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OFFICIAL REPORTS OF THINGS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE CONFLICT.

The Niece Newspaper Assaults on Grant and Sherman.

GRANT MAINTAINED AN UNBROKEN SILENCE

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CHAPTER X—(continued).

HEADQUARTERS, STEAMBOAT CONTINENTAL, PITTSBURG, MARCH 18, 1862.

DEPT. RAWLINS, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL TO GEN. GRANT.

SIR: The Division Surgeon having placed some 100 or more sick on board the *Fanny Bullitt*, I have permitted her to take them to Savannah. There is neither house nor tent of any kind that can be used for a hospital here.

I hope to receive an order to establish floating hospitals, but in the meantime, by the aid of the Surgeon, allow these sick men to leave. Let me hope that it will meet your approval. The order for debarkation came while Gen. Sherman was with three brigades, and no men are left to move the effects of these brigades.

The landing, too, is small, with scarcely any chance to increase it; therefore, there is a great accumulation of boats. Col. McArthur has arrived, and is now cutting a landing for himself.

Gen. Sherman will return this evening. I am obliged to transgress, and write myself in the meantime.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

P. S. 4 P. M.—Just back; have been half-way to Corinth and to Purdy. All right. Have just read this letter, and approve all but floating hospitals. Regimental Surgeons can take care of all sick, except chronic cases, which can always be sent down to Paducah.

Magnificent plain for camping and drilling, and a military point of great strategic importance. The only drawback is that at this stage of water, the space for landing is contracted too much for the immense fleet now here discharging.

I will push the loading and unloading of boats, but suggest that you send an order (Capt. Dodd, if possible), the best Quartermaster you can, that he may control and organize this whole matter. I have a good number of men, and will keep as few provisions about as possible.

Yours, etc.,
W. T. SHERMAN, Brigadier-General Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS SHERMAN'S DIVISION, CAMP SHILOH, NEAR PITTSBURG LANDING, TENN., APRIL 2, 1862.

CAPT. J. A. RAWLINS, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL TO GEN. GRANT.

SIR: In obedience to Gen. Grant's instructions of March 31, the command of Capt. Mendenhall's Minnesota battery, two 12-pound howitzers, a detachment of 5th Ohio Cav. of 150 men, under Maj. Ricker, and two battalions of infantry from the 27th and 77th Ohio, under the command of Col. Hildebrand and Mungen, I marched to the river and embarked on the

steamer *Empress* and *Teuchos*. The gunboat *Cairo* did not arrive at Pittsburgh until after midnight, and at 6 a. m. Capt. Bryant, commanding the gunboat, notified me that he was ready to proceed up the river. I followed, keeping the transports within about 200 yards of the gunboat. About 1 p. m. the *Cairo* commenced shelling the battery above the mouth of Indian Creek, but ceased to fire. She proceeded up the river steadily and cautiously, following close by the *Taylor* and *Lexington*, all throwing shells at the points where, on former visits of the gunboats, the enemy's batteries were found. In this order all followed, till it was demonstrated that all the enemy's batteries, including that at Chickasaw, were abandoned.

I ordered the battalion of infantry under Col. Hildebrand to disembark at Eastport, and with the other battalion proceeded to Chickasaw and landed. The battery at this point had evidently been abandoned some time, and consisted of the remains of an old Indian mound, partly washed away by the river, which had been fashioned into a two-gun battery, with a small magazine. The ground to its rear had evidently been overflowed during the late freshet, and led to the removal of the guns to Eastport, where the batteries were on high, elevated ground accessible at all seasons from the country to the rear.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,
W. T. SHERMAN, Brigadier-General, commanding Division.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION, CAMP SHILOH, APRIL 5, 1862.

CAPT. J. A. RAWLINS, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DISTRICT OF WESTERN TENNESSEE.

SIR: I have the honor to report that yesterday about 3 p. m. the Lieutenant commanding and seven men of the advance pickets imprudently advanced from their posts and were captured. I ordered Maj. Ricker, of the 5th Ohio Cav., to proceed rapidly to the picket station, ascertain the truth, and act according to circumstances. He reached the station, found the pickets had been captured, as reported, and that a company of cavalry, and one battery of field-artillery, to the ridge on which the Corinth road lies. They halted the infantry and artillery at a point about five miles in my rear, sent a detachment of the 1st Ala. Cav. to the north of Owl Creek, and the cavalry down toward our camp. This cavalry captured a part of our advance pickets and afterwards engaged two companies of Col. Buckland's regiment, as described by him in his report herewith inclosed. Our cavalry drove them back upon their artillery and infantry, killing many, and bringing off 10 prisoners, all of the 1st Ala. Cav., whom I send to you.

As soon as I heard artillery I advanced with two regiments of infantry and took position, and remained until the scattered companies of infantry and cavalry had returned. This was after night.

I infer that the enemy is in some considerable force at Pea Ridge, that yesterday morning they crossed a brigade of two regiments of infantry, one regiment of cavalry, and one battery of field-artillery, to the ridge on which the Corinth road lies. They halted the infantry and artillery at a point about five miles in my rear, sent a detachment of the 1st Ala. Cav. to the north of Owl Creek, and the cavalry down toward our camp. This cavalry captured a part of our advance pickets and afterwards engaged two companies of Col. Buckland's regiment, as described by him in his report herewith inclosed. Our cavalry drove them back upon their artillery and infantry, killing many, and bringing off 10 prisoners, all of the 1st Ala. Cav., whom I send to you.

Most of the pickets one First Lieutenant and seven men of the 70th Ohio (list inclosed); one Major, one Lieutenant, and one private of the 77th Ohio, taken prisoners; eight privates wounded (names in full, embraced in report of Col. Buckland, inclosed herewith).

We took 10 prisoners, and left two rebels wounded and many killed on the field.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,
W. T. SHERMAN, Brigadier-General, commanding Division.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION, CAMP SHILOH, APRIL 10, 1862.

CAPT. J. A. RAWLINS, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL TO GEN. GRANT.

SIR: I had the honor to report that on Friday the 4th inst., the enemy's cavalry drove in our pickets, posted about a mile and a half in advance of my center, on the main Corinth road, and lieutenant and seven men; that I caused a pursuit by the cavalry of my division, driving them back about five miles, and killing many. On Saturday, the enemy's cavalry was again very bold, coming well down to our front; yet I did not believe that they designed anything but a strong demonstration. On Sunday morning early, the fifth inst., the enemy drove our advance-guard back on the main body, when I ordered underarms all my division, and sent word to Gen. McClelland, asking him to support my left; to Gen. Prentiss, giving him notice that the enemy was in our front in force, and to Gen. Hurlbut, asking him to support Gen. Prentiss. At that time—7 a. m.—my division was arranged as follows:

First Brigade, composed of the 6th Iowa, Col. J. A. McDowell; 40th Ill., Col. Hicks; 46th Ohio, Col. Worthington; and the Morton battery, Capt. Belar, on the extreme right, guarding the bridge on the Purdy road over Owl Creek.

Second Brigade, composed of the 56th Ill., Col. D. Stuart; the 54th Ohio, Col. T. Kilby Smith; and the 74th Ohio, Col. Mason, on the extreme left, guarding the ford over Lick Creek.

Third Brigade, composed of the 77th Ohio, Col. Hildebrand; the 53d Ohio, Col. Appier, and the 57th Ohio, Col. Mungen, on the left of the Corinth road, its right resting on Shiloh Meeting-house.

Fourth Brigade, composed of the 72d Ohio, Col. Buckland; the 46th Ohio, Col. Sullivan, and the 70th Ohio, Col. Cook, on the right of the Corinth road, its left resting on Shiloh Meeting-house.

Two batteries of artillery—Taylor's and Waterhouse's—were posted, the former at Shiloh, and the latter on a ridge to the left, with a front fire over open ground between Mungen's and Appier's regiments. The cavalry, eight companies of the 4th Ill., under Col. Dickey, were posted in a large open field to the left and rear of Shiloh Meeting-house, which I regarded as the center of my position.

Shortly after 7 a. m., with my entire staff, I rode along a portion of our front, and when in the open field before Appier's regiment the enemy's pickets opened a brisk fire upon my party, killing my orderly, Thos. D. Holliday, of Co. H, 2d Ill. Cav. The fire came from the

three guns of this (Waterhouse's) battery. Although our left was thus turned, and the enemy was pressing our whole line, I deemed Shiloh so important, that I remained by it and renewed my orders to Col. McDowell, and Buckland to hold their position; and I did hold these positions until about 10 a. m., when the



GEN. W. H. L. WALLACE.

enemy had got his artillery to the rear of our left flank, and some change became absolutely necessary. Two regiments of Hildebrand's Brigade—Appier's and Mungen's—had already disappeared to the rear, and Hildebrand's own regiment was directed to move to the rear, to fall back as far as the Purdy and Hamburg roads, and for McDowell and Buckland to adopt that road as their new line. I rode across this angle and

met BEHR'S BATTERY AT THE CROSSROADS, and ordered it immediately to come into battery, action right. Capt. Behr gave the order, but he was almost immediately shot from his horse, when drivers and gunners fled in disorder, carrying off the caissons, and abandoning five out of six guns, without firing a shot. The enemy pressed on, gaining this battery, and we were again forced to choose a new line of defense. Hildebrand's Brigade had substantially disappeared from the field, though he himself bravely remained. McDowell's and Buckland's Brigades maintained their organizations, and were conducted by my Aids, so

where we attracted the fire of a battery located near Col. McDowell's former Headquarters. Here I remained, patiently waiting for the sound of

GEN. BUELL'S ADVANCE. About 10 a. m. the heavy firing in that direction, and its steady approach, satisfied me; and, Gen. Wallace being on our right flank with his well-conducted division, I led the head of my column to Gen. McClelland's right, formed line of battle, facing south, with Buckland's Brigade directly across the ridge, and Stuart's Brigade on its right in the woods, and thus advanced, steadily and slowly, under a heavy fire of musketry and artillery. Taylor had just got to me from the rear, where he had gone for ammunition, and brought up three guns, which I ordered into position, to advance by hand firing. These guns belonged to Co. A, Chicago Light Artillery, commanded by Lieut. P. P. Wood, and did most excellent service. Under cover of their fire, we advanced till we reached the point where the Corinth road crosses the line of McClelland's camp, and here I saw for the first time the well-ordered and compact columns of Gen. 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