

none had been the recipients of more flattering recognition from the Generals in command, and none were prouder of their record. But it had at last become absolutely necessary that the ranks of the regiment should be filled up. An order had long before been issued to recruit and thoroughly organize the Maryland Line, and the First Maryland was to be the nucleus upon which it was to be formed, but until now the regiment could not be spared. Therefore, about the middle of July it was ordered to proceed to Charlottesville for the purpose of carrying out the order of the War Department. But there were few Maryland recruits to be had, and but few Marylanders who cared to be transferred from the regiments from other States in which they had so long served, and in which they had formed associations not to be parted from.

After remaining at Charlottesville until the 4th of August the regiment was ordered to Gordonsville.

General Jackson had in the meantime been detached from the army watching McClellan at Harrison's Landing, and was known to be in the vicinity of Culpeper watching Pope. Therefore, when the order was given to move to Gordonsville it was confidently expected the regiment would soon rejoin its old commander, Jackson. But these hopes were never to be realized. The First Maryland had participated in its last battle, and was within a few days to cease to exist.

On August 9, 1862, Jackson fought Banks at Cedar Run, or Slaughter's Mountain, as it is sometimes called, and again administered to that General a crushing defeat. Here that splendid young Maryland soldier, General Charles S. Winder, fell, but there was no First Maryland there to avenge his death, as there had been that of Ashby. The First Maryland had, however, from Gordonsville, heard Jackson's guns, and chafed under the restraint to which they were subjected. Little did this handful of battle-scarred veterans then dream of the humiliation in store for them. It was better that they did not know it.

On August 12 the prisoners captured at Cedar Run were brought to Gordonsville, and Colonel Johnson detailed Company A, under command of Captain W. W. Goldsborough, to convey them to the prisons in Richmond. Company A, under Captain Bradley T. Johnson, had been the first company formed in the regiment, and had done the first service at Point of Rocks, and it was destined to perform the last, for the very day the company with its prisoners arrived in Richmond, George W. Randolph, then Secretary of War, issued his order for the disbanding of the regiment, and upon receipt of this order, on the 17th day of August, Colonel Johnson mustered the men out of the service amid a scene of lamentation that perhaps had never before been witnessed under the circumstances, and strong men, veterans who had stood up and faced death on many a bloody field, wept like children. The little Maryland flag, which had been carried as the regimental colors in all its battles, was that day folded forever, but