

No. 2.

Report of Lieut. Col. William B. Sipes, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry.

HDQRS. SEVENTH PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEER CAVALRY,
Camp Stanley, June 13, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, in obedience to orders, I this morning moved out the Manchester turnpike a distance of about 12 miles, with a force consisting of 260 men of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, 105 men of the Third Indiana Cavalry, and one section of Stokes' battery.

When 10 miles out, the advance guard came upon the enemy's pickets and drove them back. Colonel Long, with a detachment of the Third Indiana, pursued them about 2 miles, when I deemed it prudent to order a halt, the country being illy adapted to cavalry movements and the strength of the enemy entirely unknown. The object of the expedition being accomplished by ascertaining the exact position of the enemy on this road, and not wishing to sacrifice any of my men in a profitless pursuit of a retreating foe, we returned to camp, arriving there a little after 2 p. m.

The pickets we encountered were reported by citizens to belong to Texas Rangers, attached to Hardee's corps of the rebel army.

I have no casualties to report.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. B. SIPES,

Lieut. Col. Seventh Pennsylvania Vol. Cavalry, Comdg. Expedition.

Capt. ROBERT BURNS,

Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen., First Brigade, Second Cavalry Division.

JUNE 13-23, 1863.—Everett's raid into Eastern Kentucky.

SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

June 13, 1863.—Skirmish near Mud Lick Springs, Bath County, Ky.

Skirmish at Howard's Mills, Ky.

16, 1863.—Skirmishes at Maysville, Mount Carmel, and Fox Springs, Ky.

Action at Triplett's Bridge, Rowan County, Ky.

REPORTS.

No. 1.—Brig. Gen. Samuel D. Sturgis, U. S. Army, commanding First Division, Twenty-third Army Corps, with congratulatory orders.

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No. 1.

Reports of Brig. Gen. Samuel D. Sturgis, U. S. Army, commanding First Division, Twenty-third Army Corps, with congratulatory orders.

LEXINGTON, June 17, 1863—1 p. m.

GENERAL: The expedition under Colonel De Courcy cut off Everett's party at Triplett's Bridge, killed 3, wounded a good many, and took over 100 prisoners, including 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, and 4 sergeants, and

recaptured all the property stolen at Maysville. We are still pursuing. De Courcy may destroy them altogether, in case any of our troops have advanced from Big Sandy toward Salyersville.

S. D. STURGIS,
Brigadier-General.

General AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE.

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LEXINGTON, *June 17, 1863*—4 p. m.

GENERAL: Colonel De Courcy fell in with Everett's command at sundown yesterday, at Triplett's Bridge, Rowan County; had a brisk engagement, and the rebels dispersed to the bushes. He is in hot pursuit. De Courcy reports rebel loss 12 prisoners and 30 horses. Courier reports 8 rebels killed, 20 taken prisoners, and 100 horses captured. We had 2 wounded.

S. D. STURGIS,
Brigadier-General.

General AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE.

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GENERAL ORDERS, } HDQES. 1ST DIVISION, 23D ARMY CORPS,
No. 1. } *Hickman's Bridge, Ky., June 29, 1863.*

I. The general commanding tenders his hearty thanks and congratulation to Col. John [F.] De Courcy and the officers and men under his command, namely, the Eighth and Ninth Regiments Michigan Cavalry, under Colonel Stockton; the Tenth Kentucky Cavalry, under Lieutenant-Colonel Maltby, and a detachment of the Fourteenth Kentucky Cavalry, under Captain Bowman, with sections of the Eighth Michigan and Tenth Kentucky Batteries, for their conduct and bravery in carrying out the instructions received from these headquarters, thus cutting off the retreat of a party of rebels who had made a raid on Maysville, Ky., inflicting upon them a loss of 30 in killed and wounded, and capturing 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 1 sergeant, and 37 privates, together with 100 horses and a like number of arms and accouterments, with a fair prospect of yet taking the entire remaining force.

Colonel De Courcy has shown, in this affair, rare tact, skill, and energy, and in his report mentions with special commendation the long and rapid march made by the Tenth Kentucky Cavalry, under Lieutenant-Colonel Maltby, who, he says, displayed energy and talent in carrying out his orders. Major Foley, also of the same regiment, is entitled to high praise for his effective co-operation. Captain Bowman, Fourteenth Kentucky Cavalry, likewise gave every satisfaction to his commanding officer. Lieut. and Adj. George C. Parker, Twenty-first Massachusetts Infantry, as acting assistant adjutant-general, Capt. John S. Williams, Fourth Kentucky Infantry, and Capt. Isaac W. Adams, as acting aide-de-camp, were of great assistance, and seemed never more satisfied than when sent to points of danger. The general commanding takes special pleasure in placing upon record this tribute of praise, and expresses his entire conviction that all the troops of his command will, in the hour of trial, prove themselves equally true and trustworthy.

By order of Brigadier-General Sturgis:

WM. S. KING,
Lieutenant-Colonel and Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

No. 2.

Report of Capt. P. M. Everett, Company B, Third Battalion Kentucky Mounted Rifles.

CAMP OLD RUSSELL COURT-HOUSE, VA.,
June 23, 1863.

GENERAL: I have the honor to state that I arrived at this point on yesterday evening with my command. While in Kentucky I fought the Fourteenth Kentucky Regiment of Cavalry near Mount Sterling, killing 21 men, wounding 6, and capturing 17 prisoners. I proceeded to Flemingsburg, at which point I captured and paroled a captain in U. S. Navy. Thence I went to Maysville, where I captured 50 United States horses, some 330 guns, and 25 pistols. Among the guns were some 150 new Enfield rifles belonging to a company in progress of formation. I also captured at Maysville one piece of artillery (a 12-pounder) belonging formerly to General Zollicoffer, which I spiked and left. The small-arms were broken up, and the Government horses supplied the place of broken-down horses in my command. On returning from Maysville I dispersed an organization of Home Guards, under Col. Charles Marshall, at Mount Carmel. Said organization numbered about 170 men. At Fox Spring engaged a company of Home Guards, under Maj. — Pennebaker, of Tenth Kentucky Cavalry, killing Major Pennebaker, Cpts. — Evans and — Curtis, and 1 private. Some 15 miles from the last-named place I encountered a force variously estimated at from 800 to 1,500 men, under command of Brigadier-General De Courcy. Said force consisted of mounted infantry, cavalry, and one full battery of artillery, and attacked me both in front and rear simultaneously. The fight lasted for a short time, when, seeing that it was impossible to overcome the superiority of their numbers, and exposed to the fire of artillery, which was so posted as to command the position which I held, I drew off my forces and came by easy marches (not being followed at all) to this place. Up to the engagement last mentioned I had never lost a single man killed or captured.

Lieut. [William L.] Flood and Private Wells were slightly wounded in fight with Major Pennebaker. I know of 27 Federals killed, who fell into our hands, exclusive of the last engagement, and Captain Blackburn has near 30 paroles which he will hand you. My own loss was confined entirely to the engagement De Courcy was commanding, and I cannot now state it with accuracy, as stragglers are coming in, and I sent back a detachment, under Lieutenants [Alexander H.] Darnell and [George W.] L'Aile, to gather up those who might reach the mountains and bring them on out; also to take charge of those whose horses had given out. I do not think my loss in killed, wounded, and missing will much exceed 30 men; but this will appear from regular report of the expedition, which I will prepare and forward to you in a few days.

I am now moving my command to Lebanon, where forage and subsistence can be had, and would respectfully suggest the necessity of rest to both horses and men, if the condition of things is such as to permit.

I am, general, yours, most respectfully,

P. M. EVERETT,
Captain, Commanding Detachment.

P. S.—Two infantry regiments at Louisa and two cavalry regiments, numbering about 1,900 men.