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Maj. F. T. Lally.

Report by Major Lally Q.M. of the operations of his command on the March from Vera Cruz to Jalapa from the 6th to the 20th Aug. 1847, embracing Engagements with the Enemy on the 10th, 12th 15th and 19th August; at Paso Ovejas, the National Bridge, Cerro Gordo, & Las Animas near Jalapa.

[Enclosures No. 1, 2, 3.]

Respectfully laid before the Sec. of War.

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Headq. Pillows Brigade U. S. Troops
Jalapa Mexico
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This force consists of Companies (H) & (K) 4th Infantry (C) and (D) 5th Infantry. (G). (I) & (K). 12th Inf.y (K). 11th Infantry. (G). 15th Infantry. (D) & (K) Voltigeurs. Captain Loyall's Company of Georgia Mounted Volunteers. Captain Bessmans Company of Louisiana Mounted Volunteers. and a battery of two Six pounders under the Command of Lieut A. B. Sears 2d Artillery - Captain Besancons Company joined the Command on the 11th Aug.t and thirteen men of Captain Fairchilds Company of Louisiana Mounted Volunteers joined on the 15th. In all we were a little more than a thousand Strong.

Having a train of Sixty four waggons. to protect, as my Order of March, I placed one wing in front of them. and one in rear. having a guard of two Companies in the Centre of the waggons, with mounted flankers on each side throughout. The right wing was placed under the Command of Capt.n J. C. Hutter 5th Infantry. the left wing under Captain T. M. Williams 15th Infantry

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A Report had gone abroad that this Command was to convoy a large quantity of Specie to the Army, and this erroneous idea was used by the Chiefs of the Department with great success in raising Troops to contest our passage at the different Strongholds on the road. The whole disposable force of the Department of Vera Cruz was brought into the field against us and General Juan Soto Governor of the Dep.t with many Officers of rank in the Mexican Service headed the Troops.

We first met at Paso Ovejas. on the 10.th Aug.t a report of which probably reached your Office from the Commanding Officer at Vera Cruz - Throughout the morning they first attempted to harass the Command by firing at long distances. to draw us after them in fruitless search. But we soon learned their game and kept steadily on our route. They made their principal attack about 2. P.M. They had possession of a strong position behind the ruins of a Stone house, on a hill on our right in front, and with a sustained attack in front. they combined nearly at the same time a heavy attack on the Centre and rear. The Artillery under Capt Sears opened an Effective fire of grape and Ball upon the Stone house -

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We had entered upon the second bridge when the enemy opened a concentrated and very heavy fire from the hills in front and on

the right of the town and from the Castle on the left. It was soon discovered that the Artillery could not bring its round shot to bear upon the barricade under such a fire with all the exertions of its gallant Commander, who had fired a few rounds of canister into the town; - and it was withdrawn to the hill at the head of the town. There one piece obtained a commanding position to play with round shot upon the Castle on the left. But while this was being effected, a galling fire along the road from Escopettes in the Castle harrassed very much those engaged in the removal of the Artillery. - One piece was dragged by hand up a commanding eminence on our right - The fire of the piece on the road now under the charge of Lieut Russell 4th Infantry, and this demonstration soon caused the Enemy to leave the Castle, and it was soon occupied by a detachment of Infantry ~~under Lieut Bridgeley~~ which had been detached to dislodge the Enemy under cover of our fire, but who found it abandoned when they reached it -

Lieut Sears from the hill on our right poured a well directed fire of grape and round shot upon the hills occupied by the enemy beyond and on the right of the town which did great execution and served effectually to dislodge the Enemy = In the meantime Lieut Williams & Lieut Doyle of the 15th Inf.y and Lieut Loring of the 11th Inf.y with parts of their Companies had maintained their ground manfully at the approaches of the bridge, keeping up a fire from behind the walls of the bridge but at no time finding shelter on both sides from the persevering fire of the Enemy. Thus was this important position maintained for hours by these gallant officers until (Lieut Loring with a small party having crossed the barricade under the scattering fire of the enemy) a party of foot and horse was advanced upon the bridge. The former removed the barricade and we took possession of the Town, the Enemy retiring at all points. This was about Sunset.

It is but just to say that the Artillery alone thus gave us possession of this celebrated Stronghold, and great Credit is due to Lieut Jones 2d Artillery for his skill energy and gallantry on this occasion - If Infantry could have been pushed to the hills on the right of the Town, the Enemy could have been speedily dislodged from them. but the river with its precipitous banks intervened and no avenue of approach was discovered - Attacks were made throughout the afternoon upon the rear of the train, but they were not formidable -

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The loss on our side was severe - at the Artillery on the bridge a zealous and gallant young Officer Lieut James M. Winden of Voltigeurs was dangerously wounded, one man killed. and seven wounded - Lieut Wilkins Company (G) 15th Infantry had twelve men wounded. two mortally. Lieut Brannon 12th Infantry. Actg Asst Q. Master. was wounded upon the bridge. Captain W. S. Clark 12th Infantry. a most worthy and gallant Officer. was wounded in the attempt to supply the Artillery with ammunition - Lieut Geo. Adams of the Marine Corps. attached temporarily to (A) Comp.y 4th Infantry. was dangerously wounded in the thigh. in the act of assisting Lieut Waters of Louisiana Volunteers, to drag up the road one of the field pieces at a time when the Escopette fire from the Castle was very galling. I have to lament the death of Mr Geo. W. Twiggs. who, expecting a Commission was on his way to join General Twiggs. as Aid de Camp - He served with zeal in my Staff on the 10th and on this day; and he bid farewell from his

Chivalry and intelligence to do great honor to the profession of Arms - He was killed in the act of assisting the Officer in charge of the battery. Our entire loss was one Officer killed, four Officers wounded twelve men killed, forty three men wounded, seven of the number mortally -

We remained at the National Bridge until the morning of the 14th to give time to hear of re-enforcements, if the Commanding Officer at Vera Cruz should send any, in consequence of my letter of the 11th. On the Evening of the 14th we arrived at Plan del Rio - I decided the next morning to leave the train there, where there was good grazing (our forage being already exhausted) and to take forward the body of my force to dislodge the enemy from the various strongholds of Cerro Gordo, which I had no doubt that they had occupied. This supposition the events of the 15th fully confirmed for we found that they had occupied the entrenched hills known as Batteries No's 1. 2 & 3, the breastworks along the left of the road, and the heights and chaparral for a long distance on the right, between General Twiggs road and the main road. A very strong barricade four feet thick was thrown across the road within 200 yards of the ascent to the highest hill or Cerro Gordo proper. Our Company of Infantry and the sick who had accumulated in large number (especially from the severe and oppressively hot march of the previous day) were left to guard the train, and all the able-bodied men were organized into a battalion of Infantry under Captains Shulter 6th Infantry. We were fired upon first from the hill side on the right, a little beyond the Corner of Twiggs road. The Artillery played with much effect with canister upon the enemy for some time, and was then withdrawn to a place of shelter from their fire, the Infantry being organized to charge - three Companies Captains Armsby & Lt. Jones 12th Infantry, and Lieut Wilkins 15th Infantry in addition to Lieut. ~~Leigh's~~ Company of Voltigeurs, were sent in to

dislodge them, ~~who~~ and after considerable delay in progressing through the Chuffpunds, succeeded in driving them from the hill – To dispLace the enemy from the hills and breastworks which were known to command the road on the left for nearly two miles, a command of three companies. Lieut Ridgeley's (H) 4th Infantry. Lieut ~~Lear~~ Lear's (D) 5th Infantry, and (K) 4th Infantry, all under command of Lieut Ridgeley ~~4th Infantry~~ was detached to the left with Lieut Clitz of Penn. Volunteers as guide, who had been with Gen. Pillow over that ground in the battle of the 18th April – Lieut Ridgeley was instructed to endeavour to gain a position to take the line of breastworks on the road in the rear. He soon found that the line of Batteries 1. 2. & 3 were occupied, which connect the road with the river. By a judicious reconnoissance he found that he could advance upon No. 2. to the best advantage – He did so accordingly. A nine pounder loaded with Canister, was discharged at them, but fortunately its contents passed mostly over their heads. They gallantly stormed the work. and the enemy retired at all points, leaving two nine pounders unmounted, and 9000 musket cartridges in the hands of our troops. This was accomplished with a loss of one man killed and eight wounded. Upon the fall of No. 2, about 4 P.M., the enemy abandoned No. 1 (nearest the river) and Lieut Ridgeley turning his fire upon No. 3 and upon the rear of the breastworks they soon ~~evacuated~~ evacuated the whole line. It is but simple justice to Lieut Ridgeley to say that this movement was accomplished in the most gallant and skilfull manner. And the credit awarded to him should be shared by Lieut Clinton Lear 5th Infy. and Lieut Clitz of Penn. Vols. & Sergeant Sterling T. Carter commanding (K) Company 4th Infantry on this occasion, and Sergeant T. H. Low. First Sergeant of (H) Company 4th Infantry, wounded in this affair, merit particular notice for their example of gallantry in this charge.

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Having heard of the approach of a train of reinforcement by the arrival of Mr. Cooper, on the 15th. Escorted by 13 Louisiana mounted Volunteers, I dispatched Captain Besancon with fifty mounted men to endeavour to communicate with them - He found the National Bridge in possession of the Enemy, and rightly concluded that the re-enforcement had been driven back. - As soon as I learned this on the 17th. I pushed on with the train, which had remained three nights at Plan de la Rio.

On the afternoon of the 19th. at Las Animas only a mile and a half from Jalapa, we were again assailed by a band of guerillas, who occupied a stone fence on a hill mainly on the left of the road in our front - The Cavalry in front retired, the Artillery gave them several rounds of Canister, the infantry charged upon them along the heights

on the left, and in one hour we were ready to proceed - This affair was attended with a loss of two men killed and six wounded - I was myself wounded in the neck, and the Command devolved for the time (Other Officers being sick) upon Captain Alvord my Actg A. A. General - The attack of guerillas thus caused us to arrive at the suburbs of this City after dark - Lieut W. A. Russell of my Staff, being sent with a Communication for the alcalde was fired upon in the streets of the City, and we were thus left in doubt as to the feelings of the Citizens - Practising forbearance, we rested on our arms until daylight - We were then assured that the City was still friendly, and we marched in and took Occupation without Opposition. And here our sick and wounded having accumulated to more than two hundred men, we must remain to recruit the Command - This rest is necessary also to refit the train and recruit the Animals.

We were fired upon often on the road at other points than those of the affairs above recorded, and five men were killed and four wounded on such occasions.

Herewith I enclose to you a Report of the Killed and wounded, giving the names of all, from the date of our leaving Vera Cruz until our arrival at this City - Thus you perceive our entire loss is ninety three killed and wounded, to which add twelve missing, and the total of Casualties is one hundred and five -

Since my arrival at this place I learn that the loss of the Enemy in the several Actions was very great and that their continued want of success had very much disgusted them, so that many bands have dispersed and gone to their homes - The play of the Artillery with grape upon the hills at the National Bridge, and the entire Assault at Cerro Gordo, were very destructive to the Enemy.

seldom have troops been subjected to a more harassing series of attacks in so short a period, and I take pleasure in bearing evidence to their gallantry, fortitude, and perseverance. Every Company in the Command is composed of recruits and has consequently encountered many difficulties, but they have gradually acquired confidence, and merit at my hands high commendation

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
F. T. Lally
Major 9th Inf.y
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The Adjutant General U. S. Army
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No attempt was made to get in rear of the hill of Cerro Gordo on the right, as I was persuaded that it could not be occupied by artillery and the road was beyond musket shot from its summit.

Our loss in this affair was two men killed, and eleven wounded, one mortally. We captured four Mexican prisoners one of whom was wounded. From them we learned that their loss was very severe from the fire of both our artillery and infantry.

Having heard of the approach of a reinforcement by the arrival of Mr. Cooper, on the 15th escorted by 13 Louisiana mounted volunteers, I dispatched Captain Besancon with fifty mounted men, to endeavour to communicate with them. He found the National Bridge in possession of the enemy and rightly concluded that the re-enforcement had been driven back - as soon as I learned this on the 17th I pushed on with the train, which had remained three nights at Plan del Rio.

On the afternoon of the 19th at Las Animas only a mile and a half from Jalapa, we were again assailed by a band of Guerillas, who occupied a stone fence on a hill mainly on the left of the road in our front - The Cavalry in front retired; the Artillery gave them several rounds of Canister; the infantry charged upon them along the height on the left, and in one hour we

were ready to proceed - This affair was attended with a loss of two men killed and six wounded - I was myself wounded in the neck, and the command devolved for the time (other officers being sick) upon Capt. Alvord my Act. Ass. Adj. General. The attack of the Guerillas thus caused us to arrive at the suburbs of this city after dark. Lieut W. A. Russell of my Staff, being sent with a communication for the Alcalde, was fired upon in the streets of the city, and we were thus left in doubt as to the feelings of the citizens - Practising forbearance we rested on our arms until daylight - We were then assured that the city was still friendly, and we marched in and took occupation without opposition, and here our sick and wounded having accumulated to more than two hundred we must remain to recruit the command. This rest is necessary also to refit the train and recruit the animals.

We were fired upon often on the road at other points than those of the affairs above recorded, and five men killed and four wounded on such occasions -

Herewith I enclose to you a Report of the killed and wounded, giving the names of all, from the date of our leaving Vera Cruz until our arrival at this City.

Thus you perceive our entire loss is ninety three killed and wounded, to which add twelve missing and the total of casualties is one hundred and five -

Since my arrival at this place I learn that the loss of the enemy, in the several actions was very great; and that their continued want of success had very much dispirited them, so that many bands have dispersed and gone to their homes. The play of the artillery with grape upon the hills at the National Bridge, and the entire assault at Cerro Gordo. were very destructive to the enemy.

Seldom have troops been subjected to a more harassing series of attacks in so short a period, and I take pleasure in bearing evidence to their gallantry, fortitude. and perseverance. Every company in the command is composed of recruits and has consequently encountered many difficulties, but they have gradually acquired confidence, and merits at my hands high commendation.

I have honor to be
very respectfully
your Obed.t Serv.t
F. T. Lally
Major 9th Inf.y
Com.g

Captain A. L. Scott
A. A. A. G. Genl. Hd. Quarters of Major Genl. Scott.

Report of the Killed and Wounded of Major Lally's command on the march from Vera Cruz to Jalapa from 6th Aug. to 20th August 1847.

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Report of the Killed and wounded of the Command of Major E. J. Lally. 1000. Strong on the March from Vera Cruz to Jalapa from the 6th to the 20th August 1847.

At the affair of Pass Ovejas on the 10th August 1847.

Mortally Wounded

Private John S. Lynch (K). Company 11th Infantry

Wounded

Captain James A. Caldwell Voltigeurs — in the Ear
" Arthur C. Cummings 11th Infantry — " " abdomen } doing well
Sergeant Abin A. Sclover 3d Dragoons Act. Sergt. Major of this Command — Slightly
Corporal Cornelius Neighbours Voltigeurs
" R. J. Ferrill of Capt. Lovalls Co. Georgia Mounted Men
Private John Costly of " " " "
Corporal Hamilton W. Worden (K) Co. 4th Inf. wounded in the foot
Private John Hobbs (K) " 11th "
" William P. Campbell (K) " 11th "
Musician Peters (D) " Voltigeurs

Recapitulation 2 Officers wounded
8 Men wounded 1 Pte. Mortally wounded.

At the affair of the National Bridge 12th August 1847.

Killed

Mr. George D. Twiggs. acting in the Staff of the Commanding Officer (expecting a Commission & to be A. D. C. to General Twiggs).
Private Casper Beckman (K) Comp. 4th Infantry
" William Tomison (K) " 11th "
" Henry Stancey (S) " 12th ", Battery Light Artly

Mortally Wounded.

Private Joseph Fox (A) Comp. 4th Inf.
" John A. Griffin (G) " 12th "

Continued

Sergeant R. A. Rogers	(I).	Comp.y	12.th Infantry
Private A. N. Crandle	(G)	"	15th "
" A. Miron	(G)	"	15th "
" James S. Love	(I)	"	12th "
" Charles G. Dowell	(I)	"	12th "

Wounded

Captain W. S. Clark — 12th Infantry — in the thigh

Lieut James M. Winder — Voltigeurs. Serving with Light Artillery wounded severely in breast.

Lieut Charles H. Creamer — 12th Infantry Acting Adj.t Quarter Master wounded in the leg.

Lieut George Adams — Marine Corps — (dangerously in the thigh).

Sergeant Ebenezer Legro	(G)	Comp.y	15th Inf.y	
" William Inglis	(G)	"	15th "	
Corporal H. J. Lorenz	(G)	"	15th "	
Private J. Rice	(G)	"	15th "	
" L. Knecht	(G)	"	15th "	
" G. P. Amidon	(G)	"	15th "	
" J. Jackson	(G)	"	15th "	Slightly
" N. Kendall	(G)	"	15th "	Slightly
" H. Hatter	(G)	"	15th "	Slightly
" O. Stone	(G)	"	15th "	Slightly
" J. C. Crider	(C)	"	5th "	
" Wm H. Harris	(C)	"	5th "	
" Jas. J. McIntosh	(C)	"	5th "	
" George Lerab	(K)	"	Voltigeurs	
" Samuel Daughsten	(K)	"	"	
" Langton Moore	(K)	"	4th Infantry	
Sergeant J. G. Wilkins	(a)	"	Louisiana Mounted Men	
Private Nauny	(a)	"	"	"
" Shuckford	(a)	"	"	"
" James McLaughlin	(K)	"	11th Infantry	
" William S. Wood	(K)	"	11th "	
" John Mubery of Captain Loyalls Co.y Ges. Mounted Men				
" Nick Ford	(C)	Comp.y	12th Infantry.	

Private Benjamin Justice (I) Comp.y 12th Infantry
" William Kirksey (I) " 12th "
" Elijah Kirksey (I) " 12th " "
" Sandy Shedrick (I) " 12th "
" Alfred D " Voltigeurs
" Heinick D " "
" Elijah M. Gates of Battery Light Artillery
" Edwards M. McWilliams " " "
" James A. Higgins " " "
" James W. Blassingham " " "
" Thomas Wilson " " "
" John F. Foster " " "
" Thomas Moore " " "

Recapitulation 1 Officer Killed
4 Officers wounded
3 Men Killed
7 Men Mortally wounded
36 Men wounded

At the Affair of Cerro Gordo 15th August 1847.

Killed

Private Frederick Molter (D.) Company 5th Infantry
" Samuel B. Adams (K) " Voltigeurs

Mortally Wounded

Private George A. Genth (I) Comp.y 12th Infantry

Wounded

Private Daniel Jarrell (I) Comp.y 12th Infantry.
" George W. Palmer (H) " 4th "
" Wilkinson 3 "
" William Francis (D) 5th "
" John Ayan (D) 5th "
" Joseph Fester (D) 5th "
" James G. Fitzgerald (H) 4th "
Sergeant Talbot H. Low (K) 4th "
" Peter Ringler (F) Co. 3 Inf.y On duty with C. Comp.y 5th Inf.y

Private Edward Jones C. Company 5th Infantry

Recapitulation 2 Men Killed
10 Men wounded 1 Man Mortally wounded

At the affair Las Animas 19th August 1847.

Killed

Private James Lonsdale (K.) Company 4th Infantry
" William Bell (K) " 4th "

Wounded

Major F. T. Lally. Commanding 9th Infantry. (in the week not Severely.)
Private John Sims (H) Comp.y 4th Infantry
" Bernard Currien (H) " 4th "
" James C. Keyle (K) " Volteigeurs
" Joshua Shemalt of Battery Light Artillery
" John Baldwin do do

Recapitulation 2 Men Killed
6 Men wounded

Killed Elsewhere on the road than at the above Engagement

Bugler Francis Lawrence (a) Comp.y Lousiana Mounted Men at Las Lunas 9th August 1847
Private Edward S. Davies (H) Comp.y 4th Inf.y 14th " 1847
" Antonio Weisenhorte (K) " 12th Inf.y Regt Santa Fe 9th " 1847
" James Davies Capt. Loyall Comp.y Geo. Mounted Men 11th " 1847
" Michael Hamlin at Rio del Rio

Wounded.

Private David Griffin (H) Comp.y 4th Inf.y 14th August 1847.
Sergeant Henry Buckley (K) " 12th " 11th " " "
Private James Henry
" Stephens Rotendo (C) " 5th " 9th " " "

Recapitulation 5 Men Killed
4 Men wounded

Final Recapitulation

One Officer Killed. Seven Officers wounded

	Killed	Mortally Wounded	Officers Wounded	Men Wounded
at the affair of Pass Ovejos on the 10th Augt 1847.	"	1	2	8
at the Battle of the National Bridge of 12th " 1847.	4	7	4	36
at the Battle of Cerro Gordo. 15th " 1847.	2	1	"	10
at the affair of Las Animas 19th " 1847.	2	"	1	6
Elsewhere on the March	5	"	"	4
Total	13	9	7	64

Total of Killed and Wounded — 93
" Missing — 12
Total of Casualties 105

Head Quarters Jalapa
27th August 1847

B. Alvord
Capt 4th Inf.
A. Asst Adt Genl

Jalapa August 23/47.

Mr Ridgely
1st Lt 4th Infantry

Report of Storming party at Cerro Gordo August 18th 1847.

Encls. 1.

373. Maj. Lally,
Oct. 11, 1847.

Jalapa August 23th 1847.

Sir

In obedience to your orders of Sunday August 15th 1847. I proceeded to take possession of the works commanding the passage of Cerro Gordo, Lieut. Clutz of the Pensylvania Volunteers being detailed as guide. My force consisted of a portion of "H" & "K" Companies of the 4th Inf, and of "D" Compy 5th Inf, commanded by Lieut. Clinton Lear; in all about 130 men; the companies being reduced by the fatigues of the March, and by the number of killed and wounded in previous skirmishes and battles; Immediately on the receipt of your order I drew my command to the left in rear of Fort or Height No. 1 and from the cover of the deep valley proceeded to discover the exact position of the enemy; I found they occupied three several Forts on the left of the road, which while occupied by the enemy, the road must be impassable; I then moved my command in rear of the advanced Fort or No. 3. and halted them; with Lt. Clutz and Serg.t Lom, of "K" C. 4th Inf, I crept up the height, and discovered that the attack should be on Fort No. 2, the enemy occupying that position in greater numbers, and which when taken (as taken it must be) I could the more easily dislodge them from No. 1 and No. 3. consequently I returned to my command, passed

them

them from the right to left instructing each man as I passed of the position of the enemy, to be noiseless &c; I then moved to the left in rear of No 1. closed them in two ranks, and under cover of the thicket, in-
-structed each man in English or German as he might be, to advance by the front noiselessly, and at the command, Charge! to push forward nor stop till they had driven the enemy from their position; for-
-ward they moved, nor were we discovered by the enemy until the right had cleared the thicket; Then was the command given to Charge; gallantly did they forward under a discharge of grape and a galling fire of Musketry; steadily and with a shout did we advance, pouring upon them a sharp fire until we drove them from the work; from which we poured on them a hot fire as they retreated from No 1. and Fort No. 3: from which positions they retreated with precipitate haste, from the impetuosity and force of the attack on Fort No. 2, The rout of the enemy was most com-
-plete, leaving in our possession two nine pounders which we spiked, and 9.000 rounds of Musket or Escopette cartridges, which were destroyed; also their evening meal which was eaten by our men. The enemy were in force about 150 Mounted Guerillas occupying Fort No. 1; 700. footmen, including a detachment of Artillery occupying Fort No. 2; and straggling parties at Fort No. 3. At Fort No. 2 we killed of the enemy to my certain information 6, wounded 4, captured one;

of

of the number retreating from No. 1. several were seen to fall from their horses; night came on, to hold the heights was my duty; dividing the command accordingly, we rested on our arms. Annexed marked No. 1. is a list of the Killed and Wounded of my command. No. 2, a list of the Artillery detachment at Port No. 2, found in the cap of Jose Maria Perez, who was killed, also a Genl. Order to hold from the 11th to the 12th of August 1847. Signed Genl. Moreno.

To the gallantry of the Commissioned and, Non Comm. Officers; and to the extraordinary good conduct of the privates (recruits) of my command, do I owe the success of the day. below I give their names.

Lt. Clutz, Pima Volunteers, detailed as guide.
Lieut. Clinton Lear commanding "D" Co 5th Infy; Sergeant T. H. Lon, Comdg "H" Co 4th Infy; Sergt. H. F. Carter Comdg "K" Co 4th Infy; Sergts. B. Dunhoft, Miller and Johnson and Corpl. Bromell and Carroll of "D" Co 5th Infy; Sergt. Trumbull & Corpl. Sprague and Heisterman of "K" Co 4th Infy; Sergts. Anderson and McGee, and Corpl. De Wolf and Brennagan of "H" Co 4th Infy:

Particularly must I present to you most favorable notice 2nd Lt. Clinton Lear for his intrepid conduct during the charge, of the first if not foremost, and bravely was he followed; Lieut. Clutz was also daring & deserves credit ~~for which he deserves more than in discovering the position of the enemy;~~ to Sergt. Talbut H. Lon of "K" Co 4th Infy I am more indebted for that service, and who tho' wounded

-ded at the commencement of the attack, failed not
-until he entered the work with the foremost; Sergt Hi-
-ram F. Carter of "K" C. 4th Inf. deserves particular mention
for his conduct during the charge, and for the able
manner in which he commanded the Company.

Respectfully submitted &c
Your mo ob.t Serv.t
Henderson Ridgely
1st Lieut 4th Infantry
U.S. Army

To
Capt. B. Alvord 4th Inf.
Asst. Adj.t General
U.S. Army
Talapa

Puente Nacional
Aug. 13. 1847

Memo of Issues
Lt. Dr. Wly. Comdg. 1 Batty.

Official Account of operations of 1 Battery in the actions of the 10th & 12th instants.
Encls. 2.

373. Maj. Lally.
Oct. 11. 1847

Puente Nacional
August. 13 1847

Sir,

Agreeably to your orders, I herewith have the honor to transmit an account of the operations of the battery under my command, in the actions of the 10th & 12th instants

At about three o'clock p. m. of the 10th instant, near Puesto del Rey, the battery being in advance, preceded by a platoon of Georgia horse, the Enemy were discovered a few hundred yards in advance of the column, occupying a hill in front; on the right of the road being protected by a stone wall, & on the left by a thick chaparral – The Enemy charged down the road upon the head of the column, but owing to the retiring of the Georgia horse, the battery was disclosed, upon which they filtered into the Chaparral to the left. A heavy fire opening from the wall on the right and from the Chaparral, a fire of grape was directed upon them for about half an hour, when they retreated on the hill, followed closely by the Artillery which was enabled to annoy them considerably while within range – Considering the raweness of the men at the guns, the battery was well served – I was ably assisted by my junior Lt. Winder of the Volligeurs –

On the morning of the 12th at about three and a half o'clock p. m., the column having reached this place, a barricade was discovered at the western extremity of the bridge. No Enemy having been seen on the heights in the vicinity, I was ordered forward to clear away the barricade – Deeming it insufficient to take horses upon the bridge, the pieces were unlimbered, and moved forward with prolonges fixed. The limbers and caissons being left at the extremity of the bridge –

The Artillery was preceded by Lt. Williams company of the 15th and followed by Capt. Clarke's company of the 12th Infantry - Just at the moment of reaching the centre of the bridge, a number of the Enemy were discovered in the town in front - I immediately ordered the pieces to be directed upon them, but before the order could be executed, a most terrific shower of balls fell among us, from the heights on the right, the castle on the left and from the town ~~in front~~ barricade in front - Within five minutes, Lt. Winder and eight of my men had fallen - At this moment one of my cannoneers was shot, and in falling broke the priming wire in the vent, thus disabling the piece - Having but six men left, and finding it impossible to elevate the remaining piece sufficiently to reach the Enemy on the heights, I reluctantly ordered the pieces to be withdrawn - I was only enabled to effect this object by the assistance of Capt. Clarke of the 12th who called upon his Company to assist me - The gallant fellows went off in the utmost order at a walk, the while, seeming a most terrible fire entirely concentrated on them - And here I must beg leave particularly to mention the gallant conduct of Capt. Clarke - Immediately on discovering the Enemy I commenced firing grape, but owing to orders having been given to destroy the barricade, only four rounds of grape were carried forward - I begged some of the Infantry lying under the parapet to go to the limbers and bring some grape, but none would go - Capt. Clarke came from the extremity of the bridge and volunteered to go himself and bring them - While doing so, he was wounded - A braver or a more gallant officer never lived - As soon as the pieces were withdrawn from the bridge they were placed in order, but still finding it impossible to elevate them sufficiently, they were removed to near the summit of the hill in the road - While ascending the hill Mr. Twiggs who had volunteered to assist me was shot dead by my side - The Enemy showing

themselves on the Castle, round Shot were thrown with much effect. It still being impossible to reach the Enemy on the heights on the right, and deeming it practicable, could a piece be placed on the summit of the hill which overlooks the bridge, Lt. Ridgely of the 4th with a hundred men succeeded after much difficulty in placing it there. Here I was enabled to pour in a most destructive fire of Grape upon the Enemy behind their breastworks on the heights, and large bodies of lancers on the hills in rear were routed by the round Shot. after about an hours firing, the Enemy were seen in full retreat. during the time we were Engaged in drawing up this piece to the summit, Lt. Russell of the 4th Infantry was commanding the piece in the road which was firing upon the Castle. as soon however as an intention of ascending was discovered, the Enemy fled from the Castle in much haste. My men deserve much Credit for the manner in which they acted under one of the most terrible fires of musketry I doubt not, that American troops were ever exposed to. Not one flinched from his post, or evinced a disposition to shelter himself behind the parapet which was occupied by the Infantry. (Lt. Winder fell almost at the first fire, while Engaged in pointing a piece. He was an able and efficient officer and will be a loss to the command. Mr. Twiggs, aid to Genl. Twiggs volunteered his services to assist me, while Engaged in giving him some directions he was shot through the body. To the most daunting bravery, was joined in his character every gentlemanly accomplishment. The service has met with a severe loss by his death.) My loss was one Sgt. & one man killed & one officer and seven men wounded.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

over

Puente Nacional
Aug. 13. 1847

Wm. P. Ross
1st Lt. 2d Mtd. Comdg. Batty.

Official Account of operations of Battery in the actions of the 10th & 12th instants.

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373. Maj. Lally.
Oct. 11. 1847

Maj. Wm. Lally
Wm. McMullen Frst.
1st Lt. Wm. P. Ross
1st Lt. 2d Artillery
Comdg. Battery

Capt. J. B. Alvord
Actg. Adjt. Genl.

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Puebla 6th Augt and 7th at day light.

In virtue of orders issued by Gen. Scott, Twiggs' division was to move on the city of Mexico on the 7th inst., Quitman's on the 8th and Worth's on the 9th — The sick men to be left in Puebla with a sufficient garrison to keep the place. — Midn. Rogers had made his escape from the capital, and reached Puebla on the 2d; at the time of his escape, he was not on parole, but under a bond for a penalty of some amount of money, if he should break his bond. Before escaping, he obtained the permission of doing so from the person who had gone security. Capt. Clay had also escaped and arrived in Puebla. He reports that the prisoners (his unfortunate companions) have been removed to Toluca, he left thirty, Mexico the same day they left for Toluca. According to the statements given by Rogers and Clay, S. Anna has about 15000 men tolerably well armed and drilled; he has

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Puebla 6th Augt and 7th at daylight.

Encls. 3.

373 Maj. Lally,
Oct. 11, 1847.

Report of the Killed and wounded of Major Lally's command on the march from Vera Cruz to Jalapa from the 6th to the 20th August 1847.

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Report of the Killed and Wounded of the Command of Major F. J. Lally. 1000. Strong on the March from Vera Cruz to Jalapa from the 6th. to the 20th. August 1847.

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at the affair of Paso Ovejas on the 10th. August 1847

Mortally Wounded

Private John S. Lynch (K.) Company. 11th. Infantry.

Wounded

Captain James A. Caldwell Voltigeurs – in the Ear
" Arthur C. Cummings 11th. Infantry " " abdomen } doing well.
Serjeant Abia A. Selover 3d. Dragoons Act. Serj. Major of this Command Slightly
Corporal Cornelius Neighbours Voltigeurs
Corporal R. J. Terrill of Capt. Loyall's Comp. Georgia Mounted Men
Private John Costly of " " " " " "
Corporal Hamilton W. Worden (K). Comp. 4th. Inf. wounded in the foot.
Private John Stubbs (K) " 11th. "
" William P. Campbell (K) " 11th. "
Musician Peters (D) Comp. Voltigeurs

Recapitulation. 2 Officers wounded — 1 Private Mortally wounded
8 Men wounded

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at the affair of the National Bridge 12th. Aug. 1847

Killed

Mr. George D. Twiggs. acting in the Staff of the commanding Officer (Expecting a Commission to be A. D. C. to General Twiggs.)
Private Casper Beckman (K). Comp. 4th. Inf.
" William Jonison (K) " 11th. Inf.
" Henry Stunger (I) " 12th. Inf.

Mortally Wounded

Private Joseph Fox (H) Comp. 4th. Infantry
" John A. Griffin (C) " 12th. "

Continued

Serg.t R. H. Rogers (I). Company 12th Infantry
Private A. M. Crandle (I) " 15th "
" A. Miron (G) " 15th "
" James S. Love (I) " 12th "
" Charles G. Dowell (I) " 12th "

Wounded

Captain W. I. Clark 12th Infantry – in the thigh
Lieut James M. Winder Voltigeurs Serving with Light Artillery wounded severely in breast
Lieut Charles M. Creanor 12th Inf.y Acting Asst. Quarter Master Wounded in the leg.
Lieut George Adams. Marine Corps. dangerously in the thigh
Sergeant Ebenezer Legro (G) Comp.y 15th Infantry
" William Inglis (G) " 15th "
Corporal H. J. Lorenz (G) " 15th "
Private J. Rice (G.) " 15th "
" L. Knecht (G) " 15th "
" G. P. Amidon (G) " 15th " "
" F. Jackson (G.) " 15th " " Slightly
" N. Kendall (G) " 15th " Slightly
" H. Hatter (G) " 15th " Slightly
" O. Stone (G) " 15th " Slightly
" Jos. C. Crider (C) " 5th Infantry
" Wm H. Harris (C) " 5th " "
" Jas. T. McIntosh (C) " 5th " "
" Geo Leal (K) " Voltigeurs
" Sam.l Daughsten (K) " "
" Langton Moore (K) " 4th Infantry
Sergeant J. G. Wilkins (A) " Louisiana Mounted Men
Private Sauns (A) " " " "
" Shackford (A) " " " "
" James McLaughlin (K) " 11th Infantry
" William S. Wood (K) " 11th "
" John Mabery of Capt. Loyalls Co.y Geo.a Mounted Men
" Rick Ford (G) Company 12th Infantry

Private Benjamin Justice (S). Company 12th Infantry
" William Kirksey (S) " 12th " "
" Elijah Kirksey (S) " 12th " "
" Hardy Shadrick (S) " 12th "
" Alfken (D) " Voltigeurs
" Reinick (D) " "
" Elijah M. Gates of Battery of Light Artillery
" Edward McMillian " " "
" James H. Higgins " " "
" James W. Blasingham " " "
" Thomas Wilson " " "
" John F. Foster " " "
" Thomas Moore " " "

Recapitulation
1 Officer Killed
4 Officers Wounded
3 Men Killed
7 Men Mortally Wounded
36 Men Wounded.

At the Affair of Cerro Gordo 18th August 1847.

Killed

Private Fredrick Rotter (D) Company 5th Infantry
" Samuel B. Adams (K) " Voltigeurs

Mortally Wounded

Private Geo. A. Genth. (S) Company 12th Infantry

Wounded

Pte Daniel Sarrell (S). Company 12th Infantry
" George W. Palmer (H) " 4th "
" Wilhaimsh 3 "
" William Francis (D) 5th "
" John Agan (D) 5th "
" Joseph Fester (D) 5th "
" James G. Fitzgerald (H) 4th "
Sergeant Talbot A. Low (K) 4th "
" Peter Kingler (H) Co 3. Inf.y On duty with C. Co. 5th Infantry

Private Edward Jones (C.) Company 5th Infantry

Recapitulation 2 Men Killed

10 Men Wounded 1 Man Mortally Wounded

At the affair of Las Animas 19th August 1847.

Killed.

Private James Lonsdale (K). Company 4th Infantry

" William Bell (K) " 4th "

Wounded.

Major W. F. Lally Commanding. 9th Infantry (in the Neck not severely.)

Private John Sims (H) Comp.y 4th Inf.y

" Bernard Currien (H) " 4th "

" James C Keyle (K) " Dollyguns

" Joshua Shumalt of Battery Light Artillery

" John Baldwin

Recapitulation 2 Men Killed.

6 Men Wounded.

Killed Elsewhere on the road than at the above engagements

Beugler Francis Lawrant (A) Comp.y Lousia. Mounted Men at San Juan 9th August 1847

Private Edward S. Davies (H) Co.y 4th Inf.y 14th August 1847

" Antonio Keisenbroke (K) " 12th " near Santa fee 9th Aug.t 1847

" James Davies Cap.n Loyalls Co.y Geo.a Mounted Men 11th Aug.t 1847

" Michael Hamlin at Plan del Rio

Wounded

Private David Griffin (H) Comp.y 4th Infantry 14th August 1847

Sergeant Henry Buckley (K) " 12th " 11th " — "

Private James Henry

" Stephano Rotendo (C) " 5th " 9th " — "

Recapitulation 5 Men Killed

4 Men Wounded

Final Recapitulation

One Officer Killed. Seven Officers wounded

	Killed	Mortally Wounded	Officers Wounded	Men Wounded
at the affair of Paso Ovejos on 10th Augt 1847	"	1	2	8
at the Battle of the National Bridge of 12th Augt 1847	4	7	4	36
at the Battle of Cerro Gordo 18th August	2	1	"	10
at the affair of Las Animas 19 August	2	"	1	6
Elsewhere on the March	5	"	"	4
Total	13	9	7	64

Total of Killed and Wounded — 93
" Missing — 12
Total of Casualties 105

Head Quarters Jalapa
August 27th 1847

B. Alvord
Capt 4th Inf.
A. Inspr Adt. Genl

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Col. Hy. Wilson
Comdg

Containing Major Reilly's report of the attack on Lima by the Mexicans &c &c

As substituted entire the original can be found.

Aug. 27 - 1847

24 miles from Vera Cruz

F. J. Lally
Major 9th Inf: comdg
Reports — being
attacked by mexicans and
wants assistance — 26 miles
en route — from Vera
Cruz —

[Received.
Friday eve-
ning — August
27th R. Wales.]

(signed) F. J. Lally
Major 9th Infantry
Commanding

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Genl Worth
Commanding at
Vera Cruz

This is a true copy of the original
R. B. Arthur Captain 1st Inf:
N.A.A.G. Dept of Vera Cruz

Hd Qrs, Brage 24 Miles
from Vera Cruz near Paso
Ovejas, August 11th 1847

Sir

I have the honor to report that on our march yesterday, we were attacked by the Mexicans at about 11½ AM. – They were posted on a hill covering the road & we carried it at once by charging up with Voltigeurs – They continued to fire upon us from the Chaparral till about ½ past two, when they attacked us along the whole train – We had a fight which lasted about an hour, before we had the train in safety.

We had two officers (Captains J. H. Calwell of the Voltigeurs & Capt. Arthur L. Cummings of the 11th) wounded severely, though hopes are entertained of their recovery – One man mortally wounded, and eight wounded most of them severely – It will be impossible to take on these men, the officers particularly, if we expect them to live – I therefore send back to you sir, to request that you send up three ambulances with an escort to take them back – If you have an additional force to send forward, now is the time to do it – The Mexicans cover every hill and

appear to be regular troops – We shall have to fight every day & I have been advised by several experienced officers to remain and wait for reinforcement.

My time is so short that I cannot give you any of the particulars of the fight – Most – I may say, all of the officers, behaved with great gallantry – The troops are raw and unin instructed.

If you can send on a reinforcement do so, for this Command is too small to protect a train on the road, if the Mexicans oppose us with force – Were it not for Capt. Chord, who, as usual was distinguished for his courage and judgement, I fear it would have been a disaster – Capt. Hetter commanded the right wing, which yesterday was in the rear, & behaved as might be expected, with great coolness – he speaks of Lt. Ridgely who was under his command as being very active and displaying courage & conduct in the attack – The artillery commanded by Lieut. H. B. Sears 2d Artillery was well served, and did good execution.

I have not sufficient surgical aid, we should have two more Surgeons, as we shall have more than ordinary sickness for them to attend to.

The mounted Escort should bring up their own forage as we are very short of that article, and want more, if it can be forwarded in time – They should carry four days provisions in their haversacks or on their horses.

We have but forty rounds of canister or grape left, and in great need of more; can you send it? – Lieut Sears also wants match ropes, priming tubes and a large quantity of port fires, as the lock laniards are useless.

I propose to-day to move on to the next watering place, which is said to be four miles in advance – There is no guide whatever with the column – It seems probable your reinforcements with the ambulances can at least overtake us at the National Bridge – The Guerrillas hover around our front already, & will give us a brush today, as they have already begun firing – I shall at least hope, that you can send forward a large mounted force.

The attack was made on the front, the centre, and rear, but we were prepared at all points, our force in rear being nearly as large as in front, a guard in the centre of the wagons of two companies, and flankers all along the train – Our train of 70

Meagues we keep compact.

We are encamped a mile in advance of the Paso Ovejas, where the principal attack was made.

Please send a copy of this report to the Adjutant General

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt Servt

(Signed) F. J. Lally
Major 9th Infantry
Commanding

24 miles from Vera Cruz
F. J. Lally
Major 9th Infty Comdr
Report — Cavalry
attached Mexican aide
passes assistance — 26 miles
on route from Vera
Cruz —

[Received.
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27th 1847]

Governor Allison
Commanding at
Vera Cruz

This is a true copy of the original
R B Arthur Captain 14th Inf
AAAG Dept of Vera Cruz

Vera Cruz Mexico

Charges and Specifications against Paymaster R.B. Reynolds U.S. Army

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Charge 1st

Disobedience of orders

Specification

In this that Paymaster R. B. Reynolds U.S. Army when required to pay off the troops of the U.S. stationed in the city of Vera Cruz Mexico at & near Fort Santiago, did refuse to do so unless they appeared at his office in the Custom House at Vera Cruz although he had received a note of which the following is a copy

Vera Cruz Mexico
9 Aug: 1847

Paymaster Reynolds will without delay proceed with the necessary funds, and pay off the U.S. troops at & near the Charity Hospital The payment will take place at the Charity Hospital

By order of Colt Wilson
R. D. H. Arthur
Adjutant

This at Vera Cruz Mexico on the 9th Aug: 1847

Charge 2d

Disrespectful conduct

Specification 1st

In this that Paymaster R. B. Reynolds U.S. Army did receive from the hands of 1st Sergt & Adjutant

R. H. Arthur 1st Lt. Acting Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Vera Cruz Mexico on the 2d August 1847 and order of which the following is a copy

Hd. Qrs. Dept of Vera Cruz Mexico
2d August 1847

Orders
No. 36

Paymaster R. B. Reynolds U.S. Army will remain here with all funds in his possession until further orders

By order of Col Wilson
R. H. Arthur Adjt. Lt.
& A.A.A.G. Dept of Vera Cruz

and did say to said Arthur, I will not obey this order I receive my orders from the Secretary of War, and the Paymaster General & no others, or words to that effect This on board Steamer New Orleans in Vera Cruz harbor

Specification 2d

In this that on or about the 9th Aug: 1847 at Vera Cruz Mexico Sebastian D. Allis (Post Master at Vera Cruz) called on Paymaster R. B. Reynolds U.S. Army for pay due him (Allis) and in reply to a question which arose respecting the pay of said Allis, in which the said Allis gave Col. H Wilson's opinion respecting the point in question, He (Paymaster Reynolds) said that Col: Wilson had nothing to do with him, and had no right to order him; and that he only received his orders from the War department

and the Paymaster General

Specification 3d

In this that Private Rose a discharged soldier of Capt. G Morris' Co. 4th U.S. Inf. on presenting his final statements & discharge to Paymaster Reynolds U.S. Army for settlement, was refused payment unless he (Rose) aforesaid should produce his accounts already made out which is altogether an unusual practice & again said Rose returned to the aforesaid Paymaster with a note written by Captain Arthur 1 U.S. Inf. and signed by him by order of Colt Wilson U.S.A. as "Actg Dep. of Vera Cruz" ordering him, the said Paymaster to pay Rose. Said Paymaster did in a highly disrespectful & contemptuous manner destroy said note in the presence of said Rose and his (the Paymaster's) clerk Mr Mitchell, by tearing it in pieces, at the same time declaring he would not pay him (Rose) unless he (Rose) had his accounts made out. This at Vera Cruz Mexico on or about the 5th or 6th August 1847

H. Wilson
Col. U.S.A.
Comdg Dept
Vera Cruz.

Witnesses
Lt & Adj. Arthur 1st Inf
S. D. Allis Post Master
Mr Mitchell Pay Dept Clerk.
Dept Clerk of Mr.

Vera Cruz Mexico
10 Aug: 1847

R. B. Reynolds
Paymaster

Copy
of his letter of instructions
to

2.

627. Wilson Aug. 27/47

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The enclosed
Recd. Aug. 27 enclosed in
a letter from Col. Wilson, which
was laid before the President
by the Adt Genl — Returned
from the War Office
this morning —
August 30th R. Jones

Vera Cruz Mexico
Augt: 18th 1847

Sir

The following is a copy of my instruction

"New Orleans July 27th 1847

Sir

You will take advantage of the opportunity which offers to day to proceed with the funds in your possession to join the Head Quarters of Genl: Scott in Mexico. On reaching Vera Cruz, you will at once pay all arrearages due the troops in the City and Castle. After completing that duty, and as soon as a suitable escort is provided, you will continue your route to Hd: qrs: Should you find a Paymaster at Jalapa, or Perote, you will turn over to them, such an amount of funds as may be necessary to pay their districts to the 30th of June last. On your arrival at Hd: qrs: you will turn over your funds to Major Kirby, or Senior Paymaster on duty, and report to him for duty

Respectfully Your Obedient Servant

Major R B Reynolds (Signed) Benj F Larned
Paymaster USA J P M General
Present USA"

These being my orders from the officer of my Department=

=ment rankling me. I shall decline to observe orders emanating from any other source than from the Secretary of War or the Pay department. Owing to the sickness in garrison I shall wait on the troops and pay them, preparatory to asking for a suitable escort to proceed with me to the Hq. Qrs. of General Scott's Army in Mexico

Most respectfully
Your obt Svt
(Signed) R B Reynolds
Paymaster

Bvt. Col.
H. Wilson
Vera Cruz Mexico

The foregoing is a true copy
R H Anderson
Capt. & A.A.G.

62 Vera Cruz August 12th 1847

Maj: Wilson
Col: U.S.A.
Commanding

Troops have arrived -
Transmits report of Major
Lally 9 U.S. Inf: *
Mains double rations
Transmits Charges &c against
Paymaster Reynolds
Col Wilson 12th Inf is sick
with yellow fever

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Enclosure No 2 of this paper is filed with 373 S.O. 1847 the letter is the original report of Major Lally -

Sam. General Very (respectfully)

Urgent expressions of officers and enlisted soldiers from getting their pay, when paying others 'the Blue.

St Cruz August 12th 1847

General,

I have the honor to report, the arrival here on the evening of the 10th Inst, of Bvt Colonel D. S. Miles, Doctor Hindley & Capt Wells company of the 12th Regt Infy 84 strong, the latter I have sent out to reinforce Major Lally, who is about 28 miles on his route, to the Army. I have enclosed a copy of the Major's report he sent to me yesterday, also the last & little intelligence received from Puebla, through the House of Hargous, at this place.

It was intimated to me, that I would be obliged to get authority from Washington, to charge double rations for Comdg the Department of St Cruz. If so, I beg, general, you will have it at once granted.

Since writing the above, Capt Hoole's Company of the 14th Regt have arrived in the Steamer Fanny, numbering 75 aggregate also 2 lieuts and 10 men of Capt Fairchilds mounted Lou: Vols, that were left at New Orleans (I believe) sick — Capt H's company about 68 for duty. I have sent out to join Major Lally.

I have also enclosed herewith, charges against Paymaster R. B. Reynolds, for your future consideration and action thereon. — Major Reynolds has not been arrested by me, for the reason, it would have, in my opinion been prejudicial to the Interest of the service, so far, as having no Paymaster present for duty, it

might deprive both officers and discharged soldiers from getting their pay, when passing thro' this place.

I am. General, Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
K. J. Wilson
Capt. U.S.A.
Comdg.

Mrs. Capt. J. D. Wilson of the 12th Regt. is quite ill with the yellow fever. he was taken with it on Sunday last

Brigr. Genl. R. Jones
Adjt. General USA
Washington
D.C.

Hd. Qrs. Jalapa, Aug. 26 1847.

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Copy of letter from Major J. C. Lally, 9th. Infy. Comdg. detailing incidents on march from Vera Cruz to Jalapa.

[The instructions from this Office to Col. Wilson, of August 12th anticipates Major Lally's recommendation to re-occupy Jalapa]

R. J.

Respectfully laid before the Sec. of War

R. Jones

October 7th

Oct. 7. 1847

(Copy)

Hd. Qrs. Jalapa, August 26th. 1847.

To Gen. A. Wilson,

Vera Cruz,

My command reached this place on the morning of the 20th inst. We have fought our way triumphantly every inch of the route, but have had severe contests nay battles, with the guerillas on the 11th at Paso Ovejas (as before reported) on the 12th Aug. at the National Bridge, on the 15 August at Cerro Gordo and on the 19th at Las Animas, only a mile & a half from this city. Not a wagon has fallen into the hands of the enemy. We have been opposed by at least 12 or 15 hundred guerillas on these occasions, perhaps less at the last, for they were badly whipped at Cerro Gordo, where their loss was so large that they could not re-organize - Father Jarauta commanded them. - Our loss is great - During the entire march 7 officers wounded, 12 of rank & file killed - 5 mortally wounded - 66 wounded - Of this number 4 killed & 14 wounded were at places closer than the four actions named above. I regret to say that at Natl. Bridge Mr. Geo. D. Twiggs (expecting a commission & to be A.D.C. to Genl T.) was killed while gallantly serving in my staff. Capt. S. R. Caldwell of Volligeurs & Capt A. C. Cummings, 11th. Infy were wounded on the 12th (as before reported) but are doing well now. At Natl. Bridge Lieut James A. Winder of Volligeurs & Lieut. George A. Adams of Marine Corps, were dangerously wounded, also on the same day Capt W. S. Clark 12th. Infy. in the thigh, 2d Lieut. Charles M. Cruzer, 12th. Infy. not severely in the leg - At Las Animas on the 19th Major J. T. Lally, 9th. Infy. commanding

officer was wounded in the neck, not severely, but has for a few days been disabled from command. A large number of sick have accumulated, besides our wounded, and we shall be compelled to remain here many days to recruit. I cannot too much praise the gallantry of the officers - the men raw & uninstructed have gradually acquired confidence. Col. Wynkoop arrived from Perote on the 24th having heard we were in danger at Cerro Gordo - We waited three days for your re-inforcement, and hearing of it at Plan del Rio, sent back a body of wagons to Natl. Bridge, who finding it in possession of the enemy, we concluded that it was repulsed. I am pained at the rumor we heard of the loss of some of its waggons. Dr. Cooper & 13 Dragoons reached us. I cannot too earnestly recommend that you assume the authority to order the re-occupation of this city - Even if Genl. Scott was not before the city of M. and beyond the reach of re-inforcements, you perceive that trains are constantly endanged by guerillas and I am satisfied that this city has been their Head Quarters & that their chief supplies have been forwarded from here. Their spirits have been raised by absence of the troops. I am certain that Genl. Scott on the spot would order its re-occupation. Col. Wynkoop concurs in its importance. (Our forage only lasted to Plan del Rio the 14th. and our provisions to this city the 20th) The wants of Lieut Sias's battery are the same as when I wrote you on the 11th. Please attend to them by the next train

Very truly Yours
T. T. Dalby /signed/
Maj. 9th Inf.
Comdg.