Sir,

I have the honor to render you an account of the corps under my command in your attack of last night, upon the redoubt on the left of the enemy’s lines.

Agreeable to your orders we advanced in two columns with unloaded arms. The right composed of Col. Hayman’s battalion and my own commanded by Major Fish; the left of a detachment commanded by Lieut. Laurens, destined to take the enemy in rear, and intercept their retreat. The column on the right was preceded by a van guard of twenty men led by Lt. Mansfield, and a detachment of sappers and miners, commanded by Capt. Gilliland for the purpose of removing obstructions.

The redoubt was commanded by Major lamp hill, with a detachment of British and German troops, and was completely in a state of defense.

The rapidity and immediate success of the assault are the best comment on the behavior of the troops. Col. Hayman distinguished himself by an exact and vigorous execution of his part of the plan, by entering the enemy’s works with his corps among the萦nings, and making prisoners the commanding officer of the redoubt. They were well seconded by Major Fish with the battalion under his command, who, when the front of the column reached the abatis, unlocking his corps to the left, as he had been directed, advanced with such activity, as to arrive in time to participate in the assault.

Lt. Mansfield deserves particular commendation for the coolness, firmness, and punctuality with which he conducted the van guard. Capt. O’Ney, who commanded the first platoon of Hayman’s battalion, is entitled to peculiar applause. He led his platoon into the work with exemplary...