

H^o 2^d Dep^t S. W. Virginia
Camp Narrows.
August 12th 1862.

Hon. Geo. W. Randolph
Sec of War.

Sir

I have the honor to report that on the evening of the fifths inst^l Col. G. C. Wharton with about 900 men ^{and two guns} left Ferris Town & proceeded to Pack's Ferry, which place they reached before sun rise on the morning of the 6th. ~~day~~ The enemy evidently ignorant of the approach of our forces, was encamped on the other side of New River and we were enabled to plant the pieces and open fire before he was apparently aware of our proximity. The fire was delivered with splendid effect, causing him to destroy his flat boats, throw his supplies in to the river and vacate the camp. We killed ^{wounded} about 20 of the enemy, one of our men being slightly wounded. News of the approach of the enemy from Alverson's Ferry, in the direction of Union, has rendered it necessary that Col. Wharton's command should be ordered away

from his position. The ordons were secured by him just
as he had succeeded ^{so far in his expedition} in ~~discovering~~ ^{discovering} the ~~secret~~ ^{secret} as above re-
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Very Respectfully

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

W. W. Loring -

Major Gen. Comm. 2^d

True Copy -

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Colo J Syle Clarke,

Dear Clarke,

My desire is to get as many companies without resorting to the detail as possible to make up the Corps of "Shock Troops," for the very obvious reason, to prevent taking men out of organizations already perfected — It is as a matter of course extremely distasteful to regimental Commanders to lose their men, & I do not wish to incur the unkind excitement consequent upon the detail if it can be avoided. — I have been exceedingly anxious to get up the Corps & have been doing my best — I induced the Companies already in it to do so. — and if I can get others I shall, then when this ^{resource} ~~course~~ is exhausted, we may with some propriety resort to detail. — The Conscripts already at the banners, or the larger portion of them I design to fill up the Companies, ^{as previously mentioned} not yet full & when the parole prisoners come, if they do, we can let them take the place of the Conscripts, and in this way have material for the formation of new Companies. — I have a pistol which belongs to a man in charge of Capt Walter, who came from the enemy, & for which he asks 25 dollars, I enclose the amount which please give Capt Walter for the man —

Truly W. W. Worring.

To
Co. J. Kyle of Glades
from

Wm. Lee of Loring

Aug 20th. 61

About his Battalion