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Report of Gen. Pillow HEADQUARTERS THIRD DIVISION, Mixcone, August 24, 1847.

CAPTAIN: In compliance with the order of the Genand opened the road over the mountain on the roate indicated by Captain Lee, of this engineer corps, sesisted by Licutenants Buduregard, Stophens, Tow-er, Smith, McClelland, and Foster. Brigadier, Gen. Twiggs, with his division, reported to me for day, under instructions from the General-in-chief, whilst

er, Smith, McClelland, and Foster. Brigadier Gen. Twiggs, with his division, reported to me for duty, under instructions from the General-in-chiof, whilst iny own division was moving over the mountain.<sup>11</sup> Perceiving that the energy was in large force on the opposite side of the valley, with heavy batteries of artillery commanding the only road through a. I had moved rapidly forward in excention of artillery commanding the only road through a. I had moved rapidly forward in excention of artillery commanding the only road through a. I had moved rapidly forward in excention of the problem of broken volcanic stone and lava, rout in deep chasms and fissures, effectually 'preventing any advance except under his direct fire, t. resolved to give him battle. For this purpose, 1 ordered Gen. I works in france works in formet was to give him battle. For this purpose, 1 ordered Gen. I'wiggs to advance with one brigado to assault the enemy's works in front, and with the other to turn his left flank, and assail the reserve. 'Captain Ma-gruder's fine field battery and Licuterian' Callander's howitter bittery (both of which constitute part of my division) were placed at the disposal of Brigadier fuller bittery with the observed of Brigadier forms and the work at San Antonio, and division were placed at the disposal of Brigadier division) were placed at the disposal of Brigadier General Twiggs.

This officer, in executing my order of atlack, di This officer, in executing my order of uttack, di-rected Brevet Brigadier General Smith to mave with his brigade upon the eneny's front, whilst Colonal Riley, with his, was ordered to turn his left, and as-sail him in roar. To satisfi these movements, brigadier General Cadwalader was ordered to id-Brigadier General Catwander was meeter to nar-vance with his brigade and sopport Col. Riley, and Brigadier General Pierce, with his command, to support the column moving upon the enemy's front, under Brigadier General Smith. This last command was soon closely engaged with the enemy, as were step the batteries of Capitaln Magrader and Lieut.

Sallendur, Colonel Riley's command, having now crossed the rast, broken up plain of lava, passing the village on the right, and whilet in the act of turning the ene-ny's left, was confronted by several thousand lancers advanced to the charge, when a About this time brighter General Cadwalader sommand had also crossed the plain, when some 5,000 or 6,000 troops of the enemy were observed noving rapidly from the direction of the capital to he field of action. Col Morgan, with his large and he regiment, which I had caused to be detached rom the rear of Picre's brighde, was now ordered other stores of Codwalader by direction of the support of Cadwalader by direction of the lein-chief, who had now arrived upon the

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m the preceding day. Having myself crossed the plain, and reached this CATTAIN: In compliance with thie order of the Gen-eralin-chief, I moved, with my division, consisting of the 2th 11th, 12th, 14th, & 15th, infantry, and the obsing; as soon as suitable dispositions were made closing; as soon as suitable dispositions were made closing; as soon as suitable dispositions were made to secure the full of the victory, I resolved upon pursuing the discomfiled enemy, in which I found that Brig: Gens. Twiggs and Smith ind already anticipated me by having commenced the movement. At the same time, I apprzed, the General-in-chief of my advance, and requested this authority to proceed assisted by Licutenants Buaregard, Stephens, Tow-er, Smith, McClelland, and Foster. Brigadier Gen.

of the General-Intellif, who I was informed was close at hand. Upon his arrival, the important fact was ascertained that the enemy's forces at San An-tonia, having perceived that the great battery had been lost and the total defeat and route of their for-ces at Contreves, by which their rear was opened to assault, had abatidoned the work at San Antonio, and failen back upon their strong, entrenchments in rear at Churabusco,

Upon the receipt of this information, the G n-chief inmiciliately ordered Brig. Gen. T livision to move forward and attack the work Twiggs enemy's right, and directed ma to move with Cud walader's brigade, and assault the teterate pont on its left. Moving rapidly in excention of this order, I had great difficulty in passing the command, over some marchy fields and wide and deep diches, filled with mud and water. I was compelled to dismount in order to cross these obstacles, which wrong gallant. I vertex the same water is a super state of the same water is a super state of the bar of the same great difficulty in passing the command. over some marchy fields and wide and deep diches, filled with mud and water. I was compelled to dismount in order to cross these obstacles, which wrong gallant. I vertex obstacles, which when the whole force gained the main causeway; at which place I mot Gen. Worth, with the advance of his division, moving upon the same wark. I was then promesed that our

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The General in chief ordered that my division, reinforced as before mentioned, should attack and carry those lines and defences, capture the enemy's artillery, destroy, the machinery and material sup-posed to be in the foundry, (El Molino del Rey;) but limiting the operations to that extent. After which my command was to be immediately withdrawn to its position in the village of Tacubaya. Cadwalader's brigado was held in reserve, in a position on the ridge, between the battering guns and

Data and the ridge, between the battering guns and McIntosh's brigade, and in easy-support of either.— The cavalry, under Major Sunner, to envelope our extreme felt, and be governed by circumstances—to repel or attack, as the commander's judgment might repet or attack, as the commander's judgment might suggest. The troops to be put in position under cover of the night; and the work to begin as soon as the heavy metal could be properly directed. Col. Duncan was charged with the general disposition of the artillery. Accordingly, at 3 celock in the mor-ning of the 8th, the several columns were put in mo-tion, on as many different raules; and when the gray of the morning enabled them to be seen, they were tion on as many different roules; and when the gray of the morning enabled them to be seen, they were as accurately in position as if posited in midway for review. The early dawn was the moment appointed for the attack, which was announced to our troops by the opening of Inger's giuns on El Molino del Rey, upon which they continued to play actively until this point of the enemy's line became sensibly shaken, when, the assaulting party, commanded by Wright, and guided by, that accomplished officer, Capitain Masion of the ongineers, assisted by Lieut. Foster, dashed gatlantly forward to the assault. nehaken by the galling fire of musketry and cani ter that was showered apon them, on they rushed, driving infantry and attillery men at the point of the bayonet. The enony's field battery was taken, and

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Having completed these dispositions for the assault while a heavy cannonade was going on, Brig. Gon'l, Calvaliddr was directed to see to the proper execu-tion of my orders. All being now ready and enger for the conflict. I had again relived Licut. Andrews at the guns, retain-ter driving of the same division, and placed under the command of the same division, and placed under the command of the same division of the same division of the same division. All being now ready and enger for the conflict. I

lantry poin-other hard-fought fields, and while 1 have pleasure in testifying to the alcority with which they advanced on this occasion to and around the wall, and to the heights of Chapultepce, upon the only practicable route for their advance, justice to the corps. above referred to of my own command, as well as to any supporting column, demands that I should assert, absolutely, and claim for those who had so hobly met the brant of the conflict, and drove the oneny from the strongliolds and possession of his fortifications; the chief honor of stornhig the strong and, formidable work.

fortifications; the chief honor of storming the strong and formidable work. While, this, work was being done in a manner so truly heroic, and under my immediate and personal superhulendence and direction. Col Tronsdalo's com-mand; consisting of the 11th and 14th regiments of infantry, and Magruder's field 'battery, engaged a lattery and large force of the onemy in the road im-mediately on the west of Chapultepec. The advan-ced section of the battery, under command of the brave. Licout. Suckson, was dreadfully cut up ind al-most disabled. Though the command of Colonel Trousdale sustained a severe loss, and the gallant and intrepid colonel was badly wounded by two balls which shattered his right arm, still ho maintained his position with great firminess, drove the enemy from his baltery, and turned his guns upon his ro

Treating forces. Capt. Scantland was shot through the head, and supposed to have been mortally wounded, but is yet altro, with increasing hopes of his recovery. Licut. Col. Hebert, who was placed in command of the 11th

gallantry of command - a gallantry unsurpassed by that of any troops during this war. After being wounded, I caused some of my solders to carry inc forward to the top of the hill, where I had the proud satisfaction of witnessing the consummation of this plorious victory, and saw the stars and stripes raised aloft upon this formidable work, created upon the very site of the ancient place of theremoved Mon-tezuma.

The voltigeur regiment, which was ordered forward in advance as skirmishers to clear the entreichments and trees of a large force of the onemit, who were

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certed by the General in-chieft with centuisiasm and full of confidence; advanced to the attack. At the base of the hill, constituting a part of the works of the fortress of. Chapieltepce, and directly across our line of advance, where the strong batteries before described, flanketh on the right by some strong build-ings, and by a heavy atome wall about faiteen feet high, which extended around in base, of the hill to-wards the west. Within two hundred yards of these batteries, when all uldsture huldlines, which after the strong when any strong batteries when after heateries when any strong batteries. which its webe some dilapidated buildings, which af-forded a partial cover to our advance. Between these and the wall extended a low meadow, the long grass of which concelede a number of wel ditiches by which it was intersected: To this point the corfi-mand, partially screened, advanced by a flank, the elements partially screened, advanced by a flank, the Inand, partially screened, advanced by a flank, the storming parties in front, under a heavy fire from-the fortress, the batteries, and breastworks of the on-emy. The advance was here halted under partial cover of the ruins, and upon the arrival of the heads of the South Carolina and New York regiments, res-pectively, Gen. Shields was directed to move them obliquely to the left, across the low ground, to the wall at the heave of the bill. Encouraged by the rad-

obliquely to the left, across the low ground, to the wall at the base of the hill. Encouraged by the gal-lant general who had led them to victory at Churus busco, and in spito of the obstacles which they had to encounter in walding through seteral ditoled; ex-pored to a severe and galling for from the enemy, these tried regiments prompily excented the unve-ument, and effected a lodgement at the wall. The same order was given to Liout. Col. Geary, and exc-counted by this regiment with causal algority and suc-Supposed to have been more any other account, but system is allow with increasing hopes of his recovery. Listing fields in command of the 11th infanty, in position to engage an immense build with a recever, and any control in a system is a sine order was given to Licut. Col. Geary, and excevery on the bill was a strong fredue, for including the sine included in the system is an increasing in present of the second of the system is and of the system is and of the system is an increasing in present of the system is and and y using in present of the system is and and y using in present of the system is an increasing in present in increasing in present in increasing in present in a system is and increasing in present in a system is and and y using in present of the system is and and y using in present of the system is and by a servere contasion from a spent ball. If the system is and in a system is and in a system is and by a servere contasion from a spent ball. If the system is and is a strang in present in the distinguished is an indice of the system is and in the system is an indice of the system is and ind

naving four embrasures with a redat work of the had selected him to be the weight. At this point, the enemy, in considerable force, insde an obstinato resistance; but, with the sid of the effective fire of an 8 inch howitzer directed by the indefatigable Cap. Drum, and the daring bravery of the gallant rifle regiment, it was carried by assult. The column was here reorganized for an attrack upon the better set the river of the duty of the section of the se ti the garita, the Pasco, and a large bady of the enemy on the Picedad road to the right, extending from the left of the garita. The enemy, now, perceiving that our heavy am-muniton had been expended, redoubled their exer-tions to drive us out of the lodgemont we had ef-fected. A terrific fire of artillery and small arms was opened from the citidal, 300 yards distant, from the batteries of Pasco, and the buildings on our right in front. Amid this iron shower, which awent the road on bolt sides of the aqueduct, it was impossi-ble to bring forward animunition for our large gdms. While waiting the darkness to bring up. our great guns and place them in battery, the enemy finder cover of their guns attempted several saliles from the citidal and buildings on the right, bat were readily ropalsed by the skirmishing parties of rifles attil in-fantry. To protent, our flank from Nover and Lac-ser 20 Fenna, regiment, were ordered with their com-panies to a low sand hag delence novat the their con-panies to a low sand hag delence novat the their position and held it in the face of a severe fire until the object was attained.

ceiter, the thanks of the army, and the honor due to the constitute of the second and the honor due to grading which disting grading which disting of an article of the second and the honor its grading which disting of the basel of the second and walls off. Chaptelepc; while the enemy advanced of their arms until daylight. from the valley and occupied the position I had held turing the day, close in my rear. I had placed Col. Trousdale, with the 11h and 14th regiments, and one section of Magrider's but leading the the trans until daylight. I had placed Col. Trousdale, with the 11h and 14th regiments, and one section of Magrider's but leading the the trans until daylight. I had placed Col. Trousdale, with the 11h and 14th regiments, and one section of Magrider's but leading the the trans until daylight. I had placed Col. Trousdale, with the 11h and 14th regiments, and one section of Magrider's but leading the the trans until daylight. I had placed Col. Trousdale, with the 11h and 14th regiments, and one section of Magrider's but leading the the baltery to the caste, which was returned by the enemy stations to advance on the read, reation, and to give him battle if he attempted to ad vance or succor succor succor succor succor succor succors the forces within the walls of Cha-ter division, under command of Capt. Reynolds; of a 120 men which had been selected from all corns parts of a 120 men which had been selected from all corns provider the indivision hospital, derives all constructions to advance on succors to compare the stores were placed in the hands of a pi-neer storming party of select men from the volume. Having completed these dispositions for the assault, while a heavy cannonade was going on Brig. Gon't. I have the honor to remain, very respectfully, your

Calwalader was directed to see to the proper execu-tion of my orderes. All being now ready and enger for the conflict, I ordered the beiteries of my division silenced, and the command, to advance—the General-in-chief having silenced the beiteries of my division silenced, and the command, to advance—the General-in-chief having silenced the beiteries of my division silenced, and the command. to advance—the General-in-chief having silenced the beiteries of my division silenced, and the command. to advance—the General-in-chief having silenced the body shutcrics. The voltigeurs, having driven the enemy from the interior, fortifications. Close in their rear followed, the 9th and 16th regiments, with equal impetuosity, until 'these. three regiments occupied the exterior works aroand the summit of Chapultepec. . While, therefore, I would not detract a particle of from the 'well-carined reputation of the gallant corps to file volinities in tear roat a matter of the volinities interiors in the roat a particle of the volinities interiors in the roat a matter to the volinities of the division, who have proved their gat-antry spons-otice hard-foight fields, and while 1 mand from the command, at the signal precent to the volinities in the roat the whole command, at the signal precent to the volinities in the roat the whole command, at the signal precent to the twithe fields, and while 1 matter whole command, at the signal precent in the twithe General in-chief with centuries and precent from the serious verse is testifying to the alacrity with which JUSTICE TO A SOLDIER. There is no man in the Army who has been so much slandered, villade and abused is Mäjor Gene-3 ral GIDEON J. PILLOW. It scenned as if an entire horde of graceless secondrels had banded together for the express purpose of destroying and injuring ' this reputation us a soldier, for week after week b-certain class of papers wero filled with letters. from a Mexico, and their own editorial remarks reflecting seriously upon his name and declaring him unfit to command even the smallest number of troops: His incompetency was predicted by hordes of newspaper, seribes, who commented upon his military skill with? but having been initiated into the first principles of strategy, and condemned this opterations, bofere, they

strategy, and condemned his operations before they knew the nature of the circumstances which were necessary to explain them. They did not dure to charge him with direct cowardice, for that is a qualcharge him with direct cowardice, for this is equal-hy that does not usually enter into an Atherican's composition; but the sneers at his wounds received at Cerro Gordo, proved that they were ready coon to heap upon him this calumny if there-were the slight est circumstance to justify it.

heep upon him this calumny if there-were the slight-cell circumstance to justify it. Well, Gen Pillow has since been if led, and sliphe-opportunity given him to prove his valor and his skill, and noby has he done so. He has not-onfy proved himself to be one of the bravest of the brave, bid the military talents displayed at Controres, where he had, command of all the forces engaged, attracted, the generation of the continuator in chief, and indu-ced lim to select General Pillow to storm Glapille-ty per, after the armitice was broken. This work is situated upon a hill, and from the description given of the hill, enclosing about forty acress of grand, a of it, is one of the strongest kind: It had at the base of the hill, enclosing about forty acres of ground, a wall of stone about twenty feet high and four feet -thick. The ipside of this wall was filled with troops, who lay behind breastworks and large cypross trees. from twelve to twenty feet in diameter. Half the way up the bill was a strong redux, encircling the vhole front of the hill which was informed with troops. The front of this hill below the redux was filled with mizes charged with powder and filled with stones, the irrited the unement our troops should.

At daylight on the morning of the 12th, Pillow made his first movement by sieging the Molino Rev. He held this place that day under a heavy nder a heavy fire Rey. The held this place that day uncer a heavy ine-from Chapiblepec, and with an injuncine body of the enemy's lancers on his left flank and rear. During this day he thornighly reconnoitered the enemy's works, the approaches and ground, to Chapiblepec it and, at 10-a/elock, P. M., reported to Gen. Scott. that is he was ready, and would assault the work sarly tho, i wirks, the approaches and ground, to 'Chaputtepe f' and, at 10 objeck, P. M., reported to Gen', Scott. that is he was ready, and would assault the work carly tho, he was ready, and would assault the work carly tho, he was ready, and would assault the work carly tho ast morning. At 8 o'clock on the morning of the 12th, having completed his, dispositions, and given his, orders, it ous like on the morning of the 12th, having completed his, dispositions, and given his, orders, it wall fy two marrow gate ways, entering 'him the 'man' of the ready, which was protected by 'f a strong sind-bag breastwork, under a concentrated fire into these apertures from a long line of the en-trenclied enony. They dashed nobly for ward over the into these apertures from a long line of the en-trenclied enony. They dashed nobly for ward over the field the binner walks and nurshes, to the 's astrong sind-bag breastwork, under a concentrated fire into these apertures from a long line of the en-trenclied enony. They dashed nobly for ward over the field the line walks apon ladders, and captured the principal fortification—taking 800 prisoners, among whom was. Major General Bravo, who was in com-mand, Brigadier Generals Mentude, Arriega, Dora', mentes and Saladany, and killed two other brigadier and wounded 1200 of the cuony. In storming this according the global by a grape shot, which crushed his, was cut down by a grape shot, which crushed his according the famility leading the assault, when he was cut down by a grape shot, which crushed his according the famility leading the assault, when he was cut down by a grape shot, which crushed his according the famility leading the assault, when he was cut down by a grape shot, which was of the and numediately alterwards in order to witness the con-ternation of the most gloring viterif was ours. The reader may now he ready to ask. 'A chaptlepeic full two balteries at its bac, on the side next the city, 's for the haves of his follow countrymoi. Every 'f secondred that tradneed him in his <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

while of the New York and South Carolina, regi-ments--ordered them to move up to the support of he forces under Brig. Gon, Cadwalader ; but it had now grown so late in the evening; that Gon. Shields the not get into position until after dark. Night aving come on, (but not until entirely darks) this ree conflict was suspended, to be renewed on the

orrow. 

herion it altorus no piceure to bear writes, with his division, and nyself with the 11h and 14th re-ginents of my command, pressed rapidly on in pursuit of the flying entities, thill we had arrived with our commands nearly under the fire of the guns of the enearly the suburbs of the capital, where we were overtaken by an order from the content of the ellent officer need, higher praise.

with our commands nearly under the hre of the gainst, of the enony, planted in the subprise of the capital, berror we were overtaken by an order from the General-in-chief to call off our troops from further pursuit. During this movement, I met with Cols, Ransom's and Morgan's regiments, 12th: infairty, under Capt. Wood, and the howitzer battery under Lieut. Reno, parts of my division, forming General time of the General-in call off our group from further preverse brigade, which had been intoved by order of the General-lin-chief, under command of Gor Pierce, against a large body of the onemy to the right and rear of the min work, where they had been, incore junction with Shields' brigade, sugged in a force popen field fight with a large force. Brigodier General Pierce, though still 'suffering severely from the injury of the preceding day, had severely from the injury of the preceding day, had severely from the injury of the preceding day, had severely from the injury of the greeding day, had severely from the injury of the preceding day had severely from the injury of the greeding day had severely from the injury of the greeding day had severely from the injury of the greeding day had severely from the injury of the preceding day had severely from the injury of the preceding day had

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