

advanced in the direction of Morgantown, the First Maryland some miles in advance, where several hundred citizens had assembled with arms, determined to dispute the Confederate entrance into their town. Feeling that an attack would cause much loss of life and destruction of property, Major Brown permitted Captain F. A. Bond to go forward with a flag of truce demanding the unconditional surrender of the town. After some little hesitation this demand was complied with, when Morgantown was entered and all arms found destroyed.

As soon as Colonel Harmon joined the advance two hours afterward, the entire force moved in the direction of Independence, and went into camp seven miles from that town. On the 28th, after meeting and uniting with the forces under General Jones, from which Harmon had separated soon after leaving Greenland Gap, the whole command retraced its steps to Morgantown. On this latter march, a portion of the Maryland battalion comprised the advance guard under Captain Bond. In passing through a mountainous section it was fired upon by bushwhackers, and Captain Rasin's horse was killed. After a lively chase three of the scoundrels were caught, and by order of Captain Bond were shot upon the spot.

On the 29th the command arrived at Fairmont, which was held by about three hundred infantry. Company E was dismounted and fought as infantry, whilst the remainder of the battalion charged the place under a heavy fire. Finding themselves cut off, the garrison surrendered. The battalion lost one man killed and two wounded in this affair.

The next day Major Brown charged into Bridgeport and captured one company of cavalry and one of infantry. Major Brown had one man killed.

From here General Jones proceeded by easy stages to Buckhannon, where the wound received by Major Brown at Greenland Gap became so much worse that he was peremptorily ordered home by Dr. Johnson. Throughout all these long and hard marches this brave man had refused to leave his command, although at times scarcely able to maintain his seat in the saddle.

At Weston the command rested for two days, and then moved on Oiltown, where it arrived on May 9. Here all the oil tanks and machinery were burned. From Oiltown, General Jones marched by way of Gleiville and Sutton to Summerville, and thence homeward by easy stages to Harrisonburg, in the Valley of Virginia.

In thirty days Jones' command had marched seven hundred miles through a mountainous country, gathered subsistence for man and horse, killed thirty of the enemy and wounded three times as many, captured seven hundred prisoners and arms, with one piece of artillery, and two trains of cars, burned sixteen railroad bridges, one hundred and fifty thousand barrels of oil, many engines, and brought home one thousand cattle and twelve hundred horses, losing in the meantime ten killed and forty-two wounded.