

3rd Palmetto Battalion, Company F, aka the Chesnut Light Artillery

Company F was organized in 1862 in Summerville and was also known as the Chesnut Light Artillery. They took part in the capture of the USS Isaac Smith in January 1863. The Union vessel was caught in a cross fire by hidden shore batteries. It was the only instance during the war where a navy ship surrendered to field artillery. The company served primarily in South Carolina. Among its members were at least 12 free men of color.