

prisoners, agreeably to the best estimate I can form, were about 1,800, and immense numbers of the enemy were seen to escape over the wall on the north and west side of Chapultepec.

My own force *actually* engaged in storming the work did not exceed 1,000 men.

The loss from my command was 28 killed upon the hill; but the returns from my different corps, not discriminating between those wounded in this assault and those wounded in the after part of the day, (when they had passed from my command in consequence of my being unable to go forward,) I cannot tell my loss in wounded in the assault upon Chapultepec.

My total loss in killed, wounded, and missing from my proper division, during the days of operation, is 143—a return of which is appended hereto.

I have also appended (marked A) a list of officers of inferior grades, non-commissioned officers, and privates, whose gallantry in the assault is deemed worthy of special notice, as appears from the report of commanders of corps.

I transmit herewith Brigadier General Pierce's report of the operations of his brigade on the 8th instant.

I also forward a field return of my division for the morning of the 13th, and the Mexican flag captured upon the citadel of Chapultepec when that work was stormed upon the 13th by my command.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
GIDEON J. PILLOW,
Major General, U. S. A.

Capt. H. L. SCOTT,
A. A. A. Gen., head-quarters of the army.

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A.

List of officers and non-commissioned officers not mentioned in my report, who have been recommended to my favorable notice, by their respective commanders, for meritorious conduct in the operations against Chapultepec and the city of Mexico, September 13th and 14th, 1847.

9th regiment of infantry.—Captain Pitman, Captain Webb, Captain Kimball, First Lieutenant and Adjutant Sprague; Lieutenant Bowers, Lieutenant Tracy, Lieutenant Jackson, Lieutenant Slocum, Lieutenant Woodhouse, Lieutenant Drum, Lieutenant Stoddard, Lieutenant Glackin, Lieutenant Pierce, Lieutenant Crosby; Sergeant-major Fairbanks, Sergeant White, Sergeant Billings, Sergeant Atkinson, Private McGrugen, Sergeant Pike, Sergeant Miller, Sergeant Clarke, Sergeant Barton, Sergeant Stone, Sergeant Willard.

14th regiment of infantry.—Captain Glenn, Lieutenant Blackburn, Lieutenant Isaacs, Lieutenant Davis.

15th regiment of infantry.—Major S. Woods, Captain Hoagland, Lieutenants Bowie and Upman, Lieutenant Freelon, Lieutenant Miller, Lieutenant Marshall, Lieutenant Sutton, Lieutenant Beckett, Lieutenant Beach, Lieutenant Bennett, Lieutenant Titus, Lieutenant French, Lieutenant Petemell, Lieutenant and Adjutant Broadhead, Sergeant-major McKean, Sergeant Ross, Sergeant Jones, Sergeant Lilléy.

Voltigeur regiment.—Captain Howard, Captain Edwards, Captain Archer, Captain Blair, Lieutenant Fry, Lieutenant Kintzing, Lieutenant Walker, Lieutenant Terrett, Lieutenant Martin, Lieutenant Forsyth, Lieutenant Larned, Lieutenant Cross, Lieutenant Swan, Lieutenant Kizer, Lieutenant Cochrane, Sergeant Taylor, Sergeant Herbert, and Sergeants Peat, Depew and McGuire, of the howitzer battery.

GIDEON J. PILLOW,
Major General, U. S. A.

HEAD-QUARTERS, 3D DIVISION,
City of Mexico, September 28, 1847.

J. HOOKER, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
Mexico, October 2, 1847.

Major General Scott, with his compliments, invites Major General Pillow's attention to several passages in the official reports of the latter, dated, respectively, August 24th and September 18th, which seem to require correction.

In the former paper, pp. 2 and 3, General P. makes General S. come on the field with Brigadier General Shields, after General Pillow had ordered Colonel Morgan and the 15th infantry to support Brigadier General Cadwalader, at the village of Contreras, or San Geronimo.

Ought not General P. to interline, or to add, that that order was given at the instance of General S.?

General S. also hopes that General P. will, on reflection, be kind enough to strike out of the same paper, the commendation, at once handsome and grateful, which General P., at page 17, was pleased to bestow on General S.; 1st, because it appears in an official paper from a junior to a senior, which makes it impossible for the senior to forward it; and 2d, because, if the right of a junior to praise be admitted, it would carry with it the correlative right of the junior to censure the senior, under the same connexion, which would be against all discipline.

Those corrections it has been the intention of General S., from the first, to invite General P. to make; but the hurry of events has heretofore prevented.

General S. forwarded, early in September, his reports of the operations of August 19th and 20th; but not the reports to him of the commanders of corps, because the messenger could only take

about his person packages of small size, capable of concealment. It is fortunate that the reports of divisions did not go by that messenger, as it is now fully believed that he was cut off by the enemy.

In a day or two, however, General S. hopes to find an opportunity of sending off to Vera Cruz, or Tampico, not only his own reports of the operations of August 19th and 20th, September 8th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, but also those from divisions and brigades, and hence he proceeds, as intimated above, to notice what he conceives to be errors in General P.'s report of September 18th, under consideration yesterday, for the first time, by General S.

At page 4, General P. says: "All being now ready and eager for the conflict, I ordered all the batteries silenced, and the command to advance."

If General P. here means that he silenced the batteries of his own division, it is well; but then he ought to qualify the sentence accordingly, for there were others; the heavy batteries, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, not under General P.'s command, and the cessation of whose fire, in the morning of the 13th, as ordered the night before by General S., Major Generals Pillow and Quitman were to consider as the signal for the joint attack, and those batteries General S. ordered, about 8 o'clock in the morning of the 13th, to *cease firing*, as such signal, and at the same time gave notice thereof, through aids-de-camp, to Generals P. and Q.

At page 15, same report, General P. says: "Having carried Chapultepec, and being unable to proceed with my command, I ordered it forward under Generals Quitman and Worth," &c., &c.

General S. apprehends that there are several errors in this passage; 1st, he thinks, from what he personally saw, that General P., after receiving an agonizing wound, in the able and heroic discharge of his duty, was not in a condition, unfortunately, to command; and 2d, General S. *knows* that he himself gave reiterated orders for Clarke's, first, and then Cadwalader's brigade, to support Worth, and then that Pierce's brigade should support Quitman; besides specially designating Lieutenant Colonel Howard, with part of the 15th infantry, as the garrison of Chapultepec.

General S. is sorry to perceive, in General P.'s report of September 18th, a seeming effort, no doubt unintentional, to leave General S. entirely out of the operations of September 13th.

There are other inaccuracies in the two papers in question, which have, or may be, silently corrected in General S.'s general reports.

WINFIELD SCOTT.

To Major General PILLOW.

MEXICO, October 3, 1847.

MY DEAR GENERAL: You have done me an act of *kindness*, in calling my attention to certain portions of my report deemed inaccurate.

You have been my friend, you have given me your *confidence*, and have placed me in positions of great *responsibility*, and I trust I have sustained the *honor and interests* of my country, and justified your *selection*.

For your uniform kindness and friendship I shall ever feel, and, I trust, manifest, a proper sense of *gratitude*.

For the opinion I entertain of the *merits* due to you; and of your talents as a military chieftain, and for my disposition to do you justice, I cannot but refer you to the opinion so *fully* expressed, under my *own* proper signature, in my report of the 24th of August, which you, from motives of delicacy, desire me to strike out.

I trust you will look to it for the *purpose* of *vindicating* my *motives* against the *thought* expressed in the last paragraph but one of your note of yesterday.

Feeling towards [you] as I did in that report, it would be extraordinary, indeed, if I were afterwards, without any motive other than that created by being placed under *additional* obligations of *kindness*, I were, unintentionally, to produce the impression which, to you, appears in my report of the 13th ultimo.

I should *despise* myself if I were capable of cherishing such purpose.

Whilst I have no hesitation in correcting anything in my report deemed erroneous, still, I trust, as a *personal* explanation of some portions deemed erroneous is due to myself, I *hope* you will favor me with a few minutes' call, as I am unable to call upon you. I should be glad to see you in relation to another subject, also.

Be good enough to have my reports handed to Captain Hooker; I will return them to-day. I would thank you to indicate to me the other inaccuracies.

Very truly, &c.,

GIDEON J. PILLOW.

HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
Mexico, October 3, 1847.

SIR: On your back, as you still are, with a painful wound, I yesterday very reluctantly troubled you with the note of that date, but was obliged to do so before finishing my report of the recent glorious operations, in which you had a full and most distinguished participation. I was then at a stand still, waiting for Major General Quitman's report, that has, at length, been received. I am, accordingly, laboring to finish my despatch to-day; or, at the latest, to-morrow. But, in the meantime, here is a report, believed by almost every body, that General Taylor is advancing upon San Luis de Potosi and this place, and I must write at once to him, leaving a wide margin of discretion, to halt at San Luis; but if forced to advance, by the want of money and supplies, to leave Queretaro on his right, so as not to disperse the slight elements of peace about to be brought together at that point. I mention this

for your information, and to show you, also, how I am occupied and fatigued.

You request me to point out any inaccuracies in your report, not before specifically stated, and to which I alluded in my note of yesterday.

In your paper of August 24, towards the close, you say that you proposed the joint attack on San Antonio, in front and rear, and sent to me a message advising that attack—probably through Lieutenant Ripley, your aid-de-camp. I remember to have met Mr. Ripley the morning of the 20th, (August,) but before meeting him I had sent back General Worth with one of his brigades, then nearly up with the mound we had observed the operations from, the evening of the 19th, with instructions, as soon as he (Worth) should see our troops approaching San Antonio by the rear, to attack that place in front, and, at the same time, to turn it by its right. Hence the instructions I gave you at Coyoacan the 20th, after previously sending Captain Lee, engineer, supported by a squadron of horse and the rifle regiment, to give the concerted signal to Worth of the approach upon the rear of San Antonio. That part of your report, therefore, is unjust to me, and seems, without intending it, I am sure, to make you control the operations of the whole army, including my own views and acts.

I think you also in error in stating that the troops at Contreras, in the morning of the 20th, executed the precise plans and views laid down by you for their government the evening before.

In haste, permit me to repeat once more, that I have, from my first meeting with you, been anxious, from a high opinion of your head and heart—your intelligence, honor, zeal, and valor—to win your esteem and confidence, on any terms consistent with justice and honor. In which sentiments—

I remain, truly, yours,

WINFIELD SCOTT.

[Private.]

MEXICO, October 3, 1847.

MY DEAR GENERAL: I desired much to have seen you in person, to have explained what I must attempt to do by this note. My order to Colonel Morgan to support General Cadwalader at Contreras was borne and delivered to that officer by Captain Hooker, who returned to my position on the hill, and was then by me sent to receive and conduct you to my position, as the one most favorable for observing the movements of the contending armies. When you came up that regiment had commenced the movement, and had nearly reached the corner of the field, while the rear had scarcely got in motion. On your arrival, you asked me what corps it was? I replied, and told you my order in regard to it, and asked you if it was proper? You replied, it was. In this recollection of mine I am fully and clearly sustained by Captain Hooker, whose recol-

lection I have consulted, without giving him any reasons for so doing.

The officer by whom my request *for your authority* to proceed round the valley and strike San Antonio in rear was sent, was Lieutenant Davis. I received for answer your approval of the suggestion at San Angel, and halted the command at Coyoacan under orders delivered to me by Mr. Lay. I now learn from your note that you had made the order prior to my application, and have accordingly so stated in my report.

The order to my command to advance after the fall of Chapultepec, was given before you arrived at that place, and was given upon the *special application* of General Quitman in person, and Mr. Ripley was engaged in endeavoring to carry it into effect when you reached the hill, and a portion of my command had actually left the place before your arrival. I know I was unable to proceed with my command, but as I had not surrendered it, I thought I had a right, and accordingly had ordered it forward. I am aware that after your arrival you did repeatedly order the troops then there to move forward. I had given no orders to Colonel Clarke's brigade, for the reason that as they were only sent forward as a *reserve* in the assault upon Chapultepec, I did not conceive myself authorized to give that command any orders *after* the fall of that place. I am aware that you gave the order to the 15th infantry to garrison Chapultepec. This explanation of facts I deem due to *myself*, and to *your opinion* of my *motives*, and as I could not make it to you personally, (as I was anxious to do,) I now here state it. I have altered my report, however, in all the particulars suggested by you, except the last. I have done so in deference to your understanding of the facts, as I could well conceive their *bearing* might be misapprehended by the public, and the changes suggested, if not made, might tend in some degree to withhold from you the measure of justice and merit to which I am fully persuaded you are justly entitled in all these most brilliant operations. I have not changed the report in the *last* particular indicated in your second note, and I do not see that that statement in my report can, in any possible degree, affect *you*; and *knowing* that the *movement* of the next morning *did carry out my original orders* to General Twiggs, and as it would place me in the awkward position of having gone into battle *without any order of battle*, or the forces in the position of having *disregarded my orders*, I ask your indulgence in permitting my report to stand unaltered as to that statement. I freely confess myself indebted to your kindness for whatever reputation I may have acquired in this valley, and I therefore feel it my duty unhesitatingly to *waive my recollections* of the facts in deference to *yours* and to your *kindness* to me. So far from feeling any wish in my heart to withhold one particle of merit from him who deserves so much of gratitude at my hands, and of honor from his country, it seems that, in my eagerness to testify to the world my sense of what was due you, that I committed, in my first report, an *impropriety*.

I thank you, general, for the kind and flattering terms in which

you have been pleased in your note to speak of my conduct. To serve my country with *fidelity* has been my earnest desire and constant effort. In doing so, to know that my conduct has received the approval of my *chief*, is next in degree to the satisfaction of having done my duty to my country.

Permit me here to reciprocate the kind feelings and the friendship which you have expressed towards myself, with the assurance that in my friendships I am as steadfast as ardent.

Very truly, &c.,

GID. J. PILLOW.

P. S. I omitted to explain my statement relating to the order to the batteries. I recollect distinctly that the heavy batteries being *silenced by your order*, was the signal for the movement of myself and General Quitman. Some fifteen minutes before I ordered my command to advance, General Quitman had sent me word by General Shields's aid-de-camp, Mr. Davis, that he was ready to move. I was not quite ready. I made all my dispositions, and the heavy batteries were still firing. The hour, 8 o'clock, had arrived, and as I concluded there was some misapprehension of your order as to the signal, and as both commands were ready for the movement, I sent over Lieutenant Beauregard to order the batteries to cease firing. In doing so, I did not dream of interfering with those batteries, but thought myself carrying into effect your own wishes and orders of the previous night. But in my report I felt it my duty to conceal nothing from you, and I therefore made the statement of what I had done.

All this I would have said in my report, but for my wish to condense my report as much as possible. I have qualified my report, however, confining my statement to my own batteries, &c.

Truly, &c.,

G. J. P.

HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
Mexico, October 4, 1847.

SIR: I have just received your second note, dated (probably by mistake) *yesterday*, on the subject of your two reports respecting the operations of the forces under your immediate command on the 19th and 20th of August, and the 12th and 13th of September.

The discrepancies between your memory and mine, respecting those operations, are so many and so material, that I regret that you have made any alteration in either report at my suggestion. Having, however, made several, more, it would seem, to oblige me than from any conviction on your part of error in the reports, I shall, as soon as I can, forward them to the War Department, with my two notes to you and your two in reply; and here, I suppose,

all further correspondence between us on the subject ought to cease.

I have the honor to remain, &c.,

WINFIELD SCOTT.

To Major General PILLOW.

To the President and gentlemen of the court:

I perceive, by the papers of this city, that one of the questions proposed to me, in the examination as a witness before the court over which you now preside, is as follows:

"Question. Is, or is not, the witness aware that Major General Pillow had taken some measures to obtain for witness a commission in the army?"

To which I answered, as follows:

"Answer. I am not."

Lest some misrepresentation may be given to this brief answer, I would respectfully beg leave to be called again to explain, if the court should deem any explanation necessary. Some time in the month of October or November last, I determined to make an application to the President of the United States, for a commission in the army. I procured a recommendation to be signed in my favor by many officers; perhaps, to the number of 20 or 30. I laid this recommendation before General Pillow, to procure his concurrence in it. He concurred in what the others had said in my behalf. I enclosed this recommendation to the President in my application. General Pillow never knew of my intention to make an application until I asked him for his recommendation, as before stated, and had never before, nor has he had since, anything whatever to do with it. Nor did he take any *measures*, or express any interest in its success, so far as I know or have heard. I never had any conversation with General Pillow on any subject whatever, except upon the business of the office.

I do not and cannot regard his concurring recommendation, thus obtained and given upon the same paper with others, as the taking of any *measures* by him in my behalf—and my former brief answer is, therefore, the truth; but, as others may look upon it as *taking measures*, I would most respectfully beg leave to be called again to give this explanation.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. HEISTAND.

CITY OF MEXICO, *March 28, 1848.*



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