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Capture of 60 men of the 23rd S.C. Regt.

Dec. 1862

Kinston N.C.

Dec. 13th or 14th 1862.

I well remember the taking of these men. The 23rd Mass. was halted near one side of a large field close by a wall that ran down the slope at right angles to another wall which made on e side of the field. Near the intersection of the 2 walls was an opening between the two fields, the bars being down. Through this opening came a large body of men, the foremost one waving a handkerchief or a piece of white cloth.

Major Chambers of our regiment made a dash for the Squad, and a Captain of a battery followed closely. The Major came out ahead, receiving the

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surrender of the men the 23rd Mass getting the credit of their capture.

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