

on patrol in search of Federal activity in the region. Approximately 1/2 mile to the east, we engaged the 75th Ohio, commanded by Captain Barry King. As their numbers were superior, we were forced to fight as skirmishers with extreme intervals, using the cover of the woods as protection. After 45 minutes of intense activity, we returned three captured Yankees to Colonel Kohl who advised your servant to take matters into his own hands. As there was no time for a trial, the majority voted to execute the prisoners. Cpl. Justin Kessler, Cpl. Musket Ward and Pvt. Nate Greene have been sent to the devil, sir. Only Pvt. Greene whimpered. A few hours later, the weather cleared and we engaged the enemy again. This day proved to be more favorable, as we cleared the ground of the enemy and won the day.

This concludes my report, sir, and as I await your orders, I respectfully remain

Your obedient servant,  
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