

Ensign Hamilton, and Adjutant Hardin distinguished themselves in a particular manner, being always among the first to charge, and first in pursuit; Sergeants Holt and Attaway likewise acted very bravely, and Folk's company in general, being always near me, and under my immediate view, advanced to the charge with the steadiness of veterans. Lieutenant Broadnax showed a great deal of courage and presence of mind, and Ensign Mann who was wounded in the first action fought well. Captain Cone who was wounded in the head early in the action behaved well and Lieutenant Williams did himself great honor in every action, but particularly in the bold and manly stand he made in the night engagement. Sergeant Hawkins and Corporal Neil of Coleman's company acted like soldiers, and Sergeant-major Reese's activity was only surpassed by his courage; he was everywhere and always brave. Captain Humphrey's company acted bravely, particularly Lieutenant Reed, Sergeant Fields, Sergeant Cowan, Sergeant Denmark and many of the privates. I can only speak of Captain Humphrey from the report of some of his men, who say he acted well; it so happening he never met my eye during either of the engagements, while the conduct of every other person that I have mentioned, except one or two, came under my personal observation.

The number of Indians in the first engagement, from every circumstance that appeared, must have been from seventy-five to a hundred; in the second engagement, their number, including Negroes who were their best soldiers, was double ours, and in the third engagement there appeared to be fifty, which was nearly equal our force, after deducting the sick and wounded. From every circumstance, I am induced to believe that the number killed and wounded among the Indians must be at least fifty.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your most obedient servant,

DANIEL NEWNAN.

His excellency David B. Mitchell.

The star of fortune shone over Colonel Newnan's battalion, for its escape was miraculous. There are some interesting inferences in this report besides the fighting: What is meant by "scalping the Indians out of curiosity" is not clear; maybe it was a custom, for in a later private letter Colonel Newnan stated that Zephaniah Kingsley's house on Fort George Island was "handsomely decorated with Indians' scalps."

The flag of the United States flew by the side of the Patriot flag on Spanish soil for a year. When the U. S. troops were withdrawn in the Spring of 1813, the Patriot bands disintegrated rapidly, but not before they had pillaged and destroyed a great amount of property in this section.