

At 6 o'clock on the morning of the 14th the Union lines were advanced. Cox's division moved forward about a mile by the flank, and then filed to the right, in two lines, Reilly's brigade in advance, and moved forward over rough and broken ground, through dense woods and thick underbrush, and reached the enemy's skirmish line about noon. Here the command came to a front, and deployed skirmishers. The division again moved forward, in line of battle, driving the enemy's skirmishers. The order was given to change direction to the right, and in doing so the lines got badly mixed—the 112th Illinois being crowded first to the right and then to the left, and finally wedged in between two lines,—but the advance continued. The order was then given to charge, and the column moved forward on a double-quick, nearly a mile, driving the enemy's skirmishers pell mell, and after a fierce struggle carried and held the enemy's first line of intrenchments.

The enemy fell back to a strongly fortified position, and the division was pushed forward to within two hundred yards of this line, but was unable to carry it. The 112th advanced to a hill fifty yards in front of their second line, when the enemy opened a severe fire with grape and canister and musketry. Our sharpshooters, however, picked off the gunners and nearly silenced their batteries. The division lay there, giving and receiving hard blows, until about 4 o'clock, when its ammunition was exhausted, and as the wagons could not cross the creek it was relieved, a brigade at a time and retired to the rear.