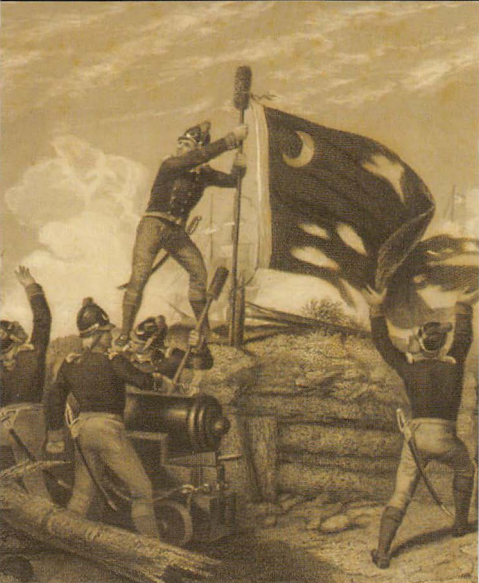


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# William Jasper

On June 28, 1776, Sgt. William Jasper saved his regiment's flag during the Battle of Sullivan's Island. As a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> South Carolina regiment, he was defending the patriots' incomplete palmetto log fort against British warships, when a shot broke the fort's flagpole.

He retrieved the flag, attached it to a sponge staff, climbed onto the parapet, and re-mounted the flag while facing down enemy fire.

Sgt. Jasper won acclaim for his brave deed. He was mortally wounded during the Second Battle of Savannah in 1779, during another rescue of the regimental flag.