

five o'clock the next morning, when we took a couple of hours rest, marching again at eight o'clock for Brandy Station, where we bivouacked for the night. On the 4th, we moved across the Rappahannock, and arrived at Bristoe Station on the 5th. During this movement, the army suffered much from cold, many times being in positions that forebade the building of fires. Yet they stood the fatigues and hardships with great fortitude, and were as rugged and hearty as ever. Our encampment laid on the south side of Broad run, See Appendix A.

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FLAG PRESENTATION. 30 on a hill overlooking the surrounding country. We had the good fortune to occupy the log cabins built by the One-hundred-and-forty-ninth regiment Pennsylvania volunteers, which we found quite comfortable, and regularly laid out in company streets. Surrounding all was a rifle-pit. About two miles to the southeast laid the almost deserted village of Brentsville, the county town of Prince William. This village, like most others in Virginia, being deprived of all the active portion of its population and trade, was soon deserted by those that remained, who had no other alternative but starvation. Daily the soldiers entered the deserted village and carried off doors, windows, weather-boards, bricks, etc., to their camps, and soon but little was left of the village, except a few occupied houses, the chimneys and innumerable cats and dogs. Many of the latter were brought to camp, each mess having its pet, which, though very agreeable companions by day, sometimes made night hideous with their noise. During the winter, the guerrillas became exceedingly bold and annoying, sometimes approaching quite near our picket lines, and several skirmishes took place with them. On the 28th of January, 1864, John Hoover, Company F, was ambuscaded by them, and wounded in the arm, which it was necessary to amputate. About this time Lieutenant James C. Manton, of Company B, while being conveyed home, died at Alexandria. He was a brave young officer of much promise, and had been in command of his company for a long while. He was buried in Philadelphia. On the 17th of February, First Lieutenant Robert R. Smith, Company D, joined us, he having recovered from his wound received at Antietam. Nothing of interest occurred until the 14th of March, when a Committee of the Cooper Shop Volunteer Refreshment Saloon, consisting of Messrs. Joseph Megary, Philip Fitzpatrick, E. S. Cooper, William Cooper, Jr,

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804 OUR CAMPAIGNS. Samuel W. Nichols, Charles McDonough, William Dougherty and Joseph T. Packer, visited camp, charged with the presentation of a beautiful silk flag and markers to the regiment. The day was a beautiful one, and the presentation ceremony took place in the presence of the brigade, which was formed on three sides of a square, with the Second as the base. About two o'clock, the Committee, accompanied by Colonel McCandless, commanding the division, and Colonel Talley, commanding the brigade, their respective staffs, and a number of ladies; rode to the centre of the square and dismounted, when Mr. Megary stepped to the front with the flag, which he presented in a neat and patriotic speech, which was responded to on behalf of the regiment by Colonel McCandless. The color-guard then advanced, and the Color-sergeant, Joseph F. Sweeton, received it, amid the loud cheers of the boys and patriotic strains of the band. The