

* which we had some only every two
hours during the night -

such men, had I to depend, the hour at last
came we spiked the guns, after discharging them all
destroyed the Ammunition, Side Arms &c. called
in my parties & moved off, was joined by the detach-
ments of Saw Fus. & 1stth who with the ^{Capt. Newton} Artillery, led
followed by the Detach^{ment} of 87th 53. who brought up the
rear. It is not my power to give the most distant idea of
the misery we experienced during this march, of eleven miles
without a single halt excepting momentary ones to see that
everything had been destroyed in the different Batt^{les} & in the
Park of Art^{illery}. not a drop of any sort of liquid had any
one man, the consequence of which was, that as we moved
along the Beach, the only means we had of moistening
our parched mouths, was by stooping for a mouthfull
of the salt water. What a scene did the beach exhibit
Banks of Beach, Rocks, Shells, immensable, strewed the whole
extent of it for upwards of ~~10~~ miles and these interspersed
with the remains of boats dashed to pieces by the surf.
every moment men crying out, they could dig but once, &
that they could get no farther they had strength, I was
fortunate enough in having two strong able seamen ^{by} who's sup-
port I managed to get on, and at last at half past four
reached the Army, lying upon their arms on that part of the
beach, upon which had landed the days before with every one
different countenances & expectations a Dead Work was thrown
up on the right of 87th into which that Regt. was to throw itself
in the event of an attack. I threw myself down on the beach