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CENTRE COUNTY
IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania
Volunteers.

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Regiment, P. V.

[To be Continued.]

CHAPTER X.

ITINERARY RECORD.

July 25, marched from Manasses Gap to White Plains, twenty miles, from day-break to three p. m. Clear, very hot day.

July 26, Sunday, marched all day, from White Plains to the vicinity of Warrenton, Va., twenty miles. Clear, warm; dreadful dust.

July 28, marched from 5 p. m. to 11 p. m., ten miles and camped at Elkton, Va., at 11 p. m. Fine day; rain in the evening.

July 31, moved to Morrisville, Va., eight miles, and put up regular camp. Fine, yet hot day.

August 4, 1863, moved camp two miles. Clear, hot; dreadful storm in the evening.

August 31, marched to Richard's Ford, twenty miles down the Rappahannock, and bivouacked. Clear and hot.

August 31 to Sept. 1, Port Conway Expedition.

Sept. 1, 1863, fight at Richard's Ford, Va. Fine day.

Sept. 4, return to camp at Morrisville, twenty miles. Fine day.

Sept. 12, marched to Rappahannock Station, ten miles. Heavy rain afternoon and night.

Sept. 13, Sunday, crossed the Rappahannock at the Station and moved to Brandy Station, Va., six miles.

Sept. 14, moved to Culpeper Court House, six miles.

Sept. 17, moved to Cedar Mountain on the Rapidan river, ten miles.

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November 8, Kelly's Ford to near Brandy Station, ten miles. Cold.

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May 12, at the break of day, in a dense fog, the 148th with the 2d Corps charged and carried the Salient, took three thousand prisoners, twenty flags, twenty-four guns and several thousand small arms. The Salient was held against repeated counter attacks. With this day the great battle of Spotsylvania, Va., ended, with a loss of ten thousand on each side. Regiment lost one hundred and sixty-seven men.

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