

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
Gordon's Mills, September 14, 1863—12.30 p. m.

Brig. Gen. J. A. GARFIELD:

I have this moment returned from the front. I am confident that there is no considerable force of infantry near me at this time. My reconnoissance to the front proves that there is none in that direction as far out as 5 miles. The firing which Oldershaw thought was from Wilder's, was from Van Cleve's front, mostly from two rebel guns. Van Cleve has not reported, but I am satisfied they are not about to attack me here to-day. Indeed, I think I can whip them if they do—all of them. We are, I think, in a position that they can turn, but I also think they dare not pass me. If they should I can join General Thomas, or rather he can join me, and our army get together here or at La Fayette. But this is mere speculation. I don't think they will come.

As there is no force of ours at Ringgold, had you not better order Minty, if he is near you, to leave some force at Rossville? I am afraid cavalry may come in from toward Ringgold, and cut off my communication. I will send you dispatch as soon as I get detailed report from my different reconnoissances.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. L. CRITTENDEN,
Major-General, Commanding.

[Indorsement.]

Above just received from General Crittenden, 3.25 p. m.

C. G.

One hundred and sixty men of Tenth Ohio, under Major Hudson, have just started for Rossville to guard the roads from there, particularly the Dalton road.

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
Chattanooga Valley, September 14, 1863—1.20 p. m.

Brig. Gen. J. A. GARFIELD,
Chief of Staff:

I am still here, hoping to hear from you. I wrote at 10.30 a. m., by courier up Nickajack trace, and by courier to Gordon's Mills, thence by signal. My command is on Missionary Ridge at Henson's. No enemy between here and Chattanooga, and no force in front that I can hear of. No water on the ridge, so that I cannot remain here. I must either come down into the valley or go back.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. L. CRITTENDEN,
Major-General, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Foot of Cooper's Gap, September 14, 1863—2.45 p. m.

Maj. Gen. T. L. CRITTENDEN:

Your dispatch of 10.30 a. m. from Missionary Ridge is received. The rebels have abandoned the valley between Lookout Mountain and Pigeon Mountain, and there is considerable evidence that they

have evacuated La Fayette. General Reynolds is making a reconnaissance to Pond Spring, and will encamp there to-night. The general commanding directs you to post your command in good position for water along the Chickamauga, from Owens' Ford to Gower's. A part of your command had better encamp at Crawfish Spring. Colonel Wilder has been ordered to join General Reynolds at Pond Spring. Establish communication with these headquarters by way of that place. Post Minty so as to guard the approaches from Ringgold and La Fayette, and hold him responsible for your safety in that direction. Gather all the information you can of the enemy's movements.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. GARFIELD,
Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Chattanooga, September 14, 1863—4 p. m.

Major-General CRITTENDEN :

GENERAL : Your dispatch of 10.30 a. m., marked "by signal from Gordon's Mills," has just reached here, having come all the way by courier, the dust and smoke between here and Gordon's Mills having interrupted signal communication. I will at once forward your dispatch to the general commanding, and you of course, meanwhile, after consulting the instructions in his order of 12.20 yesterday, exercise your own judgment as to your dispositions.

No news has been received from the general commanding, or from Generals Thomas or McCook, since he left here yesterday. General Granger is at Rossville with three brigades, which fact he has doubtless already communicated to you.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. GODDARD,
Lieutenant-Colonel and Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
September 14, 1863—5.40 p. m.

General GARFIELD :

No enemy between here and Chattanooga. No force in front that I can hear from ; nowhere on the ridge. I must go back or come down into the valley. Let me hear from you by courier, by way of Missionary Ridge, at Henson's.

T. L. CRITTENDEN,
Major-General, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
September 14, 1863—8 p. m. (Received 15th, 4 a. m.)

General ROSECRANS :

Your dispatch of 2.45 p. m. just received. Will post command as directed in the morning. My headquarters will be at Gordon's Mills.

T. L. CRITTENDEN,
Major-General, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
Gordon's Mills, Ga., September 14, 1863.

Capt. P. P. OLDERSHAW,
Assistant Adjutant-General:

CAPTAIN: An intelligent contraband was brought in from on the La Fayette road this evening (5 p. m.). Says he left General Hindman's force this morning at 10 a. m. Hindman has about 10,000 men. They left La Fayette night before last, 12th instant, and marched toward this point (Gordon's Mills), to within 5 miles. Staid in line of battle till to-day at 10 a. m., then marched back toward La Fayette. The reason assigned was that the Federals were capturing some trains in that direction. Says he left them when they started back, and heard the rumor that they were going to Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully, &c.,

TH. J. WOOD,
Brigadier-General of Volunteers, Commanding.

FOOT OF MISSIONARY RIDGE,
At Henson's, September 14, 1863—9.50 a. m.

Capt. P. P. OLDERSHAW,
Assistant Adjutant-General:

CAPTAIN: Upon striking the road from Chattanooga up the valley, I found Wilder's men passing. I am satisfied that it is 6 miles back to the mill, instead the distance stated by Lee. We are here only 10 miles from Chattanooga, the people say, and have really receded from the enemy 3 miles. It is 13 miles from Lee's to Chattanooga. In every point of view it seems to me to be proper and judicious that the head of my column move up the valley to Mitchell's, the terminus of the road by Couch's. No signs of the enemy. If I am to remain here, please order up my train to come on the road we have traveled.

Respectfully,

JOHN M. PALMER,
Major-General.

HDQRS. TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
Chattanooga Valley, September 14, 1863—7.40 p. m.

Major-General PALMER,
Commanding Second Division:

SIR: The general commanding directs me to send you the following extract from orders this moment received from department headquarters:

The general commanding directs you to post your command in good position for water, along Chickamauga from Owens' Ford to Gower's. A part of your command had better encamp at Crawfish Spring. Establish communication with these headquarters via Pond Spring, where Colonel Wilder has been ordered to join General Reynolds.

In pursuance of these orders the general commanding directs that you take command of the two divisions now here, and leave at daylight in the morning, posting your own division on the right or along Chickamauga from Owens' Ford to Gower's and General Van Cleve's division at Crawfish Spring.

You will order Colonel Minty with his cavalry to move early in the morning so as to be out of your way, and to report to me for further orders at Gordon's Mills, bringing with him the Fourth U. S. Cavalry, now at Crawfish.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
P. P. OLDERSHAW,
Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General.

Semi-weekly report of effective force of the post troops at Nashville, Tenn., Brig. Gen. R. S. Granger, commanding.

Command.	Headquarters.			Infantry.			Cavalry.		
	Officers.	Men.	Total.	Officers.	Men.	Total.	Officers.	Men.	Total.
Commanding post, Brigadier-General Granger.	8	38	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Brigade, Third Division, Colonel Harrison.	8	12	20	128	2,400	2,528	7	155	162
18th Michigan Infantry, Maj. J. W. Horner.	.....	.....	.....	28	570	596	.....	.....	.....
Camp Spears, Brigadier-General Gillem.	.....	.....	.....	29	592	621	23	430	456
Garrison artillery, Maj. C. S. Cotter.	.....	.....	.....	4	123	127	.....	.....	.....
7th Kentucky Cavalry, Lieut. Col. T. T. Vimont.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	328	355
Total	16	50	66	187	3,685	3,872	60	913	973
Convalescents, for light duty, Capt. Ralph Hunt.	.....	.....	.....	18	331	349	.....	.....	.....
Grand total	16	50	66	205	4,016	4,221	60	913	973

Command.	Artillery.			Total.		Aggregate.	Horses.	Guns.
	Officers.	Men.	Total.	Officers.	Men.			
Commanding post, Brigadier-General Granger.	.....	.....	.....	8	38	46	.....	.....
Second Brigade, Third Division, Colonel Harrison.	5	112	117	148	2,679	2,827	255	6
18th Michigan Infantry, Maj. J. W. Horner.	.....	.....	.....	28	570	596	.....	.....
Camp Spears, Brigadier-General Gillem.	.....	.....	.....	55	1,022	1,077	480	.....
Garrison artillery, Maj. C. S. Cotter.	18	416	434	22	539	561	356	48
7th Kentucky Cavalry, Lieut. Col. T. T. Vimont.	.....	.....	.....	27	328	355	290	.....
Total	23	528	551	286	5,176	5,462	1,381	49
Convalescents, for light duty, Capt. Ralph Hunt.	.....	.....	.....	18	331	349	.....	.....
Grand total	23	528	551	304	5,507	5,811	1,381	49

R. S. GRANGER,
Brigadier-General, Commanding.

MONDAY, September 14, 1863.

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Five Miles from Chattanooga, September 14, 1863—7 a. m.

Colonel GODDARD :

Steedman's command should reach here by 10 o'clock, and will move directly to Rossville, and will probably arrive there about 12

hours. I am very tired myself and have gone to bed, otherwise would ride up to-night. I will, however, leave here early in the morning and ride down with the general. There is nothing new. All my command is in position as ordered.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

T. L. CRITTENDEN,
Major-General, Commanding.

HDQRS. FIRST BRIGADE, SECOND DIVISION CAVALRY,
Near Peeler's Mill, September 15, 1863.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
Twenty-first Army Corps:

SIR: The rebel pickets left this half an hour before I arrived. I have strange reports from the citizens. They say positively that Forrest is at Ringgold, Pegram at Leet's, Buckner at Rock Spring, Cleburne and Longstreet at Dalton.

I am, &c.,

ROBT. H. G. MINTY,
Colonel, Commanding.

BRIDGEPORT, *September 15, 1863—3.45 p. m.*

General WAGNER:

GENERAL: I have the honor to report I have just arrived here with two companies Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, with tools and five wagons. I have orders to report to you. Will leave here early in the morning.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

P. V. FOX,
Capt., Comdg. Detch. First Mich. Engrs. and Mechanics.

HEADQUARTERS RESERVE CORPS,
Rossville, Ga., September 15, 1863.

Lieut. Col. C. GODDARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General:

COLONEL: One of my scouts returned this morning from Ooltewah via Missionary Mills, and learned from the people through the country that a rebel force (estimated at two divisions) was at Graysville yesterday afternoon, and supposed to be moving in the direction of Ringgold. I sent out on the Ringgold road before daylight a few mounted infantry some 5 miles. Citizens reported there that four cavalry brigades were encamped near Ringgold. This may be the rear of Buckner's force passing down from East Tennessee.

I would suggest that you send what cavalry you have as far out as Peeler's Mill and Ringgold, and ascertain what force, if any, is in that quarter. Our flank is important just now, and if there is any rebel force in that direction it should be closely observed.

Very respectfully,

G. GRANGER,
Major-General.

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
Chickamauga Creek, near Gower's, September 16, 1863.

Brigadier-General GARFIELD,
Chief of Staff:

SIR: I inclose you copy of communication from Colonel Minty; also copy of my order* to Major Seibert to report to Colonel Minty with the Seventh Pennsylvania, as I think I can do without it in this front and it may save other troops. I think Colonel Minty's a very good letter.

Respectfully,

T. L. CRITTENDEN,
Major-General, Commanding.

[Inclosure.]

HDQRS. FIRST BRIGADE, SECOND CAVALRY DIVISION,
Near Peeler's Mill, September 16, 1863.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
Twenty-first Army Corps:

SIR: Last night my patrol ran foul of the enemy's pickets at a little less than 3 miles from here on the Ringgold road. Shortly after daybreak this morning the pickets reported the enemy advancing in force, and they were attacked immediately after. I re-enforced them, and they in turn drove the rebels back. I think there was nothing but a strong scout. A force of about 200 is now threatening me from the direction of Leet's. I have sent a squadron to disperse them.

The force at Ringgold is, I believe, Scott's brigade. Pegram is at Leet's, with an outpost at Pea Vine Church. There is a good road running down the valley between Pea Vine Ridge and the Chickamauga, which exposes my rear to attack. Can you post a brigade of infantry at Reed's Bridge. As I am now situated I may be forced to retreat at any moment. I wish this could be avoided.

If I send a patrol toward Leet's, it is liable to be cut off by an advance from Ringgold. If I move on Ringgold, I am liable to be attacked in rear from Leet's. However, if I had all of my brigade here, I could guard all the roads and punish the rebels if they made any demonstrations against me.

Can you not send me the Seventh Pennsylvania and have the Third Indiana ordered up from Chattanooga? I am not strong enough for the position I am placed in. I think, without doubt, that Longstreet is in this part of the country. I doubt his being at Dalton.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. H. G. MINTY,
Colonel, Commanding.

HDQRS. FIRST BRIGADE, SECOND CAVALRY DIVISION,
Near Reed's Bridge, September 16, 1863—12 m.
(Received 2.15 p. m.)

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
Twenty-first Army Corps:

SIR: Immediately after writing you this a. m. the enemy moved against me on three roads, viz; the La Fayette, a narrow road on

* Omitted.

the east side of the ridge, and the road I am now on, which is on the west side of the ridge and leads from La Fayette to Harrison. Lieutenant Hedges, Fourth United States, reports the tracks of an infantry column, apparently a regiment, moving south on the La Fayette road.

The intention of the enemy appears to be to gain possession of this road. This would have effectually cut off all communication with you. I therefore thought it best to fall back to this point, west of the ridge but east of the river. I still picket the La Fayette road. I have had 1 man killed.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,
R. H. G. MINTY,
Colonel, Commanding.

The rebels have been driven on all the roads from 4 to 7 miles.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1863.

Capt. P. P. OLDERSHAW,
Assistant Adjutant-General:

CAPTAIN: The note [foregoing] from Colonel Minty was brought here addressed to assistant adjutant-general, Twenty-first Army Corps, but the bearer said Colonel Minty desired I should open it if General Crittenden had moved his headquarters hence.

Respectfully, &c.,

TH. J. WOOD,
Brigadier-General of Volunteers, Commanding.

HDQRS. FIRST DIV., TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
Gordon's Mills, September 16, 1863—9.30 p. m.

Capt. P. P. OLDERSHAW,
Assistant Adjutant-General:

CAPTAIN: I have just returned from department headquarters, to receive your dispatch in regard to the position of my command, &c. My command is posted in a strong position on the western side of the Chickamauga, with the center about the mills. The objection to the position is that it is too extensive for my force to occupy it strongly; yet it is necessary to occupy the entire position in order to prevent the enemy, in case of attack, from getting to the rear. With a proper force, the position is naturally very strong. In case of a vigorous attack it must necessarily be re-enforced promptly, and it might be well to do it in advance (if there is reasonable apprehension of attack), to avoid the confusion of putting troops into position during an engagement.

The extreme left of our line being at this point, on the high road to Chattanooga, would probably be the first attacked. I have the bank of the river barricaded with rails, making an excellent shelter for riflemen, and the topography protects the barricades from artillery. The pickets are thrown well to the front, on the east side of the creek, and a patrol will be sent to the front of the picket-lines, to obtain a commanding position to watch any early movement of

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Crawfish Spring, September 17, 1863.

(Received 1.26 p. m.)

Maj. Gen. T. L. CRITTENDEN:

The general commanding directs you to put General Van Cleve's and General Palmer's commands in readiness to march. Move them at once, sufficiently to be out of the way of General Thomas, in some shade in an unmolested position, and you will before long receive definite orders for taking up position farther down Chickamauga Creek. General Wood's division may not need to be moved at present.

J. A. GARFIELD,
Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
September 17, 1863.

Brigadier-General GARFIELD,
Chief of Staff:

SIR: The general commanding directs me to inform you that at the time your order arrived directing the immediate removal of his Second and Third Divisions, in order to give room for General Thomas' troops, he conferred with General Thomas, who was then and is now here, and they both concluded that it would be unwise to move them until definite orders were received locating the two divisions. There is ample room for the troops of General Thomas that are yet to come up. The general, however, has put the divisions under orders to be ready to move at a moment's notice.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

P. P. OLDERSHAW,
Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Crawfish Spring, September 17, 1863—3 p. m.

Major-General CRITTENDEN:

The general commanding directs you to post General Palmer's division in a good military position in the space between General Van Cleve and General McCook, on or near the line of Chickamauga Creek. He directs you also to make your headquarters near this place.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. GARFIELD,
Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff,

HDQRS. FIRST BRIGADE, FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION,
Reed's Mill, September 17, 1863—7 p. m.
 (Received Crawfish Spring, 1.30 a. m., 18th.)

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
Twenty-first Army Corps:

SIR: General Spears [Steedman] passed through Graysville this a. m. This p. m. there was slight cannonading above Ringgold. I

understand that Wilder is camped near Alexander's Bridge, 2 miles below me. I have sent a party to communicate with him. Rebel pickets are 9 miles above on the La Fayette road.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. H. G. MINTY,
Colonel, Commanding.

[Indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
Crawfish Spring, September 18, 1863.

Respectfully forwarded.

T. L. CRITTENDEN,
Major-General, Commanding.

HDQRS. THIRD BRIG., FIRST DIV., 21ST ARMY CORPS,
September 17, 1863.

Col. C. G. HARKER,
Commanding Brigade:

SIR: I have the honor to report that the pickets inform me that they saw a rocket to the eastward about 1 o'clock this morning; that they heard a bugle or horn in the same direction last evening about dark, and some thought they saw signal lights also in the east during the night.

Very respectfully, &c.,

L. B. EATON,
Captain, Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteers, Brigade Inspector.

[Indorsement.]

HDQRS. FIRST DIVISION, TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
Gordon's Mills, September 17, 1863.

Respectfully forwarded for the information of the commanding general of the army.

I am not sufficiently advised of the exact position of Colonel Minty's command to say whether these evidences of the presence of troops came from him or not. Besides I am not informed whether he has any signal party with him. Then the report of pickets as to the direction of such indications is too vague to fix the direction accurately. I report the facts, thinking they may be used as corroborations if they were observed by others.

TH. J. WOOD,
Brigadier-General of Volunteers, Commanding.

HDQRS. FIRST DIVISION, TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
Gordon's Mills, September 17, 1863—2.15 p. m.

Brig. Gen. J. A. GARFIELD,
Chief of Staff:

GENERAL: Some of my lookouts have just reported a considerable cloud of dust due south from this position, with some indistinct firing. The lookout reports the column of dust, when first seen, as moving northward when the firing was heard, and then the column or cloud of dust seemed to cease moving northward.

Supposing the dust was raised by the enemy moving northward, have we any troops 2 or 3 miles south of this line that would encounter the enemy? The lookouts are posted in a tree on a high point near the left of the line. I cannot detect the dust with my glass from my headquarters, but the lookouts have a better sweep over the country than I have. I will have a strict watch kept and report all I may see or hear.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

TH. J. WOOD,
Brigadier-General of Volunteers, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Crawfish Spring, September 17, 1863—3.15 p. m.

Brigadier-General WOOD,
Commanding First Division, Twenty-first Army Corps:

Your note of 2.15 p. m. giving the results of your observation of the dust and firing to the southward of your position is received. Your observations were very accurate. The firing occurred between a column of the enemy's cavalry and a scouting party of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry under Colonel Palmer. Report any appearances which indicate movements of the enemy.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. GARFIELD,
Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Crawfish Spring, September 17, 1863—7.30 p. m.

Brig. Gen. T. J. WOOD:

The general commanding directs me to inform you that Wilder has been sent with his mounted infantry to Alexander's Bridge, on your left and midway between you and Colonel Minty. We have had no report from Minty to-day, and the general commanding directs you to send a messenger to him at once to obtain a report of anything that may have occurred or that he has observed. Forward the report when received to these headquarters.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. GODDARD,
Lieutenant-Colonel and Assistant Adjutant General.

HDQRS. FIRST DIVISION, TWENTY-FIRST ARMY CORPS,
Gordon's Mills, September 17, 1863—7.30 p. m.

General J. A. GARFIELD,
Chief of Staff:

GENERAL: When Colonel Wilder passed here this afternoon I furnished him with a guide to conduct him to Alexander's Bridge. On the return of the guide he sent me a message to the effect that there was considerable dust and some skirmish-firing in the neighborhood of Napier's. Napier's is about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from this, and about the like distance from Alexander's Bridge. It is near the point at which the

any points which can be safely cut down more, do so. The War Department has ordered Hurlbut's and Sherman's corps to cross over to the Tennessee, which will thoroughly protect our right and rear.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. GARFIELD,
Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Crawfish Spring, September 17, 1863—7.30 p. m.

Maj. Gen. GORDON GRANGER :

Colonel Wilder has been sent with his mounted brigade to the vicinity of Alexander's Mill, intermediate between Minty's and Wood's position. The general commanding directs you to send a messenger to Colonel Minty for a report of anything that may have occurred or that he has observed to-day. When the report is received he desires you to send it to these headquarters.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. GODDARD,
Lieutenant-Colonel and Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Crawfish Spring, September 17, 1863—10 p. m.

Maj. Gen. G. GRANGER :

The general commanding directs you to order General Spears' command, now at Jasper, to cross the river and take post at Wauhatchie. The design is to bring that force nearer within your reach in case of emergency, and also that they may serve as a protection to Lookout Valley.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. GARFIELD,
Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.

NASHVILLE, *September 17, 1863—9 p. m.*

[General GARFIELD:]

Following dispatch just received from Gallatin :

GALLATIN, *September 17, 1863.*

Brig. Gen. R. S. GRANGER :

I heard from there yesterday. They had a fight with about 200 rebels, and the rebels were repulsed, with a small loss of 3 men wounded on our side. Sent 100 mounted men up there this morning; have not heard from there since they left. Will telegraph as soon as I hear from them.

H. K. McCONNELL,
Colonel, Commanding.

R. S. GRANGER,
Brigadier-General.

HEADQUARTERS,
Chattanooga, Tenn., September 17, 1863.

General J. A. GARFIELD: ..

GENERAL: Everything here is doing well. I received a communication from Colonel Byrd, of General Burnside's army, which I for-

[Indorsement.]

Colonel FLYNT:

Yesterday the line was closed while we were moving to this point. The dust prevented opening until dark.

SEITER,
Captain and Acting Signal Officer.

Journal of the operations of the Fourteenth Army Corps.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1863.

At 4 p. m. the whole corps moved to the left along Chickamauga Creek to Crawfish Spring. On arriving at that place received orders to march on the cross-roads leading to Chattanooga and La Fayette road by the Widow Glenn's house and take up a position near Kelly's farm, on the La Fayette road, connecting with Crittenden's corps on my right at Gordon's Mills.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Crawfish Spring, September 18, 1863.

Lieut. Col. A. C. DUCAT:

The general commanding directs you to take charge of the discipline of headquarters camp, to see that everything is kept in proper order and that the guards are efficient. There has been complaint recently that many articles are stolen from the wagons. The general desires you to devise some means to prevent this and punish the offenders.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. GODDARD,
Lieutenant-Colonel and Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Crawfish Spring, September 18, 1863—5.40 p. m.

Major-General THOMAS,
Commanding Fourteenth Army Corps:

GENERAL: The general commanding wishes to see you as soon as you can conveniently come to these headquarters.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. DROUILLARD,
Captain and Aide-de-Camp.

NEAR ALEXANDER'S BRIDGE,
September 18, 1863—3.30 p. m.

Major-General ROSECRANS,
Crawfish Spring, Tenn.:

GENERAL: Colonel Minty has fallen back, after being re-enforced by two regiments and two pieces of artillery of mine. A rebel infantry force has crossed Chickamauga between Alexander's Bridge

and Reed's Bridge, getting in my rear. I held the rebels at Alexander's Bridge until they outnumbered me on every side. I got off my artillery, and am falling back on General Wood.

Respectfully, &c.,

J. T. WILDER,
Colonel, Commanding Brigade.

HDQRS. FIRST BRIG., FOURTH DIV., 14TH ARMY CORPS,
Vineyard's, on Chattanooga Road, Sept. 18, 1863—8.50 p. m.

Colonel GODDARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General:

I send you Mr. McDowell, who lives 3 miles this side of Rossville, and knows all the roads in this vicinity. The rebels are across Chickamauga, and are found in force on any of the roads leading to the right, at a quarter of a mile. They are planting artillery in my front, and our lines of skirmishers are mixed together. My main line and theirs is not more than 200 yards apart, and not more than 600 yards from the road from Gordon's Mills to Chattanooga, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Gordon's Mills.

I have no position for artillery, and if my right is not strengthened, am in danger of being driven back. They attacked us at dark with cheers, but were held in check. Their force is nearly all infantry, and from appearances it is a large one.

I am, very respectfully, yours, &c.,

J. T. WILDER,
Colonel, &c.

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH ARMY CORPS,
Pond Spring, September 18, 1863—9.15 a. m.

Brig. Gen. J. A. GARFIELD,
Chief of Staff:

GENERAL: I have just heard from Brigadier-General Mitchell. The courier line is complete. General Mitchell has had a scout within half a mile of Blue Bird Gap; no enemy visible. His headquarters is 2 miles from Bailey's Cross-Roads. I will duplicate his orders.

Respectfully,

A. McD. McCOOK,
Major-General.

HEADQUARTERS TWENTIETH ARMY CORPS,
*Camp 3 Miles from Winston's, September 13, 1863—1 p. m.**

Brigadier-General GARFIELD, *Chief of Staff:*

GENERAL: Your letter dated 9.30 p. m. reached me at 10 a. m. to-day, and would have been acknowledged at once, but I was waiting until General Stanley resolved definitely when and by what route he would go, so that I could give you a positive idea of the position of the infantry ordered to support him. General Davis will go over Lookout Mountain with two brigades with General Stanley. They will then decide the precise point at which the infantry should be posted. Our knowledge of that country forbids me to decide

OFFICE OF CAVALRY BUREAU,
Washington, D. C., September 18, 1863.

Maj. Gen. D. S. STANLEY,
Comdg. Cav., Army of the Cumberland,
Via Chattanooga, Tenn. :

How many cavalry horses do you require for immediate use, and, in addition, how many will you require between now and the 1st of January, 1864? What can cavalry horses be bought for in Tennessee?

GEORGE STONEMAN,
Major-General, Chief of Cavalry.

HDQRS. FIRST BRIGADE, SECOND CAVALRY DIVISION,
Ringgold Road, September 18, 1863—5 a. m.

Officer Commanding Rossville:

All quiet at this point during the night.

ROBT. H. G. MINTY,
Colonel, Commanding.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, September 18, 1863—11.30 a. m.

Major-General BURNSIDE,
Knoxville, Tenn. :

Five thousand arms will be placed at your disposal in Cincinnati. General Meade does not believe that any of Ewell's forces have gone west. A part, at least, of Longstreet's corps has gone to Atlanta. It is believed that Bragg, Johnston, and Hardee, with the unchanged prisoners from Vicksburg and Port Hudson, are concentrating against Rosecrans. You must give him all the aid in your power. Not hearing from you I directed your adjutant-general at Cincinnati to push forward all available troops.

H. W. HALLECK,
General-in-Chief.

CAMP NELSON, KY.,
September 18, 1863.

Colonel BOWEN or
Colonel BABCOCK :

Finding General Willcox here, I have given him charge of the troops now arriving. General Potter and I will start to-morrow.

JOHN G. PARKE,
Major-General.

CINCINNATI, September 18, 1863—8 p. m.

Major-General PARKE,
Crab Orchard :

To-morrow will send you one other battery, the Twenty-fourth Ohio; also a battalion of cavalry, the Fourth Independent Ohio. By command of Major-General Burnside :

W. P. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant-General.