

We are under obligations to very many persons who have furnished us with letters from their friends in the army, containing early and interesting intelligence after the battle at Bull Run. We are still in the receipt of several, but the contents of most of them have been anticipated, and the publication at length is therefore unnecessary. From others we make extracts which will be read with interest by the friends of the writers. From a letter written by MONTAGUE BRIMSON, of the 1st Minnesota regiment, (son of Rev. H. K. BRIMSON, of Lagrange, Wyoming county), we take the following:

"Our regiment with the Fire Zouaves were ordered to right flank at double-quick, right down upon the enemy who were concealed in a piece of thick everglades and woods. As we came up they displayed the American Flag just as our boys were going to fire at left-oblique, and the Colonel gave orders not to fire, as they were our friends. Just then down went the flag, and up went the secession flag, and with the most destructive fire of musketry, grape and canister from a masked battery inside the wood. Our poor boys went out up awfully, and after rallying three times were obliged to retreat. The carnage was most horrid on both sides. The dead, dying and wounded of both sides literally covered the ground. The secession cavalry charged on our boys and the Fire Zouaves, when the Zouaves formed and almost annihilated them and their horses; that was the only fair show our boys had. At this juncture the enemy were reinforced by JOHNSON with twenty-five thousand men, and our forces made a precipitate retreat.

There were more than 3,000 soldiers straggling through the woods, and who refused to rally, as their commanders were either killed or wounded; but for the most part, our men were as brave as men could be, and it is acknowledged by all hands that if proper precautions had been used in surveying the ground, and plenty of siege pieces had been with us, we shouldn't have had to mourn the loss of so many brave fellows, and a disastrous defeat. Our flying artillery did some fine work. We had 13 batteries with our division. Only five of these engaged the enemy, and one, after getting position on the left of the Minnesotas and Fire Zouaves, and unlimbering, every man fled without firing a gun. All their horses were killed, and consequently we had no help from artillery.

I suppose you would like to know what part I took in the battle; my position as one of the Band did not require me to do anything and we were ordered to remain in camp, but we all disobeyed the command and went on the field. I saw the whole of the hard fighting. I found a Tennessee rifle with all the accoutrements on a wounded secessionist. I helped him up beside of a stump, and giving him some water from my canteen, I went into the engagement and fired fourteen times, and am positively certain that five of them took effect, because I laid in the bushes, 30 rods from their column. I took a secession prisoner, horse and all, and delivered him to the Brooklyn boys, and I have his revolver and seal which I hope to be able to show you sometime.

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