

pell-mell to the ground. Luckily Hammond was uppermost, and, seizing his foe by the throat with one hand, he sought with the other to gain possession of his pistol. Now commenced a fearful struggle for the mastery of the weapon. The *Rebel being the heavier, stronger man*, the result seemed doubtful.

But just at this moment one of company F boys rode up, and, from his horse, fired at the upturned face of the prostrate foe, the ball grazing his scalp, and causing him to relinquish his hold of the pistol. Thus ended one of the most exciting, and, withal, amusing contests of the war.

*Straight and Narrow Way.*

One dark and stormy night, during the same march mentioned in the preceding sketch, while rain fell in torrents, and the artillery of heaven as well as that of Maryland Heights, shook the mountains around Harper's Ferry, and the only light which penetrated the darkness was the fitful gleams of lightning, and the flying and bursting shells, which made the scene terribly grand and frightful, four companies of the regiment led their horses safely across the rail road bridge *on a single plank*, laid upon the iron frame.

This was threading the "straight and narrow way" under trying circumstances, and yet the difficult task was accomplished by those who felt that one of the cardinal virtues, is obedience to orders.

*Danger and Daring.*

In October, 1863, while the Fifth was picketing Thoroughfare and Hopewell gaps, Lieut. T. A. Boice, while scouting with his orderly a short distance from camp, was captured