

George Howard, of Company C. Colonel Johnson and Lieutenant-Colonel Brown made narrow escapes, the former having his horse killed under him and his sabre shot away, whilst the latter received several severe sabre cuts on the head while gallantly endeavoring to pass his men through the gate which obstructed their retreat. If unfortunate for the Maryland battalion, however, it was fortunate for Baker, whose brigade of North Carolinians would most assuredly have been cut to pieces had the enemy not been held in check for a full half hour, thereby enabling them to escape. The force encountered turned out to be Custer's Brigade of four thousand men, supported by the rest of Merritt's division of cavalry.