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Expeditionary Army  
Head-Quarters ~~Ninth Army Corps~~  
Near Jackson, Miss July 12<sup>th</sup> 1863

Major General J.G. Parke  
Comd'g. 9<sup>th</sup> Army Corps

General –

The following despatches have just been rec'd, and are published for the information of this Army:

H'd. Qrs. Vicksburg, July 8. 1863.

General M<sup>c</sup>Arthur  
Black River

Port Hudson is ours, sure thing this time.  
(signed) J.A. Rawlins, a.a.g.

H'd. Qrs. July 11. 1863

General M<sup>c</sup>Arthur  
Big Black

Despatches are just rec'd from Genl. Banks – Port Hudson  
Hudson surrendered on the 8<sup>th</sup> – number of Prisoners taken – about 5,000.  
(signed) U.S. Grant, Ma. Genl.  
Big Black, 9 P.M. July 11. 1863

General

I enclose you a despatch, just rec'd, in addition to which, I was informed, while in Vicksburg to day,

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that the following despatch was sent by Halleck to Schofield.

“Our Army under Mead, after three (3) days hand fighting defeated Lee, whose Army was in full retreat, and being properly pursued.”

We have painful rumors from you, that you were defeated with the loss of three Brigades, taken prisoners.

Please send by the bearer the news – (we dont [don't] believe it, however) – my division still occupies the same position.



The paroled prisoners from Vicksburg had been passing the point all day.  
Anxious to hear from you –  
Truly yours  
(signed) J. M<sup>c</sup>Arthur, Brig. Genl.

To

Maj. Genl. Sherman  
Comd'g Exped't forces

The foregoing is all the news that Genl. Sherman is possessed of  
By order of Maj. Genl. W.T. Sherman  
(sgd) R.M. Sawyer  
Asst. Adj. Genl.

P.S.

Since writing the above, the following despatch is received:

H'd. Qrs. Vicksburg, July 11. 1863.

Maj. Genl. W.T. Sherman

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General Grant sends you the following Extract dated:

St. Louis, Midnight, July 6<sup>th</sup> 1863,

To Maj. Genl. J.M. Schofield, Comd'g. Dept. of Mo.

The three days Battle of Maj. Genl. Mead at Gettysburg, Penn. have resulted in a complete and unequivocal victory – The defeated Rebel forces under Lee are in full retreat, - and will be properly pursued. – The details of these battles have not been rec'd, but enough is known to justify the announcement of a complete and decided victory by the Army of the Potomac, under General Mead.

(signed) H.W. Halleck  
Genl. in Chief.

Official:

(sgd) R.M. Sawyer  
Asst. Adj. Genl.

[Different handwriting]  
Gen Welsh

The foregoing despatch has just been rec'd. – I forward it with great pleasure.

John G. Parke  
Maj. Genl.



[Transcribed by JDM, January 2021]

**Scope and Content Note:**

*Handwritten dispatches from General John Parke to General Welsh on letterhead of Headquarters, Ninth Army Corps; Ninth Army Corps crossed out and Expeditionary Army written in. Near Jackson, Mississippi. Dispatches announce fall of Port Hudson and the victory of Union forces at Gettysburg. Dispatches are from Major General John Parke, signed by R. M. Sawyer, Assistant Adjutant General.*

