

Numbers 140. Report of Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Tolles, Fifteenth Connecticut Infantry.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,

December 17, 1862.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit in account of the operations of my command during the battle of Fredericksburg, together with the names of those killed, wounded, and missing during the engagement:

In obedience to General Orders, Numbers 34, dated December 10, my command, formed on their camping-ground at 8 a.m., December 11, and remained under arms during the day and succeeding night.

On the following day, at 8 a.m. took up the line of march, left in front, and proceeded to the pontoon bridge on the Rappahannock, where they remained during the day; toward night they marched over the bridge into the city of Fredericksburg, and remained under arms during the night.

On the following morning they marched, left in front, to the flat on the south shore of the river, where they formed in battalion mass and remained under arms during the day. At about 4.30 p.m. they took up the line of march, and formed in line of battle under the brow of the hill in rear of the slaughter-house, a little to the right, where they lay upon their arms until next morning, when they marched back to the city, and remained under arms during that day and night and succeeding day. At night they again formed in line of battle on the plain to the right of the slaughter-house, and, after remaining under arms some two hours, were, at about 10 o'clock, ordered back to camp. Two companies A and F, were detached on the night of the 13th to support the **Eleventh Connecticut** Volunteers on picket duty. Two companies, D and I, were also detailed on the night of the 15th instant for fatigue duty at the pontoon bridge. The casualties during the engagement were as follows, viz:\*

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In closing my report, I deem it justice to Colonel Wright to say, that though not able to take command of his battalion, on account of severe injuries received, yet he was present whenever the state of his health would admit, in aiding me, and in cheering and encouraging the men.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL TOLLES,

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J. D. WILLIAMS, Adjutant-General, State of Connecticut.