

stood in line off to one side, and for a moment I looked on in amazement at the performance. I soon concluded that they were being pursued, and we charged them in flank, and never before did I reap such a rich harvest in horses and prisoners.

This was the first cavalry fight in which the Spencer repeating carbine was used by the enemy ; but, notwithstanding this advantage over the old muzzle-loading gun, they were badly beaten, having been driven upon their infantry, and engaged from early dawn until night put an end to the conflict.

The loss of the First Maryland was severe, as they were engaged almost continually during the fight, both mounted and on foot.