

## QUESTION SHEET FOR ROBERT GOULD SHAW AND THE 54<sup>TH</sup> MASSACHUSETTS

1. How does Shaw describe his quarters and St. Simons Island, where he and his men are stationed?
2. Shaw notes that he leaves with Colonel Montgomery for Darien, Georgia. According to Shaw's letter, what does Montgomery do on the way toward Darien? How does Shaw describe Darien when they arrive?
3. Upon finding out the town was deserted, what did Montgomery do with furniture and moveable property? In your view, why did he do this?
4. After the town was "pretty thoroughly disemboweled", what did Montgomery order? How did Shaw respond to the order? Why did Shaw feel this way about this order?
5. How does Montgomery justify his actions at Darien to Shaw?
6. How does Shaw reply to Annie about Montgomery's statement?
7. Shaw asks Annie, "Remember, not to breathe a word of what I have written about this raid, to anyone out of our two families, for I have not made up my mind what I ought to do." What concerns does Shaw have regarding his actions, or possible reactions, to the raid?
8. Farther into the letter, Shaw weighs his options regarding how to deal with this incident. What does he see as his options?
9. Based on Shaw's letter, there's no indication about what choice he made regarding dealing with the incident. If you were a friend of Shaw's, and he asked your advice in this situation, what would you recommend he do? Why?