

immediate vicinity of Gettysburg without encountering the enemy. Captain Bond left Sergeant Hammond Dorsey with six men as a picket, and then returned to General Ewell, and reported no enemy near.

During the night Sergeant Dorsey captured three members of a Pennsylvania battery, who, having been refused leave to go to their homes, had taken horses and slipped away, thinking they could return before daylight without being missed. These men gave General Ewell the first information he had of the whereabouts of Meade's army. The next morning, July 1, Ewell moved in the direction of Gettysburg.

Company A was not engaged at Gettysburg, but was in possession of the town, Captain Bond acting as provost marshal for three days.

On July 4 Captain Bond was ordered by General Ewell to stretch his company across the front of his entire corps, remain until daylight, make careful observation of the enemy's position, and then follow the corps. It was a dark, rainy, dismal night that this little band kept their weary vigils, and daylight was never more welcomed. But when day broke all was quiet along the company's front, and Captain Bond drew in his men and reported to General Ewell about noon of the 5th, when he was ordered to pass to the front and assist in protecting the wagon trains, which were expected to reach the Potomac at Williamsport during the afternoon of the 6th.

In the interval that we have been following Company A, it is necessary to state that the remaining companies of the First Maryland Cavalry had been temporarily placed under command of Major Harry Gilmer at Winchester. That officer was ordered by General Ewell to move forward to Boonsboro, and if possible reach the Monocacy bridge, across that stream near Frederick, and destroy it. Major Gilmer reached Frederick City with the First Maryland Cavalry, numbering about two hundred men, captured some prisoners, but found the bridge too strongly defended for cavalry to venture a successful attack. Major Gilmer then returned through Frederick City to the top of South Mountain, near Boonsboro. From South Mountain the First Maryland moved to Hagerstown, where Major Gilmer was ordered to join General George H. Stuart, whose brigade had been detached from Major-General Edward Johnson's Division and ordered to make a detour to the left as far as McConnellsburg. Gilmer took the advance, and on approaching McConnellsburg his command was fired upon from the mountain side. Hearing the place was occupied, Major Gilmer charged through the town, but found no enemy, they having made a hasty retreat upon his approach.

Stuart's command remained in McConnellsburg two days, and during that time the First Maryland Cavalry was engaged in collecting horses and cattle from the surrounding country, and in this they were very successful. Gilmer's orders, however, were in effect to leave a pair of plow horses and milk cows on each farm.