

Camp near Chancy, Florida

18th May, 2026

Re: An after-action report from the Captain Commanding First Company,
Florida Battalion of Infantry, during the actions of 16 May.

Dear Sir,

It is my privilege to acquaint you with the actions of Company D and the Florida Battalion on the 16th May, near Resaca, Georgia. after-action

Having marched a distance into rolling hills outside of Resaca, our battalion was halted in a grove of pines and given rest. An artillery battery was posted to our left, and there were some disused works to our front; however, I believe that the Brigade wished our presence to remain a mystery to the enemy, so we did not occupy them at that time.

Sometime later, fire was heard to our front, and we could catch glimpses of the rebels occasionally, though a clear view was blocked by terrain and trees. At one point, a Cavalry Colonel rode back and spoke to Colonel Welch, but I was unable to hear their exchange. I suspect there was skirmishing as the Cavalry screens met each other.

Within half an hour of the skirmishing, the artillery opened a brisk barrage, which was answered by secesh guns. This continued until a rebel battalion appeared to our front and we were ordered to fall in, take arms, and advance in column companies.

After deploying forward on the first company, our understrength battalion gave fire to the rebels, who exchanged our fire, then inexplicably pulled back and began shifting to our left. There remained two small field pieces of the mountain howitzer design and a small detachment of infantry. Colonel Welch, determined to let the enemy shift from out front, gave orders not to engage them. Eventually, the artillery and infantry were pulled to another area of the

battlefield, leaving us free to maneuver in support of our sister battalion, which had come up on our left.

Much to our pleasant surprise, the rebels were so engaged with the Georgians that they advanced their flank perpendicular to the disused works, and we were ordered into them. The men, understanding the situation, rushed into the works like a drunken prom date and, with a cheer, we poured a devastating fire directly into the Confederate flank.

The rebel line refused and opened order, hoping to envelop the flank of the works; however, I opened my men and put them into the cover of the works and some large pines that extended out to our right. Due to the cover of the works, the pines, and the fact that I had Henry repeaters attached to my company, the rebels were unable to push us from our solid location. Here, I must commend my men for their intrepid actions. I am very proud of them.

Suddenly, and without known cause, the rebels started falling back, not directly to their rear but, apparently, pulled to their left by some unseen shift in the battle. This left their flank and rear even more exposed, and Colonel Welch took full advantage of it. While our second company pinned the flank, he ordered my company to hook around and hit the rear of their exposed flank.

Eventually, the rebels were compelled to break and retreat before us in confusion. Though we had suffered few casualties, we were running low on ammunition and were unable to aggressively pursue the broken enemy.

That evening, we returned to our original jump-off location to rest and reset. My men performed well and I am happy to report only one dead and one with minor injuries.

Respectfully,

Drew Bell, Captain.