

Bleecker. Each of the battalions embraced three companies; those in Major Robert Swartwout's were respectively commanded by Captain Horne and Captain Bloodgood of the first regiment, and Captain Hodgson of the third.

"By general orders, dated June 18th, the detached militia of the state of New York were formed in two divisions and eight brigades. Each brigade was composed of from two to three regiments.

"The second division covered the territory on the east side of the Hudson River, and included the counties of Orange, Rockland, and Ulster [on the west side]. This division was composed of the first, second, third, and eighth brigades of the detached militia. The other part of the state was covered by the first division."

On the twentieth of June, Major Robert Swartwout and Major John Bleecker, with a force of one hundred artillerymen detached from the first brigade, occupied the North Battery (the red fort), off Hubert Street, on an order to do duty there for thirty days.

In compliance with the requisition of the secretary of war of the United States, Governor Tompkins issued the following general order:

"State of New York. Headquarters, New York City, June 27, 1812.

"The commander-in-chief is required by the President to order into service, upon the requisition of General Bloomfield, for the defence of the southern portion of this state, a part of the detachment of 13,500 men.

"Major-General Stevens will, therefore, by division orders, require Brigadier General Jacob Morton to order out, upon the requisition aforesaid, such part of the detachment from his brigade of artillery as may not already have been called upon for that purpose, and, in case of invasion of any part of the southern district of this state, he will by virtue of this order consider himself fully authorized to call out immediately the whole of the said brigade for the purpose of repelling such invasion.

"General Stevens is also required to devise and announce beforehand a plan for assembling the artillery detachment, and also the whole brigade, most expeditiously upon a sudden emergency, to fix the respective places of rendezvous for the detachments and their line of march to their respective places of destination, so as not to retard each other. Much reliance is placed by the commander-in-chief in the intelligence, experience, and patriotism of Major-General Stevens, and upon his devotedness to render important services to his country in the present trying crisis. His Excellency confidently hopes that the general will exert his talents, his influence, and his official authority to produce a vigorous prosecution of the war, as the most certain means of ensuring a speedy, honorable and prosperous consummation of it, and a consequent happy and durable peace.

"WM. PAULDING, jr., adjt-gen."