TWO LETTERS WRITTEN BEFORE AND AFTER MANASSAS BATTLE

Mr. T L. Wragg, of Blackville, has one of our boys killed and one woun indly consented to allow The People ed. The ball just poured on u publish two very interesting letters struck our muskets and hats that were written by his father dur- bodies. We got to the woods, mg the War Between the States place of slaughter, we were in one, before and the other after the fifteen minutes, and in that sho Frst Battle of Manassas, which, as he time, we had in our company fi states in his second letter, was the largest battle ever fought on American soil up to that time. The letters as much as a scratch. There we are interesting in that they were written by a participant while impressions were fresh on his mind. in the head and died as soon as They are as follows:

Before the Battle.

My Dear Papa: you, as I have a little time to myself. We are encamped on the north Barton was shot with the flag in side of the town with the rest of the hand. He was leading the 7th Re army, and expect a fight every day. ment and in crossing a fence he The enemy are about seven miles from ceived, his death wound. The us and advancing. Our scouts were passed through his heart. Our force fired on yesterday by the enemy, and retreated for a mile and took a sta one man was wounded by the burst- and after that we gained ground a ing of bomb shell. We heard today at six p. m., they were pursued that the enemy was advancing in our cavalry eight miles. I will g three columns: one from Martins- you a better account as soon as burg, one from Harpers Ferry and settle down. I can only say that the other by way of Romney. They am certain of one. He rode in fro are trying to outflank us. Our brigade and General Jackson's have took aim and fired. He fell. I been ordered to take position on the not want to see more, but got out road leading to Charlestown to pre- the way. Love to all. I remain, went about five or six thousand from etting behind the main body. We all very much excited last night. Just after Tattoo, our Captain told us nat Colonel Gardner said he would! lead us into battle today. We were all up in the morning at 2:30 and expected to have a fight certain, but were disappointed. We were drawn up in line of battle this afternoon and now in use and on sale at the Ba no one knew where we were going, until we were marched about a mile ment postal card remains 1 cent, on the Charleston Road and halted, private or souvenir mailing cards We were then ordered to pull down all the fences along the road so as to have a clear place to fight. In less than an hour all the fences for a mile along the side of the road were flat to the ground. We then formed and marched back to camp. W heard today that we were going to march to Charlestown. All our tents are struck and knapsacks lightly packed for a long march. The enemy about six thousand strong are at Smithville, a little village this side

T. L. Wragg. I have just heard that we go to Strausburg to meet McClella. There are so many reports out that you can't hear the truth. Write soon to your affectionate son,

of Charlestown, and if they don't re-

treat, we will certainly have a fight. Troops are coming in from all parts

of the country and we have a pretty

good force here. Our Colonel (Gard-

ner) says that if Doubleday's Battery

is anywhere near us, he intends to

make us charge it, that is our Regiment. I would like to be one to help

take it from him. I remain your af-

We have just arrived. After the Battle.

fectionate son,

Manassas Junction, July 23rd.

ly Dear Papa: I write you these few lines to let you know that I am well for I know that you will be anxious to near from me. We have just had one of the argest battles ever fought on American soil, and routed the enemy, I will give you a few of the particulars On Tuesday, the 17th, we received orders to march to the junction to join Beauregard's forces, wno had attacked on the right. We marched thirty miles and took the! cars, arrived on Thursday morning. We then marched about three miles from the junction and camped until Sunday. When we got orders to march, we walked about eight or ten miles, but before we got that far, we heard the artillery firing. marched to the baltlefield, and took our position benind a battery. The battery was at the foot of a hill and we on top. We had not been there five minutes before the shells from the famous Sherman's battery were falling around us like rain. We had one killed and two wounded in our regiment. A few minutes after we heard a tremdous fire of muskets and received orders to support General Bee's force on the right, who were giving away. We started for that point amid the bursting, of shells around us. We succeeded in getting down the hill and across the valley: We were brought up another hill by the flank, and was exposed to a dreadful fire of musketry from the gnemy ho were well posted behind breastworks and a large barn. When on the hill I looked towards the enemy, and

killed and twenty-five wounded a five taken prisoners. I did not five men shot down about me. Amo them was Jule Farrell. He was sh received the shot. Mr. Lippman's s was another. He was shot in t Manassas Junction, July. 21st. ankle, leg and shoulder. Mac. Butle the carpenter's son, was killed. O I take this opportunity of writing Adjutant, John Branch, was kill Mr. Passo's son was killed. Color of his forces and waved his sword. Your affectionate son,

> T. L. Wragg We have taken Sherman's Batte

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