

Regiment:	1st Co. Howitzers Light Artillery Battery Virginia
Date of Organization:	21 Apr 1861
Muster Date:	8 Apr 1865
Regiment State:	Virginia
Regiment Type:	Light Artillery
Regiment Number:	1st Co. Howitzers
Regimental Soldiers and History:	<p>List of Soldiers</p> <p>Regimental History</p> <p>Gettysburg after battle report:</p> <p>Report of Capt. E. S. McCarthy, First Richmond Howitzers.</p> <p>Camp Cabell, July 31, 1863.</p> <p>Col.: I have the honor to submit the following report of the part taken by my battery in the battle of Gettysburg:</p> <p>On the morning of the 2d of this month, I was ordered to move with the battalion in the direction of Gettysburg. When approaching it, I was ordered to remain in reserve; but this order was afterward changed, and I was ordered to the front in position.</p> <p>Lieut. R. M. Anderson, aided by Lieut. [John] Nimmo, in command of my rifle section, opened fire at about 4 p. m., firing until dark, he, by his courage, encouraging the men to stand to their posts under one of the most severe artillery fires that they have ever been subjected to during the war. There were 200 rounds fired from these guns in this engagement. I had 7 men wounded, 2 seriously, and I lost 13 horses in this engagement. The Napoleon section, while in reserve, was under the fire sustained by the rifle section, the men remaining at their posts, and sometimes relieving the men of the rifle section.</p> <p>On the morning of the 3d, I was ordered into position. Reported to Maj. Fshleman: was placed 300 or 400 yards in advance of the</p>

skirmishers; fired 20 rounds, and, with a section of another battery, succeeded in driving back an advancing line of the enemy. During this short engagement, Volunteer Dewees Ogden was killed while standing manfully at his post.

At about 4 a. m., I was ordered to take another position, at which

I remained during the most of the engagement. At 1.30 p. m., opened with the line of artillery, firing over 200 rounds from my Napoleon guns. When the infantry were forced back, my guns, with Capt. Carlton's battery, were advanced, and handsomely checked the advance of the enemy until our ammunition was exhausted and the section was retired. During this engagement, 1 man was severely wounded.

In the management of this section of my battery, I was ably and efficiently aided by Lieut. Nimmo, who was with me during the entire day.

The rifled guns, under the command of Lieut.'s Anderson and [H. S.] Williams, were engaged during the whole day. One of the pieces was disabled, a wheel being shot away. The other was the last piece to leave the field, and only then after having expended every round of ammunition, including canister, firing during the day over 300 rounds.

This section lost Corpl. Allan Morton killed and 2 men wounded, 1 severely. In Corporal Morton, the battery lost its best and bravest soldier, one who had endeared himself to all by his unflinching bravery, his strict attention to all duties, and his cheerful obedience to all orders. One of the caissons of this section, being disabled by the loss of horses and parts of the carriage, with harness, had to be left upon the field, the enemy at that time advancing rapidly.

I lost, during this day, 10 horses killed and 2 so much disabled as to be subsequently left.

The rifle section fired during the two days' engagement nearly 600 rounds of ammunition, the Napoleons firing 264 rounds.

On the morning of the 4th instant, Lieut. Nimmo took position on the line with one Napoleon, and, during the day, by a few well-directed shots checked an advance of the enemy.

The battery was in position at Hagerstown, though not engaged, and on the retreat had to leave 3 horses, broken down and unable to travel.

The courage of the officers and non-commissioned officers of the battery I have the honor to command incited the men to deeds of valor worthy of any age.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. McCARTHY,
Capt.
Col. H. C. Cabell,
Comdg. Battalion Light Artillery.

[P. S.]--I beg leave to respectfully call attention to the condition of two of my gun-carriages. They need a thorough overhauling, and without it are liable to break down any moment. The boxes are broken, the wheels sprung, and in a bad condition generally. Such of my horses as are fit for artillery purposes are in good condition.

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Battles Fought

Fought on 24 Aug 1861 at Dranesville, VA.
Fought on 5 May 1862 at Williamsburg, VA.
Fought on 6 May 1862 at Williamsburg, VA.
Fought on 24 May 1862 at Seven Pines, VA.
Fought on 29 Jun 1862 at Savage's Station, VA.
Fought on 1 Jul 1862 at Malvern Hill, VA.
Fought on 17 Sep 1862 at Sharpsburg, MD.
Fought on 13 Dec 1862 at Fredericksburg, VA.
Fought on 15 Dec 1862 at Perryville, KY.
Fought on 17 Mar 1863 at Kelly's Ford, VA.
Fought on 2 May 1863 at Chancellorsville, VA.
Fought on 3 May 1863 at Chancellorsville, VA.
Fought on 4 May 1863 at Bank's Ford, VA.
Fought on 2 Jul 1863 at Gettysburg, PA.
Fought on 3 Jul 1863 at Gettysburg, PA.
Fought on 4 Jul 1863 at Gettysburg, PA.
Fought on 5 Jul 1863 at Gettysburg, PA.
Fought on 13 Dec 1863 at Charles City, VA.
Fought on 8 May 1864 at Spotsylvania Court House, VA.
Fought on 10 May 1864 at Spotsylvania Court House, VA.

Fought on 14 May 1864 at Spotsylvania Court House, VA.

Fought on 29 May 1864 at Shady Grove, VA.

Fought on 3 Jun 1864 at Cold Harbor, VA.

Fought on 4 Jun 1864 at Cold Harbor, VA.

Fought on 5 Jun 1864 at Cold Harbor, VA.

Fought on 8 Jun 1864 at Petersburg, VA.

Fought on 15 Jun 1864 at Petersburg, VA.

Fought on 3 Apr 1865 at Jackson Hospl, Richmond, VA.

Fought on 3 Apr 1865.

Fought on 6 Apr 1865 at Sailor's Creek, VA.