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WAR REMINISCENCES. A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE BATTLE OF SHARPSBURG.

Prepared by Major T. D. Love, of the 24th N. C. Regiment, at the Request of the New Hanover Confederate Veterans' Association.

It is out of the line of the average business man to write for the eye of the public or to speak to an assembled audience. His vocation in life leads far from the attainments which mark the graceful writer or the elegant evolutionist.

The morale of an army is said to be with the army on the offensive, and we were inspired with all the hope and enthusiasm the aggressive movement imparted.

Connected with the 24th N. C. Infantry, General Robert Ransom's Brigade and Walker's Division, composed of Ransom's and Cook's Brigades, we had been transferred from Longstreet's corps and were serving with Stonewall Jackson's foot cavalry.

Our orders were to observe the rights of private property, no pillaging to be allowed, no orchards invaded, and the buttermilk rangers kept closely in ranks.

Night came on before we reached our destination, and as we neared it, no funeral procession ever moved more silently, certainly not so swiftly as we hurried forward to surprise, if possible, the enemy if we found them.

river or a hooting owl, surrounded us. But to perform our mission of destruction, the river must be crossed, and the enemy, if found on the opposite shore, driven off.

The eye could reach no troops were visible; our regiment being on the right of our division, was the extreme right of Lee's whole line. The sun rose brightly as at Ansterlita, and being in an open field we were struck with the beauty of the landscape.

Resting on the Virginia shore for a day or two, we moved westwardly to take part in the capture of Harper's Ferry.

We halted at the confluence of the Shenandoah with the Potomac, and threw cut pickets along the southern border to guard that point.

At dusk we stacked arms and bivouacked about one mile from Sharpsburg, eating our scant rations for supper, little dreaming that on the morrow we would be participants in one of Lee's greatest victories.

the left, "is a body of troops; charge them and drive them out." The Colonel replied, "I don't obey commands unless I know from whom they come."

Gen. Stuart having retired to his command, and finding the shots from the enemy were thinning our ranks and some sharpshooters in ambush were picking them off, we withdrew to a ravine a few paces to the rear for protection.

In a dilemma as well as a rayne we were at loss what to do, to move forward or retreat, being entirely detached and receiving no orders.

From the extreme right we became the extreme left of the Sharpsburg line of battle, an unusual experience; but not more so than being led by the great cavalryman, J. E. B. Stuart.

Our ambulance corps with their stretchers did good service in caring for our wounded. I remember one

heroic soul whose life blood was fast ebbing away, saying to them, "don't take me, boys, I'll soon be out of pain. Carry those whose life you can save."

When but an idle boy in the happy long ago I played around the Rock Spring and drank of its historic waters; containing a love powder, so to speak, in solution.

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Remaining in line the following day we withdrew with the army that night to Southern soil, crossing the Potomac the fourth time.

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