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S. P. M. Sept 13th 1864

I have just received official intelligence of the action this P. M. Wilsons Cavalry were out on a Reconnaissance and met Henshaws Div of the South Carolina Rebels in line of Battle charged upon them and captured all their Divs of the 9th South Carolina Officers and all between two and 300 men. The news was read to the men in Camp Cause of Great Cheery. Genl Kennedy has arrived here and submitted an application for leave of absence for twenty to go to see them on a Duncions cert. please do not know what he will get it. Col Brown the 9th and the others are well. We are getting the rolls ready for Mustering the non Vol Enlisting men on the 21st. The 9th is a little from No 9 of the 5th till further Hard I do not think the Army will do much for Mr Clellan rather the contrary. See long letter by next mail

W. L.

6 - P. M. Sept 13

Since writing the above Camp
rumour says the fighting Sp
oke of has been successfull
that an Entire Regiment of
North Carolinians has been Cap
tured numbering 250 men and
2 sets of Colons. This is said to
have been done by the 3^d New Jersey
Co. others say it was the Infantr
y of the 2^d Div 6th Corps
I am quite certain that the
Enemy must have been driven
As the firing was first heard away
to the Right near Charlestown and
gradually drew towards our Centre
and about five Miles in front
while I write an occasional Gun is
heard but our Infantry have retired
to Camp
L. M. C.