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Secessionists

Fort H. skins, Nov 25, 1861 (n 739)

unsettled..Patton, a packer in the Indian agency employe
avers that when Mr. Newcomb was going away he distributed to the
Indians guns and ammunition and told them to fight for Jeff. Davis and
the Southern Confederacy.

There are only 12 men at the Siletz block house... Fearful
inhabitants of valley making hourly reports of the disaffection
prevailing around us. Yesterday Mr. Wisner substantiated to us
as follows: Mr. Jerry Evans of this valley told him that Captain Went
gave him a box of ammunition containing 1,000 rounds of rifle musket
cartridges; that he knew the said Evans to be a rank secessionist and
that Captain Went ~~could~~ must have known ~~so~~ so when he gave him those
cartridges... He says he and Mr. Allen went to Mr. Evans and purchased
it of him for \$20, their object being to get it out of ~~their~~
his hands and return it to the post, being government property
falsely squandered.

Disunionists talk "We ~~are~~ threatening garrison.

Mr. Atham informed commanding officer that lately 250 to 300
stand of arms had been distributed to the traitors of this valley,
by as he supposes Joe Lane and (the governor) of the state ..
T.B. Campbell, first lieut second infy California Vols post adjutant
(sent to Vancouver).

By Dec. 10, 1861 - "right notified Gen Lorenzo Thomas.. Overland Mail
route cannot be depended on. Late storms entirely stopped ~~the~~ mail by
land, driven me to rely upon steamers. Large package of orders
unreceived. Only reliable way is to use the tri-monthly steamers.

Headquarters dept of the Pacific, S.F. Dec 9, 1861

Brig. Gen L. Thomas, Adjt Gen U.S Army Wash, D.C.

General: I beg leave to submit to the consideration of the General in Chief the proposition to recapture the forts in Arizona and New Mexico by ~~one~~ a command to move from the southern district of this state with the exception of a battery of light artillery which I am now organizing. All the troops required for the expedition are in the southern district. I have ordered a company of the Ninth infantry, regulars to relieve the company of the Third Artillery at San Juan Island; the latter to come to the harbor of San Francisco. A company of the Third Artillery will be designated for the battery. We have guns, horses and equipment, all ready, being those left there by Company C, Third Artillery, late Ord's battery. I have now in Southern California the First California Volunteer Infantry, Col Carleton; the First Calif. Volunteer Cavalry, a battalion of five companies under Col. Eyre. I estimate that this force with the battery which I propose to send will amount to about 1,500 men. They are fine troops and well officered and under the command of Col Carleton an officer of great experience. I have never seen a finer body of volunteer troops than those raised in this state. They are anxious for active service and feeling as we all do that we are able to retake all the forts this side of the Rio Grande, I may be pardoned for urging the movement.

The difficulties and delays experienced on the present route of the overland mail show us the absolute necessity for opening the southern route and why ~~so~~ should we continue to act on the defensive with Fort Yuma as our advanced post when we have the power and will to drive every rebel beyond the Rio Grande.

In previous...the propriety of our occupying Guaymas, the chief sea port of Sonora. and I still think it of great importance that we should do so, to prevent its falling into the hands of the rebels. At the time I was inclined to make Guaymas my base of operations now I think Yuma a better point from which to move. In anticipation of a favorable reply to the propositions I have made I shall go on making arrangements to move promptly when authorized to do so...

G. Wright

Brig. Gen U.S Army commanding
indorsement

Adjutant Gen's office Dec 18, 1861

If the movement in progress has not already been authorized, please do so at once

Geo. B. McClellan, Major general

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Headquarters, Department of the Pacific
San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1861

Brig. Gen. Lorenzo Thomas,
Adjutant General, U.S. Army, Wash. D.C.

General; The troops in this department are distributed over such a wide extent of country and the communication with some of the remote stations being very uncertain as to time, we have found it impossible to prepare the tri-monthly reports required at your office with promptness.

Under these embarrassments I avail myself of every opportunity to keep you well informed by letter of the position and condition as well as the proximate strength of the troops on this coast.

In Oregon district I have two companies of Ninth Infantry, one company Third Artillery and ten companies of volunteer infantry. In the Central District embracing San Francisco and the northern portion of California I have three companies Third Artillery, one ordnance company, seven companies of volunteer infantry. In the District of Southern California I have five companies of volunteer cavalry and a regiment of volunteer infantry.

The strength of the four companies Third Artillery is about 350. The strength of the seven companies Ninth Infantry is about 550. The strength of the ordnance at Benicia is about 50. The strength of the Second Cavalry (from twelve companies volunteers) 1,000. The strength of the five regiments infantry volunteers, 3,500. Total 5,900. The condition of the troops is good. They are under a rigid course of discipline and instruction.

G. Wright

Brigadier-General U.S. Army, Commanding Department.

Troops--

San Francisco Dec. 10, 1861--"right to Thomas.

In the Oregon District I have two companies of Ninth Infantry, one company Third Artillery and ten companies of volunteer infantry.

In the Central District embracing San Francisco and the northern portion of California I have three companies Third Artillery, one ordnance company, seven companies Ninth Infantry, one regiment volunteer cavalry, and thirty companies of volunteer infantry.

In the District of Southern California have five companies of volunteer cavalry, and a regiment of volunteer infantry.

The strength of the four companies Third Artillery is about 350.
 The strength of the seven companies Ninth Infantry is about 550
 The strength of the ordnance at Benicia is about 50. The strength of the First Cavalry (five companies volunteers) is about 450
 The strength of the Second Cavalry (twelve companies volunteers) 1,000. The strength of the five regiments infantry volunteers, 3,500. Total 5,900. The condition of the troops is good. They are under a rigid course of discipline and instruction.

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Volunteers.

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Reporting to Thomas, Lorenzo, Brig Gen. Adjutant General U.S.
Army from Headquarters Department of the Pacific

Col Justus Steinberger, who was mustered into the service in
Washington City for the purpose of raising a regiment of infantry in
the Territory of Washington and adjutant country has reported (p 757)
to me. I have ordered the colonel to take post at Fort Vancouver
and take prompt measures to commence the organization of his
regiment.

I anticipate considerable difficulty.. The sparse population and
intense excitement caused by the recent discovery of very rich gold mines
render it impossible to obtain such a large number of men.
However every possible effort will be made by the colonel.. soon as
he has organized made acquainted with wants and resources of the
country I design to place him in command of the district.

..I have kept two companies of the Ninth Infantry, regulars, in
the District of Oregon. One of the companies is posted at Fort
Vancouver and the other will relieve Company D Third Artillery on
San Juan Island. I also have in the district 10 companies of infantry,
volunteers. With four good cavalry companies the force will be
ample for the present.

[part II]

Lugenbeel

The Dalles

Headquarters, District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash^{er} Dec 11, 1861
Maj. R.C. Drum, asst. adjt. Gen hqrs. Dept of the Pacific, S.F.

Major: Companies C and E first Cavalry under the command of Capt.

Magruder will leave this place this evening by steamer Pacific for
San Francisco. Companies A and C Ninth Infantry under command of Brevt

Major Lugeneel arrived at this place Monday evening the 9th inst.

The major reports that he has been delayed since getting on the river
by the casualties resulting from the flood.

He arrived at Des Chutes Landing on Thursday last but the bridges on
Ten Mile and Five Mile Creeks having been carried away he was
necessarily detained. On his passage from The Dalles a landslide
which carried away or destroyed about eighty feet of the railroad prevented
the company baggage from being brought along. .

A. Cady

Lt. Col. Seventh Infantry Commanding District.

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S.F. Defenses

Headquarters Dept of the Pacific S.F. Dec 12, 1861

Col Rene E. DeRussy, Chief engineer Pacific coast, S.F.

Col.: I^N view of the possibility of a hostile force threatening this city I deem it my duty to take every measure in my power to guard the approaches by land and water. From your long residence here in charge of the construction of the fortification in the harbor and your knowledge of the surrounding country as well as the distinguished position you occupy in the Engineer Corps, all conduce in affording me great pleasure in requesting of you a plan for defensive works.

G. Wright

Brig. Gen U.S. Army Commanding
Dept.

California

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Headquarters Dept of the Pacific

San Francisco Dec 16, 1861

Brig. Gen L. Thomas , Adjut. Gen U.S. Army Wash D.C.

General: As the forts at Fort Point and on Alcatraz Island are now occupied by troops I respectfully request that they may be named by the Department.

G. Wright, Brig. Gen U.S. Army commanding.

Indorsement

Adjut Gen's Office Feb---1862

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War with the request that he will designate names for the two permanent fortifications at Fort Point and Alcatraz island harbor of San Francisco

L Thomas

Adjutant Gen.

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Near San Bernardino, Dec. 10, 1861, 10 p.m.

Lieut.Col. E.E. Eyre

First Cavalry California Volunteers Camp Carleton

Colonel: I have just been informed by Mr. C.E. Bennett of San Bernardino that there is a party of seventy-five or eighty men fitting out at the Monte and from here to attack Camp "right in order to release Showalter and his party. They intend to attack the camp at night. . The information was received by messenger who was sent here from the Monte to consult with secession parties and raise money and arms. He also informs me that parties here and at the Monte are sworn to support each other in the affair and on failing to do so to suffer death.

Emil Fritz

Captain, First Cavalry Calif.
Volunteers.

California

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S.F. Calif Dec 28, 1861

Gen Thomas Adjutant Gen U.S. Army Wash D.C.

Can I disregard writs of habeas corpus in case of political or
state prisoners?

G. Wright

Brig. Gen U.S. Army

Adjutant Gen's office, Wash Dec 31, 1861

Gen George Wright, U.S. Army, S.F.

You cannot disregard writs

L. Thomas

Adjutant general

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Headquarters, Department of the Pacific

San Francisco, Dec. 28, 1861

Brig. Gen. Lorenzo Thomas

Adjutant General U.S. Army Wash. D.C.

General: A few weeks since I critically inspected the forts at Fort Point and Alcatraz Island. They were found, as I have already reported, in high order. On the 21st inst. I called upon the commander of each of the forts for detailed reports of their armament, supplies etc. ..and I doubt not that they will be interesting at Army Headquarters.

It will be observed that the number of guns in position is only about half of the number required for the full armament. In case of a foreign war the attention of the enemy would most certainly be directed to San Francisco as the most important point on the Pacific Coast and I hope that the guns required to complete the armament of the forts may be sent to this place as soon as possible. I also take the liberty of referring you to my communication of the 20th of September, 1860, from headquarters of the Department of Oregon and addressed to the assistant adjutant general at the Headquarters of the Army by which it will be perceived that both Oregon and Washington are defenseless.

G. Wright

Brigadier-General, U.S. Army, commanding.

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Mullan:

Comanment Wright, Big Blackfoot, November 6, 1861 Hdqrs. Escort
to Military Wagon Road Expedition
to First Lieut A.C. Wildrick, Third Artiller, acting assistant
adjutant general Fort Vancouver.

Special Orders 43 received Nov 4, 1861, sent Oct 7. Impossible to take w
wagons or pack train over Bitter Root Mountains this winter. I find
not to move until spring. Only way is with snow shoes and neither
nor trail via Pend d'Oreille Lake will be practicable until 1st of March,
1862 and then only by trail/Road probably be impassable for
wagons until last of June or first of July. Road from here to Fort
Benton is passable with no but with a short interval in midwinter.

Await orders. Special Orders Dept of California San Francisco,
April 8, 1861, Article 2 Lieut Mullan is placed in
command of the Walla Walla and Fort Benton road party. By Orders No. 1
dated military Road Expedition at Aspen Grove Wash Ter May 23, 1861 I am placed
in command of the escort since which time I have acted as commander
of the escort. I have to request who is considered in command of the
escort at headquarters of the district.. Salem S. Marsh, second
lieutenant infantry commanding escort to military road expedition.

Luganbeel

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Headquarters District of Oregon, Fort Vancouver, Wash Ter. Dec 28, 1861

Special Orders, No 66.

1-Brevet Major Luganbeel with Companies A and C Ninth Infantry will until further orders remain at Fort Vancouver of which post the major will assume command.

A Cady

Lt. Col 7th Infantry
commanding officer.

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Troops

Dec. 31, 1861

Ten headquarters, 15 officers, 1 man, aggregate present 16;
aggregate present and absent 16; artillery none

District of Oregon; 36 officers, 620 men, 914 aggregate present;
1,062 aggregate present and absent, no heavy artillery, 10 field
pieces.

Troops serving in California and Nevada; 181 officers, 3,779 men, 4,906
aggregate present 5,285 aggregate present and absent; 81 pieces
heavy artillery; 11 pieces field artillery.

Totals 232 officers, 4,400 men, 5,836 aggregate present;
6,363 aggregate present and absent; 81 pieces ~~field and heavy art.~~ heavy art.
21 pieces field

Fort Vancouver: Bvt Maj. Pinkney Lugenbeel 2d California, one
company; 4th California, one company, 9th United States, Companies A
and C.

Arsenal: Capt Theodore J. Decker, detachment of ordnance, U.S. Army
Maj James F. Curtis 2d California (two companies)

Camp Pickett, San Juan Island.

Lieut Augustus G. Robinson, 3d U.S. Artillery, Battery D.

Fort Steilacoom, Capt John C. Crowninshield, 4th California
Company E.

Fort Walla Walla, Lieut Col. Harvey Lee, 4th California, two companies.

Fort Dalles, Ore. Capt. Charles W. Smith, 2d Calif, one
company.

Fort Yamhill, Ore. Capt. Lyman S. Scott, 4th California, one
company.

Fort Hoskins, Ore. Capt. John C. Schmidt, 2d California, one company

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troop movements

Special orders from Ft Vancouver, Jan 10, 1862

Company C (Bissell's Ninth Infantry) is designated to proceed to Camp Pickett, San Juan Island and relieve Company D, Third Artillery. Assistant Surgeon Taylor sent. Company D when relieved to embark and take post at Alcatraz Island.

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Fort Ter-way, Jan 14, 1862

Maj. R.C. Drum, assistant adjutant general

Sir: Your communication of January 8 came duly to hand on the 13th instant. This post is located on the Klamath river six miles above the mouth and thirty miles from Crescent City on a flat piece of ground. Said post has been overflowed by the flood four times this season and took away seventeen buildings out of the twenty which comprise all the buildings of this post. I have received orders from headquarters to rebuild the post. The condition of the company is as well as can be expected.....It is nearly impossible to drill the company more than two or three times per week. The number of men is fifty-five, including officers.

John H. May

Captain, Company C Third Regiment California Volunteers.

Calif.

Camp Drum

[Part I]

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General Orders No 4-Camp Drum, New San Pedro, Calif. January
13, 1862

In accordance with instructions from the colonel commanding the
Southern district of California this camp is hereby named and
shall hereafter be known as Camp Drum

George S. Evans

Lt Col Second Cavalry Cal Vols Commanding detachment

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Headquarters Department of the Pacific
San Francisco, Cal. Jan. 18, 1862

Brig. Gen. M.C. Meigs

Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Washington D.C.

General: I have this moment received a telegraphic dispatch from Colonel Sibley, written by your direction on the 14th instant. I have just conversed with Colonel Dabbitt on the subject of funds for his department.

It appears that Colonel Dabbitt was advised by letter from your office on the 29th of November that the Treasury Department had been requested to place \$200,000 to his credit and again on the 3d of December that a similar request was made that \$69,750 might be placed to his credit. The colonel has not as yet been notified that the above mentioned amounts have been placed to his orders.

Since I have been in command of this department I have used the utmost economy consistent with the interests of the public service ~~and~~ but my troops are dispersed over a vast ~~area~~ extent of country my extreme positions being some 2,000 miles apart and during the last month I have been organizing a large expedition to move from the southwestern frontier of this State, all involving heavy expenditures for the transportation of troops and supplies, and, in addition we have been compelled to purchase about 700 mules for the same expedition. I have made contracts here for the manufacture of all the clothing required for the whole army on this coast. This with the purchase of tents and camp equipage and the outlay in erecting temporary shelter and flooring the tents to preserve the health of my men during the winter of unprecedented severity together with the purchase of horses necessary to mount 1,700 cavalry will give you an idea of the expenses necessarily incurred here.

If my command were concentrated it would ~~be~~ materially reduce our

money requisitions.

The incessant rains and storms for six weeks past have entirely submerged the whole country. An immense amount of property has been lost, as well as many lives. Our overland mail communications are interrupted to such an extent that we must rely solely on the express companies. It is quite probable that many important documents from the east will never reach us. I send all my mail matter by the tri-monthly express on the steamers for New York and I would recommend that the same mode be adopted by the Department at Washington.

G. Wright

Brigadier-General U.S. Army commanding.