

of two companies, H and I, were about to expire, which would leave but a handful of men to represent the regiment.

Therefore, for this purpose, on the 13th of June Colonel Johnson was ordered to take his regiment to Staunton, where upon its arrival Companies H and I were mustered out of the service. The void, however, occasioned by the departure of these companies was in a measure filled by the addition to its ranks of a company, just arrived from Richmond, commanded by Captain Edmund Barry. Captain Barry was an old Mexican soldier, and the men of which his company was composed were fine young fellows from the lower counties of Maryland. The company was given the title of C, as the first Company C had been mustered out some weeks before.

At this time reinforcements for Jackson were rapidly arriving, and it was confidently believed that another visit was to be paid to the vicinity of Winchester, upon which place Fremont had fallen back after Port Republic. The Washington authorities evidently thought so, too, for they were not long in learning of their arrival, and McClellan's importunities to be reinforced by McDowell, then at Manassas, availed nothing. And still the sending of these reinforcements to Jackson was but a blind as to General Lee's real movements, and the Federal authorities were easily misled.

Great, then, was the surprise of his troops when on the 17th of June Jackson put his army in motion and marched them aboard the many trains that had so mysteriously arrived at Staunton, and it soon became apparent to all that they were destined for Richmond.