Providence Forge
Nov. 2nd 1935-52

Mr. Donald W. Davis,
Commander Peninsular Detachment
American Legion
Williamsburg Va.

My Dear Mr. Davis,

I sent your final invitation for my son’s 87th at the gorge
time. Farm. Your note has been received.

My military career began when General Wofford E. Lee was
under the command of the War
forces with his office in Williamsburg.
I served as the Secretary to Gen.
John B. Magruder at Yorktown and
at “Lee Hall” where our headquarters
were removed to before Gen. Lee’s
relief or during, uncle to the
neck of land. My Grubler,
the fortifications at Williamsburg
were constructed by the due of Gen.
Magruder, over which the Battle
was fought and I was present at the Battle.
of "Bethel", the first battle of the year.

The commanding Confederate officer of First Virginia, Rev. John B. Magruder, Gen. D. H. Hill, St. Col. Ed. A. Monteague and one of the command of Haritgers, I believe was the Fleet commanding officer having General Hill commanded the North Carolina Infantry and occupied the position on the left of the road opposite the monument which stands at Bethel.

Our career was the Confederate Army, except in respects relative to meeting E. Kirby Smith who commanded the right and I was chief engineer. I filed with the seat of the Confederate Museum at Richmond fire commission which I held under the Confederate Government.

I constructed a traffic relief on the James River at the direction of Gen. R. E. Lee. The note from
General Lee from Phil. Johnston, calling me to Richmond from the field, was written by Genl. Mott & Lee and signed by several Johnston & Magruder. His troops were in the left line of the battle of Hominy River at the retreat from the Peninsula. The first battle of these districts was at the brigade of Cleveland near Elkton, where Whitey had been met by the Lee. Johnston turned off McClellan's army which took Queen and up the York River.

There are many other incidents of my Military career which I could mention and would be interesting to you. I have no doubt that since the issue in consequence of my poor health to be preached at the meeting to which you have so kindly invited me, I commanded a brigade in the 7th Corps of the U.S. Army in Cuba. Commanded by Genl. author Lee. Wishing you a Very Happy
meeting at Board and regarding exceedingly my inability to be present.

I am with great respect,

Your O.C.-Sgt.

H. S. Douglas