(Part Two)

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The Seven Days' Battles June 26-July 2, 1862

From *Time Line of The Civil War, 1862* (http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwphtml/tl1862.html): "Between June 26 and July 2, Union and Confederate forces fought a series of battles: Mechanics-ville (June 26-27), Gaines's Mill (June 27), Savage's Station (June 29), Frayser's Farm (June 30), and Malvern Hill (July 1). On July 2, the Confederates withdrew to Richmond, ending the Peninsular Campaign."

Thursday, 26th:

Everything has been quiet for a week or so but now we are marching with three days' rations - passed Oak Grove Cemetery and lay all day where we can hear the battle going on across the Chickshominy. After dark we moved down and crossed the river. Had no sleep at all that night.

Friday, 27th:

Early this morning the fight began but was soon hushed. We then marched on for several miles following up the enemy closely until moon, when we halted and in a few hours the fight began in earnest. I was in the rear at the Brigade Hospital - back went the enemy and back to us came our wounded men. The fight was indeed dreadful but not more so than the Battle of Seven Pines. They (the enemy) were driven back all along their whole line with but little cessation until might put a stop to all firing. Now came the busiest time of the surgeons. Ambulance after ambulance came up with its load until a two agre lot was filled completely. We had a few killed and wounded in the 6th Regiment but the remainder of Brigade suffered very much. In the loss of Capt. Moore that company (F) has suffered largely.

I was up all night; also Dr. Gaston until the morning Star arose, dressing wounds indescriminately, So. Ga's., Ga's., Miss., Texans, &c. all the time.

Saturday, 28th:

By Sun rise Dr. Gaston called up and we found that there were quite a number of soldiers from other Brigades who had received no attention as yet.

I worked for hours upon them, afterwards assisting Dr. Gaston in seven operations. Buring the previous night I cut out two Grape Shot (1½ inches in diameter). We made coffee (Yankee) and gave our wounded all some, others also. The whole fields were rich in Coffee, Sugar, Rice, Crackers (Superior) Medicine, Blankets, oilcloth, Canteens, * * *

It would be a treat for any one to visit the place where the last battle was fought. The first abattis from which the enemy were driven seemed very strong yet our men soon drove the enemy from it. They fell back upon another then another but still our boys pushed on not giving them time to make a stand which they seemed not too anxious to do. An incident took place near there after dark worth mentioning. It seems the enemy had a strong battery-consisting of 13 pieces of artillery - planted to defend those breastworks and were captured by our forces, (a Virginia Brigade). Genl. McCall and Staff came galloping up in the twilight - thinking they were his Division - complimenting them highly for their gallantry in holding their position and saving their guns &c. He was politely informed that all were safe and that he was their prisoner. Several of his Staff made their escape but he made the trip to Richmond - where he had been aiming to go for several months past. This fight did the enemy more harmthan any that has been fought heretofore. A great amount of Commissary Stores and Hospital and Q. M. Stores were taken in this expedition. Our boys got through safe loaded themselves with everything needed by them.

Monday, 30th:

Upon arriving at camp last night I found all quiet, the Regiment had only stopped for a short time - hardly allowing the boys (tired as they were) time to cook their dinners, and were marched down the Darby Town Road about six miles. After getting some sleep at Camp I set out early to find the Brigade. I had scarcely caught up when we received orders for a march farther down the road. Dr. Owens, who was in charge of Ambulance Train being out of his place (absent) I was put in charge and conducted the train for miles down the road until we caught up with the retreating Yankees . Our Brigade was in advance we halted and the 6th Regt. S.C.V., was deployed as skirmishers and about two o'clock the fight began. Artillerists opening the Ball as usual. We soon found out that we were fighting the same Division that we drove from their fortifications a few days before beyond the Chickahominy - viz. - Porter's Division. The enemy had 21 pieces of artillery posted on a rising ground in front of us and all seem to have been let loose upon us at once for it was far more dreadful than any of the preceding fights - in the course of half an hour our brave boys had pressed on and took the batteries every one - but in a few moments were overpowered by the enemy and our reenforcements not coming up in time were forced to give back - the enemy taking possession of this ground and artillery again. Our forces meeting reenforcements - about ons hundred and fifty yards back - turned again upon the enemy, drove them back in confusion, taking everything again and driving the enemy before them for two miles. Night soon came and closed all noising except that of getting off the wounded - which work took us until midnight to perform. Tommy Boggs fell dead close to the cannon he had just assisted in taking from the enemy. Col. Beaver, J. W. Rabb fell dead just before him and a host of other noble boys. It was my business to conduct the train of ambulances to and from the field of battle which kept us busy until late at night. Among the list I came across my intimate friend Jimmy Matthews, poor fellow - I watched over him that night as much as my business would allow me, next day I say him die and for the first time in the war I shed tears of sorrow. Tommy Boggs was brought back by his brother a corpse. I also carefully watched John Stevenson and saw him die shot like Jimmy - through the abdomen.

Tuesday July 1st:

Late in the afternoon of July 1st the battle began on Malvern Hill. I was assisting Dr. Gaston to amputate a leg when the shell began to fall very near to us. My mind was employed and I knew scarcely any shell had fallen near us until I was shown them afterwards. Dr. Gaston made six amputations that day. Generally - the stragglers congregate about the different hospitals but when the shelling began they put out in every direction, so we were not pestered by them any more that day or the next. Our Brigade was held in reserve that day and did not participate in the fight but were directly under the fire. The fight at this place (Malvern Hill) is said to be the most destructive to our men than most of the other fights. I will relate an incident:—While the heaviest fighting was going on one of our Congressmen was lying — sound asleep—on the table or rather the scaffold we had been amputating on — drunk — his name is Genl. Wigfall from Texas.

Wednesday, 2d:

We got off the last of our wounded today. There were two prisoners (wounded) brought to our hospital,-Col. Simmons, of 9 Regulars, and Capt. Diddle, Adjutant to Genl. McAll. Col. Simmons died soon after he was brought in - Capt. Diddle was sent on to Richmond with our wounded. Both were fine looking officers and seemed to be gentlemen at home.

Thursday, 3d:

The entire army was ordered farther down the river. Passed through the Battle Field of Tuesday. It was a sad spectacle to behold. On our route we met our old Col. C. S. Winder, the Regt. gave him three cheers. He said he was gled to see them and to hear of their gallantry.

We passed through deserted Yankee camps, got blankets, lieters, &c. and went as far as the 25 mile post where we remained for some days. E. F. Lyles came down to see us but would not stay long.

I give a list of killed and wounded of the Battle at Frasers Farm on Monday 30th June.

List of Casualties in 6th Regt. S.C.V. at Frasers Farm on June 30,1862:

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#	Ħ	Priv.	J. W. Alston	77	seriously	Arm.
41	63	tt	D. M. Culp	ff.	slightly	
+1	Ħ		W. C. Graham	n	**	
11	11	n	W. Perry	11	n	
41	11	**	Robt. Graham	**	H	
H	11	11	W. H. Merritt	n	71	Back
n	11	**	W. T. Day	11	11	Foot
n	71	н	7. Alison	et .	n	Toe
Co.	C	Lt.	H. W. DeSaussbie	Killed	×	. *
. 11	11	Priv.	L. C. Jerrold	Wounded	severely	Thigh
"	Ħ	11	W. Hough	tt .	17	н
· II	13	. 11 .	R. Oxendyne	- n	slight	Hand & Back
**	**	tt.	J. R. Seay	11	11	Breast & Arm
11	11	11	C. J. Stewart	**	u `.	Foot
11	11	n	F. M. Stokes	. H		Hip
11	Ħ	**	J. Stokes	lt.	11	Arm
tl	**	ti	W. R. Watts	Ħ	u	Wrist
tt	Ħ	. 11	J. P. Westberg	11	severe	Head
Ħ	11	Lt!	A. Brevard	11	slight	Shoulder & Wrist
Co.	D	Priv.	Jerome Leymore	Killed		
17	**		****	Wounded		
C8.	E	Priv.	D. K. McEnville	Killed	* · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
11	11	n ,	A. L. Watkins	11		
H	11	Lt.	Cannon	Wounded	seriously	Ankle.
Co.	F	1st Serg.	R. M. Poag	11	severely	Leg
tt	**	Priv.		15	H	Head
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Co. G
       Sergt.
                J. W. Rabb
                                Killed
       Priv.
                T. A. Boggs
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              David Timms
         17
                J. K. Mathews
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             Jas Ketchins
                                 Wounded slight
                                                 Thigh and Hand severe.
               W. D. McKinstry
               Jas. Fife
                                                 Leg
        . 17
               J. C. Raines
                                  Corpl. Joel Adams
                                Killed
       Priv.
               Jas. Hill
              J. R. Osborne
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               John Stevenson
       Lt. S. B. Clowney
                                Wounded severely Thigh
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               T. P. Weston
       Sergt.
              C. Brice
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                                                Hand & Leg
              I. T. Bynum
                                                Both legs
              John Cameron
                                                Hand
               A. G. Coleman
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               G. W. Coleman
                                                Finger
               D. R. Elkin
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               W. A. Hooppaugh
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               Thos. McGill
                                   57
                                                Back
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            W. W. Lyles
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               N. P. Myers
                                     very seriously Thigh
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               Jas. Murphy
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               J. K. Novitt
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               R. E. Quinn
                                       slightly Head
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               W. Rease
                                     " Ankle
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             J. T. Weston
                                   " very severely Thigh broken
               C. P. Simonton
                                       slightly Back
      Capt. James Crosby
Co. I
                               Killed
      Sergt.
             E. F. Wright
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      Priv.
              Ed Black
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              L. L. McAlily
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              Frank Orr
 11
              Jas. Orr
                               Wounded severely Foot
              J. H. Stone
                                                Thigh
              T. F. Hudson
                                       slightly Arm
11
              G. M. Revles
                                                Thigh
              Jas. Leonard
                                       severely Arm
              Several wounded, names not known at present.
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July 21, (Monday):

Dr. Nye went to Richmond today and got an appointment in Chimnorazi Hospital as a contract surgeon - getting (I suppose) Eighty Dollars per month. He came homeand told quits an amusing tale (that of) the conversation between the Surgeon General and himself. The recommendation he got from Dr. Gaston was not at all enticing. I went also on the same business and strange to say we kept our secrets pretty much to ourselves - not meeting each other the whole day. I went to Surgeon Genl's. Office and remained for some time, there was quite a crowd rushing to get in. I became tired and disgusted so I left and went down to St. Charles Hospital to see Brother Alston and put out for our camp having accomplished nothing at all and thinking I would not go any more for Tabhor Office Seekers above all else, yet I was doing the duty of Asst. Surgeon and concluded I may as well have the office as to be doing the duty without the office. On last Sat. Genl. Anderson left us to take command of Genl. Huger's Division. He made a short address to his Brigade telling them of the indissoluble ties between them and that his promotion was caused by their gallant bearing and conduct in all the late battles. And his recollections of them would be truly pleasant. Wishing them all success, he bid them good bye.

Thursday, 24th:

I have been to Richmond again today. Had an interview with Surgeon Genl., (S.P.Moore) and was appointed Asst. Surgeon and ordered to duty in 6th Regiment, S.C.V., the place I desired to go. I found the Surgeon Genl. quite a pleasant talking gentleman - yet he spoke to the point freely.

Dr. Thompson was ordered to duty in 6th Regt. and reported accordingly. The day was gloomy. The Regt. started down the road in one of the hardest rains I ever saw fall but slackened about noon. Came back that evening. We thought a fight was imminent but found out they only had to throw up breastworks about three miles from camp. The entire Brigade would work at the same time. It was good exercise for the men but was hard work to make them go out—the difficulty being our Lt. Col. would not make them go when they were not excused by the Surgeon. The next day we moved camp about 1/2 mile - got better water - better situation in every way. We have just been paid off for four months. I was paid 94 dollars and paid 26½ for a pair of pants & 27 for a round jacket. Immense gambling is going on all over camp, and ple and chicken wagons throng the neighboring roads always having large crowds with them, asking double prices for what they have to sell. The goldiers (I am told) steal from them a great deal when the crowd is great.

Second Battle of Manassas (Second Battle of Bull Run) - From Wikipedia: "The Second Battle of Bull Run, or, as it was called by the Confederacy, the Battle of Second Manassas, was fought August 28–30, 1862, as part of the American Civil War. It was the culmination of an offensive campaign waged by Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia against Union Maj. Gen. John Pope's Army of Virginia, and a battle of much larger scale and numbers than the First Battle of Bull Run (First Manassas) fought in 1861 on the same ground."

Saturday. **30th**: [August 30, 1862]

Laying on our arms last night within half a mile of the Yankees we slept soundly. Got up, reasted some corn and ate breakfast. Soon after L.M. Love (our Regt'l. Commissary) came for men to carry up rations as the wagons were not allowed to come up to us. The rations consisted of some biscuits he had cooked for the Regt. and some bacon (something rare) he had managed to buy. We lay (until late in afternoon) where we could see plainly the Yankee skirmishers and also ours in the same field. Could see them shooting at each other plainly. About the middle of afternoon our forces under Genl. Jackson on our left wing began the attack, they fought for half an hour, where - from the hill we were on - we could see them plainly flying in different directions. We could see our shell bursting in the midst of their broken ranks. Then the center began (our Division) its forward movement. It was the prettiest sight I ever beheld in all my past life. I saw a Brigade in a charge and about two hundred yards in its rear came its reserve, moving majestically along. It was a grand sight to see the artillery (ours) firing over the heads of our men then limbering up , pass swiftly around - sometimes going ahead of the advancing infantry to get a position. The day was fast being ours for they (the enemy) were driven at all points for miles back. Late, very near dark, they made a desperate stand. Our forces made the third attempt before their lines were broken - they were broken and all was over with them.

Our reenforcements came up and on they went after the retreating Yankees but unfortunately for us, night coming too soon we could not pursue them to a great extent or we could have captured most of them. However we gained a glorious victory over them. In this battle fell some noble boys, whose fall were pangs to our hearts - yet we bore them patiently and pushed on to the discharge of our duties. The wounded being brought back we worked until two o'clock at night when my baggage-not coming up to where the wounded were - left me without bandages, splints, candles, &c. to finish the dressings.

Carolina suffered to a great extent in the 2nd Battle of Manassas. Col.

Means of the 17th, Col. Glover and Col. Moore of Jinkens' Brigade, Genl.

Jenkins wounded, A.A.Genl. Seabrook killed, Col. Gadbery, and a host of others.

Danl. Hollis, J. E. Fifs, from our neighborhood were killed. My labors at this battle were more severe than any one of the previous battles because I had no one to conduct affairs as in the engagements before Richmond.

I give a list of killed and wounded in the 2nd Battle of Hanassas, fought [1861] on the same fields as last July (21st,1862), the only difference was our forces this time occupied the position the enemy had last year, so we have whipped them twice - changing position with them.

List of Casualties in 6th Regt.S.C.V. at Manassas -- 2nd -- on Aug. 30th, 1862.

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Co.	A	Capt.	G. L. Strait	Wounded	arm	slight	
. 11	Ħ	Corpl.	C. Hicklin	и .	arm broken	-	
- 50	11	Sergt.	E. D. McFadden	n	11	slight	
H	11		T. W. Whitesides		shoulder	N	
17	47	Priv.	James Martin	11	foot	severe	
Ħ	**	17	James Reid	17		& shoulder	se ve re
**	17	fa .	B. F. Culp	**	hand	slight	D0 4010
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Ħ	1)	•	Henry Patterson	R	shoulder	77	
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11	- 77	n	Jas. Burns	fr .			
n	13	ft	A. A. Baron .	Ħ	thigh	n	
t†	16	Sergt.	J. G. Alston	n	hip		
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Ħ	ff	Priv.	J. H. Stewart	19 -	arm	н	
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**	11		W. Perry	. #	arm		
			P. O. Bennet		thigh		
Co.	C	Lt.	R. M. Canty	11	knee	severe	
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11	17	Corpl.	W. J. Arrants	H	8.1		
14	19	Priv.	C. J. Stowart	11	thigh	severe	
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Co.		Priv.	Isham Furgison	Killed			
Ħ	11		W. T. Lowe	Wounded	leg	slight	
	17	H	George Williams	rt	thigh	n	
. 11	11	n .	T. J. Smith	rr	side	#	
H	**		R. D. Crawford	11	hand	n .	e e
W	77		G. P. Bryant	11	arm	H	
71	**		Jno. Carter	#1	head	severe	
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- 11	.	n	J. M. Riddle	11	back	slight	
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- 18	11	Lt.	Norwood	Wounded	arm	slight
• •	11	Priv.	Britton	22	neck	severe
17	17	** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** **	A. C. Byrd	47	shoulder	slight
**	11		A. F. Byrd	. 19	head	**
er	41		J. Fountain	Ħ	arm	severe
**	11	13	C. J. Gorman		hand	slight
11	**	, ,	H. A. James		knee	severe
11	**	11	J. D. King	***	arm	17
27.	11		C. R. King	tt	leg	slight
PI	**	21	G. H. McCutcheon	77	arm	"
			G. H. MCCGCCHBOR		GI III	
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Co.		Capt.	Robt. Crawford	a a	leg	severe
44	. 11	Lt.	E. M. Shannon		hand	
4.0	**	Sergt.	J. G. Blair	**	foot	11
17	F1	Corpl.	E. B. Mobley	11	thigh	34
, es	14	Priv.	R. Brant	***	hip	41
.63	. 57	11	W. T. Farrea	71	arm	slight
111	11	n	A. T. Lindsey	N C EE	head	severe
et	. 43	11	J. E. Robertson	17	thigh	13
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11	- 11	**	D. R. Poag	57	groin	alight.
. **	11		Jno. Davidson	Ħ	hand	slight
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. 11	78		James Austin	**	shoulder	severe
			James Tinkler		foot	11
17	**	. 11	L. D. Wooten	**	arm	
44	99	n n	J. Hogan	11	leg	slight
**	91	11	W. Gilbert	**	shoulder	£1
Co.	H	Capt.	Frank Weston	70	leg	severe
97	. 44	Priv.	R. C. Levister	r¥ .	chest	dangerous
. 17	27	11	J. M. Blain	14	breast	severe
13	ft	17 20	James McCrorey	n	knee	mortal
21	51	40	J. Rabb	**	thigh	severe
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	**		L. Clark	M	arm	slight
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- 11	41	77	H. Davis	91	M	severe
	41	· u	J. Hindman	11	neck	**
**	**	***	5. Gordon	**	knee	slight
19	**	n	Henry	11	foot	17
**	. 11		J.J.Jones	n ar	d missing	
**	21	п	J. Stone	71	thigh	severe
	9.5	н	J. Smith	11	19	11
et	84	11	A. Wages	11	chest	mortal
11	**	Lt.	J. Elliot	**	11	slight
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			J. H. Gibbons	**	_	
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