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NORTH CAROLINA AT GETTYSBURG.

God knows we would not pick a single laurel from the brow of Virginia to add to the honor of our own State...

But not to waste further words, Col. Walter H. Taylor, of Virginia, has just come to the front with an account of the battle of Gettysburg...

Colonel Taylor does not indeed claim that the loss of the day was owing to the action of North Carolina troops...

In his opinion the assault as actually made, was from the first but leading a forlorn hope that no one had a right to expect to result in anything save honor and slaughter...

We followed General Lee with unquestioning faith when living, and we revere his memory when dead...

There were three North Carolina brigades that took part in the grand assault at Gettysburg, and as to the conduct of each of these brigades it happens to be in our power to present proof from gentlemen of as undoubted veracity as Col. Taylor...

Next morning General Lee appeared in front of my line, reconnoitered the enemy's position, and when he was about to leave, he remarked that "he needed more troops on the right, but that he did not know where they were to come from..."

Speaking of the conduct of this command Major Louis G. Young, Aid-de-Camp to General Pettigrew, writing "On the Rapid," February 10th, 1864, says: "On the morning of the 3d July, Gen. Pettigrew, commanding Heth's Division, was instructed to report to General Longstreet..."

In the alignment of the division, Pettigrew's Brigade, under Colonel Marshall, was second from the right, and it, with Archer's, advanced promptly and in good order, in continuation of Pickett's line...

The distance over which we had to advance may be estimated, when I state that the fuses for the shells used by the artillery stationed immediately in our front, were cut for 1 1/2 miles. The ground over which we had to pass was perfectly open;

numerous fences, some parallel and others oblique to our line of battle, were formidable impediments in our way.

From the crest upon which he was entrenched, the hill sloped gradually, forming a natural glacis; and the conformation of the ground was such that when the left of our line approached his works, it must come within an arc of a circle...

Subjected to a fire even more fatal than that which had driven back the brigade on our left, and the men listening in vain for the cheering commands of officers, who had, alas, fallen, our brigade gave way likewise, and simultaneously with it the whole line.

On the 3d of July, company C, of the 11th regiment, lost two officers killed, and 34 out of 38 men, killed or wounded.

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When the line of battle moved forward the second line kept but a short distance in rear, and before the advance had passed over one-half the distance to the enemy's works, the second line united with the first, our right touching the left of Pickett's Division.

The point at which the troops with me struck the enemy's works projected furthest to the front, and consequently we were the first to reach them.

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I know too well what it is to be a soldier to wish to do injustice to any command and I regret to see that the historians from my native State are so very partial to Pickett's Division.

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