

was left behind was, that the man had taken away the
horse & the baggage were made for him, he could not be
found. After leaving the battery we marched to a position
near the 36th regiment & on arriving there found that we
could not annoy the bridge which was under a high bank.
We halted only until Capt Miller could ascertain a position
whence he could act more effectively, & shortly after he found
out a spot in the road leading to the woods about two
hundred yards from it. We marched towards that spot but
before arriving there all the infantry was in motion. In con-
sequence of this general movement we did not halt, but
proceeded on our march. We halted however just before we
got to the woods, when the 36th regiment passed us. The
whole of the road from the battery to the woods was in sight
of the battery, & was about three quarters of a mile in length.
(Col Woodworth must have seen our pass & indeed before
we left the battery, as he was at the spot where the explo-
sion of the ~~explosion~~ of the ammunition box took place, when
it happened. I had then just finished discharging the piece
& immediately ran to the spot & separated the boxes to pre-
vent any further injury. Col Woodworth I saw there & our

pass should have been a short distance from the battery, & we
not have gone far from the spot, when we marched which
was immediately afterwards. We had marched about half
a mile in the woods, the detachment of the 38th being in our
rear when Col Woodworth came up. I remember Capt Mil-
ler then volunteered his services to him to go with his detach-
ment to the hills & bring away the spiked guns & the wounded
men who were left behind, & he immediately gave orders to
the men to counter-march, when Col Woodworth requested
them to halt, in order as I understood from Capt Miller at
the time, that the 36th & 37th might be brought to act with
them. We were afterwards marched back. On our return
march, we met the wounded men in a cart. & at the edge
of the woods we were halted, & shortly after saw Capt Con-
ley bringing off the spiked guns. At the same time we
were informed the enemy's ships were under way. The detach-
ment of Menner then marched to the hills where the
battery had been, with their three twelve pounders which
were as properly requested by Col Woodworth to be brought off.
We remained at the hills until Commodore Boscawen's fleet
had doubled the point. Capt Miller went on board the fleet
when opposite the battery, & on his return he informed me of