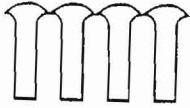


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James Isld. July 14th 1864

Captain

I have the honor to forward a report of the operations in my command from the 1st to the 8th inst inclusive.

From the unusual activity exhibited by the enemy on the 30th June and the day following, in having entirely cleared away the growth from Horse or Horseshoe Isld, I was indeed to expect an attack or demonstration of some kind at some point of my command.

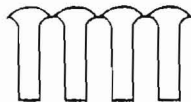
Precautionary measures were accordingly taken to prevent surprise, and all available preparations made to meet him. The Pickets were posted

at dark on the evening of the 1st of July as follows:

A detachment of the 1st S.C. Cavalry of 40 men under command of Capt Keblett, occupied the extreme front on the peninsular. Lieut J. B. Connor Co F. 2^d Reg^t S. C. Artillery with 40 men occupied the Stone front posts on the right flank; while Lieut Jones Co "H", of same Regiment occupied the reserve station at Grinballs Causeway with a similar number of men.

Lieut DeLorme in command of a section of Artillery from Capt Black's battery, was at the site of the Rivers house being supported by a detachment of the S.C. Siege Train commanded by Lieut Spivey.

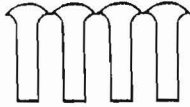
Six of this number were posted at the end of the Rivers road as a Picket in front of the Section of Artillery & four were thrown forward on the extreme ^{front} to a point which the



Cavalry could not fill.

Before day light on the morning of the 2^d July the enemy, it seems had ~~escaped~~ over on the solid marsh from Long Island to this Island and concealed themselves in the skirt of ~~the~~ wood running along the edge of the shore. No possible blame can be attached to our Picket for not having discovered this movement as owing to the unavoidable paucity of numbers & the necessarily long intervals between the picket stations, a cautious enemy can do this at any time of a dark night without being discovered. The Enemy also landed in barges at the extreme eastern end of the Island, and when discovered by our Pickets who were fired upon from their front, they were almost completely hemed in, and it was with great difficulty that they escaped, two of whom were taken prisoners, while we lost six of their horses. Lieut. DeLorme commanding the Section of Artillery, upon hearing the firing upon the front, moved his pieces with their support, along the road leading to the Legare place and took position at the head of the Rivers Causeway, from which point he could have a commanding view of the ground to his right & left and of the causeway in his front, leading in the direction of the anticipated advance of the enemy. As soon as this was effected and his support properly posted, the enemy was seen approaching on his left across the marsh in very strong force, bearing two standards of colors & having the appearance of two Regiments. They were allowed to come fairly out of the woods

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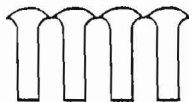
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a couple hundred yards distant, when he opened upon them with grape and canister from his pieces and at the same time his supporting force, poured their fire into their advancing columns. He was turned back in confusion and driven some six hundred yards, and altho' still under the fire of Lieut DeLorme's guns, they rallied, reformed and again charged his sections the second & third times in column, suffering terribly each time, and on the last repulse, they divided, and deployed their forces and again advanced, upon his right and left, when he opened upon each advancing line a terrible & destructive fire, thro' which they continued to advance until within sixty yards of his pieces, when seeing that they were bent upon the capture of his guns regardless of their loss, he attempted to limber up and get away, but unfortunately at this critical moment one of his most important drivers, deserted him and his own horses, being then shot under him (and pierced seven or eight times) and one wing of the enemy rapidly gaining the road to his rear, and upon which he expected to retire, he was compelled to abandon his pieces, to save his limbers and horses and his supporting force. Some one hundred of the enemy's dead in his front attest the accuracy of his fire, and the gallantry of Lieutenants DeLorme & Spivey and their Command, deserve especial mention for their ^{gallant} conduct on this occasion.

Of the sixty rounds carried in their ammunition chests 4 of them were expended upon the columns of the enemy at close range and we were so fortunate as to have only two wounded, both of whom were of Lieut Spivey's command.

Whilst the above was being enacted on our left at the Rivers Causeway, Captain G.W. Stallings

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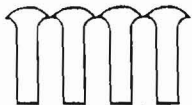
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Company "G" 2^d Regiment S.C. Artillery and acting Field Officer of the Day and whose Head Quarters were at the Legare Overseers' house, seeing what was occurring on his left, and apprehending that the enemy might attempt to get in his rear drew in his Pickets to the head of the Grimboll Causeway, uniting with our reserves posted there; when seeing that it was the purpose of the enemy to flank him on his left, while a Lumbank in the Stono River was preparing to enfilade him on the right, he ordered his Command to fall back to a more secure position, which was in a ditch not very far to his rear, when the Superintendent of Pickets, Major Manigault arrived and assumed Command of them: He immediately asked for reinforcements and I therefore ordered forward Lieut Philips Co "B" S.C. Sig. train with (60) sixty men, Major Bonard with his Battalion of (150) one Hundred & fifty men and at this time some twenty men of the 1st S.C. Cavalry having reported to me, were also ordered forward to report to Major Manigault. A Section of Light Artillery commanded by Captain Blake was also ~~sent forward~~ posted some 400 yds to the rear of the Picket Line and on the road leading to the Grimboll Causeway.

The enemy at this time had a pretty heavy force on this side of the two causeways above mentioned with their line extended pretty much the whole length of the Marsh ^{between the two causeways} dividing James Island proper from the Peninsular on which the Legare Houses are located and at the same time a strong supporting force could be seen on the other side of the Marsh. The party capturing the Section

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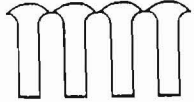
of Artillery being wild with excitement at their unexpected good luck, and in their drunken revelry having attracted the attention of the Artillery of the 2^d Regt S.C. Artillery at Ballings No 2, 3, 4 & 5 of the New Series were directed to open fire upon them - This party was soon brought under the fire of these batteries and were again severely punished for their temerity and driven back across the Causeway. Capt Blake also was directed to open fire on their right from his section of Artillery and succeeded in silencing their fire which was annoying to our Picket Line and in driving many of them back across the Lionball Causeway.

Soon after dark two of the enemies Steamers moved higher up the River and just below our right flank and some boats plying between them induced the belief that they were landing troops at that point. I therefore directed Major Lucas to open fire upon that section of the River from Battery Purple, which is reported as having annoyed them considerably.

At daylight much to our surprise the enemy had withdrawn from our front on this side of the Causeway.

It then was decided to feel the enemy and after notifying the Batteries of the New Series under Capt Legare and also the batteries at Seepersville under Lt Col Brown of the intended movement - Col Harrison with five (5) companies of the 32^d La Vol. and 60 men under Capt Trejovald ~~with the~~ 1st S.C. Cavalry moved down the River Road for the purpose above mentioned - But the enemy was not to be found on this (the north) side of the Mouth. His Pickets however could be seen at the Legare overseers house on the South side and our Picket line was by order reestablished

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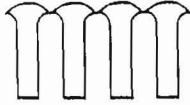
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on the Edge of the marsh from the River to the Sunball Causeway, extending on the left at dark toward Seeperville to the right was extended to the stone, our line being heavily shelled on the flank all the while from the Gunboats & mortar boat. On the Evening of the 3rd Lt. Major Manigault who had been on duty for 36 hours as Superintendent of Pickets and having endured great fatigue & exposure, was at his own request relieved of the Command of the front & Col. Harrison of the 32nd La Vol was assigned to the Command of the Pickets in his place. I take occasion to express my sincere thanks to Major Manigault for his untiring and energetic devotion to his duties at all times and on all occasions when his services were required. He has been the Superintendent of Pickets ever since I have been in Command of the West Line, and for some time previous under the Command of my predecessor & all who have met him in this capacity concur in the opinion that he is untiringly devoted to the discharge of his duty, and that he always discharges them well. If aught I could say in his behalf as an Officer could have any weight with the President in causing his promotion I would take great pleasure in recommending him for it.

On Monday the 4th the evening Gunboats, mortar boat & monitors shelled our Pickets heavily all day as did also a light battery stationed on the other end of the Sunball Causeway. There were however only four (4) casualties during the day. Several feeble demonstrations were made on our front, but were easily driven away by a show of resistance on our part, and in the

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afternoon Major Hargrave again assumed command of the front lines, relieving Col Harrison of the 32nd Regt. On Tuesday the 5th the enemy after maneuvering considerably near the Segue House in strong force apparently some (3500) thirty five hundred - again began to fire upon our advanced line & at the same time their Skirmishers advanced through the wood to their left as if for the purpose of turning our right flank: everything indicated an immediate advance & preparations accordingly ^{were made} to receive him, but to the surprise of our forces they did not do so, ~~but~~ ^{and} after remaining in our front for an hour or more ^{they} withdrew. Their Monitors and Gunboats & mortar boat then opened a terrible fire upon our line, having it enfiladed and the men greatly exposed - & tho' thus exposed for over five (5) hours there was not a single casualty where the fire was heaviest on our right and only three (3) slight ones on our left - It being determined not to sacrifice too many of our brave men in trying to hold this position - the Comdr Officer was instructed to withdraw to ~~the~~ position held on the 2^d inst in case he was strongly pressed, which was accordingly ^{done} late in the afternoon in good order and our lines properly reestablished.

On Wednesday the 6th inst - Their Monitors & Gunboats & mortar boat shelled our new lines ^{furiously} ~~heavily~~ all day which was greatly exposed to their fire - and strange to say again only one casualty occurred there - A merciful ^{Providence} seems to have protected them from the Grape & Spherical ^{case} & Shell which was rained on the whole course of the line - During the 7th and 8th

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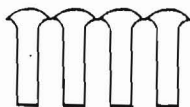
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their fire had materially slackened on our Pickets and their land forces had withdrawn from our front, leaving only a few near the Battery Island.

While this state of things was occurring on our land front - the enemy was by no means slow in paying their respects to Battery Triangle which is located on the Stone River some 2500 or 3500 yds above that section of the River commonly occupied by the Steamers & Gunboats.

It is deemed proper here to give the armament of this Battery, which consisted of ~~one~~ (10) ten inch and one (8) eight inch Columbiads - Two (2) 8 inch shell Guns - Two 42 Pdrs & Two 32 Pdrs each rifled - This armament had not been considered sufficiently heavy & therefore requisitions were made for the Brooke Gun which requisition ^{returned} was endorsed ^{with the remark} and returned that there was no Brooke to spare for Battery Triangle - Nor was the equipment of this Battery by any means complete and altho requisitions were made to supply deficiencies they were never properly fulfilled - The Battery was garrisoned by Co "A" Lucas Battalion of Artillery with an effective ^{force} of (60) sixty men, officers by Lieutenants W.D. Martin & T.E. Lucas. Seargeant W.G. Ozer who had been detached reported for duty and assumed command of the Company. The same day Capt J.B. Hoagye Co "C" with (30) thirty men were added to the Garrison and the Captain ~~was~~ assigned to the command of the Battery under direction of Major Lucas. Lieut J.D. Ford, of Co "B" was ordered here on duty in consequence of the scarcity of officers at this Battery - Early on the morning of the 2^d inst

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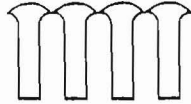
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a two masted Gunboat was seen within 3000 yds of the battery and directly afterwards she opened fire on the battery. which was promptly returned by Lieut W D Martin. The Gunboat after exchanging some 12 or 15 shots with Prince, dropped down the River near to the Segue point place on Johns Island.

On the following night two monitors took position in the River some 3500 yds below the battery, when it was thought upon our Packet boat that the enemy were landing in barges below the Souball place and I directed the fire from the battery on that section of the River, as herein before alluded to. A stranded barge discovered near that point of the River the next morning is believed to be the effect of this fire.

At daylight of the 3^d inst when the Monitor was seen it was thought to be too far for effective fire. At Battery N^o 2 New Lines it was supposed to be a tug boat and therefore fire was ^{ordered} opened upon it from the Battery Prince, shortly after which the Monitor moved up some 500 yds nearer, when the fire of this battery was directed upon the Gunboat below which had collected during the night at the Segue point place some 2 1/4 miles distant. The fleet soon returned the fire without any damaging effect upon the Battery - The Monitor fired with considerable accuracy, throwing 15 inch shell into the battery. During the day there was an unfortunate and premature discharge of the (10) ten inch Columbiad causing the death of two of the detachment at it. This explosion is attributed to the use of Cotton Cartridge bags and also to the fact that the Spang was too small for the Chamber. I saw

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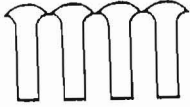
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informed by Major Lucas that on introducing the
 worm, the base of Cartridge bags were extracted
 from the bottom of the bore which seem to have
 been left in the Gun at each discharge. These
 facts readily accounts for this unfortunate occur-
 -rence and the Officers in charge are therefore, in
 my opinion not censurable for such mishaps.

Premature discharges have occurred with most
 batteries and to my knowledge it has occurred
 under the supervision of very careful Officers
 under similar circumstances. This Garrison
 is in charge of Officers of Character and intelligence
 and have been heretofore noted for their care and
 attention to their duties. Major Lucas who was
 specially in charge testifies to the gallantry
 exhibited on the several days bombardment
 by each officer herein named and especially
 mentions the name of Lieut W G Ozier & Capt
 Hayes as conspicuous among them.

At daylight of the 4th a packet barge was
 seen below Pointe & driven away. Both
 Monitors & Gunboats fired heavily on the battery
 during this day without doing any material
 injury and another premature discharge
 at this battery occurred, altho all the usual
 precautions are said to have been taken by the
 Officers in charge. On the 4th 5th and 6th insts
 the Monitors & Gunboats & Mortar boat continued
 to bombard the battery and efforts were being
 made when opportunity occurred for repairing
 such of the Carriages &c as had sustained
 injury from the heavy fire. It was not until
 Wednesday night that a Brooke Gun arrived
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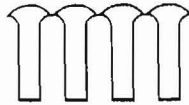
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not carried thro for raising & mounting it. The Gun which had been raised & left after it was found that the gun could not be mounted, was lowered & placed on the ground in the Chamber close to the wall where it was thought to be safe; shortly after which a shell from one of the Monitors bursting in the Chamber broke one of the legs, besides destroying the transom of the Gun carriage upon which it was to be mounted the night following - To these unfortunate circumstances the Officers here attribute the fact that the Brooke Gun was not mounted and claim that under no circumstances can blame attach to them for it - The bombardment to day continued heavy and the fire of the Mortar & Gunboats very accurate which however was returned with all might & belinned by the Officers to be with damaging effect - Both Monitors are said to have been struck as well as the Molar boat - The fire was continued heavily during the night of the 7th the Mortar & occasionally the Gunboats firing.

On Friday the 8th inst the battery opened with two Columbiads and one 24 lb 32 Pdr upon the fleet - the Pawnee & Molar boat were forced to change position - This drew from them the severest fire of the entire bombardment; having concentrated their fire upon the 10 inch Columbiad & exploded some 12 or 15 Shell in and over its chamber. The Officers & men are said to have stood firmly to their Guns & returned their fire with coolness & deliberation, and altho there was some firing upon the Battery after this, which was returned always with spirit the day of Battery Practice is believed to have been virtually over from this day and that the Monitor & Pawnee only remained in the River to cover the retreat.

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of these troops from Sohus Island. *

At about one or two o'clock of this day the 8th Dist I was relieved of the Command of the West Line by Col Alfred Rhett of the 1st S.C. Art'y. who ranked me in Commisn - I therefore have nothing further to report as Commandant of the Line.

In conclusion I desire to say of the Officers & men that were of my Command & not already alluded to - viz the 5th Co. - Lieut Col Swenson - 4th Co. Major Bone - Major Bonard's Battalion of Savannah The Battalion of Light Artillery under Capt Wheaton composed of Capt Blakie, Capt Wagner's & the Chatham Light Artillery Companies - The Battalion of the 2^d Regt S.C. Artillery, commanded by Capt B.C. Dickson, from Fort Johnson - Co "C" of the same Regiment now at Green Pond, commanded by Capt Rickenbaker,

The Battalion of the 1st S.C. Cavalry. Major Walker, and especially to the Officers & men of my old Command - viz the S.C. Supt Train, Co B commanded by Capt W.P. Smith - and the Battalion of the 2^d Regt S.C. Artillery under Capt Seguer, composed of Companies "F", "G", "H", and "I", commanded respectively by Lieut Skuler, Capt Stallings - Capt Kennedy and Capt Humbert; both officers & men ~~and~~ they thank ~~me~~ due for their ready, constant, and faithful discharge of every duty.

The occasion was one which called for extraordinary exhibitions of manhood - endurance & patriotism & nobly did each and all respond to the call - ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~entitled~~ ^{entitled} to the gratitude of their countrymen.

The Members of my staff Capt. C. J. Filder A.S.M. Lieut C. J. Fudnick A.A. Quil - Lieut Regt. Nesbit - Apt. J. Eul - Lieut W. S. Barton Ord. Off. ^{and by Capt Major John Dillon} were ever prompt in the discharge of their duties -

Very Respectfully Submitted

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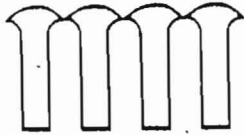
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* Whilst our loss was small - only a few killed & wounded, there exceeded three hundred & many of them dead still unburied, cover the fields & marshes to our front. Whenever opportunity was afforded them their ambulances were busily engaged in removing their dead & wounded.

such shellings from the enemies monitors, gunboats, mortar boats & batteries, ^{added to the severely hot sun} as these men endured uncomplainingly & unflinchingly, untill then to the gratitude of their countrymen. To the field officers of the day, Capt W. Porcher Smith of the 1st Reg. Mass., Captain Stallings, Capt Kennedy & Captain Humbert of the 2nd Reg. S.C. Artillery and Capt J. Guynard Richardson of L. B. Artillery. My thanks are especially due for their untiring devotion to the heavy and arduous duties, their positions imposed upon them.

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