, Manassas National Battlefield Park, 12521 Lee Highway, Manassas, VA 22110. Or give to a park employee at the visitor center.

Comments may also be sent via electronic mail (mana\_superintendent@nps.gov); due to the volume of comments, the park service will be unable to individually answer questions via electronic mail. Watch for project updates on the park's World Wide Web site (<http://www.nps.gov/mana>).

Include your name and address on the comment form if you wish to be put on the mailing list.

## Round Table Affairs

BY MARILYN CLARK-SNYDER

The executive committee met March 28 to review round table issues and plans. The first item on the agenda concerned updating the organization's constitution. Gary Ecelbarger's column on page two reviews these changes; he will also discuss them at the April 11 meeting.

### Syposium

Scott Patchen and Martha Hendley reviewed plans for the symposium, which will be held Oct. 5, 9 a.m. at the historic Sudley United Methodist Church. The topic is "Leadership at Second Manassas." Confirmed speakers include Joe Harsh on Lee; Phelps on Jackson; Jeffrey Wert on Longstreet; and John Hennessy on Porter and McClellan. Still tentative are Joe Whitehorn on Pope; and Mary Ferguson or Rev. Meeks on the history of Sudley Church. The cost will be \$25 prepaid til Aug. 1, \$30 prepaid til Oct. 5, \$35 at door; and includes the price of lunch.

We are looking into having a bookseller present. Announcements will be available June 1.

### Other Items

The balance in our checking account is \$1,994.00.

The board has agreed that incorporation is prudent, and necessary to obtain insurance to protect the organization in the event of accident during a tour. The papers will be filled out during April.

All profits from the symposium will be donated to APCWS. No other donation will be made.

The nominating committee members are Gary Ecelbarger, Scott Patchen, Martha Henley

### Manassas Battlefield Issues

Charlie Grymes reported that the new Superintendent of the Manassas Battlefield is soliciting public comments

and identifying issues regarding the future of the battlefield. The board has agreed that at this point, we should have wait and watch the situation before becoming involved.

Volunteers are needed at the Manassas Battlefield on week-ends.

### Civil War Jeopardy Game

Scott Patchen suggested that we plan a Civil War jeopardy with other Round Tables. It is tentatively planned for Spring 1997.

### Membership

The Round Table has 90 members, including families; 13 are new members. As of April 1, 29 old members have not renewed. They will not receive the April's newsletter; they will receive a postcard encouraging them to rejoin.

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## Civil War MEDICAL DISPLAY ENCAMPMENT

**April 27 & 28**  
**10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

*The Ben Lomond Manor House in Manassas will be set up as a field hospital the last weekend of April. Check out the medical demonstrations and displays of medical equipment. Civil War specialist vendors will also have booths; the Bull Run Civil War Round Table will be represented.*

*Donation: \$2. Proceeds go to the restoration of the manor house.*

*Information: Parkline (703) 792-PARK ext. 280, or (703) 361-7126*

*Directions: From Rt. 66, take Rt. 235 south 1 mile. Turn left at the fourth light at Sudley Manor Drive. The manor house is on the left, 1/2 mile, across the street from the Community Center.*

**BEN LOMOND MANOR HOUSE**  
10311 Sudley Manor Drive, Manassas

# Official Report of the Tour JACKSON'S WINTER CAMPAIGN

## Members

I have the honor to forward the enclosed report relative to the activities of March 16, inst. A force of 17 stalwart soldiers rendezvoused at Dogan's Ridge and set off promptly at 8 a.m. The march toward Winchester was glorious: sunshine and ever-warming temperatures followed us through the town. By 9:15 a.m. we were at the campsite of the Stonewall Brigade, three miles north of Winchester on the old Martinsburg Pike. Dan Jenkins guided the force through Jackson's Bath-Romney campaign, setting the stage for the 1862 New Year's march. Following the route of Stonewall's army to Bath, we disembarked at the outskirts of Berkely Springs, and by our commander's specific orders, we pirouetted to Warm Spring Rige and dislodged the force stationed there. From there we advanced to Alpine Station, then it was forward to Hancock, where Jackson's surrender demands (sent by a blindfolded Turner Ashby) were politely refused by the clean, sanctified response of Gen. Lander, resulting in an afternoon-long cannonade. The time passing noon, our force broke for lunch at a bivouac across the street from Union headquarters. Rations were devoured and we set off for the afternoon portion of the campaign, shedding our overcoats to ease our march in the warm spring-like atmosphere. At this point the most perilous moment of the campaign occurred; one of our privates inexplicably rode to the front of our force to lead the caravan into uncharted territory, insisting that if his esteemed ancestor could do it, then he could also. Although I instantly checked this green soldier before he could inflict serious harm upon the force, our commander rode up and, taking great exception to this serious act of insubordination, immediately submitted his resignation. The general quickly rescinded his resignation when he was promised that the soldier would be court-martialed, and we resumed our march.



We followed the route of Jackson's Division to Unger's Crossroads, clearly noting the original roads that traversed our route the whole way. It was truly an inspiring tour route — an oft-mentioned, rarely visited location that has changed little since the 1860s. At the crossroads, Gen. Jenkins inspired the men with colorful descriptions of winter camp life there, as well as providing a thorough description and analysis of Stonewall Jackson's decisions and actions that led to his temporary resignation.

From Unger's Crossroads, we advanced several miles to Bloomery Furnace, where the actions of Feb. 14, called "Lander's Midnight Bloomery Dash," were detailed using an original map drawn by one of the soldiers who participated there. Once again, the original roads were pointed out and the general's headquarter's still stood prominently at the gap. We finished the tour at Jackson's headquarters in Winchester, where Gen. Jenkins detailed Stonewall's first and last council of war. The afternoon getting late, we returned to our original campgrounds at Manassas.

Sincere thanks go to Dan Jenkins for leading us through this tour. As advertised, the trip required much driving, little walking, and no large battles; but to a man, all who participated agreed that it was a memorable trip. Most of it was off the beaten path, and we visited many areas where original, Civil War era structures are still intact. It also taught us the difficulties that could befall upon a general and his division in a winter campaign. All of this done on a pleasant afternoon that fulfilled the BRCWRT motto — We're Cheap and We're Proud.

Most respectfully your obedient, humble servant,

Gary Ecelbarger, A.A.G.

P.S. Where were you?

## **TOUR GUIDES PREPARE Reconnaissance of the Wilderness & Spotsylvania Battlefields, April 27**

BY JOHN C. MCANAW

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table is a unique organization. I don't believe any other organization of Civil War buffs can match its tempo of operations.

Take field trips for example. One of these days you will meet yourself returning from a field trip as you head out on another battlefield trek. One characteristic that sets us apart is that we draw our tour guides from within the ranks of our round table. There is no better way to be well versed and articulate regarding a specific phase of a battle than to be put on the spot as a tour guide. Say for the combat in The Wilderness or in the vicinity of Spotsylvania Court House, the subject of our next tour, scheduled two Saturdays in May, the 11th and 18th.

A loose translation of our round table's motto from the Latin is "We are proud and we are cheap." A literal translation however is "We are proud that we are cheap." All tour guides are unpaid volunteers.

Details for the tour guide walk through for the BRCWRT-sponsored tour of The Wilderness and Spotsylvania battlefields are as follows:

Date: April 27

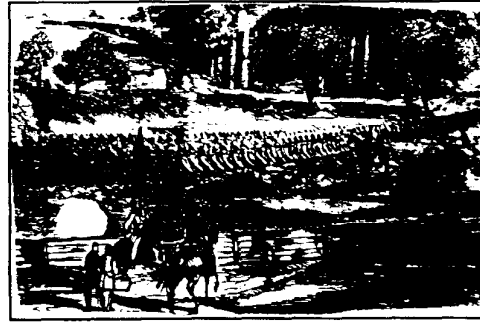
Time: 9:15 a.m.

Location: Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitors Center on Route 3, between Fredericksburg and Lake of the Woods

Duration: Approximately 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Equipment: Bring water and lunch. If available, bring essential references, maps and compass.

If you would like to share your expertise and become a tour guide of "The Cheap and the Proud" for the Wilderness and Spotsylvania tours, contact me at the April 11 meeting, or call me evenings, (703) 978-3371. One of the goals of the round table is to have a well-informed membership concerning events during our Civil War/War of Secession. So you are invited to participate.



## **Marching Orders THE WILDERNESS AND SPOTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE**

**May 11 and May 18**

Fresh from Gordon Rhea's review of the action in the Wilderness on May 5, 1864, the BRCWRT will take two Saturdays in May to consider the fighting in both of these battles.

Join members of the round table in a rewarding trip to Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

Further details on the tour will be provided in the May newsletter.

Sign up sheets will be at the April and May meetings. For information, call John McAnaw, (703) 978-3371 evenings, or see him at the meetings.

## CIVIL WAR COINS TO THE RESCUE

As of March 5, revenues from the Civil War Trust coin sales totaled approximately \$6 million. The Civil War Trust has received 312 applications to fund 45 projects. Total dollars requested is \$10.032 million. Final approval for the expenditure of Civil War Coin revenues rests with the Secretary of the Interior.

The following chart shows how \$2.637 million of the revenue has been obligated. Note the final column which shows that in nine out of 11 cases, the contributions secured the final acquisition of the property. This chart was excerpted and simplified from the one appearing in the Spring 1996 issue of **Battlefield Update**, published by the American Battlefield Protection Program.

The American Battlefield Protection Program's quarterly newsletter is available free. Call (202) 343-3449. Articles and news items for inclusion in the newsletter are accepted. Mail these to ABPP, P.O. Box 37127, Ste. 250, Washington D.C. 20013-7127.

BATTLEFIELD/STATE	APPLICANT	ACREAGE	AMOUNT COIN REVENUE	MONEY FROM OTHER SOURCES	PAID FOR?
Schoolhouse Ridge Harpers Ferry, W.Va.	CWT	56	483,172	0	Yes
Grove Farm Sharpsburg, Md.	CWT	40	50,000	N.A.	Yes
Third Winchester Winchester, Va.	APCWS	222	500,000	20,000	No
Malvern Hill, Va.	APCWS	519	419,000	1,137,460	Yes
Cedar Creek, Va.	Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation	158	72,993	377,007	Yes
Rich Mountain, W. Va.	Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation	71	11,100	311,000	Yes
Prairie Grove, Ark.	Ark. Dept. of Parks & Tourism	95	126,400	108,600	Yes
Spring Hill, Tenn.	APCWS	110	200,000	150,000	No *
Corinth, Miss.	Friends of the Siege & Battle of Corinth	160	119,500	380,000	Yes
Mill Springs, Ky.	Mill Springs Battlefield Association	160	155,000	310,000	Yes
Resaca, Ga.	Georgia Civil War	1,200	500,000	1,700,000	Yes
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,791</b>	<b>2,637,165</b>	<b>4,494,067</b>	

### NOTES:

\* As of March 5, \$50,000 was approved for the down payment and \$150,000 approved for the last payment.

All sites with the exception of Resaca, Ga., are Priority One Battlefields

CWT: Civil War Trust

APCWS: Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites

## Civil War Groups in the Northern Shenandoah Valley

BY ARMANDO MANCINI

Many of us share an interest in the Civil War battlefields of the Shenandoah Valley campaigns. So you may find this list of organizations helpful. It was printed recently in the *Northern Virginia Daily* as part of a series of articles on the battles and engagements in the Valley throughout the war. This series was authored by numerous individuals and done exceptionally well.

### GENERAL INTEREST

**Civil War Institute.** Brandon Beck, Director, 665-4500. Shenandoah University, Winchester 22601, teaches courses for credit.

**The Civil War Society and Civil War Magazine.** Outlook Inc., P.O. Box 770, Berryville 22611, was established to help preserve the memory and further the understanding of the Civil War.

**The Civil War Education Association.** 21 N. Loudoun St., Winchester 22601, 678-8598, is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to present Civil War history to the widest possible audience.

**The American Blue and Gray Association.** 21 N. Loudoun St., Winchester 22601, 667-1862, fosters education on the Civil War.

**Lower Shenandoah Valley Civil War Round Table.** Front Royal, Ann Arena, 635-8610, or Betty Dameron, 636-4738, meets once a month.

### BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

**Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation Inc.,** P.O. Box 229, Middletown 22645, 869-2064, was established for the preservation of the Cedar Creek Battlefield.

**Cedar Creek Mounted Guard,** Headquarters, 1876 Cedar Grove Road, Winchester, 22603, N.I. Newman, 869-4621, is a non-profit organization for the preservation of Cedar Creek Battlefield.

**Stonewall Brigade Foundation,** Headquarters, 338 Walnut St., Woodstock 22664, 459-4664, works for the preservation of Civil War battlefields.

## One More Time EXCELLENT FREEBIES

The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) is offering at no cost three excellent publications.

**Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefield.** Report, 1993.

Kennedy, H. and Porter, Douglas R.. **The Economic Benefits of Protectin Civil War Battlefields.** Book, The Conservation Fund, 1994.

**Civil War Sites in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.** Report, National Park Service, 1995. This excellent report, prepared for insertion in a three-ring binder, should be obtained by anyone interested in the Civil War battlefields in the Valley, and the current situation relevant to their preservation. Forty-one maps accompany the text. Note the postage to send this report to residents of Northern Virginia is \$2.74!

I strongly recommend that every round table member order these publications. They're free!

Call: (202) 343-4259

Write: The American Battlefield Protection Program, Publications, P.O. Box 37127, Ste. 250, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.

Act quickly before the stocks of these informative freebies are depleted.

*Coming up*

Ed Bearss

HOOD INVADES  
TENNESSEE

May 9



## From the Ranks

# LUCKLESS ON THE 5TH

*Charles Mattocks wrote the following journal entry illustrating the action seen by the 17th Maine on May 5, 1864. It is excerpted from **Unspoiled Heart**, edited by Philip N. Racine, The University of Tennessee Press, 1994. For ease of reading in newsletter format, paragraph spacing has been inserted.*

We started once more this morning, and of course the Sharp Shooters were detailed as flankers. We marched until about 12 o'clock when, hearing firing in the direction of [Maj. Gen. Gouverneur K.] Warren's column (on our right) we immediately marched back, left in front, our Brigade now leading the Division. We had not far to march, but at 2 or 3 o'clock joined the line of battle, being on the left of the left of the 2d Corps.

My Sharp Shooters were now double-quickened to the front and ordered to deploy as skirmishers to cover the Brigade. General Hays rode up to me and gave me the choice of a support. I chose the 3d or 5th Michigan. Col. [Byron R.] Pierce soon came up with the 3d, at which I was much pleased. I had already deployed Companies F, H, I, G, K, and B, holding the other three in reserve. This line exactly covered the Brigade. I connected with [Brig. Gen. Gershom] Mott's skirmishers on the right and Ward's (2d U.S.S.S.) on the left. We were in a very good growth of wood, but were soon ordered to march in retreat and then by the flank, so as to close up Mott's interval, who had gone

on a reconaissance to the right and front.

After making the connection in the right we were ordered to advance once more. This last movement brought us across a brook which ought to have been kept between us and the enemy. The covering for the men was not so good here. Presently the firing commenced, and instead of the (our) line of battle following up our advance, the 3d Mich, our support, was suddenly withdrawn, without any notice to me.

We were hotly engaged. I then, upon my own responsibility, and according to a general instruction to conform to the movement of the line on my right, moved in retreat firing. We found the (our) line of battle behind a nice breastwork alongside the road. We had had a very sharp skirmish and had fairly held a line of battle with our skirmish line of Sharp's Rifles.

The moment the skirmishers had formed with the other troops, our line of battle began to blaze away, as is usual with many, although they could not see a single "Reb." Yet the fact of hearing a ball whistle overhead is often a sufficient incentive for some of our Infantry Regiments to commence firing.

Hearing occasionally the peculiar report of a Sharp's rifle in the woods in front I concluded that some of my Sharp

Shooters had become a little too much interested in their sport, and might remain long enough to get between two fires, and thus be sacrificed.

Accordingly I succeeded in quieting the fire of our line by telling them that the skirmishers had not all been withdrawn. I then jumped my horse over the breastwork and "went in" in search of my "green breeches." I found here and there one who was amusing himself behind a tree with a pop at the enemy, who by the way were pouring in a heavy but wild and ill directed fire. What few Sharp Shooters I found I sent back in double quick. I yet heard the occasional crack of a Sharp's rifle across the brook. So across I rushed my horse and just as I emerged from the low bushes growing around the stream, the firing in front of me ceased, and where the air was almost thick with balls, there was now "nary a whistle," but instead, directly in front of me about 40 or 50 yards, was a Regiment of "Johnies" yelling "Come in, come in," and at the same time levelling their muskets at me to convince me that it was of no avail to "skedaddle" then.

I hesitated a moment, and was upon the point of turning my horse and trying a run for life. But then there was the fact that the thick bushes and the brook would impede my course more than two or three hundred bullets. It was simply death or capture, and I very ungallantly chose the latter.

I raised my hat and started toward them. They at once flocked around me, and of course claimed my pistols and

sword, which I gave them as a sort of "Hobson's choice." I was at once conducted to Capt. Brown, Asst. Inspector General on Brig. Gen. [Henry H.] Walker's Staff, who exchanged horses with me, as he has a special fancy for mine with her sleek sides and nice trappings. I was then sent to the rear and delivered to the Provost Guard. I had been here but a moment before Capt. [Simon] Brennan of the 3d Mich. came in. Capt. B. had supported the Sharp Shooters and was captured while hunting up stragglers, just as I was. Presently Capt. Nash and Lieut. Lee [T. J. Leigh] of Gen. Ward's Staff came in. So Birney's Division is very well represented.

The fight is still raging quite furiously, and a charge by our Brigade (as we have since learned) has just caused not a little commotion among the "Johnnies." As yet here has been but very little artillery used on either side, owing to the nature of the field, which is nothing more nor less than one waste of woodland fitly called "The Wilderness."

At night we were moved about a mile and a half to Parker's Store, where there has been something of a cavalry skirmish. We now number about 10 officers and 150 men. But they say that a large squad of prisoners have already been sent to Orange Court House, 20 miles away. I suppose we shall soon follow in their illustrious footsteps. However, we now make up our beds

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and lie down to think of the varying fortunes of a soldier. We hear that Gen. Hays, our Brigade Commander, is killed. Lt. Kinsman, of the Sharp Shooters, is reported killed.