With the WESTERN ARMY

Wheeler's Raid.

By GEN. GREEN B. RAUM.

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When Gen. Hood received information of the extent of the Confederate victory over the cavalry forces of Gens. Stoneman and McCook, he came to the conclusion that Gen. Sherman's cavalry was completely broken, and that he would be safe from any further serious cavalry raids against his lines of railway. Gen. Hood thereupon decided to dispatch a force of cavalry to the rear of the Union army with the hope of destroying its communications.

He ordered Maj.-Gen. Joseph Wheeler, with 4,500 cavalry to make this movement, reserving a considerable force of cavalry for other service.

These orders were given Gen. Wheeler immediately after his return from the campaign against Gen. McCook. He found both men and horses pretty well fagged out, but he entered with spirit upon this new enterprise, and soon had his command well fitted out for the movement. Gen. Wheeler started on his march Aug. 10. He made a wide detour east of Atlanta, avoiding all scouting parties from Garrard's Cavalry, stationed northeast of Atlanta. He made a safe passage of the Chattahoochee River, and directed his march northeastward. He detached a considerable force to operate west of the main force, against the railroad.

On Aug. 13, Col. Eli Long, a most capable and enterprising officer, commanding the Second Brigade, Second Cavalry Division of Sherman's Cavalry, reported from Buck Head that "the battalion of my command sent out this morning has returned. They proceeded beyond Decatur on the McDonough road some two or three miles, and also some five or six miles north and east of the town, without encountering any of the enemy, or learning anything of any movement on their part."

WHEELER STRIKES RAILROAD AT ACWORTH.

While Col. Long's scouting party was out, Gen. Wheeler's flankers struck the railroad near Acworth, tore up a part of the track and destroyed a portion of the telegraph line. This fact was reported to Gen. Sherman by the following dispatch:

"Marietta, Aug. 13, 1864.

"General Sherman:

"Following dispatch just received.

"VAN DYNE.

"'Train No. 2, first section, Engine 25, was fired upon one mile south of Acworth; the road entirely torn up for eight rods; Engine 25 badly off; ties all burnt and iron bent.

"'I have brought my train back to Big Shanty, and will wait orders from you.—SULLIVAN, Conductor.'

"I will send a construction train at once to repair track.—J. B. VAN DYNE, Master of Transportation."

Gen. Sherman immediately telegraphed to Gen. McArthur, commanding at Marietta, to "see at once as to who and what force broke the road at or near Acworth. It is, in my judgment, a mere cut, having a bearing on something beyond."

Gen. McArthur from Big Shanty, Aug. 13, 12:50 p. m., replied:

"Damage to railroad repaired. Enemy's force, about 75, came on the Alabama Road, about one mile south of Acworth, and returned same day. Nobody hurt and no serious damage to engine.

"I have taken measures to prevent a recurrence."

On the same date Gen. Sherman gave Gen. McArthur the following instructions:

"Make somebody suffer for the break of the railroad at Acworth. It would be well to keep a good picket out in that direction.

"The Macon papers announce the capture of Marietta by their cavalry. That indicates a purpose. I think you had better bring the Kenesaw force close in, with a regiment to picket the mountain, with a signal station."

During the afternoon the raiders struck the railroad near Cassville and destroyed a portion of the railroad and telegraph line.

The movements of these men were rapid, and their stay upon the railroad was brief. They were evidently not hunting a fight; they avoided even the patrol which passed along the track every hour.

Late in the afternoon Col. Moses W. Hannon, with his brigade of four regiments of cavalry and two pieces of artillery, struck the railroad four miles south of Calhoun. Here he met a drove of beef cattle being driven to the front. He attacked the guard, and had an active skirmish with them, but with his superior force soon overcame all resistance, and captured a large portion of the guard. He tore up the railroad track and drove off 1,700 fine beef cattle. Col. Faulkner, commanding the cavalry at Calhoun, sent out a battalion in pursuit. They recovered some of the cattle, but Col. Hannon was successful in making way with the most of his booty.

MY FIRST INFORMATION OF THE RAID.

About 7 o'clock in the evening of Aug. 13, I received a dispatch from Col. Watkins at Calhoun, informing me of the attack on the railroad below that place and of the capture of the cattle by a considerable force of Confederate cavalry. He stated that he had information that there were about 600 rebel cavalry at Fairmount, about 18 miles southeast of Calhoun. This was the first information I had received of these various attacks on the railroad that day; the telegraph line having been broken south, I had heard nothing from Gen. McArthur. I at once came to the conclusion that a large cavalry force was about to raid our railroad and that the force that appeared below Calhoun was operating to cover the movements of the main column. I decided to discover the movements of the main body if possible.

I had two companies of Kentucky cavalry under my orders at Resaca. It was a fine body of men, and they were well mounted. I sent for the officer in command of these troops, and spreading out my map pointed out exactly what I wanted him to do, which was that at the break of day the next morning he should, with his whole command, ford the Connasauga River and make a rapid march eastward 20 miles to the Federal Road, and ascertain whether the enemy was marching to our rear.

I directed that a few men should be thrown out to watch the fords on the Coosawattee, a stream flowing from the east, and which unites with the Connasauga about three miles above Resaca, the two forming the Oostanaula River, the stream on the north bank of which Resaca is situated. I also directed that an engagement with the enemy should be avoided, and that if the enemy was discovered, to send me word promptly by courier. This force moved out at the appointed time, and performed their task well.

When they approached the Federal Road (which, by the way, is a macadamized road in the valley near the foot of the Cahuttee Mountain) they discovered the enemy in large force, with artillery and a wagon train marching northward.

Full information of the composition of this force was brought to me early in the evening. The officers of my scouting party not only saw the Confederate column marching along the Federal Road with their artillery and wagon train, but they secured information from citizens near the road who saw and talked with officers and men of the moving column, and who had learned the names of their various brigade commanders, and that Gen. Wheeler commanded the expedition. One of these citizens, an old gentleman of intelligence and thorough loyalty, voluntarily came into Resaca and gave me a full account of what he had seen and heard of this force.

I at once sent the following dispatch:

"Resaca, Aug. 14, 1864; 7:30 p. m.

"Maj.-Gen. Sherman: The enemy, reported to be under Wheeler, commenced passing Oldtown, 18 miles east, going north, at daylight.

"They passed during the day until 1 p. m., with wagon train. My scouts think they numbered at least 3,000. A force of 700 is now at Fairmount, being part of the force which captured Capt. Thornton. Col. Faulkner, with 250 cavalry, skirmished with them, and returned to Calhoun this evening. The enemy is moving upon Tilton.

"I will have over 300 men there and a block house. Dalton is threatened. I have 700 men there and four guns. There is a brigade of cavalry at Calhoun, under Col. Watkins, besides half a regiment of infantry. I have half a regiment of infantry at Adairsville, and two regiments at Kingston.—G. B. RAUM, Colonel Commanding Brigade."

About the same hour Gen. Smith also telegraphed Gen. Sherman as follows:

"Headquarters Third Division, Fifteenth Corps, Cartersville, Aug. 14, 1864.

"Maj.-Gen. Sherman: A drove of cattle was this a. m. captured, together with escort. Have sent out all available cavalry and 300 infantry.

"Commanding officer at Adairsville telegraphs, 6 p. m., that a captured prisoner reports the force to consist of 6,000 men under Gen. Wheeler, with 10 pieces of artillery, and that the party capturing the cattle were 2,000 strong, with two pieces of artillery, and that their main force is pushing still further north.

"I cannot get any reliable information, but do not think there is more than 1,000 or 1,500. I understand further that the telegraph operators at Resaca and Calhoun heard a message from a Colonel at Dalton to Gen. Steedman stating that the rebels had demanded the surrender of the place.—JOHN E. SMITH, Brigadier-General."

Copy forwarded by Gen. Sherman to Gens. Thomas, Howard and Schofield.

I had early in the day telegraphed a warning to the commanding officers at Tilton, Dalton, Tunnel Hill and Ringgold, and also to Gen. Steedman at Chattanooga. At 7:30 p. m., in addition to telegraphing to Gen. Sherman, I again telegraphed to all commanding officers north of me, informing them that they were liable to be attacked that night by Wheeler's Cavalry.

Gen. Sherman now had definite information that a large cavalry force of the enemy, accompanied by artillery and a wagon train, was moving to his rear, and would probably strike the railroad at Tilton and Dalton. His first impression was that this force would return to the main army around Atlanta as soon as it had inflicted all the damage it could upon the railroad. He therefore proposed to throw a force in between Gen. Wheeler's raiders and Atlanta, and give them battle as they returned. The following dispatch shows this plan:

"Headquarters Military Division of the Mississippi, in the field near Atlanta, August 14, 1864; 10:30 p. m.

"Gen. John E. Smith: The General commanding directs that you collect as strong an infantry force as possible from Rome and other points at the most favorable place to strike Wheeler on his return; and also to obstruct the passes and crossings of the river, and arrange for giving him ambush reception. Obstruct the roads in order to catch his artillery, if possible.

"L. M. DAYTON, Aide-de-Camp."

Later at night I received additional information from Tilton and Dalton. I learned that Gen. Wheeler occupied the town, and the presumption was that he had captured the garrison. I sent the following dispatch:

"Resaca, Aug. 14, 1864; 11 p. m.

"Gen. Sherman: An orderly just arrived from Tilton. All safe there. Dalton has been attacked and reported captured. No trains burnt. My patrols from Tilton north found all right. The commanding officer at Tilton sanguine of saving the bridge.—G. B. RAUM, Colonel Commanding Brigade."

COL. LAIBOLDT'S GALLANT DEFENSE OF DALTON.

Col. Laiboldt, commanding at Dalton, having been warned that the enemy was on the warpath, kept a sharp lookout, and upon the appearance of Wheeler's advance telegraphed to Gen. Steedman at Chattanooga for reinforcements. Gen. Steedman without delay placed a considerable body of troops upon cars and made a night trip for the relief of Dalton. He reached the neighborhood of Dalton long before daylight, and not knowing the condition of affairs in town he decided to halt until morning. It was between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Sunday, May 14, that Gen. Wheeler drew up in front of Dalton with the Divisions of Maj.-Gen. William Y. C. Humes and Brig.-Gen. John H. Kelly. Humes's Division consisted of Ashby's, Harrison's, and Williams's Brigades.

Col. Henry M. Ashby's Brigade was composed of the following-named regiments of cavalry: 1st Tenn., 6th Tenn., Col. Jas. T. Wheeler; 2d Tenn., Capt. John H. Kuhn; 5th Tenn., Col. George W. McKenzie; 9th Tenn. Battalion, Capt. Jeremiah Green.

Col. Thomas Harrison's Brigade was composed of the 3d Ark., Col. Amson W. Hobson; 65th N. C., 4th Tenn., Lieut.-Col. Paul F. Anderson; 8th Texas, Maj. Samuel P. Christian; 11th Texas, Col. George R. Reeves.

Brig.-Gen. John S. Williams's Brigade had the 3d Ky., Lieut.-Col. Jacob W. Griffith; 2d Ky. (Woodward's Regiment), Maj. Thomas W. Lewis; 9th Ky., Col. William P. Breckenridge; 2d Ky. Battalion, Capt. John B. Dortch; Allison's Tennessee Squadron, Capt. J. S. Reese; detachment Hamilton's Tennessee (Batt.), Maj. Joseph Shaw.

Kelly's Division had three brigades. Col. Robert H. Anderson's Brigade was composed of the 3d Confederate Cavalry, Lieut.-Col. John McCaskill; 8th Confederate, Lieut.-Col. John S. Prather; 10th Confederate, Capt. W. J. Vason; 12th Confederate, Capt. Charles H. Conner; 5th Ga., Maj. Richard J. Davant, Jr.

Col. George C. Dibrell's Brigade was composed of the 4th Tenn., Col. William S. McLemore; 8th Tenn., Capt. Jefferson Leftwich; 9th Tenn., Capt. James M. Reynolds; 10th Tenn., Maj. John Minor.

Col. Moses W Hannon's Brigade consisted of the 53d Ala., Lieut.-Col. John F. Gaines; 24th Ala., Maj. Robert B. Snodgrass.

In a short time the surrender of the garrison was demanded by Gen. Wheeler in the following letter, which was delivered under a flag of truce.

"Headquarters Cavalry Corps, Army of the Tennessee, around Dalton, Aug. 14, 1864.

"Officer commanding U. S. Forces, Dalton: To prevent the unnecessary effusion of blood, I have the honor to demand the immediate and unconditional surrender of the forces under your command at this garrison.

"Respectfully yours, etc.—JOS. WHEELER, Major-General Commanding."

To which the following answer was made:

"Officer commanding Confederate Forces in front of Dalton: I have been placed here to defend this post, but not to surrender.—B. LAIBOLDT, Colonel, 2d Mo. Volunteers, Commanding Post."

Gen. Wheeler sought a personal interview with Col. Laiboldt, which was refused. The fight soon after opened and a skirmish continued about two hours, when Gen. Wheeler ordered a charge. His men went gallantly forward and drove Col. Laiboldt's forces some distance, when they took shelter on an intrenched hill east of the railroad depot, and which commanded the city. This practically gave Gen. Wheeler possession of Dalton, and he held the place during the night. Gen. Wheeler brought up his artillery and opened fire upon Col. Laiboldt's works, but without serious effect.

Skirmishers were thrown out from both lines, and these men kept up a fire during the night.

ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS.

When daylight came Gen. Steedman had his men leave the cars; they were drawn up in battle array, and moved upon the enemy. He attacked Gen. Wheeler's line with his entire force, without reserves.

Col. Laiboldt finding that reinforcements had arrived, sallied from his works and joined in the attack. Gen. Wheeler's forces were, after a hard fight, driven from the town and retired eastward.

About 3 o'clock on the morning of the 15th, while Gen. Wheeler was still at Dalton, Maj.-Gen. William T. Martin put in an appearance on the railroad south of Tilton. Martin's Division was composed of Allen's and Iversen's Brigades.

Allen's Brigade was composed of the following-named cavalry regiments: 1st Ala., Lieut.-Col. D. T. Blakey; 3d Ala., Col. James Hagan; 4th Ala., Col. Alfred A. Russell; 7th Ala., Capt. George Mason; 51st Ala., Col. M. L. Kirkpatrick; 12th Ala. Battalion, Capt. Warren S. Reese.

Brig.-Gen. Iverson's Brigade had the following-named regiments: 1st Ga., Col. Samuel W. Davitte; 2d Ga., Col. James W. Mayo; 3d Ga., Col. Robert Thompson; 4th Ga., Maj. Augustus R. Stewart; 6th Ga., Col. John R. Hart.

Gen. Martin came from the east, and was compelled to ford the Connasauga River to reach the railroad. He utterly destroyed about two miles of track, burning the cross ties and bending the rails. The telegraph line was also torn down; but Gen. Martin, although he threatened the garrison at Tilton, which was composed of eight companies of the 17th Iowa, commanded by Col. Clark R. Wever, he did not assault the place, nor attempt the destruction of the railroad bridge which spans Swamp Creek.

(To be continued.)

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(What to Eat.)

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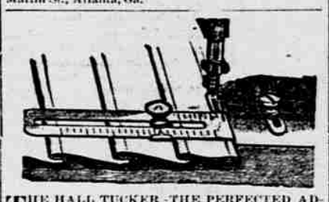

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WANTED—By Mrs. Sarah M. Luman, 736 S. 7th St., Coshocton, O., the address of any one who knew Asbury Luman, Co. K, 1st Ill.

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WANTED—The present addresses of John Shoals and Orrin Jones, who were former members of Co. C, 27th Mass. Vols. Address all communications to Hart E. Mowry, Leyden, Mass.

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