

Head Quarters Artillery Corps
Army Western Virginia
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Capt. Myers.

A. A. Genl.

Captain: In obedience to orders I have the honor to submit to the Major Genl. Comdg the following report of the part of the Artillery enacted in the battle of Fayetteville and on the march to, and at the battle at Charleston. Commencing on the 10th and ending on the 13th inst; on nearing Fayetteville a section of Captain Stey's Battery was thrown to the front with Genl. Williams Brigade, the body of the Artillery brought up the rear Column a brisk skirmish ensued, the enemy falling back. Arriving in sight of the enemy's works it was decided to bombard them, our Infantry having driven the enemy's skirmishes in, the Artillery was conducted to an eminence within five hundred (500) yards of its first fort, here Captain Stey's & Stamp's Batteries were engaged. It was soon determined to advance our Artillery to an eminence near the enemy's works, it could not be done without crossing a hill under a heavy fire from the enemy of canister, grape & musketry. Under the directions of Brig. Genl. Williams the enemy were driven from the house and a ravine situated between us and the fort. Genl. Williams at the head of a Battalion of Infantry, Capt Stey's and Stamp's Batteries charged over the hill across the ravine and occupied the

decided position within a short distance of the enemy's works. Here the fire became fierce Capt: Chapman's 24 pdr commanded by the Captain himself, and Capt Lowry's Battery were brought up. The action continued with constancy and energy until night, it having opened at 2 o'clock P.M. The courage and gallantry displayed by the Officers & men of the Artillery on this occasion renders it unjust almost to make any distinction, but the commanding courage of Lieutenant Walton of Oley's Battery, and the bravery and efficiency displayed by Capt: Stamps in action was ~~the~~ most cheering. To Captains Lowry, Chapman and Oley the command is indebted for great encouragement. To Captain Stanton Chief of Genl. Williams Staff the thanks of the Corps is due for his volunteer services in the command of one of Captain Oley's pieces, which had almost all of its cannoners killed or wounded and from a deficiency in the members of Commissioned Officers present, was left without a commander, Captain Stanton served the piece during several hours of severe firing. The presence and efficient services of Surgeon Dutce on the field attracted much attention, notwithstanding the remonstrance of Officers he persistently remained attending to the wounded tho' a ball through his coat and a wounded soldier killed in his arms by a shell admonished him of his exposed

the first position within a short distance of the
enemy's works. The fire became fierce. Capt.
Chapman's 24th Co. commanded by the Captain
himself, and Capt. Lewis's Battery were engaged
of. The action continued with extraordinary
energy until night, it having opened at 7
o'clock P.M. The courage and gallantry
displayed by the officers & men of the 24th
regiment in this occasion is beyond all praise
and it is to be regretted that the com-
manding General of the 24th Regt. Major
of the 24th Regt. and the Battery and
officers distinguished by Capt. Chapman in
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all of its command in killed or wounded
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Commander, Captain Stanton being the piece
during several hours of the firing. So the
and efficient services of Sergeant Baker in the
filler attracted much attention, notwithstanding
the the recommendation of Officers, he presented
by the General attending to the wound he
he had received through his coat and a wound
which he had in his arm by a shell
a commensurate reward of his services.

situation. To Captains Myricks and
Mayne of the Genl. Comdg Staff the
Artillery is also indebted for gallant services—
On the morning of the 11th inst the enemy
having abandoned his works and retreated
during the night, Brig: Genl. Williams
at the head of his brigade lead in pursuit
of him. A section of Captain Oley's Battery
under Lieut. Norvell was kept to the front
and under Genl. Williams personal super-
vision was often with our skirmishers en-
gaged with the enemy's rear guard, across
Cotton Hill to Gauley and down the left
bank of the Kanawha River, Genl. Williams
pressed, keeping up almost a continually
Artillery duel with the enemy, and rested
at night on the ground from which a few
moments before his pickets had been driven
out. At Gauley from a misapprehension
was to which side of the river the Major
Genl. Comdg intend to move down in person
the Chief of Artillery followed the left bank
with Capt. Boyan's Battery, a part of
Captain Stramps and a section of the Oley
Battery supported by Genl. Williams &
Col. Wharton's brigades, a Co-Pdn of Capt:
Stramps and a 12-pdn of Oley's Battery were
left at Gauley by order of the Maj: Genl.
Comdg to report to the command of the
Post. Capt. Chapman's and Lorry's Batteries
and a section of the Oley Battery followed
Brig: Genl. Echols brigade on the right bank
of the Kanawha. Nothing of importance

transpired on the march of the 12th, on the
Both the pursuit was resumed and at Charles-
-ton the enemy were overtaken. He occupied
the left bank of the Kanawha with a strong
force of Sharpshooters, and the town with
both Sharpshooters and Artillery, which
Commanded either side of the river. To
the rear of the town across Elk river his
lines were drawn up behind his wagons,
his right resting near the Kanawha,
and his artillery in front of his wagons.
The Chief of Artillery having been sent
across the left bank of the Kanawha
by the Maj: Genl. Condit with orders to
Brig: Genl. Williams and having no
Means of recrossing the river again he
operated with the Artillery under Genl.
Williams, therefore can make not re-
port of the part the Batteries enacted
on the right bank of the river. On
joining Genl. Williams the Artillery
was ordered to the front the Genl.
accompanying in person. The enemy's
Sharpshooters were driven across the
river and his Artillery from the town.
From the hills on the left bank of the
Kanawha below the mouth of Elk river
Capt: Oley's, Bryan's and Stamps'
Batteries commanded the entire right
flank of the enemy's lines, a bow-
-barrade at once ensued, which with
the assistance of the force on the right
bank of the Kanawha caused the

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enemy to abandon his situation in haste, driving off most of the wagons, but leaving many and quantities of Camp and Garrison equipage, several of his Regiments having left their knapsacks and blankets on the line they were drawn up to fight on.

The destruction of an Artillery carriage and also the ^{destruction} of the apparatus of a Mountain Howitzer of the enemy's, besides the killing of many of his horses attests the deliberation with which our Artillerists managed their guns. At the battle of Charleston there were four Artillerists wounded on the left bank of the Kanawha. At night the firing ceased, the enemy having retreated. The conduct of the officers and men of the Artillery on this occasion confirmed the confidence their Commanders had already felt could be reposed in them. Thro' out the march the spirited and energetic manner in which Brig: Genl. Williams directed the Artillery inspired it with highest confidence & courage.

To the Surgeons report I refer you for the casualties in the Artillery Corps. In addition to men it lost upwards of twenty horses killed. To the Maj: Genl. Comdg the Army the Artillery is grateful for the skill of his general directions and ^{the} trusts he reposed in it.

Very Respectfully
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My King's Report=
of Operations during conflict.