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time successfully repelled a body of skirmishers deployed against him. At the several points observed by Captain Herbert there were posted two batteries and a large reserve of infantry to sustain them. During the morning the regiment was ordered to cross the ford, which order was promptly executed by officers and men, and the regiment formed in column at the head of the ravine, on the enemy's bank, near their batteries. Shot and shell were incessantly poured over their heads, but without any damage, and the regiment under order retired to their original position.

The only loss sustained was by Company H—one killed and three wounded. Officers and men displayed a good deal of coolness and bravery.

I have, general, the honor to be, your obedient servant,

M. D. CORSE,

Colonel, Comdg. Seventeenth Regiment Virginia Volunteers.

Brigadier-General LONGSTREET,

Commanding Fourth Brigade, C. S. Army.

No. 102.

Report of Col. Eppa Hunton, Eighth Virginia Infantry.

CAMP BERKELEY, NEAR BALL'S MILL, July 26, 1861.

COLONEL: On the 18th of July, by orders from headquarters, my command took up its march from Leesburg to join your command, marching eighteen miles that day and ten miles the next, reaching your headquarters about noon.

I was ordered by you to form in line of battle in front of your headquarters, where we remained till the morning of the glorious and ever-memorable 21st. Early that morning my command by your orders was put in motion, and after changing its position several times was ordered behind the woods near to and northwest from your headquarters, to act as a support to other forces more in advance. You directed me to hold this position, and I remained in it for several hours, exposed to the fire of one of the batteries of the enemy, which my men stood with much intrepidity, shot falling sometimes within a few feet of their line and passing over their heads.

Later in the day, about two hours, by order of General Beauregard, I took my command into the conflict and formed in line of battle behind a wood northeast of Mrs. Henry's house, through which the enemy was said to be advancing in large force. At that moment a portion of our troops were retreating in great confusion, and the general commanding directed me to hold my line firm and assist in rallying the retreating forces behind it. This being done, the Eighth Regiment charged with great spirit through the woods, driving the approaching enemy back in disorder. I was then ordered to the fight around Mrs. Henry's house, where the Eighth made a most gallant and impetuous charge, routing the enemy, and losing in killed, wounded, and missing thirty-three soldiers. I then drew the men back to a ravine on the east side of the house, to shelter them from random shots, when I was ordered to take a position near our first, to meet what was then supposed to be an advancing column of the enemy, when it was found to be a retreat. I was ordered immediately to Camp Pickens, which was reached at a late hour of the night.

I cannot speak in too high terms of the intrepidity of the men under

my command, and where all did so well and acted so gallantly I will not and cannot discriminate in favor of any. Two of the companies had only joined the regiment on the day before leaving Leesburg. The whole regiment was very much worn down by their fatiguing march from Leesburg, and suffering from want of food and water on the field. Yet they stood all and bore all with cheerfulness and obeyed every order with alacrity. They had only one meal during the 21st, and but little water.

I was most ably and efficiently supported on the battle-field and during the whole period of our absence from Loudoun by Lieut. Col. C. B. Tebbs and Maj. N. Berkeley, both of whom displayed great gallantry on the field. Acting Adjutant Elzey also rendered me valuable aid, as did my sergeant-major, Fitzhugh Grayson, who has been missing since the fight, and I fear is a prisoner. I feel his loss very sensibly. He was generous and brave, and promised to make a valuable officer.

While mourning over the gallant fellows of the Eighth who fell on that bloody field it is a matter of congratulation and thankfulness to God that so few fell, and that no officer was either killed or wounded.

Below is a list of the killed, wounded, and missing.*

Very respectfully, colonel, your obedient servant,

EPPA HUNTON,

Colonel Eighth Virginia Regiment.

Col. PHILIP ST. GEORGE COCKE.

No. 103.

Report of Col. R. E. Withers, Eighteenth Virginia Infantry.

COLONEL: I have the honor to transmit a report of the share taken by the Eighteenth Regiment in the battle of the 21st of July.

The position occupied by my command was, as you are aware, on the north side of Bull Run, at Ball's Ford, which we were ordered to defend. This position they had occupied for three days, sleeping on their arms, as their position was very much exposed. Colonel Preston's regiment (Twenty-eighth) was on my right.

Early on the morning of the 21st I heard firing in the direction of my advance picket. Supposing it caused by an advance of the enemy on my position I hastened to the point, and found that the firing was caused by an advance of the enemy along the Warrenton turnpike, driving in the pickets of Major Evans on that road. I could distinctly hear the moving of a very large number of men and many ammunition wagons, indicating that a formidable attack was designed upon our lines. Causing two companies to be deployed as skirmishers on my left and in front I awaited further developments. No attack having been made on us we remained in position until 2 o'clock p. m. At this time, being enabled to see from my position the progress of the fight, and that the extreme left of the position of our army had been turned by the enemy crossing Bull Run at Sudley's Mill, some distance above stone bridge, and were outflanking and forcing back by immensely superior numbers our forces on the left and center, I crossed the run and formed my regiment in readiness for immediate action. Soon after Colonel Cocke sent down by one of his aides an order to bring my regiment into action as

* The nominal list shows 6 killed, 23 wounded, and 1 missing.

- Ellis, Theodore G., I, 19, 25, 27, 29, 36, 40.
 Ellis, Thomas H., I, 5+, 33, 51; IV, 1.
 Ellis, Thomas M., I, 47.
 Ellis, Thomas S., III, 5.
 Ellis, Towson, I, 6, 7, 10, 17, 20, 23, 30, 31.
 Ellis, W. J., *Prisoner*, II, 3.
 Ellis, W. J., *Rev.*, I, 49.
 Ellis, William, *18th N. Y.*, I, 19.
 Ellis, William, *49th N. Y.*, I, 36.
 Ellis, William, *8th Tex. Cav.*, I, 20.
 Ellis, William, *3d Wis. Cav.*, I, 48.
 Ellis, William C., I, 6, 39, 45.
 Ellis, William H., *Washington Art.*, I, 2, 12, 19.
 Ellis, William H., *12th N. Y. Batty.*, I, 12, 25, 51.
 Ellis, William I., I, 33, 40.
 Ellis, William J., II, 2.
 Ellis, William P., I, 20, 52.
 Ellis, William R., I, 17.
 Ellis, William S., I, 19.
 Ellis, William W., I, 25.
 Ellis & Moore, I, 52.
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 Expedition, Dec. 30-31, 1862, I, 21.
 Skirmish, Dec. 3, 1863, I, 29.
 Ellison,* I, 31, 41.
 Ellison, B. F., I, 34.
 Ellison, Benjamin, I, 34.
 Ellison, C. E., II, 1.
 Ellison, David, I, 41, 48.
 Ellison, Edward, I, 26.
 Ellison, Francis B., I, 6.
 Ellison, Frank, I, 46.
 Ellison, George H., I, 19+, 25.
 Ellison, Jacob F., I, 23, 30, 38.
 Ellison, James, I, 41.
 Ellison, James C., I, 24.
 Ellison, Jesse, I, 22, 34.
 Ellison, John S., I, 29.
 Ellison, Marshall, II, 2.
 Ellison, Samuel, *New Mexico*, I, 41.
 Ellison, Samuel, *25th Ala.*, I, 20.
 Ellison, Watt, I, 45.
 Ellison's Mill, Va.
 Battle, June 26, 1862, I, 11, 51.
 Skirmish, May 23, 1862, I, 11.
 Elliston, James M., I, 41.
 Ellistown, Miss.
 Skirmish, July 16, 1864, I, 39.
 Ellisville, Miss.
 Skirmish, June 25, 1863, I, 24.
 Ellithorp, Lyman, I, 25.
 Ellithorpe, *Colonel*, I, 41.
 Ellithorpe, Albert C., I, 13, 22.
 Ellmaker, Nathaniel, I, 33; II, 7.
 Ellmaker, Peter C., I, 21, 25, 27, 29; III, 1.
 Ellrich, Ernest T., I, 11.
 Ellro, *Judge*, I, 49.
 Ells, C. Stewart, III, 5.
 Ells, H. N., I, 27.
 Ells, William B., I, 36.
 Ells, William E., I, 17, 44.
 Ellsler, George W., I, 42.
 Ellsworth, A., I, 31.
 Ellsworth, Alban A., I, 16, 20.
 Ellsworth, Allen, I, 34, 41.
 Ellsworth, Daniel S., I, 25.
 Ellsworth, Darius F., I, 46.
 Ellsworth, E. A., I, 12, 27.
 Ellsworth, E. E., I, 2, 42; II, 2; III, 1.
 Ellsworth, Frederick, III, 5.
 Ellsworth, Henry L., I, 41+.
 Ellsworth, James B., I, 25, 51.
 Ellsworth, Norton W., I, 48.
 Ellsworth, Oliver, IV, 1.
 Ellsworth, Richard D., I, 13, 39.
 Ellsworth, Sherman K., I, 45.
 Ellsworth, Timothy E., I, 27, 51.
 Ellsworth, William, I, 41, 48.
 Ellsworth, Fort, Kans.
 Scout, Jan. 7-11, 1865, I, 48.
 Ellwood, *Steamer*, I, 41+.
 Ellyson, H. K., IV, 3.
 Ellzey, M. Graham, I, 2+.
 Elma, *Schooner* (Major Minter), I, 9.
 Elm City, *Steamer*, I, 11.
 Elm Creek, Tex.
 Skirmish, Oct. 13, 1864, I, 41.
 Elmeier, Hermann, I, 46.
 Elmendorf, Anthony, I, 14, 28.
 Elmer, Edward P., I, 22+, 34, 41.
 Elmer, Jackson, I, 41.
 Elmer, John P., IV, 2.
 Elmert, John, II, 2.
 Elmford, Jane, II, 2.
 Elmira, N. Y., II, 4, 7, 8.
 Elmo, William, I, 2.
 Elmore, *Schooner*, I, 29.
 Elmore,* I, 6, 29.
 Elmore, Edward C., I, 6, 15, 27.
 Elmore, F. H., IV, 2.
 Elmore, George B., I, 21.
 Elmore, Henry M., I, 15, 26, 34, 41, 48.
 Elmore, John A., I, 53; IV, 1.
 Elmore, John T., I, 25, 27, 28, 45, 49.
 Elmore, Riverous P., I, 20.
 Elmore, Taylor, I, 38.
 Elmore, V. M., I, 20.
 Elms, Adam, I, 31.
 Elms, James M., I, 10, 31.
 Elms, John P., I, 27.
 Elm Springs, Ark.
 Skirmishes:
 Apr. 26, 1863, I, 22+.
 July 30, 1863, I, 22.
 Eloisque, P., III, 2.
 El Paso, Mexico, Prefect of, I, 50.
 El Paso Road, Tex. See *San Lucas Spring, Tex.*
 Elrick, Benjamin R., I, 38.
 Elrick, Thomas J., I, 38.
 Elrod, George, I, 34.
 Elrod, Jane, I, 34.
 Elrod, W. M., I, 49.
 Elrod's Tan-Yard, Ala.
 Skirmish, Jan. 27, 1865, I, 49.
 Elsberg & Amberg, I, 15.
 Elsbury, James H., I, 42.
 Elsey, John, III, 5.
 Elshire, Isaac, I, 48.
 Elstner, George R., I, 16, 31, 32, 38, 45, 49.