

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

THE BATTLE OF SATURDAY.

The Fight the most Desperately Contested of the War.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Dec. 14, 1862.—The battle of yesterday was one of the most severely and desperately fought throughout the entire day, and even after darkness had shrouded the field it was kept up with determination on both sides, which seemed as though it was likely to last until any army was unable to sustain the fight any longer. The fighting on our immediate front and right and beyond Fredericksburg, was carried on by Gen. Sumner's grand division, comprising the Second and Ninth Army Corps.

Shortly after nine o'clock, the Second Army Corps, Gen. Couch, which constituted the right of the attacking forces, moved out from the upper part of the city between the plank road and water works, with strong detachments of infantry, cavalry, and artillery, and moved rapidly across the river, and covered our advance. The rebel infantry, having fallen back to their first line of entrenchments and rifle pits, their batteries opened with a vigorous and rapid fire on our columns, which now had come to a temporary halt, awaiting the order of the artillery fighting. To some extent our artillery on the bluff kept up a heavy fire upon the rebel batteries, with such effect that the batteries on Taylor's Hill, nearly opposite Falmouth, and commanding our left flank, were finally silenced. During the time the artillery of the rebels was almost entirely devoted to the shelling of our advanced troops. Occasionally they would send a shot towards our batteries, but they fell short or lodged in the town beyond. Hancock's division, which was on the right, covered the other divisions of the corps, while the Ninth corps, Gen. Wilcox, remained under arms in town, in readiness to obey the signal to advance to the assistance of any part of our comrades wherever they could be effectually employed.

After the whole corps deployed into line of battle, with Hancock's division on the right, and the other moved forward to attack and storm the rebel right batteries, which were the enemy's works of terrible power. The shelling of our batteries, notwithstanding which they steadily pushed on the rifle pits, within a short distance of the first line of entrenchments. From the former they drove the rebels, making prisoners of some, while the remainder were killed. The work was accomplished, and the rebels, under the most heroic and long continued efforts, under a galling and murderous fire, human nature was unable to hold out against the terrible fire which they now encountered, and they finally fled in confusion, carrying away with them their wounded comrades.

They fell back to their original line of pickets, thus holding the ground which they first occupied, and which they held this morning, when they were relieved by Gen. Sigurdson's corps.

About noon, Gen. Sturgis was ordered to support the Gen. Couch, and to follow the division of Gen. Ferrero's brigade, in the advance. He moved obliquely with an on the left flank of the batteries which had been engaged Couch's from the right center of the rebel position. He opened the attack with Gen. Ferrero's brigade, which deployed into line of battle parallel to the enemy's work, with the right wing of the formation in the rear, and within easy supporting distance.

Gen. Ferrero then advanced, pouring in terrific volleys of musketry, and driving the rebel back. To retard this movement the rebels opened a raking fire, which was repulsed by the division of Gen. Sigurdson, which Gen. Sturgis ordered Nagle's brigade to advance by the left flank, and forming into line of battle attacked the enemy's battery on the left.

The movement was accordingly attempted, but in consequence of the darkness which it was impossible to carry out, the order, and the rebels fell back to the direct support of Gen. Ferrero. Couch's corps was falling back while this was transpiring, and by the time Gen. Nagle had resumed his original position was nearly in order to do so had been given for the third time. It was now dark and the division fell back to its original position, after being six hours under fire.

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