

~~passing the night. At this night my report was made~~
at the battery. The eighteen pounders had been brought near
the battery early in the night, but were not brought into
battery until about the same time Capt Miller arrived
that evening having been left to the last. I did not hear
what conversation took place between Col Wadsworth & Capt
Miller on the arrival of the main, but before the commence-
ment of the engagement I heard Col Wadsworth say that
Capt Miller had not taken the position which he wished
which position I understood was below the hill on the right
of the battery, towards the fort, to prevent the enemy's
barges from flanking the battery. That position would have
prevented Capt Miller from using his artillery against the
ships. The 96th regiment at the commencement of the
action was some distance behind the 38th on the low ground
near the fort. It had taken a position different from
the one which the Colonel had assigned it by order which
I heard him give to Lieut Lattimer. The 38th was ordered
to be guided by the movements of the 96th. A little after
day light the action commenced. The main artillery was
well served during the action, & every thing appeared to keep

~~moving with a steady and regular fire~~
~~and in the afternoon~~
fired rapidly, but I do not know whether too much so, as
twelve pounders are easily served. Capt Miller appeared to be
employed among his guns in giving directions & was perfect-
ly collected. The main artillery was an hour or an hour &
a half in action. Some time before they moved from the
field, a report prevailed that the enemy was landing, & in
consequence of that report I was directed by Col Wadsworth
to bring the 96th regiment to the position originally assigned
it, & before my return to the hill Col Wadsworth himself
came down, as the movement of the 96th was not made
as quickly as he wished. Before the main artillery moved
away, Col Wadsworth informed me, that Capt Miller had told
him he was out of shot. I replied that I thought I had some
twelve pound cartridges, & I went some distance to examine
whether I had such cartridges at the request of Col Wadsworth.
I found however I was mistaken, & on returning I discovered
the main moving from the hill. They retired in perfect
order. The 96th regiment moved about the same time as
Capt Miller's detachment. The detachment of the 96th remained
a somewhat longer at their position. My station during this