

Head Quarters 3<sup>d</sup> Brig 1<sup>st</sup> Div 13<sup>th</sup> A.C.,  
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Asst Adjt. General }

Sir

I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of the 3<sup>d</sup> Brig 1<sup>st</sup> Div 13<sup>th</sup> Army Corps in the siege of Spanish Fort

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March at 3 o'clock P.M. the 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade was placed in position as a supporting line or reserve in rear of the line of battle of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Brigades 1<sup>st</sup> Div which was then one mile from Spanish Fort. The command remained in this position until 6 o'clock P.M. when I received orders to send to the front two hundred (200) men as skirmishers which were sent from the 23<sup>d</sup> Wis. Vol. and deployed on the left of the skirmish line of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade. Five companies of the 29<sup>th</sup>

All Vet Vols were soon after sent out  
to the right of the 1<sup>st</sup> Div line of skirmishers  
and the 161<sup>st</sup> N. Y. Vols was sent to the front  
to relieve the 99<sup>th</sup> Ill. Vols of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade  
which was supporting the skirmish line  
These dispositions being made no change took  
place until the following morning when an  
advance on the works of Spanish Fort was ordered  
I collected my scattered command and formed in  
line on the left of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brig; my left resting near  
Wardsworths house. A line of skirmishers was deployed  
in front and moved forward from this position  
wheeling to the right and at 12<sup>noon</sup> the brigade  
was in a position twelve hundred (1200) yards from  
Spanish Fort. The brigade remained in this  
position until the 28<sup>th</sup> when I advanced the line  
two hundred (200) yards and had works constructed  
in front. I remained in this last position until  
the 30<sup>th</sup> of March. The brigade did a great deal of duty  
as skirmishers and fatigue duty in the rifle pits before  
Spanish Fort. The loss was four (4) killed and twenty two  
(22) wounded

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant  
W. B. Pursey Lt. Col. Commanding