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Nov. 2, 1863, p. 299.

L.M. Keitt, Col. Cmdg. Asks that two seige guns with ammunition &c be sent to Palmetto Battery. Respy. forwd. to Col. Gonzales who will at once designate (or send if practicable) to Col. Waddy two of the most and best available of the old lines on James Island for the object herein designated. G.T.B. Genl. Comdg.

Respy. returned. the only siege gun unassigned in the old lines, that is on a siege carriage is a 12 pdr old English gun ordered long since to be rifled and banded. Two 24 pdrs. on barbette carriages could be furnished from the redans in the old lines. As the difficulty is very great of obtaining siege carriages for these guns. I would respectfully recommend their being used with their present carriages. If the above is approved the guns will be those in redans 1 & 2 Old East Lines.

A. J. Gonzales, Col & Chief of Artillery

Respfly referred to Col. Harris for his remarks. G.T.B. Genl. Comdg.

Respectfully returned. It is proposed to erect a battery near the right flank of the Christ Church Lines for a rifled 32 pdr & a 9 in. Dahlgreen gun & to place two 24 pdr guns on barbette carriages on the same lines, the latter to be taken from Fort Moultrie. Soundings are being made in the creeks to the East of the lines to determine the best location for the former battery.

D. B. Harris, Col & Chief Engineer

Respectfully referred back to Col. Keitt through District Commander.

Thomas Jordan, Chief of Staff

November 2, 1863, p. 297.

E. J. White, Engr. Investigations regarding the escape of three negroes from camp on the night of Oct. 26th.

Respectfully returned for further investigation. Mr. White will ascertain who were the particular overseers in fault and take some measures to correct them.

By command. Genl B. Jno. M. Otey AAG

November 3, 1863, p. 794.

Alfred Rhett, Col. Commanding. Requests instruction in regard to the number of men required at Fort Sumter &c.

Res. returned. It was my object to keep from 250 to 300 men in the fort independent of details for various wrok and in accordance with the orders of the Commanding General. I endeavoured to relieve them two weeks.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl. Commanding

November 8, 1863, p. 781.

Col. D. H. Hamilton, Commanding Outposts. Asking that tools may be supplied to fill special requisition made 2d Nov. 1863, to enable him to erect an epaulement to secure Battery Marshall from a flank and reverse fire.

November 13, 1863, p. 769.

Col. D. H. Hamilton, Commanding Outposts. Reporting firing by the Enemys Monitor & Gun boat upon this work on 12th inst. & respectfully urging the completion of the work to protect Battery Marshall from a flank or reverse fire.

Res. forwarded to Dept. Hd. Qrs. & attention requested to the remarks of Col. Hamilton in which I fully cuncur.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl. Comdg.

November 15, 1863, p. 763.

Col. D. H. Hamilton, Commanding Outposts. States his readiness to begin the work to protect Battery Marshall as soon as the same is laid out by the Engrs. & his regret that the work commenced by himself will be abandoned.

Res. forwarded with the request that the work be laid off at once.

R.S.R. Brig. Genl. Comdg.

November 18, 1863, p. 756.

P. H. Nelson, Lt. Col. Commanding Post. Forwards report with reference to Flag of Truce.

Respectfully forwarded with the recommendation that flags of truce may be forbidden at this post, this being the second attempt within a few days to gain a near inspection of the works upon this Island under a frivolous pretence.

D. H. Hamilton, Col. Commanding

Res. forwarded for further investigation and instructions.

R.S.R. Brig. Genl. Comdg.

December 20, 1863, p. 682.

Maj. J. R. Robertson, C.S. In relation to charge made against him of issuing condemned Stores to negroes.

Resp. forwarded, with the remark that the conversation which Capt. Soule had with one of the officers of my Command took place in my presence and I think that Capt. Soule misunderstood its purport. I was mentioned as a *report* that Genl. Clingman had ordered that the provisions which been damaged by rain should be issued to the negroes if they were not so seriously damaged as to tender them unfit for use, this was mentioned by the officer (Maj. Rion) as a matter to which Capt. Soule as an Inspecting Officer might direct his attention with a view of investigating the truth of the report. I must do Maj. Robertson the justice to say that he has been efficient & careful in the discharge of his duties.

(Signed) D. H. Hamilton
Col. Comdg.

Respectfully forwarded.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl. Comdg.

December 27, 1863, p. 658.

Maj. Chamblers Requests that Capt. C. C. Pinckney be ordered to him for duty at the Charleston Arsenal.

Res. referred to Brig. Genl. Ripley.

By Command Genl. Beauregard
Jno. M. Otey AAG

Respectfully Returned Approved.

R. S. Ripley Brig. Genl. Commanding

December 31, 1863, p. 650.

Capt. C. C. Pinckney Ordnance Officer applied for detail for the ensuing year.

Appd. & res. forwarded.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Gen. Comdg.

February 1, 1864, 540.

Thos. B. Lee Jr. Capt. & Engr. in Charge. Reporting improper conduct of guard at Negro camp at Mt. Pleasant.

Res. referred to Lieut. Col. Dantzler, Comdg 1st Sub divn 1st Milty Dist. who will cause a rigid investigation to be made into this matter and upon the ascertainment of the Parties by whom the property was destroyed, will report them to these Head Quarters so that they can be Court Martialed & the property returned.

By Command. Brig. Genl. Ripley
(Signed) Henry Buist Capt. & AAA Genl.

February 24, 1864, p. 484.

Capt. E. Venning. Communication concerning negroes trying to make their escape to the Enemy.

Res. returned. Major Boykin will cause every effort to be made to prevent a recurrence of such attempts, and is authorized to seize any Boats which from their situation can be made available for the escape of negroes.

By Command. Col. Keitt
(Signed) W.S.N. AAGenl.

April 22, 1864, p. 387.

Wm. Butler, Col. Comdg. Reports the finding of a bottle which drifted upon the beach containing a communication for the enemy from some person in the harbor also an increase of the monitors in view.

Res. forwarded for information.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl. Comdg.

December 27, 1863, p. 659.

Certificate of Disability for discharge in the case of C. G. Fayssoux, Co. E, 17th S.C. Vols. Respectfully forwarded. Approved.

(signed) R.S. Ripley, Brig. Genl. &c

Feb. 7, 1864, p. 224.

Capt. F. W. Wagener, Co A, German Arty. Asks the exchange of two six pdr Field Guns.

Respy. referred to Chief of Arty for his information. By Comd. Genl B (signed) GMO AAS.

Resp Returned. The promised Napoleon Batteries for the Dept. have not yet been furnished by the Chf of Ord. App for them has recently been renewed by the Chf Arty but no hope is held out of their prompt supply. When they be furnished such arrangement will be made, if possible, as to secure a section of such guns to the German Arty, who, by their long and meritorious services are considered as among the companies in this Dept. best entitled to an effective armament (signed) A. J. Gonzales Col & Chf Arty

Resp referred to Capt Wagener for his information. By Com. Brig Genl. R (sgd) W. F. N[ance] AAG

March 1, 1864, p. 478.

J. J. Ryan, Asst. Supt. Labor, Mt. Pleasant.

Reporting Guard at negro Camp near this place for allowing 49 of the hands to leave & requests that a detachment of Cavalry be sent in pursuit, &c. &c.

Respectfully Referred to Major Boykin, who will take steps to arrest the negroes, & to supply the Guard asked for Reporting his actions to these Hd. Qrs.

By Command. Col. L. M. Keitt, Sgd. Hy. Buist AAAG

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R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl. Comdg.

May 6, 1864, p. 376.

Private G. M. Singley applies for 7 days to be allowed to carry the remains of his brother home.

Respectfully Returned. Disapproved.

The corpse will be interred at Mt. Pleasant &c. Application cannot be considered in the present State of Rail Road Transportation.

By command of Brig. Genl. Ripley

W. F. Nance AAG

May 6, 1864, p. 376.

Communication from Maj. Robertson C.S., Sullivan's Island to S.S. Turner, Eg. Telegraph Operator.

Respectfully forwarded with remark. I have been without supplies since Monday, have not received pay since March, I am on duty night & day & have had comparatively nothing to eat since Monday, in regard to pay &c. I am provided with none.

Signed Samuel S. Turner, Tel. Operator

Respectfully returned. thro' Comdg. Officer Sullivan's Isld. to Major Robertson C.S. who will see that Mr. Turner is furnished with supplies. If he deems necessary he may endorse this order to the Qr. Master who will pay Turner for his protection.

By Command. Brig. Genl. Ripley

W. F. Nance AAG

May 27, 1864, p. 360.

W. R. Cathcart, Supt. Mil. Tel. Lines. Calls attention to circumstances connected with H. F. Thurber Mil. Tele. operator at Mt. Pleasant believes to be his desire to desert to the enemy and requests his removal at once.

Res. referred to Capt. Gayer to whom the operator has been sent for examination.

By command. Brig. Genl. Ripley

W. F. Nance AAG

June 11, 1864, p. 191.

E.S. Keitt Capt. Comdg. Application to send scouts to Hell Hole Swamp to arrest deserters.

R.R. Approved. By Command. Maj. Genl. Jones. H.W. Fielden AAG

June 13, 1864, p. 337.

M. H. Nathan, Chief of Fire Department. Asks that the Fire Dept. be relieved from performing guard duty.

Res. returned to Mr. M. H. Nathan, Chief of Fire Dept. who will as soon as possible please furnish these Hd. Qrs. with a roll of the Cos. composing the Fire Dept. giving the occupation or present employment of every man.

By command of Brig. Genl. R. S. Ripley
W. F. Nance AAG

June 14, 1864, p. 336.

Geo. P. Harrison, Col. Comdg. Inquires if it is necessary to forward requisition for whiskey for troops on picket to District Head Quarters.

Res. returned. You can order the issue.

R. S. Ripley Brig. Genl.

June 17, 1864, p. 333.

Jno. F. Lay Maj. & Ins. Gen. Directions in reference to the treatment of Fed. officers, Prisoners of War.

Res. referred through Provost Marshal for information of the Fed officers Prisoners of War.

By Comd. of Brig. Gen. Ripley.

W.F. Nance AAG

Res. ref'd to the P.M. who will carry out the instructions of the Maj. Gen. in full. The house in Pitt St. owned by Mr. W.Y. Leitch can be hired for the purpose indicated within.

By command. Brig. Genl. Ripley

W. F. Nance AAG

June 22, 1864, p. 324.

Chs. Mcbeth, Mayor. In relation to detail from Fire Dept for guard duty.

Res. ret'd to Mr. Nathan. It was the presumption of these Hd. Qrs. that the proper course had been persued in extending orders to the Fire Dept. & there was no desire to evade or ignore any proper authority in connection with it. The necessity for the quantity of duty now being done by the Fire Dept. is imperative and the arrangement of it is left to the Pro Marshal from whence their instructions are issued. It will of course be ever a gratification to the Mil. authorities to work in harmony with the civil when a necessity compels their cooperation. Mr. Nathans will please assure his Honor, the Mayor, there was no intention whatever to ignore him in this matter or to impair the efficiency of the Fire Dept. It was on this acct. that such men belonging to the dept. who were employed in industrial pursuits that are necessary to the Govt. were relieved from ordinary Military duty and those who followed occupations of a private nature & for their own benefit were to perform it.

By command. Brig. Genl. Ripley

W. F. Nance AAG

July 3, 1864, p. 313.

List of Abolition Prisoners Captured July 3rd on James Island.

Res. forwarded. R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl.

July 13, 1864, p. 309.

Keating Simons states that he will bring down 150 negroes perhaps 250.

Res. referred to Major Pringle. These negroes had best go aboard the steamer as soon as they arrive for the purpose of being kept together. They will be sent to Sullivan's Island or Mt. Pleasant tonight.

By Command. Brig. Genl. Ripley

W. F. Nance AAG

July 14, 1864, p. 308.

A. F. Browning, Lt. Col. & Imp Agt. Requests a detail from Capt. W. H. Holmans Co. for the purpose of arresting slaves for duty on the fortifications around Charleston.

Res. referred to Lt. Col. Browning to learn what strength he wants the detail to be.

By Command. Brig. Genl. Ripley

W.F. Nance AAG

July 18, 1864, p. 3.

T. Seymour, Brig. Genl. U.S. Vols. Requests the limits of his confinement be extended &c.

R R thro' Capt. Gayer. P.M. to Brig Genl. Seymour prisoner of war. The Dist. Comd. cannot grant this request consistently with his view of his duty. It is his desire that the prisoners of war in his keeping be treated with every proper consideration and orders to that end been given.

By command of Brig. Genl. Ripley

W. F. Nance, AAG

July 21, 1864, p. 8.

JW Nessels, Brig. Genl. U.S. Vols. Requests that the prisoners in Georgia be allowed to receive provisions &c from Hilton Head.

Res. referred to the Comdg. General.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl. Comdg.

July 26th, 1864, p. 19.

Capt. T.A. Huguenin, Comd. of Fort Sumter. Relating to transportation & other matters.

Respectfully returned. I desire to endorse upon this paper that I have been deprived of three successive crews who have been trained while performing boat service under my charge. That I have been deprived of the only fit & efficient officer assigned to me for that service & whom I have tried hard & am now trying to have reassigned. That during the late dark nights when Stmrs. could land at the wharf, the Engr. at Sumter declined to receive sand & only again required its transportation when the moon became so bright as to render it necessary to do the transportation by barges. That in performing this transportation three barges were sunk by the Enemy. That the average number of bags of sand transported during the late moonlight nights was fully up to the average of former times, excepting those nights when the barges were sunk & when the weather rendered it impossible for the barges to make successful trips. I enclose a letter fr. one Flag Off. Tucker relating to the transportation of last night about which great complaint was I think most unjustly made. Mr. Gunter is not the person whom I would desire to be in charge of this transportation. but as I think Lt. Swinton will soon return & the dark night are now on us -- when the stmrs. can land I see no necessity of making a change. At the same time I think that Gunter performs his duties the best of his abilities & his shortcomings for the last 10 nights are to be attributed more to the sinkings of the barges & to the tempestous weather than to any fault of his.

Motte A. Pringle Maj. & Q.M.

Res. referred to Capt. Huguenin The Brig. Genl. Comdg. is satisfied that every thing is done that can be under the circumstances. Every effort will be made to keep up the supplies.

By Comd. Brig. Genl. Ripley

W. F. Nance, AAG

July 28, 1864, p. 32.

Capt. J. Johnson, Engrs. Asks for the discharge of the impressed negros at Fort Sumter.

Respectfully returned. The remaining impressed negros in Fort Sumter will be discharged.

By Comd. Brig. Genl. Ripley
W. F. Nance AAG

August 5, 1864, p. 54.

Charles Macbeth, Mayor. Information relative to escaped yankee prisoners.

Res. referred to Capt. A. P. Brown 1st S.C. Cav. who will with a picked detachment of his company proceed as secretly as possible on Saturday to the place mentioned within, secure & bring to the city to be turned over to the Provost Marshall all persons whom he may find at Vinecomes house & all others whom he may suspect of complicity in the affair as reported in the within communication.

By Comd. of Brig. Genl. Ripley
W. F. Nance AAG

August 8, 1864, p. 62.

Charles Macbeth, Mayor. Information relative to escaped yankee prisoners.

I proceeded as ordered to the Vinecomes residence on State Road found the family quietly reposing at 9 1/2 oclock P.M. But no yankees.

Augus P. Brown, Capt. Comdg.

Res. referred to Mayor Macbeth for his information.

By Comd. Brig. Genl. Ripley
W. F. Nance AAG

August 8, 1864, p. 64.

T. L. Ogier, Surgeon G MD In relation to the issue of whiskey to the troops.

Res. referred to Maj. M Clenaghan C.S. for his information.

By Comd. of Brig. Genl. Ripley
W. F. Nance AAG

August 12, 1864, p. 74.

T. A. Huguenin, Capt. Comdg. Relating to certain arrangements at Fort Sumter rendered necessary by the erection of the Swamp Angel Battery.

Res. forwarded to Dept. Hd. Qrs. The suggestions of Capt. H. I approve & submit them for consideration accordingly. If adopted they had better be carried out immediately as the Enemy may open from the swamp angel at any time.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl.

Appd. Genl. R. will give the necessary orders for carrying out Capt. H. suggestions with all dispatch possible.

Sam Jones, Maj. Genl. Com.

August 27, 1864, p. 111.

Capt. W. J. Gayer, P.M. In reference to Federal prisoners.

Res. forwarded. I recommed that in view of the circumstances the number of Federal prisoners now in Charleston be reduced to five or six hundred which number can be safely guarded.

R. S. Ripley, B. Gen.

August 31, 1864, p. 120.

Capt. Gayer, P.M. Reports the number of federal deserters in Jail and asks that they be sent to some point in the Dept.

Respy. forwarded & recommended that they be sent to Savannah or other point for

confinement.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl.

Respy. refrd. to Major J. F. Lay Insp. Genl.

By order Maj. Genl. Jones

Chas. S. Streyfellow AAG

Respy. Retd. to Brig. Gen. Ripley. The question of the disposition to be made of these Deserters is an embarrassing one, and until some definite action shall be decided upon it is desirable to procure separate buildings where under proper restrictions and some degree of Guard all Federal deserters sent to the city shall be kept. Brig. Genl. Ripley will take the necessary steps to have this done.

By Command. Maj. Gen. Jones

Jno. F. Lay, Maj. & Dept Insp. Gel.

August 31, 1864, p. 121.

C. M. Clenaghan, Cp. Asks authority to purchase a barrel of whysky for Fort Sumter.

R R to Maj M C. who will purchase the whiskey.

By Comd. Brig. Gen. Ripley

J.F.L. AAG

September 3, 1864, p. 133.

D. Vickers, Major &c. Asks attention to manner in which Rations are issued to the Federal prisoners.

R.R. The rations issued to the jail are exactly the same in kind & quality that are issued to the other prisoners viz: 6 days fresh meat 3 Bacon 1 Lard-- 10 days e flour 4 meal 3 rice in days. The above shows the proportions in which I have issued the bread & meat rations for the 1st ten days of Spet. The ration of each is as follows, Beef 1 lb Bacon 1/3 Lard 1 1/2 oz Flour 1 1/8 Meal 1 1/4 Rice 1 1/5. No syrpus has been issued this month. E. A. Rabb Capt. & A.C.S.

Res. referred to Capt. Gayer P.M. for his inquiry & report.

By Command. W. F. Nance AAG

September 5, 1864, p. 137.

C. M. Clenaghan, CS. Authority to purchase a barrel of whiskey for Ft. Sumter.

Has May M.C. purchased the barrel on the ___ inst & if so has it been used at Ft. S.

R.R. I cannot say if the whiskey sent to Fort Sumter on last Friday night has been used It was ordered by Capt. Peden. This bbl. was ordered by Capt. Ravenel who informs me he has relieved.

RR Major Mcl will make the purchase.

By comd. W. F. Nance AAG

September 7, 1864, p. 143.

J. P. Chazal, Surg. Reporting rice issued to prisoners as being musty.

Referred to Maj. M. Clenaghan to correct the evil.

By Command. W. F. Nance AAG

September 8, 1864, p. 145.

W. Corfield & others. Deserters from USA. Appeal for favorable consideration from C.S. authorities.

RR to Brig Gen Ripley. who will direct such of these men as Major Chambliss will employ to be turned over to him. He will also ascertain if it is not practicable to employ the remainder upon

the fortifications as laborers or upon some port labors at the usual prices, perhaps the city authorities may be willing to employ some of them. It is very desirable if practicable to release them from confinement, when the fact of their being bona fide deserters is known under G.O. 65 A & I Gen Richmond some of these men may be entitled to the benefit of its provisions and may desire to claim them. The whole matter is referred to Brig. Genl. Ripley for disposition.

By Command. Jno. F. Lay AAG

Res. Refd to Major Chambliss who will please designate such of the within named men as he desires to employ. Please return this paper.

W.F. N. AAG

September 8, 1864, p. 146.

Capt. Huguenin. Asking increase of negro ration.

Appd & Res forwarded. The negroes & soldiers in Fort Sumpter [sic] are very much exposed & undergo great fatigue, the negroes especially who work above 13 hours out of the 24. I respectfully request that the Com be instructed to issue the rations to that post as requested by Capt H.

R. S. Ripley, Brig. Genl.

In consideration of very great labor and exposure undergone by negroes at Ft. Sumter the increase of the Bread ration is increased. The supply of sugar will not justify the proposed increase of the sugar ration. L. Norstrop, Comdg.

September 8, 1864, p. 148.

Geo. R. C. Todd, Surg. States that Wards A & B of prisoners in Hospital are full & that C is recd but that he has neither guards nor negro attendants for it.

Res. forwarded. The troops in the city of Charleston are on duty at least every other day & frequently every day. I have brought the necessity for the negroes to the attention of Dept. Hd. Qrs.

R. S. Ripley, Brig Genl.

September 12, 1864, p. 156.

Capt. S. E. Morris, Comdg. Co. Begg that Gen. Chestnut will relieve his men for a short period so that they may gather their crops &c &c.

Retd to Capt. M. with the following remarks. It is not in the power of the Comdg. General of the Res forces without the consent of the Genl. Comdg. the Dept. to grant furloughs to those who have reported and are under his immediate command. The papers should have been regularly thro Major Williams attention of Capt. M. is called to the fact that the paper is not signed by himself but by another which is contrary to regulation. The paper is returned that it may come up properly & receive the approval of Genl. Jones.

By Command. Brig. Genl. Chestnut. E. H. Barnwell AAG

Res. forwd.

R. S. Ripley

R.R. Disapproved. By order CSS AAG Brig Genl.

September 19, 1864, p. 171.

Lt. M. Neice, Co. G 73 Penn. Vols. Requests information concerning his overcoat taken for sale by Pvt. Smith Co. K, 32 Ga. Inf.

Res. referred to Col. Geo. P. Harrison Comdg.

By command. E.M.G. AAAG

September 19, 1864, p. 173.

Capt. F. C. Miller, 14th N.Y.V. Asks that the officers confined in prison yard may be changed to more suitable quarters.

Res. reftd to Provost Maarshal for his attention.

By Command. E.M.G. AAAG

I can find but one suitable house in which to quarter the prisoners & that one is on the cor. of Queen & Franklin. A private dwelling unoccupied the property of one Mr Whitney. This will accomodate about 300. Shall I take it.

S. H. Sheldon, Capt. Comdg.

R.R. This house will not be taken.

By comd. E.M.G. AAAG

Sept. 20, 1864, p. 174

E. Dewitt, Deserter, USA. Desires to take the oath of Allegiance to C.S.

Res. fwd. I have no directions in regard to these matters but would recommend when recovered the applicant be allowed to take the oath & go to work.

R.S.R., Brig. Genl.

September 21, 1864, pp. 177-178.

J. F. Lay Maj. & AIG. Calls for troops to guard the fed. Prisoners at Florence.

R. Rcvd. Armed men cannot be sent from Col. Daniels cmdg. with safety. That officer has reported the insufficiency of his force to guard those prisoners now under his charge. I have found his communication to Dept. Hd. Qrs. appd. stating that I have no troops to give him. The fire Brigade of the city have been doing duty from time to time but to depend upon them for any lengthened time the experience of the 17th shows to be useless it is the wish of the Maj. Gen. Comdg. to permit the destruction of the city by incendiaries whose operations it is surmised have increased since the 20th of Augt last. With regard to drawing troops from any other source, the alternative is presented of leaving your batteries undefended, allowing the prisoners at Charleston to go at large or those at Florence to be unguarded. I prefer the latter & recommend accordingly.

R.S.R. Brig. Genl.

Sept. 24, 1864, p. 184

Lt. E. North A.A. 1st S.C.I. Requests to be allowed to enlist a boy of 15 years as drummer (Yankee prisoner) as Regt. Band Drummer.

Appd. By Comd. E. M. S. AAG

Sept. 25, 1864, p. 186

Lt. Jas. Barnett, 2d Lieut & AAI Genl. Applies to enlist a company of Prisoners who desire to take the oath of allegiance.

Respectfully forwarded, RSR Brig Genl. RR to writer who will make out & forward to these HQ a list of all prisoners who desire to take the oath of allegiance. Separate lists will also be made out of those who desire to enlist in C. Army & of such who wish employment in Govt. workshops.

By order Maj. Gen. Jones, John F. Lay, AIG.