

FROM OUR  
**Steamer Edition of Saturday.**

**NIGHT ATTACK ON SEABROOK.**

On Thursday morning at a little before three o'clock, after our regular edition had gone to press, an attempt was made on Seabrook, by a large force of rebels, who came down the Chickhassee river in boats. Col Howell, the efficient and ever-watchful commander of this District, had passed the point, scarcely more than an hour before, on a visit to the pickets, and found them on the alert, using all the proper precautions for a night guard at an important position.

The rebels approached Seabrook in two large boats, filled with men, evidently sent forward to reconnoiter, with a numerous reserve force further back, to co-operate in case our pickets should be found napping, or any points exposed. One of the boats came down to the mouth of Skull Creek, where they attacked a picket boat, containing a Corporal and four men of the 76th Pennsylvania. They first fired three shots and then a whole volley, and succeeded in capturing the boat and those in it, after a severe hand to hand fight. Whether there were any casualties could not be ascertained. Further on, meeting an unexpected resistance, they retreated. The other boat came down to a small creek, which runs around to the rear of Seabrook which they evidently expected to find unguarded, as it is only navigable at high tide. They however encountered the picket of the 76th, on shore, who challenged them, and then gave them a full volley, which seems to have taken them by surprise, done good execution, and created much consternation. The steersman yelled out, "Back starboard! Pull port! For God's sake let us get out of this!" The order was obeyed with alacrity. Just then a signal rocket was sent up from a point a short distance up the river, whereupon both boats retired with all possible speed. The sound of many oars and of voices, from where the reserve force was stationed, could be distinctly heard by our pickets, as all the boats pulled off, apparently in accordance with the signal.

It is evident that the rebels designed the destruction of Seabrook, and of the vessels there coaling, with the capture of the force which holds it. Possibly their plan of operations was on a still larger scale, and contemplated also the accomplishment of more important objects. But for the faithfulness of the pickets, it is very probable they might have done us considerable injury, however foolish their main designs were.

Too much praise cannot be awarded to Col. Howell, whose vigilance has been unceasing ever since he has had command of this District. Col. Campbell, of the 76th, commanding the outposts, also deserves much credit for the excellence of the precautions he had taken.

**CAPTURE OF THREE ESCAPED PRISONERS.**  
—Three prisoners who escaped from the Provost Guard House by digging under the wall, on Thursday night, were recaptured yesterday (Friday) afternoon. They were discovered at the extreme of Brad-dock's Point, in a boat. They escaped from the boat to the woods, and were captured by the mounted patrol of the Provost Marshal, and are now in custody.

**FOUR CONTRABANDS**—three men and a very intelligent woman—arrived at the blockading fleet, off Charleston, on Saturday morning, having escaped in a boat from St. Andrew's Parish, by rowing all night. They had several narrow escapes, and the boat in which

they originally started was captured. When they came under the Long Bridge they could see and hear the sentinels upon it. They passed two torpedoes in the stream.

**REBEL DEMONSTRATION AT PORT ROYAL FERRY.**—On Saturday morning last, the rebels made an attempt, with fifty men, two launches and a small field gun, to land somewhere on this side, in the vicinity of Port Royal Ferry, but did not succeed. An alarm was given, and the boats put back. On returning to the main land they shelled our pickets a while, but did no damage.

**MONUMENT TO ADJUTANT LIBBY.**—The officers of the 3d New Hampshire Regiment are subscribing for a beautiful and substantial monument, to be erected in the Cemetery at Manchester, N. H., in memory of the brave and lamented Adjutant Alvan H. Libby, who fell at Fort Wagner, July 18th. He was formerly adjutant of the 3d N. H., and at the time of his death was Adjutant-General to Gen. Strong.

**TRANSPORT CAPTAIN IN TROUBLE.**—Capt. Pinckney, of the U. S. Transport L. H. Mount, has been confined in the Provost guard house, in default of payment of a fine of \$100, for charging a small party of officers \$1 50 each for lodgings on his steamer, during a recent trip from Folly Island. A day or two since he paid his fine and was discharged.

**BLOCKADE RUNNER CAPTURED.**—The New South learns that the Huron has captured another prize—the steamer Sophia, from Nassau—off the mouth of the Altamaha river, with a valuable cargo of salt, flour, whisky, soda, and other articles.

**DROWNED.**—Private John Moore, Co. I, 76th Pennsylvania Vols., fell overboard from the steamer Daniel Webster on the 12th and was drowned. He had re-enlisted and was going home on furlough.

**GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 38.**

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH, HILTON HEAD, S. C., MARCH 13, 1864.—I. Whenever claim is made for an installment of bounty due a reenlisted veteran volunteer, the following remark must be made against the name of the claimant upon the muster pay roll, viz.: "Re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer, under General Orders No. 191, War Department, series of 1863."—Installment of Bounty, \$— due.

When claimed by a soldier of the Regular Army, the following remark should be made: "Re-enlisted under General Orders, No. 190, of 1863, and No. 25, of 1864."—Installment of Bounty, \$— due.

The \$25 Advance Bounty due a recruit enlisting for three years, under the Act of July 22, 1861, and General Orders, Nos. 74 and 77, 1862, should be paid by the Mustering and Disbursing Officer, but when not so paid, claim should be made upon the roll, as follows: "\$25 U. S. Advance Bounty due—never paid."

The Final Statements of a discharged volunteer should, in all cases, show when the clothing was last settled, or that it has never been settled, and the amount of clothing drawn since settlement, or enlistment, as the case may be. In the absence of such record no clothing allowance can be paid. They should also show whether or not the Advance Bounty, or any Bounty has been paid, and how much; also, whether the discharge was for wounds received or sickness incurred since last enlistment—otherwise the Paymaster will deduct \$25 Advance Bounty from the pay of all soldiers discharged within two years from enlistment, except in those cases where the enlistment occurred previous to July 7, 1862, when the payment of the Advance Bounty was authorized.

Any informal claims for Bounty, or payment for clothing undrawn, will not be recognized. All discharged officers, upon application for pay, must present to the Paymaster certificates in duplicate:

1. From their Commanding Officer, that they have not been absent without leave, and that they were last paid to— date, by Paymaster—

2. From the Quartermaster, that they have turned over all Government property, and are not indebted to the United States through that Department.

3. From the head of the Ordnance Department, and the proper accounting officers of the Treasury, (in most cases the 2d Auditor), a certificate that they have made all prescribed returns, and are in nowise indebted to the United States.

II. The foregoing instructions must be strictly complied with.  
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