

wresting Fort Sumter from the possession of our insolent foe.

At Newberry we were joined by the "Quitman Rifles," Capt. NANCE, and the "Williams Guards," Capt. DAVIDSON; and at Frog Level, the "Pickens Guards," Capt. MAFFET, came on board—making in all five companies. We arrived at Columbia about 4 o'clock, and were escorted by an excellent band of music to our quarters in "Cotton Town."

Candor compels me to say that my first night's experience as a soldier was anything but pleasant; for, besides being compelled to lie upon the floor, I was suffering with a severe headache; and the consequence was, that I slept but very little, and that little was not of a very refreshing nature.— On Monday morning, however, we removed to our present quarters—the Fair Ground—which are, comparatively speaking, very comfortable. Our camp has been named "Camp Ruffin," in honor of the distinguished Virginian, EDMUND RUFFIN, who is now in the service of this State. We drill from 9 till 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and from 2 till 4 in the afternoon. All the companies composing the 3rd Regiment are now here. Capts. TOWN and WALKER's companies, from Laurens, arrived yesterday, and the other companies came in this evening. Two or three companies belonging to Col. ASHMORE's Regiment are here, and the others, I understand, are expected to-morrow.

Among the volunteers from other Districts, I recognize the pleasant faces of many old friends and acquaintances. I am glad to know the "Art preservative" is so largely represented among them: PRICE and McJUNKIN, of the *Greenville Enterprise*; ELFORD, of the *Patriot and Mountaineer*, and HOYT, of the *Anderson Intelligencer*.

The greatest enthusiasm prevails among the volunteers, and the liveliest hopes are expressed by them, that they may soon have an opportunity of showing old ABE and his followers of what ma-