

2) Genl. Leadbetter then sent me with  
our company (87) thirty seven men down  
our widow's creek Bridge 5 miles from Bridge  
Post, our Picquet, when we got there we  
found the Bridge Burning, the Yankees  
had been there the night before and  
fired it - we went over the creek and  
found some cooking utensils that they  
had abandoned and tore down some  
Breast works that they had put up -  
I made some 4 or 5 Posts with 2 or 3 men  
at each Post up and down the creek  
and placed the main body about 100  
yards from the Bridge in a clump of  
Bushes - about 2 or 3 o'clock P.M. we  
discovered the Yankees advancing down  
the R.R. emb. in strong force, as well  
as I could judge about 300. Infantry &  
100 Cavalry, we had a long 1/2 mile  
in plain view to fall back before  
we could get in the woods and what  
made it worse we were forced to go  
on the Embankment thrown up for  
the R.R. Road - all this time they were  
throwing their Minnie Balls around us  
like Hail and the Bombs were bursting  
all around us - ~~we~~ Consider that we  
must have been under the protection of  
Higher Powers or at least one half  
of us would have been killed - only  
one was killed, R. J. Hardy and I am  
not certain that he was killed -