stabbed with bayonets, and a few were knocked down with the butt-end of muskets, but recovered in time to get away with swollen heads. There was terrible fighting to get into the fort, and terrible fighting to get out of it. The cowardly stood no better chance for their lives than the fearless. Even if they surrendered, the shell of Sumter were thickly falling around them in the darkness, and, as prisoners, they could not be safe, until victory, decisive and unquestioned, rested with one or the other belligerent.

The battle is over; it is midnight; the ocean beach is crowded with the dead, the dying and the wounded. It is with difficulty you can urge your horse through to Lighthouse Inlet. Faint lights are glimmering in the sand holes and rifle pits to the right, as you pass down the beach. In these holes many a poor wounded and bleeding soldier has laid down to his last sleep. Friends are bending over them to staunch their wounds, or bind up their shattered limbs, but the deathly glare from sunken eyes tells that their kind services are all in vain.

From the 48th Regiment.

We are permitted to make some extracts from a letter from Lieut. A.H. Ingraham, Co. C, 48th Regt. N. Y. S. V., dated Morris Island, S. C., July 24th, 1863.

"I hasten to send word that you may rejoice and be thankful once again with me, that I am still unharmed, though such a feeling now seems almost selfish. We have had ten days fighting since we came to this island. But Sumter got the range of our camp and shelled it the greater part of the time. We often dodged the shell by falling into sand pits of our own digging. Our last engagement was the storming of Fort Wagner, a battle which, for daring, bloodshed and disaster has not been equalled during the war. The attack being made at night, our forces fired into each other; also, the fire appeared to be aimed—the rebels would appear at a certain place and give us a volley, and when our boys would make a dash, they would leave under ground and soon appear in another place in our rear, confounding our forces entirely; but it being daytime, so that we could have seen to pick out these places, no doubt we would have held the fort, as a part of it was in our possession for three hours. The 48th distinguished itself as twice heretofore; most of the officers were cut down before reaching the parapet; our colors, however, were planted there—the staff was shattered—the bunting riddled—but only two other colors were planted. Sidney Wadhams is missing. The last I can learn of him, he was on the rampart of the fort, but to some of the men to 'come on' perhaps he was killed, though I hope not, if dead, he died nobly. * * * I have just received your let-
My dear Sir,

morally and physically, I am glad to hear from the 150th; they too have small powder, I do hope they will never be cut up as badly as the 48th.

I have no time for further particulars; you will doubtless find full accounts in the papers: I am very well except fatigue.

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In the midst of this terrible shower of shot and shell they pushed their way, reached the fort, portions of the 54th Massachusetts, the 6th Connecticut, and the 48th New York, dashed through the ditches, gained the parapet, and engaged in a hand-to-hand fight with the enemy, and for nearly half an hour held their ground, and did not fall back until nearly every commissioned officer was shot down. As on the morning of the assault of the 11th inst., these brave men were exposed to a most galling fire of grape and canister, from howitzers, raking the ditches from the bastions of the fort, from hand grenades, and from almost every other modern implement of warfare. The Rebels fought with the utmost desperation, and so did the larger portion of General Strong's brigade, as long as there was an officer to command it.

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Stories are flying about that this regiment and that regiment broke and run; that but for the frightened 54th Massachusetts (negro) we would have carried the fort; that the 9th Maine did not reflect much honor upon the gallant State she represents; and a thousand other reasons which I care not to enumerate. It is absurd to say these men did not fight and were not exposed to perhaps the most deadly fire of the war, when so many officers and so many of the rank and file were killed. It must be remembered, too, that this assault was made in the night—a very dark night—even the light of the stars was obscured by the blackness of a heavy thunder storm, and the enemy could be distinguished from our own men only by the light of bursting shell and the flash of the howitzer and the musket. The 54th Massachusetts (negro), whom Copperhead officers would have called cowardly if they had stormed and carried the gates of hell, went boldly into battle, for the second time,

THE SIEGE OF CHARLESTON.

The Last Attempt to Storm Fort Wagner.

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The 1st Brigade, under the lead of General Strong, failed to take the fort. It was now the turn of Col. Putnam, commanding the 2d Brigade, composed of the 7th New Hampshire, the 62d Ohio, Col. Steele, the 67th Ohio, Col. Voorhees, and 100th New York, Col. Danely, to make the attempt. But alas! the task was too much for him. Through the same terrible fire he led his men in, over and into the fort, and for an hour held one-half of it, fighting every moment of that time with the utmost desperation, and, as with the 1st Brigade, it was not until he himself fell killed, and nearly all his officers wounded, and no reinforcements arriving, that his men fell back, and the Rebel shout and cheer of victory was heard above the roar of Sumter and the guns from Cumming's Point.

In this second assault by Col. Putnam's brigade, Col. Turner of Gen. Gillmore's staff, stood at the side of Col. Putnam when he fell, and with his voice and sword urged on the thinned ranks to the final charge. But it was too late. The 3d brigade, Gen. Stevenson's, was not on hand. It was madness for the 2d to remain longer under so deadly a fire, and the thought of surrendering in a body to the enemy could not for a moment be entertained. To fight their way back to the intrenchments was all that could be done, and in this retreat many a poor fellow fell never to rise again.

Without a shadow of any of our men fell from our own fire. The darkness was so intense, the roar of artillery so loud, the flight of grape and canister shot so rapid and destructive, that it was absolutely impossible to preserve order in the ranks of individual companies, to say nothing of the regiments.

Army Correspondence.

A letter from Frank Cady of this city, a member of the 48th Regiment, has been shown us. It is dated Hilton Head, July 24th. This Regiment, it will be remembered, was the first to enter Fort Wagner, in the late assault near Charleston. Frank says:

"As soon as we got the orders the boys gave a yell and started in the double quick. They drove the Rebels off the parapet of the fort, but as soon as they were in, the enemy opened with grape and canister, mowing them down like grass. The water was also let into the moat at the same time, drowning many of the wounded. The 48th held the fort till 10 o'clock, awaiting reinforcements, and then had to retreat. While there they were fired upon by some of our regiments, through mistake—They came out with only 152 effective men."

He reports "Black Sambo," a well known colored boy of Hudson, in the 54th Mass. regiment, looking very "natural." He enclosed a paper containing rebel signals for blockade running, taken from a rebel officer's tent. They consisted of a red, white and blue color at intervals on the staff.

Lieut. Edw. Taylor, of Co. E, 48th, reported killed in the fort, has reached his home on Staten Island in safety on parole. He was wounded in the side. We were well acquainted with him—a young man scarcely of age, but "every inch a soldier." On the night of the battle, it is said, his father saw in a vision the body of his son enclosed in a coffin—a singular coincidence.

The Battle Flag of the Forty-eighth.

Raise gently now the shattered staff! O! ser­geant tried and true!

And blend its folds of azure with kindred heaven­ly blue;

It shook above the bloody fight, it fanned the hero's grave,

When gore leaped forth from gaping wounds and stained the hero's grave;

Which stabbed and stung, when swords were clench­ed round Wagner's flame-girt wall,

Whetted its points as wounded doves to see its burnest fall;

Though torn and worn by hail and storm its glories bygone yet,

As first it glistened 'neath Northern skies the un­tainted bayonet.

Like mangled warps our dark lines bost the herion's wains of sand,

And bayonets flashed like flying spray upon that island strand.

As mangled flower it floated on above the roller's head,

And pierced its crest on Wagner's peak, 'midst dying and the dead.

While valiant hearts rushed to its shade, a steel­enwrapped zone

Clung to its form as needle cleft around the bows of stone,

Till Strong lay bleeding on the break and Green's brave voice was still,

And death-thinned ranks wound slowly from the cannon-bristling hill.

Unwrecked once its silken folds, as infants' stainless cheek,

Now ragged as the cloud which crests the heaven-reaching peak;

But dearer far in present guise than when its hues were young;—

Each bloody fold and tattered stripe speaks with a fairy tongue.

They tell of comrades sleeping chill along the Southern fields,

The hard fought light which to Death's hand his woful harvest yields;

Our eyes grow dim to see it wave, our soldiers eye their scars,

We look with pride upon its form—God bless our Stripes and Stars!
THE REPULSE AT FORT WAGNER.


The following reports of casualties among the New-York and New-England regiments which participated in the assault upon Fort Wagner on July 19th, are the most complete which have been received. It must be remembered, however, that very many are included whose wounds will not incapacitate them for active duty for more than a few days.

**NEW-YORK REGIMENTS.**

**FORTY-EIGHTH NEW-YORK.**

Col. W. B. Barton, severely in hip; Lieut.-Col. James M. Green, killed.

**COMPANY A.**


**COMPANY B.**

Lieut., W. J. Mayo; Sergt., J. S. Burns; Corp., W. E. Beagles; Corp., J. L. Hume; Corp., A. H. Tyson, color guard.

**COMPANY C.**

Killed.

**COMPANY D.**

Wounded.

**COMPANY E.**

Killed.

**COMPANY F.**

Killed.

**COMPANY G.**

Killed.

**COMPANY H.**

Killed.

**COMPANY I.**

Killed.

**COMPANY J.**

Killed.

**COMPANY K.**

Killed.

**COMPANY L.**

Killed.
COMPANY F.

Killed.

J. F. Fonday.

W. H. Foley.

C. Corp. Samuel Swartwank.

Wounded.

First Sergt. Hutchinson

Corp. Onderkirk.

H. McFarland.

L. E. Lyon.

M. Nolan.

M. Bower.

J. Ryan.

J. H. Deacon.

E. Sheridan.

W. Furniss.

W. Tuttle.

J. Motteshed.

L. Vorhees.

Missing.

Corp. J. A. Hyatt.

M. Lemage.

Corp. R. C. Williams.

T. Lanier.

Corp. W. H. Howard.

J. Murphey.

Corp. A. Ellison.

M. McLinehan.

Corp. W. H. Howard.

J. Murphey.

Corp. J. M. Westerfield.

J. L. McKee.

Corp. G. J. Gregory.

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Corp. Benj. Seward.

J. L. McKee.

Corp. J. Brower.

P. Ostrander.

W. W. Howard.

J. Murphey.

Corp. Joe Allen.

Pease.


Payne.

Corp. Cowell.

Price.

Corp. Church.

Stebbins.

Corp. Clarkson.

Wilson.


Witherspoon.

Governey. J. Yorasky.

Hoff. Job Liminy.

Lee. Striger.

COMPANY H.

Wounded.

Capt. Wm. S. Lockwood. A. Havens. arm and shoulder. Hall.

Lieut. James A. Barrett—thigh.


Corp. W. W. Legare.

Brown.

Groat.

Freeman.

Groves.

Missing.

Sergt. Cladon.

Marson.

Lee Allen.

Poe.

Joseph Allen.

Humphreys.

Curtis.

Powers.

Freeman. H. Walling.

J. Yorasky.

COMPANY K.

Killed.

Capt. Fred. Hurst—large shot through the breast.

WOUNDED.

Lieut. A. F. Miller—bullet and bayonet wound in leg.

First Sergt. Umbleby—badly.

Capt. Fred. Hurst—wounded.

Corp. Walling. Nichols.

Corp. A. Hillicker. J. J. Johnson.

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Of those classified as wounded and missing, eight are the former and twenty-four the latter, but the list does not designate which were the wounded ones. Companies G and I are not at Morris Island. Total casualties in the eight companies 255, including three officers killed, three missing, and believed to have been killed, and six wounded, and brought off the field. Only three of the officers came out of the fight untouched—Capt. COAN, Lieut. ROBINSON, and Adjutant CHRISTOPHER HALE, and each of these three had their clothes hit. Capt. COAN is in command of the regiment.

From the Brooklyn 48th.

To the Editor of the Brooklyn City News:

St. Augustine, Florida, August 4th, 1863.

My Dear Sir—The Brooklyn 48th have landed here, and six companies of the 7th Connecticut, leave here to-day for Morris Island. We expect to stay in the ancient city for a time—all quiet and healthy here—everything delightful. Enclosed is a copy of the New South. I am just off guard and the steamer Boston leaves with the mail in half an hour. Send my papers here, they are a treat worth having, especially now that the rebellion is getting drunk.

Yours truly, WILL WATKINS.

We extract the following paragraph from the copy of the New South forwarded by our correspondent:

The 48th New York.—A detachment from this regiment, now greatly reduced by the casualties in their brave and determined charge on Fort Wagner, was on duty, while we were constructing our works at the front on Morris Island, detailed to draw some mortar down to them, under Gen. Seymour's direction. The latter addressed them thus: "Now men, we have got the enemy pretty well cowed—let us show them we are not afraid of them; we will mount them—let us show them—their eyes." The boys gave a shout and dragged the mortars, one after another to their positions where they were mounted in plain view of the enemy. They were of course vigorously shelled, but had only one man wounded. After the work
was done. Gen. Seymour had the men formed, in line and spoke to them as follows: "My brave men, you have done well; this is the first time I have ever seen heavy mortars mounted directly under a hot fire from our enemy's fort, in broad daylight, and I give you the praise due for your coolness and bravery." Gen. Seymour has the reputation of being "hard" on Volunteers, but we are convinced that where they come up to the proper standard of discipline and bravery, he will never do them injustice. Capt. Wm. B. Coan, of Co. B, who had his coat torn by a grape shot, in the late fight, is now in command of the 48th.

A Letter from Will Watkins.

St. Helena Island,

Evening of Friday, July 23, 1863—10 P.M.

To the Editor of the Brooklyn City News:

My Dear Sir—The Arago leaves Port Royal in the morning for New York. The camp of the 48th are alive to-night packing up and cooking rations for a sail in the morning, destination where—cannot tell.

We go, without doubt, to Folly Island, with all the regiments on this Island, negroes and all. Gen. Gilmore is wide awake. It is quite certain an effort will be made to drive the rebels off Morris Island in order to plant guns to reduce Fort Moultrie, which will be something before the final attack on the other forts and the city of Charleston. Gen. Gilmore is one of our first class engineers and, no doubt, warm work is ahead. The 3d New Hampshire are ordered to land on Folly Island at 6 o'clock to-morrow morning. They constitute a part of our brigade, and were with us to-day. The negro regiments now here will have an opportunity to do something, and the Massachusetts blacks feel pretty smart. The weather is fine, and green corn and watermelons are plenty. Yours truly,

Will Watkins.

Letter from Morris Island, S. C.


Special Corr. of the Advertiser and Tribune.

Picket Post, August 7th, 1863.

Mr. Editor—I last wrote you from the Post Hospital on Folly Island. The climate and excessive labor of the soldiers are such here as to prostrate at times the most athletic and healthy. A few days rest, however, and the skillful treatment of Dr. C. M. Clark, the accomplished Post Surgeon, usually enables most persons with ordinary cases of disease to return to duty. There are now in the hospital about fifty cases, the most of whom are convalescent. There are a few there who were so seriously wounded that they could not be moved North, who, of course, receive particular attention. In addition to the regularly detailed nurses, we have here Miss Barton, from Massachusetts, and Miss Gage, from Ohio, who, like good angels, are devoting their united and untiring energies to the comforts and wants of the wounded. These appear to be the only females in this Department whose nerves are sufficiently strong to enable them to extend their mission of mercy even where the cannon roar and the musket rattle. Permit me in this connection to make honorable mention of Dr. C. M. Clark, of the 39th Illinois, and Dr. James Westfall, of the 67th Ohio. These officers have both followed the war-path with their regiments for the past two years, and have been very successful in the general discharge of their duties. Recently they have had at which I suppose every young Surgeon desires, viz: a fine opportunity to try their surgical skill, and most handsomely have they acquitted themselves.

Dr. Clark has performed several very critical cases of amputation, and with such perfect success that his skill is acknowledged by the entire medical corps of the department. He was formerly a student under the...
Dr. Mott, of New York city, and, it is said, he possesses many traits of his preceptor's character.

Dr. Westfall is a graduate of the medical department of your own State University, and handles the scalpel with a will and dash which clearly indicates that he has been under the "big gun" of that popular institution.

I am in front to-day, on picket duty with the 39th Illinois. Less than half a mile divides us from Fort Wagner, whose sharpshooters are constantly exchanging cordial compliments with those who still stand by the Stars and Stripes, while from the fringing walls of Fort Sumter constantly come forth shot and shell that fall harmlessly at our feet, or bury themselves in the sandbanks that surround us. Wagner keeps her artillery silent; several of our heavy guns are pointing directly towards it, and the iron-casts are lying in close proximity, which doubtless tend to keep it quiet.

Fort Johnson is farther in the distance, and near the suburbs of the noted Secesh city. It however constantly reminds us of the fact that it is not ignorant of our locality, and feels that we are operating on ground sacred to its own safety.

Of Charleston we have a very fine view. The spires of her churches, from whose altars devout prayers doubtless daily ascend for secesh, tower up in beauty and grandeur. Yet my faith in our land, and naval forces is such as to lead me to think that even over this city of pride and impudence there hangs a doom.

I see not far in the future, what I trust every loyal heart desires to see—a flashing gleam through her streets—a smoke and smoke ascending as an announcement for her sins and transgressions, of which modern times cannot furnish a parallel.

I am not at liberty to speak of our doings or designs, but I hope soon to be able to chronicle crowning acts in this Department. Our friends in Charleston are becoming fearful of the gradual approach of our forces, and greatly lament that we were ever permitted to gain a footing on Morris Island. Beauregard is blamed, and that too, in my estimation, not without cause. Beauregard evidently committed a great error in leaving Folly Island in the condition that he did. Considering, as he undoubtedly did, that it was impossible for an army of this size to resist the onslaught of the iron-clads, the judgment of a boy ten years in trousers wouldn't have dictated that the bunker on the island should have been destroyed. But, the great seacasts—Nature's fine forts—that lined Fort Sumter's base to be levelled to the ground. Had this been done, we should have been deprived of the fine cover which we have had for our operations, and we could have erected batteries where we did only under a terrible and decimating fire of the enemy's heavy guns on the island, which would have been next to impossible.

We have had several interviews with the enemy under a flag of truce, relative to the exchange of wounded prisoners, which has finally been effected. Several valuable officers who it was supposed were dead, have been returned to us; and yet, as the smoke and dust clear away from Fort Wagner, we find that we lost in the unfortunate charge upon it, many very excellent officers, whose death we deeply mourn. Among that number is Col. J. M. Greene of the 48th N. Y. Regiment and formerly a highly esteemed citizen of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He lies on the parapet of the stubborn old Fort, while impetuously urging his regiment on to the terrible charge. Col. Green was a private in the ranks in the first Bull Run battle, where he fought gallantly, and thence rose gradually to the rank which his unflinching hold when death met him. A sensible, sociable, and true friend, a gentlemanly, brave and judicious officer, Col. Green had unconsciousness drawn around him a large circle of co-patriot friends, who are left to mourn his early but heroic death.

"Grant the dark son, fill the sails,

To all the world's want proclame—
One cowered hour of glorious life

Is worth an age without a name."

ANTHROPOS.
THE ATTACK ON FORT WAGNER.

Description by a Participant in the Fight — Gallant Conduct of the Forty-Eighth, Brooklyn, Regiment.

HILTON HEAD, July 29, 1863.

To the Editor of the Brooklyn City News:

MY DEAR SIR: — I have for some weeks kept silent, because I had nothing special to say. On the 4th day of July we left St. Helena Island for Folly Island. The weather was hot, and the marching and fatigue work on Folly Island was hard indeed for the Regiment. On the nights of the 7th and 8th we were out in line, spending part of the night in the woods by dim moonlight, and part in scouting and marching. On the morning of the 9th the Regiment approached Morris Island, giving us a fine chance to witness the cannon duel between the Secesh and our batteries, opening on the Rebs at 6 o'clock with artillery. About 8 o'clock a Monitor drew near, and opened on the Morris Island Fort; not long after, our men appeared, landing in flat-boats on the Island, off to the left; then howitzer shots were made by them at the battery, keeping up a brisk fire, the shells whizzing over our heads, and causing us to dodge. One ball struck at the rear of me, within a few paces of a man who was coming over to the Regiment. He walked on, not seeming to notice it. Now three Monitors are engaging the batteries, signal flags in all directions, and the frigate Ironsides, still out to sea, has not fired a gun. A shell has just burst over our heads, coming from some distance toward Charleston, and still another. Our men lie in ambush behind sand-hills, palmetto trees, &c. Ten o'clock — the ball goes on; we can see the four companies of the 48th drawing near — double-quick at intervals, preparatory to a charge, and the Rebs sending our small boat howitzers. Gen. Strong's Brigade is the storming party. The 48th belong to him. Cos. I and G only, are left behind him at Pulaski. We learn that Gen. Terry has made a landing on James Island. Fort Sumter is just ahead in plain view, which makes our men feel like fighting. The cannon duel continues; our four companies, with sharp-shooters, draw near the battery, picking off the gunners. Now for our order to go — It comes, and the other four companies start, double-quick, through and out of our battery, down to the water, under fire from the Secesh battery; we cross in boats, the solid cannon-shot striking all around us, and soon landing on the other side, on Morris Island, (joining the other four companies which came up through the marsh from the left) charge on the fort. The Rebs surrender. Other Regiments are landing in force, but the 48th follow up towards Charleston, and take two more batteries, turning some of the guns on the enemy, who are retreating between the sand-hills to Fort Wagner. The Monitors are at work all around the island. Shell and solid shot fly all around us, and the troops are much exposed.

July 11th — In the early morn the 6th Connecticut Regiment charge a battery of great strength, and round the parapet. The Ninth Maine break in their sappers, and lose to us the battery, with a destruction of many men. The 48th lost, the first day, seven killed and thirty-nine wounded. Brave Capt. Lent fell gallantly leading his Company. Six Rebel sharp-shooters were posted to kill him, as they thought him a general. The Forty-Eighth were called up in line, and kept last night on our rear. Today the companies are at work at Sumter, while the wooden gunboats are engaging Fort Wagner at the rebel batteries. Our reinforcements are coming up, the dead and wounded are brought in, and others are coming over. Weary loads of ordnance, guns, ammunition, and siege pieces are arriving, shells flying from the guns, and death is all around us. New rebel batteries are gained whole camps — tents and cooking utensils all falling into our hands, as well as pigs, chickens, corn meal, flour, &c. Too numerous to mention — letters to be sent, and that news here, from secesh towns and villages. For the present we take only something to eat, having done away our haversacks containing three days' rations, in order that we might make a better fight.

Evening — Troops continue to come over. Telegraph wires are being laid to follow our troops. Monitor is opening on James's Island batteries.
Gen. Gilmore and staff are just over, and I notice a fatigue party of three hundred men drawing up heavy cannon towards the secession batteries near the other side of the island.

Six o'clock—Sharp firing on James Island from both sides; at tattoo we are in camp, in line of battle, the 48th sleeping on the ground without blankets, all armed and equipped.

July 12th—The rebel gun-boat is off James's Island, in the creek. Slow firing on this island from both sides; at tattoo we are in camp, in line of battle, the 48th sleeping on the ground without blankets, all armed and equipped.

July 12th—Our troops have been under shell fire all day and part of the night from Sumter. One of our men was killed by a shell. Our regiment in great danger all day. Hills covered with men—mortars and cage pieces brought forward.

Evening—The 48th advance in the entrenchments. Men tired and exhausted—heavy fatigue work continually. In the night our pickets were driven in, the Co. E, which had just relieved Co. B. It was dark, but we soon understood the matter, and pitched into the rebels, driving them back and taking a number of their men prisoners, and thus preserving a battery of Gen. Gibbons's then nearly completed. Company E (Capt. Eling) occupying the advance picket ditch, near Wagner, which the Company had held for some time during the night.

All the next day sharpshooters busy on both sides—as one time four bullets struck quite near me at the same time almost. It was an ugly picket fight, watching for heads. The camp was severely shelled from Sumter until about noon. Their favorite piece taken from the Koonuck burst, they having overcharged them, and I watched the shell whizzing over our camp through the air, reaching near Folly Island, a distance of about five miles. The previous shells had burst almost in the tent of Gen. Strong and the 48th, which regiment he liked and preferred to keep near his quarters. Fortunately no one was even hurt by these threatening fragments of destruction which fell all around.

We learn that the men in Fort Moultrie mutinied and turned their guns upon Fort Sumter, and that ten men were hanged in Charleston.

July 13th—All day annoyed by sharpshooters in the entrenchments.

July 15th—Firing on both sides while batteries were being built or finished—sharp cannonading on James Island with our gunboats—men still in the entrenchments.

July 16th—Work of mounting guns progressing—expect to be completed to-night—our camp shelled for a good part of the day—gunboats reply at intervals.

Midnight—Thunder, lightning, wind, rain, and grease light, down in a hole with fleas, reptiles and wet sand, by the side of a knoll, in a beautiful spot of that lovely and attractive place spoken of so often during the rebellion, I am writing with a lead pencil, in an old secession, mouldy, ugly, and torn tent.

July 17th, night—Thunder, lightning, and rain. We are working by companies and regiments, conveying ammunition, shell and shot under the guns of sauce, very laborious work. The sea is fleeted with marine ships, small boats, sounding, and watching the Rebel Forts.

July 18th—This morning the 48th Regiment came into camp, wet through, and completely used up after all these days and nights of excitement and hard work. They have had one ration of whiskey—and received a few hours sleep, when the regiment were ordered to move to the front, in line of battle. The batteries and Navy had already opened and were directing their fire on Fort Wagner, where destroyed, our regiment was directed to advance as if it were the last time. It was a brave and honest expression of hope for victory. We received cheers from the General, and on we went, under a severe shelling from Sumter, from which place we could be seen and our motive understood. When within a few yards of Fort Wagner, volley followed volley, and the Minie balls took down our men, while we in turn aimed at the heads of secession. A steady battle was now the work, the shades of night took over, and the fight grew more desperate, our men falling, but steadily gaining, crossing the moat over the first ditch, and on
the parapet with our colors. Colonel Barton was wounded, Lieut. Col. Green (of Troy, N. Y.) killed while driving his knife into a Secesh gun; Gen. Strong wounded—but on they come to the slaughter! Our men are in close action, and two bayonets were run through a rebel colonel who boldly came out in the night endeavoring to rally his men to "Glory," as he remarked. Private Burnett, of Co. X, took the rebel's sword and brought it from the battle-ground. Now was the "flag of war!" The Ninth Maine played on us the same trick that they had previously done on the same ground with the 76th Pennsylvania. It seems hard to go back on any regiment that has anything to do in the war, but to very important to us was the capture of Fort Wagner—so plainly it was to be seen that it involved nothing less than the fall of Charleston—that any regiment which failed to support a storming party already grasping the prize, should receive the worst of censure. Our men were being taken prisoners, and in turn we were taking them. It was a hand-to-hand fight. I was taken prisoner and escaped the same night. On my way back, a shell from Sumter exploded, probably within two or three feet of my face, and from that instant I have not been able to write until to-day (July 29th) —not knowing anything until the next day, about ten o'clock, when I was brought off the battle-ground by two privates of another regiment, who, in the excitement of the hour, took me to be a rebel. The One Hundredth New York, by some mistake, fired into our regiment, doing much injury to the 48th. Glass bottles, nails, hand grenades, grape and canister, explosive bullets, buck-shot and small pigeon shot, were used against us; and it can be proved that chain-shot was used—a piece being brought off by our men. South Carolina will break the law of nations, and break her own neck.

In closing, I must add that but few of the old 48th (Perry) Volunteers are now left. It was a short work of death. But the Rebels say the 48th did not fight like men but like tigers, and also that no short contest since the war has equalled the desperate charge on the night of the 18th of July at Fort Wagner. We found that the fort was arched, also caves, and holes in the earth, entrenchments and ditches all filled with the enemy waiting for us. There were sand heaps of great thickness, Palmetto logs, cotton bales, iron, and being regularly casemated will take much, very much of navy power to reduce it. Could the regiments but have had light to see, and working harmoniously, the fort would have been ours, but so strong a place as it is, and dark as was the night, it is no wonder that so large a number were killed and wounded. By this time you probably have a list of the killed and wounded. I have not time to send them here, but that our Brooklyn friends may know something of the twelve day's work, with three fights put in for variety I would be glad to have this noticed in your valuable daily.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH NEW YORK.

One day, during the erection of our works on this island, a detachment of the Forty-eighth New York regiment were detailed to mount some heavy mortars at a point very near Fort Wagner. Gen. Seymour, who was personally in superintending the work, as they were going down the beach, sang out, "Now boys, we've got the Rebels cowed; let us mount these mortars right before their eyes, and show them we are not afraid of them." The boys did so, and got them all up with only one man wounded, although the Wagner guns were playing on them the whole day.

When they were through, Gen. Seymour complimented them in the highest style of praise, telling them that it was the first time he had ever seen heavy mortars mounted in open day in the face of a fire from a hostile fort so near as that. The Forty-eighth men were very much pleased with the compliment, which, coming from Gen. Seymour, was worth something.

The gunboat Seneca, Lieut. Commander Wm. Gibson, has taken a very prominent part in the naval bombardment of Fort Wagner. She has been up very near to the fort, and with her 11-inch Dahlgren and 50 pounder rifle did good execution. She fought every morning and afternoon, and during the bombardment on Saturday was engaged fourteen hours.
The following are the names of the officers:—

Colonel, James H. Perry; Lieutenant-Colonel, Wm. H. Barton; Major, Oliver T. Beard; Adjutant, Anthony D. Goodell; Quartermaster, Irving M. Abel; Surgeon, Dr. A. Perry; Assistant-Surgeon, Dr. J. Mulford; Chaplain, Rev. Dr. W. P. Strickland.

The regiment numbers about one thousand men, well equipped and armed with Enfield rifles. The men are dressed in the regular United States Army uniform. Most of them have seen three months' service. Colonel Perry is a graduate of West Point, and is well known as a West Point graduate.

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The Forty-eighth regiment, or Continental Guard, as they are denominated, have been quartered at Fort Hamilton for the past two months, and a great deal of care has been taken to present the camp in the best possible manner. The men are armed with the Enfield rifles, and are drawn in the United States Army uniform. Most of them have seen three months' service, having been among those who smelled powder at Fair and other expeditions of the present campaign. A second regiment is about being formed in Brooklyn with the same title, it being intended, if possible, to make a brigade, to be commanded by young Colonel Perry.

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Deaths in the Forty-eighth New York Regiment.

Colonel Perry, of the Forty-eighth New York regiment, reports the following deaths among his soldiers:

November 7th, at Port Royal, South Carolina, of typhoid fever, Joel H. Davis, late of Fallsburg, Sullivan county, New York.

November 9th, at Hilton Head, South Carolina, of typhoid fever, John H. Davis, late of Fallsburg, Sullivan county, New York.

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November 20th, at Hilton Head, South Carolina, of typhoid fever, John H. Davis, late of Fallsburg, Sullivan county, New York.

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To the Editors of the Sunday Mercury:

To-day was a cloudy day—and the only day in which a soldier has any chance of doing anything for himself: I thought I would just write you down and see a few lines to the editors. This is the first time in the power of the Sun, nor Mason, in order to keep them in front of the line and as an act of a soldier’s love. I will do this, tell you what I have seen in the beautiful city (so called) of Baltimore. Well, I visited the city, and could not take much notice of it, so I thought about the streets. On going to the top of the dome of the State House, I had the most splendid view ever I witnessed in the United States. The whole of the city in its beauty of a corps of 15,000 men, stood out in bold relief to the green hills and hills that surrounded them; and the Severn River, running, as it does, in all directions, around the city, making it healthy and delightful spots to camp in.

Our camp is situated on a narrow strip of land, bounded on the north by the United States Navy Yard, and on the south by Engine No. 7 as a guard of honor, members of the Commandant and chief officers.
Missing Soldier Heard From.

We find the following in the N. Y. Herald of last Sunday:—"William Frazier Wood, of the Forty-eighth Regiment, New York Volunteers, who was wounded and taken prisoner in May last, while serving under General Butler, and who was supposed to have died, has just been heard from. He is at the Military Hospital at Annapolis; has a leg amputated, and is doing well. He has been in service since the breaking out of the war, and never received but one furlough, and that was to come home for thirty days and re-enlist as a veteran. His numerous friends here, as well as in Clarkstown, Rockland Co., N. Y., will be pleased to hear that he is still alive."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

BROOKLYN NEWS.

The Forty-Eighth Veteran Regiment Volunteers—Their Cool Reception in Brooklyn. The Forty-Eighth Veteran Regiment which was raised in Brooklyn, four years ago, by the late Mr. TAYLOR, of the Fleet-street Methodist Church, assisted by Mr. L. B. WYMAN, a distinguished citizen of this city, arrived home yesterday. Mr. WYMAN and his lady received them on the part of the citizens, and when the regiment passed through the City Hall Park they were reviewed by Lieut. Col. PHILLIPS, and two reporters. The Lieutenant was a member of the Fourteenth Regiment Militia, and served three years, during which time he lost his arm. He now occupies the position of Mayor's messenger, and as such represents the city. Supposedly, some honors were also bestowed, and that ended the list of either city or county officials. The regiment departed from Brooklyn about 11,000 strong, and after being recruited on several occasions to make up for losses in battle and by disease, comes back 800 strong, and as fine a regiment as ever furnished a market. They participated in the battle of Pocono, Morris Island, the siege of Fort Wagner, Fort Fisher and Wilmington. The regiment left Raleigh, N. C., on the 25th of September, and arrived here yesterday. Denerter's Hall, kind of a ruin, was the best building that could be found for the reception of the Forty-second Regiment, Raymond's White. They decided to have their own rules, as nothing was provided for them.

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, Sept. 6, 1865.

BROOKLYN ITEMS.

Drafting for the Forty-Third Regiment, N. G.—Col. BRUCKNER, of the 40th Regiment, National Guards, has notified the County Clerk, that a draft will take place in the First Assembly District of this county, on Friday next, to fill the reserve militia of the District the several companies therein belonging to the 48th Regiment.