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### POETRY.

#### The Battle Autumn of 1862.

The flags of war, like storm-birds fly,  
The charging trumpets blow;  
Yet rolls no thunder in the sky,  
No earthquake strives below.

And, calm and patient, Nature keeps  
Her ancient promise well,  
Though o'er her bloom and greenness sweeps  
The battle's breath of hell.

And still she walks in golden hours  
Through harvest-happy farms,  
And still she wears her fruits and flowers  
Like jewels on her arms.

What mean the gladness of the plain,  
This joy of eve and morn,  
The mirth that shakes the beard of grain  
And yellow locks of corn?

And eyes may well be full of tears,  
And hearts with hate are hot;  
But even-paced come round the years,  
And Nature changes not.

She meets with smiles our bitter grief,  
With songs our groans of pain;  
She mocks with tint of flower and leaf  
The war-field's crimson stain.

Still, in the cannon's pause, we hear  
Her sweet thanksgiving-psalm;  
Too near to God for doubt or fear,  
She shares the eternal calm.

She knows the seed lies safe below  
The fires that blast and burn;  
For all the tears of blood we sow  
She waits the rich return.

She sees with clearer eye than ours  
The good of suffering born,—  
The hearts that blossom like her flowers  
And ripen like her corn.

Oh, give to us, in times like these,  
The vision of her eyes;  
And make her fields and fruited trees  
Our golden prophecies!

Oh, give to us her finer ear!  
Above this stormy din,  
We, too, would hear the bells of cheer  
Ring peace and freedom in!

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### THE POCOTALIGO EXPEDITION.

#### Supplementary Reports.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH,  
HILTON HEAD, PORT ROYAL, S. C., Nov. 6th, 1862.

Brig. Gen. L. THOMAS, Adjutant General, U. S. Army:

GENERAL:—I herewith transmit the reports of  
Brigadier-General A. H. FERRY, and Colonel T.  
H. GOOD, 47th Regt. Pa. Vols., who commanded  
Brigades during the late expedition under my  
command to "Pocotaligo," S. C., and would beg  
respectfully to bring them to the favorable notice  
of the department for their gallant and meritorious  
conduct during the engagement of the 22d October,  
as also Colonel J. L. CHATFIELD, 6th Regt. Conn.  
Vols. who commanded the 1st Brigade until severely  
wounded, in the early part of the engage-  
ment, while gallantly leading it to the charge.

Great praise is also due to Gen. TERRY, for his  
care and unremitting exertions during the night  
of the 22d, in superintending the removal of the  
wounded to the Transports.

I also forward the reports of Col. E. W. SERRELL,  
Vol. Engineers, (N. Y.) (Chief Engineer of the  
Department; Lieut. GUY V. HENRY, 1st U. S.  
Artillery, of the part taken by their several Com-  
mands.

Accompanying General TERRY's report, is the  
report of the success of Lieutenant S. M.  
SMITH, 3d Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers,  
who was sent up, before daylight on the 22d, to  
Cuthbert's Island, on the Pocotaligo Creek, to cap-  
ture the Rebel Pickets there stationed.

In addition to those officers mentioned in my  
last report of the Expedition, I have great pleas-  
ure, on the recommendation of their respective  
commanders, in bringing to the favorable consid-  
eration of the Department, the following officers  
and men, who rendered themselves specially wor-  
thy of notice by their bravery and praiseworthy  
conduct during the entire expedition, and the en-  
gagements attending it.

1st Lieut. E. GRIFFINS, (wounded) Lt. Co. "E,"  
3d U. S. Artillery, commanding section, who  
served his piece with great coolness and judg-  
ment, under the hot fire of a rebel battery  
Artificer PAT J. WILSON, Co. "B," 1st U. S. Artillery.  
Sergt. MICHAEL MANNON, Lt. Co. "E," 3d U. S.  
Artillery.

Lieut. Colonel G. W. ALEXANDER, 47th Reg. Pa.  
Vols.

Captain J. P. SHINDEL GOBIN, Co. "C," 47th  
Regt. Pa. Vols.

Captain GEO. JUNKER, (killed) Co. "K," 47th  
Regt. Pa. Vols.

1st Lieut. H. W. HANGEN, Adjt. (wounded) 47th  
Regt. Pa. Vols.

1st Lieut. MINNICK, Co. "B," 47th Regt. Pa.  
Vols.

1st Lieut. W. W. GEETY, (severely wounded)  
Commanding Co. "H," 47th Regt. Pa. Vols.

2d Lieut. BENNETT, Co. "H," 47th Regt. P. V.  
Private M. LARKINS, Co. "C," " " " "

Major J. H. FILLER, 55th Regt. Pa. Vols.  
Capt. BENNETT, Co. "E," " " " "

1st Lieut. D. W. FOX, commanding Co. "A,"  
55th Regt. Pa. Vols.

1st Lieut. METZGER, Adjt. 55th Regt. Pa. Vols.  
1st Sergt. H. W. FOX, Co. "K," 55th Regt.  
Pa. Vols.

Private PETER MCGUIRE, Co. "A," 55th Regt.  
Pa. Vols.

Captain THORNDIKE BACON, 5th Regt. Conn. Vols.  
Act. Asst. Adjt. Gen. 2d Brigade.

Lieut. ADRIAN TERRY, 7th Conn. Vols., Staff of  
Brig. General TERRY.

2d Lieut. MARTIN S. JAMES, 3d Regt. R. I.  
Vol., A. D. C., Staff of Brig. General TERRY.

Lieut. S. S. STEVENS, 6th Regt. Conn. Vols.,  
A. A. A. G.

Commissary Sergt. WM. H. JOHNSON, 6th Regt.  
Conn. Vols.

Sergeant GREGAN, Co. "I," 6th Regt. Conn. Vols.  
Private G. PLATTE, " " " "

" A. B. REESE, " " " "

" R. WILSON, Co. "D," " " " "

1st Lieut. EDW. S. PERRY, Co. "H," 7th Regt.  
Conn. Vols.

Private WM. CRABBE, Co. "H," 7th Regt. Conn.  
Vols.

Sergt. N. M. EDWARDS, 1st Vol. Eng. (N. Y.)  
" HENRY MEHLES, " " " "

" LIONEL ANYAN, " " " "

" FISHER, " " " "

I would also mention that I am much indebted  
to Mr. COOLEY, sutler 6th Conn. Vols., for his care  
and attention to the wounded, and his exertion in  
carrying them off the field, and in placing them on  
the Transports.

I enclose a complete and accurate list of the  
killed, wounded and missing, during the entire ex-  
pedition, giving their Names, Rank, Companies  
and Regiments, with a description of the nature of  
their wounds.

I have the honor to be, General,  
Most Respectfully, Your Ob't Servt.,  
J. M. MANNAN, Brigadier-General,  
Commanding Department.

HEADQUARTERS, U. S. FORCES,  
HILTON HEAD, S. C., NOV. 3, 1862.

CAPTAIN:—I have the honor to submit the fol-  
lowing report of the part taken by the troops un-  
der my command in the Expedition to Pocotaligo,  
on the 21st, 22d, and 23d ult.

My force consisted of five hundred and fourteen  
officers and men of the 7th Regiment Conn. Vols.,  
under Col. Joseph R. Hawley, temporarily organ-  
ized as six companies; four hundred and eighty  
officers and men of the 3d Regt. New Hampshire  
Vols., under Col. John H. Jackson, organized as  
six companies; four hundred and twenty officers  
and men of the 76th Regt. Penna. Vols., under  
Col. D. C. Strawbridge, also organized as six  
companies; four companies of the 3d R. I. Artil-  
lery under Major H. Rogers Jr., and a section of  
Hamilton's Battery ("E") of the 3d Art'y U. S. A.

A detachment of the Volunteer Engineer Regi-  
ment, two hundred and fifty strong, under com-  
mand of Col. E. W. Serrell, also accompanied the  
troops from this Post.

On arriving at Mackie's Point, Col. Serrell was  
attached to the staff of the General Commanding,  
and Lt. Col. James F. Hall upon whom the command  
of the detachment devolved, was ordered to report  
to me.

The embarkation from this Point was effected  
during the afternoon of the 21st, and was complet-  
ed at dusk, the troops being distributed on the  
transports as follows:

The 7th Conn. on the transport *Boston*; the 3d  
New Hampshire on the *Boston* and the gunboats  
*P. troon* and *Uncas*; the 76th Penn. Vols. on the  
transport *Flora* and gunboat *Waterwitch*; the 3d  
R. I. Artillery on the gunboats *Marblehead* and  
*Vixen*; the Volunteer Engineers on the armed  
transport *General W. H. Taylor* and the section of  
Artillery on one of the transports constructed for the  
purpose.

After the embarkation the vessels of the Expe-  
dition moved into the places, prescribed by the  
order of sailing.

Between nine and ten o'clock in the evening I  
received a verbal order from the Brigadier General  
Commanding, to detail one hundred and seven of-  
ficers and men to embark in the boats of the men  
of war, and proceed to and beyond Mackie's  
Point, and endeavor to capture the enemy's out-  
posts in that vicinity. In accordance with this or-  
der I detailed for this service two officers and  
seventy-five men, from the 7th Conn. Vols., and  
two officers and thirty-two men of the 3d N. H.  
Vols.

Captain Gray of the 7th Conn. with ninety-five  
men, was directed to proceed up Broad River be-  
yond Mackie's Point, and land in the rear of the  
pickets, and cut off their retreat in the direction of  
Pocotaligo. The remaining twelve men under  
command of Lieut. S. M. Smith of the 3d Regt.  
N. H. Vols. were directed to proceed up the Poca-  
talo River, and capture the pickets upon Bray's  
Island. I have received no written report from  
Captain Gray, but I learned from him verbally  
that under the guidance of the negro guide fur-  
nished to him, he ascended Broad River some three  
miles above Mackie's Point, a distance much be-  
yond the proper point for a landing, and when the  
error was discovered it was too late to effect his  
object. Lt. Smith was more fortunate; he landed  
undiscovered, and by a judicious disposition of his  
men succeeded in capturing one lieutenant and  
three men of the enemy, together with their horses.  
I enclose Lieut. Smith's report.

Owing to the sailing signal being unobserved or  
misunderstood, much confusion and delay occur-  
ed in the movements of the vessels on which my  
command was embarked, and they did not arrive  
at the point of debarkation until long after the  
anticipated time. The *Boston*, on which were my  
own Headquarters, did not arrive until nearly 8  
o'clock A. M. of the 2d, and the gunboats *Mar-  
blehead* and *Waterwitch* were delayed until a very  
late period of the day.

Upon my arrival I found that the debarkation of  
the troops already arrived was proceeding, and I  
immediately commenced landing the men upon my  
own vessel.

I here received orders from the General com-  
manding to form my own brigade in column, right  
in front, immediately in rear of the first brigade,  
and to put the whole force in motion towards Poca-  
talo. On landing I found that the first brigade, un-