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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 21, 1861.

The Commanding General has the satisfaction of announcing to the Army another instance of skill and good conduct on the part of the beleaguered garrison of Fort Pickens, Harbor of Pensacola, under the command of Colonel HARVEY BROWN, 5th Regiment U. S. Artillery.

On the night of October 9th, an attempt was made by a large body of rebels to burn the camp of Wilson's Zouaves, spike the guns of the outer batteries, and take Fort Pickens by assault. The enemy were signally repulsed from Santa Rosa Island with heavy loss on their side, after firing a few of our tents.

A subsequent attempt to make a lodgment on the Island was defeated by well delivered fire from one of our ships of war.

To put a stop to such aggressions, a combined fire was opened upon the enemy's batteries from Fort Pickens and the ships of our squadron in Pensacola Harbor, which was kept up throughout the 22d and 23d of November. On the first day, Fort McCrae and several guns in the other hostile batteries were silenced; and this was followed by the destruction, under our heavy cannonade, of nearly two-thirds of the towns of Warrington and Wolsey, adjoining the Navy Yard, and by very serious damage to the Navy Yard and its buildings. Fortunately, but little loss was sustained by us in men, or in the condition of our works.

It is with pride and gratification that the Commanding General finds in the official reports the most honorable mention of each and every officer, as well as of the enlisted men, engaged on these occasions.

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