

8th, and immediately entered into the contest then in progress, one of the severest of the campaign. The 1st Maryland alone sustained a loss of fifty-three in killed, wounded and missing. Three of its color bearers were successively shot down.

Two of the Maryland Brigade commanders were also successively shot down, as well as the Division commander.

From the 8th to the 19th of May, the regiment was engaged in the constant manoeuvres and actions incident to the movements of the Army of the Potomac.

On the 19th instant the original members, who had not re-enlisted for the war, received orders to return home to be mustered out after three years' service.

About the same time the veterans of the 1st Maryland Infantry Regiment, who had re-enlisted for the war, returned to rejoin the Maryland Brigade with the 5th Army Corps. On the march to the front with some heavy artillery regiments, they were attacked three miles from Spottsylvania Court House by Hood's Division of Ewell's Corps of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia.

Col. Dushane promptly formed the Veterans without waiting for orders and made a counter charge. The artillery regiments' coming up promptly under General R. O. Tyler, the enemy were repulsed, and retreated from the field, leaving their dead and wounded behind them.

This action was known as the battle of "Harris' Farm;" the loss sustained by 1st Maryland Regiment in the engagement was thirty-seven men killed, wounded and missing.

On the morning of the 21st, the second of the series of flank movements by General Grant took place.

The 1st Regiment and the Maryland Brigade, moving with the Fifth Army Corps, participated in all of the severe and steady fighting from the 21st of May.

Cold Harbor was occupied by the Army of the Potomac on the 1st day of June. In the fight that followed at Cold Harbor the 1st Regiment conducted itself with great gallantry.

Continuing its flank movement to the left, the whole Army of the Potomac was on the south bank of the James river by the 16th day of June, 1864.

On the 17th day of June the regiment and brigade had reached the lines before Petersburg and participated in the first assault upon the enemy's lines at Petersburg; and, in fact, in all of the preliminary movements to capture the lines of communication and the stronghold itself at Petersburg, the 1st Maryland Infantry took a conspicuous part and suffered heavily.

On the 14th day of August, 1864, the regiment and brigade took part in the movements against the Weldon railroad, resulting in the battle known as the battle of the Weldon railroad.

On the 18th, in the open field engagement which lasted for several hours, the 1st Regiment suffered severely, the casualties in killed, wounded and missing amounting to fifty-seven. Every member of the color guard received severe wounds in this battle.

In the series of engagements incident to the capture and holding of the Weldon railroad, one of the main arteries used in supplying Lee's army, the regiment suffered severe loss, including the loss of the gallant Colonel Dushane, who was killed by a solid shot on the 21st.