

In General Jones' official report he says :

" If any one officer or man deserves special mention, it is Major Ridgely Brown, of the First Maryland Battalion of Cavalry. He was shot in the leg at Greenland, and yet he continued on duty until he arrived at Buckhannon, a distance of 168 miles, and then started home at the earnest solicitation of Doctor R. P. Johnson."

In this expedition the First Maryland Battalion of Cavalry lost five killed and fourteen wounded, more than any regiment in the command.

Upon the return of General Jones to the Valley of Virginia men and horses were much broken down from the hard and rapid marching they had undergone, and as the summer campaign was about to be inaugurated absolute rest was necessary for both man and beast.

The Second Maryland Infantry and Baltimore Light Artillery had been sent to relieve Major Sam Myers at Fisher's Hill, and the First Cavalry was ordered to unite with them. Thus once more was the Maryland Line collected together.

Whilst at Fisher's Hill the First Maryland, now under command of Captain F. A. Bond (Major Ridgely Brown being absent on account of wound received at Greenland Gap), picketed the back road, the turnpike not requiring that service, owing to the fact that an enemy approaching from that direction could be seen for a distance of three miles.

Shortly after the arrival of the First Maryland Cavalry General A. G. Jenkins reached Fisher's Hill with a fine brigade of Virginia cavalry, and he assumed command of the whole.

On the 10th of June General Jenkins moved his whole force from Fisher's Hill to Cedar Creek. Everything indicated an early move in some direction, and that probably on Winchester. The turnpike was now heavily picketed some miles in advance of the main body and the men throughout the command were anxiously awaiting the order to march.

Whilst thus awaiting orders at Cedar Creek an unfortunate affair happened in the vicinity of Newtown, which caused the death of five brave Maryland boys and the wounding and capturing of some thirty others.

On Friday, June 12, General Milroy sent out a strong reconnoitering party on the Strasburg road. This party consisted of the Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and one section of Battery L, United States Artillery. At this time Captain W. I. Rasin, in command of Company E, First Maryland Cavalry, with Harry Gilmor and eight of his men and a few men of the Fourteenth Virginia Cavalry — sixty men, all told — were scouting near Middletown, when their presence became known to Colonel Schall, who was in command of the Federal forces. The infantry and artillery were immediately concealed, the former in a dense grove to the right of the road, and within one