

disabled by a wound received at Gains Mill June 27
1862, I was not able to join my segment until a few
days before the Second Battle at Manassas^{the 25th of}
^{on Camp 21 miles from Culpeper Court}
August at 10 O'clock A.M. In one hour accounted
with Musket, Cartridge box and Knapsack I was on
the march. The country had been laid waste by the
Federal troops, the grain in the houses taken or destroyed &
the growing crops materially injured, and all the stock
of horses, dogs & cattle, sheep & hogs either killed or
driven off. The country was a desolation & picket posts
scattered & broken, and this made it difficult for our
army to obtain supplies. We trudged on till Orange
and Alexandria R.R. on foot to Brandy Station on
Hazel River a distance of 2 miles, and then turned up
the river 7 miles further making a distance of 19 miles.
Not having ^{been in service since the 2d of June} marched any for nearly two months, & on the
evening of the 25th the enemy were ^{trodden} drawn up in battle array as if to dispute or passage
of the river and that night threw some shells at us which

Whoever then can command the Army, had truly any ~~con-~~
fele short of General Hood, ordered him back to play ~~Soror~~ Steaming
airs. On the 28th we encamped 5 miles from Salem & 20
miles from Manassas Junction. We left our camp of Tuesday the 25th
at 3 o'clock P.M., but marched but little until 10 o'clock that
night, when we moved 10 miles that night, halting but
one hours rest. On the 27th morning at day-light we crossed
the Rappahannock and bivouacked until 10 o'clock P.M.
The troops were completely worn out, tired, some fainted
and deeply exhausted from forced marches, ^{hunger} & loss of sleep.
Our rations had been consumed, and the Commissary Stores
could not reach us, as the wooden bridges had been burnt by
the enemy. We had been marching for 31 hours, and
had only one hour's sleep & three hours of rest, and
our rations were principally green corn.

Genl Stonewall Jackson was at Manassas with his Corps
surprised the enemy. Then by one of his ~~supreme~~
moves, and had captured two trains of the Manassas
Junction ^{loaded} with Commissary Stores, and a number of prisoners
but his command was in danger and Genl Longstreet
with his Corps was making forced marches to release
him. On the 27th the rations were issued & we started about
and then moved forward rapidly.