

THE REBEL DEFENCES OF COLUMBUS, KY.

Interesting Statement of a Rebel Officer.

COLUMBUS CONSIDERED IMPREGNABLE.

Demoralization of the Southern Army.

BITTERNESS BETWEEN OFFICERS AND MEN.

LIFE IN THE SOUTHERN ARMY.

List of the Principal Officers and Regiments in Columbus.

Southern View of the Importance of the Position.

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The following interesting, and in many instances important, statement of Mr. Leonard Dentz, late a drill sergeant, of the rebel army at Columbus, Ky., will be read with great interest...

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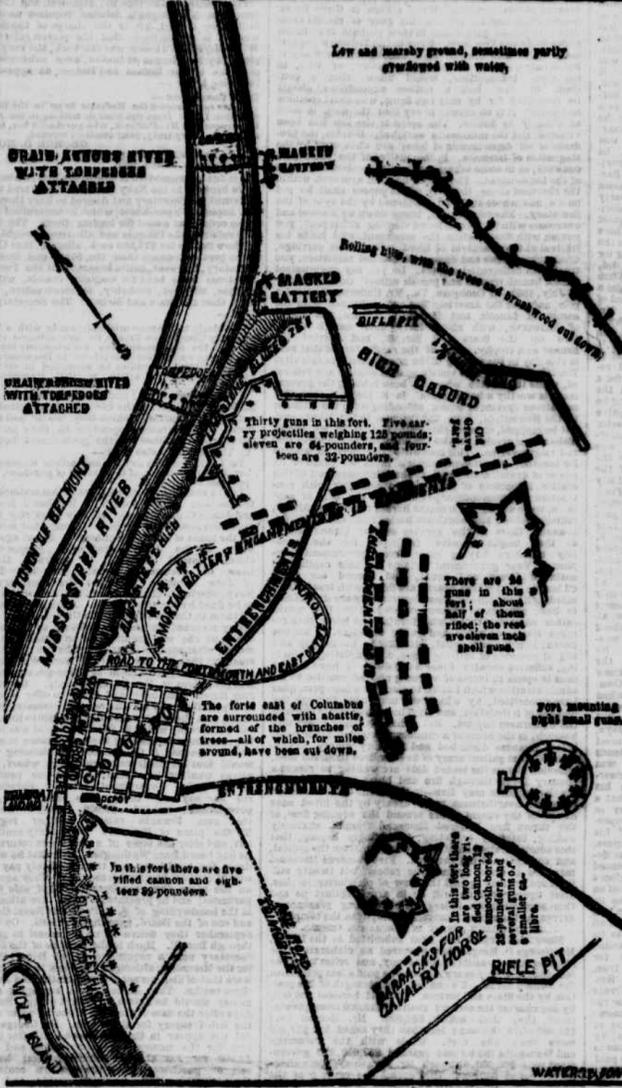
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THE KEY TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. The Fortifications at Columbus, Kentucky-- Strength of the Position.



Viewing the whole field in Kentucky, where the thickest of the conflict for the Union is impending, we see abundant reason for an inspiring confidence as to the success of the loyal troops.

THE SITUATION OF COLUMBUS IN A REBEL POINT OF VIEW.

The letter which we publish on this page, dated at Columbus, relating to the situation of that post, deserves more than a passing attention.

Our dependence at present for the safety of the city from the approach of a formidable expedition down the river, is upon Columbus.

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THE BURNSIDE EXPEDITION. Arrival of the Transport Eastern State from Hatteras Inlet.

Sailing of the Expedition for Roanoke Island.

The Position and Strength of the Rebels.

Preparations on Board the Fleet for Active Operations.

Fortress Monitor, Feb. 7, 1862. The steamer Eastern State arrived here this morning, having left Hatteras yesterday.

The weather was fine when the Eastern State left, and news of the arrival of the fleet at the island was expected.

The Richmond Dispatch says that the Burnside expedition, having at least, the effect of making us look well to our defenses in that quarter.

The names of the sick who died on the Surance are as follows: James F. Hasket, Company I, Twenty-third Massachusetts; Jesse Mack, Company I, Eleventh Connecticut; Wm. H. Potter, Company G, Eighth Connecticut; Samuel Gilbert, of New Sharon, Vt.; a seaman on board the Monitor Fish; Chauncey F. Cleveland, of Company K, Eleventh Connecticut. All but the last were buried at sea.

Charles W. Boyington, Company F, Twenty-fifth Massachusetts, died of typhus fever.

The Surance left last night for Philadelphia, to undergo repairs.

Our Expeditionary Correspondence. HATTERAS ISLAND, Feb. 1, 1862.

Capture of a Rebel Schooner--Deserters from the Rebel Army--Statement of the Refugees--How They Reached the United States Fleet, &c., &c.

Yesterday morning at daybreak a small schooner was discovered making for us, from the direction of the rebel coast.

The schooner was captured, and the crew were taken on board. The vessel was found to be a rebel schooner.

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RESCUE OF THE FIFTH RHODE ISLAND BATTALION. (From the Providence Journal.)

The following extract is taken from a private letter from a young officer on board the Admiral in the late disaster of Hatteras--

A week ago to-night one of the many vessels in endeavoring to escape from Hatteras, was ordered to the bar. Great efforts were made during the day to get on and take off the troops she had on board.

The attempt was unsuccessful, and the undertaking was relinquished for the night. One of the ferry boats returning, when passing our vessel, was ordered to take on board the Fifth Rhode Island Volunteers.

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