

held the advance on the railroad, the Third and Fourth Divisions supporting on the right, while the First Division was placed to cover the left and prevent any surprise from that direction.

The attack on the Second Division was very determined; but our men met it in gallant style, driving the rebels back in handsome style, with heavy loss.

After repeated attempts to force our line, the rebels finally, after about two hours' hard fighting, gave up the idea, and fell back some distance, keeping up a fire all the afternoon from their batteries and skirmishers.

The Fifteenth New-York Heavy Artillery particularly distinguished itself in this engagement. Col. WEIDRICH, its commander, was severely wounded across the back.

The movement was a complete surprise to the enemy, the rebel pickets stationed in the vicinity being so astonished that they had barely time to escape.

Some few prisoners were taken, several of whom are wounded.

The track is torn up for over a mile.

Our troops still held the position at dark.

To-night and to-morrow they will completely destroy the ties and rails of the road, unless the rebels shall visit the neighborhood in too strong numbers.

The loss on our side is about three hundred, among whom are the following named officers:

Lieut.-Col. PIERSON, Thirty-ninth Massachusetts, badly wounded.

Capt. THOS. H. WATKINS, Company B, Purnell's Legion, scalp wound.

Lieut. COOMBS, Purnell's Legion, in the shoulder.

Lieut. H. H. DALBINSTANNEY, of the Fifth New-York, wounded.

Lieut. FAY, of the Eight Massachusetts, badly in side.

Lieut. W. T. SPYER, Thirty-ninth Massachusetts, fatally wounded.

Lieut. HENRY THOMAS FISHER, First Massachusetts, in the hand,

Lieut. ED. WILLIAMS, First Massachusetts, in the thigh.

Lieut. W. G. BRASHEARS, First Massachusetts, in the thigh.

Lieut. A. D. REYNOLDS, First Massachusetts, killed.

Lieut. HOBART PERSON, Fifteenth New-York, in the breast.

Lieut. G. SOHMMEL, Fifteenth New-York, in the hip.

Lieut. CHARLES G. KINSEY, Fifteenth New-York, in the leg.

Capt. LEWIS MAHELIEN, Fifteenth New-York, in the arm.

Capt. Charles De Clyne, Fifteenth New-York, in the arm.

Lieut. Robert Miller, Fifteenth New-York, badly in the head.

Friday, Aug. 9—6 A. M.

Everything is quiet this morning.

Some firing was heard during the night in the direction of the Fifth Corps.

## FURTHER DETAILS.

**Gen. Warren's Movement—The Railroad Being Destroyed—The Fighting on Thursday—Our New Position Held.**

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,  
Thursday, Aug. 18—Evening.

This morning at 4 o'clock the Fifth Corps started on an expedition to cut the Weldon Railroad at Ram's Station, taking four days' rations with them.

This corps was withdrawn from the left front some days ago, and have been in reserve ever since.

They reached the railroad about seven o'clock, and the First Division being in the advance had a skirmish with a force of the enemy, stationed there to protect the road. They fell back rapidly, however, and the loss on either side was light.

After placing the troops in line, to meet any attack which might be made, the work of tearing up the track was commenced, and prosecuted with vigor for several hours. But about noon they were interrupted at their labor by the appearance of the enemy, who were advancing along the railroad from Petersburg in line of battle.

They proved to be Gen. HILL's corps, which had been lying in reserve for the past few days, and who were advanced at a double quick as soon as they became aware of our intention and movement.

The Second Division, Gen. AYRES commanding.