

the cannister fired from it passed over and very near his head, covering him with dirt knocked off the parapet by fragments of the missiles fired at the enemy. It was a dangerous position, and the Lieutenant called with no little vigor to the Sergeant to "cease firing." The roaring of the guns and the din of the musketry, of course, drowned his voice, so that he had to lie still where he was ; the enemy in front, his own men behind him, the gun over him scattering its cannister fearfully, while it deafened him with its noise, and suffocated him with its sulphurous smoke. Around him lay the dead and wounded of the first detachments. The peril of his own situation did not prevent him from thinking what would be the fate of these poor men if the enemy charged the works. It was with great delight that he heard Captain Rowan give the order to cease firing.

At dusk the infirmary corps came up to remove the wounded, and, later, during the night, the dead were buried. Captain Rowan left Lieutenant Ritter in command, with orders to remodel the works during the night, while he himself went to look after some horses for the battery. Nine horses had been killed, including Ritter's saddle horse. By daylight the works were completed. In the afternoon the enemy charged our right, passing within three hundred yards of Rowan's battery, giving the latter a fine opportunity to revenge its losses of the day before. Right well did it take advantage of it, opening with terrible effect, strewing the field with dead, and giving occupation to numerous litter-bearers, who presently appeared on the scene to carry off the wounded. The firing continued during the evening at intervals. About 3 P. M. Lieutenant Ritter was wounded by a minnie ball in the right arm above the elbow. The ball passed through the fleshy part of the arm, and lodged in the sleeve.

At night the army fell back, marching across Oostenaula River to Adairsville, which was reached on the 16th. The casualties of the Third Maryland at Resaca were three killed and fifteen wounded, as follows :

KILLED—Corporal Sanchez, Private H. Steward, and a third, whose name is lost.

WOUNDED—Lieutenant William L. Ritter, Sergeant L. W. Frazier. Corporals A. J. Davis and B. Bradford, Privates J. Bushong, W. E. Davis, J. G. Cannon, J. Faulk, B. Garst, J. Isham, J. S. Scales, J. A. Turner, M. P. Talton, W. Pickle and A. P. Wade.

The spokes of the second piece were so shattered by the enemy's minnie balls that false spokes had to be put in before the gun could be removed.

The army continued to fall back until it reached New Hope Church, near Dallas, on the 25th, when a general engagement took place. The enemy moved up and charged the greater part of our line, but were repulsed with heavy loss at every point. The Third Maryland was not engaged till late in the evening, when it did terrible execution in the enemy's ranks, itself having but two men slightly