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SEPTEMBER 27-28, 1862.--Skirmishes at Augusta (27th) and Brookville (28th), Ky.
No. 2.--Report of Capt. A.D. Wilson, master of gunboat Allen Collyer, of skirmish at
Augusta.

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GUNBOAT ALLEN COLLYER,
Off Foster, September 27, 1862--p. m.

DEAR SIR: I went up to Augusta to get some ammunition from the <page 1014> *Belfast*. Was there at 12 m. While there the *Florence Miller* passed down. Colonel Bradford sent a note requesting me to stay, as he expected an attack before night. About an hour after the *Florence Miller* came back, blowing her whistle. I then started down the river, and when I met her I understood them to say that the rebels were crossing the river at Chilo. I hurried down and found that it was a party of scouts that went out from Augusta yesterday and were returning. I hurried back as soon as possible, and found that the rebels had attacked Augusta with artillery, compelling Colonel Bradford to surrender, burning the town, the *Belfast* and *Florence Miller* going up the river.

Had it not have been for the blowing of the *Miller's* whistle and the misunderstanding of information I would have been there and assisted the *Belfast*. I have returned to watch the part of the river assigned to me.

Yours, truly,
A.D. WILSON, *Master*

Capt. JOHN A. DUBLE.

I understand that the rebels are 1,000 strong, with three pieces of artillery.

The *Belfast* and *Miller* are above Augusta, and I do not think can run by the guns planted on the hill back of town. I went within one mile of town, and did not think I could do any good attacking them, as Colonel Bradford and men were prisoners.

A.D. WILSON