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at Port Republic Va June 8, 9 1862

of Poague's Battery Va.
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Wm S. Poague
Capt. Comdg.

15 Exceeds Limit
Capt. Poague

Capt. Wm S. Poague

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Monroe Gap Va
June 11th 1862

Captain

I have the honor to submit the following report of the action of the battery under my command on the 8th and 9th inst. at Port Republic Va.

On the morning of the 8th in obedience to directions from Brig. Gen. Winick, I hastened from camp with one of my Perrot guns the first hitched-up and ready to move in the direction of the bridge at Port Republic, about three fourths of a mile distant. In the direction of Major Gen. Jackson in person, this gun was placed in position in the wheat field near the bridge, commanding both it and the country beyond the Shenandoah river. This piece soon the enemy's cavalry from beyond the river and fired two shots at a six par stationed by the enemy at the farther extremity of the bridge, when the command abandoned the gun and retreated across the river, taking the timber with them.

After this piece had been placed in position, I hurried back and found my other guns four in number. Taking a position under the direction of Brig. Gen. Winick, in a ridge to the left of the road, and nearly opposite the position occupied by two pieces of the enemy's artillery which had kept up an irregular fire for some time. After two or three shots from my battery these two guns ceased firing. One of them I learn was afterwards found in the woods near by. Thereafter my guns in conjunction with Carpenter's battery were turned upon the enemy's infantry, several regiments of which were within range. They were soon driven ^{back} retreating in considerable haste, leaving some of their dead along the road.



Two of my guns were then moved about a mile down the river to a position from which to sweep the river, in the evening should again endeavor to achieve. This however was not attempted and shortly after dark all of my guns were taken to camp.

13 rank Rifle (Sharpshooters) On the morning of the 9th having crossed South river, and following the Brigade about one and a half miles down the road leading to Swift-Hum Gap. I received orders to place two Parrot pieces on the left of the road from which position they opened on the enemy's batteries. The balance of my guns, being of short range were kept under cover. After firing about two hours, shifting position occasionally to the left, I received an order to take one of my Parrot guns to a point indicated, some distance down the road and within short range of the enemy's batteries. From this point under a hot fire from four of their guns, a rapid fire was kept up, partly on their batteries and partly on their infantry with canister, until the ammunition was exhausted when I ordered the piece to retire a short distance up the road.

Hastening across to the left, where my other guns had been moved up, engaging the artillery and infantry of the enemy. I found that they had retired to the position first occupied in the morning. The officer in charge of them, St. Graham informs me that after our infantry began to fall back, he ordered the guns to be limbered to the rear and retire. Having lost his horse in the engagement, and being some distance behind the guns, he sent three messengers, ~~in succession~~ to have the guns halted in the orchard. These orders were not received by the Lt. in charge.

After the battery had commenced falling back the fourth piece - a brass six par in charge of St. Davis was ordered by Brig Gen Winian to halt and fire on the advancing infantry of the enemy. While undischarging St. Davis was severely and several cannoneers slightly wounded by the infantry. Of the enemy two of the horses ~~also~~ were shot one of them falling across the pole. But few men being left with the gun the enemy within a humane yard and finding it impossible to extricate the wounded horse - it was abandoned. The piece was taken from the field by the enemy though the limber was afterwards recovered. A careful search was made for the gun, but nothing heard from it.

Three of our pieces were again moved forward and assisted in the final dislodgment and rout of the enemy, joining in the pursuit for about two miles, when I received orders to halt.

The following is the list of casualties, all of which occurred on the 9th.

St. James L. Davis severely wounded in the side.

Private J. T. Gibbs slightly in the foot.

" James Neal " in the hand.

" Mr. Cox " in the arm.

" Frank Singleton missing and believed to be severely wounded.

A number of others were slightly bruised.

The conduct of all the men and officers engaged was unexceptionable.

Very Respectfully,

11 rank Rifle (Sharpshooters of Co.)

Capt. J. F. O'Brien

Adj. 1st Brig. V. M.

Mr. T. Pongue

Capt. Battery

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List of Casualties of B. Regt
(Va) in the actions of June 8 & 9

1862 at
Port Republic Va.

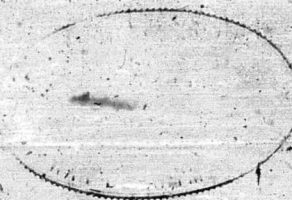
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