

MOVEMENTS OF GEN. FITZHUGH LEE'S CAVALRY IN FAIRFAX, &c., &c.

[From the Washington Chronicle.]

On Friday afternoon, in pursuance of orders, Colonel Swain, commanding the cavalry regiment known as Scott's Nine Hundred, ordered Major Remington to take companies B. and C, numbering about one hundred men, and make a reconnoissance to Centreville, to see if any of the Confederates were in that vicinity. Major R. started at five o'clock in the afternoon, and after proceeding some distance went into camp, intending to resume the march in the morning. Early next morning they again started off, and by half past eight o'clock were in the vicinity of Fairfax. Here the pickets of the Sixth Virginia Confederate cavalry were discovered. Major Remington immediately ordered his men to draw saber and charge, which they did with so much impetuosity that half of the Confederates were captured before recovering from their surprise. The main body of the Confederates came up at this time, and Major R., at the head of his little band, venturing too far, they were soon surrounded.

The prisoners that had been taken were turned loose, and Major Remington with the main body of his men turned around, and charging, cut their way through the Confederate lines.

Of this body only eighteen men returned, the rest being either killed, wounded, or taken prisoners. The Major was shot in the breast in two places.

Lieut. Daywell, of Company C., commanding the second platoon, composed almost of his own company, was last seen charging at the head of about ten men, endeavoring to cut their way through. Captain Campbell and Lt. Hazeltine of company B, were both leading detachments when last seen. The Captain had previously killed a Confederate officer.

An officer whilst endeavoring to kill Major Remington was shot by Sergeant Morris.—Sergeant Beebe is probably a prisoner.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, not content with his exploits at Fairfax Ct. House, on Saturday made a raid into Annandale, six miles this side of that place. The only persons at this place were Lt. Dagwell, of Scott's Nine Hundred, with about twenty men, guarding a lot of prisoners on their way to Alexandria, and Mr. Sweetzer army purveyor, and two or three sutlers, and commissaries' clerks. The Confederates came in on the old Braddock road from Burk's Station, and crossed the Alexandria road at Annandale. They numbered fifteen hundred men, commanded by Fitzhugh Lee in person, and their movements were so rapid that no one had the least time to escape.

The sutlers wagons, accompanied by Lieut. Dagwell's guard over the prisoners, were preparing to move towards Alexandria, when they heard the most unearthly yells, and a shower of balls whizzed all around them. In a moment the whole body of Confederate cavalry were on them. Mr. Sweetzer immediately ran into a house and concealed himself while his clerk Mr. Beach, hid in a barn.

A large number of the Confederates were immediately sent by the commander to seize every suspicious person they could find. The rest contented themselves with rifling the

wagons of the sutlers, and the scene presented, it is said, was ludicrous in the extreme. In less time than it takes to relate it, the wagons were rifled of their contents—consisting of army shirts, boots, shoes, chickens, tobacco, cigars, preserves, and innumerable other articles needed in the army. The boots were the principal object of most of them.

M. Sweetzer's stock of goods were estimated at \$4,000, and the Confederates after taking them had not the politeness to give him a receipt for them, or even a promise to pay an equivalent "ten years after the recognition of the Confederate States by the U. S. Government."

All the houses in the vicinity were searched, and in one four hundred dollars' worth of liquor was found. Guards were placed over it, and no one but officers were allowed to enter, and these accepted the privilege as freely and as often as it was granted.

The house of Mr. J. B. Heath was thoroughly searched, and his horses and forage taken. The men are all martialled in the roads and Gen. Lee has given orders to a guard to take them to Richmond. The whole party consisted of Lieut. Dagwell and about twenty men, with Mr. Sweetzer and two or three sutlers, and ten or twelve clerks belonging to the commissary department at Alexandria. Lt. Dagwell had been wounded in the neck, but not dangerously.

Mr. Sweetzer's wife pleaded with General Lee not to take her husband, as he was unable even if he were willing to do so, (he is lame,) to do any injury to the Confederate government. She was joined by a minister, who related the part taken by Mr. Sweetzer in defending Miss Ford, arrested by the Federal troops as a spy. Their efforts were successful, and Gen. Lee released him, giving a pass through his pickets. After burning some of the wagons, and an hospital ambulance containing medicine, which they could not use, two other wagons were loaded with plunder and started off with the prisoners to Richmond.

After enjoying themselves, and scouring the country for miles around, they withdrew their videttes and returned to Fairfax.

As soon as they retreated, Mr. Beach, Mr. Sweetzer's clerk, came out of his hiding place in an old barn, with thirty-five hundred dollars of his employer's money. He joined Mr. Sweetzer and wife, and a Mr. Lee, of Alexandria, the only commissary clerk who escaped. The whole party reached Alexandria about one o'clock yesterday morning.

The Confederates although very profuse in their expletives against the U. S. Gov't. and its soldiers, treated their prisoners very kindly. They all avowed that the South was tired of a defensive war, and would henceforth wage an offensive one, and would have sweet revenge for the "untold miseries the Federals have heaped upon their soil." Lee himself was very boastful, and asserted that the crisis had at last come.

The Confederates were well dressed and splendidly mounted. The soldiers mostly wore blue pantaloons with grey jackets. Lee dresses with a black feather in his slouched hat, this being the only mark to distinguish him from his officers.

As soon as the news came to Alexandria of

the close proximity of the Confederates, Gen. Slough ordered all the troops under arms, and the men who work in the quartermaster's and commissary's departments were placed in the barricades. Dispatches were sent to headquarters, and everything got in readiness.

A detachment of Confederate cavalry, yesterday morning, captured an entire train on its way to Frederick. The train was composed of about one hundred empty wagons, thirty or forty partially loaded with forage, and two ambulances, in one of which were three officers, who were going out to hunt up some of the men belonging to their regiment. The wagons were all six-mule teams, and were under the command of Captain Paige. The only escort was six cavalrymen. When about three quarters of a mile from Rockville a man met the team who told the drivers that the Confederates had entered the town. It seems that this warning was unheeded, and as the train began to round the hill, Confederate scouts were seen about seven hundred yards ahead. As soon as they were discovered they deployed and fired a volley at the train. They then wheeled round to the rear, and dashed upon the train, shooting down some of the teamsters and capturing others. They also captured about eight hundred mules. Some of the teamsters, however, escaped into the woods, and about twenty of them have since come in. The number of cavalry is said to have been about two hundred, and they are reported to have been splendidly equipped and mounted. Many of the horses bore the brand of the United States.

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