

the Brigade in the afternoon
March 19 Pensacola at noon and found us forming and
marched on in hasty column on the Telegraph

Journal of March of the Third Brigade,
First Division, Thirteenth Army Corps, from ~~Mobile~~
Dauphin Island, Ala., to Mobile Ala. —
commencing on the 17th day of March, 1865, and
ending on the 12th day of April, 1865.

March 17th

In accordance with orders received at 5 p. m. from Brig. Gen. James C. Veatch Commanding the 1st Division, 13th Army Corps, the Third Brigade broke camp and immediately embarked upon transports for "Navy Cove".

" - 18th

At 2 O'clock this morning the Brigade landed at Navy Cove and bivouacked on the beach. At 9 a. m. the Brigade was formed into line, — marched out four (4) miles on the Gulf shore Road, and went into camp on the sand hills near the Gulf. The 30th Missouri Regiment, which had been left on fatigue duty at the pier, rejoined

the Brigade in the afternoon.

March 19th. Reveille at 4 a.m.: line formed at 7 a.m. and marched in an easterly direction on the Telegraph road leading to Danley's Mills. At 12 m. the Brigade forded the Little Lagoon, and halted for one hour until the wagon trains had crossed. Bivouacked at night twelve (12) miles from the bivouac of the night previous. One Company of the 29th Illinois Vol. was sent out on picket duty.

" 20th. The Brigade resumed its march at 6 a.m., and, after proceeding seven (7) miles, the head of the column came to a swamp through which the road was impassable for the trains and artillery. Here I received orders to bivouac and send forward a fatigue party of two-hundred (200) men, with the proper tools, to repair the road and bridges. A heavy rain began to fall soon after going into camp.

" 21st. The rain continues. Fatigue parties are still at work on the road. At 3 p.m. the rain ceased.

" 22nd. The Brigade "struck tents" and moved at sunrise. After marching two (2) miles the road was found to be impassable for the

Heavily-loaded train, and I received orders from Brig. Gen. James C. Veatch to detail a sufficient number of men to help it through.

Arms were stacked, and the Brigade deployed out along the road for a distance of two miles, building corduroy roads, lifting wagons out of the quicksand and pushing them forward. At 8 p.m. went into bivouac, four (4) miles from the point of starting in the morning.

March 23rd,

At 6 a.m. my Brigade moved forward two miles, and halted. At this point rations were issued to the command; and, as soon as this was done, it moved forward two miles more, over a very bad road. Here I encamped, and the entire Brigade was detailed for fatigue duty, - to corduroy the road so as to enable the trains to pass over it. By 12 p.m. this work was accomplished.

" 24th.

The Brigade marched at 5:30 a.m. along the North Branch of Fish River, in the direction of Danley's Mills, and found the road very good.

At 12 m. we crossed Fish River, by means of a pontoon bridge, and encamped two (2) miles north of the point of crossing. Had good camping-ground, - on a high, dry ridge. Weather very fine.

March 25th.

At One (1) p.m. I received orders to prepare to move: also orders to send the 30th Missouri Vols. to report to Major Gen. Granger, to remain at the bridge at Fish River on guard duty. Marched at 2 p.m. in the rear of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, - in a northerly direction, - and after proceeding four miles, went into bivouac at 6 p.m.

" 26th.

I received orders to be ready to move at daylight, but did not march until 8 a.m., and then in the rear of the 3rd Brigade. The march was very slow and irregular, but the road was good except at the crossing of two streams, the banks of which were very high and caused much delay in getting the trains across. Marched eight miles. At 3 p.m. I came up with the 1st and 2nd Brigades, 1st Division,

and found them in line of battle with a skirmish line covering the front which was engaged with the enemy. I was ordered into position in the rear of the above-mentioned Brigades, as a reserve or supporting line, parallel with, and one hundred (100) paces in rear of the front line. The Brigade remained in this position until 6 p.m. when I received orders from Brig. Gen. James C. Nealech to send out two hundred (200) men to the left of the skirmish line of the 1st Brigade, - to extend the line to D'Oliver's Bridge, and connect with Col. Bertram's line. Six companies of the 23rd Wisconsin Vol. were accordingly sent.

I soon afterwards was ordered to send a Regiment to the front to relieve the 99th Ill. Vol. which was on duty supporting the skirmish line of the 1st Brigade, and the 161st New York Vol. were sent forward.

At 10 p.m. five (5) Companies of the 29th Illinois Vol. were ordered out to the extreme right of the line of the 1st Division, to connect it

with the line of the 3^d Division, 13th Corps.

March 27th I received orders to be ready to move at daybreak, as an advance was contemplated. *Rebel*

In compliance with these orders, I collected the different detachments of the Brigade, and formed in line, the left of the Brigade resting near ^{Gadsworth's} and in front of a house on the ridge near D'Olive's Bridge. A line of skirmishers was deployed in front, the right of the line connecting with the left of a line which had been deployed from the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, and my left resting on D'Olive's Creek. These dispositions having been made, Brig. Gen. J. C. Neatch ordered me to move my command forward, which I accordingly did. — over very rough and broken ground. After moving half a mile to the front the skirmish line came out to the "clearing" in front of the works of Spanish Fort, and were warmly engaged with the enemy's skirmishers.

I pushed forward the skirmish line,

March 23
and moved the command forward to a position under cover of a ravine twelve hundred (1200) yards from the main Rebel works. I have halted, and reported to the General Commanding that the right of my Brigade was up with, and connecting with, the left of the "line of battle" of the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, - and my left in close proximity to, and connecting with, the right of Col. Bertram's Brigade, which filled up the interval between the left of the 3rd Brigade and the Bay of Mobile. I received orders to remain in this position.

The skirmish line of my Brigade was withdrawn at dark, as they and the skirmishers of Col. Bertram's Brigade were occupying the same line.

Two men of the 161st N. Y. Vol. were wounded in line, and two of the 29th Ill. Vol. by a shell, while in Camp.

At 10 p.m. a fatigue party of one hundred and fifty (150) men were sent to the front line, to throw up rifle pits.

March 28th In obedience to orders from Head Quarters First Division, to send a Regiment to report to Col. Wilson, to repair the road and bridges leading to Starks' Landing, the 161st N.York Vol., Major W. E. Craig Commanding, was ordered to report for said duty. At 7 p.m. the 23rd Wisconsin Vol. was sent out to the front on skirmish duty, - to relieve the 23rd Iowa of Col. Bertram's Brigade.

The 29th Illinois Vol. was moved forward two hundred (200) yards, and a line of strong works thrown up sufficient to cover their front, - this left connecting with a line of works previously constructed by Col. Bertram's Brigade. One man of the 23rd Wis. was slightly wounded to-day by a piece of shell.

March 29th The 23rd Wisconsin Vol. was relieved at daybreak by a Reg't of Col. Bertram's Brigd. The 23rd Wis., on returning from the front line, was placed in position on the right of, and in line with, the 29th Ill. Vol., and works

March 31st constructed to cover their front. At 7 p.m. the 29th Ill. Vol. was detailed and sent to the front as skirmishers. At 10 p.m. the enemy made an attack upon the skirmish line, but were repulsed. The casualties of the day, in the Brigade, were four (4) men killed, and fourteen (14) wounded.

March 30th. The command suffered considerably to-day from the explosion of shells thrown by the enemy over and into the Camp, and front line of rifle pits. Three (3) men of the 29th Ill. Vol. were seriously wounded, while in the front line of works, by shells.

At 6 p.m. orders were received to withdraw the Third Brigade from the works, and at 7 p.m. the Brigade was relieved by a Brigade from the 16th Army Corps. Four days rations were issued, and the command then marched three (3) miles to the rear and right and bivouacked with the 1st and 2nd Brigades which had moved out from the works at an earlier hour of the day.

March 31st: Roseville at daybreak. The Command marched at 7 a.m. - in the rear of, and guarding, a train loaded with supplies for Major General Steele's Command. After marching six (6) miles, went into bivouac, and threw up works, at Holyokes.

April 1st & 2^d: Remained in the same Camp.

April 3rd: At One (1) a.m. I formed the line and marched in the direction of Blakeley, crossed Bayou Minett, near Hobley's Mills, and reached a point one mile from Blakeley at 5 a.m. Here I halted on the road, and remained ^{there} until 9 a.m., when I was ordered by Brig. Gen. Vatch to move the Brigade to the front and left, and take up a position with my right connecting with the left of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 13th Corps, - my left to rest to rest on, or near, Bayou Minett. By my orders two Companies of the 23rd Wis. Vol. were deployed as skirmishers to examine the ground, - but before the Brigade was placed in the position selected I received orders to move to the rear, and bivouac as a reserve, the 2nd Division of the 16th Corps, Brig. General Gerard Commanding, having been ordered into the

position previously assigned to the First Division. The 3rd Brigade camped on the road near Sibley's house, one mile from the rebel works.

April 4th. Remained in Camp. The 30th Mo. Vol. reported for duty with the Brigade.

April 5th. At 9 p.m., in compliance with orders from Head Quarters 1st Division, 13th Corps, the Brigade, in light marching order, reported to Gen. Hawkins Commanding a Div. of Colored troops which was posted on the extreme right of the line. The Brigade was placed in position in the rear of Brig. Gen. Hawkins' Line, to support his command in case of an attack, but none was made.

April 6th. The Brigade was relieved at daylight and marched back to camp, where we arrived at 6 a.m.

" 7th. A wet, cold, morning. The 30th Mo. Vol. was detailed to make gabions. Two hundred and fifty (250) men of the 23rd Wis. Vol. were sent to the right of the line to construct a battery, and one hundred (100) of the 29th Ill. Vol. were sent to work in trenches occupied by the 1st Briz., 1st Div.

" 8th. The details sent out on fatigue duty last evening returned to camp this morning. The 23rd Wis. Vol.

lost one killed and four wounded by shells while at work yesterday. At 6 p.m. the 29th Ill. was detailed and sent out to the front line as skirmishers.

April 9th At 5 p.m., in compliance with orders, the 3rd Brigade moved from bivouac to the front, and were placed in position in the rear of the 2nd Brig., 1st Div., eight hundred (800) yards from the enemy's front line, with orders to support the 2nd Brigade if necessary.

At 6 p.m. a charge was ordered, which resulted in the capture of the works at Blakely. The Brigade was soon afterward ordered to the camp previously occupied. The 29th Ill. lost, while on skirmish line, one killed and two wounded.

" 10th The Command marched three miles in an easterly direction and went into camp. The 161st New York Vol., which had been on duty at Starks' Landing since the 28th of March, reported for duty with the Brigade at 12 m. today.

" 11th At 7 p.m., in accordance with orders from Brig. Gen. J.C. Nease, my Command struck tents and marched in the rear of the 1st Brigade,

1st Division, 13th Army Corps, in the direction of Starks' Landing, via the pontoon bridge over Bayou Minette.

April 12th. My command arrived at "Starks' Landing" at 5 a.m., and, in compliance with orders, was at once embarked on the transports "Alabama", "Col. Cowles", and "Landis". The train belonging to the Brigade was left on shore from the want of the necessary transportation, and as soon as the boats were loaded they were moved out a short distance in the Bay and anchored. At 8 a.m. orders were received to weigh anchor and move across the Bay to "Magnolia Point", and there disembark. It was not, however, until 4 p.m. that the last of the Brigade left the the boats. I then formed a line and marched up the Shell road to the City of Mobile, and through the city, to a position on the west of, and broomwacked in the rear of, the first line of works.

Mobile Ala.
April 13th 1865.

W. B. Hinsey Lt Col
Commanding 3rd Brig
1st Division 13th A.C.

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Head Quarters 3rd Brig 1st Div 13th A.C.
Mobile Ala April 13. 1865

Captain R. G. Curtis
Asst Adj General

Sir

I have the

honor to submit the following report of the operations of the 3rd Brig 1st Div 13th Army Corps in the siege of Spanish Fort

On the 26th of March at 3 o'clock P.M. the 3rd Brigade was placed in position as a supporting line or "reserve" in rear of the line of battle of the 1st and 2nd Brigades 1st 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 23rd Wis Vol and deployed on the left of the skirmish line of the 1st Brigade. Five companies of the 29th

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to the right of the 1st Div line of skirmishers
and the 161st St G Vol was sent to the front
to relieve the 99th Ill Vol of the 1st 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 1st 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 12th the brigade
was in a position twelve hundred (1200) yards from
Spanish Fort. The brigade remained in this
position until the 28th when I advanced the line
two hundred (200) yards and had works constructed
in front. I remained in this last position until
the 30th 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
1221 wounded

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
W. J. Kinsey Lt. Col. Commanding



Head Quarters 3^d Brig 1st Div 13th A. C.
Mobile Ala April 13. 1865
Captain R. G. Curtis
Asst Adj. General }

Sir

I have the honor to submit
the following report of the operations and losses of
the 3^d Brigade 1st Div 13th A.C. in the siege of Blakeley.
On the morning of the 3^d of April after marching
from Holyoke I was ordered to place the 3^d Brigade
in position on the left of a line to be occupied by
the 1st Division, my left to extend to Minett Bay.
I deployed skirmishers to examine the ground in the
vicinity of the Rebel works in front of the position
I was ordered to occupy. Before the command was
placed in position the order to move to the
front was countermanded and I was ordered to
move to the rear and bivouac as a reserve which
I accordingly did near and east of Sibley house
and remained in this position until April 5th
at 9 o'clock P.M. when the brigade in light marching

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order moved around to the extreme right
of the line investing the Rebel works to support
Brig Gen Hanks Division. I was ordered back
to camp near Sibley's house at daylight of the following
morning. On the 7th, 8th and 9th of April the entire
command was on fatigue duty in the trenches and
skirmish duty. On the 9th I was ordered to move
my command to the front and take up a position
in rear of the 2^d Brigade 1st Division 13th A.C. to
support it in the charge which was to be made
by our troops and which was made at 6 o'clock P.M.
resulting in the capture of the Rebel works.
The 3^d Brigade lost two (2) killed and six (6) wounded
at Blakely.

I am sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
W.B. Steeley Dr Col
Commanding