

while he and Von Boerck were quietly enjoying the hospitalities of a Virginia family.

The First Virginia accompanied Stonewall Jackson on his march to Manassas, being left at Buckland to protect his rear. It participated in the second Manassas and captured a large body of regular cavalry at Stewart's Tavern the day before the battle of Ox Hill. It was the advance guard in the Maryland campaign, and was engaged in all the battles up to and including Sharpsburg, and it covered the retreat of the Army of Northern Virginia across the Potomac.

The First Virginia remained in the Valley, being always with General Stuart, and it accompanied him in his Chambersburg raid, and when returning the Federals cut off General Stuart's retreat, it charged over the line of battle and opened the way to the river.

The First Virginia was with General Stuart in his retreat through Loudoun, and was daily engaged until it reached Culpeper Court House. It was on the extreme right of the army at Fredericksburg and skirmished all day.

In February, 1863, it participated in General Stuart's Falmouth raid and the battle of Kelly's Ford. It was engaged at Brandy Station in June, 1863, and in General Stuart's raid around Hooker's army. It was engaged at Bristow Station and at Annandale, and on the invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania by the Army of Northern Virginia in June, 1863, the First Virginia was engaged at Westminster and Hanover. Arriving at Gettysburg on July 2d, it was heavily engaged in the great cavalry battle on the left of General Lee's army.

The First Virginia was the rear guard in the retreat by the Cashtown road, and was then hurried forward to the protection of the wagon trains at Williamsport, and when the Federals were driven off, the regiment was sent to Funkstown, on the Boonsboro road, where it fought for two days, holding in check the enemy's advance, but was driven back foot by foot to General Lee's lines around Falling Waters and Williamsport.

The First Virginia was engaged at Kearneysville and covered the retreat of the army to the Rapidan River. It was also engaged at Raccoon Ford, charging across the river, and driving the enemy from the bank.

During Meade's retreat from Mine Run, the First was actively engaged, and was in all the cavalry engagements during the winter of 1863-64.

In the spring of 1864, when Grant entered the Wilderness, the First Virginia was ever active, and at Yellow Tavern, when the noble Stuart fell mortally wounded, he fell into the arms of Captain Gustavus W. Dorsey, Captain of Company K.

The fight at Yellow Tavern was a very severe one. Sheridan, with twelve thousand cavalry, was moving on Richmond, when General Stuart interposed by attacking his flank at Yellow Tavern. About 4 o'clock the enemy suddenly threw