

mountains. As they might, by that way, turn Riley's right flank, and as it was not necessary to pay any further attention to Santa Anna's force, I directed that Cadwalader's brigade should also form in two columns, one to move round on Riley's right flank and rear, and the other on his left flank. This order was communicated to the senior officer of the two first regiments that had marched out; and at this moment General Cadwalader came up with the other two, and immediately the attack commenced. Seeing that there was no necessity of reserving any troops to meet the force under Santa Anna, Dimick was ordered to face to the left, and advance in line across the ravine against the flank of Valencia's work at the same time. I forgot to mention that the engineer company and rifles had been thrown on Riley's left and front, under the brow of the hill, to clear his front of the skirmishers.

The whole of the enemy's works and position were carried at one sweep. A good many of the fugitives were intercepted by General Shields, at his position. After directing the artillery, prisoners, pack mules, &c, to be secured, I directed the column to be formed to advance in pursuit of the enemy. I sent an order to the rear that Major Gardner's regiment of artillery should take charge of the captured artillery and ammunition, and another regiment of infantry, I think Colonel Trousdale's, to take charge of the other captured property; and General Shields's brigade was directed to take charge of the prisoners. I moved on, however, towards San Angel before these dispositions were completed; and I believe they were altered afterwards by other officers who came up, as the rifles and the 3d infantry moved out from among the incumbrances which were strewn along the road General Twiggs came up. He directed the pursuit to be continued, making occasional short halts, until the other regiments could get into their positions in the column. We continued until, on approaching San Angel, General Pillow came to the head of the column and assumed the command.

Question by prosecution. In making the plans, movements and attack the witness has narrated, was he influenced, in any one of them, by any known plan or view of Major General Pillow; or did any officer with whom the witness conversed, on the night of the 19th, or the morning of the 20th, cite or allude to any plan, views or instruction, made or suggested by the said Pillow, on the points in witness's narrative?

Answer. Nothing of the kind.

Question by prosecution. Did the witness chance to note the hours at which the victory at Contreras, on the morning of the 20th of August, had become complete.

Answer. I looked at my watch at the time, and it was either 20 minutes after 6 o'clock or 20 minutes before 7 o'clock. It was either 20 minutes after one hour or 20 minutes before the other; I have forgotten which.

Question by prosecution. About what time, on the night of the 19th of August, did the volunteer brigade, under Brigadier General Shields, reach the hamlet of San Geronimo, or a point near it;

and of what importance did witness consider the presence of that brigade during the night of the 19th, and at the time of the attack next morning?

Answer. It was about 10 o'clock when Lieutenant Hammond reported. The presence of that brigade was of great importance at the time, in my opinion. In marching out to attack in the morning, in the face of Santa Anna's force, I considered it of the highest importance to have a strong force in the village. That was the key of the whole movement, and I could not spare a sufficient force before General Shields's arrival to occupy it properly. For instance, if Santa Anna should have moved into the village when we moved out, he would have put us in a worse position than we had put Valencia, and, at any rate, secure his own retreat and that of Valencia to the city; because he would have become master of the main road which we then held.

Question by defence. Does the witness know to whose division the howitzers and Magruder's battery belonged, and by whose orders they were thrown forward?

Answer. They belonged, I believe, to General Pillow's division. I do not know by whose orders they were thrown forward from the rear; but they were moving forward at the time I speak of under the command of General Twiggs. I do not know from whom he received his orders.

Question by defence. Previously to the arrival of General Scott on the field, on the 19th, who was the senior officer present, and responsible for the general disposition of the forces?

Answer. The senior officer that I saw on the field was General Pillow. I saw him when we rose the hill, a few minutes after, and at the period I have already alluded to. The presumption is, that the senior officer directs the dispositions and is responsible for them.

Question by defence. When you arrived at the villages of Ensalda and San Geronimo, late in the afternoon of the 19th, did you find Colonel Riley and General Cadwalader *already in possession of those villages*; had the *former* repulsed a large body of the enemy's cavalry, belonging to Valencia's camp, and had the *latter checked* the heavy reinforcements of the enemy coming out of the capital, before your command had reached the position of Ensalda?

Answer. I found General Cadwalader in possession of the village. Colonel Riley was not there; and it appeared after, that Colonel Riley had passed through the village and some distance beyond. I learned from Colonel Riley that he had repulsed a large body of the enemy's cavalry, and killed General Frontera at the upper end of the village and just outside of it; and Colonel Riley, finding the enemy too strong, was, as he reported to me, on his way back into the pedregal, not knowing that there were other troops in the village. Holding the village ought to have so influenced Santa Anna as to have prevented him from placing himself outside of it in regard to the city. And General Cadwalader was formed on the right flank of the village when I got there, facing