



GENERAL ROBERT C. SCHENCK, WITH THE FIRST REGIMENT OF OHIO VOLUNTEERS, FIRED INTO BY A MASKED BATTERY, NEAR VIENNA, VA.

On June 17, 1861, General Robert C. Schenck, with 700 men of an Ohio regiment, boarded a railroad train and moved northwest from Alexandria, Va., to make a reconnoissance. Leaving a part of his men at Falls Church, he was proceeding with about 300, when at Vienna the Confederates suddenly opened fire with a masked battery. The engine was at the rear of the train pushing, and as soon as the firing began the cowardly engineer detached his locomotive and hurried back to Alexandria, leaving the train to its fate. The Ohio men formed in line along the track, returned the fire and stood their ground until the enemy retreated. They lost about 20 men.