Headquarters 1st Reg. N. Va. Volunteer Infantry

Camp near Sharpsburg, Md.

Sept 23rd 1862

General:

Our regiment was ordered to leave camp on Arlington Heights, very unexpectedly on Friday Sept 12th. The night before I had prepared & nearly completed the descriptive list upon ordered me to finish. On sudden start rendered it impossible to finish it, and it was left behind with the Regimental file. So we left Washington on Tuesday & encamped on Sunday at Frederick.

On Monday night we reached Middle-town & Tuesday encamped a little to the north of Sharpsburg.

On Wednesday the day of the battle our regiment with the rest of the division were drawn up in line for the support of several batteries. A few men of other regiment were wounded by shells but none of our own. Late in the afternoon we were ordered to reinforce the right where Sumner's Corps had been fighting all day, but after marching about two miles the order was countermanded & we returned.

On Friday the 19th we marched through Sharpsburg & encamp near where we now are, not far from the Potomac.

On Saturday we crossed the river but were ordered back again & returned in excellent order having
many broken rounds, none of them seriously & one of them by the accidental discharge of his own piece.

Since that time we have been doing picket duty &

Ordered the hands to incum-

plement of this informal letter. I have recently been able to procure pen ink or paper since we left Washington. As soon as we are settled, so that the Regimental papers can be got from Washington, I will

answer all your letters & comply

with all your demands.

Your General,

John Marshall Brown
Adjutant 1st Me Reg.

To John E. Hodge Adj. Gen.

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