

New Orleans 15 July 1871

Col Charles C Jones Jr  
New York City

Colonel

I was appointed a  
Brigadier General, U.S.A on the 21st of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1861.

- The 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade, Norfolk Army, was composed  
of 1 - The 1<sup>st</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Louisiana Volunteers, of which Col  
W. H. Vincent was Colonel on my formation -  
2 - The 3<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Georgia Volunteers, Col. A. R. Wright  
3 - The 4<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> " " Col Geo. Dore  
4 - The 22<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> " " Col - - -  
5 - The 3<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Alabama Volunteers Col, - - -  
6 - The 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion Louisiana Vol<sup>s</sup> Lt. Col C. M. Bradford  
7 - The . Battalion N. C. Vols Lt Col Williams  
8 - The Louisiana Guard Artillery. Capt C. E. Girardey  
9 - The Portsmouth Artillery Capt Grimes  
10 - The Sussex Co, Cavalry Capt - - -

As I write from memory, I cannot give you  
full details -

My Staff was Capt L Riddick. A. A. General,

St Victor Girardey A.D.C.  
Major - - - - - Commissionary  
Major Geo W. Grice. Q<sup>r</sup> Master

I commanded this splendid Brigade until after the battle of I Pines, and was in command of the advance force of the division when ordered to Monroe, North Louisiana as Com<sup>d</sup> of Conscripts, and Military Com<sup>d</sup> of N Louisiana from & between Red & Mississippi rivers - in 1863 Senator Sparrow was prejudiced against me and prevented my promotion - I applied for field duty, and was relieved of all <sup>my</sup> until I rec<sup>d</sup> command of S.C. Reserves, with which I served until the end of the war, from Honey Hill S.C. to Smithfield N.C. being in all the battles of that campaign, and then took the Brigade home to Chester S.C.

As a classmate of R E Lee, J. S. Johnston & D. H. Holmes I am mortified at my record, but persecution prevented my promotion

Very Resp<sup>tly</sup> Yrs &c  
Albert G. Blanchard