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Col H. S. Edwards
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Report of the Participa-
tion of 5th Maine Vols
in the Battle of Rap-
pahannock Station Nov 7th

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Head Quarters 5th Maine Regiment

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General.

I have the honor respectfully to make the following report of the late movement of this regiment.

On the morning of the 7th inst, I received orders to move my regiment from its former encampment near Warrington, in company with the corps. Accordingly we took up our line of march towards the Rappahannock Station on the Alexandria and Orange Railroad. After marching nearly fifteen miles, we discovered the enemy occupying a strong position near the Station, entrenched within redoubts and rifle pits. At 3 o'clock P.M. the 1st New York Hls. and my regiment were ordered forward to the front in line of battle. Being upon an open plain - with scarcely any protection - the advance was slow and cautious. During this advance the enemy made but little demonstration upon us, excepting an occasional shell or shot. Approaching within about 500 yards of the enemy's rifle pits, we were directed to lie down at a point where the crest of small elevation of ground afforded us a little protection, which position we held until nearly 7 o'clock P.M., when I received orders to move my regiment forward. The line of battle was - 5th Maine Hls. on the right, and 1st New York Hls. on the left - the line consisting of about 500 muskets. Under the ^{cover of the} darkness of the night - we approached to within twenty five yards of the enemy in his pits, when I gave the order to "Charge".

At this moment we received a terrific volley from the enemy's infantry, and at the next, our boys had sprang into the rifle pits sweeping every thing before them. These entrenchments were occupied by more than double ~~of~~ the men than my own front presented, but so sudden and unexpected was our movement upon them - that the enemy seemed paralyzed. After disarming them, by a rapid movement to the right, we succeeded in capturing nearly the whole force in the pits who were then ignorant of the fate of those on the left. During the entire charge, my regiment did not fire a gun, carrying all at the point of the bayonet, and the following are the captures made by this regiment alone. 1700 prisoners - 1700 small arms - 1 Caisson - and 4 Stand of Colors.

~~Among~~ ^{Of} the prisoners there were over 100 Commissioned Officers - including 5 Colonels - 1 Lieut. Col - & 1 Major. The enemy's force consisted of the 1st Louisiana Brigade, and a North Carolina Brigade comprising the 6th, 7th, & 54th Regiments. The 1st Louisiana Brigade (most of which fell into the hands of my regiment) - was the first command ever assigned to the late General "Stonewall" Jackson. We occupied the fortifications during the night, advancing to ^{near} Brandy Station yesterday. The affair was a complete and glorious victory.

It affords me the greatest pleasure to report the unwavering bravery of every officer and man in my command, each vying with each other in the execution of valorous deeds - none flinching but pressing forward with a determined will to win. Where all so nobly done

their whole duty - it is difficult to discriminate between ^{any} ~~any~~

The colors captured by this regiment were from the following regiments, and taken by the officer and men whose names I take great satisfaction in reporting

8th Louisiana was captured by Lieut. A. S. Lyon
Comdg Co. "K"

6th North Carolina by Priv. Jas. Littlefield Co. "J"

7th do do " Corp. E. P. Blondell Co. "D."

54th do do " " Theo. Shackford Co. "A"

The loss in my regiment in this action was
7 Killed, and 28 wounded - of which the following is a correct copy.

Killed

- ✓ 7th Lieut John S. French Co. "B"
- ✓ " " William A. Tubbs " "J"
- ✓ Sergeant W. J. Murphy " "7"
- ✓ Corporal John Whayland " "C"
- ✓ Private Horace Pratt " "H"
- ✓ " Dennis Dayley " "J"
- ✓ " William Frost " "K"

Wounded

- ✓ Lieut. Col. Henry R. Millelt in side
- ✓ Private L. S. Elder Co. "A" in left Breast
- ✓ " J. S. Auld " " " right arm amputated
- ✓ " Elliot Moore " "B" mortally
- ✓ " J. S. Nesbitt " " slightly
- ✓ " Rebit. W. Berry " " "
- ✓ " James Senate " "C" "

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Private	Thomas Ward	Co. "E"	severely
"	G. W. Hamilton	"	shoulder
"	Daniel Sheehan	"	hand
"	Wm. Moreton	"	face
Sergeant	Benj. Norton	" " 4	mortally
Corporal	Benj. Norton	" "	arm
Sergeant	L. Goodwin	"	leg
Corporal	Robt. Kelley	"	body
Private	Wm. Hayes	"	leg
"	Levi P. Meserve	"	groin
"	Benj. M. Wentworth	"	slightly
"	Fred. Miller	"	groin
"	Dennis Murphy	"	hip
"	William Grant	"	"
"	James Knawles	"	leg.
Sergeant	J. L. Edmunds	"	slightly
"	A. Duval	"	"
Corporal	D. S. Duran	"	"
Private	John Bancroft	"	"
"	W. W. Hutchinson	"	"
"	S. W. Pratt	"	"

I am, General

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servt

C. S. Edwards

Col. Candy Rept

Maj. Genl. J. L. Hudson

Adjt. Genl. State of Maine

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level, Edwards being temporarily absent & desiring this report to be at all forwarded - by his privates authority - I have affixed his signature. your Obedt Servt
 C. S. Edwards
 Adjutant 5th Reg