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Hawes' Shop, VA.
June 3, 1864

3rd Cavalry Division, Army of the Potomac.

While the battle of Cold Harbor was on, Brig.-Gen. J. H. Wilson, commanding the division, was ordered to Cross the Totopotomy and attack the Confederates on the flank and rear.

He moved at noon, struck the enemy's pickets at Hawes' Shop and drove them back on the main body near the Via House. Part of the command was dismounted and forced the Confederate cavalry, also dismounted, back over three lines of breastworks in succession.

McIntosh's brigade was then left to hold the position at Hawes' While Chapman's moved to Norton's house on the Totopotomy. Upon arriving at the creek a section of Ransom's battery was placed in position, and under its protection about 400 men were dismounted and crossed.

The 3rd Ind. and 2nd N. Y. charged and drove the enemy from a line of works, capturing a few prisoners. An order had been issued from headquarters to suspend hostilities, but Wilson had not been notified and as it was now nearly dark he withdrew his command across the creek.

The division was congratulated by Gen. Meade for its gallant conduct on this occasion.

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