

Lookout Valley, Tennessee
December 24th, 1863

General

For the information of his Excellency the Governor of the State of New York I have the honor to transmit the following report of the part taken by the 154th Regiment New York Volunteers then under my command in the engagement of the 28th & 29th of October in Lookout Valley.

On the 28 the column commanded by Gen. Hooker entered the valley by way of the r r from Bridgeport, the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division 11 Corps in advance, the 73d Pa. leading followed by the 154th N. Y. On arriving near the junction of the two railroads leading into the valley the enemy's pickets were met, and the 73d Pa. was deployed as skirmishers. Little or no opposition to our advance was made until the head of the column arrived at a point about 3/4 of a mile above where the railroad crosses Lookout Creek. Here the enemy was found in considerable force in front of and upon the top of a hill to the right of the road. Col. Buschbeck (commanding Brigade) now directed me to deploy my command upon the right and left of the 73d Pa. I accordingly ~~ordered~~ ordered 3 divisions to the right and 2 divisions to the left and in this order we advanced to the foot of and up the hill, driving the enemy from this position, they making their escape down the opposite side of the hill and across the creek. The clearing of the road for the advance of the column being thus effected, I closed the intervals and marched my regiment by the left flank to the road where I joined the column and proceeded down the valley, and encamped about one mile from the river. About midnight of the 29-29 we were aroused and ordered into line and moved about one mile up the valley where the Brigade formed ~~in~~ line of battle by Battalions in mass as a support to the 2d Brig., 2d Div. In this position we remained under arms until daylight when I was directed to take position in the opening between the hills opposite the point of Lookout Mountain where I remained until the 31st when I was relieved by the 55th Ohio and joined the Brigade in camp. All of which is respectfully submitted.

to Brig. Gen John T. Sprague
Adj. Gen.
Albany, N. Y.

I am, General, very respectfully,
your obedient servant,
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Major 154th Reg't. N. Y. Vols.