

CHARLES F. SMITH'S CHANGE  
representing of the New York Herald  
one of the most exciting scenes of  
the War, was the capture of  
General Grant left his headquarters  
to visit Commodore Foote (the second  
at half past four o'clock, on Saturday  
morning, leaving orders with Capt. Rawlings  
Hillier to ride immediately to Smith's  
and M. J. McLean's brigades and  
tell them not to make any advance  
till the rebel works until he should reach  
the feet—to make no movement of any  
kind until he had been ordered to do so  
by General Smith. Hillier started to  
ride to Wallace in the centre, and Mc  
Clelland on the right. He delivered it to  
Wallace when he reached McClelland's  
brigade that had been attacked by a  
force, and partially repulsed. Hillier  
was what was going on, and dis  
patched orders to Wallace to send a  
part of his brigade to reinforce Mc  
Clelland, which was complied with.  
Four regiments had at double quick to the  
renewed, with almost no delay. Hillier  
reached his force, which charged bravely  
against the rebel position on the right,  
seven hours of the most severe fighting  
in a day. While this fight was going on,  
Hillier started off to find General  
Smith, who had not been on the field  
since four o'clock in the morning. It was  
near noon. Hillier met the General  
back from the transports, and com  
mended to him the fact that McClelland  
was attacked and compelled to fall back  
had rallied and regained his position.  
Grant immediately rode to Smith's  
camp, then half past one o'clock—  
he learned the status of the army. A  
of ten to twelve thousand of the enemy  
at through his right flank and escaped.  
The attack upon McClelland. As  
a fire was being kept up upon the  
line from heavy guns and light artillery,  
the forces were being cut and demoralized.  
The position was so precarious that  
remain in this position would surely  
be in ruin, to fall back out of range  
of the guns would demoralize the army  
as an alternative was left to the  
commander. Hillier rode upon the  
front of a mounted column upon the  
enemy's works. Though officers clad  
and men were impudent to make the  
ground still the General hesitated, and it  
was not till half past two that the order  
to attack was given. Then Captain  
rode down the line, and the old General  
was gleamed with a new light. Said Cap  
tain: "General Smith, General Grant's  
is in your front, at all hazards the  
order is to attack. Hillier said: "But  
do it. Tell General Smith I'll do it."  
talking to his men, he said: "Soldiers,  
be ordered to take those works by assault,  
eye, eye, steady! Hurrah." And a  
cry came from the phalanx of brave men  
as comes only from patriots upon great  
occasions.

or twelve thousand men composed the force  
sent out for this purpose. They advanced  
under cover of a deadly fire of artillery,  
and finally drove McClelland's force  
before them a distance of fifty or sixty rods.  
Our troops here made a stand, and having  
been reinforced by one or two regiments,  
began the assault, before which the enemy  
were forced to retreat. The ground was  
marked with devastation, and the slaughter  
on both sides was immense. The whole space  
of two miles was strewn with dead, who lay  
in every imaginable shape and form.  
Federal and rebels were promiscuously  
mingled, sometimes grappled in the fierce  
death-struggle, sometimes lying each other  
as they gave and received the fatal shot or  
thrust, sometimes lying across one another  
and again heaped in piles which lay six or  
seven deep. I could imagine nothing more  
terrible than the silent indications of agony  
that marked the features of the combatants  
which lay at every step. Though dead and  
seemed to rise to catch the passing breeze  
for a cooling breath. Staring eyes, gasping  
mouths, clenched hands and strangely con  
tracted limbs, resembling drawn up in the  
smallest compass, as if by a mighty effort  
to read under some irresistible bond which  
held them down to the tortura of which they  
died. One sat against a tree, and with  
mouth and eyes wide open, looked up into  
the sky as if seeking a glimpse at its flaming  
spirit. Another clung to the branch of an  
overhanging tree, and hung half suspended,  
as in the death pang he raised himself partly  
from the ground. The other hand grasped  
his faithful musket, and the compression of  
the mouth told of the determination which  
contracted his lips. Many of our men  
had evidently fallen victims to the rebel  
sharpshooters, for they were pierced through  
the head by rifle bullets, some in the forehead,  
some in the eyes, others in the bridge of the  
nose, in the cheek and in the mouth. This  
circumstance rendered the statement made  
by a rebel officer among the prisoners, that  
the men were trained to shoot low and  
aim for the face, while ours, as a general  
thing, fired at random, and shot over their  
heads.  
The enemy, in their retreat, carried off  
their wounded and a great many of their dead  
so that ours far outnumbered theirs in the  
field. The scene of action had been mostly  
in the woods, although there were two open  
places of an acre or two where the fight had  
raged furiously, and the ground was covered  
with dead. All the way up to their inter  
ments the same scene of death was presented.  
There were two miles of dead strewn thickly  
mingled with fire arms, artillery, dead horses,  
and the paraphernalia of the battle field. It  
was a scene never to be forgotten—never to  
be described.

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