

of the forces landed and took up a position near the first fort. the rest of the day was spent in reconnoitering. the landing forces consisted of 800 men with 7 howitzers. June 11<sup>th</sup> the forward movement commenced about 6 a.m. the marines again in advance. an other fort was taken and destroyed. the artillery encountering heavy roads was rather slow in coming up. at 10 a.m. the Koreans showed the first time something like fight and a lively exchange of shot between the advance skirmishers and them took place. the artillery soon came into position and opened fire upon the Koreans driving them back. while the infantry further advanced. the marines still ahead. at about 10.30. a.m. we approached the main fort and earth works on the top of a steep hill. and could hear the Koreans chanting their war song. the Monocacy advanced with us. shelling the forts and woods on the banks of the river while the howitzers kept up a lively fire against the neighbouring woods and hills. about 2.50. paces from the main fort on the brow of a somewhat lower hill a large number of flags were planted. and as soon as we came up to them the fort opened a brisk musket

fire badly aimed. at 4.15. a.m. the fort was charged and taken after a desperate resistance on the enemy's part who fought bravely using their spears and swords and hurling rocks at the assailants. private Hugh Turner of the Alaska took their battle flag. the enemy's loss was considerable 243 dead their dead and wounded lying thickly strewn in and around the fort. our loss was very light 3 men killed (Lieut Hugh. W. W. Reed Colorado. Private Dennis Hannahan Pennia) Seaman Seth Allen Colorado) and 7 wounded. Seaman William Webb Alaska.

June 12<sup>th</sup> After destroying two strong forts on the bank of the river dismounting and spiking their guns and burning a small village and blowing up a powder magazine we reembarked. the Talos and Monocacy taking the landing forces on board and towing the empty boats and returned to our respective ships. the Talos had run aground on the 10<sup>th</sup> and was leaking so badly that the steam pumps could hardly keep her afloat. she was beached and repaired. to accomplish this she had to discharge the greater part of her coal.