



Other than Dr. James Mann's account of the situation on Crab Island, only one other piece has become known detailing the situation on Crab Island immediately following the battle. Printed in the Plattsburgh Republican of September 22, 1877 it records the recollections of Simeon Doty of Chazy.

"...Mr. Doty was a member of Captain Hazen's company on Grand Isle and was on that island the day the battle was fought, the troops there being unable to get across to help their comrades. He crossed the next day (Monday, Sept. 12), however, with Capt. Hazen and others in a small boat, and went on board several of the vessels which had been in the battle; and among others the one which Commodore Downie was killed [Confiance], and whose body he saw wrapped up below. He also saw Commodore Macdonough pacing the deck of his own vessel with his colored servant near him and afterwards went ashore on Crab Island where the dead were being taken by jolly boats and buried, the wounded being already there.

The boats landed on the north end of the island next to Cumberland Head and the hospital tents were located just south of the landing in the bushes. These tents were built of boards and canvass and were ranged from east to west. A sentry who wore a red coat and who, Mr. Doty thinks, was a British prisoner, was pacing up and down between the tents and keeping guard. He saw many of the bodies were terribly mutilated as they were brought ashore- in some cases only dismembered limbs and other portions having been found, and he recollects well of seeing human entrails and other parts which, as he supposes, had been thrown overboard from