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Dear Gazette—You will be somewhat surprised at receiving from me a communication dated at this place; but the fact of the matter is that on the 28th of last month we started in three columns for the scattered forces of Secession—Hooker and Thomas after Bragg, Sherman and Granger after Longstreet, and Burnside and Foster after Jones. What the other forces did I don't know, but Sherman and Granger, "We, Us & Co.," caught nobody, and we are now here, living on fresh pork, mutton, beef, cornmeal, potatoes, etc., "the exigencies of the public service" requiring us, in the absence of salt meat and hard tack, to appropriate all digestible articles to our own use. To be sure some people don't like it, but others do. As a somewhat better account of the Missionary Ridge affair than I could possibly give you is contained in Major John A. Stafford's Report of the part taken by our Regiment in the fight, I shall here append it, promising that it was found at Brigade Headquarters and copied from the official documents there on file and soon to be transmitted to the War Department.

Capt. Crowell, A. A. G. and Chief of Staff, Hazen's Brigade.

I have the honor to report the part taken by the 1st Ohio Regiment in the engagements of the 23d, 24th and 25th ult., near Chattanooga. On the afternoon of the 23d the regiment was consolidated with the 23d Kentucky, under the command of Lieut. Col. Langdon of the 1st Ohio, and took its position, forming double column closed in mass on the right and in rear of the front line. In this manner the regiment advanced until the line in front became hotly engaged with the enemy. At this moment I was ordered by Colonel Langdon to take two companies from the battalion and move to the right oblique for the purpose of protecting the flank. I did so, taking Co. B 1st Ohio and one company from the 23d Ky., and pressed forward, taking possession of the enemy's line of breastworks on the right, being opposed only by a slim line of skirmishers. A few moments after we had occupied the enemy's works, they appeared upon our extreme right, for the purpose no doubt of turning our flank. I deployed a line of skirmishers to cover the flank. At this moment Col. Langdon came up with the balance of his command, drove the enemy back and held the position. In this skirmish the regiment behaved nobly, losing one man killed and three wounded.

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About 8 o'clock on the morning of the 25th, two companies of the 1st being out on the skirmish line were ordered to advance along with the balance of the skirmishers of the Brigade. They advanced to within about 300 yards of the enemy's entrenchments, under a sharp fire from their infantry and artillery. Soon after the two companies from the 1st were relieved and rejoined their regiment. Lines were then formed preparatory to an advance upon the enemy's works.—The 1st Ohio took position on the right in the front line, deployed—the first line being under command of Col. Langdon. About 2 o'clock the line advanced under a heavy fire from the enemy's infantry and artillery. Their first line of works were carried by storm and after a few minutes rest the men pressed steadily forward up Missionary Ridge. About two-thirds the way up, Col. Langdon fell, severely wounded while bravely leading his men forward. The brave Capt. Trapp fell about the same time, badly wounded. Still the men moved steadily on under terrible fire to the crest of the hill, driving the enemy out of his fortifications, taking a great many prisoners and two pieces of artillery. The crest of the hill being gained our position became very critical, our Brigade at that time being the only one on the Ridge—the enemy sweeping the Ridge at every fire from his cannon on the

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A short story, and a simple one, but the man and the mother were portrayed better than pages of fine writing could have done it.

A SOLDIER'S PRIDE. "Do you ever regret that you came when you lie here suffering so much?"

"Never ma'am. I haven't helped a great deal, but I've shown I was willing to give my life, and perhaps I've got to; but I don't blame anybody, and if it was to do over again, I'd do it. I'm a little sorry I wasn't wounded in front. It looks cowardly to be hit in the back, but I obeyed orders, and it don't matter much in the end, I know."

Poor John! it did not matter now, except that a shot in front might have spared the long agony in store for him. He seemed to read the thought that troubled me, as he spoke so hopefully when there was no hope, for he suddenly added:

"This is my first battle—do they think it's going to be my last?"

"I'm afraid they do, John."

It was the hardest question I had ever been called upon to answer doubly hard with those clear eyes fixed upon mine, forcing a truthful answer by their own truth. He seemed a little startled at first, pondered over the fatal fact a moment, then shook his head with a glance at the broad

The regiment behaved most nobly, both officers and men. They all took example from our brave and gallant Col. who fell before the action was over. They died with each other in deeds