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OUR VOLUNTEERS.

Captain George White, who is now about raising a company to be styled the Montgomery Guards, and who is well known, not only as a good citizen, but a soldier will regarded by his fellow citizens, has now got his complement of men nearly complete.

We think, any young men willing to serve their country, and that, too, under the auspices of a kind and considerate officer, will do well to enroll themselves under the banner of George White.

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(ABSTRACT)

NEWS FROM VERACRUZ AND TAMPICO.

The S. S. New Orleans brings mails from Vera Cruz that Captain G. W. White's Company of the 3rd. Louisiana Battalion received orders at Vera Cruz to embark on board the New Orleans and proceed to Tampico. They did so at once, and reached their destination on the 4th. inst. The Tampico Sentinel says they mustered one hundred men rank and file.

Captain Hiram Fairchild's Company paraded in Vera Cruz on the 5th. inst., fully armed and equipped. They made a fine appearance. The following morning they started out on a scout.

Lieutenant Watters, with a detachment of Captain L. A. Besandon's Company, returned from a scout on the 6th. inst., about 15 miles from the City while riding along the banks of the Medellin River, they were fired into by some Mexican's concealed in the bushes on the opposite side of the river, but no harm was done. The Sun says that one of the party, Mr. Wilkinson, being in advance, entered a house which had from all appearance, been abandoned with preciption, and found in it some papers, among which was the following pass:

SECOND COMPANY OF THE EAST.

The Chief of guerrillas will please let the bearer, Crespin Marin, pass unmolested, with ten mules, as he goes to Vera Cruz to get provisions for the guerrillas.

God and Liberty! Estero, August 5th., 1847.

JUAN ABURTO.

To the Commanders of guerrillas.

The Sun relates that on the 3rd. inst., a man named Thos. Clark, belonging to the 1st. Infantry, a prisoner in
the guard-house of the palace, tried to pass the soldier on guard, and to accomplish his purpose seized one end of the soldier's musket and made some efforts to take it out of his hands. The latter fired at Clark, the ball passing in through his side and coming out the back. The ball afterwards wounded another man named George Evans, one of the Company of mounted men under Captain Besancon and finally grazed the hip of the Sentry at the other end of the portallis, also belonging to the 1st. Infantry. The man's name who fired the shot was James Robinson. Our correspondent writes that his conduct was fully justified.

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The S.S. "Labama", Capt. Windle, arrived at an early hour Monday morning from Vera Cruz via Tampico. The following passengers came over from Vera Cruz: Senor D. Justo Sierra, Senor D. Rafael Carrajal, Commissioner from Yucatan to the Government at Washington; Captian Leroy, Capt. J. J. Connally, Louisiana Volunteers; Lieut. David Miligan, 3rd La. Battalion; John H. D. Miller, quartermaster, Division La. Volunteers.

From Tampico, the following arrived, Lieut. J. S. Stewart, La. Volunteers; Lieut. M. Henry and Lieut. Thomas Kemp, La. Volunteers.

By a letter which we have received from our correspondent, to whose letter we must refer for a variety of details, mentions a rumor that General Santa Anna has resigned the Presidency and speaks of a proclamation to that effect which we have not seen.

We attach little confidence to the stand said to have been made by the guerrillas at Cerro Gordo. Now that they are deprived of the "national Bridge as a rallying point, they will of course, occupy the most eligible ground higher up on the road, but they will readily be dislodged by a force like that under General Lane.

Captain G. W. White's company of Louisiana Volunteers and two companies of the 11th Infantry, left Tampico on the 26th of September for Vera Cruz.

We regret that Lieut. John Kline of Captain E. G. B. Lewis' Company of Louisiana Volunteers has been shot by the Guerrillas.

The Daily Picayune
New Orleans, Tues. Oct 5, 1847
Times-Picayune Library
LATER FROM VERACRUZ.

The United States Transport Schooner "Sarah" arrived yesterday from Veracruz, having sailed thence 1st. instant. By her we have received the Free American of the 31st. ult.

There had been no later arrival at Veracruz from the interior, so far as we can learn. The American says that Captain J. K. Taylor, was to start that day, the 31st., with his Company, "Twigg's Rifles", for Jalapa with a few wagons. This Company was going up in advance of the principal train, shortly to leave.

Lieutenant-Colonel Miles being about to leave for the interior, was entertained at a public dinner on the 28th. ult. We give from the Free American the correspondence which preceded the dinner and some of the toasts:

Veracruz, Mexico, December 28th., 1847.

Colonel:

Having been appointed by some of your late associates in arms and citizens friends a committee to invite you to meet them at the festive board previous to your departure; we, therefore, on their behalf, request that you will meet them this evening, at the Diligence Hotel, at 8:00 o'clock.

We have the honor, Colonel, to subscribe ourselves,

Your very obedient servants,

Vera Cruz, December 28th, 1847.

Gentlemen:

Your kind note of this date I have this moment received; accept individually, gentlemen, and assure your brother Officers, whom you represent, that I am deeply sensible of yours and their kind manifestation of regards, at their offer of an entertainment, on this evening. Although much pressed for time, I will, gentlemen, accede cheerfully to your wishes, and meet you at the festive board at the hour designated.

I am, gentlemen, with great regard, your friend,

D.S. Miles, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, U.S.A.

To: Captain Geo. W. White, Captain Geo. Kerr, Lieutenant and Adjutant W. B. Rhadamaker, Mr. Page, Mr. Beebe.

At the dinner, Captain Geo. W. White gave the health of Colonel Miles in the following toast:

Lieutenant-Colonel Dixon S. Miles, U.S.A., the friend of the Volunteer Soldier, the brave and gallant Officer and accomplished gentleman.

Colonel Miles, in eloquent terms, returned thanks for this public mark of the approbation of his late associates and fellow-citizens.

Colonel Miles gave:

The Patriotic State of Louisiana:

Her gallant sons were the first to volunteer for the war. My knowledge of those here causes me to believe they will be the last to leave the field while our Country needs their services.
By Brigadier-General D. E. Twiggs:

Honor to the Citizen-Soldier, who steps forward to battle for his Country!

Shame to the knaves at home who give aid and comfort to our enemies.

We have room only for two more toasts.

By Captain Millen:

Isaac Johnson, the Patriotic Governor of the State of Louisiana we represent.

By Lieutenant Crittenden:

General Persifor F. Smith, Son of Louisiana and Hero of Contreras.

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The Daily Picayune, New Orleans, January 14th., 1848. Times Picayune Library.

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EXCEPTION OF THE LOUISIANA INFANTRY.

On Saturday evening the companies composing Col. DeRussy's Regiment and Col. Fiesca's Battalion of Louisiana Volunteers were formerly welcomed home by their fellow-citizens of New Orleans. It was an occasion calculated to elicit all our enthusiasm, for it was fitting that distinguished honor should be paid to those who, through the perils and difficulties of a campaign in a foreign country, have so nobly and so well sustained the honor of the State.

The reception which was extended to them proved that, though long separated, the State has continued to cherish their memory and appreciating their merit.

During the afternoon the volunteers left their camp at Carrollton and formed into procession at the Horse Station on Nayades Streets; thence they were escorted by our city uniform companies to the platform in Canal Street, where Gov. Johnson addressed them.

When the ceremonies in Canal Street had concluded, the procession marched to the Place d'Armes, where a collation had been prepared. Many distinguished officers lately returned from Mexico were present.

The affair altogether was very creditable to the city and must have been extremely gratifying to the volunteers themselves.

Col. DeRussy's Regiment did not present as fine an appearance as we might have expected; but this was owing to the fact that some of the companies had been discharged, and were necessarily collected together indiscriminately for the occasion. Col. Fiesca's Battalion looked splendidly, and their excellent appearance and perfectly regular marching were the subject of universal praise.

LOUISIANA THIRD INFANTRY BATTALION.

2nd Lieutenants David Nelligan, Co. B. - Capt. Wm. E. Millen, 1st.
Lieut. Gerbig, 2nd Lieut. Schaeffer, Co. C. - Capt. Seefelt, 1st.
Featherston, 1st Lieut. H. C. Young, 2nd Lieut. Jos. G. King -

The Daily Crescent,
Hayes & McClure, Publishers.
Howard Memorial Library.
LIST OF OFFICERS OF LOUISIANA VOLUNTEERS
DISTINGUISHED BY THEIR SERVICE IN THE WAR
WITH MEXICO

Louisiana Battalion of Volunteer Artillery for 3 months.
Two Companies received August 21, 1845. Discharged Nov. 1845.

Major Commanding
Louis Gally
Adjutant 1st Lieutenant
Wm. T. Lewis
Captain
Henry Forno
Captain
Eusebe L Bercier

First Lieutenants
Joseph E. Baler
Wm T. Lewis
Thomas Treford
Gustave Pereaux

Second Lieutenant
David A. Bickell
Raimond F. Henriquez

Second Battalion of Louisiana Volunteer Artillery for 6 months.
Three Companies received for 3 months- May 1846. Discharged July 1846.

Major Commanding
Louis Gally, Com. 1st Bat.
Adjutant Captain
Eusebe L. Bercier, Capt 1st Bat.

Captains
Hubert Gerard
Honore Ruffier
Leandre Bourgeois
Raimond F. Henriquez 2nd Lieut, 1st Bat.
Lizire Lamotha - 2nd Lieutenants
Antoine Johan
Edouard Dessommes

Brigade of Louisiana Volunteers. (for 6 months)-6 Regiments, received for 3 months. May and June 1846. Discharged August 1846.

Brigadier General
Persifor F. Smith
Brigade Inspector (Rk. of Major)
Henry A. Lyons
### 1st Regiment in P. F. Smith's Brigade of Louisiana Volunteers

- **Colonel:** James B. Walton
- **Lieut.-Colonel:** Henry Forno (late in Capt'n 5th Cal's Bat.)
- **Major:** Julien P. Breedlove
- **Adjutant:** George J. Adde

### Captains

- Isaac F. Stockton (Washington Regt.)
- George H. Tobin (Washington Regt.)
- R. P. Stokton
- James M. Vandergriff
- John W. Bryoe (2nd Maryland Regiment)

### 2nd Regiment in P. F. Smith's Brigade of Louisiana Volunteers

- **Colonel:** John Roberts Smith
- **Lieut.-Colonel:** James E. Dakin
- **Major:** Charles W. Emerson
- **Adjutant:** George W. Smith
- **Captains:** John Sedley Webb

### 3rd Regiment in P. F. Smith's Brigade of Louisiana Volunteers

- **Colonel:** Samuel F. Marks
- **Lieut.-Colonel:** Theodore G. Amt
- **Major:** Henry W. Fowler
- **Adjutant:** Robert A. Hunter
### Captains

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### Colonel

- George Doane
- Thomas Wirth
- James Dill Galbreath
- Solomon G. Staples
- Johann Roehler
- Horatio Davis
- Charles K. Johnson
- Charles Fiesca
- Ezra R. Price (since Major, 2nd Reg. Miss. Vols.)

### Lieut. Colonel

- John Francis Girault
- George Dippeaer
- John Rodes Smith
- Isaac S. K. Ogier
- Francis Warrington

### Major

- John Francis Girault
- George Dippeaer
- John Rodes Smith
- Isaac S. K. Ogier
- Francis Warrington

### Adjutant (Acting)

- John Francis Girault
- George Dippeaer
- John Rodes Smith
- Isaac S. K. Ogier
- Francis Warrington

### Captains

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<td>Ballie Peyton, Hugh W. Dunlap, John Waddell, William T. Fortson</td>
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6th Regiment in P. F. Smith's Brigade of Louisiana Volunteers

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<td>Edward Featherston</td>
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<td>John Purcell</td>
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Independent Company of Louisiana Volunteers for 12 months—received July 1846. Discharged May 1847.

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<th>Captain</th>
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<td>Albert G. Blanchard</td>
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Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers for during the War—received December 1846; disbanded July 1848.

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<td>Samuel F. Marks (late Colonel, 6th Lou. Vols)</td>
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<td>Major</td>
<td>John Francis Girault (late Capt. 4th Lou. Vols.)</td>
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<td>Adjutants</td>
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<td>Russell P. Mace</td>
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<td>Christian Wirth</td>
<td>(late Capt. 4th Lou. Vols. Died: Tampico, 4/12/1847.)</td>
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Joseph Preg (late 1st Lieut. 4th Lou Vols)
John W. Cole
Robert Pape (or Pope) (late 1st Lieut in 4th Lou. Vols)
John Freeland (late Capt. in 2nd Lou. Vols.)
Copeland S. Hunt (late Captain 3rd Lou Vols.)
Robert Akins
Theodore Lewis
Peter Basterdes (1st Lieut. to Dec-1947, Co. B.)

First Lieutenants

John Purcell (late Capt. in 6th Lou. Vols.)
Isaac S. K. Ogier (late Captain in 4th Lou Vols.)
Joseph Paleszewski
Frank McHenry
Frederick Otto Eichols
Charles T. Badger (Adjutant)
Vernon H. Lindenbinger (late 2nd Lieut in 4th Lou. Vols.)
Robert A. Crain
William O. Whitman
William B. Smith (late Capt. in 6th Lou. Vols-resigned Nov. 1847.)

Second Lieutenants

Ebenezer C. Ledyard
Peter M. Terbush - - - - - - - - (late 1st Lieut in 2nd Lou. Vols)
William R. Simmons
John H. Singleton
John S. Arolf
James A. Stewart
Horatio W. Silliman
Frederick Sevier
Robert White

Wounded at Vera Cruz, Aug. 9th, 1847.

William H. Harrison (late 1st Lieut. Lou.Vols.)
John Cooney
Gustave Heinberger - - - - - - Wounded at Vera Cruz
Andrew Daley
Francis W. Yeager
William H. Homer
William P. Gallagher

Jackson Anderson.

Battalion of Louisiana Volunteers for during War with Mexico. 5 companies, received May 1847, disbanded July 1848.

Lieutenant Colonel Comd'g.
Charles G. Fiesea (late Major 4th Reg. Lou. Vols.)
Adjutant
Yves Guyot(2nd Lieut. Died Vera Cruz, Aug. 9th, 1847.)
Russee W. Radimacher (1st Lieut. Died at Vera Cruz, April 29, 1846.
Joseph O. King (2nd Lieut)

Captains

George Wm White (late Capt. 1st Lou. Vols.)
Charles A. Seefeld (late Capt. in A. S. Johnson's Texas Vols.)
William E. Milleu
Francis Warrington (late Capt. 4th Lou. Vols)—Died since the War.
James E. Featherston

First Lieutenants

James Linton
(Russee W. Radimacher, Adjutant and Died)
Conrad Gerstig
John Jacobs

Second Lieutenant

David Nelligan
Julius Verbeum
George Weyne
(Yves Guyot, Adjutant and Died)
David S. McDowell
Joseph O. King, Adjutant
Joseph A. Stenacher
John Reilly

Battalion of Louisiana Mounted Volunteers, for 12 months—5 companies; received July and August 1847. Discharged July 1848.

Lieut-Col. Comdg. Walter F. Bisbee (late 2nd Lieut. in 2nd Lou. Vols.)
Adjutant Henry C. Foster, (2nd Lieut)

Captains

Lorenzo A. Bensancon
Lorenzo Lewis
Ezram Fairchild

First Lieutenants

Stanford W. Waters
William Morrall
Robert J. Kelly
Lewis W. Barry

(Died since the War)
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Christopher Lilly
# Second Lieutenants

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<td>Henry C. Foster, (Adjutant)</td>
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<td>(John Kline—Killed Sept. 23, 1847 at Paso Orejas, Mexico)</td>
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