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EDITOR JOURNAL.—Dear Sir: Although you have had communications from many of the camps of the Pennsylvania volunteers now in the U. S. Service, I have not seen any from this camp, and will therefore intrude upon your columns to let your readers know what we are doing down here and what we expect to do.

This regiment (the 4th Pa Cavalry) is composed of two companies from Pittsburg; two from Westmoreland co.; four from Vanango (in one of which are a few from Clearfield); one from Lebanon and one from Luzerne; besides a squadron which has been for some time detached from the regiment. Our camp is on "Meridian Hill," about two miles to the north of the city, on the seventh street road. There is a very fine view of the city from the camp, and of the river below as far as Alexandria. The regiment has been here since October—the last company belonging to it, having come in November.

We live in the common canvas tents, placed upon a foundation of poles or split logs about three feet high, with the cracks plastered with mud. Some of the Field officers have log cabins built, and roofed with boards—about like a lumberman's cabin in the woods. In front of each row of company tents is the stable constructed of posts set in the ground, and roofed with boards sloping each way. It is wide enough for two rows of horses, with the manger in the centre.

To the west of our camp—a small run intervening is Columbian College, now in use as a Hospital. Near it, in a field used as a drill ground and for reviews, the Government is putting up a large frame Hospital on a plan recently adopted. It will soon be completed. The main or central part is about three hundred feet in length, and on each side alternately wings or wards project nearly one hundred feet—the open space on one side opposite the wing on the other, so that they are all in a manner separate, yet all connected by the central part of Hall. No doubt it is being prepared for the great battle, which will probably be on the Potomac.

Our Colonel David Campbell is a resident of Pittsburg. He commanded an Infantry regiment in the three months service and appears now to be applying himself closely to the Cavalry tactics. The regiment is divided into three Battalions—each commanded by a Major. The one commanding the Venango Battalion, is Jas. K. Kerr of Franklin, known to many of your county. If he is as good in the practice, as he is apt in the theory of his new profession, I would not fear to fight under his command.

To-day the presentation of the State flag to this regiment, and also to the 31st, by Governor Curtin, took place at the camp of the latter, (camp Graham) about three miles from here. The day was very disagreeable, having commenced to snow in the morning and continued on till late in the afternoon—blowing into our faces as we rode along. On the way we passed by the "Soldiers Home"—and just beyond, another, the volunteers' burying ground; which is already the home of many a brave fellow who, no doubt, expected to live to tell his battles o'er again. The ground is enclosed by a palisade fence, and contains several acres. Already a good portion of it is filled, as nearly all the regiments in this locality bury their dead in it. At the head of each grave is a little board with the name, regiment, and date of death on it. In passing along, the regularity of the rows of head boards, looked like corn stalks projecting through the snow.

After passing one of the many forts lately erected for the defence of the city, on which several cannon were mounted, we came to camp Graham. We found a battery of artillery already ready on the ground, (10 pieces.) We formed in line on the field, and the Governor not having yet arrived, the officers were invited into the camp of the 31st—where, in a large tent, refreshments were provided for them. In a short time the word came to join the line, the Governor had come. The Infantry was formed in line in the centre. The artillery on the left fired the customary salute on the arrival of the Commander-in-chief of the Penna. volunteers. The officers formed three sides of a square facing in (the cavalry and artillery officers mounted,) and a presentation address was made by a member of the Penna. Legislature, who accompanied the Governor. In his address he announced the gratifying intelligence of the capture of Fort Donelson, at which it was difficult to repress a cheer. The response on behalf of the Colonels was made by Mr. Bigham, also a member of the Legislature. At the close of his remarks, cheer after cheer went up with a will—the band playing "The Star Spangled Banner." Our banner is the "Coat of Arms" of Penna. on a blue field—on the scroll above, 6th reg't Penna.'s vol. below, 4th Penna.'s cavalry. The border is trimmed with yellow silk fringe. The Infantry flag is large; having the stripes, but instead of the stars on the blue field, it has the Penna.'s coat of arms, and the member of the reg't—also trimmed with yellow fringe. The Colonels handed them to their respective bearers, and we wheeled by divisions and marched towards our camp. On the way we met a funeral escort of infantry, with arms reversed, preceding a conveyance on which were two coffins—two more soldiers going to their long home. Our regiment is remarkably healthy at present—there not being twenty on the sick list; and most of these convalescing.

One squadron of our regiment is at present in Washington on Patrol duty, under the Provost Marshal, (Gen. Porter.) It is said that our regiment was placed in his brigade, from Gen. Palmer, for the purpose of being used for that kind of duty. But this does not please the most of the men, for they would rather be sent where they could be in active service. We still entertain a hope being among the ones selected to reinforce Gen. Buell in Ky., or Gen. Hunter in Missouri.

It is almost impossible to make an advance movement here at present, for the reason that, as one of the speakers said to-day, "nature laid an embargo on it." It has been so wet and muddy that we have not been able to drill much since December last. To-night there is about three inches of snow. Probably a day or two will melt it and we will have mud about as usual. It had dried up enough so that, within the last few days, we had begun to resume the usual drill. Our reg't is fully equipped, except some horses which we are choice in selecting. There are numbers in the Government Corral in Washington, but they do not suit us. Each man, in addition to the cavalry sabre, has one of Colt's Navy revolvers. Pistols, (six shooters); and ten carbines to each company for skirmishers.

If the Union victories continue to crowd each other as they have for the last week or ten days, there will be many in the service who will not have an opportunity to test their weapons in the field, however much they may be disappointed. Yours truly, UNION.

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