

Source 1

Extracts from Cromwell's Accounts of the Battle

About a mile and half from the town we met an advance party of about 100 cavalry soldiers. Our dragoons tried to force them back, but the enemy charged them and four or five of our soldiers were beaten off their horses. Our cavalry charged and pushed them back into their main army. We advanced and came to the bottom of a steep hill on which the enemy stood. It was difficult to get up the hill, but our soldiers tried to do this by following some tracks. The enemy tried hard to stop them.

Source 2

We advanced towards the enemy along the rabbit warren which was on a high hill above Gainsborough. Our army had the Lincoln troops at the front, two troops from Northampton and three small troops from Nottingham in the middle and Colonel Cromwell's troop was at the back. The enemy stayed at the top of the hill. We began to advance up the hill. The enemy opposed us but we fought them off until our whole army reached the top. The enemy held their ground which gave them the advantage. They had three cavalry regiments and another very large regiment held back in reserve commanded by General Cavendish. We formed up our cavalry ready to fight which was difficult because of all the rabbit holes and the difficult



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about a mile and a halfe from the towne we met a forlone hope of the enemy, of neere 100 horse, our dragooneers laboured to beat them back, but not alighting of their horses, the enemy charged them, and beat some foure or five of them off their horse, our horse charged them, and made then retire unto their maine body: We advanced, and came to the bottome of a steepe hill, up on which the enemy stood, we could not well get up but by some tracks, which our men assaying to do, the body of the enemy endeavoured to hinder

Source 2

We advanced still towards the Enemy, all along under the cony-warren, which was upon a high hill above Gainsborough. The Lincoln troops had the van, two Northampton, and three small troops of Nottingham the battle, and Colonel Cromwell the rear; the Enemy in the meantime with his body keeping the top of the Hill. Some of the Lincoln Troops began to advance up the hill; which were opposed by a force of the Enemy, but our men repelled them, until all our whole body was got up the Hill. The Enemy kept his ground; which he chose for his best advantage, with a body of Horse of about Three Regiments of Horse, and a reserve behind them consisting of General Cavendish his Regiment, which was a very full regiment. We presently put our Horse in order; which we could hardly do by reason of the cony-holes and the difficult ascent up the Hill

