



The Emotions of the Civil War Handout #1

Life on the Battlefield



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Our division of the army was pretty quiet on Saturday and Sunday, but a pretty hard battle occurred Sunday evening... We crossed the battle field [deleted: on] this morning! There were many dead and for miles the country [deleted: wa] is strewn with knapsacks blankets over-coats and various other articles. Squads of prisoners have been coming in all day and probably five or six hundred have been captured. The enemy have

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crossed a stream fourteen miles below Richmond and blown up the bridge, and heavy cannonading has been going on this evening across the stream. We havn't seen our wagons for five days and have lived principally on hard bread and havn't been particular about clean sheets or the abundance of our covering.

Source: Valley of the Shadows



Life in Camp



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Source: National Park Service

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"We got [*illeg.*] Friday evening and picked out a place to pitch our tent and built a big fire and sat down by it and rested until 9 [*illeg.*] the wagon to come up which our tents were in it did not come on time, we slept under a tree the first night."

"started at daylight and marched to within three miles of Luray where we turned off the main road towards the mountain and camped making in all about seventy five miles traveled this week. The men are now all out washing thier clothes it being the first oportunity for six weeks"

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