

GEN. SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH.

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE MILITARY DEPARTMENT, Columbia, Va., Friday, March 10, 1865.—Lieut. Gen. U. S. Grant—General:—In my last dispatch, dated Waynesboro', I gave a brief account of the defeat of Early by Custer's division. The same night this division was pushed across the Blue Ridge, and entered Charlottesville at 2 p. m. the next day. The mayor of the city and the principal inhabitants came out and delivered up the keys of the public buildings. I had to remain at Charlottesville two days.

This time was consumed in bringing over from Waynesboro our ammunition and pontoon trains. The weather was horrible beyond description and the rain incessant. The two divisions were during this time occupied in destroying the two large iron bridges, one over the Rivanna river, the other over Morse's creek, near Charlottesville, and the railroad for a distance of eight miles, in the direction of Lynchburg. On the 6th of March I sent the first division, General Devin commanding, to Scottsville, on the James river, with directions to send out light parties through the country and destroy all merchandize, mills, factories, bridges, etc., on the Rivanna river. These parties to join the division at Scottsville.

The Division then proceeded along the canal to Duguidsville, fifteen miles from Lynchburg, destroying every lock and in many places the bank of the canal. At Duguidsville we hoped to secure the bridge to let us cross the river as our pontoons were useless on account of the high water; in this, however, we were foiled, as both this bridge and the bridge at Hardwickville were burned by the enemy upon our approach. Merrit accompanied this division.

The Third Division started at the same time from Charlottesville, and proceeded down the Lynchburg railroad to Amherst, C. H., destroying every bridge on the road, and in many places miles of the track. The bridges on this road are numerous, and some of them 500 feet in length. We have found great abundance in this country for our men and animals; in fact the canal had been the great feeder of Richmond. At the Rockfish river the bank of the canal was cut, and at New Canton, where the dam is across the James, the guard lock was destroyed, and the James river let into the canal, carrying away the banks, and washing out the bottom of the canal. The dam across the James at this point was also partially destroyed.

I have had no opposition. Everybody is bewildered by our movements. I have had no news of any kind since I left. The latest Richmond paper was of the 4th, but contained nothing. I omitted to mention that the bridges on the railroad from Swoop's Depot on the other side of Staunton to Charlottesville were utterly destroyed. Also, all bridges for a distance of ten miles on the Gordonsville Railroad. The weather has been very bad indeed, raining hard every day with the exception of four days since we started. My wagons have, from the state of the roads, detained me. Up to this present time we have captured fourteen pieces of artillery—eleven at Waynesboro and three at Charlottesville.

The party that I sent back from Waynesboro started with six pieces but they were obliged to destroy two of the six for want of animals. The remaining eight were thoroughly destroyed. We have captured up to the present time, twelve canal boats, laden with supplies, ammunition, rations, medical stores, &c.

I cannot speak in too high terms of Gens. Merrit, Custer and Devin, and the officers and men of their commands. They have waded through mud and water during this continuous rain and all in fine spirits and health. Commander Hollins, of the rebel navy, was shot near Gordonsville while attempting to make his escape from our advance in that direction.

Very respectfully, your obedient serv't.,
[Signed] P. H. SHERIDAN,
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