

THE DIARY OF COLONEL WILLIAM LAMB

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Monday Octo. 24, 1864

Information received which leads to the belief that Wilmington is to be attacked by the enemy. Commodore Porter to command the fleet which is said to include the Armored Ships, Ironsides & Dictator.

Genl. Braxton Bragg has assumed command of the defences of Wilmington & its approaches. Maj. Genl. Whiting will be second in command.

Only five blockaders off here during to-day.

Recd. one ten inch gun, carriage & ammunition from town.

Tuesday Octo 25th

Five blockaders off at sunrise. Daisy left for Wilmington in an Ambulance on way to Mr. J. C. Blocker's in Cumberland. She left Wilmington in "hurt" Important secret information received - "Our men expected to spike guns, cut telegraph wires & pilot enemy to city." Don't believe it. Not more than 5 blockaders off during the day. Sent goods from Night Hawk to town by Petteway.

Wednesday Octo 26th

Six blockaders off. Recd a copy of anonymous information sent to Genl Whiting.

Commenced to put up palisading in front of land face.

Settled up with James Burris to date; paid him \$300.

Settled with Jas. H. Bryan to date; paid him \$140.

Sold a bill of £330 on Nassau for \$36,666 1/2.

Bought 40 - \$500. non taxable 6 percent bonds, net cost @135 & interest to date, for \$27,393.33 cts, as a present for Daisy.

Sent Jno Fraser & Company \$8,419.50 cts to buy ten bales of cotton to ship on SS Coquette (from Charleston) for Naussau on joint account of S. B. Kahnweiler & myself. Other expenses: Express on money, \$12 plus \$7 = \$29.

Had meeting of commissioned officers tonight.

Thursday Octo: 27th 64

Four blockaders off.

Paid H. Lucke for services as Leader of the Band to Octo 6th, '64, the time of his leaving, \$253.20. This makes four months pay.

I have advanced for the _____

Wilson K. Lamb for expenses at Institute, \$2,000.

Maggie Lamb for expenses etc., \$2,000.

Battery commanding the rip is to be commanded by a Navy officer with a Naval garrison & is to be called Battery Buchanan.

Mounted an unbanded 32 Pdr today & an 8-in. Columbiad, both on sea face.

Maggie & Wilson left for town.

Enemy were practicing today.

Friday Octo: 28th 64

Four blockaders off; a very small number for dark nights. Met Maj. Gen. Whiting at Sugar Loaf & rode over the ridge & showed Capt. Hawks line of defense to be thrown up for Infantry. Gen. Whiting & Gen Hebert & Comm. Pinckney, with others, dined with me today.

Recd \$100. Wm. Sutton & Co: Richmond wrote to Daisy & sent her \$100. Mounted an 8 inch Columbiad on Sea face.

Lient Bradford of C. S. M., who is to command Battery Buchanan, was here today. He was executive officer on Iron-clad Tennessee recently captured at Mobile.

Recd. a kind letter from the 18 survivors of my old company "Woodis Rifles," from near Petersburg. Parker resumed his place as adjutant today.

Saturday Octo 29th, 64

Only three blockaders off in the morning, four at night. Received two 10 inch Columbiads from Wilmington with ammunition.

Sold L660 for McCraig to Henry Howard for \$2,950 in gold. Wilson returned from Wilmington, the boat having failed to go up to Fayetteville.

C. S. Steamer Chicamauga, Lient Wilkinson, Com., went out at Main bar last night. Dr. Mitchell, Assist. Surgeon, left today for Fort St. Philip, & Dr. Coit returned to his old position as Assist. Surgeon of the Post.

Sunday October 30th

Four blockaders off. Suspended work today. Did not attend service. Recd an order relieving Capt. Chas. H. Blocker as A. C. S. & assigning Capt. B. F. Smith to those duties, as well as those of A. Q. M. Five blockaders reported off at night.

Monday Octo. 31st

Steamer Beatrice Randle came in just after midnight quietly from Nassau, Sylvester Burrows, Jr. Pilot. She brot me 20. 120 Pd Whitworth shell, & a letter from Lafitte. Beatrice had no signal officer. Steamer Little Hattie Libby came in just after Beatrice from Bermuda.

Mustered Companies A. C. D. E. F. G. H. & I. of 36th N. C. Rjt. today. Rec'd carriages &c. for two 10 inch guns. From 5 to 6 blockaders off today.

Tuesday Nov. 1st

Steamer Anne Rounoss(?) for Nassau went out early last night having crossed the rip in the morning. She was heavily fired upon by enemy close to the bar. Fired three shot to confuse enemy. The quaranteen regulations cease from today.

Tuesday November 1st

Rode to Wilmington today on grey horse; left at 9 arrived 11:45 - quickest trip I ever made by land. Sent sundries to Daisy & father. P. O. Freight \$10. Bought 10 yds flannel, \$10 (in specie). Sundries for Maggie, \$20.00.

Heard in Wilmington that Annie was captured last night & was seen off Fort Fisher today. Marshall Beach & Co say they sent out 5 bales in Helen for Whitworth junr.

Capt. Randle gave me some tea for Daisy & some toys for children. Gen. Whiting sent for me, he wishes an advanced work built at Battery Gatlin, to prevent enemies advancing down the banks. Told him I was unwilling to stay under Brig. Gen. Hebert, & that as soon as alarm was over I should try to get away. He said he would not encourage it.

Bought 8 per cent bond (\$1,000) short date for Kahnweiler at \$1050.

Bought 8 per cent bond (\$500) for self, long date \$625. Returned from Wilmington in Steamer Wells, did not reach fort till 11. p.m. Rob returned with me. 6 blockaders off today.

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, '64

6 blockaders off. Steamer Lucy Beaton, went out quietly last night for _____.

A heavy storm of wind & rain commenced about 9 AM & has increased in violence towards night. Beatrice, Randle came down to go out but pilot was afraid to go on the rip to set lights.

Wrote to Mr. Holcombe about Mr. Greenhow's baggage.

Thursday, Nov. 3d. 64

Gen. Whiting telegraphed that he would meet me at Sugar Loaf. Sent horses but they did not reach there in time. Storm continued &, as the wires were down & he could not tell me whether he was coming, I did not go, being rather unwell to be unnecessarily exposed to the weather.

Gen. Whiting & Maj. Hill called at cottage & took lunch with me. He gave me a rough plan for an advanced work on the site of Battery Gatlin. When the storm passed over - saw seven blockaders & captured blockade runner. I am sure it is the Lucy that went out here quietly Tuesday night.

Steamer Beatrice, Capt. Randle, went out tonight about 8 oclk. She was fired at a few times.

Friday, Nov^rbr 4th, 64

Seven blockaders & the Steamer prize. Elizah Piver paid me \$225 in gold for negro girl Louisa. Returned by Capt. Lamb, money loaned \$2,650. Rode to Sugar Loaf & saw Capt. Hawks about advanced work at Old Camp Wyatt.

Sent some oranges to hospital.

Steamer Littel Hattie, Capt. Libby, Rob: Grisson pilot, went out quietly to Nassau. Received a letter from Mr. Wilson, Warrenton, in which he consents to take Maggie in his Seminary. Wind S.W.

Saturday November 5th 64

Steamer Blenheim, Eustis Brinkman pilot, came in from Nassau. Received some nice presents from the Captain. The vessel is drawing nearly 10 ft water & cannot cross the rip at present. Naval garrison under command of Lieut Bradford, C. S. Navy, came down to day & took charge of Battery Buchanan.

Steamer Agnes Fry came in at Caswell from Bermuda. Wrote to Wm Colley about the brandy retained by me for Hospital. Sent Colley & Co. remainder of foods except brandy.

Sunday November 6th 64

Steamer Armstrong came in at Fort Caswell; no movements at this Inlet. Blockades off. Gen Hebert visited me, & we took a ride over the lines around Sugar Loaf & the proposed site of advanced work at Battery Gatlin. He agrees with me that a large work cannot be put up on the beach. Heide returned from Fayetteville; he brought me a bbl of apples & a venison ham.

Sent some oranges to the Hospital.

Steamer Blenheim crossed the rip to-day & went to town. Wrote to the Woodis Rifles. Wrote to Gen. Cooper asking appointment of Sergt Jno. S. Willis as Junior 1st Lieut, & Sergt Isaac J. Cain as 2d Lieut, Co. I, 36th N. C. Rgt, Capt Melvin.

Monday Nov: 7th 64

Five blockaders off. Wind East S. East. Called on Lieut Bradford Comp. Bat. Buchanan. He wants more quarters & does not think his battery could be fought at present. It is stronger & more heavily armed than F. Fisher was when I took command.

Wilson, hearing the Institute would not open at present returned \$2,000. Banshee & Talisman come in at Main bar last night. Gen Whiting with Capt Strong came to Sugar Loaf. I met them, we rode to Battery Gatlin. Gen agreed with me not to put the advanced work there, but to have a small fort on mainland. He is to have a covered road will also run parallel to beach to redout hill. A road will be cut connecting the advanced work with Sugar Loaf. Came up to town with Gen'l ? Wilson left to carry Maggie to school. Arrived Wilmington 10 PM sharp with Strong.

Wilmington Tuesday Nov 8th

Gov. Vance expected to visit Ft. Fisher to-day. A rain prevents. Sent a box with oranges & wine to Maj Rowland, very old adjutant. Sent wire Dr. Dudley 1st Dr. Wender Hospital Richmond. Freight \$28. Sent Mollie a box of oranges with a bottle of brandy for Mr. Palmer, Principal of D & D Inst. Freight to Raleigh \$11. Bought \$20 worth postage stamps. Paid James Dawson for 32 \$100 7.30 notes \$2,250. Note 70 for \$100, except one for which \$80 was paid. Sent father some brandy, wine, a bedstead, long green cushion & mattress by Steamer Hunt. Freight \$5.

Came down river on Steamer Equator with Lieut Chapman C. S. N. who is to relieve Lieut Bradford in command of Bat. Buchanan. Lieut Chapman

was on the Sumter & commanded the Georgia for awhile. Two carriages & chassis for XI Brook guns sent down to-day. Steamer Tallahassee (cruizer) came in last night at this Inlet. Lieut Chapman staid at my cottage last night.

Fort Fisher Wednesday Nov. 9

Gov. Vance, Gen'l Braxton Bragg & Gen Whiting visited Confederate Point to-day. I met them near Sugar Loaf & rode over the lines. Governor was very much pleased with my works. Went to forts Caswell, Campbell, & Fort Holmes with General & Governor to day. Do not think Campbell as strong as the General does. Consider Caswell in a bad fix. Fort Holmes is very strong.

Six blockaders were off this morning.

Thursday, Nov. 10th 64

Five blockaders off at sun rise. Fired at one that was in rather close, apparently without effect. Had thorough target practice to-day. Received a dispatch from Gen'l Hebert stating that Wilmington would be positively attacked. Ft. Fisher to be attacked from the rear. At about 12 oclk I rec'd following from Gen Hebert, "Fleet off western bar, don't know yet what it means."

Col. Jackson with his entire force has been ordered to Sugar Loaf. Col. Tansill to Masonboro.

Paid \$17 in gold to Mrs. Pugh for a second hand side saddle - gold; is worth 28 for one.

1st Serj Cain of Co. I 36th N. C. Rgt was elected 2d Lieut of that company to-day.

Paid Cap't C. H. Blocker \$175 for Commissary bill & rec'd his receipt for payment in full up to the time he left office.

Rec'd a despatch from Mr. C. H. Blocker saying that Daisy had left for home; it also said Dick was sick. Wrote to Col. Jackson.

Friday Nov 11th

Six blockades off - Sent dear parents one barrel of mullets, one bbl of sundries, basket with tea kettle, basin & pitcher &c. Rob carried them to town leaving at 3 AM & met Daisy & children. Gen Hebert visited Ft. Fisher to-day. Dismounted 42 Pds rifle in pulpit.

Dear Wife & children with Violet arrived to-day. Little Dick is quite ill. Col Jackson relieves me of the command of Confederate Point above Camp Wyatt. including Batteries Anderson & Gatlin. Loaned James Burns pilot \$100 - 11 inch gun arrived. 9 blockaders off at 2 PM

Saturday Nov. 12th 64

Six blockaders off. Westerly wind. Laid off palisades from N. E. Salient to the sea. Gen Whiting & Capt Strong came down landing at Camp Wyatt & rode to Battery Anderson & made a thorough reconnaissance of country between there. Laid out a redoubt on Howard's hill. Named the hill this side (South) of Camp Wyatt Hospital, Singleton's hill. Named swamp in rear of Battery Anderson, Anderson Swamp. Swamp in rear of Camp Wyatt, Iverson swamp. General went to Smithville.

Sunday Nov. 13th

Genls Whiting & Hebert came to Fisher about sunrise to lay off redoubt on Howard's hill. Took breakfast with me.

Blockaders off. Genl Hebert says his dispatch of 10th should have read "Firing in fleet &c" It might have been a serious mistake. Dear little Dick continues very sick.

Gen Whiting & Capt Strong rode to town to-day. Saw Capt Chapman, Battery Buchanan. He is ready to exchange the 11 inch guns for 10 inch, but it is now too late for the present.

Monday Nov: 14th 64

Four blockaders off. Remounted 10 in. next to pulpit. Messrs Power, Low & Co as agents of the Liverpool Trading Company have presented the garrison of Ft. Fisher with 15 bags of coffee, 5 bbls of sugar, 1 bbl of whiskey.

Fired at a blockader rather close in to night & think we struck her. A six pound Whitworth bolt got jammed in the gun but was extracted.

Tuesday Nov 15th 64

Five blockaders off. Light N. Western early came round later to Southard & Westward. Red's bbl of Whiskey from Power, Low & Co. Sent father bbl of oysters, freight \$5.

Daisy received a very beautiful album for photographs from Tom Taylor.

Gen. Hebert visited Fisher & laid out redoubt on Howard's hill after a plan of mine. He & Col Jackson dined with me to-day. Daisy took a horse-back ride with me. Little Dick is better. Rob gave me \$800 to pay for team, furnished Braddy & himself for wrecking Venus & Hebe.

Paid Parker \$480 for rope purchased for wrecking Lyne. Recd letter from Tom Miller in regard to his Steamer Black River. He promises to run his schooner with wood again.

Wednesday Nov. 16th 64

Four blockaders off - Today has been set apart by the President for fasting & prayer throughout the South. Work generally suspended at this post.

Rob left for Fayetteville. I sent 32-7.30 Treasury notes to Father by him. Attended service by Mr. McKinnon. Commenced Thackery's last work, Denis Duval. Sub-terra batteries were put down in front fo N. E. Angle of fort, one section of four tanks was buried.

Thursday Nov: 17th

Only three blockaders visible to-day. Today is Daisy's birthday. Started work on the redoubt on Howard's hill. Put Watts & Allen, the two soldiers condemned to be shot, in Howard's house under guard from Mann's Company. Genl Whiting, Maj Hill, Capt Hewett of Condor stopped at Battery Buchanan this afternoon. Dr. Singleton & Adj Parker dined with me. Heide paid me \$2,800, money advanced by me for payment of salvage on goods saved from S.S. Thistle. Staid at the cottage last night not feeling well & it being moonlight.

Friday Nov 18th 64

Three blockaders & the try off - misty & rainy. 10 inch Columbiad mounted on pulpit. Had condemned men moved from Howar's house to near Capt Munn's quarters. Felt so unwell that I could not ride with Daisy after starting. Planted three peach trees taken from Howard's yard on my lot.

Saturday Nov 19th 64

C. S. S. Chickamauga, Comm'der Wilkinson, came off the bar before day light & had to wait for tide. At daylight four blockaders off. They came in towards Chickamauga & opened on her, she replied & a spirited engagement took place, the fort joining in. The Chickamauga came over bar about 8 oclk untouched. Damage to enemy if any, unknown. They threw a number of shot & shell on shore, between the fort & my cottage. Visited Capt. Wilkinson. He stopped & coaled at Bermuda. A number of his crew deserted there. He destroyed several fine vessels & some smaller ones. Capt W. gave me a beaker of molasses captured by him.

Capt Chapman of Battery Buchanan dined with me.

Started to go to Smithville to visit Steamer Banshee on Steamer Equator but officer in command had gone ashore & could not go. Wrote to Power, Low & Co. about articles lost from "Night Hawk," also wrote a letter dated 17th thanking them for sugar, coffee & whiskey presented to the garrison. It was the date I started to write the letter.

Sunday Nov 20th 64

Rainy morning. Seven blockaders reported during the day. Carried flat load of 11 inch ammunition to Battery Buchanan. Visited Steamer Banshee. Wrote to Kahnweiler & sent him 29 Eight per cent Confederate bonds by Capt Hewett (of Condor) Wrote to Tom Taylor. Wrote to J. B. Lafitte Esq, Nassau, asking him to send my guns in by Banshee & Agnes G. Fry or some other fine steamers. Sent \$15 in specie out by Capt Hewitt for some sundries. Took dinner on Banshee. Capt Chapman accompanied me. Rec'd dispatches stating that troops had sailed South two days ago, where from not stated, supposed for this point. Rec'd Gen Order No. 1 from Wilmington N. C. dated 17th in which Genl Braxton Bragg assumes command of Dpt of North Carolina.

Banshee, Capt Steele. Hill pilot, sailed early to night for Nassau. One gun fired at her. James H. Bryan of Co. I who has been acting as my orderly for some time has rec'd his discharge for disability. Nine blockaders reported off at sunset.

Monday Nov: 21st

6 blockaders off - Wind N. E. Loaned Mr. Piver \$100 - Gave Daisy \$100. Gave Tom \$20

Finished reading Denis Duval to-day. Ugly weather all day. Wrote Mr. Leonard. Ordered Capt Dan Reid to resume work on Quartermaster's wharf

Tuesday Nov 22nd 64

Went to Wilmington in the Steamer Equator with Capt Chapman. Met Mr. Blocker. He let me have 103 1/2 lbs of bacon @6 = \$621. Paid \$5 freight on the same. Turned over to Wm A. Wright Esq. money & property of Mrs. Rose O. N. Greenhow deceased. Rec'd from Mr. Jno Dawson 27. 730s at 70 = \$1,890. Rec'd from him \$5,600 for \$200 in gold.

Rec'd from Mr. Kahnstamm for bbl. of ale \$881.25. For one pair shoes \$50. needles \$10, one knife \$40, needles \$6, 4 yds brown linen \$60, 4 pieces of galloon \$20, Blueing \$25, 72 lbs of beef @4 = \$288. Got 50 lbs of butter for ___ lbs of coffee. Another pair of shoes (from Geo: Myers) \$30.

Returned to Fort Fisher, arrived about 7 oclk. Gen Whiting had visited the fort. Gen Hebert was stoppin with Maj. Stevenson. About 9 o'clock an order came for 5 companies of 36th & five companies of 40th to go to Augusta, Geo. Ordered Companies A. C. D. G. and I. under Maj. Stevenson. I wished to go myself but Genl Whiting & Hebert would not agree to it. Sherman has occupied Milledgeville & is advanced towards Savannah it is supposed. Visited Gen. Whiting at 3 AM; he was on board Steamer Cape Fear ashore on Drum shoal.

Gen. Hebert was decidedly intoxicated to-night. Did not retire to bed.

Wednesday Nov 23rd 64

Last night was the coldest I have experienced in some time. Ice formed in bucket in Dr. Singleton's house in room with fire. Six blockaders off at sunrise. At 10:45 AM Steamer Little Hattie, Capt Libby arrived from Nassau having been chased from North'are very closely by a blockader. The fleet of ten vessels did not observe her until too late to cut her off. Eleven blockaders off here at noon. Sixteen off Ft. Caswell. This is a larger blockading fleet than I have ever known off the Cape Fear. Rec'd letter from B. Lafitte, Esq from Nassau, shipped one of my Whitworth's in "Col Lang;" the "Banshee" is to bring the other. Coquette has arrived safely in Nassau (from Charleston) with ten boxes of cotton on joint account of Kahnweiler & myself.

Sent W. W. Lamb to-day, 27 7.30 notes and \$2,000 in Confederate funds. Hebert returned to Smithville. Visited Battery Buchanan. Battalion left at 11 for Wilmington.

Thursday Nov 24th

Awoke at five by firing from the fort. I staid at cottage last night. Fort was firing at a tug near the bar, burst a shell over her. 8 blockaders off at daybreak.

Paid Mr. Stevenson \$1380 for a seine. At about 10 oclk Walt & Allen were brought to Maj. Stevenson's office.

25 min. after 11 oclk, the prisoners left Maj. Stevenson's office in the ambulance accompanied by Chaplain McKinnon. They were guarded by the reserve of eight men under a corporal. The officer of Guard & Surgeons accompanied the guard. The battalion was drawn up in two line facing the prisoners. Light Artillery & Scouts with right resting on stakes. Infantry battalion under Capt Munn with left resting on stakes. Prisoners arriving at stakes, a prayer was offered by Chaplain. They declined making any remarks & requested not to be tied. They

knelt down facing the guard & were bandaged. There were nine men for each condemned man, one squad under Serj and the other under Officer Guard. At the command "aim" one file fired. The officers of the Guard immediately followed with command "fire" but the discharge was irregular. Allen who was at the old stake was instantly killed. Watts was only wounded but mortally. He groaned distressingly "Lord have mercy on me," when I immediately ordered up the reserve of four to within two paces of him & he rec'd two shots through the head, & died. Both men were cool, Watts as calm as if he had been on parade, the last thing he did before being bandaged, was to turn & look at Allen & adjust his arms & hands like his. Allen stood during the Chaplain's prayer & seemed a little effected but as if in prayer, he was praying while shot.

After execution, the troops were broke into column & marched around bodies to the dead march. The bodies were carried to Camp Wyatt where a post mortem was held under Surgeon Singleton. Vincent H. Allen was 38 years old, 5 ft 5 1/2 in. high, gray eyes, dark hair & florid complexion. Born in N. C. Gaston co. a farmer by occupation & was married. Dempsey Watts was 37 yrs old, 5 ft 4 in high, grey eyes, black hair, & dark complexion - Born in Harry Dist S. C. a farmer by occupation & was married. Allen received seven shots. Watts rec'd seven shots, three first time & four the last. A post mortem examination was held by Surgeon Singleton.

Daisy gave a handsome gold bracelet, the proceeds to be divided between the widows of these men. I advanced \$600 on its cost in Confederate money, & the South. Dr. Singleton & Gregg dined with me.

Friday Nov 25th 64

Awoke at 12:30 A.M. by ferry from Battery Holland. Five blockaders off at sunrise. Seven off at noon, including a Steam sloop of war of the "Dakotah" class.

General Whiting visited the post & dined with me. Gen'l Gwynne was with him. He thought Ft. Fisher the strongest post on the river. Rec'd dispatch from Maj. Stevenson, the battalion had arrived at Kingsville S. C. D. J. Talley Co. G. jumped from cars & deserted to-day.

Saturday Nov. 26th

Nine blockaders off - XI inch gun mounted in Battery Buchanan. Steamer Liggle Hattie, Libby, Grissom pilot, went out at 7 P. M. to Nassau. Ten blockaders off at noon including a Steam sloop of War of the Dacotah class & two small tugs.

Sunday Nov. 27th 64

Ten blockaders off. Attended church. Lieut. Camm, C. S. N. Battery Buchanan gave me a work on Ordnance Instructions. Moved large part of the negroes to the outside of the garrison so that they could obtain wood.

Monday Nov. 28th 64

Foggy morning. _____ blockaders off. Lieut Benton with some thirty detailed men left to join the Companies in Georgia. Wrote E. W. Lawson & Co. Liverpool Eng. for a Colonel's canteen & a lunch basket to be purchased of a house in London, "Mason & Fortnam" (?). Rode with Daisy & Capt C. took tea with us. Two guns heard & rockets seen to sea about 8 PM.

Tuesday Nov 29th 64

Steamer Emma Henry Capt. E. C. Reed came in about 5 1/2 AM from Bermuda without pilot or signal operator.

The second XI gun was mounted in Battery Buchanan to-day. Capt May of Night Hawk visited the post to-day to look after some rigging &c. from Steamer. Capt Reed sent a large number of weeklies, monthlies &c. Frank Leslie's Pictorial of Nov. 5th has a picture of "Rebel blockade runner Col. Lamb."

Steamer Vulture, Capt Green Grissom pilot, Gootchins, signal operator came in to-night between 9 & 10 PM from Bemier Va. Drove enemy from the bar at 9 PM.

Wednesday Nov: 30th 64

Misty morning, seven blockaders visible. Steamer "Col Lamb" Capt Tom Lockwood came in at Main bar last night. Genl Hebert visited fort & took dinner with me. Feeling quite unwell, very much annoyed by an eruption which resembles itch.

Thursday Dec'br 1st 64

Steamer Wild Rover, Capt Stuart, Thos W. Newton pilot, Richardson operator, came in from Nassau about 1 o clk. Left port Sunday night. Assorted cargo for Govt. Steamer Virginia, Capt Moore, Price pilot, _____ operator came in from Bermuda at 6 1/4 AM. Left port _____.

Cargo _____.

Wild River bro't some Whitworth ammunition. Six blockaders off. Went to Wilmington on Wild River.

Sold bill of exchange on Liverpool of £34. 1759d, at \$30 for 1 = \$4,650. Paid for 7.8 percent bonds, 1880 = \$8,960 - @128, bought of Jas Dawson. Rec'd from Mr. M. R. Kohnstamm for champagne & claret \$1,070. Soda \$8. Tooth Powder, \$25. Nail brush \$30.

Visited the "Col Lamb" & at lunch was toasted & responded. There was a select gathering of ladies & gentlemen.

Returned to Fort. Firing soon after I arrived: two shots exploded near the cottage (or appeared to) & dear Daisy & the children went on Steamer Petteway. They returned very soon. Saw Gen Whiting in town & called at his house with him.

Friday December 2d 64

Steamer Owl Capt Dunnington, pilot Thos Burrows, signal operator Culpeper, from Nassau Sunday 27th Nov, came in at 4 o clk AM with cargo

of m[a]chinery?] for Govt. 5 blockaders off. Rec'd a felt hat from Capt Huckins. (P. S. Maj A. Vanderhorst, A A Gen, loaned me a negro boy named John & I brought him to the fort with me yesterday.

Saturday December 3d 64

_____ blockaders off. Wind _____. Practiced with Armstrong 150 for rifle with 30 lbs powder & steel shell. 1st shot struck rearmost chimney of Condor; 2d struck her forward smoke stack; 3d shot at 30. struck wreck of blockader.

Col Smead, Inspr of Heavy Artillery visited the fort on an inspecting tour. Capt Read started out in the Emma Henry to night but found several vessels on the bar & came back. We shelled the bar furiously for a short time but did not effect anything as far as we could see. Capt Chapman of Battery Buchanan played a joke on Major Venable & Mr. Bowers which might have been serious. He had them waylaid on their way to his Battery by a party who pretended they were Cushing & party. An alarm was made, long roll beat &c.

Sunday Dec 4th 64

Hansa, Capt Murray, _____ pilot, _____ operator, came in from Nassau about day-break. We rec'd a lot of toys &c., sent by Capt Hewett of the Condor. I rec'd a copy of Sir Howard Douglas, Naval gunner from Capt Murray. Was taken with a severe chill this morning which has been followed by a scorching fever that has sent me to - bed. Wild River came down to go out.

Monday Dec 5th 64

Still too unwell to go out. No Steamer went out last night. Steamer Stag, Capt Burroughs, came in from Bermuda. Mr. Root, of the firm of Marshall, Beach & Root, who is on his way to England in Steamer Wild River, called on me & had a conversation in regard to having a tug stationed at the mouth of the Cape Fear to assist blockade runners.

Tuesday Dec 6th

No movements of Steamers in or out.

Rode to fort for a little while at noon. Spent most of the day very pleasantly listening to Daisy read East Lynne. Heard from father.

Wednesday Dec 7th 64

Steamer Stormy Petrol, Capt Donaly, _____ Sellers, pilot, Langhorn operator, in trying to come in this morning grounded well out on South breaker. At 7 AM six blockaders opened heavy bombardment, throwing a number of shells into the fort but apparently not hitting the Steamer. Fort responded warmly & drove enemy off by nine o'clk. Dering, purser, brought me a small photograph of the silver vase presented me by owners of Banshee.

Went out to the fort & took command during the fight, was exposed to rain that has given me fresh cold & caused me great pain.

Thursday Dec 8th 64

Steamer Talisman, Capt Knox, Bell pilot, Lanier operator, from Bermuda Dec. ___ arrived. Steamer Wild Rover, Capt Stuart, sailed for Nassau last night. Capt Randle went out as passenger.

Steamer Emma Henry, Capt Reid, also went out last night for Nassau. Turner went out as operator. Heard that Lieut. Glassell of the Navy had got the Steam yacht "Annie Lockwood" to come to Charleston. Power, Low & Co. sent down fifty Negroes to save cargo of Stormy Petrol.

Wrote to Sec'ty of War in behalf of Capt Geo Chamberlaine, A. C. S.

Friday Dec 9th 64

A North East gale came up last night & this morning the Steamer Stormy Petrol was a complete wreck. Steamer Blenmeim, Capt Eustius, left for Nassau. Mr. Low & Purser Deering took dinner & tea with me. Gen. E. G. Lee of Virginia, an old college-mate, & his wife on their way to Smithville to join a blockade runner had put in here on account of a storm. They stopped over-night.

Saturday Dec 10th 64

Rode to the fort for a short while at noon. Officers & men of "Stormy Petrel" left for Wilmington. Saw seven blockaders off.

Gen. E. G. Lee & wife left for Smithville. Wrote to father. Sent some presents to Mrs. Capt Geo Chamberlaine.

Sunday Dec 11th 64

Gave Mrs Evers \$5 to help her little son home. Heard to-night the sad tidings that Capt Melvin of Co. J had been killed in Georgia, or S. C., also heard that Capt Charley Whitehurst who was formerly under me Comd of Co. J of 40th N. C. Rgt. had been mortally wounded & that Maj Young of the battalion recently at Sugar Loaf had been killed.

Monday Dec 12th 64

Five blockaders off. Assumed command to-day. Rec'd letter from DeRossett & Brown stating that half proceeds of cotton from Lyne came to \$8,228.35 & that one half of their commissions which they give amounts to \$498.15.

Tuesday Dec 13th

blockaders off. Very cold. Visited Battery Buchanan & saw some practice. Wrote to Octavius Blocker to purchase two turkeys for dear parents, & sent \$50. Wrote to McCormick to have Maggie's cloak make at once, having rec'd a letter from Maggie stating that she had never got her cloak. Rec'd a letter from W. H. Bettencourt offering Fannie for \$6,000. I refused to buy her. Gen Whiting telegraphed to me to send the large spy-glass loaned to me by Maj Norris, to Gen Hebert.

Wednesday Dec 14th

blockaders off. Capt W. G. Green of S. S. Vulture sent me a handsome Adams' revolver as a present to-day. Sent Sergeant Mayo & two boats to the wreck of the Stormy Petrel to get cloth for the garrison. They succeeded in getting a full load for the boats.

Thursday Dec 15th 64

Visited Battery Buchanan & met Flag officer Pinckney. Fired in the hot shot furnace in the Columbiad Battery. Sent a box of sugar, & a box of Christmas gifts to dear parents.

Gave Daisy \$100.

Friday Dec 16th 64

Went to Wilmington with Ria & Violet on Steamer Jno Dawson. 9 yds of flannel \$405. Alapaca \$100, pencils \$12, Matches \$6, Shoes \$50, One turkey \$37 1/2, one lady's belt \$30, Three papers of needles \$9, Pd Granger \$500- Bbl. flour & coffee. Tried to return to Ft Fisher but Petteway broke down.

Called on Gen Whiting, staid with Strong. Visited Capt Gayle on Steamer Stag. Heard that Sherman has reached the Coast. Heard at night that two Yankee boats landed near Battery Anderson, but were driven off by picket. Loaned Chas Craig \$300.

Saturday Dec 17th 64

Bought two dozen eggs at \$20, sausages \$20. Came down the river with Gen Whiting in the Cape Fear. The "Long Tom" rifle exploded in Battery Anderson last night. Went up to see it. The carriage was torn to pieces & the gun broken into over seven large pieces.

Sunday Dec 18th

Talisman in trying to go out ran on wreck of the Raleigh. Attended church to-day.

Rec'd news that a large fleet sailed from Fortress Monroe on Friday for Wilmington. My command has been extended to include Sugar Loaf. Capt Southerland's Light Battery has reported to me they are the only troops above. Visited Sugar Loaf & Battery Gatlin, & gave instructions to prevent surprise. Had consultation with Commanders of companies about our defence. Had negroes to work after the news to day.

Monday Dec 19th

Capt Westfield of S. C. Cavalry with a detachment reported to me. Capt. Bristol also reported with a battalion of Junior reserves. Stationed them at Sugar Loaf & sent order for them in case of attack &c. Visited Battery Buchanan. Talisman got off promptly Saturday night but went to town to-day leaking badly.

Tuesday Dec: 20th 64

Awoke this morning shortly after day & [was] informed that the enemy's fleet were off the fort. Went out & saw five blockaders at the anchorage & twenty five vessels including several frigates further out, nearly all hull down. Informed Daisy & got her to pack up. Got everything in readiness for a fight. Sent Daisy & the little ones with Maj Stevenson's family to Orton. Expected the fleet in at high tide at noon & cleared for action. Fleet remained quiet all day. A stiff N Eastern prevailed & I think interfered with their operations. Gen Whiting, Col Tansill, & Capt Strong visited point. General rode round the works & gave directions & left for town about 4 P.M. Sent all the slaves off to-day.

Wednesday Dec 21st 64

A strong N. E. Wind prevailed nearly all night. At sunrise discovered the fleet apparently unchanged at its anchorage. Sent two boats with Household articles to Orton.

About 9 o clk a strong S. West wind sprung up which has increased in strength as the day advanced. There appears to have been no change in the fleet during the day.

A detachment of three officers & twenty five sailors reported to me to-day. I have assigned the two 7-in. Brooke guns to them which I have mounted temporarily in Columbiad Battery.

Merritt gave me a sweet parting letter from my precious wife. Also rec'd another precious letter from her this evening. I am making every preparation to receive the enemy.

Thursday Dec 22d

Could only see ten vessels off to-day. It was windy all last night. Gen Hebert visited me to-day, he is very blue. Officer of the Guard reported 18 vessels at about noon. Pilots reported 23 vessels off. Everything hard at work. Capt Lamb arrived to-day.

Friday Dec 23d 64

Fleet still off, but no demonstration made. Borrowed \$250 from Dr. Singleton. Sent sister Maggie \$200, & gave Mrs. Weeks a poor woman \$50.

Was reinforced to-day by arrival of Maj Riley's battalion Cos. F & K of 10th N. C. Rgt., 110 strong & 7th Batt Junior Reserves, Lieut _____ Com'dg.

Sent Capt. Lamb to Orton. Gen Whiting placed Col Connally & the forces at Sugar Loaf under me to-night.

Saturday Dec 24th

Little Hattie, Capt. Libby, came in last night. A blockader got aground near fort, set fire to herself & blew up. Enemy attacked the fort at 20 min to 1 with over 50 vessels, Iron clads, frigates &c, & continued bombardment until 5 1/2 P.M. We fired 662 times. Did not

injure the works very seriously, disabled five gun carriages. Casualties: killed, none. Wounded, one mortally, three seriously, & nineteen slightly. Total 23. Commissioned officers: Lieut Washington Regan Co. H. slightly contusion.

Past Midshipman Clarence Carr, C. S. N., slightly in leg.

Non-commissioned officers: 1st Serj J. M. Benson, Co. B 36th, concussion & contusion of brain.

Serjt J. A. Johnson, Co. F. 10 Rgt., contusion in right arm.

Serjt C. M. Keller, Co. B, slightly in face.

Corp'l G. L. Britt, bruised in right side & arm.

- 1.) Private Washington Regar, Co. B, wounded in left hand.
 - 2.) Private Henry Maultsby, Co. B, 36th Rgt, contusion of shoulder.
 - 3.) Private Chas Brimsley, Co. B. 36th Rgt, contusion of the knee.
 - 4.) Private Arch. Campbell, Co. B. 36 Rgt, slightly wounded in left arm.
 - 5.) Private Daniel McNorton, Co. B. 36th, contusion in left hip.
 - 6.) Private Charles Cherry, Co. F. 36th, wounded in both legs, right leg broken & amputated.
 - 7.) Private Benj Merritt, Co. F. 36, wounded in left arm broken & amputated.
 - 8.) Private A. W. Lewis, Co. F. 36, slight flesh wound in shoulder.
 - 9.) Private R. B. Applewhite, Co. F. 36th Rgt, severely in right shoulder.
 - 10.) Private W. W. Duncan, Co. F. 36th, concussion.
 - 11.) Private M. Chappell, Co. H. 36th, slight flesh wound in thigh.
 - 12.) Private M. Hale, Co. H. 36th Regt, flesh wound in shoulder.
 - 13.) Private D. T. Clark, Co. H., slightly wounded in both legs.
 - 14.) Private Jno. McLaughlin, Co. H, slight in left thigh.
 - 15.) Private H. Capps, Co. F. 10th Rgt, slightly wounded in right thigh.
 - 16.) Seaman P. A. Foster, C. S. N., wounded in mouth and right shoulder.
 - 17.) Seaman J. F. Higgins, leg shot off.
 - 18.) P. D. J. Vincent, Co. F. 10th Rgt., slightly in cheek.
- Gen Whiting arrived in thickest of fight.

Sunday and Christmas Day, December 25th

Fleet came up and opened at 10:30, & continued to bombard us furiously until dark, when enemy threw his skirmishers forward, I rallied men to palisades and drove them back with grape. Took two prisoners and killed several. Casualties of the day: Killed, 3. Mortally wounded, 7. Severely wounded, 6. Slightly wounded, 28. Total 35.

Monday morning December 26th

Foggy day and passed off quietly. Lt. Col. Tait and four companies from the other Inlet reinforced me. In the morning saw enemy throwing up sand at Battery Anderson, and saw what I considered a heavy line of skirmishers from woods in rear of my cottage to Battery Holland.

Tuesday, Dec. 27th, 64

Enemy disembarked on transports & left Confederate Point. They kept up shelling all night & all day until they all had left. Major French's Batt. left for Smithville.

Gen. Bragg visited Ft. Fisher. Major Millard's battalion left for Sugar Loaf. Col. Graham's 21st S.C. Rgt. came to the fort.

Gen. Whiting has remained with me since his arrival on Sunday.

Wednesday, Dec. 28th

Most of the fleet have left. We have been hard at work all day repairing damages. Banshee & Wild Rover arrived this morning from Nassau. Little Hattie sailed for Nassau.

Thursday, Dec. 29, 64

Gov. Vance visited Ft. Fisher, Crossed the river and met my precious wife and children. Brought Daisy over and she rode around the fort. All quiet today.

Friday, Dec. 30th, 64.

Wrote my official report of the bombardment of Fort Fisher, Dec. 24 to 25. Dated it Dec. 27th, the day of retreat of the land forces. All quiet today.

Saturday, Dec. 31st, 64.

Col. Graham's 21st S.C. Rgt. left for Sugar Loaf. Sent Genl Whiting my official report before day this morning. Recd two 12 pd Whitworths which came from Nassau in Steamer [B _____]. Four carriages for guns arrived.

January 1st, 1865.

Visited Orton & took dinner with my wife & little ones. Returned to Ft. Fisher at night. Recd an extract from Maj. Genl. Whiting's report highly complimentary & gratifying.

January 2nd, 65.

Batt. of 36th N.C. Rgt. returned from Georgia.

Gen. Hebert visited me this morning. At 11:45 my ordnance Sergt. Montgomery Long was instantly killed by the explosion of a shell through accident. He was the most useful officer I had. A Negro teamster was killed at the same time. Gen Whiting visited the fort and rode from Battery Anderson to the fort, inspecting the ground occupied by the enemy. A number of gentlemen visited the fort with him. Vigittelli of London Illustrated News remains over night with me. Dear Daisy and little ones returned tonight.

January 3, 1865

Hard at work all day. Nothing of particular interest occurred. Heard that enemy acknowledged a defeat here. Steamer Night Hawk, Capt. May, went out tonight.

January 4th, 1865

Ladies Soldier's Aid Society visited fort. Gen. Bragg & quite a number of citizens accompanied them. Major Strange on part of Mrs. Lt. J. DeRossett addressed the Battalion & I responded. Mounted a 32 pdr on land face today. Returned \$250 to Dr. Singleton, borrowed to send \$200 to sister Maggie & \$50 to give to a soldiers wife. Gave Mike \$10 in return for money borrowed to subscrib to Daily Carolinian.

January 5th, 1865

Had thanksgiving services in the fort. Gen'l Hebert visited the post. Laid off a new face to Battery Buchanan. Mounted a 24 Pdr.

January 6th, '65

Sent Geo. D. Park \$500 of the Lynn fund. Capt. Chapman dined with me today. Indy left us today. Gave her \$20. Mr. Blocker, Mr. Palmer, Supt. of D & D Institute, & Chaplain Knapp visited me today. A 7-in. Brooke & a 6.40-in. Brooke arrived from town. Staid at Cottage tonight. Rec'd letters from Dear parents & one from Col. Jno. Taylor Wood.

January 7th '65

Lieut Gwynn En. Officer, reported to me today. Owen paid me \$250 for iron from SS Beauregard. One 8-in Columbiad mounted today on right of Columbiad battery.

January 8th.

Heard that Porter's fleet had returned to Beaufort. Saw Porter's report, it is full of falsehoods. Mr. Palmer left for Wilmington today. Sent battle flag from the mound to Gov. Vance by him. Four blockaders off.

January 9th.

Recd a load of palisades today, also 4, 8-in carriages &c from town with a load of lumber. Mr. Blocker left for home. Sent \$2,000 to Father by him. Paid Bonner \$25. for pair of turkeys & \$7 1/2 for 3 doz eggs. Mrs. Lamb received a present of a handsome bonnet & cloack from Tom Taylor. I received velocipede figs & prunes I sent after. Pd. Bonner for pair chickens, \$10, for 3 lbs Butter \$18. Paid Sergt Mayo \$250 for Lynn affair.

Tuesday, January 10th

Misty foggy morning. Sent Dr. Arrington \$15 in gold for filling Maggie's & Mary's teeth. An 8-in: Columbiad mounted in Columbiad battery today. Gave Violet \$30, for work on Mrs. Greenhow's baggage. Wrote an account of services of Whitworth, jun. to Maj. Hill.

Wednesday, Janry 11th, 65

3 blockaders off. Wind N.W. Chas W. Craig, pilot returned \$300 loaned him. Maj. Strange of Gen. Gragg's staff & Capt. James, Chief Engineer, visited post today to inspect condition of Negroes. They dined with me.

Capt Deans reported with a detachment of 2d S. C. Cavalry. They will picket the beach between the fort & Gatlin.. Order received breaking up Farson's Scouts.

Thursday, Janry 12th, 65

Four blockaders off in morning. Five blockaders off at noon. 6.40 Brooke rifle mounted on land face.

At night the fleet appeared off Battery Gatlin, & I sent dear wife & children across the river.

Friday, Jan. 13th

The enemy commenced a bombardment of the fort with Iron clads at 7.30 am & continued it until about 6 p.m. at 5 p.m. they were reinforced by frigates & other heavy vessels who opened & continued a furious bombardment till 6 p.m. Casualties: One soldier & one negro killed, & 41 wounded.

Saturday, Janry 14th

Enemy's Ironsides & Ironclads commenced bombardment 10:40 A.M. which they kept up until some Iron vessels after the Galena class joined them about 2 o'clk. Skirmishes came this side of Battery Holland before noon & digged rifle pits. They went over to Craig's, & captured the Steamer Isaac Wells.

[End of Diary]

Memoranda*

Examine props to guns.
Get some coal from Condor.
Get Galley stove of Condor.
Examine eccentrics.
Put transoms of oak in near Columbiad Chassis for hunters.
Get scrapers to cut down hillocks.
Bore holes in centre transoms for pouring oil on pintles.
Get a supply of oil & grease.
Dig wells in rear of batteries.
Water buckets.
Build a bon-fire of rosin to see effect of light on channel.
Ask General to give me 11-inch guns for the mound.
Consult Capt. Hawks about enlarging batteries in "Let her rip"
Battery.
Remove Columbiads from Chambers at once.
See about drilling on Armstrong gun at once.
Order band to report to Surgeon Singleton as ambulance corps.
(emergency did not arise)
Practice at Sunken blockader to-morrow. Nov. 2nd.
Telegraph to Styron for hook & eye hinges for two windows & two
small windows.
Order Adams to have plank put on Gander hall wharf.
Have revetment of Columbiad batteries furnished with Turf from old
palisade line.
Have 10-in gun hauled to Henrick Battery.
Have 24 Pdrs hauled to Co. C. Quarters.
Rat tail files for spiking guns.
Order chimneys built at Battery Buchanan at once.
Have horses in Faison's Cavalry valued.
Inquire from Ordinance office how many friction primers there are in
the different magazines.
What authority has Capt. Smith for issuing forage to Lieut. Faison's
horses.

To be attended to in town Nov. 1st:
Propose to take the Condor off.
See about plated ware from Condor.
About articles taken by order or authority of Ridge.
See about small Whitworths.
About compass, chronometer, &c.
Pay for men engaged on Condor.
See Power, Law & Co.
-Salvage flag.

* Inverted and reversed, at end of volume.

Get Whitworth ammunition.
See L. G. Bowers.
See Marshall, Beach & Co.
Pay Granger for flour, &c
See about Mrs. Greenhow's baggage.
See about boat for boarding officer.
See about anchors used on Kate for Capt. James, & about cable sent to Night Hawk.
Map of beach at Battery Gatlin.
Chilled 8-in. bolts were an experiment for Columbiad. Hole bored to allow windage destroyed by cup. Try filling hole & use in Armstrong.
Col. Gorgas says use fine powder in Columbiads 8 mammoth in rifles; No. 10-in. has burst during the war.
Attend to steamer Black River.
Range lights, house for keeper. Suplicate lights.
Have good lanterns put in each magazine.
Ask to have ration of meal & flour kept as before.
Rope obstructions. Have survey on them.
Give Weathersby 10 stamps & Latham 6.
See about middle pintle circle.
New casemate.
Take possession of Howard's house for Engineer corps.
Ask Genl to have a guard house built. Capt. Melvin & Capt. Powell wants to take two young men under 17 in their Cos.
Capt. Patterson wants to take C.D. Parker, a lad under 17, in his Co.
Clothing for Negroes.
Write and ask for Negro teamsters, cooks, &c.
Wood for Negroes.
Ridge anchor of Blenheim
Mount the 10-in: gun on pulpit.
Increase bread ration for Negroes.
About Ware's pay.
Friction primers.
Scoops for 8-in. & 32 Pdrs.
Four tents for Batt. Buchanan
Send Capt. Reid to Sugar Load to-morrow.
See about 11-inch guns in Battery Buchanan.
More palisade logs needed.
Doors for magazines in Battery Buchanan
Fuzes for 10-in. shell Battery Buchanan
Ammunition for Volley gun.
Sound from wreck Raleigh to Lekes' Island.
Write to Power, Low & Co. acknowledging receipt of letter.
Issue orders about Condor's food.
See General Whiting. about execution of Allen, of Capt. Adams' Co.
Timber & lumber. Engineer's Dpt.
Lay out work on land face & Capt Hunter's Battery.
Fuel for Battery Buchanan

Memoranda for town.

Go to Levy's & get what Daisy wants.
Call on Mr. Wright with Mrs. Greenhow's effects.
Call on Power, Low & Co.
L. G. Bowers
See about Negro cook offered for sale.
Show Gen. Whiting about the soundings on the trip.
Purchase bacon hams.
For Battery Buchanan: Drum sticks, Wood paper, fife. Send lime to battery.
Telegraph for 1-in. plank.
See why Eleanor & Smith have not reported.
Write for clover seed.
Construct bunks for four with guns in rear.
Inquire about rations to Soldiers wives.
Geo. M. Bain of Portsmouth a prisoner at Hatteras.
A. W. Newman from Sampson.
Practice with Armstrong tomorrow, Dec. 3d at 10 o'clock.
Inquire about issue of clothing to Negroes.

Memoranda.

Organize boat's crews
clear pulpit.
Lock to gallery.
Sand bags.
12 litters, 100 roller bandages.
25 yds. muslin, box candles, Lamp oil.
See that surplus baggage is removed from the lionel proof.
Grease for Iron clads.

Eng [ineer]

1. leave leaft: rifle, remove 10-in.
2. mount 32 Pdr rifle for grape.
3. nothing needed
- 4 (right of land) mount a gun
5. embrassure
6. embrassure
7. mount a gun carriage needed
8. embrassure
9. embrassure
10. embrassure
11. embrassure
12. slight embrassure
- 13, injured gun
14. slight traverse
15. slight traverse
16. heavy traverse to right.

Left of redan: traxerse in corner; right redan, nothing.
no. 1. left Sea face, traverse. Add to magazine.
no. 2. traverse between gun pulpit.
One 6.40 scoop needed for mound.

Dimensions of Ft. Fisher.

Land face 2,046 ft., 682 yds.
Sea face 5,695 ft., 1898 yds.

Total.....7,741 ft., 2,581 yds.

Effective total of regular in the bombardment Dec 24 & 25th
36th Rgt. B., 110; E, 96; F, 100; H, 94; and K, 110
10th N.C. Rgt: F, 60; K, 53.
13th N.C. Batt: D. 115.

Addition on 25th Dec:

1st. N.C. Batt. Arty. C:55

3d N.C. Batt. Arty. D, 78

On 24th regular 738

on 25th regular 871

(not deducting losses of first day)

Ask for heavy timer

Ask for men accustomed to mortar firing.

Private Authur Muldoon of Capt. Vanbetersen & Sergt. Phillips
Smith occupied the pulpit the first Saturday & Sunday, the last
Sunday, Watching for me.