



BATTLE OF DRANESVILLE, VA., DECEMBER 20, 1861.—FEDERAL FORCES UNDER GENERAL McCALL; CONFEDERATES COMMANDED BY GENERAL J. E. B. STUART.

Dranesville was one of the bloody skirmishes of the first year of the war. There were 50 killed and over 200 wounded. Several of the subordinate officers on the Union side afterward reached high commands. General George G. Meade, who led the Army of the Potomac at Gettysburg, and General J. F. Reynolds who was killed there, commanded brigades at Dranesville; also General E. O. C. Ord, subsequently a distinguished army leader. Thomas L. Kane, organizer of the Pennsylvania Bucktails, and Colonels W. M. Penrose and C. Feger Jackson, both of whom became generals, took part in the skirmish.