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Memorandum

To: Al Swift, Harpers Ferry Center

From: Supervisory Historian Bearss, Historic Preservation - East

Subject: Fort Moultrie Units

Enclosed you will find the list of Fort Moultrie Units compiled by me. For the period 1811-1817 the list is incomplete. The list of units posted at Fort Moultrie in the period January 1, 1940 to 1947 will be compiled on my next visit to the Suitland, Maryland Record Center.

On Page 237, Vol. I, of The Soldier in Our Civil War: A Pictorial History of the Conflict, 1861-1865, edited by P. F. Montelisy and T. Campbell-Copeland (New York, 1890), is a drawing titled, "A group of Confederate prisoners captured at Fort Donelson."

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Enclosure

cc:

- Supt., Fort Sumter, w/cy of encl.
- Regional Director, Southeast, w/cy of encl.
- Mr. Lee Wallace, Springfield, w/cy of encl.
- Asst. Director, Park History Pres, w/cy of encl.
- Manager, Historic Preservation Team, DSC

I. Units stationed on Sullivan's Island in June 1776:

2d South Carolina Regiment (Col. William Moultrie)
3d South Carolina Regiment (Col. William Thomson)
Lt. Col. Thomas Clark's North Carolina Continentals
Col. Peter Muhlenberg's Regiment of Virginia Continentals
4th South Carolina Artillery Regiment (20 men)

II. Units posted on Sullivan's Island in 1780:

1st South Carolina Infantry-Continental (Col. C. C.
Pinckney's)
Maj. Patrick Ferguson's American Volunteers
Capt. Charles Hudson's Naval Brigade (marines and
sailors)
100 South Carolina militia
6th South Carolina Infantry-Continental (Maj. Isaac
Harleston)

III. Units posted at Fort Moultrie in 1799-1804:

Capt. Francis Huger's Company, 2d Regiment of Artillery
and Engineers and other units of this command.

IV. Units posted at Fort Moultrie in 1810:

Butler's and Woodruff's Companies, 3d U. S. Infantry and
Capt. Louis Laval's Troop of Light Dragoons.

V. Units Posted at Fort Moultrie, 1817-1823

In 1817 Forts Moultrie and Johnson were garrisoned by a 74-man detachment from the Artillery Corps. Fort Moultrie and the other Charleston Harbor forts in 1818 were garrisoned by a subaltern's guard of artillerists from the 1st and 2d battalions.

In 1819, two companies, 1st Artillery Battalion, were posted in Charleston Harbor as a garrison for Forts Moultrie, Mechanic, Johnson, and Castle Pinckney. The Charleston Harbor forts in 1822 were garrisoned by Burd's and Laval's companies, 3d Artillery.

The forts in Charleston Harbor were garrisoned in 1823 by an artillery battalion consisting of two companies 3d Artillery and one company 4th Artillery.

VI. Units Posted at Fort Moultrie, April 1824 - December 26, 1860

In April 1824 Fort Moultrie was garrisoned by Companies E and H, 3d Artillery, and Company H, 4th Artillery. Company H, 4th Artillery, was transferred in August 1824, and from September 1824 to March 1826 the fort was garrisoned by Companies E and H, 3d Artillery. In April 1826 Company D, 3d Artillery, replaced Company H at Fort Moultrie.

In May 1826 Company F, 3d Artillery, joined Companies D and E of the regiment at Fort Moultrie.

Companies D, E, and F, 3d Artillery, garrisoned Fort Moultrie from May 1826 until February 1827.

Companies B and H, 1st Artillery, garrisoned Fort Moultrie from September 1828 to November 1828, when they were reinforced by Company F, 2d Artillery. In December 1828, Companies A and B, 2d Artillery, replaced Companies B and H, 1st Artillery. In January 1829, Company B was assigned to Fort Johnson. In May 1829 Company B returned to Fort Moultrie.

On January 8, 1830, Company B, 2d Artillery, was transferred to the Charleston Citadel.

Company A, 2d Artillery, on September 13 was ordered to Camp Eaton, Georgia, leaving Company F, 2d Artillery at Fort Moultrie. In December 1830 Company A returned to Fort Moultrie from Georgia.

On January 9, 1832, Company A was ordered to Castle Pinckney, while on the 8th Companies F and B changed stations--the former being posted at the Charleston Citadel and the latter returning to Fort Moultrie.

October 1832 found Company A, 1st Artillery, at Fort Moultrie; Company E, 1st Artillery at Castle Pinckney; and Company F, 2d Artillery, at the Charleston Citadel.

On November 23, 1832, Company C, 1st Artillery, and Company B, 4th Artillery, arrived at Fort Moultrie, and Company A, 1st Artillery, was transferred to the Charleston Citadel on November 26.

On December 12, 1832, Company E, 2d Artillery, reached Fort Moultrie from Savannah, Georgia, while on December 24 Company F, 2d Artillery, arrived from the Charleston Citadel.

In March 1833 Fort Moultrie was garrisoned by Company C, 1st Artillery, and Company F, 2d Artillery.

November 1834 found Fort Moultrie garrisoned by Company A, 1st Artillery. On February 28, 1835, Fort Moultrie was occupied by Company H, 1st Artillery, which remained on post until January 1836, when it was ordered to Florida. Upon the departure of Company H, Fort Moultrie was left without a garrison.

In January 1838 Fort Moultrie was occupied by a detachment of recruits commanded by Capt. P. Morrison, who remained at the fort for more than two months.

Fort Moultrie in June 1842 was occupied by Companies G and I, 3d Artillery, which reached Charleston on June 24, from Pensacola, Florida. On July 27 Company D, 3d Artillery, reached the post from New Orleans. On April 5, 1843, the battalion was reinforced by Company E, 3d Artillery, which arrived from St. Augustine, Florida. On June 26, 1845, Company E, 3d Artillery, left the post for New Orleans. On August 27, 1845, Company A, 3d Artillery, joined the

battalion from Fort Johnston, N. C. On September 24, 1845, Companies A and I, 3d Artillery, were detached and started for Aransas Bay, Texas. Company H, 3d Artillery, arrived from Fort Marion, Florida, on May 28, 1846, to replace Company G, 3d Artillery, which had departed for Fort Marion seven days before.

On October 22, 1846, Companies D and H, 3d Artillery, left Fort Moultrie for Point Isabel, Texas, while Company K, 3d Artillery, which had arrived from Oglethorpe Barracks, Georgia, on October 3 now garrisoned the post. Company B, 3d Artillery, also spent several days at Fort Moultrie in October 1846, while in transit from Augusta, Georgia, to Point Isabel. Company K, 3d Artillery, left Fort Moultrie on February 20, 1847, leaving the post garrisoned by detachments of recruits from the 3d Dragoons, 13th U. S. Infantry, and 3d U. S. Artillery. The subject recruits left for Mexico on April 30, 1847. They were replaced by detachments of recruits assigned to the 3d Dragoons, 5th, 12th and 13th U. S. Infantry, 1st and 3d U. S. Artillery, Palmetto Volunteers, U. S. Voltigeurs, and North Carolina Volunteers, which garrisoned the post until August 1848.

Companies F and I, 2d Artillery, reached Fort Moultrie from New York on October 23, 1848, and took up quarters at the post. On August 3, 1849, Company F, 2d Artillery, left Fort Moultrie for Florida.

On November 27, 1850, Companies E, H, and M, 2d Artillery, reached Fort Moultrie from Florida, where they joined Company I as the garrison. Company H, 2d Artillery, was transferred to Castle Pinckney on January 3, 1851, and Company K, 2d Artillery, joined from Castle Pinckney on the same day.

Companies I and M were transferred to another post. Company M rejoined the battalion from Castle Pinckney on October 1, 1852, and was detached on June 15, 1853, and started for Fort Washita, Indian Territory. Companies E and K, 2d Artillery, left Fort Moultrie for Tampa Bay, Florida, on November 18, 1853.

Companies G and H, 1st Artillery, reached Fort Moultrie from Forts Myers and Meade, Florida, on December 11, 1853, to garrison the post. In August 1855, 33 recruits for Company F, 1st Cavalry, reached Fort Moultrie. The horse soldiers departed Fort Moultrie for Fort Leavenworth on October 17, 1855.

On October 19, 1856, Company G, 1st Artillery, left Fort Moultrie for Key West, Florida, while on the previous day Company F, 1st Artillery, had started for Fort Capron, Florida. Companies A and D, 1st Artillery, reached the fort from Florida on October 23, to constitute the garrison. In December 1857 the regimental band was posted to Fort Moultrie.

Companies A and D, 1st Artillery, left the post on June 10, 1858, en route to Fort Monroe, Virginia. They were replaced at Fort Moultrie by Companies H and E, 1st Artillery. The former

arrived from Florida on June 6 and the latter from Fort Capron, Florida, on June 16. These units remained at Fort Moultrie until the night of December 26, 1860, when they evacuated the post and occupied Fort Sumter.

VII. Units Posted at Fort Moultrie, December 27, 1860 - October 11, 1866

On December 17, 1861, Fort Moultrie was occupied by De Saussure's battalion of Charleston Artillery and 30 riflemen. These units were soon reorganized as the Artillery Battalion, Army of South Carolina. Three companies of the battalion (Calhoun's, Parker's, and Rhett's) were in the fort, manning the big guns, during the April 12-13, 1861, bombardment of Fort Sumter.

In mid-May 1861, the Artillery Battalion was reorganized as the 1st Regiment South Carolina Artillery. Companies A, B, and D garrisoned Fort Moultrie until the winter of 1861-62. Company E of the regiment was at Fort Moultrie from May 'till November 1861, when it was ordered to Castle Pinckney. Company G, 1st Regiment, South Carolina Artillery, was organized at Fort Moultrie in November 1861, and transferred to Fort Sumter in January 1862.

In May 1861, the 1st South Carolina Regular Infantry was organized on Sullivan's Island. The regiment remained on the island until September 14, 1861, when it was transferred to Edisto Island. The regiment returned to Sullivan's Island in the third week of November 1861;

some of the companies (A, B, C, D, F, and K) being posted at Fort Moultrie. Company A remained at Fort Moultrie until August 6, 1863, when it was transferred to Fort Beauregard; Company B stayed at the fort until March 2, 1862, when it was ordered to Church Flats, South Carolina. When it returned to Sullivan's Island in September 1862, it was assigned to Battery Beauregard; Company C, 1st South Carolina Regulars, was ordered to Johns Island, South Carolina, in March 1862, and returned to Sullivan's Island in September 1862. Company C was assigned to the Fort Moultrie garrison in September 1863, and remained there until its evacuation. Company D was posted at Fort Moultrie from November 1861 to March 1862. Company E garrisoned Fort Moultrie from September 1862 to July 1863. Company F was stationed at Fort Moultrie from November 1861 to May 1864. Company G garrisoned Fort Moultrie from January 1862 until the evacuation of the post on the night of February 17, 1865. Company K was posted at Fort Moultrie from September 1861 until June 1863.

On September 7, 1863, the garrison of Fort Moultrie (several companies of the 1st South Carolina Regular Infantry) was temporarily reinforced by B. S. Burnet's Company of the 3d South Carolina Artillery.

Company B, 3d Rhode Island Heavy Artillery, occupied Fort Moultrie on February 18, 1865, upon its evacuation by the Confederates. In late August of that year the Rhode Islanders were relieved by Companies D and F, 35th U. S. Colored Troops. On March 2, 1866, these two companies were relieved by six companies (A, B, D, H, I, and K) of the 128th U. S. Colored Troops. The 128th U. S. Colored Troops was mustered out of Service on October 12, 1866. From that date until October 22, 1897, the fort was not garrisoned.

VIII Units Posted at Fort Moultrie, October 22, 1897 - June 1914

On October 22, 1897, Battery C, 1st U. S. Artillery, reached Sullivan's Island from Saint Augustine, Florida. An officer and 20 enlisted men of Battery M, 1st Artillery, reached Sullivan's Island from St. Francis Barracks, Florida, on February 13, 1898. The rest of Battery M, 1st Artillery, along with field, staff, and band arrived on Sullivan's Island on March 26, 1898.

Company E, 5th U. S. Infantry, arrived at the post on April 16, 1898, from Fort McPherson, Georgia. On May 28, 1898, Heavy Battery, South Carolina Volunteer Artillery, transferred from Columbia, S. C., to Sullivan' Island. Company E, 5th U. S. Infantry, transferred on June 22, 1898, to Lands End, Port Royal, S. C. The Heavy Battery, South Carolina Volunteer Artillery, was mustered out at Sullivan's Island, February 4, 1899.

On February 13, 1901, the units at Sullivan's Island (field staff and band, and Batteries C and M, 1st U. S. Artillery) were redesignated 1st Band and 3rd and 10th Companies, Coast Artillery, by General Order 15. The 117th Company, Coast Artillery, was organized at Sullivan's Island on October 12, 1901.

The post was redesignated Fort Getty in February 1902. On January 23, 1903, the 10th Company, Coast Artillery, reached Fort Getty.

Fort Getty was redesignated Fort Moultrie in June 1903.

In June 1903 the post was garrisoned by the 3d, 36th, and 117th Coast Artillery Companies, and the 1st Band. On August 17, 1904, the 117th Company left Fort Moultrie en route to Fort Frémont, while on the 19th, the 16th Company, Coast Artillery, arrived on the post from Fort Frémont.

The 8th and 99th Coast Artillery Companies reached Fort Moultrie from Fort Morgan, Alabama, on November 12, 1906. On April 29, 1907, the 75th and 78th Companies, Coast Artillery, reported at Fort Moultrie, having been transferred from Fort Totten, New York, while the 8th Company was detached on the same date. On July 24, 1907, the 75th Company, Coast Artillery, left Fort Moultrie for Fort Morgan, Alabama. On August 1, 1907, the 144th and 145th Companies, Coast Artillery, were constituted and organized at Fort Moultrie. On November 15, 1907, the 99th Company was transferred to Fort Morgan, Alabama. On December 16, 1908, the 3d Company was transferred to Fort Hamilton, New York. On November 10, 1909, the 36th Company was ordered to Fort DuPont, Delaware.

On March 8, 1911, the 78th, 144th, and 145th Companies, Coast Artillery Corps, were detached from Fort Moultrie and started for Galveston, Texas. On June 23, 1911, the subject companies returned to Fort Moultrie after three months in Texas. Returns end with June 1914.

IX. Units Posted at Fort Moultrie, January 1, 1917 - December 31, 1939

On January 1, 1917, Fort Moultrie was garrisoned by the 1st (Mine), 2d (Mortar), 3d (Gun), and 4th (Gun) Companies, Coast Artillery Corps, Fort Moultrie; the 1st Band, Coast Artillery Corps; detachments from the Medical, Quartermaster, and Ordnance Corps; and a headquarters detachment. On June 1, 1917, the 5th (Gun) Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Fort Moultrie, was constituted at the post. On July 26, the 2d (Mine) Company was transferred to Fort Adams, Rhode Island.

On August 9, 1917, the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th Companies, South Carolina Coast Artillery, arrived at the post. On August 31, the units at Fort Moultrie were redesignated:

1st Company, Fort Moultrie	1st Company (Mine), Charleston
5th Company, Fort Moultrie	2d Company (Gun), Charleston
3d Company, Fort Moultrie	3d Company (Gun), Charleston
4th Company, Fort Moultrie	4th Company (Gun), Charleston
1st Company, C.A.C., U.S.N.G.	6th Company (Gun), Charleston
2d Company, C.A.C., U.S.N.G.	7th Company (Mortar), Charleston
3d Company, C.A.C., U.S.N.G.	8th Company (Gun), Charleston

4th Company, C.A.C., U.S.N.G 9th Company (Mine), Charleston
5th Company, C.A.C., U.S.N.G 10th Company (Gun), Charleston .

On December 6, 1917, Headquarters Company and Batteries A and B, 61st Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps (8-inch howitzer), were organized at Fort Moultrie. On April 18, 1918, there was organized at the post, Headquarters Company, Charleston, Coast Artillery Corps. On the same date, the 5th Company (Gun), C.A.C., Charleston, was organized. The next day, April 19, the 11th and 12th Companies (Gun), C.A.C., Charleston, were organized.

On June 15, 1918, Batteries A and B, 61st Artillery, left the post in accordance with confidential orders. Meanwhile, Headquarters Company, Battery B, and Supply Company, 75th Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps, had been organized at Fort Moultrie. On June 21, 1918, the 10th 11th, and 12th Companies, C.A.C., Charleston, were disbanded, the enlisted personnel being transferred to the 75th Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps.

On September 23, 1918, Headquarters, 75th Artillery, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 75th Artillery, and Battery B, 75th Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps, departed Fort Moultrie. On September 25, the 8th, 9th, and 10th Companies, C.A.C., Charleston, were disbanded and the enlisted personnel transferred to Headquarters Company and Battery A, 36th Artillery, being organized on post in accordance with General Order 79.

On October 12, 1918, the 8th Trench Mortar Battalion, composed of Headquarters and Supply Company, and Batteries A, B, C, and D, was organized at Fort Moultrie. On October 3, Headquarters Company and Battery A, 36th Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps, left the post.

On December 3, 1918, the 6th and 7th Companies, C.A.C., Charleston, were disbanded. Before the end of the month, Headquarters and Supply Company, and Batteries A, B, C, and D, 8th Trench Mortar Battalion, were disbanded.

The 5th Company, C.A.C., Charleston, was disbanded on August 31, 1919.

At the end of 1919, as it had been throughout most of the year, Fort Moultrie was garrisoned by field and staff, C.A.C., 1st Band, C.A.C.; and the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Companies, Coast Artillery Corps, Charleston.

On March 13, 1920, for "simplification and administration" the 2d, 3d, and 4th Companies, C.A.C., Charleston were "concentrated under the 1st Company Commander." On May 20, 1920, the personnel of these three companies were transferred to the 1st Company. The 2d Company, C.A.C., Charleston, was reconstituted on November 20, 1920.

On June 30, 1921, as part of the demobilization scheme, the 1st Band, Coast Artillery Corps, was disbanded. Three and one-half months later on September 14, the 1st 2d, and 3d Companies, Coast Artillery Corps, Defenses of Charleston, were placed on

inactive status and the men either discharged or transferred. Fort Moultrie was placed in charge of a caretaker detachment.

On June 1, 1922, the 1st Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Defenses of Charleston, was reactivated and redesignated the 170th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, while the 2d and 3d Companies (inactive) were redesignated the 145th and 180th Companies, (inactive) Coast Artillery Corps.

The 2d Battalion, 8th U. S. Infantry, reached Fort Moultrie on May 28, 1922, and was joined on post on February 8, 1923, by the 3d Battalion, 8th U. S. Infantry. On February 27, 1924, the 170th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, was redesignated Battery D, 13th Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps.

On August 31, 1929, as it had been for five years, Fort Moultrie was garrisoned by the 2d and 3d Battalions, 8th U. S. Infantry; Battery D, 13th Coast Artillery Regiment; a chaplain, detachments from the Quartermaster, Medical, Dental, and Ordnance Corps; and the Finance Department.

The post on July 31, 1931, was garrisoned by the 8th U. S. Infantry, less the 1st Battalion. The 3d Battalion was currently on the inactive list. Other units on post were Battery D, 13th Coast Artillery Regiment; detachments quartermaster, Medical, Dental, and Ordnance Corps; Finance Department; Recruit Depot Detachment; and a post chaplain.

In November 1933, the signal unit was redesignated detachment, 5th Signal Service Company; and in February 1936 the Ordnance detachment became the Detachment, 4th Ordnance Service Company.

From 1937 to December 31, 1939, Fort Moultrie was garrisoned by the 8th U. S. Infantry (less the 1st and 3d Battalions); Battery D, 13th Coast Artillery Regiment; Detachment, 4th Ordnance Service Company; Detachments Quartermaster and Medical Corps; and detachment Financial Department.