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with the command of a Rifle Regt. was at the right of our forces which lay up the river from where the breast was placed. The battle ended at dark each party holding their own side of the river. During the night after the battle we marched back to Chester. Thence in a few days we were ordered to Valley Forge. Our Regt. was the rear guard & we had orders to lay at a field near the White Horse Tavern. The next morning just as we were dividing our rations we were attacked by the enemy at our encampment. Our quarter guard were driven in. Our Regt. was in disorder & before we could get the men paraded we received a fire. DeClairmont was then acting as superintendent in the capacity of adjutant. At the second fire our Col. (Walker) rec'd a shot in the arm and in a cowardly manner ordered a retreat & fled. About the same time my Capt. & my Corporal (John Cross) fell the first mortally wounded the latter very dangerously. At my instance about 20 of us made an effort to charge & my wounded Capt. but we desisted at the remonstrance of the dying man. He then changed our position and after getting in a situation near a fence that favored us. We (the above remnant of about 20) turned upon a body of the enemies cavalry & fired as we thought with considerable effect. About this time the force of the enemy were brought to bear upon us so heavily that we followed the rest of our Regt. in its retreat to the main body of our brigade under Genl. Potter. There saw our wounded and as I thought cowardly Col. for the last time. This wound I saw & understood was but a slight one. Eight of our men were killed and two taken prisoners in this skirmish (Corporal Cross who was supposed to have been killed followed & joined us the next day evening). We then then marched on with the rest of Genl. Potter's command and with out any fighting drove the enemy from Valley Forge.

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