

soldiers strongly reinforced them. Lieutenant Connelly, who had been wounded, was conveyed to a ship in the bay.

The sailors, on landing and forming for action, directed an enflading fire on the trench guarding the passage of the Zapote River. General Lawton hurried forward a battalion of the Ninth Infantry to the assistance of the soldiers and sailors in their fight. The Monadnock, Helena, Manila, Albay and Callao began shelling the beach, and these combined forces of army and navy soon drove the insurgents back into the jungle.

About 2 o'clock in the afternoon an advance of the left of General Lawton's forces were ordered. The Twelfth and Fourteenth Infantry, with the mountain battery, attacked the insurgents that were entrenched beyond the river. The enemy fought with courage and intelligence, holding their fire until the Americans had come within close range and then pouring forth terrific volleys. The Americans advanced, as usual, by short rushes, doing splendid work, and never faltering in the face of the withering fire. The insurgents held to their trenches with desperation and were only driven out at last almost at the muzzles of the American guns.

#### The Dead Lie in the Trenches.

After the assault twenty dead insurgents were found in these trenches and seven wounded Filipinos were captured. Doubtless there were many more killed and wounded in these trenches, as counting was interrupted by the insurgents renewing the fight from a new position further on. Once more the battery was hurried forward, and the Ninth Infantry and part of the Twenty-first Infantry advanced with a cheer, meeting a heavy fire from the insurgents posted in the thick woods to the left, to where they had retreated when driven from the trenches. Some shots came also from the woods on the right, through which the right wing of the American forces had made its way an hour before. This last engagement was short but fierce, the insurgents being quickly silenced by the determined attack of the Americans.

By this desperate battle the insurgents lost a district which they superstitiously believed to be invulnerable against any attack of their enemies, it having been the scene of many former victories against the Spaniards. The American forces engaged were all regulars of the Ninth, Twelfth, Fourteenth and Twenty-first Infantry, and all of them showed magnificent valor. The sailors who were landed undoubtedly saved the detachment on the beach from destruction or capture, and the hearty co-operation shown by these, and by the men at the guns on the warships, caused the soldiers to feel the warmest gratitude and affection for the men of the navy.