

THE THOMAS ARTILLERY.

A correspondent, who desires that justice should be done to a gallant company, sends the following :

MANASSAS JUNCTION, July 31st, 1861.

Having noticed the different correspondence of the *Dispatch* for the last week in regard to the late battle of Sunday, July 31st, allow me, an eye-witness, to correct an error in regard to the statement that the Howitzers rendered efficient service, &c., in the battle of that memorable day. The mistake was made from the fact of the uniforms of the Howitzers and the Thomas Artillery are very nearly alike; the credit, therefore, is justly due to that gallant little band, the Thomas Artillery, who, for seven hours, under the range of the enemy's battery, stood bravely by their guns, pouring shot thick and fast, and with good effect, into the enemy's ranks, firing, as I understand, seven hundred and odd shot. Their ammunition being exhausted, they were ordered to retire, which they did in good order, having sustained a loss of two killed—Lieut. Macon and private John B. Dixon; and five wounded—Serg't Massenburg, Corp'l's Thos. McCurdy and Topp, privates Waller and Davidson; the battery a loss of an ammunition chest, of one caisson, (which was struck by one of the enemy's shells and blown up,) twenty-five horses, killed, wounded and missing.

They arrived, after a forced march from Winchester under Gen. Johnston, on the battle-field about eight o'clock Sunday morning, without food for men or horses, and remained near the field of battle the whole day, and at sun down took up their march for this place, which they reached about midnight.

There is no news worth attention. Troops continue to arrive daily. A number of wounded Yankee prisoners arrived last evening.

"CHEW."

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