

REMINISCENCES OF THE WAR.

As Recorded Day by Day in the Diary of Dr. James Bonliware--Continued.

Something of the most interesting bits of history are found in the private diaries of old soldiers, who dotted down at odd moments the happenings of the day. The facts contained in them are reliable because they are recorded when they are fresh in the mind. We publish below some extracts from the diary of Dr. James Bonliware:

April 17th and 18th, 1862. Thursday we left our camp three miles from Richmond and had a warm, dusty road to the city. We marched through the city direct to Rocketts Landing and embarked for the Peninsula on board the Steamer "Curtis Peck" at half-past 11 o'clock a. m. and landed at King's Landing at 6 p. m., having travelled about eighty miles--had quite a smooth ride, though much crowded. Nothing of interest was observed except some fine looking residences, &c. We marched six miles that night and when the brigade stopped (about 1 o'clock) more than half of the boys had dropped out by the way and taken up quarters for the night. I kept up with the command, and Butler Alston and I had just laid down when a night attack took place. It sounded terrible to us (not being accustomed to such sound). We were called to our arms, but were permitted to lie down again. We slept with precautions all on, yet I slept soundly.

Friday, 18th, we were marched to a ford, got requisite number of cartridges, 40 rounds, cleaned our guns and rested for the evening.

19th. The men who had not been called to our arms, but were permitted to lie down again, were marched to a ford, got requisite number of cartridges, 40 rounds, cleaned our guns and rested for the evening.

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Mr. Ellison started home this evening. We have just received the mail after being without for several weeks, and I am said to find no letter for me.

19th. Slept well last night and began the duties of the day, but it soon began to rain. I dislike rainy weather for we have no tents, and while marching and carrying wet blankets we slip back almost as far as we advance.

May 21st. Have just returned from Richmond where I went to find my negro boy whom I sent from Yorktown side. Got no tidings of him. Found everything very high. Ran the blockade. Paid 75 cents for 1 lb. coffee, 37 cts. for sugar, 75 cts. for molasses, 50 cts. for thin cotton socks, \$1.50 for a trilling shirt, \$1.00 for a cotton handkerchief, and \$2.50 for my dinner.

May 24th. We commenced a hospital in the regiment; John Feaster and Peter Brown detailed as cooks; Pierson, C. K., as nurse. Dr. Nye came to camp and reported for duty. Raining hard at this time. Have just got hospital affairs working smoothly and hear we are ordered to move tomorrow.

Sunday 25th. Camp near Drury's Bluff. Moved today about two miles, fixed the hospital tents and heard a good sermon from Billy Boggs. He draws vast crowds to hear him and is worthy of such a crowd. He will certainly do much good, for all seem anxious to hear him. We have a choir and have fine singing.

26th. Fixed up to visit Drury's Bluff, but a soldier can count on nothing. The rumor is we are again to move, probably around Richmond.

27th. Moved camp again this morning to right of city on 9-mile road. Day very warm. Several soldiers gave out but came up next day. Our route led by a cemetery--Oak Grove--where mostly South Carolinians and Georgians are buried. The situation is well chosen and beautifully laid out and planted with trees of various kind. It covers ten or twelve acres. Most of the graves seem fresh. Very few have marble headstones, yet all have boards with name, company, regiment and State. So by referring to the keeper's book any one may find the grave of a relative or friend. I could not but think as I passed, "Here lies buried the hopes of many a dear friend."

29th. Went to Richmond today looking for Brother Frank's boy whom we sent off sick from Yorktown a month ago. Found him in the African hospital in an unfrequented part of the city. He was recovering from an attack of typhoid fever and was rejoiced to see me.

30th. Sent the boy home today by Cassidy who had been discharged on account of weak eyes.

31st. Last night we had as hard a rain as I ever heard fall. The water flooded nearly every bed in camp. Aroused early this morning and ordered to pack up for a march, leaving most of the baggage behind. We had no idea where we were going, but after travelling a mile or two we guessed our destination. We entered the battle about 2 o'clock. Our boys soon began to fall and were brought to the rear. Those who were able came themselves. 'Twas a sad sight for so many of our "bosom friends" were brought horribly mutilated.

5 o'clock p. m. Our brigade has gone more than a mile driving the enemy before them. Night came and with it came silence, except groans of the wounded and cries for help. The wounded were not all brought in until late at night. I closed my eyes for only one hour that night.

June 1st, Sunday. When the sun arose we had begun our work of getting off the wounded to York River Railroad. In two hours this work was done and we took ourselves to the battle ground where occasional firing was going on. Soon all was quiet and remained so all day. The day was quite warm. I lost a great many of my friends in the engagement. Poor Jimmy Weir; I was sorry to lose him. In J. M. Phinney our regiment lost one of its best captains and the company lost its all.

List of casualties 6th Regiment, S. C. V., May 31st, 1862:

Killed, Sergt W E Lewis, Privates B L Baxtrun, Wm Moore, Saml Miller, W L McFadden, T L Reid, J M Fry, W S McFadden, Capt J W Walker, Private W D Maze, Corp Kilgore, Private Dinkins, R Dixon, T Hudson, Kilgore, McLindon, Tynear, Capt Lucky, Capt J L Gaston, Private Fred Babcock, W N Gaston, Wm Crawford, Capt J M Phinney, Sergt J W Sloan, Corp T G Canak, Private J J Weir, W A Ellison, P W Powell, Capt W B Lyles, Private S Stevenson, J B Warfield, W H Hunt, W P Gray. Wounded--Col John Bratton, Capt Love, Sergt Maj B W Means, mortally; Lieut J W McFadden, Sergt J N Whitesides, Sergt J C Ferguson, Privates J N Gaston, J P Nail, Thos Peden, A Hicklin, Wm Hughes, D J Wylie, Jas McGarity, L J McGarity, R L Blanks, Frank Bigham, G A Brown, L H Dye, Jno Dunlap, W N Elder, J P Gaston, Wm Ketchin, B J Massey, D L Dickey, A P W Xelly, J J Nichols, J D Williamson, W C Reid, J L Thomas, Perry Ferguson, John McGarity. Missing--Sergt J P Miller, Privates J M Caskie, W O Glover, Henry Johnston, B Merritt, Capt J M White, Lt T M Wylie, Privates B F Baker, James Epps, W P Haight, Henry Merritt, J C Perry, J L Nivens, M Baum, J Motley, J Badon, J J Jackson, J Cotton, B Hough, J J Jackson, Sergt J A McLeod, Corp J B Arrants, Privates W Marthus, T Shiver, C C Stucky, John May, mortally, T Powell, A P Cox, Corp Lucky, mortally, Sergt Fountain, Corp Durant, Corp Kelly, Privates Bateman, Gottons, Bradley, E Byrd, Clements, W Gainer, J King, G McCutcheon, J M Polsen, A L Shaw, Privates F Barber, W N Brawley, J L Caldwell, W J Cornwell, D E Dunlap, T E Vanfelt, J C Walker, C S Wilson, W L McDaniel, mortally, Robt Hemphill, mortally, S H McWalter, mortally, Howard Morse, J A Rader, W S Turner, Lt J M Moore, Sergt J J Stringfellow, E M Shannon, J G Beain, Privates J D Boyd, Henry Duffie, R S Lindsey, W H McConnell, E J McDaniel, J H McDaniel, H McElduff, Joe Peden, J R Peay, W F Smith, W T Fraser, W A Milling, A W Ladd, Robt Bankhead, George Boggs, T T Williamson, J A Lewis, W M Milton, J D Gaillard, Lt J M Brice, Sergt J M Rabb, Corp W S

McKinstry, Privates R L Aiken, Peter Birn, B F Bonliware, J E Bonliware, A Borer, A C Fraser, W H Jamison, W T Howell, J T Lemon, J S McCright, J W McCright, W M Nelson, J C Raines, J A Woodin, R W Brice, W R Counts, G P Allen, J H Glenn, A T Holey, mortally, W H Kerr, J T Bynum, W Royce Simonton, J A Brice, T S Brice R M Cook, J H Ansley, J L Dye, J Garrick, J D Grissom, A Grubbs, H B McCormick, J F Jones, W B Norris, T R Sterling, Wm Young, J B Blackledge, Lt W McAlly, Sergt R L Hadden, Corp W McCorkle, Privates J W Brooks, R W Duffie, R D Duffie, W R Kennedy, J Leopold, S J McNeich, Jas Walker, Andrew Wages, G W Wilson, Sergt B M Neely, Corp H J Davis, Privates J H Jagers, T A Lipsey, J A Lipsey, W H Ross, S J McCullough, R M Footman, H C Floyd, Corp J H Fulmore, Privates W S Allen, R W Barrow, D Keels, J A McLaue, J T Elwood. Missing--2. Total killed, wounded and missing in Regiment--225.

June 3rd. Returned to camp well worn out and having little to eat. I wrote five letters today, of course short, as I wished to give my correspondents a sketch of what had been done in the fight.

3rd. Again ordered to march with two days rations, and thought we were in for another battle, but halted on Charles City road and lay all night in a drenching rain. I had the good fortune to occupy a place in an ambulance and kept dry. Next day was cloudy and we remained in the same position.

6th. Still in same place. Occasionally heard firing along the line of pickets, but it amounted to nothing.

8th. Tents brought, ordered to pitch in a fine field of clover. Our horses fare well.

10th. Dr. Jordan sent to take charge of regimental hospital and Dr. Nye came to regiment.

26th. Everything has been quiet for weeks or so, but now we are marching with three days rations. Passed Oak Grove Cemetery and took down the Mechanicsville road. Lay all day long where we can hear the battle going on across the Chickahominy. After dark we moved down and crossed the river--no sleep at all that night.

27th. Early this morning the fight began, but was soon hushed. We then marched on for several miles following by the enemy closely until noon, when we halted, and in a few hours the fight began in earnest. I was in the rear at the brigade hospital. Back went the enemy and back came to us our wounded men. The battle was dreadful, but not more so than the battle of Seven Pines. The enemy were driven back along the whole line with but little cessation until night put a stop to all firing. Now came the busiest times for the surgeons. Ambulance after ambulance came up with its load until a two acre lot was filled completely. We had few men killed or wounded in the 6th, but the rest of the brigade suffered very much. In the loss of Capt. Moore that company (F) has suffered greatly. I was up all night, as was Dr. Gaston, dressing wounds of men from South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas.

28th. By sunrise Dr. Gaston was called up and we found that there were quite a number of wounded from other brigades who had received no attention as yet. I worked for hours upon them and afterwards assisted Dr. Gaston in seven operations. During the previous night I had cut out two grapeshot ones and a half inch diameter. We made coffee (Yankee) and gave our wounded all some and others also. The fields were rich in coffee, sugar, rice, crackers (superior), medicines, blankets, oil cloths, caustics, clothes and in fact everything necessary for comfort. It would be a treat for any one to revisit the place where the last battle was fought. The first abatis from which the enemy were driven seemed very strong, yet our men soon drove them from it. They fell back upon another and another abatis, but still our boys pushed on, not giving them time to make a stand, which they seemed not too anxious to do. An incident took place near there that dark worth mentioning. It seems the enemy had a strong battery, consisting of thirteen pieces of artillery planted to defend those breastworks. This battery was captured by our forces (a Virginia brigade). Gen. McCull and staff came galloping up in the twilight, thinking they were among their own troops, and complimented them highly for their gallantry in holding their position and saving the guns, etc. He was politely informed of his mistake and that he was a prisoner. Several of his staff escaped, but he made the trip to Richmond where he had been aiming to go for several months.

This fight did the enemy more harm than any that had been fought heretofore. A great amount of commissary, hospital and quarter-master stores were taken in this expedition. Our boys who got through safe loaded themselves with everything they needed.

Monday 30th, 1862. On arriving at camp last night I found all quiet. The regiment had only stopped for a short time allowing the boys, tired as they were, time to cook dinner, and were marched down the Darbytown road six miles. After getting some sleep at camp I set out early to find the brigade. I had scarcely caught up when we received orders for a march farther down the road. Dr. Owens, who had charge of ambulance train, being absent, I was put in charge and conducted the train for miles down the road until we caught up with the retreating Yankees. Our brigade was in advance. We halted and the 6th regiment was displayed as skirmishes, or artillery opening the ball as usual. We soon found that we were fighting the same division that we drove from their fortifications a few days before on the other side of the Chickahominy, viz., Porter's Division. The enemy had 21 pieces of artillery posted on a rising ground in front of us, and all seemed to be let loose upon us at once, for it was far more dreadful than any of the preceding fights. In the course of half an hour our brave boys had pressed on and taken the batteries--every one--but in a few minutes they were overpowered by the enemy and re-enforcements failing to come up in time they were forced to give back, the enemy taking possession of the ground and recovering the artillery. Our forces meeting re-enforcements 150 yards back, turned again upon the enemy, drove them back in confusion, retaking everything again and driving the enemy before them for two miles. Night soon came and closed all noises except that of getting off the wounded

which work took us until midnight. Tommy Boggs fell dead close to the cannon he had just assisted in taking from the enemy; color bearer J. W. Rabb fell dead just before him along with a host of other noble boys. It was my business to conduct the train of ambulances to and from the field of battle, which kept us busy until late at night. Among the number I came across my intimate friend Jimmy Matthews. Poor fellow, I watched over him that night as much as my business would allow me. Next day I saw him die and for the first time in the war I shed tears of sorrow. Tommy Boggs was brought back by his brother a corpse. I also carefully watched John Stevenson and saw him die, shot like Jimmy through the abdomen. Late in the afternoon of July 1st the battle began on Malvern Hill. I was assisting Dr. Gaston to amputate a leg when the shells began to fall very near. My mind was occupied and I scarcely knew any shell had fallen until I was shown them afterwards. Dr. Gaston made six amputations that day. Generally the stragglers congregated about the different hospitals, but when the shelling began they put out in every direction, so we were not pestered by them any more that day or the next. Our brigade was held in reserve that day and did not participate in the fight, but were directly under the fire. The fight at this place (Malvern Hill) is said to have been more destructive to our men than most of the other fights. I will relate an incident: While the heaviest fighting was going on, one of our former congressmen was lying sound asleep on the table, or rather the scaffold, we had been amputating on, drunk.

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