

Extract of a letter from Dr. A. S. Mayson,  
Assistant Surgeon in the 7th Regiment:  
MANASSAS, July 23, 1861.

*My Dear Wife:* After several days of excitement, I seat myself to let you know that I am still living. We arrived here from Winchester on Saturday. On Sunday morning about 7 o'clock, the cannonading commenced about four miles distant, and we received orders to march immediately. The 7th and 8th Georgia Regiments were the first to reach the field. The 8th Regiment was rushed into a position, by Col. Bartow, from which they had to retreat, in which they were almost shot to pieces. James George, was shot through the abdomen, and then taken prisoner. He was afterwards re-taken from them by us, brought to the Junction, and died. Joel Yarborough was wounded—not seriously, and Mr. Orr was killed on the field. Brother William was shot through the fleshy part of the thigh. I don't think he will suffer much.

None of the Powder Springs Company was killed, though Captain Moyer was wounded in the head, and it is thought, will die.

I have eaten but two regular meals since Sunday. I never did as hard a day's work in my life as on that day. I dressed wounds all day, until 12 o'clock at night. Then I went to the battle-field and hunted the dead and wounded till day; and I did not leave the field till last night. All day to day, I have been dressing over the wounds of our soldiers, and I am hungry and sleepy.

Tell Dr. Hoyle that his brother, Eli, was the first man that rushed upon Sherman's battery. When the command for a charge was given, he jumped upon one of the cannons, killed the man that controlled it, took his sword, knife and spur, and kept his position until the enemy fled.

But I must close. May Heaven bless you.  
A. S. MAYSON."

We were shown a biscuit, all the way from Manassas, of the Doctor's kneading and baking, which shows that he is an adept in the culinary art as well as in dressing the wounds of soldiers; and were informed that he labored every way to render the sick and wound comfortable, and succeeds better than any of the cooks in fixing up good things for the sick.—Men who thus labor for the good of their fellow-men, are worthy of everybody's esteem.

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