

"Accordingly, on this date, orders were distributed to the different corps of the American forces, to supply themselves with ammunition, and be ready to march. The order was eagerly obeyed, and at two o'clock P. M., of the same day, the army being formed into two columns, under Generals Porter and Miller, filed out of camp by the left, and advanced upon the enemy. The column of General Porter made a considerable *detour* through the woods, in order to gain the enemy's extreme right, while that of General Miller passed along the skirts of the wood, and concealed itself in a ravine above. While this was taking place, a heavy fall of rain came on, which continued during the remainder of the day; it had no effect, however, upon our operations; the column of General Porter approached its destination with such secrecy and address, that he was not discovered by the enemy till he rose upon them within pistol-shot of their lines. As soon as the firing announced this event to General Miller, he left the ravine in which he lay concealed, and charged upon the enemy's third battery, which, being carried, their whole line, as far as their second battery inclusive, was in a few minutes in our possession. The object of the enterprise being thus accomplished, the army retreated again within its lines."

This battle, considering the superior force of the enemy, may be considered one of the most brilliant achievements of the war; and this is our apology for the lengthy account which we have given of it.

Black Rock, three miles north of Buffalo, on the Niagara river, Erie county, is a fine flourishing village. It is situated on the line of the *Buffalo and Niagara Falls Railroad*, and has a good harbor, deep enough for any ordinary sized vessel. The village contains several mills and factories, a number of stores, and a population of 3,000.

Black Rock was destroyed by the British, during the war of 1812.

Waterloo, is a small village on the Canada side, situated directly opposite Black Rock, to and from which a ferry plies every few minutes during the day.

Chippewa, a small village on the Canada side of Niagara river, is celebrated as being the scene of a memorable military engagement, during the last war with Great Britain. The British forces under the command of Generals Drummond and Ryall, were all veteran troops who had served during the peninsular war, were considered invincible, and in numbers far exceeded the Americans. In this engagement, the British formed their plan of battle at their leisure—chose their own ground—an open plain, on which not so much as a single stump was to be seen, behind which a soldier could hide. The battle ended in a complete