

FROM GEN. GEARY'S COMMAND.

A Skirmish at Linden, on the Manassas Gap Railroad.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 17.

The following is extracted from a dispatch to the Secretary of War by Col. JOHN W. GEARY, dated Reclortown, Va., May 16 :

A company of infantry of my command was yesterday ordered to Linden, to remain stationed there. A detachment of seventeen men, guard to the company wagon, reached there a short time before the main body of the company, which was on a train. They were attacked by a body of cavalry, variously estimated at from 300 to 600, coming upon them from four directions. Our men resisted them, keeping up a sharp firing under shelter of the dépôt, which was riddled with bullets. My men were overpowered. One was killed and fourteen taken prisoners, three of whom were wounded, when the enemy hastily retired under fire and with some loss. I have been informed that a portion of Gen. SHIELDS' command had a skirmish with them.

(Signed)

JOHN W. GEARY,
Brigadier-General Commanding.

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