

of Chapultepec by the American troops; if so, did he chance to observe the time at which Major General Pillow came upon the hill, or was brought upon it, in respect to the capture of the castle, and give the time?

Answer. I was present at the taking of the castle of Chapultepec, and at a certain time in the morning I saw General Pillow carried by me in the direction towards the castle. I had no watch to notice precisely the time of day, but, to the best of my knowledge, it was more than thirty minutes after the place had fallen. I judge of the time by the happening of certain events and the probable time between each one of them.

Question by prosecution. What events transpired between the capture of the said castle and the moment at which the witness first observed Major General Pillow in or about the place?

Answer. I entered the work, passing over the rounds of the second ladder, as its end rested upon the walls of the ditch. I passed immediately to the front of the building, and entered a door near the principal entrance of the castle, for the purpose of going into the interior of the building, which I found impossible, because the interior doors were locked or barricaded. I then went round towards that end of the building which is towards the Molino, and went into a room, where I found a number of pickaxes, shovels, and like instruments; some of these I distributed to soldiers near me, and directed them to go and break open the doors in the interior of the building. I followed them, and saw that it was done. The rooms were found to contain a number of Mexicans, who were taken prisoners. I then passed from the interior of the building to the outside, to the southwestern extremity, or that part which is towards Molino. Here a wounded soldier of my company accosted me, and desired me to render him some assistance. About the same time considerable noise was made by the capture of General Bravo, who was standing near by. After doing for the soldier all that was in my power to do, I passed to the opposite extremity of the castle, partly for two objects—curiosity, and to see if any Mexicans were concealed in that part of the building. I went leisurely through all the rooms, and returned to the area in front of the building. Not seeing any of my party here, I concluded they had gone on in pursuit of the enemy. I descended the hill, to overtake them. I advanced a little less than a quarter of a mile, or about that, upon the main aqueduct, stopping frequently to drive soldiers out of houses on the road, and to destroy the liquor which they contained. Not finding any of my party, I returned to Chapultepec; and, as I entered the work, General Pillow was carried by in what was, to the best of my recollection, a blanket. All this occupied, I think, more than thirty minutes.

Question by defence. Where was General Pillow when you first saw him—in or outside of the main gate?

Answer. He was inside of the main gate, and opposite to the northeastern part of the building.

Question by defence. Were they carrying General Pillow into the main building?

Answer. They were carrying him towards what is now an opening in that part of the building. I do not know whether there was an opening there then or not.

Question by defence. Was it towards what is now the main entrance, or opening, into the building?

Answer. It was not towards the main entrance that I saw him carried. The main entrance was then wholly or partially closed by long timbers, covered with sand.

Question by defence. When you first saw General Pillow, was it before or after the flag was hoisted?

Answer. I have no recollection of seeing a flag, of any description, upon the work.

Question by defence. Where was the entrance, of which you speak as the one at which they were carrying General Pillow; was it the entrance to some private room, or was it the entrance which passed through the building into the yard?

Answer. It was towards the entrance through the building into the back yard; whether it was then open, or not, I do not know.

Question by prosecution. Does the witness mean to say that no American flag had been hoisted, about the period the witness has spoken of in his testimony, or that the flag, if he saw any that forenoon, was hoisted after or before he first observed Major General Pillow in or about the castle?

Answer. I have no recollection of seeing any flag at all that day. I may have seen one, but I have no recollection of it.

The court then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 8, 1847.

The court met pursuant to adjournment: present, all the members, and the judge advocate and recorder.

Major General Scott present.

Major General Pillow before the court.

Lieutenant Colonel Gladden, South Carolina volunteers, recalled:

Question by prosecution. Does the witness chance to know where Major General Pillow personally was at the time the American arms captured the castle of Chapultepec, in September last, or how long it was after that capture before the said Pillow came, or was brought, upon that hill?

Answer. I do not know where he was when the castle fell. At the capture of Chupultepec I marched with the South Carolina volunteers into the walls which surrounded the castle, and after remaining there some ten or fifteen minutes, General Pillow was brought up on a blanket by some soldiers, along the road in front of the castle.

Question by prosecution. Had the castle fallen prior to witness's entrance into it, and what was about the interval after the capture before Major General Pillow was seen by the witness; also state the



place or point where the witness first saw the said Pillow in or about the castle?

Answer. When I marched into the castle I found the voltigeurs there, the only regiment that I saw there; there might have been detachments of different corps, but that was the only regiment that I saw. I have some recollection, while marching into the castle, of seeing soldiers carrying some wounded person in a blanket outside the walls, carrying him towards the castle, that I subsequently supposed to be General Pillow, as it appeared to be the same person. How long the voltigeurs had been in the castle before I arrived there, I am unable to say. The first place I saw General Pillow to recognize him was towards the end of the castle, where they had laid him down; I was on the upper yard of the castle, above General Pillow. I went to the wall and spoke to him, and that was about ten or fifteen minutes after I had arrived at the castle; it may have been more. I don't think the voltigeurs had been in the castle more than five or ten minutes before I arrived there; of this I cannot speak positively; I judge merely from the cessation of the firing.

Question by defence. Was witness's regiment the first of the volunteer divisions which entered the works of Chapultepec?

Answer. Yes, as a regiment; there may have been detachments, but I did not see any; I saw some volunteers dead upon the walls as I passed up.

Question by defence. Did you pass General Pillow as you marched into that work, and if so, where did you pass him?

Answer. The person whom I afterwards supposed to be General Pillow, was being carried from the side of the hill where General Pillow's division attacked, and was at the time I passed fifteen or twenty yards from the outer wall.

Question by defence. Was General Pillow near the wall of the inner work immediately surrounding the castle, or does he mean the outer wall surrounding the hill of Chapultepec?

Answer. I mean the wall around the castle, not the wall around the hill; I had already passed the wall surrounding the heights some two hundred yards.

Question by defence. The witness has said that the works were carried before he got upon the heights of Chapultepec. Where was witness's command when that work was carried?

Answer. At the wall between the castle and Tacubaya. We were ordered to take the wall, which we did. We made a breach in the wall and moved towards the castle. At what moment the castle was carried I am unable to say, and am unable to point out the exact position of my command at that moment. I have no doubt it was between the wall and the castle. It must have been somewhere there, for when I reached the castle the only regiment there was the voltigeurs.

Question by defence. Does witness mean by his last answer the "outer wall" surrounding the hill of Chapultepec?

Answer. I mean the wall surrounding the heights at the foot of the hill.

Question by defence. Was witness at the head of his regiment when marched into the works; and did his regiment march up the hill by the flank?

Answer. I was at the head of the regiment, and it marched by a flank.

Question by defence. If witness passed General Pillow fifteen or twenty steps before he entered the gate of the inner wall, or work, and if witness was at the head of his regiment moving by the flank, must not General Pillow necessarily have entered the work with your command?

Answer. I never stated that I passed General Pillow. I saw a person, whom I subsequently supposed to be General Pillow, to the left, as I passed up. That person was near enough to pass into the castle, very close after the regiment. I, however, did not see him pass. The first time I saw General Pillow to recognize him, I have stated already.

Question by prosecution. Has, or has not, the witness said in his answer to one of the questions from the defence, that the South Carolina regiment was at, about, or within the outer wall of Chapultepec hill, at the moment the castle surrendered, or at the moment the voltigeurs entered the place; and does, or not, the witness chance to know that besides the storming parties, so called, there were other detachments, not of General Pillow's proper division in the work, as early as any part of the voltigeurs?

Answer. I did not know that there were other troops there. There might have been, but I did not see them. I do not speak positively as to the position of my regiment at the moment of the fall of Chapultepec, for I do not know the moment that Chapultepec fell. I have stated my impression. When I reached the castle I found the voltigeur regiment, and Lieutenant Colonel Johnson in command. He said to me that he was the senior officer present, and directed me to form my regiment. I told him my regiment was formed; was already in a body.

Captain R. S. Canby, assistant adjutant general, duly sworn:

Question by prosecution. To which corps, and in what capacity, was the witness attached on the 19th and 20th of August last?

Answer. I was assistant adjutant general to Colonel Riley's brigade, the 2d brigade, 2d division of regulars.

Question by prosecution. Did the witness chance to observe Major General Pillow's approach, or arrival, near the captured camp of Contreras, in the morning of the 20th of August last; and, if so, what interval of time had elapsed between the carrying of the said camp by the American troops, and the arrival, or approach, of the said Pillow?

Answer. I saw Major General Pillow when he entered the camp, from forty to sixty minutes after the camp had been carried.

Question by prosecution. Was the witness present with Riley's brigade in the afternoon of the nineteenth of August last, when the brigade received orders, which caused its march across the



pedrigal; and if so, what were those orders, and by whom, or through whom were they received?

Answer. I was present when the orders were received. They were communicated by Lieutenant Brooks, the adjutant general of General Twiggs's division. The orders were to cross the pedrigal, occupy the village on our right, hold it, and cut off the enemy's retreat, when driven from his works.

Question by prosecution. Were these orders given in the name of Brigadier General Twiggs, or in the name of what other officer?

Answer. In the name of General Twiggs.

Question by prosecution. By what troops was it expected, or supposed by the said order, the enemy would be driven from his position?

Answer. It was not mentioned in terms by what troops. I supposed, at the time, by the troops of General Smith's brigade.

Question by the prosecution. Does the witness chance to know whether the brigade received any order, from any other source, to cross the pedrigal, or to the effect witness has previously stated?

Answer. I know of no other order to that effect; General Pillow gave an order previously to move the brigade a short distance, about two hundred yards, but no other order in relation to the pedrigal that I know of.

Question by the prosecution. Where was the brigade on receiving these orders through Lieutenant Brooks, and how long had the brigade then been in that position?

Answer. It was halted near to the pedrigal, to the right of General Smith's brigade, and from one hundred, to one hundred and fifty yards in advance of the wheat-field, in which Magruder's battery was posted. I have no positive recollection as to the time the brigade had been in that position; from fifteen to twenty, perhaps, thirty minutes. I mean by "in advance," towards the enemy. The wheat-field was at the foot of a large mound; we were in advance of the mound.

Question by prosecution. By whose orders had the brigade been halted in the position last mentioned by the witness?

Answer. By General Pillow's orders. The order to change position had been given by General Pillow,—the immediate order to halt was given by myself, at the head of the column, at the place designated by General Pillow.

Question by prosecution. Does the witness chance to know, whether Major General Pillow was up with Riley's brigade again that afternoon, or evening; or whether any staff officer from the said Pillow was up with the brigade, after the orders received through Lieutenant Brooks?

Answer. I think not. I saw neither Major General Pillow, nor any staff officer from him.

Major S. B. Woods, 15th infantry, recalled:

Question by prosecution. Have you chanced to hold a conversation, or been present at one, with Major General Pillow, respecting the plan of operations against the castle of Chapultepec in September last, proposed by him and Major General Scott, respect-

ively; and if so, state substantially, what the said Pillow said on the subject in such conversation?

Answer. General Pillow visited Chapultepec sometime in November, or the first of December. I was walking over the castle with him and other officers, and whilst on the top of the building, and at the end next to the city, I was pointing out to General Pillow the operations of Colonel Garland's brigade on the north side of the castle; and also the direction in which the enemy retreated from Chapultepec towards the city of Mexico; and I think while expressing something of admiration of the plan by which that work was carried and put in execution, General Pillow remarked to me, if I was aware that General Scott had opposed the attack upon Chapultepec, or rather that he had proposed another plan. I told him that I was not, and expressed some surprise, for I had heard differently. He then stated to me, that whilst the plans were under discussion, General Scott had proposed, I think in the words I will repeat, that General Quitman with his division was to advance by the Tacubaya road; General Pillow with his division on the road on the north side of Chapultepec; the two generals were to shake hands at the junction of the roads—pass on to the city, and make Chapultepec feel its isolation. The general remarked that he, and I think, in conjunction with others in the council, had opposed leaving in the rear as strong a position as Chapultepec, and by the interference of the generals; he, General Scott, was dissuaded from passing around Chapultepec, and leaving it in the rear. I did not understand from General Pillow, that it was a plan fixed upon by General Scott, but that it was a mere proposition. It made an impression upon my mind at the time, as I thought it indicated something like indecision in the mind of the general-in-chief at the time, as I had heard he was very decided in his intentions to attack the castle. This conversation was carried on in the presence of other officers, and in their hearing. I did not understand that General Pillow was in favor of the attack in the first place upon Chapultepec. I don't remember to have heard him say anything about that, but when it was determined upon to attack at that point, that he had offered suggestions as to the details of the attack, and had finally approved of the mode in which it was done.

Question by prosecution. The witness speaks of a council of war; to what council did the witness understand Major General Pillow to refer?

Answer. I do not know that I could specify the one. I heard that two or three were held, and I understood the one for fixing the plans for the attack on Chapultepec. I think, however, he referred to a council that was held at Tacubaya; I have heard much of that council, but am in doubt whether I heard it from General Pillow.

Question by prosecution. Did the witness understand, or not, from Major General Pillow, that the council referred to was attended by many generals and other officers?

Answer. Yes, I understood there were several present, and supposed that he referred to commanders of divisions and brigades.