

BOMBARDMENT OF PORT ROYAL.

Commencement of the Engagement—A Terrific Bombardment.

At precisely five minutes before ten o'clock, the Bay Point Battery opened its fire upon the Wabash, and that at Hilton Head followed almost within a second.

From my point of observation, on board the Atlantic, it was apparent that few of the shells, which at first were the only projectiles used, burst within the fortifications.

Within a distance of one hundred yards from the rebels guns, the Wabash threw in her fiery messengers, while the other frigates, no farther away, participated in the deadly strife.

In describing their circuit and delivering their fire, the vessels consumed rather more than an hour for each round. Little more than half of this time, however, was spent in getting into position, for gliding slowly around, perhaps entering the bay beyond the fort a half mile, just far enough to permit the safe turning of its immense ship, the Commodore brought her back, and re-enters from his star board battery, until the guns became too hot to handle, that devastating fire.

But the enemy was by no means inactive. He offered a stubborn, an heroic resistance. Looking through a powerful telescope, belonging to an engineer officer of the expedition, I saw, when the ships were approaching the battery, the second time, two men wearing red shirts.

Finally they sprang up and loaded their pieces—a shell at that instant burst near them, and they disappeared, doubtless blown to atoms. I heard frequently during the fight, most unqualified expressions of approval for the manner in which their guns were served.

Cessation of the Fight.

After the second round had been brilliantly fought on both sides, the Wabash gave signal for the vessels which had been most actively engaged to cease firing, and give refreshments to the men.

The Fight Renewed.

Then it was that the gunboats did their most efficient cannonading. Their shells and roundshot flew straight across the parapet of the fortification, driving the artillery men from their guns and making dreadful havoc.

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End of the Engagement—A Flag of Truce.

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the soil of South Carolina in the majesty of the United States. Another and larger Star Spangled Banner was afterwards displayed upon the flag staff of a building a few rods to the left, where the rebel standard had waved during the combat.

Commodore Tatnall and his gunboats disappeared in the early part of the engagement. He sent a few shots towards the fleet, but as usual his boats were not near enough to do us any injury.

The Stars and Stripes Once More Raised on South Carolina Soil.

Now comes the most exciting event of the engagement—the raising aloft of the stars and stripes on the ramparts of Fort Walker. Our men were now on South Carolina soil, and over their heads waved the American flag, whose folds have not floated on the breeze in the Palmetto State since the fall of Fort Sumter.

A Visit to Fort Walker.

This fort after its surrender, was placed in charge of Lieut. Barnes, of the Wabash, who had been sent to shore with his battalion, consisting of seventy sailors and fifty marines.

A Visit to Fort Beauregard.

This morning I paid a visit to Fort Beauregard, at Bay Point, which is a work not so formidable in an engineering point of view, but of sufficient importance to be a valuable acquisition to us.

Visit to Beaufort.

Soon after landing a detachment of men proceeded up to Beaufort, and found it tenantless except by one dilapidated person, who presented some traces of cultivation, and of having been an original South Carolina gentleman.

Landings the Troops.

As I close my long and hasty letter, troops are being landed from the transports to occupy and repair the forts and positions gained by their valor.

Damage to the Shipping.

Every vessel engaged in the action was more or less out of action, though none were injured so badly as to make it necessary to return home for repairs.

The Damage Done—The Killed—Shocking Scenes.

There was plenty of testimony regarding the destructiveness of our fire—not alone from the prisoners, of whom about twenty fell into our hands—but also from the very earth itself, where numerous deep and long furrows, caused by ricocheting shells, and fragments of jagged iron, in countless quantity, told mutely and more impressively.

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Rebel Headquarters.

The officers of Fort Walker had established their headquarters at a rich old plantation mansion, not far from the fort, on an estate belonging to a family by the name of Pope.

The Contraband Element.

As soon as the negro slaves observed us coming on shore they flocked along the banks in great numbers, some bearing parcels and bundles as if expecting us to take them at once to a home of freedom.

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the immense cost of this fleet, which has been preparing since August last, the pay of the soldiers, the value of their food, and the expense of the two lost vessels on a very moderate scale, the entire cost is about as follows:

Cost of the vessels up to this time, \$1,000,000
Pay of the soldiers, &c., up to this time, 600,000
Value of rations consumed up to this time, 200,000
Value of clothing worn out up to this time, 165,000
Value of powder burned, 25,000
Value of the Governor and Peerless lost, on the Cataline scale, \$80,000, 100,000
Total, \$2,170,000

The Confederate Force.

According to the statement of the prisoners and the negroes, the forces at Hilton Head amounted to about 1,300 men, commanded by Gen. Thos. J. Drayton, including 500 German Artillery, under Col. Wagner, 50 Horse Guards, and some 800 infantry of the 9th regiment, South Carolina Volunteers, Col. Heyward, and the 12th regiment, Major Jones commanding.

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It appears that the numerous trials of persons for treason, now pending in the several Circuit Courts of the United States, have all been indefinitely postponed.

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