

Beans Station Tenn
Decr. 15th 1863

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Gulledge's & one company were the ones sent to the left. I had command of these two. Kept my distance from the flank of our skirmishers. Until the Yanks made an effort to come around the left flank. When I deployed the two companies advanced on the left & soon drove them back. By this time Johnson's Brigade came up with me. I then assembled the skirmishers. & formed on the left of the 16th Regt. of Johnson's Brigade. as I found our Brigade had moved further to the right than I thought. As soon as I formed on this right we charged the Yanks through two or three large fields over fences & through creeks. It was the prettiest fighting I ever saw. We drove the Yanks before us all the evening. Our loss was not very heavy. We fought some time after dark & after every thing was quiet. I left Johnson's Brigade to look for ours. I soon formed it & sent Grant was wounded through

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