



ENGAGEMENT AT BEALINGTON, VA., BETWEEN OHIO AND INDIANA REGIMENTS AND A DETACHMENT OF GEORGIA TROOPS.

General McClellan's early reputation in the war was made by several small engagements, some of them quite brilliant, of portions of his forces in West Virginia. One of these was at Bealington, near Laurel Hill, where a portion of McClellan's army, commanded by General Thomas A. Morris, had been ordered to make a feint against Garnett's Confederate force, while General McClellan should attack in another direction. On the 8th of July, the Ninth Indiana and Fourteenth Ohio met a considerable body of Confederate troops and began a sharp action. Soon their flank was menaced by Confederate cavalry, but, promptly bringing up a battery, they repelled this, and soon put the entire enemy to flight. The Federal loss was six men, and the Confederate about forty. Five days later a large portion of McClellan's army overtook the enemy at Carrick's Ford, and a battle ensued in a heavy rainstorm. An attack on the Confederate flank compelled a retreat, and the Confederates were again vigorously pursued and overtaken at another ford, where they were again defeated, and General Garnett in attempting to rally them was killed.