

Disabled by a wound received at Gains Mill June 27
1862, I was not able to join my regiment until a few
days before the Second Battle at Manassas the 25th of
August at 10 o'clock A.M. ^(on Camp 21 miles from Culpeper Va) In one hour, accoutred
w. the musket, cartridge box and knapsack, I was ~~on~~
the march. The country had been laid waste by the
Federal troops, the grain in the barns 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 & rich & poor
alike were suffering, and this made it difficult for our
army to obtain supplies. We traveled on the Orange
and Alexandria R.R. on foot to Brandy Station on
Naylor's line a distance of 12 miles, and then turned ^{traveled} up
the river 7 miles for the making a distance of 19 miles.
Not having ^{been in service since the 27th of June} marched any for nearly two months, & on the
evening of the 25th the enemy were ~~drawn~~ ^{drawn} seen that 2 1/2 miles
off drawn up in battle array as if to dispute or passage
of the river and that night threw some shells at us which

