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Description of the fight at the
bridge 4 miles from West-Point
On the 21st Feb. 1864

Skirmished with the enemy near
West Point on the 20th and retreated across
the bridge and Co. I. 3rd Calif. Cav. was
left to burn the bridge if the enemy
should make his appearance and were
relieved about 10 P.M. at night by the
1st Tenn. Cav. The troops were camped
about 2 miles from the bridge and were
ordered to saddle about 3 P.M. on the
the morning of the 21st and about
4 P.M. moved to the bridge leaving
their horses about $\frac{1}{2}$ miles in the rear
at day-light began to put up breast-
works of logs on our side of the creek after
the skirmishing commenced 5th & 19th
ships were ordered across the creek there
were several shots fired at us while
crossing the bridge and one man was
wounded on or near the bridge

after crossing we took position on the rising ground above the creek some being ~~in~~ the fence and others behind trees and stumps and some lying flat behind little rises. The Yankees then came on blowing ~~horns~~ ~~trumpets~~ and ~~drums~~ firing as they came on when they were in about 400 yards we fired a volley at them upon which they immediately retreated and after some minutes had elapsed ten (10) men from a company were ordered out as skirmishers on

and advancing cautiously found out that they had gone entirely off. The Yankees had 2 pieces of artillery with which they threw solid and grape shot & shells they threw 3 shells through the bridge and one through the ~~roof~~ roof of the house and a solid ball through the kitchen and after it was ascertained that they had left the whole army of mounted men were ordered to pursue them