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On Thursday night, about one o'clock, Major Tyndall's pickets, stationed on the Maryland side of the Potomac and along the village of Sandy Hook, were alarmed by a gunshot from the foot of Loudon Hights, just below the embouchure of the Shenandoah, followed by female shrieks of murder, and cries for help. Col. Geary, who was at the Major's quarters, immediately ordered a corps of riflemen to concentrate opposite the point whence the cries emanated, and fire continually on the level of the road at the foot of the mountain, and on both sides of the house where the cries were heard. The order was obeyed, and when the cannon broke the silence, what the house of the Widow Stipes had been broken into and ransacked for salt, tea, and sugar, by a gang of eighteen or twenty men, supposed to belong to Capt. Baylor's guerillas, and that the woman had been maltreated because of a signal that had been fired by her son.

About 7 o'clock yesterday morning, a flag of truce was displayed in a landing arch in the railroad wall, just above the recent Harper's Ferry Bridge, where an angular flight of steps led from the town side of the stone embankment under the railroad track to the water. The person waving the flag and calling for a boat to come over was the only one in sight, and he was "colored." A boat with the ferryman and a gentleman named George Rohr, (a loyal Virginian, whose property had been destroyed because of his Union sentiments) went over to respond to the summons of humanity. As the boat neared the arch, Rohr remarked to the ferryman that the man with the flag of truce was not a negro, but a white man painted; nevertheless, it was decided to land and see what was wanted. The boat was pushed stern foremost into the arch, Rohr being seated in the stern. By the dim light it was discovered that the stairway was thronged with men, and before the boat could be started forward a man, pronounced by the deceased to be Captain Baylor, fired a musket, the ball taking effect in Rohr's right thigh, passing through the leg, and coming out just above the knee. The wounded man, finding he had been entrapped, fired his musket into the recess, when a second ball struck him in the shoulder, and, passing downward, came out below the right breast.

When it became known on this side that Rohr had been shot, our riflemen poured volley after volley into the landing arch, and such places as the enemy might conceal themselves in. The battery on the Maryland Hights opened on the houses in the rear, and the pickets in Sandy Hook discovered a squadron of cavalry and footmen pushing up the Shenandoah road in the direction of Charlestown. A squad of foot soldiers were also discovered on the London side of the Shenandoah, behind the abutment of the burnt bridge, but beyond the range of our rifles.

The buildings which had concealed the party of murderers from view, and shielded them from the riflemen, had long been the rendezvous, day and night, of the enemy's scouting parties, who were thus enabled to approach unseen and fire upon our pickets. Their destruction had heretofore been contemplated, but desisted from out of consideration for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, who had a considerable amount of property therein. Col. Geary, however, ordered their immediate destruction by fire, but failing to ignite by shells, Major Tyndall detached Lieut. Greenwalt, of Co. F, of the 28th Pennsylvania Regiment, with ten men, to proceed to the other side and set fire to them, which they speedily accomplished, bringing back several trophies, dropped in hasty retreat by the murdering party, among which was a splendid Minie musket, loaded, but not capped.

The houses fired were the Wager, Galt and Railroad Hotels, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Depot, the Winchester Railroad Depot, Welch's store, the Telegraph Office, and the dwelling houses of Mrs. Wager, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Ellen Chambers, George Chambers and Wm. J. Stevens, none of which were occupied.

The destruction of this block now gives our pickets and batteries on a view of the Shenandoah road from Charlestown, and will enable our men to protect the village in daylight from any clandestine occupancy by the enemy's forces, as well as give them a warm reception if they should attempt to advance in force by their favorite and hitherto protected route. The conflagration was magnificent, the volume of smoke and flame almost concealing the surrounding mountain heights, and enveloping the doomed town. Occasionally a concealed shell or gun would explode in the burning buildings, and give a temporary relief to our cannoniers and riflemen, by a hope that they were the guns of an approaching enemy.

The once populous town of Harper's Ferry now contains but seven houses—all good Unionists—numbering, perhaps, forty souls, all told. During the shelling, these, as has long been customary, hung out white flags, and their domiciles were accordingly respected by our cannoniers.

The last [your correspondent ascended] the Maryland Hights in the afternoon, none of the rebels were visible except a squad of cavalry-stretched across the road at Small Woods, behind Bolivar, nor were more than a dozen citizens seen in the three villages of Harper's Ferry, Camptown, and Bolivar, for several hours. Squads of the enemy's cavalry were occasionally seen on the road near Charlestown, but their numbers did not indicate any important movement.

At 5 o'clock p. m., three of the enemy's cavalry came down the Charlestown road, and dismounting, entered the Ferry. A few moments later, one made his appearance with a flag of truce on a platform car, standing directly over the landing arch where his associates had committed the murder in the morning by the use of an emblem held sacred in war even by the most barbarous and debased nations of the earth. Immediately two hundred cocked Enfield rifles covered his form, and two twelve-pounders loaded with Scribner's patent cartridges (railroad spikes and iron slugs) were trained to bear upon the same spot. The man were almost insane to revenge the death of their late comrade, but were prevented by a gesture from Col. Geary.

The bearer of the flag came from Charlestown, and was sent to request that the body of young Carlisle, a deceased volunteer in the disunion ranks from Maryland, might be sent over for interment to-day. The Colonel responded, that Maryland soil was no fit resting place for the bodies of traitors; and as the flag of truce had been violated in the morning, that game could not be played on him twice in one day. The flag responded that the act of the morning was unauthorized and would be punished. Colonel Geary responded that the first shot was fired by the officer in command, and that he had no confidence in any such assertions. "I will give you five minutes," said the Colonel, "to get beyond the reach of my guns. I have no more to say." The bearer of the flag and his companions were suddenly on the Charlestown road, and promptly at the expiration of the five minutes, one of the 12-pounders discharged its iron messenger in the line of their retreat.

It was subsequently ascertained that the bearers of the flag were Baylor's men, that it was Baylor who fired the first shot at Rohr, and the flag man was disguised and painted as a negro to decoy our boat into the trap.

Some time ago, Rohr was driven from Harper's Ferry (where he owned a handsome property, and was carrying on a flourishing carriage manufacturing business) on account of his fidelity to the Union. His property was destroyed and confiscated, and he, after securing the retreat of his wife to this side, devoted his whole time to the Government in designating the Secessionists from the Union people who sought to cross into Maryland. He was highly esteemed and honored by all our officers. His widow, who is now destitute, is a Pennsylvania lady, and deserves the consideration of the Government and the Union people.

The Skirmish with Rebel Pickets.

There are many exaggerated stories in regard to the skirmish the Cameron Dragoons had with the rebel pickets on Friday morning. One of these reports makes our attacking force nearly one thousand strong. Such is not the case. At no time had we more than forty men engaged. The bulk of the regiment, the Cameron Dragoons, under command of Major Moss, were in reserve some two or three miles distant from where the skirmish took place.

It appears that the whole regiment was ordered to Hunter before daylight in the morning, and rode to Freedom Hill. Here a halt was made, when Company F, Captain J. P. Wilson, and Company I, Captain John O'Farrell —each company numbering about fifty men—were placed under command of Assistant Adjutant-General Curry, of General Smith's division. They then left the main body of the dragoons at Freedom Hill, and took the road through Vienna towards Fairfax Court House. After proceeding two or three miles, a few rebel pickets was discovered on an adjoining hill.

Adjutant Curry gave orders to Captain O'Farrell to charge to the left, while he would go with Captain Wilson on a charge to the right. Both captains had orders to capture or drive before them all the pickets they could. Captain O'Farrell, about two miles from where the first charge was made, struck a bridle path, through which his men rode single file. On ascending a hill, he discovered a hut, around which several horses were picketed.

The captain, leading his men, rode rapidly up towards the hut, when a brisk fire was opened upon him through loop-holes, which was continued for several minutes. Five different shots were aimed at the captain, the balls from one not only perforated his coat, but the powder singed it. The short time the fight lasted it was very severe. Finally, it became too warm for the rebels, one of them being killed and another wounded, and they cried out "For God's sake don't kill us, we will surrender."

Capt. O'Farrell then demanded that they should throw down their arms, which was done, and the prisoners, six in number, were properly secured and brought over to Washington. The rebels still kept up a desultory fire, which was promptly returned, but as the rebels were hid behind trees the effect was not known. During the brief engagement, Sergeant Charles D. Moore, of Germantown, Pa., was shot in the thigh. He was brought back to camp, where he lingered until yesterday morning, when he died. His remains have been forwarded to Philadelphia. Just before his death his captain asked him whether he had any word to send to his friends. The dying soldier replied—"Tell them I have done my duty, and died for my country."

While all this skirmishing was taking place on the left, Capt. Wilson was not less busy on the right. He had quite a sharp time of it. He succeeded in capturing five prisoners. Corporals Grier and Daly deserve honorable mention for the part they took in the engagement. Capt. Wilson, a brave and intrepid officer, was shot through the ear, the ball causing an ugly but not dangerous wound on the back side of the head.

Capt. Brown captured three prisoners and a baggage wagon at Fairfax. There was no fighting at Fairfax, as has been represented. There were fourteen prisoners, in all, captured. They are now in prison here.

This is the first regiment which has passed so far beyond Fairfax since the Bull Run affair. It was a gallant exploit, and reflects much credit on the coolness and discretion of Major Moss.—*Dispatch to Phila. Press.*

Gen. Lander and Gen. McClellan.

The subjoined statement, respecting facts not hitherto generally known, says the N. Y. *Tribune*, reaches us from a highly respectable source:

"Gen. Lander arrived at Hancock by express from Washington at 3 A. M. on Sunday, the 5th, to take command. He found there about 2,700 troops, two of the regiments having received their arms but the day before. He was there attacked by Major-Gen. Jackson, commanding the army of the Valley of Virginia,