

War News.

**GRAND VICTORY IN VIRGINIA.
BRILLIANT FIGHT WITH THE
REBELS.**

ENGAGEMENT AT DRANESVILLE.

**A Portion of Gen. McCall's Division Engaged
GALLANTRY OF GEN. ORD.**

**The Enemy Completely Routed—Two Cannon
Captured—The Loss of the Enemy, Seventy-
Nine Killed and Wounded.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.

This morning, at 6 o'clock, a portion of Gen. McCall's division proceeded in the direction of Dranesville on a foraging expedition, and for the purpose of making a reconnaissance in that locality, Dranesville is about midway between McCall's headquarters and Leesburg.

On arriving in that vicinity they encountered the enemy, who had four regiments of infantry, composed of South Carolinians, Alabamians, and Kentuckians, with one battery of six pieces and a regiment of cavalry, under the command of Gen. Stewart.

The only troops on our part engaged in the affair at Dranesville, were General Ord's brigade, the First regiment of rifles, and East's battery of four guns. At four o'clock, after the action, General McCall sent two officers to count the rebels who were killed and wounded, and it was ascertained that they had left on the field fifty-seven killed and twenty-two wounded. Three of the latter died on being removed, making their loss sixty killed and nineteen wounded; making a total of seventy-nine killed and wounded, and they no doubt carried off many more.

The enemy were completely routed, and fled precipitately after a fight of an hour and a half, leaving two cannon and a quantity of small arms, blankets, great coats, &c., more than our troops could bring away.

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Two hours later Gen. McCall, with his staff and escort of cavalry, followed by

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