

Summer, 1865

This memorandum was written in Washington D.C. What a change has come over the spirit of our drums? We 4 of us are sitting in a car on the Richmond and Danville R.R. Capt Peter Marsh, Capt William M. Wilson, Lieutenant R.W. Anderson and Myself. We are waiting for this train to start. Report says it has been waiting since yesterday, steam up all the while. One year ago on the _____ we were in the same place with a guardian named J. Kemp(?) Stubb(?). Each Hog Car was full of passengers, ours bound for Danville. Lee and Grant were at close quarters. Today, one year ago, the great fight at Spottsylvania took place.

We ran slowly passed Amelia C.H., nothing save a RR station, a few houses, among them the little C.H. Came on to Jeters V. a little past we came to a row of Breastworks thrown up by Sheridan -- We, Dead Mules, Dead Horses, Dead Beavers were stretched along the R.R. toward evening, we came to Burs__sville Jnc. Got something to eat here. Crackers, cheese, chicken with some commissary cigars. The rest of the gentlemen playing cards and drank commissary _____. Part of the 1st Div is here. We had a tall time. I had a conversation with Brig Gen Walker C.S.A. He talks of going to Louden...

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May 17

Awaken early. Got ready. Coffee and crackers _____ over breakfast. Co's fell in line. Col. Cornyer(?) in command. Went to Danville Drums beating fifes playing. I took my place in this company. Came in. Stopped _____ areas. Saw Flick Snodgrass _____ Confederates. Saw some of the Southern leaders one was smoking a cigar on the platform. _____. Took a place with Colna "Ben" of 100 O.V.S; making fun 9 o'clock our train started. Farewell Danville.

The land _____ thrus considerable corn growing. The hills are very soon washed into gullies. The valley we've just passed makes picture images with the creek running through that we are lying on its banks now -- above here and about a mile on our right we passed a mill pond. The Henry just steams along the R.R. The creek runs into the river here. Our boys got on at the station 12 M.

Stopped 23 miles from Danville. _____ 6 hrs _____. Got off 8 _____ to the _____. Reg got behind. Running slowly down _____ at E. Both the other trains in sight as we go to _____
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When Birsians(?) wood _____ come to _____. Just arrive at _____ 31 County. Rural and poor. Right here is a large wooden bridge crossing the River _____ River RR bridge. The sight is great this 122 going home on Reb card(?) with their arms, 8 Rebs watching us as we pass through their county, before we passed the bridge and below in the corn fields two lusty fat _____ Fats _____ with great hoes cleaning corn.

30 miles to Danville brought us to Stanton River a beautiful valley _____ and I stood up as we cross through three bridges. There the 1st the Bridge over the Stanton _____ covered. At 3-

8 we came past Negroes cropping corn and white man furrowing rut - Now we are 5-9 from Danville, a station hilly. Ran _____ well _____ woodpile _____ here -- also on left Boards up and down Key Station rather a non-_____ place a few unfinished buildings a church while a cross field(?) to left in edge of woods 1/4 mile away A fine _____ house out buildings _____ do _____ the _____ to the right _____. Arrived at Burkesville is 3 Mi from Kichmore. Saw our young lady. She and her passe companion were sitting on some _____ --She looked modest and as simple _____ as ever. The Henry _____ were here in force-- Soldiers trying to get Relics, old sabres, knives, etc. Got some cakes cigars and commissary gun. _____ from here got on the 7 Rail we passed finely Our train arrived at Richmond after _____ nigh.

We are train 18. Arrived at Richmond before. After _____ last night We got off for awhile before day and made a bed upon the bank above the Rich. on the right. We _____ early for hours camping ground in the woods--put up our tent poles and after Dinner went to the River. Swam Robt O Mally like it _____.

May 24

All _____ in camp _____ all things in order; another frugal meal of coffee and crackers; fill in 8; moved off B Division was in front. March to Richmond through the streets of Manchester--we proceeded port of the _____ receiving us--Gen _____ staff passed us here--he was received with cheers--proceeded over through _____ 18 to Braid; we are now lying on the side walk we are closer in _____ guns slack grand and _____. After _____ awhile we ran _____ past Maj. Gen Hullett at Co. Distanca.

The day was warm. We marched first passed some _____ workers once out of and near Richmond. My feet were very sore. At night we camped near Hanover 25 or 26 _____. Encamped in _____ the RR west of us--the cars passed

May 25

With difficulty I march and my heels pain me so Crossed a river on pontoon said to be the _____ Warm sun stroke. Dr Huston sent me to the rear rode 5 - 6 mile in the ambulance Encamped in pine woods below woods made our tent in order Hardtack and coffee Just past Chesterfield Sta.

May 26

R arrived last night Slept very well in middle Stanton came rainy _____ crossed fields through woods swamps past mansion came to a dam waded thro wades in wetting us to our knees then came to creeks ponds ditches thro those we waded the troops cheering when they came -- About 8P.M. we stopped in a _____ or fields -- carried pails, pitched tent Citizen who had lost his cattle told me 24 hr to Fredericksburg was out cutting pine march a good _____ ate our hardtack and beef Rainny

May 27

Rainy lying over cold The ground very wet There is evidence that transportation came to Richmond for the 6th A,C.

May 28 Sun.

Still lying over Took Co out on inspection Geo. took it out on dress parade -- Read my Herald

May 29 Mon

Started early Our Brig Col Rev ___ after Seymours -- Our follows Rept _____-up cut my left show got very tired arrived at Fredericksburg at 1 1/2 P.M. Encampment below town Captain Dr. Huston Lem Gondner(?) W.S. Robertson le Church and I went up to town -- Cavalry out we viewed the devastation by Burnside's shells the place looks delapidated The calvary after us

May 30

Started early from our camp went past the heights after passing them we went thro town to the Pontoon _ound up the hill and came to the ground with timber cut off marching steady -- flanked some rested after my feet and legs nearly gave out when we came to the top of the hill where I nearly gave out rested about 1 stopped for Drumm _____-nigger did not get to us so we ate _____ and slept marches on until 4 and camped in pines to left near creek about 18 mi. hot headache this afternoon took bath

May 31

Aroused early on the road a dawn 5 o'clock marched thro oak woods scarcity of water marched hard _____ feet sore company stopped at noon made it by hard work and pain not hilly woods thick many fell out some died of sun stroke _____ sharp shooter Kello Cavalry our dark slow coming up leapt & _____ cooked dinner

June 1

Started at 5 2 Brigades 3 Divisions _____ point There 1st Div The road good -- George & I got behind in shortly(?) - took my shoes off went 5 or 6 miles _____ our way led thro thick woods hot came to the Ocogan after crossing halted near the _____ Works on the left of the road could see the corps winding down the hill on the opposite side -- 5 or 6 miles brought us to Fairfax Station _____ thro after dinner -- came out to Fairfax C H about 1 June 1, 1865