

AFTER SWINDLERS.

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BATTLE OF BALANTANG.

Conspicuous Gallantry of Volunteers on the Firing Line.

By LIEUT. G. D. RICE.

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"IN THE FIRING LINE."

out of the hospital, members of the band, company cooks and others who seldom take part in a parade or drill shouldered rifles and joined the ranks.

It was a quiet march from Holo to Balintang. The path was exceedingly rough and the march was trying for the volunteers, some of whom had never been in a like experience before.

Two rivers had to be forded, for the bridge was broken and the water was so high that it was necessary to wade.

When a party of men got to firing upon a well-aimed shot, the attention appeared to be riveted upon the enemy and all else was blank.

In the party in charge of the writer, and it was noticeable in other places, some of the men were unable to cease firing. They would load and fire, taking deliberate aim each time, doing their duty well, but apparently deaf to the commands to cease firing unless touched on the shoulder.

After the battle one of the Regulars told me that he was in a platoon of Regulars when the first line of trenches without being seen. Then a single shot was fired, followed by several more.

These first few shots seemed to cause more anxiety among the soldiers than any similar number of volleys fired during the hard battle, which, when it once began, lasted nearly two hours, during which time the bullets were constantly flying about as fast as the wind.

The companies had taken the position lying down and kneeling just previous to the first shot from the enemy's sentry, and it was desired to creep up as close as possible to the works.

When the next three or four shots were fired the soldiers ducked, and then the men began to rise, being curious to know what was going on. Then we heard a volley, and they brought most of the men to their feet.

There was no necessity for silence now, as the enemy knew we were coming, so the officers' commands began to ring out, and it was desired to creep up as close as possible to the works.

From this point on the firing was continuous, broken only by the crashes of volley firing by company or platoon, and by the heavy pieces in possession of both sides. It was a fierce battle, and probably one of the most important that a volunteer regiment was ever engaged in for the first time.

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AN EASTERN ARMY MAN WRITES.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I think I shall let you know that here is another comrade who belonged to the 1st of the Potomac, Shields's Division, and was in several battles which I will remember, such as Bull Run, Winchester, Antietam, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg.

A force under Gen. Shields left Winchester in pursuit of the enemy, who retired toward Strasburg. This rear-guard was overtaken near Middletown, and after four days it disputed the ground foot by foot. The main force of Jackson was at Mount Jackson. Later Shields's reconnoitering force returned to Winchester.

The division of Gen. Williams, forming one-half of Banks's command, at the same time moved off toward Battletown, through which good tramping runs from Winchester to Centerville.

This movement led Jackson to suppose that nearly the whole army of Banks was about to reinforce McClellan. To prevent this he began to retreat to Richmond.

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HEROIC VOLUNTEERS.

Having been connected with the militia for many years, I had always wondered how a volunteer regiment would act in its first campaign.

The writer was in a platoon which had position near the left of the advancing line, and the ground was level for a distance it was possible to watch the advance of the long skirmish line, which extended over about two miles.

It requires about an hour to weaken the enemy, and then to begin to retreat, and think of retreat. In the meantime a great many of the rebels had been seen to fall, while on our side one officer and several men were lying on the ground.

Before the battle, and, in fact, during the formation of the regiment in the United States, and while on the transport, I had heard the men say that certain of our squad who would run in battle. Strange to say, some of these fellows who

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