

Sedgwick attacked Early with great vigor, and after a stubborn resistance he carried Mayre's Heights, capturing several guns and a portion of Barksdale's command.

The First Maryland was here, as more than once before, handicapped by their short-range guns, and the Chesapeake and Pogue batteries were sent to their assistance, and both suffered severely in getting into position, but when the enemy's infantry got within closer range, the fire of the Napoleons was very destructive. When the enemy overran Mayre's Heights the left fell back some distance. But Sedgwick's success was of short duration.

Colonel Andrews massed his battalion near the Telegraph road, and as the battalion was somewhat concealed when the enemy came suddenly upon him he opened with twenty pieces at short range. The execution was fearful, and the enemy fell back in great confusion beyond Lee's Hill.

General Early then sprung the brigades of Hays, Gordon and Walker to the charge, and Sedgwick was driven across the river, only to meet with a still more disastrous defeat at the hands of General Wilcox at Salem Church.

Colonel Andrews received much credit for the part he played in this engagement.

In the battle of Fredericksburg the First Maryland suffered severely, and after the battle it moved to Holliday's farm to repair damages.