

In the meantime Captain W. W. Goldsborough, of the old First, having recovered from wounds received in the second battle of Manassas, had made his way to Richmond to accept a First Lieutenancy in the provisional army, and had received orders to report to Colonel Shields at Camp Lee. The duties to which he was assigned there did not prove congenial, and after two weeks he resigned his commission and repaired to Richmond in hopes of organizing another company, with which to join the Second Maryland in the Valley of Virginia. In this he was eminently successful, and with the assistance of Thomas R. Stewart, of Dorchester County, a fine company of over eighty young Marylanders, mostly from the lower counties, was formed, and the following officers elected : Captain, W. W. Goldsborough ; First Lieutenant, Thomas R. Stewart ; Second Lieutenant, James A. Davis ; Third Lieutenant, William H. Wrightson.\*

On the 30th day of December, 1862, Captain Goldsborough had the proud satisfaction of marching his company through the streets of Richmond to the depot, with Volandt's (Baltimore) Band at its head, followed by a large concourse of people, and on the evening of the 31st it arrived at Staunton, over the Virginia Central Railroad. From Staunton the company made a rapid march to Newmarket, where the Second Maryland was in camp, arriving there at daylight on the morning of January 2, 1863, just in time to see General Jones' whole command file through the streets on its way to Moorefield, to which point an expedition had been planned, and it was a week before the Second Maryland returned, the men completely broken down by the hardships they had been compelled to undergo, the expedition having accomplished nothing commensurate with their sufferings.

With the addition of Company G, the Second Maryland Infantry† now numbered nearly six hundred men, and a finer body of troops never marched to the tap of the drum. They were, indeed, worthy successors of the men of the First, many of whom were in their ranks, and as proudly bore the little flag of their native State from Winchester, in 1863, to Appomattox, in 1865, as had the gallant First, from the first Manassas in 1861 to Malvern Hill in 1862.

Shortly after the return of the battalion from the Moorefield expedition, by order of General Jones, an election was held for Lieutenant-Colonel, when Bradley T. Johnson was elected, but in justice to the officers who had been instrumental in forming the battalion, Colonel Johnson magnanimously declined to accept the command, whereupon Major James R. Herbert was elected, and soon after Captain W. W. Goldsborough, of Company G, was appointed Major by the Secretary of War.

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\* After Captain Goldsborough was promoted to the Majority, First Sergeant G. G. Gullette was made Lieutenant.

† It was originally called the First Maryland Battalion, but to distinguish it from the First Maryland Infantry it was soon designated the Second Maryland Infantry.