

Field Report Latta Plantation in the year of our Almighty 8-25-1864.

Irish Brigade

88th NY Vol. Infantry: Sgt. O'Madden

8-21-1864

After a short march from Charlotte City, we came upon good ground, late in the day, near a plantation owned by Mr. Sample. Our supply wagons arrived shortly after we made camp near the edge of a clearing, near some fine shade trees. We settled in for the night, whilst planning to raid the house of food and live stock the morning next.

8-22-1864

Cookie made the lads a fine breakfast after reveille, and roll call.

Early in the afternoon we assembled the lads and moved into position. We were engaged by the home guard, of the 35th NC Infantry. After a short skirmish we pulled back to reform and determined we would plan an alternate approach to the plantation the next day. The lads were able to capture a lamb for Cookie and what a fine meal we had. The Lads were in good spirt, some more than others, and ready for a fight the next day.

8-23-1864

The Regiment was formed and ready to take the ground we had relinquish the prior day. Cookie once again fed us all well, prior to the lads marching toward the plantation. We approached from the South East and engaged Rebel Pickets, which ran away like scared rabbits. Whilst the First squad was positioned on the north side of the house, in the direction the pickets ran, the Second squad entered the plantation house finding valuables, women and one man claiming to be a Union sympathizer.

Soon after, we saw the rebel flag approaching from the wood line to the north of the plantation. We open fire on the home guard but could not hold our position. The Lieutenant reformed the men on the East side of the plantation, and the engagement ensued for about 45 minutes. The Lads fought like "Wolfhounds" and killed or wounded all the men of the home guard. The lieutenant commanded the rebel man found in the house to be executed.

Wounded: 1 Pvt. Fulton

Killed: 1 Pvt. Williams

Missing: 1 Pvt. "Cookie" Sherrill.

Your Obedient Servant,

Respectfully Submitted,

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