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THE GREAT CONTEST.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE JAMES.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Oct. 24, 1864.

HDQRS. ARMY OF THE JAMES, NEAR RICHMOND, Saturday, Oct. 22, 1864.

At dawn this morning one of our land batteries in charge of Capt. ASHBY, Co. E, 3d N. Y. Artillery, opened on the Rebel fleet in James River about a mile above Cox's Landing, with 20 and 30 pound shells, and quickly sent their wooden gunboats to the protecting wings of Fort Darling and their other shore batteries. The three iron-clad rams however, stood fire, and returned the compliment sent for an hour or more, until one of their smoke-stacks was nearly shot away; and one of our shells exploded in the after-port of the Richmond, killing a gunner and wounding three seamen, when, having had a vigorous pounding from our shells, they one by one filed away out of range to a place of security, leaving an earthwork, which the Rebels have lately constructed on the west side of the James, to continue the duel with Capt. Ashley's battery and another of our forts lower down the river. This Rebel work sent one hundred pounders in return for Capt. Ashley's twenty and thirty pound shells, but received those of the same caliber from our lower battery, and finally discontinued the duel.

The result of the morning's work was to drive the whole Rebel fleet upward of a mile from the point in the river where they had recently been stationed. One wooden gunboat was seriously, and one iron-clad ram, considerably injured. Our casualties are summed up in the loss of a leg by MICHAEL LYNCH, Orderly to Capt. ASHLEY, from a fragment of a shell which, at the same time, killed the horse on which he was mounted.

Until this evening, there has been no firing at Dutch Gap since yesterday noon. J. B. C.

An Artillery Fight and a Rebel Defeat.

From Our Special Correspondent.

ARMY OF THE JAMES, Sunday Morning, Oct. 23, 1864.

Yesterday morning, two new Union batteries which had been constructed by Gen. BUTLER on James River, near Chaffin's Bluff, opened on the Rebel gunboats in the vicinity, and drove them all, except a stubborn iron-clad, about half a mile further up the river. The iron clad, later in the day, joined her consorts. The engagement, for the short time it lasted, is represented by those who witnessed it as particularly lively and interesting. ILLINOIS.

SHERIDAN'S VICTORIES.

Success Evoked from Disaster—A Surprise and Retreat—Arrival of Sheridan—His Magical Manipulations—A Beaten Army Turn at Bay—Their Victorious Foe—Spoils of the Battle—Losses Among Our Brave Soldiers.

From Our Special Correspondent.

MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION, CAMP NEAR CEDAR CREEK (the old ground), Oct. 20, 1864.

The day began with a surprise by the enemy, who crossed the mountain stealthily by night, marched through Luray Valley, and at daylight attacked our left, occupied by Gen. CROOK's command. They were up to and into their works before the camp was fairly aroused, capturing three guns of the 8th New-York, and driving out the whole command in a short time. This brought the enemy broad upon the flank and rear of the chief line of intrenchments occupied by the 19th Corps, which held its works until one position after another of their line had been doubled up, when they retired in good order, facing about and marching by the left flank.

The enemy now enfiladed our whole position from the line of the pike, and, pressing in, captured four guns of the 19th Indiana Battery, one of the 1st Rhode Island, and others—amounting to some twenty pieces—with camp property of all kinds. Some of the guns were captured in efforts to get them off; others were spiked, or the caissons and running gear destroyed.

Gen. RICKETTS was badly wounded; Gen. EMORY's horse was shot under him; Gen. WRIGHT's hat hit in the skin, not seriously; Maj. HART, Inspector-General on Grover's staff, was killed while trying to save a gun; Capt. WILKINS, on Judge-Advocate-Gen. HOLT's staff, badly wounded in three places; Capt. WOOD, same staff, had his horse shot; Maj. SIZER was slightly wounded; Maj. SHAFT, 90th New-York, killed; Gen. GROVER was struck in the foot, had his horse shot, and was afterward wounded in the arm; and other casualties occurred, all in a few minutes. About 300 prisoners, from CROOK's command, were captured.

Dislodged from its works, the army fell back in disorder, and all efforts to rally it, or restore order, failed. Portions of the 6th and 19th Corps were finally formed, and checked the enemy, when the panic soon subsided. The Rebels, however, pressed their advantage, holding the east side of the pike, and hastening the left flank. We fell steadily back west of Middletown, making occasional halts to throw up defenses, and at two and a half miles distance from our intrenchments Gen. EMORY took possession of a commanding hill, and the 19th with the 6th Corps were soon in line of battle, with batteries shelling the enemy, who were now advancing in force in plain view.

Gen. WRIGHT finally ordered the 19th Corps to conform its movements to that of the 6th, which was on the left, and move by right of regiments to the rear, bearing towards the pike. The position was abandoned, the skirmishers called in, and the 19th and 6th moved slowly back, the 19th through the woods. At the juncture Gen. SHERIDAN arrived from Winchester, and the magic of his presence immediately changed the fortunes of the day. He was greeted with enthusiastic cheers. The troops, by his order, faced about, the entire army, at 9 o'clock in rout and disorder, at 10 was formed in tolerable order, faced to the front, and was soon impetuously charging the enemy. The Second Division, 19th Corps received and repulsed a heavy charge by the enemy, after which it rested an hour in the woods, exposed a part of the time with fourth Corps to a heavy shelling.

About 1 p. m. Gen. SHERIDAN ordered the army to march forward and charge the enemy. The Nineteenth, at 2 p. m. swung round its right toward the pike, connecting with the Ninth and Eighth Corps. The Nineteenth advanced, gaining the enemy's line almost before they were aware of it; took the position and drove them, capturing prisoners. Col. LOVE, of the 116th New-York, gallantly captured a battle flag. Our men lay down near the captured line to rest and avoid the enemy's shells for a few minutes, then rose and again charged, driving and routing the enemy. The cavalry of DEVEN and CUSTER behaved with great gallantry, repeatedly charging the enemy's line. Gen. SHERIDAN personally led forward with Gen. CROOK the now reorganized command, charging the enemy down the east side of the pike. The batteries, constantly moving up, drove the Rebels out of the town, and at 4 o'clock they were in full retreat.

At sunset it became a *rout* of the most fearful description. The army swung into their works again with cheers; our guns were put in their old positions, opening upon the retreating Rebels with terrible effect. The cavalry continued the pursuit, overtaking them at the crossing of the creek, where a gun was recaptured. From this point to and beyond Strasburg the road was strewn with broken and capsized wagons, deserted guns, and dead horses, all in the most inconceivable disorder. Horses were cut from wagons and caissons, and the whole mass converted into a perfect jam in the roads and fields. *We retook over thirty guns*, most of them in good order; over sixty wagons, about five hundred tents, and a large quantity of army material of every kind. Maj.-Gen. RAMSEUR, badly wounded, was captured, with a large number of prisoners.

It was the most thorough defeat of EARLY which he has yet received from the hands of SHERIDAN. The fortunes of the day were more than retrieved. A thousand prisoners are here to be sent to the rear at once. The killed and wounded and prisoners lost will probably amount to two thousand. The Lutheran and Methodist churches at Newtown were used for hospitals, and field hospitals have also been established for each command. Our losses are severe. Col. THOBURN, one of the bravest and best officers this army can boast, commanding the 1st Division of the Army of West Virginia, died of his wound last night. Captain BISS, A. A. G. on Gen. CROOK's staff, is killed.

Forty-one pieces of captured artillery I have counted, and eight more have been captured at Woodstock. TORBERT's cavalry are in full pursuit of the enemy. We occupy Fisher's Hill, and the enemy have undoubtedly gone up the valley in a general rout.

I have a full list of casualties reported up to this morning to send by next express. E. S.

CASUALTIES IN 2D INF. DIV. ARMY OF WEST VIRGINIA.

Annes Rifle, B, 36 O., hip. Thos. Flynn, A, 23 O., leg.
Abram Main, F, 36 O., foot. A. J. Hekn, I 23 O., conc. from
Dan. Harold, B, 6 P. V., leg. shell.
John Cunningham, A, 36 O., fore-O. W. Brokaw, I, 23 O., hip.
arm. J. Hunter, I, 23 O., leg.
Isaac Jacks, H, 9 P. V., hand. Wm. Armstrong, I, 23 O., hand.
Jacob Smith, C, 23 O., forearm. J. Mahan, (Ind.) I, 23 O., mus.
Corp. James Hogg, C, 23 O., l. L. H. Underwood, E, 34 Pa., leg.
abdomen.
Corp. F. Cameron, D, 23 O., leg. Thos. Spencer, C, 34 Pa., leg.
Lether Martindale, D, 23 O., hand. John M. Smith, F, 34 Pa., sh d.
R. R. Snoke, leader, thigh. Moses Ritchie, F, 34 Pa., leg.
F. Scott, B, 36 Pa., fore thigh. J. M. Scott (reb.), 20 Va., dead.
F. Whitehouse, B, 34 Pa., ankle. M. Carlisle, A, 34 O., leg, ell.
Wm. Wilson, G, 34 Pa., leg. J. F. White, 5 O. Cav., thigh.
Ezra Stat, K, 34 Pa., R. hand. O. M. Walker, 6, 36 O., knee.
Jos. Hotchinson, B, 34 Pa., l. Samuel Grew, C, 23 O., R. leg.
Ben. Pasle, B, 13 Pa., left thigh. C. McGonnagle, C, 36 O., thigh.
John M. Cobb, I, 13 Pa., arm. G. Cray, F, 36 O., right hip.
Wm. Holcomb, E, 5 Va., foot. L. Ankney, B, 36 O., thigh fr.
J. S. Hamilton, A, 5 Va., thigh. G. H. Christian, K, 36 O., thigh.

FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION, ARMY OF WEST VIRGINIA.

Henry T. Purdy, I, 6 NY H.A. M. B. Sutton, B, 6 NY. H.A., sh.
Leonard Cline, A, 116 O., hip. M. D. Patterson, E, 36 O., ha.
David Hacker, A, 116 O., leg. F. Whilley, A, 34 Mass., knee.
Sandy Koehler, A, 116 O., ha. F. Caldwell, B, 116 O., back.
F. L. Kupfer, F, 116 O., knee. M. P. H. Oberlin, F, 123 O., el.
Sam. Stone, A, 123 O., head. J. J. Colby, A, 34 Mass., foot.
C. W. Gaylor, C, 5 NY H.A., arm. J. J. Feather, C, 34 Mass., thigh.
Wm. Marsell, A, 116 O., shldr. J. E. Norris, A, 121 N.Y., knee.
Stephen Monks, B, 34 Mass., lg.

HEROES OF THE WAR.

The following list of soldiers honorably mentioned by Gen. BUTLER, forms part of the general order of congratulation, the previous portion of which we published yesterday:

18TH CORPS, 1ST DIVISION.

In the 1st Brigade, Lieut.-Col HAULSTON commanding reports that his whole command behaved in so creditable a manner that he has no individual instances of gallant conduct to report.

SECOND BRIGADE.

Asst.-Surgeon J. G. PORTRUM, 118th N. Y. Vols., deserves the highest credit for his bravery and attention to duties, being the only Surgeon in the Brigade, advancing with his regiment in the charging column.

Lieut.-Colonel Geo. F. NICHOLS, 118th N. Y. Vols., deserves honorable mention for the gallant manner, with a small number of men, with which he captured two redoubts on the right of Fort Harrison while the main assault was being made, and also for his cool conduct of the skirmish line in the general assault.

Lieut. CAMPBELL, 118th N. Y., Aid to Brig.-Gen. BURNHAM, carried an order to the assaulting column, when near the brow of the fort, under a heavy fire—a most gallant act.

Lieut. N. J. GIBBS and H. J. ADAMS, of the same regiment, the first men in the redoubts, are commended for their presence of mind in turning the enemy's guns to bear upon them. They are respectfully recommended by His Excellency, the Governor of New-York, for promotion.

Corporal MICHAEL FINNIGAN, 118th N. Y., is reported for his cool and humorous courage in capturing a Rebel, forcing him to stand on the parapet, face the enemy and give three hearty cheers for the Union.

Private FRANK JANDREW, 118th N. Y., was especially conspicuous, capturing 20 prisoners after the enemy's assault of the 30th. He is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal for gallant conduct.

Colonel MICHAEL DOHANEY, 169th N. H. Vols., has won for the gallant manner in which he advanced his skirmish line from Aiken's Landing, having his horse shot under him and afterwards severely wounded.

Private JAMES BRADBURY, 169th N. H. Vols., is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal for gallantry in capturing a Rebel stand of colors.

WILLIAM S. SIMMONS and JACOB BISHOP, Color Sergeants of the 8th Conn. Vols., are commended for planting their colors on the parapet of the fort among the earliest. Sergts. Bishop and Simmons are promoted to 2d Lieuts. in the U. S. colored troops, with the approval of the President.

Corporal NATHAN HICKOCK, 8th Conn. Vols., honorable mention for his gallantry in capturing a Rebel battle flag, and is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal. His Colonel will see that he has his warrant as a Sergeant.

Chaplain NATHAN WARDNER, of the 96th N. Y. Vols., is specially commended for charging with his regiment in the advancing column, ready to administer the last sacraments to the dying.

Sergeant QUESTER ARCHER, of the 96th New-York, honorable mention for his gallantry in planting the colors of his regiment on Battery Harrison. There is a generous rivalry between the color-bearers of the 8th Conn. and the 96th New-York, as to which were the first to planting their colors—so nearly equal were they that it is difficult to say which were in advance. May that rivalry always continue.

Captain ENOCH W. GOSS, of the 17th N. H. Vols., is commended for leading the skirmish line and the capture of prisoners and battle-flags, after the enemy's charge of the 30th, in which 18 commissioned officers and 200 men were captured.

Acting-Adjutant WILLIAM P. LOVE, 21st Conn. Vols., is recommended to His Excellency the Governor of Connecticut for promotion for gallantry planting his colors among the first on the Rebel fortifications.

Corporal P. CLARENCE BUCK, Co. A, 1st Connecticut Sharpshooter Battalion, is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal for courage. Although wounded in the arm, he refused to leave the field until the engagement closed. In addition, he will have his warrant as Sergeant.

THIRD BRIGADE.

Captain COOL CLAY, 23th Pennsylvania Vols., has honorable mention. His color-bearer being shot, he planted his colors on the fortifications of Battery Harrison, and was severely wounded in the act. He is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania for promotion.

Sergeant PATTERSON T. CAMPBELL, Co. F, 37th Pennsylvania, is noticed as capturing the first prisoner in the fort—a Rebel Captain. He is promoted to a Lieutenancy in colored troops.

Sergeant NATHANIEL MCKOWN, Co. B, 58th Pennsylvania, advanced in front of our lines, after the repulse of the enemy, capturing a Rebel battle flag under severe picket fire. He is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal for gallantry. Sergeant McKown is promoted for good conduct to a Lieutenant in the 6th United States Colored troops.

Corporal SAMUEL CLARKE, Co. D, 188th Pennsylvania, is recommended for a medal for gallant services in bringing off the colors of the 9th New-York—its own color Sergeant being wounded.

Corporal CHARLES BLACHER, Co. E, 188th Pennsylvania, planted the first National colors on the fortifications in the charge of Sept. 29. He is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal of gallantry and will have the warrant of a Sergeant.

Corporal WILLIAM GROOT, Co. I, 188th Pennsylvania, first planted the colors of his state on the fortifications of the enemy. He is recommended for a medal for gallant conduct.

THEODORE KRAMER, Co. G, 188th Pennsylvania, took one of the first prisoners, a Captain, in the charge of the 29th, and is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

Sergeant WILLIAM E. GIBSON, Sergeant JOHN FLANNIGAN, Co. I, and Sergeant FRANK M. HAWLEY, Co. E, 188th Pennsylvania, were conspicuous for humane during in volunteering to bring off the wounded under a heavy fire, Sept. 29. There are none who will carry wounded to the rear; these Sergeants brought them from the front. Sergeants GIBSON, FLANNIGAN and HAWLEY are promoted for good conduct and soldierly bearing, to Lieutenancies in the United States colored troops.

Private JOSEPH SHEA, 92d New-York, is recommended for a medal for like gallant conduct in bringing the wounded from the field under fire of the enemy after the retirement of the line.

The 1st Division of the 18th Army Corps, and the 158th New-York, will be entitled to inscribe Battery Harrison on their colors. The Quartermaster will furnish a new stand of colors with inscription for each Regiment.

SECOND DIVISION.

Surgeon GEORGE DE LANDRE, 158th New-York, while under fire, worked faithfully day and night, dressing the wounds of those who required attention without reference to Corps. It is to be deplored that our regulations allow substantially no promotion to a Surgeon, but for a gallant man to do his duty in such a manner is sufficient reward.

Sergeant ARMAND D'ALLEOUME, Co. A, 158th New-York, for soldierly coolness in turning the captured guns upon the enemy, is promoted to Captain of U. S. colored troops.

SAMUEL GRAHAM, color Sergeant 158th New-York, is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal for conspicuous gallantry and bravery in the assault upon the 2d line of works, and is promoted as first Lieutenant in the U. S. colored troops.

Sergeant WILLIAM LANG, Co. F, 158th New-York, conspicuous for being among the first to scale the parapet, is recommended for a medal. Has since died of wounds. His medal will be sent to his family.

1st Sergeant THOMAS MEAGHER, Co. G, 158th New-York, who led a section of his men on the enemy's works, receiving a wound while scaling the parapet, is recommended for a medal for his gallantry.

Privates SHILLER and GRABE, Co. E, 158th New-York, are recommended for advancing to the ditch of the enemy's works although obliged to fall back, being unsupported. SHILLER and GRABE are recommended for medals for gallant conduct.

Corporal MURPHY, Co. K, 158th New-York, distinguished himself by capturing a Rebel battle flag, for which service he received a 20-days furlough and $25 from the commanding General.

Corporal VAN WINKLE, privates HENRY WELLS and GEORGE BUCHANAN, 158th New-York, are recommended to severally receive medals from the Secretary of War, for distinguished gallantry in taking positions in advance of the skirmish line within short distance of the enemy's gunners, driving the cannoneers from their guns. Private BUCHANAN has since died of his wounds. The medal will be sent to his family. VAN WINKLE and WELLS will receive warrants as Sergeants.

AUGUSTUS FLANNAGAN, Sergeant Co. A, 55th Pennsylvania, color bearer, conspicuous for bravery in charging on the enemy's works on the 29th of September, rushing forward with his colors, waving them and calling upon his men to follow, until he fell severely wounded. He is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

Sergeant HEZEKIAH HAMMERS, Co. K, 55th Pennsylvania, with great fearlessness, rushed forward, seized the colors from the wounded color-bearer, and brought them off the field, and is recommended for promotion another grade for his gallantry (being already a Lieutenant) to his Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania. Would that his whole regiment had emulated his example.

1st Lieutenant PETER S. MICHIE of the United States Engineer Corps, acting Chief Engineer of the Army of the James, has most honorable mention for the zeal and energy of his services, unremitting and unwearied, as well with the pontoon train as in the fortifications of the line. He is earnestly recommended to the President of the United States for brevets of Captain and Major.

Captain J. W. LYON, 4th Rhode Island, in command of the pontoon trains of the Army of the James, receives commendation for his energy, ability and promptness in the construction of the Pontoon bridges by which the army crossed the river.

Captain JOHN L. SMEE, 1st New-York Engineers, has honorable mention for energy in prosecuting the work which enabled our forces to hold Fort Harrison. He has already lost an arm in the service, and is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of New-York for promotion.

Captain Hiram Fearnad, 1st New-York Engineers, for his energy and efficiency in constructing the line of entrenchments on the line of the 18th Army Corps—receiving a very severe wound in the discharge of his duty. He is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of New York for promotion.

The services of the officers and men of the Engineer Corps, although not as conspicuous as those of some other troops, are quite as arduous, requiring constancy, courage and zeal, and are fully appreciated.

THIRD DIVISION.

Brigadier-General CHARLES J. PAINE has received the thanks of Major-General DIRNEY for the conduct of his Division while temporily acting with the 10th Corps in the action of the 29th of September, near New-Market.

Col. S. A. DUNCAN, 4th U. S. colored troops, commanding Third Brigade, in addition to other gallant services in the field heretofore, fell wounded near the enemy's works. He is recommended to the President for a brevet rank as Brigadier General.

Colonel A. G. DRAPER, 39th U. S. colored troops, commanding 2d Brigade, carried this brigade in column of assault, with fixed bayonets, over the enemy's works through a double line of abattis, after severe resistance. For incessant attention to duty, and gallantry in action, Colonel DRAPER is also recommended to brevet rank as Brigadier General.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. SHIRLEY, 5th U. S. colored troops, gallantly led his regiment in the assault of the 29th, although at the commencement of the charge he was shot through the wrist, and again wounded until he received a third and probably mortal wound, close to the enemy's works. He has nobly earned his promotion and his commission as Colonel of his regiment, to date from the 29th of September. Subject to the approval of the President.

1st-Lieutenant EDWIN C. GASKILL, 36th U. S. colored troops, for distinguished gallantry in leading his men when shot through the arm, within twenty yards of the enemy's works. He is promoted to a Captain.

First-Lieut. RICHARD P. ANDREWS, 36th U. S. colored troops, has honorable mention. Having been two months sick and relieved from duty, he volunteered and charged with his command through the swamp, where he received a wound. He is promoted to the rank of Captain.

First-Lieut. JAMES B. RACKUP, 36th U. S. colored troops, excused from duty for lameness from which he could walk but a short distance, volunteered and charged with his command through the swamp, and received a wound through the breast. He is promoted to a Captain.

Private JAMES GARDNER, Co. I, 36th U. S. colored troops, rushed in advance of his brigade, shot at a Rebel officer who was on the parapet cheering his men, and then ran him through with his bayonet. He will have a Sergeant's warrant and a medal for gallant daring.

Capt. PHILIP WEINMAN, 6th U. S. colored troops, commanding division of sharpshooters and in charge of the skirmish line, is promoted to Major for excellent conduct in managing his line of assault on the 29th of September.

MILTON M. HOLLAND, Sergt.-Maj. 5th U. S. C. T., commanding Co. C; JAMES BRANSON, 1st-Sergt., commanding Co. I, wounded; POWHAN S. BEATTY, 1st-Sergt., commanding Co. G, 5th U. S. C. T.—all these gallant colored soldiers were left in command, all their company officers being killed or wounded, and led them gallantly and meritoriously through the day. For these services they have most honorable mention, and the Commanding General will cause a special medal to be struck in honor of these gallant colored soldiers.

Capt. PETER SCHLICE, 38th U. S. C. T., was the first of his regiment to enter the Rebel works in the assault of the 29th, and is promoted to Major.

Lieutenant BANCROFT, 38th U. S. C. T., has honorable mention for daring and endurance. Being shot through the hip at the swamp, he crawled forward on his hands and knees, waving his sword, and cheering his men to follow.

Sergeant-Major MARTIN WALSZ, 38th U. S. C. T., for courage, gallantry, and good conduct in the attack on Newmarket, is promoted to a Lieutenant.

1st Sergeant EDWARD RANKLIN, Co. C, 38th U. S. C. T., thrown into command of his company by the death of the officer commanding, was the first enlisted man in the enemy's works, leading his company with great gallantry—for which he has a medal.

Private WILLIAM BAINES, Co. C, 38th U. S. C. T., among the very first to enter the Rebel works, although himself previously wounded, has a medal for his gallantry.

Sergeant HARRIS, Co. B, 38th U. S. C. T., has a medal for gallant conduct in the assault of the 29th instant.

First-Lieut. J. MURRAY HOAG, 4th U. S. C. T., although on the sick-list, and suffering from the effects of fever, insisted on leading his company until he fell, wounded in two places, at the enemy's inner line of abattis. He is promoted to captain.

ALFRED B. HILTON, Color-Sergt. 4th U. S. C. T., the bearer of the national colors, when the Color-Sergeant with the regimental standard fell beside him, seized the standard and struggled forward with both colors, until disabled by a severe wound at the enemy's inner line of abattis, and when on the ground he showed that his thoughts were for the colors and not for himself. He has a special medal for gallantry, and will have his warrant as first-sergeant.

CHRISTIAN FLEETWOOD, Sergt.-Maj. 4th U. S. C. T., when two color-bearers had been shot down, seized the national colors and bore them nobly through the fight. He has a special medal for gallant conduct.

CHARLES VEAL, color-bearer, Co. D, 4th U. S. C. T., after two bearers of the regimental color had been shot down, seized it close to the enemy's works and bore it through the remainder of the action. He has a medal for gallantry, and will have the warrant of color-sergeant.

Lieut. N. H. EDGERTON, Adjutant 5th U. S. C. T., when the color-bearer was shot down, seized the colors, and carried them forward, even after his own hand was pierced by a bullet which severed the flagstaff. He is promoted to the rank of captain.

Corporal MILES JAMES, 36th U. S. C. T., after having his arm so badly mutilated that immediate amputation was necessary, loaded and discharged his piece with one hand, and urged his men forward—this within thirty yards of the enemy's works. He has a medal and a sergeant's warrant.

First Sergeant WILLIAM DAVIS, Co. E, 6th U.S.C.T., has honorable mention and a medal for gallantry.

Sergeant SAMUEL GILCHRIST, Co. K, 36th U. S. C. T., showed great bravery and gallantry in commanding his company after his officers were killed. He has a medal for gallantry.

ALEXANDER KELLEY, First Sergeant Co. F, 6th U. S. C. T., gallantly seized the colors, which had fallen near the enemy's inner line of abbatis, raised them, and rallied the men, at a time of confusion, and a place of the greatest possible danger. He has a medal for his gallantry.

Sergeant ELLSBRY, First Sergeant Co G, 6th U. S. C. T., has a medal for bravery and remarkable coolness during the engagement of Sept. 29, 1864.

Major J. B. COOK, 22d U. S. C. T., commanding his regiment as a skirmishing line, behaved most gallantly himself and managed his men with marked ability in the assault on the enemy's lines near Newmarket. In the attempt of the enemy to take Fort Harrison he unfortunately fell wounded through his utter neglect of personal safety. He is promoted to lieutenant-colonel.

Captain ROBERT DOLLARD, 2d U. S. Colored Cavalry, acting as field-officer and in charge of the skirmishing line in the assault on Newmarket, September 29th inspired his command by his great personal bravery, coolness and ability, until he fell severely wounded near the enemy's main line. He is promoted to Major.

First Lieutenant HENRY PETERSON, 2d U. S. Colored Cavalry, is promoted to a captaincy for gallantry and ability in conducting his company at Newmarket on the 29th of September, and for meritorious conduct in field and camp.

Sergeant GEORGE HONESTY, Co. I, 2d Colored Cavalry; First Sergeant ISAAC HARRIS, Co. F; Sergeant GILBERT HARRIS, Co. F; Sergeant REUBEN PARKER, Co. F; First Sergeant RANDOLPH DRIVER, Co. I, have honorable mention for conspicuous bravery on the skirmishing line in the assault on the enemy's works September 29. Each has a medal.

The regiments of this division having behaved with great gallantry in several actions, earning thereby the right to official notice, it is ordered that there be inscribed upon the colors of the 1st and 10th U. S. C. T. the name "Wilson's Wharf."

Corp. WM. WILLIAMS, Co. K, 6th U. S. C. T., name as Sergt. Ellsbury, above, that being the place where they defeated the Cavalry of Fitzhugh Lee.

That the 2d U. S. Colored Cavalry have inscribed the word "Suffolk" on their colors, for their conduct in the battle of March 9th near that place;

That the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th and 22d U. S. C. T. have the word "Petersburg" inscribed on their banners, for their gallantry in capturing the line of works and the enemy's guns on the 12th of June, 1864, at that place;

That the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 22d, 36th, 37th, 38th, U. S. C. Troops, and the 2d U. S. C. Cavalry have the words "Newmarket Heights" inscribed upon their colors, for their gallantry in carrying the enemy's works at that point on the 29th of September.

The Quartermaster is directed to furnish a new stand of colors to each of these regiments, with the inscription ordered.

TENTH ARMY CORPS.

FIRST BRIGADE, FIRST DIVISION.

1st Sergeant WILLIAM HEINGES, Co. "I," 62d Ohio, is commended for cool and courageous conduct while in command of his company on the reconnoissance toward Richmond, September 29. He is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of Ohio for promotion.

First Sergeant K. MURRAY, Co. G, 62d Ohio is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of Ohio for promotion for good conduct, having long been in command of his company.

SECOND BRIGADE, FIRST DIVISION.

Colonel JOSEPH C. ABBOTT, 7th N. H., commanding 2d Brigade, 1st Division, is recommended for brevet for his gallant and soldiery conduct since the campaign commenced, and for the skillful and able manner in which his brigade was led to the Rebel works within two miles of Richmond on the 1st inst.

1st Sergeant WILLIAM H. HAYNES, Co. "G," 7th Connecticut, is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of Connecticut for promotion for marked ability and attention to his duties as acting Lieutenant.

First Sergeant BENJAMIN A. HILL, Co. A, 7th Connecticut, is honorably mentioned for gallantry on the skirmish line on the 29th of September, in the reconnoissance on Richmond. He is appointed a 2d Lieutenant in the U. S. colored troops.

Sergeant LEWIS A. COOK, 7th Connecticut, for gallantry on skirmish line and zeal in performance of duty, is recommended for a medal.

First Lieutenant JONATHAN H. EDGERLY, 3d New Hampshire, for gallantry in conducting the skirmish line on the 29th of September, as well as on the reconnoissance toward Richmond, is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of New-Hampshire for promotion.

Sergeant-Major GEORGE A. GESNER, Co. K, 6th Connecticut, is recommended for promotion to his Excellency the Governor of Connecticut, for attention to his duties, and is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

1st Lieutenant FERDINAND DAVIS, 7th New-Hampshire, and Acting Aid on Brigadier-General HAWLEY's staff, is recommended for gallantry.

Sergeant WILLIAM ILTES, Co. C, 7th New-Hampshire, in command of pioneers, has special mention for gallantry, and is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

Sergeant HENRY W. F. LITTLE, Co. D, 7th New-Hampshire, for gallantry on the skirmish line on the reconnoissance toward Richmond, is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal. He is appointed 1st lieutenant in U. S. colored troops.

Sergeant FRANK KOBEY, Co. D, 7th New-Hampshire, for gallantry on skirmish line, is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

Sergeant JOHN A. COBURN, Co. H, 7th New-Hampshire, was in command of his company in the reconnoissance toward Richmond, and is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of New-Hampshire for promotion.

Sergeant GEORGE P. DOW, Co. C, 7th New-Hampshire, was in command of his company in the reconnoissance toward Richmond and behaved with gallantry. He is recommended to the Secretary of war for a medal.

THIRD BRIGADE, FIRST DIVISION.

Col. F. A. OSBORN, 24th Massachusetts, for gallant and meritorious services through the campaign, has been recommended by the Commanding General for promotion.

FIRST BRIGADE, SECOND DIVISION.

Corporal EBENEZER SKELLIE, Co. D, 112th New-York, took the colors of his regiment when the Color-Sergeant fell, and carried them through the first charge. At the second charge, after all the color guard were killed or wounded, he carried the colors to the enemy's works, where he fell wounded. He has a medal, and is recommended to the President, because of his wounds, to promotion in the Veteran Reserve Corps.

SECOND BRIGADE, SECOND DIVISION.

Colonel N. M. CURTIS, commanding 3d Brigade, for his zealous and untiring efforts to make his brigade efficient, and for the manner in which he led it in action, is commended by his Corps commander, and recommended to the President for promotion by brevet.

First Lieutenants JOHN FITZGIBBON, Co. B, and JAMES COX, Co. C, 47th New-York, have honorable mention for gallantry, in both assaults on the enemy's works, and are recommended to His Excellency the Governor of New-York for promotion.

Corporal WILLIAM NOONAN, Co. F, 47th New-York, when the color-bearer was shot, seized the colors and bore them through the fight; for which act of courage and daring, and meritorious conduct, is appointed 2d Lieutenant in colored troops.

First Sergeant JOHN CURRY, Co. E, 47th New-York, is promoted to 1st Lieutenant in U. S. colored troops, for gallant behavior in the assault, and rallying his men.

1st Sergeant GEORGE W. BORSKEL, Co. F, 47th New-York, for gallantry and coolness in assault, is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of New-York for promotion.

1st Sergeant ANDREW HAMILTON, Co. H, 47th New-York, for gallantry and coolness in the assault, is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of New-York for promotion.

Sergeant RICHARD GOSSIN, Co. K, 47th New-York, fell dead while planting the colors of his regiment on the enemy's works. He is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal to be sent his family.

1st Lieutenant J. WAINSRIGHT, commanding 97th Pennsylvania, has honorable mention for the gallant manner in which he conducted the regiment during the engagement.

2d Lieutenant WILLIAM H. EVES, Co. G, 97th Pennsylvania, behaved with especial gallantry in both assaults, and is recommended for promotion in his regiment to his Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Sergeant WILLIAM H. MARTIN, Co. A, 97th Pennsylvania, commanded his company in both assaults, and led his men with bravery and admirable order on the assault, September 29, for which he has most honorable mention and is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania for promotion to 1st lieutenant.

Corporal DAVID E. HARRY, Co. B, 97th Pennsylvania, is mentioned for special gallantry in both assaults of the 29th of September. He is appointed 2d lieutenant U. S. colored troops.

Private WILLIAM MCCARTY, Co. D, 97th Pennsylvania, is honorably mentioned for special gallantry, bearing his colors in advance of his regiment in the absence of the color sergeant, is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

First Lieutenant A. LUPENCOTT, 47th New-York, has special mention for gallant conduct in both assaults, and is recommended for promotion in his regiment, to His Excellency the Governor of New-York.

Color-Sergeant TOM DAWSON, 48th New-York, for coolness and courage, is recommended for promotion to His Excellency the Governor of New-York.

Captain J. MCDONALD, Co. E, 47th New-York, is recommended to His Excellency the Governor of New-York for promotion, for the manner in which he conducted his regiment after taking command, the Colonel being wounded.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. MCDONALD, 47th New-York, is commended for coolness and bravery in leading his command on the enemy's works, and is recommended for promotion to His Excellency the Governor of New-York.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. S. LITTELL, of the 76th Pennsylvania, is recommended to His Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania for promotion, for gallantry and judgment in leading his command.

THIRD BRIGADE, SECOND DIVISION.

Captain ROBERT J. GREY, 9th Maine, was especially conspicuous for gallantry, and received his death wound while gallantly leading his regiment to the charge on Battery Gilmer.

Captain BULLINGS BRASTON took command in the same charge after the death of Capt. GREY, and was killed while in like gallant discharge of his duty.

Captain E. C. BEAL then took command of the regiment, led them in within thirty yards of Battery Gilmer with great gallantry and courage.

Lieutenant GEORGE S. COLBATH, 9th Maine, is recommended to the Governor of Maine for promotion, for leading his command in the same charge, although suffering from an open wound received at Petersburg, and being again severely wounded.

Captain N. B. SMITH, 169th New-York, for distinguished gallantry while in command of his regiment during the assault of the 29th of September, is recommended to His Excellency the Governor of New-York for promotion.

Captain J. H. LAWRENCE, commanding 13th Indiana, being wounded in the first assault, still remained in command until ordered to the rear, is mentioned for gallantry and good conduct, and recommended to His Excellency the Governor of Indiana for promotion.

Lieutenant C. F. SMITH, 9th Maine, who, not having recovered from a wound received August 19th, 1864, yet remained with his company till ordered to the rear, for zeal and efficient courage has honorable mention, and is recommended to His Excellency the Governor of Maine for promotion.

Private JULIUS B. KOENIG, 115th New-York, orderly at brigade headquarters, who carried the brigade flag with extraordinary zealousness in the hottest parts of the action, is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal for his gallantry.

Lieutenant SOLOMON J. WATSON, 9th Maine, received his death wound from gallant daring in the endeavor to get the colors of his regiment from the field.

Color-Sergeant L. F. HOWE, 9th Maine, conspicuous for daring, is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

Corporal J. Z. PICHI, Co. D, 9th Maine, carried one of the flags for a long time after he was wounded—is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

Private THOMAS BELCHER, Co. I, 9th Maine, has honorable mention, and will be made color sergeant of his regiment. He took a guidon from the hands of Private Parks, who was mortally wounded, and carried it nearer Battery Gilmer than any other man—is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

Private B. E. PRIBLE, Co. D, 9th Maine, who carried the flag, the color-sergeant being wounded, is recommended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

3D DIVISION, 19TH ARMY CORPS.

First Lieutenant WALDO B. RYDER, 7th U. S. Colored Troops; First Lieutenant JOSEPH E. LOCKWOOD, 7th U. S. Colored Troops; First Lieutenant SUMNER H. WARREN, 7th U. S. Colored Troops, are promoted to be captains, for meritorious conduct during their connection with the regiment.

Second Lieutenant ALPHEUS K. LONG, 7th U. S. Colored Troops; Second Lieutenant CHARLES H. C. BROWN, 7th U. S. Colored Troops; Second Lieutenant RUSSELL HALL, 7th U. S. Colored Troops, are promoted to first lieutenants, for meritorious services