

List of men belonging to the Mortar Flotilla whose descriptive lists were not found, or who were seamen from the U. S. ports. The names of the flatboatmen are not included.

Name	Exodus
Sepell William	Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Castings B. Ho	Went to Cairo or S. For.
Warr Chas. S	Transfd. to Gen. Bragg June 30 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Small John	Taken to Cairo
Jones James	Taken to Cairo
Johnson Lewis W.	Transfd. to Gen. Bragg June 30 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Burder Frederick	Wied Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Tanner Frederick <sup>apt</sup>	Wanted Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Clough Wm. W.	Wished May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862
Baker Blahely	Transfd. to Bragg Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
Washington Henry	Wished Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Prince Charles	Wished May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862
Evans William Ho.	Wished Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Hollingsworth Geo.	" " "
Roberts Geo.	Wished May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862
Smith William	Taken to Cairo or S. For.
Gillman Edmund Ho.	Wied Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Williams Wm.	Wished Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Carter Wm. Ho.	Louisville Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
Gallagher Michael	Transfd. to Gen. Bragg June 30 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Howell Geo. Ho.	Wished May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862
Hill John Ho.	Wied July 8 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Schaffer Anton	Taken to Cairo
Lawson Jonas	Transfd. to Gen. Bragg June 30 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Paired William	Transfd. to Bragg June 30 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Hauszicher John	Wanted City Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
Choltis Henry	" " "
Wankel Henry	Wied Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup> 1862



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Name	Mortar Division	Exodus
Sepell Wm	Western Flotilla	Wied Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Castins J	Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> 1862	Transf. to Gen. Bragg's Army
Warr Chas	Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> 1862	Taken to Cairo
Small John		Taken to Cairo
Jones James		Transf. to Gen. Bragg's Army
Johnson Lewis H.		Wied Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Burger Frederick		Wanted Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Tanner <sup>aptk</sup> Frederick		Wied Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862
Clough, Wm. W.		Transf. to Bragg's Army
Baker Blakely		Wied Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Washington Henry		Wied Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862
Prince Charles		Wied Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Evans William H.		" " "
Hollingsworth Geo.		Wied Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862
Roberts Geo.		Taken to Cairo on S. S.
Smith William		Wied Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Gillman Edmund H.		Wied Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Williams Wm.		Louisville (Oct. 1) 1862
Carter Wm. H.		Transf. to Gen. Bragg's Army
Gallagher Michael		Wied Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862
Howell Geo. H.		Wied July 8 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Hill John H.		Taken to Cairo
Schaeffer Anton		Transf. to Gen. Bragg's Army
Lawson Jonas		Transf. to Bragg's Army
Reid William		around City Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Stanzicher John		" " "
Shortis Henry		Wied Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup> 1862
Walker Henry		







Names	Comp.	Regt.	State	Died	Where	Dischd.	Detained	Names	Comp.	Regt.	State	Died	Where	Dischd.	Detained
30 Kramer Wm.	H	79	Indiana				Bragg June 59	Farley Andrew	H	29	Penn. V.				June 7/62
31 Carroll Wm. W.	C	102	Penn. V.		at Cairo		Bragg June 60	Huller Wm. W.	H	1	N.Y. V.				Louisville Oct 1/62
32 Cox Isaac Wb.	G	4	Maine			Aug. 14/62		Hannigan James	H	15	Mass.				May 23/62
33 Campbell John H.	H	20	N.Y. V.				Sumpter June 62	Haden Thomas	B	56	N.Y. V.				Bragg June 8/62
34 Carson John H.								Fitzpatrick Thos.	B	18	Mass.				Louisville Oct 1/62
35 Cole Joseph	L	62	Penn. V.			Aug. 14/62		Mailick Maul. C. E.	1	P.S. V.					Cairo Oct 27/62
36 <sup>arrived</sup> <del>Cramer</del> Peter	E	13	Mass.				Louisville Oct 62	Fairchild Hudson	H	24	N.Y. V.				Bragg Oct 1/62
37 Christopher John	E	13	Mass. V.	Sept. 30/62				Hory Jefferson	Dr	list					May 23/62
38 Chase Charles	I	2	"				Sumpter June 62	Ford James	H	102	Penn. V.				Sumpter June 9/62
39 Drew Nathaniel	H	1	Maine				Louisville Oct 62	Hullston Wm. E.	E	1	Maine				Louisville Oct 1/62
40 Dudley Henry	C	9	Maine	July 23/62				Fairman Robt.	H	9	P.S. V.				Taken to Cairo
41 <del>Wagoner</del> Pat.	H	61	N.Y. V.				Little Rebel	Grant John	C	4	Maine				Taken to Cairo
42 McHart Saml	B	95	N.Y. V.				Taken to Cairo	Gilman C. H.	Dr	list		Sept. 11/62			
43 Davidson	G	11	Maine				Benton Oct 62	Grady John	B	56	N.Y. V.				Little Rebel June 62
44 Davis W. W.	A	88	Penn. V.				Bragg June 62	Gilson John	H	3	Maine		Aug. 1/62		
45 Woolly Edward	H	82	"				Taken to Cairo	Gilson Nathaniel	H	3	Maine		Sept. 30/62		
46 Quinn George L.	H	6	Maine				Bragg June 62	Green Michael	E	13	Mass.				Aug. 4/62
47 Worr George	E	6	"			May 23/62		Lotley Joseph	H	3	Wip.				Louisville Oct 1/62
48 Quann Fester	H	9	P.S. V.				Taken to Cairo	Gallagher L. B.	B	18	Mass.				Little Rebel June 62
49 Woodbury J. H.	H	20	Mass. V.				Bragg June 62	Sant Job	H	19	Inda.				Bragg Oct 1/62
50 Howland Amos						May 23/62		9	9	Wip.					No account given
51 Eaton Aug. W.	H	4	Maine			May 23/62		10	11	N.Y. V.					Benton Oct 1/62
52 Elder Robt.	C	35	N.Y. V.				Louisville Oct 62	11	11	N.Y. V.					
53 Estep Arthur					Enlisted in Chicago Aug. 19/62			12	101	Penn. V.					Driver June 16/62
54 Everson Henry M.	A	3	Wip.				Louisville Oct 62	13	6	Mass.					Little Rebel June 62
55 <del>Wagoner</del> James H.	H	6	Wip.				Taken to Cairo	14	4	Missouri					
56 <del>Wagoner</del> J. H.	H	18	Mass.				Little Rebel	15	5	Maine					May 23/62
57 <del>Wagoner</del> Lewis W.	E	4	P.S. V.				Bragg June 62	16	15	Mass.					No account of
58 <del>Wagoner</del> Joseph	H	83	Penn. V.				Bragg June 62	17	1	U.S. Col.		Aug. 7/62			Ground City, W. Va.



Names	Comp.	Regt.	State	Wid.	Deserted	Wounded	Retained
90 Johnson Jos. B.	A	2	N.Y.	May 9 <sup>th</sup> 1862			
91 Johnson Elisha	G	4	N.Y.	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862			
92 Johnson Elmer	G	4	N.Y.	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862			
93 Johnson Geo. F.	H	4	Maine			Taken to Cairo	
94 <del>Jacobus John H.</del>	H	9	P.R.V.	interested for Fairman		Memphis	
95 <del>James William</del>	H	1	P.R.V.			Benton Co.	
96 Jones William J.	H	1	P.R.V.			Canonville	
97 Johnson William G.	G	3	Vermont	Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> 1862			
98 Jones William S.	H	13	Maine			Benton Co.	
99 Kilburn Francis H.	H	5	P.R.V.	Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862		Louisville	
100 Kane Martin							
101 Keenan Patrick	F	20	Maine	Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862		Benton Co.	
102 Kirkwood Leigh E.	E	12	Penna.				
103 Kimbert John F.			Western Army	July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862			
104 Kind G. H.	A	2	N.Y.			Monroe City	
105 Kiser Joseph		3	P.R.V.			Taken to Cairo	
106 Lake Isaac J.	H	5 <sup>th</sup>	N.Y.			Taken to Cairo	
107 Landerback Wanda B.	B	4	Maine	Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1862		Louisville	
108 Lovelap Larry J.							
109 Loidy Edward E.	E	12	P.R.V.	Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> 1862			
110 Lehman Henry F.	F	5	Wis.			Canonville	
111 Lewis Andrew E.	I	3	Maine	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862			
112 Lent Benjamin I.	I	1	Maine	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1862			
113 MacHarris Wm.		103	Penna.	Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> 1862			
114 Mahan Thomas H.	H	61	N.Y.			Taken to Cairo	
115 Morrison John W.	W	39	N.Y.			Sumter	
116 Mr. Tuttle Joseph W.	W	56	N.Y.			Louisville	
117 Musgrave Henry A.	A	3	N.Y.			Louisville	
118 Murray James B.	B	2	Maine			Taken to Cairo	
119 Mr. Donald Thos B.	B	20				Brady	
120 Mr. James Thos H.	H	4	Maine			Monroe City	

Names	Comp.	Regt.	State	Wid.	Deserted	Wounded	Retained
121 Mr. Tuttle J. J.	H	3	Maine				Louisville Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
122 Mr. Emma Edward F.	F	20	Maine				Taken to Cairo
123 Mr. Donald Andrew H.	H	39	N.Y.				Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> 1862
124 Mahoney W. S. W.	H	9	Maine	Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862			
125 Morrison William F.	F	49	N.Y.				Louisville Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
126 Mulhern James F.	F	14	Maine				Louisville Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
127 Moore Peter B.	B	6	Wis.				Sumter June 9 <sup>th</sup> 1862
128 Macey Edward I.	I	2	Maine				Brady June 8 <sup>th</sup> 1862
129 Mop Andrew I.	I	3	Penn.				Brady June 8 <sup>th</sup> 1862
130 Mr. Ever Hugh W.	W	6	Maine				Louisville Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
131 Mr. Cornick Wm. B.	B	83	Penn.				Taken to Cairo
132 Nicholson Joseph E.	E	51	N.Y.				Brady Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
133 Nelson John W.	W	102	Penn.	June 30 <sup>th</sup> 1862			
134 Nicholson Joseph E.	E	59	N.Y.				Not accounted for
135 O'Brien John G.	G	62	Andover	Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862			
136 O'Donald Anty H.	H	59	N.Y.				Brady June 8 <sup>th</sup> 1862
137 O'Connor John H.	H	1	N.Y.				Louisville Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
138 O'Rourke John E.	E	1 <sup>st</sup>	N.Y.				Benton Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
139 O'Ryan James							Taken to Cairo
140 Palmer William W.	W	2	Maine				Taken to Cairo
141 Poff Joseph A.	A	11	P.R.V.	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1862			
142 Pottersill Robert F.	F						Taken to Cairo
143 Packer Benjamin H.	H	3	Maine	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1862			
144 Rags Mr.		No list					Not accounted for
145 Ruck William G.	G	20	N.Y.				Monroe City Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
146 Rye Lewis W. H.	H	29	Penn.				Monroe City Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1862
147 Richardson Geo.		No list					Not accounted for
148 Robinson L.	B	3	Wis.				Sumter June 9 <sup>th</sup> 1862
149 Cook James C. A.	A	3	Maine				



Names	Comp	Prof	State	Wied	Wes	Wisco	Wetailed
130. Redford Frederick							1/9
131. <sup>Jonis</sup> <del>Robert</del> Herbert							80
132. Reed William	G	5	Maine				81
133. Roads Geo. W.	F	19	Indiana				82
134. Southam John	C	93	Penn. V.				83
135. Stewart David C.	A	62	"				84
136. Smith James	F	20	Mass.				85
137. Slack Hobby	F	36	N.Y.				86
138. Steers Charles	A	2	N.Y.				87
139. Smith Peter	F	24	N.Y.				88
140. Saulau David	B	22	N.Y.				89
141. Slicker Jacob	A	102	Penn. V.				90
142. Stinson John F.	H	3	Maine				91
143. Smith Francis 1 <sup>st</sup>	A	66	N.Y.				92
144. Stone Josiah	I	13	Mass.				93
145. Sullivan John	H	20	"				94
146. Story John I.	A	11	Penn. V.				95
147. Stratlock Levi P.	A	3	Maine				96
148. Saulau Thomas	E	9	Mass.				97
149. Summers James	A	59	N.Y.				98
150. Seaper William	B	89	Penn. V.				99
151. Stewart <sup>Matthew</sup> <del>Robert</del>	B	2	N.Y.				100
152. Sullivan James							101
153. Underwood James	S	3	Maine				102
154. Mifflin George	I	9	Penn. V.				103
155. Van Horn Chas.	H	34	N.Y.				104
156. Walker Lemuel	B	8	Penn. V.				105
157. Warner Chas.	A	5	Maine				106
158. Whisman John	E	12	Penn. V.				107

Names	Comp	Prof	State	Wied	Wes	Wisco	Wetailed
Waxtors L.							Price June 16 <sup>th</sup> 1/2
Whitney <sup>Stephen</sup> N. B.	B	4	Maine				Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1/2
Welsh Patrick 1 <sup>st</sup>	B	18	Mass.				Taken to Cairo
Whaley W. W. A.	H	56	Indiana				Taken to Cairo
Whigley James	B	10	Penn. V.				June 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/2
Whit James	H	59	N.Y.				May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1/2
Welsh Patrick 2 <sup>nd</sup>	H	18	Mass.				Taken to Cairo
Woods Sargent	F	62	Penn. V.				Taken to Cairo
Watson Ben. Junr.	I	1	Mass.				David's Steward
Young Cyrus L.	F	3	Maine				May 25 <sup>th</sup> 1/2
Whites Washington	A		Penn. V.				Bragg Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/2
Warren Benj.	A	12	"				Bragg Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/2
<u>Omissions</u>							
Allen Lewis W.			No list				Memphis
Andrews John	A	9	Penn. V.				Louisville Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/2
Burlingame Albot		31	Penn. V.				Not accounted for
Bates Samuel			No list				May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1/2
Brown Smith	B	11	Indiana				May 17 <sup>th</sup> 1/2
Burges W. H.	H	17	Mass.				Taken to Cairo
Barnes Samuel	H	66	N.Y.				Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/2
Blackburne Jacob			No list				May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1/2
Baughner Jas. I.	H	14	Whisper				twice entered
Chadwick Hosea	H	85	N.Y.				Memphis
Clark James C.	A	8	Penn. V.				Price June 16 <sup>th</sup> 1/2
Crowell John	H	61	N.Y.				Bragg June 8 <sup>th</sup> 1/2
Cox Bertram	A	8	Penn. V.				May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1/2
Carr Martin	H	61	N.Y.				twice entered
Chapman Wm.			No list				July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/2







Number of shell thrown by the Mortar fleet

At Island No. 10	1780
" Fort Pillow	1423
" Chickburg	908
Total number of shell thrown	<u>4111</u>

Copy of Log of Mortar Division  
of the  
Western Flotilla

The fleet left Cairo, Ill., on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1862, composed of the Flag Ship Benton - Commodore A. M. Foot, Comdr.; the gunboats Carondelet, Albatross, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Conestoga and Louisville; the Cadmus, boats Sledge Lawrence & G. Western and 14 mortar boats, in tow by the Ste. Schaumburg, Wisconsin, No. 2, St. H. Wilson, Pike and Lake Erie. The fleet was also accompanied by several transports, two containing troops.

The officers in command of the mortar fleet were, Capt. Henry C. Maynard, of the 10<sup>th</sup> regular infantry Comdr.; Cap. C. B. Pike Superintendent; 2<sup>d</sup> Masters Geo. H. Johnson, G. B. Simmons, J. B. Gregory, Henry C. Clappford and E. W. Wheelock.

On the same afternoon arrived at Columbus, took in tow two mortar boats - No. 12 and then proceeded on toward Island No. 10.

March 15<sup>th</sup> - Arrived within two and a half miles of the island.

During the afternoon mortar boats No. 12, under the command of Capt. Henry C. Maynard and Cap. C. B. Pike, assisted by 2<sup>d</sup> Master Johnson and acting 2<sup>d</sup> Master E. W. Wheelock opened fire on the enemy's batteries. No. 11 fired 18 and No. 12 sixteen shells in 1<sup>st</sup> hour.

H. C. Clappford  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day



March 16<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar 7, 5, 19, 22, 23, 27, 36 and 38 were engaged with the enemy the entire day, under the commands of Capt. Buford, Maynard and Pitkin - assisted by Second Master Glasgow Simons and Gregory.

The firing was heavy, as the annexed report, of the number of shells thrown, will show.

Boat No. 5 threw 36; No. 7 threw 33; No. 19 threw 32; No. 22 threw 38; No. 23 threw 32; No. 27 threw 17; No. 36 threw 45 and No. 38 threw 33 shells.

Geo. S. Johnson  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 17<sup>th</sup>. - Ten mortar boats were engaged with the enemy, during the entire morning and afternoon; the number of shell thrown were over 1100 and did great execution amongst the enemy's batteries, beyond a doubt silenced two of them in the afternoon.

Geo. S. Johnson  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 18<sup>th</sup>. - The mortar boats 11 & 12, under command of Geo. S. Johnson (Second Master) were engaged all the previous night, shelling the enemy's extreme right batteries; the two mortars threw 24 shells. In day a fleet of ten mortars were actively engaged, from 9 o'clock A.M. to 6 o'clock P.M. The number of shell thrown exceeded 400.

It is ordered that, hereafter, each Second Master report the number of shell thrown, to the officer of the day, who will enter them on this Log book.

Geo. S. Johnson  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 19<sup>th</sup>. - The mortar boats Nos. 5, 19, 22, 23, 11, 12, 27 & 36 each received 25 shells, seven kegs of mortar and 3 kegs of shell powder.

There was very little firing during the day; the enemy's batteries opened upon us at twelve o'clock noon, but was silenced at once - only one shot being fired after our mortars commenced firing.

Between nine and ten o'clock at night a false alarm of the approach of the enemy, by land was raised; the Sloop Florence slipped her moorings, from the shore, got underway and stood out into the middle of the stream; quiet was, however, soon restored and the boat returned to her mooring.

J. D. Gregory  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 20<sup>th</sup>. - No firing on this day.

G. B. Simons  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 21<sup>st</sup>. - Mortars 7, 38 & 22 were engaged during the morning, until one o'clock; the number of shell fired was as follows -

No. 7 fired 12; No. 38 fired 7 and No. 22 - 11 shells. Second Master Simons was ordered for duty during the night.

Henry O. Clapp  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day



March 22<sup>nd</sup>. - Mortar boats Nos. 11, Second Master Geo. S. Johnson and 19, Second Master Gregory, were engaged shelling the enemy's batteries, from 8 o'clock A. M. to 1 1/2 P. M.

Mortar boats Nos. 7, Second Master E. W. Wheelock and 38 Second Master H. C. Glafford, were engaged during the afternoon.

Annexed is a report of the several firings.

No. 11 threw 24; No. 19 threw 17; No. 7 threw 11 and No. 38 threw 17 shells.

Second Master S. B. Gregory was ordered for duty during the night.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 23<sup>rd</sup>. - Mortars 11, 12 & 5, under their respective commands, were engaged during the morning; the number of shell thrown was, respectively,

No. 11 threw 1; No. 12 threw ten and No. 5 threw ten shell.

During the afternoon mortars 38 & 7, under command of Second Masters Glafford and Wheelock threw each seven shells.

John Smith, of No. 11 Mortar crew, had his leg accidentally broken by the falling of a tree - cut by the crew of the duntlop, in a very careless manner.

During the morning the enemy favored us a few shots doing no damage.

H. C. Glafford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 24<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar boats Nos. 5 & 38 with crews from 19 & 27, under command of Second Masters Glafford and Gregory, were engaged during the day. Not any other boats were on duty.

No. 5 threw 7 and No. 38 threw 8 shells.

Second Master Wheelock was engaged all the previous night - shelling the enemy, with mortar No. 38, throwing 13 shells.

This morning the Judge Foreman moved across the river, from the Mo. to the Kentucky shore.

Geo. S. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 25<sup>th</sup>. - At about three o'clock P. M. Capt. Steiner made an ascension with his balloon (Coast) to the height of 400 feet; upon his descending Col. Buford took his place in the car and was let up by the wind - Capt. 200 feet, when he was drawn down again. Capt. Maynard then made an ascension to the height of 300 feet.

The day being hazy, they could not define fully the whole position of the enemy, but the experiment proved satisfactory.

Second Masters C. B. Simons and E. W. Wheelock report having fired, respectively - from No. 23 - 17 and from No. 38 - 13 shells.

S. B. Gregory  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



March 26<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar 12 & 38, under command of Second Master Geo. F. Johnson and M. A. Clappford were on duty all day

No. 12 threw 8 and No. 38 threw 7 shell.

Geo. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 30<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar Coats No. 5, Second Master J. B. Gregory and 23, Second Master G. B. Simons, fired to day, respectively.

No. 5 threw 10 and No. 38 six shell

J. B. Gregory  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 27<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar Coats 23 & 5, under command of Second Master G. B. Simons and J. B. Gregory were on duty during this morning.

No. 23 fired 8 and No. 5 fired 6 shell

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 31<sup>st</sup>. - Mortar Coats 5, 7, 38 and 23 were on duty to day, under Second Masters E. W. Wheelock and J. B. Gregory and fired respectively.

No. 38 threw 14; No. 23 threw 3; No. 5 threw 23 and No. 7 threw shell.

At seven o'clock P. M. got into battery line and fired each 3 shell, for the inspection of Capt. Sayer of war, Thomas A. Scott; all fired at Island No. 10.

G. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

March 28<sup>th</sup>. - Received from the M. S. Steamer Keystone 300 shell.

Distributed to mortar boat No. 7 fifty shell

Distributed to other mortar boats 100 shell.

Mortar squad 3<sup>rd</sup> on board boat 38 - Second Master M. A. Clappford commanded, fired ten shell

Mortar Coats 7 & 23, Second Master E. W. Wheelock, fired respectively 4 shell

M. A. Clappford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 1<sup>st</sup>. - Mortar Coats 38, Second Master M. A. Clappford and No. 12 Second Master Geo. F. Johnson were on duty and fired respectively

No. 38 threw six and No. 12 six shell.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master and officer of the day

March 29<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar Coats Nos. 5, Second Master Gregory and 23 Second Master Simons were on duty and fired respectively.

No. 5 - 9 and No. 23 eleven shell.

Geo. F. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 2<sup>nd</sup>. - Mortar boat 23 with crew of 36, Second Master G. B. Simons and 5 with crew of 19, Second Master J. B. Gregory were on duty and fired respectively. No. 23 fired 11 and No. 5 nine shell.

M. A. Clappford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



April 3<sup>rd</sup>. - Second Masters E. W. Wheelock  
and S. C. A. Glafford, accompanied by Pilots of 73  
mortar boats, made a reconnaissance, in a skiff, off  
Island 10 and boarded the sunken rebel steamer  
"Winchester", which they set fire to and burned to  
the water's edge. - Messrs. Wheelock & Glafford returned  
in safety.

Mortar boats 7, 38 and 23, were on duty and fired  
respectively.

No. 7 threw 21; No. 38 threw 23 and No. 23 threw  
five shells.

Nos. 11 & 12 were also in action and fired respectively.

No. 11 threw 14 and No. 12 seventeen shells.

Geo. S. Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 4<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar boat 23, with crew of 36, and boat 7  
were on duty and fired respectively.

No. 23 threw 8 and No. 7 eight shells.

No reply from the enemy.

J. B. Gregory

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 5<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar boat No. 7, Second Master  
Wheelock, fired 19 shells.

The gunboat Camdetot ran the blockade of  
Island No. 10, on the night of the 4<sup>th</sup>, amidst a heavy  
and a severe fire from the enemy's batteries.

G. B. Simons

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 6<sup>th</sup>. - Whole crew mustered by Purser's clerk  
- Mr. W. Watson and articles of war read, by Cap. Richardson,  
in presence of Cap. Fitch.

Mortar boat 38, Second Master S. C. A. Glafford  
was on duty, to day, and fired 14 shells.

Second Masters Glafford, Simons, Gregory and  
Johnson were reconnoitering to day, near the Island.

E. W. Wheelock

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 7<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Geo. S. Johnson,  
with mortar boats Nos. 11 & 38, was on duty and fired -  
From No. 11 nine and 38 five shells.

S. C. A. Glafford

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 8<sup>th</sup>. - At ten o'clock on the night of the  
seventh, the rebel steamer "McSoto", came up with a flag  
of truce, when its officers surrendered possession of  
the Island 10 and shore batteries to Com. Fort and  
our forces are now in possession of them.

Geo. S. Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 9<sup>th</sup>. - The Island 10, with all its stores  
and munitions of war, being now in our full possession,  
rest and liberty was given to the crew.

J. B. Gregory

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



April 10<sup>th</sup>. - The same rest and liberty was permitted to day as yesterday, consequently there is nothing of importance to report.

G. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 11<sup>th</sup>. - At two o'clock P. M. our fleet mortar boats (No) were put in tow of steamer The Hornet, Mr. H. Wilson, Wisconsin No. 2, Keystone, Mr. H. Dean and Alps and taken down to New Madrid, where they arrived at 4 o'clock P. M. and made fast for the night.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 12<sup>th</sup>. - The fleet left New Madrid the day at noon, and arrived at Beales Point at seven o'clock P. M.; made fast, here, on the Tennessee shore.

M. A. Clappford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 13<sup>th</sup>. - The following communication, received on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., were this morning read to the crews in full muster.

U. S. Steamer Benton  
Island 10, April 11, 1862

It is with the highest gratification, that

the Commander in Chief promulgates, to the Officers and men under his command, comprising the gunboats and mortar fleet, advance boats, tugs, transports and others; as well as to Gen. Buford and Officers and soldiers of the army, who have so effectively co-operated in the reduction of Island No. 10, the following telegram, received from the Secy. of the Navy, and he trusts that the future will be crowned with the same success to our arms, as the past has been, and may we all, as suggested by the Hon. Secy., render our hearty thanks to God for his goodness in giving us the victory

A. M. Foote  
Flag Officer "

(Telegram)

"By telegram from the Navy Board  
Washington April 10<sup>th</sup> 1862

To Flag Officer Foote  
Command. Gunboat flotilla  
Sir,

A nation's thanks are due you and the brave officers and men on the flotilla on the Mississippi, whose labor and fortitude, at Island No. 10, which surrendered to you yesterday, has been watched with intense interest. Your triumph is our life appreciated, because it was protracted and finally bloodless. To the Being, who has protected you through many perils and carried you on to successive victories, be praise for his continued goodness to our country and especially for this last great success of our arms; let the congratulations of yourself and Command be also extended to the Officers and soldiers, who co-operated with you.

(Signed)

Richard B. Welles  
Secy. of the Navy.



The fleet left Hale's point this forenoon and arrived at Plum Point at 12 1/2 o'clock A.M.

Geo. S. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 14<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar boats 28, 30, 36, 12, 35, 27 were towed into position and under command of Second Master, Johnson, Simons, Glafford & Gregory, were brought into action, with the following effect.

No. 28 threw 5; No. 30 threw 9; No. 36 threw 12, No. 12 threw 14; No. 35 threw 9; No. 38 threw 17 and No. 27 threw 14 shell.

The woods being thick at the point where the mortars lay, the effect of the firing could not be, with certainty ascertained.

The tug Enbee was accidentally burned today

A. B. Gregory  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 15<sup>th</sup>. - Today the crews of the mortar boats Nos. 11, 12, 23, 27, 36 & 38 were permanently removed from the tug Enbee on board their respective boats, they were furnished with blankets, for the purpose of keeping warm on the mortar boats.

Mortar boat 12, Second Master Geo. S. Johnson was in service today and fired 48 shell.

The enemy opened fire during the afternoon and discharged about 100, which burst and fell all about boat 12, but fortunately without doing any damage.

Mortar boat 12 received 100 shell and seven kegs of powder

Geo. S. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master and Officer of the day

April 16<sup>th</sup>. - No firing on either side today. A deserter from the rebel gunboat Gen. Polk, came on board No. 12 mortar boat and was sent to the Flag ship Beaton.

The crews of the mortar boats are well and in good discipline.

The new mess arrangements, making extra work for the Officers and men, have not, as yet, developed themselves, so as to call forth any praise whatever.

Sapwood was furnished to Nos. 9 & 11

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 17<sup>th</sup>. - By order of Capt. Maynard, mortar boats 23, 25, 26 & 27 were ordered into action, under the immediate command of Second Master E. W. Wheelock, Simons & Gregory and fired during the afternoon, respectively -

No. 12 threw 13; No. 35 threw 16; No. 36 threw 10 and No. 27 threw 8 shell.

Second Master Johnson was further ordered to aid in firing, in quick succession, five shell from mortar boat 12, at eight o'clock at night and five more at ten o'clock, at a long range and direction at discretion.

H. A. Glafford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



April 18<sup>th</sup>. - All the mortar boats, except 12 & 35, moved up the river, half a mile.

(Amphibion) Second Master Henry A. Glapford was on duty on the 17<sup>th</sup> and fired, from Nos. 38 & 32, respectively - from eleven and two six shell

Geo. S. Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 19<sup>th</sup>. - Everything quiet; no firing to day. I was ordered, by Capt. Magnadier, that the firing toll call be discontinued.

E. B. Gregory

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 20<sup>th</sup>. - In the report of the 19<sup>th</sup> it was omitted to state that, on the night of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Second Master E. B. Simonds, fired, from mortar boat 35, three shells at 9<sup>1/2</sup> and three at 11 P. M. and three at 4<sup>1/2</sup> on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>.

No firing from either side to day

E. B. Simonds

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 21<sup>st</sup>. - Mortar boat 35 was on duty. Second Master Geo. S. Johnson and fired 12 shells

E. W. Wheelock

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 22<sup>nd</sup>. - Second Master E. W. Wheelock, with crew of 22, fired 20 shells, from mortar boat 35.

The enemy fired a few shells but any taking effect this morning of Cape Magnadier and Pike tower

a reconnoissance, in a skiff, with a view to discovering a passage into the Lake, on the Arkansas side of the river and to ascertain if a mortar could be moved there and take up a more advantageous position. After penetrating the Bayou one and a half miles, the sunken timber proved so serious an impediment, to navigating any craft - drawing three feet and upwards of water, that the enterprise was abandoned; the party returned the Judge's house about noon

Henry A. Glapford

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 23<sup>rd</sup>. - Second Master Glapford, with mortar boat 12 and crew of 38 was on duty to day and fired 34 shells.

Geo. S. Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 24<sup>th</sup>. - During the night of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Second Master Gregory, with mortar boat 12 and crew of 8 fired 13 shells, without eliciting a reply from the enemy.

Today Second Master Geo. S. Johnson, with mortar boats 12 & 35 fired, respectively - from No. 12 twenty and from No. 35 fifteen shells.

The enemy fired frequently during the day, without doing any damage.

J. B. Gregory

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 25<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Wheelock was on duty the previous night, with mortar boat 35 and fired 13 shells.

(Today)



To day there was distributed, on mortar boat 35, fifty shell, one box of friction tubes, 50 rounds of mortar and 48 of shell powder.

Second Master Gregory, with mortar boat 12 and crew of 19 fired ten shell.

Distributed on mortar boat 12, fifty shell and one box of friction tubes.

Two shot were fired from the enemy during the night of the 24<sup>th</sup> and four to day, all without effect.

Geo. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 26<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Johnson was on duty the previous night and, at about midnight, with mortar boat 12 and crew of 36 fired 25 shell.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 27<sup>th</sup>. - Last night Second Master Bluff with mortar boat 12 and crew of 38 fired five shells eight and 5 at ten o'clock P. M. and five at 3 o'clock this morning.

To day Second Master Wheelock was on duty with mortar boat 12 and crew of seven, and fired 24 shell.

Second Master Simons, <sup>ordnance</sup> was on duty for this night, with mortar boat 12 and crew of 22.

Distributed on mortar boat 12, fifty shell and 14 kegs of shell powder.

Henry C. Clapford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 28<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Simons was on duty the previous night, with mortar boat 12 and crew of 22 and fired 15 shell.

Second Master Glassford was on duty to day, with mortar boat 12 and crew of 27 and fired 31 shell.

Second Master Glassford reports having seen a number of men collected together some quarter of a mile below his boat, at the little Hamlet immediately above the point, making signals, which proved to be of a peaceful nature. With great difficulty he succeeded in bringing on board six of the men, whom he forwarded on the tug Intrepid, in charge of the officer of the day to Cap. Henry E. Maguadier. Not having any boat he was unable to go to the relief of any the balance of the party.

At 11 o'clock P. M. secured something that went afloat and succeeded in rescuing three more of the men; they, too, were put on board the Judge Torrence. They all proved to be "Scotch" and gave their names as follows: - Charles Younman, Hugh Smith, O. M. Finley, O. M. Prodenick, John Dawson, Lewis Deaky, John Little, Henry Clark & O. M. Kelly; all belonged to Camp 21<sup>st</sup> Louisiana reg.

Distributed on mortar boat 12 fifty shell, ten barrels of mortar and 14 of shell powder.

Geo. J. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 29<sup>th</sup>. - In consequence of information furnished by the despatch, as named in yesterday's report, it was ordered that the mortar boats be brought up to a safer place; in doing this the towing line



of No. 12 broke and the boat got a drift. It was, however, again secured and, being run aground, was tied to a tree and left for the night. But being located, within easy range of the enemy and unprotected, the powder was destroyed before the boat was abandoned.

This morning, the boat being found lying in the same place that it had been left and raised up to its level - in consequence of the buoyancy of the pine timbers, of which it was built, Second Master Gregory superintended the removal of the shell and all the material, on board, and had the boat towed up to a safe place.

Second Master Johnson, with boat 35 and crew of eleven fired 21 shell

J. B. Gregory  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

April 30<sup>th</sup> - Second Master Gregory, with mortar boat 35 and crew of 19, fired 21 shell.

The enemy fired 5 shot, all of which fell short

Gus B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 1<sup>st</sup> - This day the crews and boats were inspected, by Capt. Henry E. Maynardier and Capt. Pike, who expressed themselves highly gratified in finding everything in good order.

Second Master Simons was on duty today with mortar boat 35 and crew of 26, and fired 21 shell - no response from the enemy.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - In the forenoon, Capt. Henry E. Maynardier made a reconnaissance down the river in the lug Lutepeid and was fired upon four times, by the enemy, but without effect.

Ten kegs of mortar and 4 of shell powder, one box of friction fuse and 56 shell, which had been taken off boat 12 were put on board No. 35.

Three deserters, who had come in the night before, were put on board the Benton.

Second Master Wheelock, with mortar boat 35 and crew of 22, fired 27 shell.

J. B. Gregory  
Second Master & Officer of the day  
Acting for Maj. E. Blufford absent on duty

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Leave of absence having been granted, by the Maj. Officer, to Henry A. Blufford, in consequence of the death of his son, Second Master Simons, acting for absentee, with mortar boat 35 and crew of 38 fired 23 shell.

Geo. J. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 4<sup>th</sup> - General muster today for payment.

Distributed to No. 35 mortar boat, thirty shell and 14 barrels of powder.

Fired 11 shell from No. 35, in response from the enemy.

J. B. Gregory  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



May 5<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Gregory on duty with mortar boat 35 and squad of No. 3, fired 21 shells. The crews of mortar boats 16, 28, 30, 35 & 9 were put up and put on their respective boats and the other crews completely filled up.

The enemy fired several shots, to day, all of which fell short.

Geo. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 6<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Simons, with crew of 23 and mortar boat 35, fired 21 shells, no response from the enemy.

All quiet below

The 'roll' was called on the boats this morning and discontinued on the Judge Torrance.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 7<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master E. W. Wheelock was on duty on boat 16, with crews of 16 & 7 and fired 21 shells.

Andy. M. Donald and Michl. Hartney were put in irons, for fighting and disorderly conduct.

H. O. Glafford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 8<sup>th</sup>. - (Commissary) Ten barrels of mortar and 4 of shell powder were put on mortar 16.

Today Second Master Simons kindly volunteered to perform the day's duty of second Master & Officer. He received orders to fire rapidly during the morning, which duty he performed admirably. Ten

60 shell. In the afternoon orders were given to fire slowly - at the rate of not more than three shells per hour; twelve shells were thus thrown. The boat in service was 16 with crew of 27.

Ten barrels of mortar and 4 of shell powder were put on board boat 16.

Michl. Hartney was, by order of Cap. Pike, released from irons.

Geo. J. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 9<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Johnson, with mortar boat 16 and crew of 35, was in action during the morning.

At three o'clock P. M. a flag of truce, from the rebels, came up; our firing ceased and was not resumed during the day.

The object of the flag of truce was said to be the rendition of two prisoners.

Ammunition - Shells 30, mortar powder 30 charges and shell powder 48 charges were put on boat 16.

Thos. B. Gregory  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 10<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Gregory was on duty with boat 16, and commenced firing at six o'clock A. M.

Before many shells had been fired, Second Master Gregory discovered several rebel gunboats, some 200 yards from the point, in line of battle order. They, with uncommon promptitude ranged his mortar so as to bear upon the advancing enemy and was fortunate in bursting several shells in close proximity to the boats.

He continued to throw shell as rapidly as possible.



as long as the engagement lasted - which was about an hour. Two solid shot, supposed to be 32 pounds, struck the mortar boat, passing through both sides and turning up the iron, as if it was paper; not any of the boats were hurt.

Fifty seven shell were thrown from No. 16, during the day.

At noon Second Master Simonds and Wheelocke, a detail of picked men, made a very satisfactory reconnoissance on the Arkansas side of the river. With three skiffs they proceeded through the backwater, as far as the skiffs could go; they then went on foot, leaving sentries at a proper distance, to a point some two miles below rebel fortifications, taking a calm and lively view of different batteries, gunboats, rams &c. - being within 2000 of their largest gunboat.

The expedition reported that the number of gunboats visible, was six, with 14 transports.

Four of their gunboats were lying on the Arkansas and two on the Tennessee shore.

The number of batteries visible were four, one of which was a water battery, all mounted heavy guns.

Having approached too near the rebel pickets, the party deemed it best to retire, which they did without meeting with any accident and returning to the vessel at dark.

Geo. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 11<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Simons was duty with mortar boat 28 and crew of 23 and fired 20 shell. There was no response from the enemy until we had ceased firing, when they fired two shot, but without effect.

Yesterday Second Master Gregory fired 57 shell.  
On mortar boat 28, fifty seven shell & 23 mortar cartridges.

E. M. Wheelocke  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 12<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Wheelocke was on duty today, on mortar boat 28, with crew of 22 and firing slowly through eight shells.

At eleven half o'clock A. M. the steamer The Hammill was ordered to tow the mortar boat back to her position, in the fleet, as the rebels seemed to be preparing for another attack.

H. A. Glapford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 13<sup>th</sup>. - By order of Capt. Maynard the following letter is attached to these minutes.

U. S. Steamer Benton  
Off. Fort Pillow May 13<sup>th</sup> 1862

Sir,  
I have received the report of acting Master Gregory, commanding Mortar boat 16, which you have been so kind as to transmit to me this morning.

The conduct of Mr. Gregory and his crew, in the engagement, on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., excited my admiration. I have made particular mention of it in my dispatch.

To Hon. E. M. Gregory  
Capt. 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Command of Mortar Fleet  
Mississippi River

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servant  
Wm. H. Davis

Geo. L. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



May 14<sup>th</sup>. - This morning early one of the  
rebel steamers rounded the point, in full view of the  
gunboats, but was not hailed, cause not explained.  
The mortar boats having been ordered out of  
battery, there is not any firing to report.

Weather fine and water fallen two feet.  
Thos. B. Goddard  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 15<sup>th</sup>. - The crews of mortar boats  
27, 28, 30, 36 & 38 were taken to the Judge's Torment  
paid off and then returned to their respective boats.  
Geo. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 16<sup>th</sup>. - The crews of mortar boats  
11, 12, 13, Frank's sine builds, and 11 & 35 were brought  
aboard the Judge's Torment, paid off and returned  
their boats. The crews were all in good health,  
and anxious for an engagement with the enemy.  
E. W. Whulock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 17<sup>th</sup>. - No event of importance related  
to the enemy's movements or our own occurred to day.  
Mortars are in the same position as for the past  
three days.

A detail of 48 men was made to day, for service,  
to man a four gun 12 pound howitzer, but  
The following list contains the names of those  
who volunteered and the mortar boats to which they  
were attached.

No. - 9, Francis Killian, Nichl. Hartney, J. Kier,  
L. Weed, J. M. Bell & J. Underwood.

No. 12. - Geo. W. Bowen, J. H. Stinson, J. S. W. Brown,  
C. White, G. Cahoy and Salman M. Tutapu.

No. 16. - J. Gant, W. W. Bennett, J. Ruski, Joshua  
S. Daughter, Andy Short, J. Sandford, A. Wapner, Andy  
Phelan <sup>and</sup> ~~Thomas~~ <sup>Hayman</sup> v. Chas. Wilson

No. 27, Ira Spouts, A. J. Mops, Peter Smith, David  
Scanlan, Mo. J. Green & Edward Marcy

No. 30. - Mo. A. Allmer

No. 28. - J. Lawson, J. Grandish, H. Sumner, St.  
Curtis, B. Housing and A. Mo. Monile.

No. 37. - J. Frael, W. Kohl, G. Rhodes, Geo. Wood-  
ruff, Wm. Griser & J. O'Connor.

No. 38 - J. Chase, W. Jones, Mich. Hooley, Geo.  
Wpton, Wm. Chapman, W. C. Stewart & Sister Wm.

Total 48 men, all of whom volunteered for the service  
and had more been required the number could have  
been readily doubled.

Respectfully submitted  
Mo. A. Claford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 18<sup>th</sup>. - Nothing of interest transpired during  
the day.

Men all on board their boats and ready  
Geo. F. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 19<sup>th</sup>. - All things ready, crews in good order,  
boats ready for action and officers awaiting orders.  
Weather rains came coming down, hoops on the sides  
and Hot Pillow to be used.

Thos. B. Goddard  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



May 20<sup>th</sup>. - Six pawns arrived last night; four boat loads of troops arrived this afternoon.

The steamer Kennet took a flag of truce down to the point yesterday; it was not answered the first time. In an hour and a half afterwards she went down again and had an interview with the rebel boat; our steamer carried two white flags, the rebel steamer carried only one and the rebel flag. - Very rainy.

Qu. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 21<sup>st</sup>. - Mortar boat 23, Second Master Qu. B. Simons and 36, Capt. E. B. Pike, were on duty to day; the former fired 26 and the latter 28 shells.

The rebels threw a few shells, some of them in good range and bursting too close for comfort, but all too short.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 22<sup>nd</sup>. - Nothing of importance to report to day.

The 118 men detailed for special service - with hands on still on board the Judge Torrance.

St. A. Clappford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master and Officer of the day

May 23<sup>rd</sup>. - Second Master Gregory, for his action and gallantry, on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., was this day the recipient of a document, from the hands of Acting Major Officer G. M. Davis, promoting him to the rank of acting first in the gun boat service.

Geo. S. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 24<sup>th</sup>. - The mortar crews of No. 5, 16, 19 and 37 were paid to day.

Second Master St. A. Clappford was put under arrest by Capt. M. E. Maguadier and afterwards released.

A deserter came to the mortar boats, at about seven o'clock P. M. and reported a picket of 40 men on the West side of the river, about three miles below the point, above Fort Pillow, supported by a gun boat.

Thos. B. Gregory  
Actg. First & Officer of the day

May 25<sup>th</sup>. - No active duty to day. Men well and in good condition.

Qu. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 26<sup>th</sup>. - As yesterday no action on either side to day.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 27<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar boats 22 & 37 were on duty to day the former firing 28 and the latter 21 shells.

The enemy answered freely, one of their pieces of shell striking 22. Not any on board.

St. A. Clappford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 28<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Clappford was on duty to day, with mortar boats 27 & 38 and fired from the former 38 and the latter 21 shells.

The enemy answered freely, firing about 28 shots.



No. 37 was struck with a <sup>piece of</sup> shell, knocking down two men, by the concussion. No any serious damage was however done.

Geo. J. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 29<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master Glafford was again ordered out, with his Howitzer battery and a detail of 30 men

Second Master Johnson, with mortar boats 11 & 35 was on duty and fired, from No. 11 twenty three and 35 eighteen shells

There was distributed on No. 27 fourteen barrels of powder; on No. 38 fourteen barrels. On No. 7 twenty five shells and 22 ten shells.

The rebels returned fire freely to day, but without effect. The Alps and Nirote were both fired into off Whale's Point but received no damage.

The following letter was this day received from the Flag Officer.

U. S. Steamer Benton  
Off Port Pellow May 29<sup>th</sup> 1862

Mr. Capt,

A very intelligent deserter came in this morning, who told us, among other things, that the mortar practice had been very good - yesterday and the day before, and that a piece of one of the bombs had gone through the Quarters of Gen. Williford.

Yours truly  
G. M. Harris

To Mr. A. Maynard  
Capt. 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry U. S. A.  
Command of Mortar Fleet  
Wilmington

Thos. B. Conroy  
Capt. 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry U. S. A.

May 30<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar boats 5 & 19 were on duty to day and fired, the former 37 and, the latter 34 shells

The expedition, under Second Master W. C. Glafford, with 30 men from the mortar crews, returned this afternoon, about 5 o'clock P. M. All are well and in good condition, regretting, only, that they had not had any opportunity to practice on the rebels.

Gus. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

May 31<sup>st</sup>. - Second Master G. B. Simonds was on duty, with mortar boats 23 & 36 and fired the former 28 and the latter 27 shells.

The enemy returned the fire freely; one of their shots struck the platform of 23, passing between Second Master Simonds and one of the crew making a large hole and scattering the timbers all around.

A severe storm commenced at about half past two o'clock; suspended firing for a short time.

I regret to report that Arthur A. Morrill, of mortar boat 38, was accidentally drowned whilst bathing. Every exertion was made to save him, but of no avail, as the unfortunate man sank before assistance could reach him. He was well respected and enjoyed the regard of the Officers and men of the fleet.

He had just returned from an expedition of considerable risks

E. W. Whelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



June 1<sup>st</sup> - At eight o'clock A.M. the Orduley Sergeants previously nominated to each boat, we ordered to report at the Guard, for orders.

They were directed to have their boats put in order and to muster their boat's crews, on parade, at ten o'clock.

At ten o'clock A.M. the crews were mustered; a guard consisting of one man from each crew, was detailed to serve until nine o'clock next morning.

Sentries were stationed above, opposite and below the fleet. This guard was placed in charge of Sergeants Hill and Jacobs and found effective; the detail being made from each boat, rendering the collusion of inmates impossible.

During the afternoon I granted short leave of absence to the Orduley men of the command, positively refusing the indulgence to any who had misbehaved themselves in the past.

Mortars 22<sup>nd</sup>, were in action and fired, the former 31 and the latter 31 shell.

The enemy replied, many of their shell bursting over the boats, but without doing any injury.

Wm. A. Clafford

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Second Master Clafford was on duty to day, using boats 24<sup>th</sup> & 38.

By accident Gen. Winton of Mortar boat 38, was killed to day. Second Master Clafford has made a written report to Commanding Officer Henry C. Magruder, giving full account of the manner of Winton's death. No blame can be attached to any of his comrades or the officer of the boat 38 shell thrown.

Geo. Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Second Master Johnson, with mortar boats Nos. 9 & 35 was on duty, firing rapidly and the rebels replying nearly at the same rate. Sixty five shell thrown.

Just before sundown two rebel gunboats came around the corner, at which a few shots were fired from the gunboats and mortars, which latter - from No. 9, gunner J. Hillman, caused the rebels quickly to retire.

J. B. Gregory

Actg. Lieut. & Officer of the day

June 4<sup>th</sup> - Acting Lieut. J. B. Gregory was on duty, with mortar boats 5 & 19 and fired from each 53 shell.

Early in the evening a fire was discovered above the upper part of Fort Pillow and later, directed over the whole fort; this proved to be the work of the enemy, destroying gun carriages and other materials belonging to the Fort, previous to evacuation.

The enemy had been firing freely during the day.

Geo. B. Simons

2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 5<sup>th</sup> - The whole fleet got under way this morning, bound for Memphis.

In passing Fort Pillow we lay to and landed. We found the place deserted, by the rebels, and a large quantity of Commissary stores and Gen. carriages destroyed.

At noon we left Fort Pillow, that was, running along. There was a great many persons on the banks as we passed along, who, I am pleased to report, appeared, the majority of them, glad to see us.

We passed Fort Randolph, at 3 o'clock P.M., which seemed deserted.



At about half past eight o'clock, we landed at <sup>Point</sup> ~~Island~~ <sup>Island</sup>

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 6<sup>th</sup> - At four o'clock A.M., orders were received from the Flag Ship to get six mortars in readiness to move at five o'clock.

The orders were given to the divisional commanders, Second Masters Simonds, Glapford and Wheelock; the latter was, however, unable to proceed, immediately with the other divisions, as the R. S. Wilson was in readiness to take his boats in tow, but came up soon afterward, and they followed the tugboat Intrepid, bearing Capt. Maynard & Pike.

Shortly after the mortars were under way, the fleet gunboats moved from their anchorage and on reaching the point above Memphis were offered battle by the enemy with his whole force - consisting of eight gunboats. The engagement was spirited in the extreme, the same Monitor and Queen of the West (commanded by Cap. Elliott) taking very prominent part, which resulted in the burning & sinking of four and capturing <sup>four</sup> of the enemy's boats. These latter, after some repairs, will be put in commission.

This was, certainly, the most dashing performance of the war and lasted, from the time the first shot was fired from the Benton, until the last, exactly 35 minutes in which short interval the fleet of the enemy, in these waters - with the exception of one, was virtually demolished.

The Intrepid followed the fleet and hoisted at the close of the battle - hoisting down flags, succoring the wounded &c.; in which Cap. Pike was particularly conspicuous.

The mortars did not open fire during the engagement; all the noise, in this instance, being due to the gunboats.

The shot from our guns was more effective than on the memorable 10<sup>th</sup>, being directed at the enemy's water line.

At night the mortars were all tied upon the Arkansas shore, at the point above Memphis "Guards" were detached for the night and everything done to secure them from surprise or disaster.

H. A. Glapford  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Orders were received from the Flag Officer to furnish a detail of 50 men and two officers, to accompany and guard prisoners sent to Cairo; accordingly the detail was made and placed in command of Lieut. Gregory and Second Master Wheelock.

Forty three prisoners, officers & men, were shipped in charge of the above-named officers, on board the Champion No 3, from which they were subsequently transferred to the Wilson and with other prisoners, in number about 70, transferred from the Don Paul, started for Cairo about 3 o'clock P.M.

Gen. L. Johnson  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 8<sup>th</sup> - The flag officer ordered the transfer of 30 men, from the mortar fleet, to the prize steamer Gen. Bragg and the following men were selected and sent on board.

Lists of the same were furnished to the Bragg and proper receipts taken.

A similar list was furnished to Capt. Boyard.

H. Nett  
List of Men  
From No. 5 David A. Woon; No. 3 Alex. Matherall;



No. 30, Thomas Langley, Peter Warren, Geo. Buchanan  
Whim. Shreder; 33, Thomas Fagan, John Klockhutz,  
William Seafut, Geo. Quim; 34, James Summers,  
James Colwell, James Barr; James Sullivan; 36,  
John. Just; 27 Edward Maxey; 28, William  
Tr. Carol, Vincent Grandish, Geo. Kramer; 16,  
William Short; 19 Henry Hink; 9 Anthony O'  
Doniel; 35 James W. Watson; 37 James Heil,  
Geo. Rhodes and 37 Andy J. Moss.

Several of our men, being found loafing  
about Memphis, without leave of absence, were  
sent on board by the Provost Guard

M. A. Glafford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 9<sup>th</sup> - The Little Rebel, in charge  
of Gus. P. Simons, and the crew of men, detailed for  
the Mortar flat are awaiting orders for Cairo.

Geo. S. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 10<sup>th</sup> - The boats were removed to  
from the "Low Head", where they have been laid for the  
last few days, to the Arkansas side of the river, where  
they now lay in good position.

The detail of men - 50 in number, in charge  
of Second Master Gregory & Wheelock, returned to duty  
and were sent to their respective boats.

Geo. S. Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Second Master M. A. Glafford  
was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Master on board the captured  
gunboat Sumpter; Acting Lieut. J. B. Gregory to be  
First Master on board the "Little Rebel" and Second  
Master Geo. S. Johnson to be Second Master on the  
Gen. Bragg.

Acting Lieut. Gregory and Second Master Wheelock  
returned from Cairo this afternoon, having de-  
livered their prisoners to their officers in command at  
Cairo.

Gus. P. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Mortar boats in position await-  
ing orders.

Orders from Com. E. M. Davis were received for  
ten men; the men detailed, from the mortar boats, were  
as follows,

From No. 37, Isaac J. Lake, John O'Connor;  
No. 19, Adam Bradshaw, Thomas Spencer; No. 5, Joseph  
Nicholson, Robt. Elder, Thomas Mc' Donald; No. 6  
Austin Perrin, John Grant; No. 27, Joseph Simons.

Not anything of further interest occurred today.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 18<sup>th</sup> - All the condemned mortar  
boats were selected out and placed together, leaving  
but 10 fit for active service

E. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



June 14<sup>th</sup>. - A detail of <sup>more</sup> ten men was made for the mortar crews, to go on board the captured steamer "Little Rebel"; viz. - from No. 23, J. Brown, L. Mulharris; No. 28, Grady; No. 30, P. Woneghan; No. 11, C. R. Hazen; No. 1, C. White; No. 28, John Nelson and No. 19 J. Galighan.

Twenty men were, also, detailed to go on an expedition up the White river; the men volunteering and who were on board the steamer Mupleman, were - No. 7 mortar, Geo. B. Abbott; No. 11, P. Welsh; No. 9, M. B. Stewart; Joseph Keur; No. 13, J. S. McIntyre; No. 16 James Sany; Wm. Phelan, Chas. Wilson; No. 27, S. A. Wood, W. Scan; No. 28, M. Kane; No. 30 M. A. Wolmer, Wm. Soaper; No. 37, Wm. Woodruff; No. 12, T. B. Pettengil; No. 1, John Cosgriff, Thos. Gayman, A. Dupree; No. 23, R. Funk; No. 27, J. Disler, W. Clarke; No. 28, G. Sam; No. 30, Wm M'Combie; No. 36, M. Selman; No. 37, John Benziger and No. 11, Joseph Johnson.

A correct list of the abovenamed men was sent to Paymaster Vott.

Acting Lieut. T. B. Gregory was placed in command of the "Little Rebel", relieving Geo. B. Simons, who had charge of the boat, from the time of her capture until now.

Geo. B. Simons  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 15<sup>th</sup>. - Second Master E. W. Wheelock was on duty, as officer of the day, but does not report anything worthy of note.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 16<sup>th</sup>. - This morning we are noticed for the first time, the American flag, displayed in view of our flag; it was run up in front of the Gayoso House, notwithstanding we had taken possession of the city ten days previous.

The prize steamer, Gen. Sterling Price, was towed to Cairo, in charge of Cap. Fitch.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 17<sup>th</sup>. - Everything in the same order and but one true flag, in view, from Memphis.

Geo. B. Simons  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 18<sup>th</sup>. - To day the shell and ammunition was taken off the mortar boats, that had been condemned, and put on the worthy boats; thus supplying the latter with plenty of shell and powder for 50 rounds each.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 19<sup>th</sup>. - The Comstodge returned this afternoon from White river, bringing the sad news that a shot, from a rebel shore battery, had struck the "Mound City", so as to pass through a steam pipe, killing and wounding over 100 men.

One true flag in view, from the Army Yard, in Memphis.

Geo. B. Simons  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day



June 20<sup>th</sup>. - A call being made for volunteers to the hospital, on board the Red Rover, it was responded to by 12 men from the mortar fleet, who are ready to assist the helpless as they are to fight the rest.

We had some visitors to day, half a dozen men from Cincinnati and the East.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 21<sup>st</sup>. - To vary the monotony, we were honored with a visit from two lovely women, although very strong on the "Secesh", their deportment was in every way lady like; they accepted an invitation to dinner which they seemed to enjoy hugely.

An order was received to look out for Guernsey a col(d)ation was set for them, consisting of a very superior article of lead, put up in small packages

Gus. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 22<sup>nd</sup>. - Seaman Mulharrie of the "Rebel" was put in irons, he having deserted from the ship some time since.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 23<sup>rd</sup>. - Not anything of particular interest occurred to day.

Our man, Wm. Fuller is absent without leave and it is earnestly desired that he may not return.

Gus. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 24<sup>th</sup>. - The hospital boat Red Rover left for Cairo last night. Seven of our <sup>mortar</sup> men, with two from the Tonnage, were detailed to go with her as nurses, viz Lewis M. Painter, Jobe Gant, Geo. Brierly, Benj. Vernal, Joseph Gochety, W. C. Frailich, Edward Bullman, Charles Wm Worn and David Souderbach

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 25<sup>th</sup>. - Emanuel Lytle obtained a furlough to August 1<sup>st</sup>. S. B. Wagle, of mortar boat 7, was discharged to day, to accept an appointment as Second Engineer in the fleet.

Gus. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 26<sup>th</sup>. - Second Masters Simons & Wheelock were engaged with the tug Intrepid, hauling off such mortar boats as had become grounded.

Second Master Simons was detailed to assess the value of the machinery and goods belonging to the Blacksmith's shop, on board the Seallow.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 27<sup>th</sup>. - The ropes of the mortar cranes were reduced to ten, making 18 in each trip.

All as well as can be expected, from the inclemency of the weather.

Gus. B. Simons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



June 28<sup>th</sup>. - An order having been received from the Com. to have six mortar boats in readiness, to follow the fleet to Vicksburg, Nos. 7, 22, 9, 23, 36 and 38, with full crews, sixty shells each and sufficient powder were got into complete readiness for action and, in tow of the U. S. Wilson and The Kaumett are awaiting orders.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 29<sup>th</sup>. - The fleet, headed by Flag Ship Benton and composed of the gunboats Louisville and Carondelet; the Ordinance boat Judge Torrance and two tow boats U. S. Wilson and The Kaumett, having in tow Nos. 7, 22, 9, 23, 36 & 38, in charge of Cap. Henry E. Maynard and Second Master Wheelock, left Memphis at six o'clock A.M., bound for Vicksburg.

Second Master G. B. Simons was left in charge of the mortar boats and such of the crews as were left, with them, at Memphis.

At eight o'clock P.M. the fleet landed on the left side of the river, one hundred and ten miles from Memphis and made fast for the night.

At 9<sup>th</sup> o'clock P.M. Flag Ship Benton passed us, leaving orders for us to get under weigh "way" immediately - which we did.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

June 30<sup>th</sup>. - Between 12 and one o'clock last night, the store boat John H. Wicks, ran into the gunboat Louisville and damaged herself materially. The boat, a short time previous would have, had not the U. S. Steamer Torrance stopped and blocked out of her way, run into

into her also.

At seven o'clock P.M. fleet off Vicksburg, at the mouth of the Arkansas river - continued running all night.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

July 1<sup>st</sup>. - Arrived at nine o'clock A.M. above Vicksburg, when we met a portion of Starbuck's fleet, which had run the blockade.

Made the mortar boats fast to the shore, Louisiana side and awaited orders to open on the town.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

July 2<sup>nd</sup>. - Four mortar boats were taken down the river and landed nearer opposite the town.

Under command of Henry E. Maynard and Second Master Wheelock, with Mr. Asa Blake, who volunteered his services, the mortars opened a spirited fire on the town - firing 80 shells, but elicited no reply from the enemy, they confining their attention to the lower fleet.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

July 3<sup>rd</sup>. - The mortar boats were towed up the river into a more favorable position. Two mortars were kept firing during the morning and two others in the afternoon - firing 80 shells in all.

The reason for thus relieving the boats was in consequence of the increasing indisposition of the crew from a few diarrhoea &c.

In the evening the rebels fired a shot which dropped near our upper boat.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



July 4<sup>th</sup>. - A bright light was seen over the city of Vicksburg, early last evening, which at first was supposed to be the City on fire; it was, however, soon either extinguished or died out.

The mortar boat crews welcomed in another 4<sup>th</sup> of July, by a salute of 13 shell. A national salute was fired at noon, by the fleet - the mortars firing 4 more shell.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup>. Master & Officer of the day

July 5<sup>th</sup>. - To day we were agreeably surprised at the return of Cap. E. B. Pike, looking as fresh as a rose and anxious for the fray; in honor of his return we fired ten shots, from our mortars, with good effect; all but two bursting in the right place. The lower fleet, also, sent their compliments, in a few 13 in shell.

There is considerable sickness existing in the mortar fleet, mostly a fever and intermittent fever.

The river seems to be the centre of attraction, as we constantly receive a great many visitors, from Commod. Farragut's and Porter's fleets. Yesterday we had the honor of a visit from three Commodores at one time, viz - Commod. Farragut, Porter & Davis; we gave them the best we had.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup>. Master & Officer of the day

July 6<sup>th</sup>. - Nothing of importance to report to day. weather very warm.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup>. Master & Officer of the day

July 7<sup>th</sup>. - No firing on our part to day. The enemy favored us with about six shots, which fell around our boats, but did not do any damage.

The boats were supplied with 100 shell each to day. Sickness on the increase.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup>. Master & Officer of the day

July 8<sup>th</sup>. - We regret to have to record the death of mortar man S. H. Fell, who died of typhoid fever. He was respected by all knew him and ever ready to discharge his duty. Every attention was paid him.

We regret to have to report considerable sickness on board, principally typhoid fever. Our W. and nurses are very attentive to the sick, making them as comfortable as possible.

M. A. Glafford, 1<sup>st</sup>. Master of the captured rebel steamer "Sumpter", which lies out in the stream, below the bend, ready for action, called on us to day. We predict for the "Sumpter" much success, manned as she is by such a gallant crew.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup>. Master & Officer of the day

July 9<sup>th</sup>. - John H. Fell was buried this morning on the Louisiana shore.

Cap. E. B. Pike with mortar boat 23 and crew, fired 28 shell, many of them doing considerable execution in the city.

Second Master E. W. Wheelock, with other officers of the fleet went on a foraging expedition to Col. Harris and Mr. McCluskey's plantations.

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Col. Harris was very kind to them, having hauled to the river two cart loads of corn and allowing us to help ourselves to peaches and vegetables. He was strong a Union man as he dared to be, in his position and invited us to return again and help ourselves as long as the fruit and vegetables lasted.

Mr. Henderson was not so strong on the Union question; but we returned with plenty of everything we sought for and nothing occurred to mar our pleasure.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

July 10<sup>th</sup>. - Mortar boat 38 was in service to day, firing ten shells, but as an order was received from the flag ship for a continuance in action, the gun crew

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

July 11<sup>th</sup>. - There was not any order for firing to day.

Considerable alarm was created amongst the mortar fleet, last night, in consequence of the pickets firing off their muskets; not any one was, however, hurt and, with the exception of a bid scare to the cap. and crew of the gun boat 'Cinematli', all passed off well.

P. H. Boutton, who died yesterday, was, to day, buried on the Louisiana shore.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

July 12<sup>th</sup>. - An order having been received from the flag ship - at about noon, to fire every ten minutes, 18 shells were fired, with very good success.

Sickness is much on the increase and unless something is done to make the boats cooler, we shall lose a great number of our men.

The M. S. Steamer 'De Soto' came down at eight o'clock, bringing a mail.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

July 14<sup>th</sup>. - Not any thing occurred <sup>on the 13<sup>th</sup></sup> today of sufficient importance to report.

To day Wm. H. Caldwell died of congestive fever and was buried on the Louisiana shore.

An order was sent to Memphis ordering Second Master Simonds and the residue of the mortar crews, left there, to come down to Vicksburg.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>d</sup> Master & Officer of the day

July 15<sup>th</sup>. - This day was an eventful one and will be long remembered by us.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock A.M., the Carondelet, the wooden gun boat A. O. Tyler and the ram Queen of the West started up the river. In about an hour afterwards firing was heard distinctly and, in a short time after, our shot was seen to fall into the river, coming from the direction of the Yazoo river. The ram Queen of the West soon came in sight, with a full head of steam on and making for the flag ship, followed by the Tyler firing her stern guns rapidly at the approaching rebel ram and gun boat Arkansas.

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The whole fleet was aroused; the rams, above us, getting out of the way as rapidly as possible.

All was confusion; not any one seemed prepared, & had they steam enough up to alter their position, the victor might be received with all the honors due to an unwelcome guest. She, therefore, passed down slowly, keeping up a constant firing as she went and receiving our shots without any apparent damage to her. The officers and crew of the *Sorense* stood manfully to their posts, although the shots passed very near to us.

The engineers on watch were, R. S. McBlain - chief engineer, Peter Hartwig - 1<sup>st</sup> apt. and Walter Sedan 3<sup>rd</sup> assistant.

Owing to one of our Pilots having been sent to Memphis and the other being on shore, on business, our Capt., J. H. Richardson, took the wheel and remained at his post until the ram was out of sight.

At six o'clock P. M. our flag ship *Benton*, taking a position near the point, again opened up the fight. Whilst Comdr. Farragut's flat ran down the river past the city of Vicksburg. The gunboat *Sumpter*, of our fleet and four mortars were kept firing as rapidly as possible on the town and batteries, until the boats had passed the point, when they ceased, for fear of accidentally injuring our own boats, as, owing to our defective fuses, we were afraid some might explode too soon.

The mortars fired 80 shells and the men deserve great praise for their bravery and zeal to continue the firing - being willing to keep it up all night.

The enemy threw shells and round shot all around us and, although we had no protection whatever, not a man flinched.

Boyd L. Heins, a flatboatman attached to the mortar fleet, died this morning of congestion of the brain and was buried on the Louisiana shore.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

July 16<sup>th</sup>. - Heavy rain to day prevented a continuation of the attack. The rebel ram *Arkansas* was lying close to the shore, at Vicksburg, this morning, with steam up.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

July 17<sup>th</sup>. - Having received an order from our Comdr. at half past eleven A. M. to fire shell as rapidly as possible, at the rebel ram *Arkansas*, it was acted upon with promptness; getting the boats into battery, in half an hour after receiving the order, we opened fire and threw 150 shells, making the ram change her position twice in two hours. The firing was excellent and highly complimented by Comdr. Farragut of the lower fleet.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day

July 18<sup>th</sup>. - Three mortar boats were in battery to day and fired 80 shells, sinking the rebel wharf boat at Vicksburg and threw shell so close to the ram *Arkansas*, as to prevent them working on her.

This afternoon J. C. Kook, of the mortar fleet, died and was buried on the Louisiana shore.

E. W. Wheelock  
2<sup>nd</sup> Master & Officer of the day



July 19<sup>th</sup> - During the night the Salina  
Med arrived with 45 mortar boat men, from Memphis  
some of them are very sick, which will increase our sick list  
to about 75 men.

Three mortar boats were on duty to day; the men are  
up cheerfully to their work.

There were one hundred shell fired, one of which I saw  
strike the stern starboard corner of the rebel ram Arkansas  
and explode when it struck. The rebels sent one shot across  
us, as to cause us to change position. Another shot went over  
the line of our "Central and Telegraph", which we had to stop  
compelling us to remove it for a time.

The enemy fired a great number of shells at the mortar  
boats, some bursting directly over them and on passing over  
a corner of the tent of "Dag", which was fixed up on shore.

We expect to have to record another death today; John  
H. Kimbarts died of congestion of the brain and was buried on  
the Louisiana shore.

E. W. Whelock  
2<sup>d</sup>. Master's Officer of the day

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1862. - The mortar opened fire  
this morning. The rebel ram Arkansas having changed  
her position further up the river. The firing was about  
one shot burst and the boom; another almost immediately  
over her midships, making her crew - 46 in number  
leave for the upper part of the river. As before, we  
we closed firing, owing to the extreme heat of the  
weather and being out of ammunition.

Another of our mortar men, David "Biff" Jones  
died this morning, having died of disease of the  
liver. He had been sick for several months.

The boat "recovered" fired for about an hour  
evening; all the 63 shells were fired to day.

We expect to report Mr. Blake sick, as also, his wife  
Emily Bruce.

E. W. Whelock  
2<sup>d</sup>. Master's Officer of the day

July 21<sup>st</sup> - Firing was again opened on  
the Arkansas to day and continued until noon.

Orders were given to drop our mortars and to  
leave them, to be in readiness for the main attack, when  
attempted to pass. Everything was in readiness and  
a watch set, but we did not show up.

Second Masters Simonds and Whelock were  
appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Masters, dating from the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1862.

Order of new men on the increase; Mr. Blake  
being still very sick, the apothecary of the Hospital,  
of the Hospital boat "Red Rover" was called in, who  
saw as it increased us considerably.

Owing to the disease having been much better  
ventilated than formerly, a change for the better is  
noticed among the sick and it is now hoped, by proper  
nursing, to soon have the mortar men well.

Twenty seven shells were fired to day.

E. W. Whelock  
2<sup>d</sup>. Master's Officer of the day

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - This morning the rebel  
General Egan on the blockade, at about half  
past four, gave the rebel ram Arkansas's crew  
a shot and a ball from her bow. The ram "Queen of  
the West" also went down, and four or five feet  
and returned safe to our "lock". The mortar fired  
out in the evening and put 17 shells.

E. W. Whelock  
2<sup>d</sup>. Master's Officer of the day



July 23<sup>rd</sup>. - This morning orders were given to keep the mortars, so as to prepare for the attack should she come up; but soon afterward another order came to fire on the ram, in her position, which had been ascertained, by a dispatch over our contraband telegraph line; the mortars were accordingly trailed around and two of them brought to bear on her, which so annoyed the rebels as to cause them change her position twice.

During the afternoon our firing ceased but was resumed again at sunset - for one hour, the enemy replied pretty freely and in good range. It is to say, however, not any one was hurt, on the mortar boats.

Our sick are doing well notwithstanding the weather. Sixty three shells were fired to day.

E. W. Whelock  
1<sup>st</sup>. Master's Officer of the day

July 24<sup>th</sup>. Firing was resumed today from three mortars and up to two o'clock, 24 shells had been fired into the city.

The mortars were afterwards towed up shore as it was not thought safe to leave them where they were, the lower (Comdr. Boler's) fleet having hit and the infantry were landed, so that our mortar boats were unprotected on the point.

A very satisfactory experiment was made by gunner A. Williams, on board No. 9, by directing the mortar to the horizontal line and loading with 30 pounds of powder and a shell with a 20 pound fuse. The shot made was a perfect line, striking

about every ten feet, until it had crossed the river, and then came far in the woods. This experiment of the gunner is proved to the officers in command that the mortar could be fired at a considerable lower elevation than usual without any detriment and thus prove a most terrific piece of ordnance, against even solid columns of infantry, especially if loaded with slugs.

Another mortar boat man, John S. Story, died this morning of congestion of the brain.

E. W. Whelock  
1<sup>st</sup>. Master's Officer of the day

July 25<sup>th</sup>. - This morning the mortar boats, in tow of the *The Hammett & Champion*, the ordnance boat, hospital boat and all the transports came up and anchored above the mouth of the Wax river. The same evening the *West* started up the river with the mail, being the first boat that has left us for six days.

Seaman Wudley, seaman, died last night of congestion of the brain, and with John S. Story, was buried in the Mississippi shore, opposite Mr. White's residence.

E. W. Whelock  
1<sup>st</sup>. Master's Officer of the day

July 26<sup>th</sup>. - About 8 o'clock today our whole fleet started for up the river, headed by the *Summit*, *Missile* and *Vincennes*, the rear being brought up by the *Madison*, *Benton*, the gunners *Chambers* and *Lawrence*, *Scott* and *Hubbard*.

At 10 o'clock we were still in tow, four between the mortar boats, *The Hammett* and *Champion* and four between the transports *Witch* and *Winton*.

E. W. Whelock  
1<sup>st</sup>. Master's Officer of the day



July 27<sup>th</sup>. - The same sloop arrived last night, about ten o'clock, with dispatches and a small mail. She reported being fired into at Greenville and had one man killed and several wounded.

The Mo. S. Steamer Pike, which was reported burnt is safe.

We regret to have to report the death, by drowning, of Jack Rice, a water boat man. He was on the sloop and owing to the cap. landing his boat, with a view to jump against the steamer Champion, Rice was jostled overboard and drowned before assistance could reach him.

At 8 P. M. the fleet anchored at Stack Island, seventy five miles aboveicksburg.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup>. Master & Officer of the day

July 28<sup>th</sup>. - The fleet left Stack Island at half past five A. M.

Henry H. Brewer, a water boat man, died this morning of typhoid fever.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup>. Master & Officer of the day

July 29<sup>th</sup>. - This morning a heavy rain was poured on the Arkansas shore, near the foot of Island #22.

The tug Sampson, from Memphis arrived with a mail.

The wreck of the burnt steamer Valley Head was seen this morning from a point on up to river.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup>. Master & Officer of the day

July 30<sup>th</sup>. At eight o'clock I. M. passed "Rapids", at the mouth of the Arkansas river. A short distance above this we had quite a lively time of it; the tug Sampson reported seeing rebel boats and immediately commenced firing in the direction of the Miss. shore, with her bowchase; the admiral's Great Western also fired about 15 shot and the same time. The Benton, also in firing, fired three shot in the same direction.

Stephen H. Wheeler, ship hand, died on the night of the 29<sup>th</sup> and was buried to day, on Mr. Shaw's plantation, on the Miss. shore - opposite Montgomery's point.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup>. Master & Officer of the day

July 31<sup>st</sup>. - This evening at 9 o'clock I. M. the fleet arrived at Helena, Arkansas, and anchored for the night.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup>. Master & Officer of the day

August 1<sup>st</sup>. - The mail steamer West started for Cairo this afternoon, with the mail and a great many refugees, who were compelled to flee from their homes, on account of their Union feelings.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup>. Master & Officer of the day



August 2<sup>nd</sup>. - John G. Gilson, died  
yesterday and was buried, to day, S. E. of Helena. His  
disease was inflammation of the bowels. Francis S. Whitney  
died to day and was buried in the same place.  
E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day

Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>. - The M. S. steamer W. S.  
Wilson arrived last night, bringing the mail and  
a quantity of hospital stores.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. - At the request of Gen. Sherman  
a medical survey was had on board the ship tomorrow  
to day and 13 patients examined. A surgeon from each  
of the following boats was present and formed the  
squad - from the Gen. Bragg, Louisville and Cal. River.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. - This evening a portion of  
our fleet, consisting of the flag ship Benton, the gunboat  
Gen. Bragg and Albatross and two rammers went below  
leaving the gunboats Louisville, Cincinnati and the  
of the fleet here.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day

Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>. - Yesterday at noon Stephen C.  
Whitehead died and was to day buried on the Arkansas  
shore near Helena.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day

Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. - The ram Switzerland arrived  
from below, about six o'clock; reported that the rebel  
boats that had not been taken or sunk, had cooped out  
of White river and that the expedition from our fleet  
was on its way up.  
No mail up or down to day.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. - The fleet from the mouth  
of the White river arrived this evening.  
The M. S. steamer W. Soto left to day for  
Cairo, taking a mail.  
Our sick are improving in the hospital.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day

Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>. - Weather still very warm; nothing  
of particular interest to record.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day



Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>. - Quabine W. Wallman, who  
died last night; he was buried, to day, in the spot where the  
other of our deceased crew lay.

The W. F. Wilson arrived last night, with the mail.  
The Ste Summit left for Cairo this afternoon, with a  
mail. The hospital boat, left for Cairo this afternoon.  
E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day

Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>. - An inspection was ordered to  
be held on the mortar boats; Capt. Dove, of the gunboat  
Jenningsville, Capt. Byron Wilson, of the Cincinnati, and  
Sherman, gunner on the Gr. Western and Capt. Henry  
E. Maguadier, commanding mortar fleet, accompa-  
nied by 1<sup>st</sup> Master E. W. Wheelock, were present and  
formed the board of inspectors.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day

Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>. - The U. S. steamer Moh-  
raver (hospital ship) returned, down the river, this  
morning.  
The U. S. steamer B with a mail and  
bags, needing repairs, left to day for Cairo.

An order was sent from the flag ship to send  
all the mortar men, who had been discharged by  
last medical board of examination, to Cairo.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>. - Theodore Ludwig, a mortar  
boat man, died this evening, after an illness of ten months.  
We are pleased to report Capt. Henry E. Maguadier  
and E. B. Pike as having recovered from their late sick-  
ness; also that the sick, in the hospital seem to be im-  
proving.

Edward Connolly, a rebel prisoner, asked for and ob-  
tained his liberty on the following parole

U. S. Steamer Judge Torrance  
Off Helena, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> 1862

Know all men by these Presents  
That I, Edward Connolly, formerly a private and  
in the rebel steamer Gen. Beauregard and at present a  
prisoner of war to the United States of America, do  
hereby voluntarily give my sacred word and Parole of  
Honor, that I will not bear arms or in any way serve  
against the United States of America, until I shall  
have been first duly exchanged or released from Parole. I do  
further promise and bind myself that I will not  
discuss or divulge or make known to any of the enemies of the United States any fact  
or information that may have come to my knowledge, during  
the period in which I have been a prisoner of war, which  
might be prejudicial to the United States or any of its  
interests or plans.

In consideration whereof, I am to be free from all  
restraint, as any force of the United States or any of its  
armies or fleets; with liberty to travel according to my  
pleasure, under such conditions as given in the body  
where I may be. I also promise and agree to report to  
the commanding officer of any district, port or detachment  
where I may be and exhibit my Parole.

Given in the presence of the undersigned witnesses  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1862.

Edward Connolly  
E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master & Officer of the day



Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>. - This afternoon the *W. F. Wilson* left for Cairo, taking on board, under charge of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. E. N. Wheelock, the 12 men who were recently discharged by the medical board of survey.

Edward Connolly, the paroled rebel prisoner, left, also, in the *Wilson*.

Theodore Ludwig, who died yesterday, was, to day, buried in the N. E. portion of Helena.

E. B. Pike  
Superintendent of Mortar Boat

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>. - The transport *Chancellor* came up, from below, last night and left again this evening.

The *Savigny* came down to day bringing a small mail.

The *Ram Monarch* came up, from below, when she had been on a recruiting expedition.

Orders came to day for a portion of the fleet to hold themselves in readiness for a movement down the river.

E. B. Pike  
Superintendent of Mortar Fleet

August 14<sup>th</sup>. - This morning the *flagship* *Benton* and gunboat *Mount City* followed by the *Dray* and several *rams* steamed down the river.

The gunboat *Pittsburg* and *ram Lancaster* went down, from Memphis this afternoon.

The *S. H. Wicks*, formerly *Commissary* boat for the fleet, went out of commission to day and was replaced by the rebel prison boat *Sovereign*.

E. B. Pike  
Superintendent of Mortar Fleet

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>. - This morning the *John H. Wicks* left for St. Louis.

William H. Baum and Ferdinand Webber died to day of pernicious fever and were buried in the woods N. E. of Helena.

The (formerly) *City of Memphis* went up the river this evening.

E. B. Pike  
Superintendent of Mortar Fleet

Ann Topping  
Asst.

Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>. - The gunboat *Lexington* (No. 36) came down from Cairo this afternoon, bringing a mail.

The *W. F. Wilson* came down again this evening her Cap. reports that, in consequence of the absence of Daymaster Wice, he was ordered to and delivered the 12 discharged men, taken up to Cairo, to the *Memphis City* hospital. First Master Wheelock will remain in charge of those men, until final arrangements are made for their passage home.

Arthur Estep, a mortar boat man died this evening, of pernicious fever.

E. B. Pike  
Superintendent of Mortar Fleet

Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>. - Arthur Estep, who died to day yesterday, was, to day, buried by the side of others, in the woods N. E. of Helena.

The *Flammitt* left, to day, for Cairo taking a mail.

E. B. Pike  
Superintendent of Mortar Fleet



Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. - This day passed without any movements occurring in the fleet, that we deemed commensurate with or of sufficient importance to this word, to report. Anxiety and anticipation regarding our future movements are all on tip toe.

E. B. Pike  
Superintendent of Mortar Flats

Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. - Considerable excitement was caused on board by the appearance of a portion of the wreck of a steamer. It was boarded by the officers of the *Terrace* and discovered to be the *Acasia*, which whilst coming down the river, had, when near Commerce struck on a snag and parted in two; her hull sank almost immediately, whilst her cabin deck, having completely capsized, floated down the stream. On the wreck were two men alive and the bodies of two children. About 15 others, of the passengers and crew were picked up by the U.S. steamer *Brown*, which came down in the wake of the *Acasia*.

The accident happened about one o'clock this morning, when nearly all on board were asleep and consequently a number of lives were lost. But three women were saved from the wreck.

The *Heanatt* came up from below. - 200 men

E. B. Pike  
Superintendent of Mortar Flats

Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. - The gunboat *Lexington* (No. 1) left here this afternoon, for a cruise up the river. The *Don Paul*, which arrived here yesterday, left again this evening.

E. B. Pike  
Superintendent of Mortar Flats

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>. - The weather has been unusually cool, here, for the past few days and the general health of the men is improving; still the sick list foots up sixty-one

Henry E. Caymanier  
Capt. Commanding

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>. - This evening the ram *Sinclair* came up from the *Waroo* river and reported that the expedition, which went from here on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., had succeeded in capturing a valuable prize; had completed their task of exploration and was on their way up on their return to the fleet.

Capt. E. B. Pike left this evening for Memphis.

Henry E. Caymanier  
Capt. Commanding

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>. - The U.S. steamer *Beaver* left this morning, for Cairo, taking a mail.

The ram *Sinclair* went down to meet the fleet below, taking with her a barge of coal - as the boats were reported to be getting short of fuel.

The steamer *Pike* came from Cairo with one barge load of coal in tow, bringing no mail or any news of importance. Her Capt. reported having met the *Heanatt* on Friday last, when they parted from Cairo and the U.S. *Wilson* at Hunt Point.

Henry E. Caymanier  
Capt. Commanding



Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>. - The gunboat Lexington came down from Cairo bringing a mail. Afterward this boat went below about 8 miles, and got aground.

The Kennett came up from below, this afternoon, and reported that she had been fired into, when about eight miles below Helena. The gunboat Louisville went down immediately, to reconnoitre near the spot, and endeavor to discover the ambuscade of the rebels.

The Ste Hammitt came down from Cairo this afternoon. First Master Wheelock returned on the Hammitt, in apparent excellent health. She reports that he had left the discharged men still in the Mound City hospital - where they are being well cared for. Paymaster Rice had not arrived at Cairo when it became necessary for Mr. Wheelock to leave.

The gunboat Tyler was the consort of the Hammitt as far as Memphis, where having shifted her berth to the Lexington, she remained and the Hammitt came down alone.

Henry E. Mayradier  
Cap. Commanding

Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>. - This morning early the ship Benton and the Mound City, with all the ramming the Aqueduct, which remained below with the gunboat Gen. Bragg, came up from Wickburg, bringing with them the rebel prize boat Fair Play, freighted with about a hundred of arms and other valuable munitions of war, worth at \$130,000.

The gunboat Tyler came down this afternoon and afterward went below in company with the Mound City.

The Red Rover arrived down with a boat load of ice from the fleet.

The prize boat, Fair Play, was sent up to Cairo this evening in company of the Lexington - which had arrived from below. The gunboat Cincinnati left here for Cairo, and the Pittsburg, as convoy for several transports went below.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master, Moutar Fleet

Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>. - The health of a portion of the mortar boat crews has so far improved as to enable them to return to light duty.

The military transport boat Meteor, Cap. looks up a mail from the fleet.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master, Moutar Fleet

Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>. - This afternoon a fire, occasioned by the Trinity, broke out on board the hospital ship Red Rover. It created considerable alarm throughout the fleet, for the safety of the sick on board; assistance was, however, soon rendered, from the Torrence and other boats and the flames were subdued before they had done any considerable damage, or made much headway beyond the place in which the fire originated.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master, Moutar Fleet

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. - The M. & A. Steamer Brown arrived and the Ste Hammitt left for Cairo each carrying a mail.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master, Moutar Fleet



Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. - The gunboat Bead (40) accompanied by the ram Monarch came up from below, to day; she had been thus long detained, partly from having got aground at Horseshoe Bend.

John Southam, mortar boat man, died to day of typhoid fever and was buried in the spot selected for the many of his comrades that had died before him.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. - The Alhambra came down this morning, bringing a mail.

Owing to Mr. Blake being sick, Mr. Bisby of the Red Rover, came over and prescribed for the sick. He also gave directions to have all the bedding and clothes cleaned and aired, and the hospital purified and the cots so arranged so as to afford the best ventilation.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. - The Gladiator returned again to Cairo, to day, taking with her a mail.

Upon the verbal statement of the Master at Arms, Wm. Morrison, a poor nearly blind mortar boat man, was put in double irons by order of Cap. Richardson.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. - The Pittsburg (33) came up this morning, from below, bringing with her the land wharf boat from Millighan's landing. Her Capt. reports seeing a large number of rebels encamped in that vicinity, but too far inland to be effected by any demonstration from our gunboats.

The Forest Queen came down this evening bringing a mail.

Our Mr. (Blake) is still very sick and the men in the hospital have, during the past few days, been consequently improving in health. The new sanitary measures of Mr. Bisby seem to have worked beneficially.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. - The gunboat Eastport accompanied by the ram Queen of the West and five or five transports - having on board a large number of rebel prisoners, destined to be exchanged at Vicksburg came down this afternoon and anchored a short distance above Helena.

Wm. Morrison was this morning released from irons, by order of Cap. Richardson.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. - The steamer Eugene came down bringing a mail.

The Eastport, with Conder Wain on board, and the transports still lay above Helena, the water being too low to permit them to come down.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet



Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. - The Louisville weighed anchor and went down as convoy to the four transports, bound for Wicksburg, with the rebel prisoners intended for exchange there.

To day the mate of the Torrence (J. Uwin) with two of the ship's crew and two of the mortar men - Chas. Wilson and Michael Phelan went on the Miss. shore on a foraging expedition. In the afternoon the two men of the ship's crew came on board alone and reported that the party had been attacked by Guerrillas. Later in the evening Mr. Nott, supported by four of the ship's crew, volunteered to go over and cruise along the shore, in the hope of rescuing the other men. In so doing he was successful in finding the mate, who, though badly wounded in the arm, had succeeded in escaping to the river side. It being late when the party came on board, the full particulars of the affair did not transpire to day. The two mortar men are still absent but may yet turn up.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. - The steamer Brown came down from Cairo, this morning, bringing a mail and several Express packages.

The steamer No. 20 left for Cairo, with passengers E. W. Wheelock and Hugh Nott on board. The No. 20, for some unaccountable reason, did not take the mail up with her, although doing direct to her and letters having accumulated here for several days.

Information, which was considered reliable, has been received, to day, that Mr. Phelan and Chas. Wilson, the two absentees mentioned in yesterday's report,

been taken prisoners by our enemy. Not any steps have been taken, by the proper officers, to ascertain the facts of the case.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. - At noon to day a salute of guns was fired from each of our gunboats, lying here, in consequence of information having been received of the death of 5<sup>th</sup> Admiral Reed.

A report of the circumstance connected with the missing men, Wilson and Phelan, was to day sent to the Commodore, by Capt. Richardson.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. - The steamers Polar Star and Gladiator came down this morning, the latter bringing a mail.

We were pleased to have the opportunity of welcoming the return, by the Gladiator, of our esteemed Capt. E. W. Wheelock, E. B. Pike. Although not as completely recovered to health as we could have wished to have met him, yet he is still in excellent spirits.

We regret to have this day parted with our much respected Capt. Henry C. Hazard, with whom we have been so long and so pleasantly associated. The Capt, tired of the two stations here, has accepted the post of Commander of the Mortar fleet and returned to his former position, in the regular employ, where fresh services and glories and we hope laurels await him.

(A. S. S. S.)



A medical Board of Survey, composed of Wrs. Adria  
Hendson and J. W. Burt, of the regular navy and  
Dr. Bisby of the Red Rover, was organized yesterday  
and visited Mr. Amasa Blake, a assistant surgeon  
on board the Judge Torrence and mortar boatman  
Cammitt Sytle who have both, of late, been in a  
precarious state of health and unfit for duty.

The Gladiator went up this evening to Cairo,  
taking a mail; Cap. Henry E. Magrader left  
in this boat, en route for Washington.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. - The Cairo came down to  
day and anchored above, near the Eastport.

By the directions of Dr. Bisby a list of the names of  
50 sick men was made out and forwarded to Com. Davis  
requesting him to order a medical survey to be held on  
the three named individuals.

This evening we were visited by a severe blow from  
the S. E. which, in the result, tended to agreeably cool  
and purify the atmosphere.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. - The steamer Gladiator  
returned down again this morning, from Memphis  
bringing a small mail.

As the water was becoming shoaly, the Sigsbee  
and mortar boats drifted down stream, a short dis-  
tance to a more favorable position.

This afternoon the Gladiator again went up  
the river, taking with her a mail.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. - The Lexington (36) as  
convoy of seven transports, having on board rebel prisoners,  
to be sent to Wicksburg in exchange arrived early this  
morning and dropped anchor alongside of the Tyler.  
The We'oto also came down, bringing a mail.

It becomes our painful duty, this day, to report the  
decease of Mr. Amasa Blake, Epistquit surgeon on board  
the Torrence, he having, after a short sickness died,  
at a 1/4 before two o'clock. The Mr. we believe bore the  
respect and confidence of all the officers and those of  
the men with whom circumstances brought him in  
contact; his remains, after being properly secured in a  
coffin and sacrament, were sent, in the special charge of  
1<sup>st</sup> Master E. W. Wheelock, to the residence of his wife  
in Ill.

We regret also to have to report the death of mortar  
boat man E. H. Gellman, who died last night and  
was buried on the Arkansas shore, a short distance  
below Helena.

The steamer Brown, with the mail and the remains  
of Mr. Amasa Blake, on board started for Cairo this  
afternoon.

E. B. Pike  
Comd'g. Mortar fleet

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. - The Lexington (36) started  
down the river, to day, for Wicksburg, as convoy to the  
transports, containing the rebel prisoners to be landed  
there.

The Gladiator came down in the forenoon, bringing  
a mail.

Our mail going south was sent to the Helena  
by the

E. B. Pike  
Comd'g. Mortar fleet



Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. This morning there was a general muster of the men on board the Torrence, when the new naval regulations, enacted July the 5<sup>th</sup> 1862, were read to them, by Cap. Richardson.

Dr. J. Pop this day permanently assumed his position, as Surgeon, on board the Judge Torrence.

The U.S. steamer Victoria, arrived down this afternoon, bringing a mail. Paymaster Hugh S. returned from Cairo on board this boat.

John G. Brien & Jos. Bercher died this evening, the former of Typhoid fever and the latter with dyspepsia

E. B. Pike  
Comdg. Mortar fleet

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. - To day a detail of 68 men was made, to go, under command of Cap. E. B. Pike, on a general foraging expedition for the use of the fleet and to search for Guerrillas said to be marauding up the river banks, in the neighborhood of Commerce.

The volunteers for this purpose were Francis Hill, J. Koushau, J. A. Andrews, R. Davidson, A. W. Hays, Jas. Nicholson, Jas. Smith, J. S. M. Sutyay, Abner Jones, Hudson Fairchild, Levi d. Hart, Asa B. Stewart, Wash. Peates, Michael M. Connick, Martin Hays, Peter Carrier, Michael Casey, Fay. Leman, John Hainsucker, Chas. Van Wain, Wm. A. Wylie, Jos. Colcher, Benj. Yarnold, Hugh. W. Ever, John Connor, Henry Phoster, Lewis Botcher, Edward Wood, Amos Lawson, J. W. Jones, Geo. Brinkley, Pat. Kephner, M. H. Burdick, Wm. Palmer, J. M. Watkinson, L. A. Wood, Tho. C. Coffey, Wm. Jones

Thos. J. Moorhead, Wm. C. Frailich, G. P. Wormwood, David Clark, Jas. Johnston, Nat. Wren, Josiah Kitchin, Stephen Pettengil, David Scanlan, Levi Wynn, Jacob Thacher, Fritz Botcher, J. M. Painter, Jos. J. Dougher, Saml. Hanson, Wm. Harrison, David C. Stewart and Pat. Welsh.

Wm. J. Woodruff died, to day, of pernicious fever. John G. Brien and Jos. Bercher were buried to day, in the spot of woods N. E. of Helena.

E. B. Pike  
Comdg. Mortar fleet

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. - This morning the expedition, on board the Champion No. 3, with two pieces of ordnance, started up the river.

The Conestoga came down today, as convey of six transports, laden with rebel prisoners, for exchange, and anchored near the Capt. port for the night.

Wm. J. Wood <sup>just</sup> was buried to day, in the same grave yard as the others who died previous.

E. B. Pike  
Comdg. Mortar fleet

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. - This morning the Conestoga left for Wickburg, with the rebel prisoners.

The Pittsburg went down the river as convey to a transport, conveying troops mostly cavalry.

E. B. Pike  
Commanding Mortar fleet



Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. - To day the Champion returns with the expeditionists; they reported that they did not come in contact with any band of Guerrillas, although it was known that several of the most notorious leaders occasionally visited the locality.

A small barge used for wooding up and which had been the means of ferrying over Guerrillas from one side of the river to the other, was taken possession of and destroyed. The party brought with them a small quantity of provisions. Not any casualty occurred on the day. The Gladiator came down to day, bringing a small party of sick. Patrick Henney died to day, of Typhoid fever.

E. B. Pike  
Comd'g. Mortar Flut

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. - The Louisville (29) and Tyler came up from Richburg, to day, accompanied by the returned transports and about 200 Union soldiers-exchanged prisoners.

Patrick Henney was buried to day in the usual spot, N. E. of Helena.

E. B. Pike  
Comd'g. Mortar flut

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. The U. S. steamer Brown came down from Cairo this afternoon, bringing a small mail and some papers, packages, for the Hospital.

First Master E. W. Wheelock, having executed the painful commission, of communicating the sad tidings of the death of our late Mr. Blake and desired his remains to his friends, returned to day, on the steamer Brown.

E. B. Pike  
Comd'g. Mortar flut

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. - The U. S. steamer Gladiator and Brown went up the river to day, the latter taking a mail.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar flut

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. - This morning an expedition, with a detail of 60 men was organized on board Champion No. 3 and started on their journey; the boat, however, on coming alongside the flag ship, was ordered to return, as her crew were required to pump out some sinking coal boats: the expedition was, therefore, unavoidably postponed.

J. Mulhanie, the proprietor of a museum, consisting of clothing and articles of almost every description, collected without leave of the original owners, was, to day, arrested and put in irons, charged with pilfering the same from his premises. The collection was displayed, by order of Cap. Richardson and a number of the articles, which had been triped for a long time were, without doubt, identified.

Cap. E. B. Pike left this morning, on the Alhambra, as bearer of dispatches to Memphis from Cairo. Cairo

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar flut

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> The Gladiator arrived from Memphis this morning, bringing a mail.

The Pittsburg came up from Savona, when she had been to convey a transport, conveying a body of cavalry on an expedition against Guerrillas; the army, however, avoided coming in contact with our troops.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar flut



Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. - This morning the Comstok  
which had, the day previous, accompanied the returned  
transports from Wicksburg, as far as the bend below, came  
and took up her position here.

The following correspondence was ordered to be made  
a part of this record

U. S. Steamer Judge Torrence  
Off Helena, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1862

Major S. H. Taylor, W. Meper,  
M. C. McClain, S. E. Taylor,  
Samuel Wright, Cap. I. B. Hills  
- Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> 123<sup>rd</sup> Regt., Ill. V and  
the members of the Charleston Brass Band  
Gentlemen,

Upon my return here and  
representing to the officers of this boat and the mortar  
fleet, the kind and considerate attention I had received  
on the occasion of my recent mission amongst you,  
those gentlemen immediately met assembled and re-  
commended the following resolution, which they de-  
sired me to forward to you

Resolved. That the thanks of the officers of the  
U. S. Ordnance boat Judge Torrence and of the  
Mortar Fleet be and are hereby tendered to the com-  
mittee of Gentlemen - hereinabove mentioned and the  
citizens, generally, of Charleston, Ill., for the kind  
aid given to 1<sup>st</sup> Master E. W. Wheelock, in the execution  
of the last marks of respect we were able and anxious  
to pay, a duty to pay to the remains of Mr. Amasa  
Blake late Surgeon on board the Judge Torrence,  
by depositing them in the family vault and  
for the anxious reception and entertainment of  
Mr. Wheelock whilst on this mission.

Resolved. - That 1<sup>st</sup> Master E. Wheelock be requested  
to communicate this, our acknowledgment of their kind  
attentions on that occasion, at as early an opportunity as  
possible

Signed by E. J. Richardson, Cap. U. S. Steamer  
Judge Torrence  
E. B. Pike, Comd. Mortar Fleet  
Hugh Stott, Paymaster  
E. W. Wheelock, 1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar  
Mr. Stephen Hop

Yours Very Respectfully  
E. W. Wheelock

During the absence of 1<sup>st</sup> Master E. W. Wheelock,  
a large number of articles of necessity, for the Hospital,  
which had been specially solicited by Mr. Wheelock  
for the benefit of the sick men belonging to the mortar  
fleets, arrived here, safely, from the Cincinnati  
branch of the U. S. Sanitary Committee and the re-  
ceipt thereof was, therefore, this day acknowledged  
by letter.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar Fleet

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. - The Gladiator came down the  
morning bringing a mail. Cap. E. B. Pike, also, who  
had on this boat, from Memphis.

The Champion No. 3 went up the river, with a  
load of 60 tons, under command of Cap. Pike, on a for-  
ding expedition.

Stephen Bentley died, to day, of several days.  
The U. S. Steamer started for Cairo this afternoon, being  
on board Rear Admiral C. H. Davis, unopposed by the  
rebuff of Springfield. E. W. Wheelock  
The U. S. Steamer left for Memphis



Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. - To day, that "leveler of all distinctions" which has made so many visitations among our crew, of late, again swept through the hospital with a scourging hand and took from our midst Wm. Sepell, Henry Wampler, and Thomas Scanlan who had been in a debilitated state of health for some time; they were buried as also Stephen Bates in the same locality as the previously interred, from on board the Torrence.

The Empress and Brown steamers both came down yesterday; the former brought a small mail and the latter four barges, laden with coal.

The foraging party returned this evening; the time allotted them, for this purpose was too limited, hence they were unable to effect their object.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar flat

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. - The following order was this day made and ordered to be recorded

"U. S. Steamer Judge Torrence  
Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1862

General Order

All the men belonging to the crews of the several mortar boats, lying here, will and are hereby ordered to report themselves, with all their baggage, on board the Judge Torrence on or immediately before the 1<sup>st</sup> of October next, leaving the colored men on the boat.

The Pittsburg went up the river this morning & take her station at Fort Pillow.

The Gladiator came down this morning bringing a mail and returned again, with the mail this evening.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar flat

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. - The Tyler left her anchorage this morning, but returned down again this afternoon

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar flat

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. - The Cairo came up from Wicksbury to day, accompanied by the transports boats, which had conveyed the last lot of exchanged rebel prisoners down the river. On one of these boats the "Commercial"; there was returned to us, on Parole, the two men - Charles Wilson and William Phelan, who had been taken prisoners down the 6<sup>th</sup> just and who had been forced to foot it a considerable portion of the distance to Wicksbury; although in all other respects treated as well as they expected. They attributed their capture and capture to the treachery of some of the "ridgers" from whom they had been in the habit of purchasing provisions.

To day an expedition of 26 picked men, under command of 1<sup>st</sup> Master E. W. Wheelock, proceeded, through a circuit of 20 miles on the Miss. shore, in search of some evidence of the complicity of suspected individuals and a tangible hostage therefrom, of some responsible person, that they might hold until the safe return should be ensured. The expeditionist, however, returned without effecting their object and the return of the men, on the "Commercial" rendered a further search unnecessary.

The steamer Springfield came down this morning, bringing a mail. The Tyler started up the river again, this morning.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar flat



Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. - The U. S. Mail steamer 'Gladiator' came down from Memphis, this morning bringing a mail.

John S. W. Brown, mortar boat man, died this morning and was buried on the shore in the spot previously selected for the interment of our deceased men.

The Conestoga came up from the Yazoo river, where she had been anchored <sup>for</sup> a few days.

The steamer 'Gladiator' started again for Memphis this evening, taking a mail.

The gunboat 'Tyler' and store ship 'Tyler' went to Cairo this evening.

William Shelton and Charles Wilson, who returned to us, by the rebels, on Parole, were, after being permitted to come on board, to exchange their clothing, again taken on board one of the transports, which was bound for Cairo.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. - We are sorry to have seen again to record the death of three more of the mortar crew - viz. John Christopher, C. I. Babb and Nathan E. Gibson, who died this day of intermittent and typhoid fever.

To day the incorporation of the Miss. Hospital with the regular navy was completed, by the transfer of the command of the former to the possession and control of the latter.

For some few days we have been unable to obtain just what for the hospital department from the regulars, which is a matter of considerable importance in the mortar's service: 1<sup>st</sup> Master Wheelock being made

acquainted with this important fact, immediately took a squad of men on to the Miss. shore and obtained from the remaining herds, the desired supplies; determined that the poor sick men should not, at least, be prostrated for want of proper nutriment, whilst any means remained of obtaining it.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. - The 'Gladiator' went up this evening, taking a mail.

To day Dr. Foy made his regular report to Rear Admiral Davis, of the deaths that have occurred on board the 'Goruce' since the 16<sup>th</sup> of August last, gave him a request from himself and Cap. Richardson for a board of survey to be held, on those of the crew who have been, for some time, lingering on sick list: The survey was ordered as requested.

Edward Sady died this morning and was, with Babb Gillson and Christopher, buried in the grave yard N. E. of Helena.

To day the hospital department was again in trouble, for want of flour, their regular supplies nations, from some unexplained cause, not holding out. Cap. E. B. Pike being made acquainted with their wants, immediately gave the Mr. D's for the purchase of a barrel of flour: the hospital has on several occasions been indebted to the liberal generosity of officers of the Mortar fleet, for making good their shortcomings, occasioned by some mysterious cause in the Quartermaster's department.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet



Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. - The *De Soto* and *Gladiator* came down this evening - the latter bringing a mail from Memphis and the former one from Cairo.

The general survey, which it was understood was to have been held on board the *Torrence* today did not take place, although every preparation was made for the reception of the Board.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. - Today an inspection by a medical board, composed of Doctors Beauchamp of the *Denton* and Burt of the *Cairo*, was held on board the *Judge Torrence*, to ascertain the condition of the ship and more particularly the hospital department, the Board also inspected the prescription book of the late Mr. Blake, to ascertain what general treatment our men had received; their report will be presented to the flag ship and will show a miserable, to say the least, apology for medical treatment - from which so many of the crew have died.

Our newly appointed Purser, Mr Harvey made our acquaintance today, having arrived down from Cairo, on board the *De Soto*.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. - Nothing of importance occurred to report today.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. - Today 1<sup>st</sup> Master Wheelock had an accident, from the accidental discharge of a pistol, by which the amputation of the fore finger of his left hand was rendered necessary.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. - A furlough of 20 days was granted to David C. Stewart, expiring on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst., unless a medical certificate addressed to Rear Admiral W. W. Porter shall be sent setting forth his inability to return from sickness &c.

The U. S. steamer *Gladiator* came down this morning, bringing a mail; the Government took her for the transportation of some troops.

The *De Soto* left for Cairo this morning, taking a mail.

David W. Bennett, mortar boat man, died this evening of bilious fever and was buried in the usual grave yard.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. - Today not any transaction connected with the fleet occurred, worthy of report.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. - The U. S. steamer *Brown* came down this morning, bringing a mail and returned up again this morning afternoon.

The *Nebraska* came down this afternoon, with dispatches and left again this evening, for up the river, laden with troops.

The *Cairo* went down below the point some seven miles, this morning.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar fleet



Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. - To day we had a most unpleasant visitor, in the shape of a cold w. E. East, accompanied by rain, which forewarned us and is portentous of the coming winter.

The Torunce drifted considerably down stream during the storm, but was brought up to safe anchorage without accident.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar Fleet

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. - The gunboat Tyler came down this morning and anchored above the East post.

The Conestoga left and went up the river.

The Gairn returned from her expedition below; in making her anchorage she got adround and was after considerable difficulty, got off by the aid of the Torunce.

This morning we received a small mail, brought down by the Champion.

A mail for Gairn was dispatched, from on board through the Helena P. O.

The two tubs Erebus and Intrepid came down to day; they have been reconstructed in their upper departments, in a most comfortable manner, for the winter and have undergone a general overhauling. The Erebus has not been in service since her misfortune at Fort Pillow.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar Fleet

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. - Not any movement taken place during these two days. Arriving on board

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Mortar Fleet

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. - The Necotah came down to day laden with Texas prisoners intended for exchange, at Wicksburg.

The gunboat left her position near the East post and anchored off Helena, intended as an escort for the Necotah.

The crews of the molar boats, being nearly all now detached from the army of the Potomac, were gratified to day, by the receipt of the balance of pay due to them at the time of their transfer into this service.

E. B. Pike  
Comdg. Mortar Fleet

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. - The W. S. steamer Brown came down this afternoon, bringing a large mail.

The Necotah left for Wicksburg conveyed by the gunboat Tyler.

E. B. Pike  
Comdg. Mortar Fleet

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. - The Brown went up the river this evening, taking a number of sick for the Howard City hospital, she also took a mail.

The Gladiator, from the upper Miss. came down this morning and left for Memphis this evening.

E. B. Pike  
Comdg. Mortar Fleet



Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. - The Canawa came down  
to day bringing a small mail.

No day 6 of the mortar crew were detailed  
the following gunboats, viz -

Bentons. - Robt. Davidson, John W. Waterhouse,  
William Jones 1<sup>st</sup>, Edward A. Wood, David Scantland,  
Josiah Hinchdall, James P. Funtke, Jacob Slicker,  
Savis Bond, Josiah Stone Michael Hossy, John C  
Kourke, Wm. Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bragg. - Saml. Hanson, Joseph S. Booker,  
Gilbert Baker, John Small, Joseph Hraz, Job Gray,  
Hudson Fairchild, Chas. Wm. Horn, Blakely Duff,  
F. H. Kershaw, Thomas Donald, Benj. Yarnal, Wm  
Beates, John Wormer, Joseph Nicholson & Chas. S  
Merhead.

Louisville. - Austin J. Poin, J. A. Andrews,  
H. M. Everson, J. S. M'Intyre, Hugh M'Ever,  
James Malharric, Hud. M. Whitley, Robt. Elden,  
Joseph Gotchey, Aquaw G. James, Thomas Spencer,  
William H. Carter, Sorens G. Lovelap, Adam Duff,  
James Fitzpatrick, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Wm. Sullivan  
Peter Carrier, Wm. H. Morrison, Wm. Soper, William  
Sullerton, Martin Kane, Joseph M'Intyre, John  
Cookway, Alfred P. Sarabee, John H. Davidson,  
Sui P. Mathush, John C. Connor, Henry Mearns  
and Nathaniel Mrow.

Mound City. - Suis M. Ruff, Chas. H. King,  
Jonas Spawson, John Hawzicher, Henry G. G. G.  
Savis Pochal, James Smith, A. J. Hunt, Wm. H.  
Mcannis J. W. Mahoney died, to day, of Mearns

E. B. Pike  
Comd'g Mortar fleet

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. - The Gladiator came down this  
morning, bringing a mail and returned again this evening,  
taking one from here.

The gunboat Conestoga came down this afternoon, bring-  
ing a small mail.

N. E. W. Mahoney was buried to day N. E. of Helena

E. B. Pike  
Comd'g Mortar fleet

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. - The M'Solo came down  
to day, bringing a mail

James Underwood died to day of general debility,  
from long sickness.

E. B. Pike  
Comd'g Mortar fleet

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. - The Eastport left this  
morning, for Cairo.

The Louisville went up the river, in consequence of  
its being reported that the rebels had fired at the  
Gladiator when near (51) Bush Island.

William Mahan died to day and was, as also  
James Underwood, buried in, what we may now term,  
our cemetery, at the N. E. of Helena.

Joseph Hraz, James Small and F. H. Kershaw  
were returned from the Bragg as unfit for duty.

E. B. Pike  
Comd'g Mortar fleet



Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. - The office of superintendent of the mortar fleet having been superseded, Capt. E. D. Pike retires from his command to day.

In parting with Capt. Pike, we may safely declare that we only express the feelings entertained by all the officers on this boat, when we say that, it is with regret that we find ourselves, compelled, by duty, to be deprived of his society, in which we have been so harmoniously associated. Our confidence has been mutual, and his urbanity won our lasting esteem.

With respect to the men lately under his command, we know from personal observation, that Capt. Pike was universally respected by them; as he always proved, to them, that he exercised all his influence to conduce to their welfare. It is our sincere wish that he may attain, in his future career, that honor and fortune which we know him to be entitled to.

The command of the Mortar fleet having now devolved upon 1<sup>st</sup> Master Wheelock, the following receipt was given by him to Capt. Pike, for the transfer of the effects pertaining thereto.

Received of Capt. Pike, commanding Mortar fleet, six mortar boats and six mortars and equipments; sixty five muskets and one desk; one box of Artillery swords and the records of the mortar fleet.

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> No 2

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Comd<sup>g</sup>.  
Mortar fleet

The No 2's went up to Cairo, taking a mail. Capt. Pike took his departure on board this boat. For some days army paymasters, direct from Washington, have been here to conclude the payment to the

crews, the amount due them when they left the army of the Potomac; they, also, left here in the No 2's.

An anchor from the mortar boats was loaned on board the Judge Torrence.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Comd<sup>g</sup>. Mortar fleet

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. - The Conway, which went below, to Wickburg, with rebel prisoners, came up again to day, bringing quite a number of M. S. soldiers, who had been received in exchange.

Christian Kitch, who has been sick a long time, died to day of Phthisis.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Comd<sup>g</sup>. Mortar fleet

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. - The Carondelet having undergone an overhauling and been fresh painted, came down the river to day; her Capt. being the senior officer here, immediately assumed the command of the fleet in the absence of the Admiral.

Christian Kitch was buried to day, in our cemetery, N. E. of Helena.

E. W. Wheelock  
1<sup>st</sup> Master Comd<sup>g</sup>. Mortar fleet

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. - The Gladiator came down this morning, bringing a mail, and left again this evening.

This afternoon the Judge Torrence, having received orders to proceed to Cairo, weighed anchor and



bid adieu to Helena.

Previous to her departure, Henry Seman, Alfred Dupree and Albert Romers were detailed on board the Carondelet and Maul. Nailick, Josh. W. Jones, and Frederick Kercher were left on the mortar boats, to be eventually transferred to the ~~the~~ Carondelet.

The gunboat Cairo went up the river as far as Memphis as consort of the Judge Torrence, where she was relieved by the Baron de Halb.

First Master E. W. Wheelock remained at Helena

Francis Stillburn  
Sey. of Mortar fleet

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. - At 6 o'clock this morning the Torrence arrived at Cairo

Francis Stillburn  
Sey. Mortar fleet.

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. - Mr. Hoop having for some days past been unwell, was to day relieved by Mr. H. Hudson of the Eastport, who now has charge of the sick men of the mortar crew - brought on here.

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. - To day an order was issued through the solicitation of Cap. Richardson, to send all the sick mortar men on board the Clara Nelson receiving ship; the poor fellows, sick and dying, were bundled on board a tug on this cold bristrous morning and conveyed to the receiving ship

Francis Stillburn  
Sey. Mortar fleet

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. - The poor fellows sick and dying were bundled on board a tug on this cold bristrous morning and conveyed to the receiving ship

Francis Stillburn  
Sey. Mortar fleet

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. - The officers of the Clara Nelson having complained to the Admiral of the conduct of Cap. Richardson, in sending diseased men on board the receiving ship, where two of them had already died, the fleet surgeon was directed to take possession of the Torrence and fit it up as a temporary hospital boat and, to day, the sick were again returned to that boat.

Francis Stillburn  
Sey. Mortar fleet

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. - Harman died this morning and his remains were sent home to his place in Vahcaster City, Pa.

Francis Stillburn this morning received his discharge, by order of Rear Admiral M. M. Poston, on account of disability. The fleet surgeon announced his intention of recommending the discharge of all the prostrated sick mortar men, as he despaired of their being of any further use to the service.

Francis Stillburn  
Sey. Mortar fleet