

line was formed under a heavy but irregular fire from the enemy. The 49th was directed to charge their guns, posted opposite to ours, but it became necessary, when within a short distance of them, to check this forward movement, in consequence of a charge from their cavalry on the right, lest they should wheel about, and fall upon our rear, but they were received in so gallant a manner by the companies of the 89th under Captain Barnes, and the well directed fire of the artillery, that they quickly retreated, and by a charge from those companies, one gun was gained.— The enemy immediately concentrated his force to check our advance, but such was the steady countenance and well directed fire of the troops and artillery, that about half-past four, they gave way at all points from an exceeding strong position, endeavoring by their light infantry to cover their retreat, who were driven away by a judicious movement made by Lieut.-Colonel Pearson. The detachment, for the night, occupied the ground from which the enemy had been driven.

It is now my grateful duty to point out to your honor the benefit the service has received from the ability, judgment, and active exertions of Lt.-Col. Harvey, the deputy adjutant-general, for sparing whom to accompany the detachment I must again publicly express my acknowledgements. To the cordial co-operation and exertions of Lt.-Col. Pearson, commanding the detachment from Prescott; Lt.-Col. Penderleath, 49th regt.; Major Clifford, 89th regt.; Major Herriot of the Voltigeurs, and Captain Jackson of the royal artillery, combined with the gallantry of the troops, our great success may be attributed. Every man did his duty, and, I believe, I cannot more strongly speak their merits than in mentioning our small force did not exceed eight hundred rank and file.

To Captains Davis and Skinner, of the quarter-master general's department, I am under the greatest obligations for the assistance I have received from them; their zeal and activity have been unremitting. Lieut. Haggerman of the militia and Lieut. Anderson of the Indian department have also, for their services, deserved my public acknowledgements.

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A variety of reports of the British movements and counter movements were brought to me in succession, which convinced me of their determination to hazard an attack when it could be done to the greatest advantage; and therefore I resolved to anticipate them. Directions were accordingly sent by that distinguished officer, Col. Swift, of the engineers, to Brig. Gen. Boyd, to throw the detachments of his command assigned to him in the order of the preceding day, and composed of his own, Covington's and Swartwout's brigades, into three columns, to march upon the enemy, outflank them, if possible, and take their artillery. The action soon after commenced with the advanced body of the enemy, and became extremely sharp and galling, and with occasional pauses, but sustained with great vivacity in open space and fair combat, for upwards of two and a half hours, the adverse lines alternately yielding and advancing. It is impossible to say with