Head Quarters 5th Battery Maine Vol.  
August 2nd, 1863

General,

I have the honor to submit the following report of the part taken by the Battery in the battle of Gettysburg, July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1863: the expenditure of ammunition; the loss in killed, wounded, disabled and prisoners.

At a few minutes past two P.M., July 1st, orders were received by Captain Stowe, to change position from the left to the right of the Seminary building, and relieve Capt. Stewart's Battery, Bts. 4th. 4th. 11th. Artillery. The ground occupied was on the left of the High Town Turnpike; the pieces were aligned with the left, Avenue in front of the Seminary, and opened fire with spherical case shell at 300 yds. on the Enemy advancing on the direct front.

After they were repulsed when within cannon range, by the use of double charge, the guns were turned to the right on the columns advancing across the turnpike, and marching to our left. In the face of the most deadly enfilading fire that could be poured from the three batteries, in addition the enemy succeeded in dislodging the infantry posted in the grove concealing our left flank. Driving in the Cavalry, completely enveloping our line, then by order of Gen. Hardesty, Commanding 1st Div. 11th. Corps, the battery was employed as a flank guard through the town occupied the knoll to the right front of Cemetery Hill, thus holding "one of the most important if not the most important positions on the whole line."
A regular fire was kept up maintained until dark to prevent the Enemy occupying the ground in front.

During the night temporary earth works by the direction of Capt. Stevens were constructed, which proved on the 3rd day following, of the greatest service in covering & protecting men and pieces.

Early on the morning of July 3rd, the Newshoeter posted in the house above, on the Heights of the town, and in the corner of the分析 began to be very annoying, were only partially subdued by heavy skirmishers sent over opposite them; while observing movements of the Enemy towards our right, Capt. Stevens rescued his Men, the Command of the battery devolved upon me.

In the afternoon a battery of 20, Pdr. Parrots, 14 Pdr. to the right opened an enfilading fire on Cemetery Hill, both Army and Battery remaining in concert with it, and by this means we commanded the field. Five hundred to 500 minutes had the satisfaction of exploding six (6) of their limbers & forcing them to withdraw the battery.

For our successful participation in this engagement we received the congratulations of Brig. Gen. John Kean, Div. with large cheers at right. They again attempted to maintain a battery in the same position but were again driven off.

My attention was called soon after eleven to considerable activity on the part of the Enemy near the edge of the town. Early next week, I made out their line of battle, forming
At a distance of 1500 Yds and immediately opened with the whole battery with Analytical Case. Before the movement was discovered from Cemetery Hill. The projectiles exploded with perfect accuracy & with visible effect temporarily checking them.

At first their line was formed directly in our front, (the battery being to the rear right of Cemetery Hill nearly 500 Yds.) As they advanced the line wheeled to the right & became exposed to the enfilading fire from our position, and the more direct as they advanced. When within 600 Yds opened with Canister.

Fired before they were repulsed upwards of 45, rounds. The connection with the batteries on the Hill, operating on the enemy's front, soon had the satisfaction of seeing the line of their fire begin to fade. Finally ceased to be effective.

This attack, led by a S. Brigade was repulsed entirely by Artillery, the infantry supports belonging to the 11th Corps affording but little assistance.

In withdrawing my left place, the ammunition being exhausted, some of the big horses were killed immediately on coming out of cover. Of the two remaining, one died in harness 20 minutes after.

I mention this to give you some idea of the nature of the fire to which we were exposed under which the places were silenced rapidly & accurately as the ground testified the next morning. 19. Dead Rebels belonging to the S. Brigade were found on the Brigade place.
It was after the enemy had retired that,
the ammunition being exhausted I withdrew
the battery to the road westward of Cal.
Mainwright, Chief of Artillery 1st corps. By
his direction, repelled the chest, and as
9:30 P.M. D.N. occupied the position advanced
the right there.

Early the next morning engaged the enemy;
shalley again pressed 1400 Yds. on our right
for an hour & a half responded rapidly
without any loss on our part. The earth-
works protecting the men from several of
the enemy's projectiles, which lodged there,
the fire ceased firing with the capture
of Changing front several times during the
heaviest firing. While enemy attempted to
break through our right held by the 12th
corp. & the 21st corps. Changing front to the
left in the afternoon during the enemy's attack
on our center, the battery remained inactive
this suffering quite severely in the heavy
canonade by which the battery was unfolded
from the nature of the ground necessary.

I deeply regret General, that I
dare to include in the list of wounded-
captain J. J. Stevens shot through both legs by a
sharp-shotes in the form on the afternoon of the 2nd
+ St. that, I know that in the thigh on the 1st near
the enemy, both mortars in the active
discharge of their duties.

They took allowed, to assume your General,
that the battery, by his 15 & 22nd day, engaged
the battle at Huntsville, had been deprived
of the services of four experienced field-artillery
officers, it in service furnish the reputation,
It has been on several well-fought fields
1st Sergt. Louis E. Brady as Chief of Right-half Battery. Sergt. J. H. White as Chief of Left-half Battery in the 2nd July Engagement. Earned quite as plainly as before, when they earned their Promotions, Bravery, & discretion in the highest degree.

Sullivan Luke, 3rd Corporal, killed by a fragment of shell on the 7th, had on many occasions from the commendation of his commanding officer for soldierly, & gallant conduct.

List of Men.
Killed. Hounded. Taken Prisoners.

Killed.


" " Charles R. Bryant.


Hounded.

" Captain C. J. Stevens.

" " Charles Hust." July 3rd.

" " Aaron Thompson.

" " William Gregg.

" " Sylvester E. Brown.

" " John T. Glenn.

" " Warren B. Pogue.

" " Edwin H. Wilmot.

" " James A. Longhand.

" " John H. Chase.

" " Homer Freeman. 7th. 9th Regt. 3rd V. I. 1st. " 3rd.

" " Moses Hargus.

" " James Dillion.

Prisoners.


" " Charles Smith.

" " Geo. Young.

" " Geo. Renne.

" " W. H. Hightower.

" " J. E. Martin.

Ammunition expended.

775 lbs.

Augusta, Va.