

# Struggles of the Confederacy

The excellent sketch which follows was taken from the Edinburgh, Scotland, Review, and has been in the possession of Col. Armand L. De Rosset, of Wilmington, for 42 years. The author was an aide on the staff of General Lee, and being an Englishman returned to his home soon after the surrender. He afterward became a member of Parliament and labor editor of The London Times. Through the courtesy of Colonel De Rosset The Observer is privileged to reproduce it:

It is said by Coleridge that no man throws a stone on the surface of human affairs even succeeded in simultaneously gaining distinction and affection. The author of the above sketch, an Englishman, returned to his home soon after the surrender. He afterward became a member of Parliament and labor editor of The London Times. Through the courtesy of Colonel De Rosset The Observer is privileged to reproduce it:

Under these circumstances, Lee called upon Longstreet for men. But at dawn upon the 2d of April, before Longstreet had had time to obey Lee's orders, Grant descended from his wooden tower of observation of the weakness of the Confederacy. Lee was immediately thrown a very heavy column consisting, I believe, chiefly of Gibbon's corps, upon the weakest spot. The Federals carried with very slight loss the outer line, thinly held by Healy's Division of Confederates, and bulged inward until they struck two of the detached forts, whereof a string or system ran behind the whole length of the Confederate outer works. These two detached fortresses were possessed of something of an oblique nature, that is to say, a mixture of masculine and feminine qualities. Without claiming for General Lee in the highest sense of the title "great," it is impossible to deny that more important to save his guns than to try and help Fort Gregg. Receiving no assistance from his twin-brother, Fort Gregg, manned by Harris's Mississippi Brigade, numbering 250 undaunted men, breasted intrepidly the tide of his multitudinous assaults. Three times, Gibbon's Corps surged up and around the work—three times, with dreadful carnage, they were driven back. I am told that he was subsequently admitted by Gen. Gibbon, that in carrying Fort Gregg he lost from five to six hundred men in other words, each Mississippi inside the works, struck down at least two assaults. When at last the work was carried there remained out of its 250 defenders, but 30 survivors. In those nine memorable days there was no splendor more glorious to the Confederate arm than the heroic self-immolation of the Mississippians in Fort Gregg to gain time for their comrades.

Fort Gregg fell about seven o'clock on the morning of the 2d. After a delay of two or three hours, the Federals moved on to the destruction of Petersburg, taking the Confederate lines enveres. At this moment Longstreet, accompanied by Benning's Brigade of Field's Division, about 170 bayonets strong, met the retreating force and checked it long enough to enable fresh troops to hurry up in his rear, and to form a fresh line in front of Petersburg. Simultaneously in an attempt of Healy's Division to re-establish their position at Hill's, Lee commanded the Corps to which Healy's Division belonged) lost a life without nearly four years he had unflinchingly exposed in nearly a hundred of his country's battles. About the same moment Lee dispatched the memorable telegram which surprised Davis in church, and announced that the last day of that heroic resistance which had made Richmond the most notable of beleaguered cities had at length arrived. The delay purchased by Lee's brilliant defense of Fort Gregg, and by Longstreet's bold handling of Benning's Brigade, saved Petersburg until the tobacco and cotton stored in that city could be burned, and until leisurely preparation for his evacuation could be made.

It is remarkable that no further onslaught was made by the Federals throughout the day, or during the evening, although the flames springing up in many parts of the town must have told their own tale. At night, on the 2d all the Confederate troops which remained under the command of General Ewell, to the north of James river, fell back from their lines, and passed through the bewildered streets of Richmond, traversing before dawn the bridge over the James river, which was soon to be given to the flames. About eight on the night of the same 2d, the Confederate troops also commenced leaving Petersburg, their retreat being covered by Field's Division under Longstreet. Pursuit there was not made. It is probable that already Grant was bending all his energies to get round and cut off Lee's retreat. The Petersburg section of the Confederate troops, full of vigor and elan, crossed to the north bank of the river, and after a few moments on pontoon bridge, and made sixteen miles during their first night of retreat. It would be difficult to conceive anything brighter or more hopeful than the morning of the 3d. "I have got my army safe out of its breastworks," he said, "and in order to follow me, my enemy must abandon his lines, and can derive no further benefit from his railroads from the James river. There can be little doubt that Lee's design was to recruit his army with rations which he hoped to find in abundance at Amelia Court House, and to fall in detail upon the Federals who breaking up into bodies of one or two army corps, were scattering all over the country, thus scattering a view to a vigorous pursuit. Two days' rations at Amelia Court House for 40,000 men would possibly have made a great difference in the immediate, though, as I believe, none in the ultimate history of the Confederacy of North America.

There is little satisfaction in dwelling in detail upon the five subsequent days, for which a parallel must be sought on the banks of the Berona, or in other similar instances of military anguish. It is hardly necessary to state that at Amelia Court House Lee found not a ration. I shall not pause now to distribute blame, or to investigate who was at fault. All that I have to state is that the fault was not Lee's whose orders on this subject for a fortnight past had been urgent country through which he was passing. It became necessary for Lee to break nearly half his army up into marching parties to get food. The Federals were striking woods and pine barrens, with occasional little patches of clearings. The foraging parties had to go so far a-field in quest of food that they were taken prisoners by wholesale. In the face of such suffering, the legions behind it cannot be wondered at if some of the poor fellows courted capture.

Those foragers who returned to Lee brought little or nothing with them. The sufferings of the men from the lack of hunger, had not been approached in the military annals of the past fifty years. But the suffering of the mules and horses must have been even keener; for the men assaged their cravings by plucking the buds and twigs of trees just shooting in the early spring, whereas the grass had not yet started from its winter sleep, and food for the unhappy quadrupeds there was none. As early as the morning of the 4th Lee sent off half his army, leaving the railroads to believe the famished horses. The artillery making slow progress, thanks to the exhaustion of the horses, was captured by the Federals on the 8th, but not until General Lindsay Walker had buried many of his guns, which were of course, subsequently exchanged (seventy of them at one haul) by the Confederates.

slipped out of their hasty breastworks which they had thrown up and held during the previous day, and fell back until 10 or 12 o'clock the next morning. Then they halted, and immediately threw up earth works for their protection. It was not long before the voices were again on their heels, and from their earth-works the Confederates exchanged a heavy fire with their pursuers throughout the day. Delayed with the necessity of guarding the ammunition train, from thirty-five to forty miles in length, enfeebled by hunger and sleeplessness, the retreating army was only able to make ten miles each night. The delay enabled the active Sheridan's division, with its cavalry, to destroy the depots of provisions along the railroad between Burkeville and Danville. Upon the 6th many of the mules and horses ceased to struggle. It became necessary to burn hundreds of wagons. The cavalry enemy's cavalry dashed in, and struck the interminable ammunition train here and there, capturing and burning dozens upon dozens of wagons. Toward evening of the 5th, and all day on the 6th, hundreds of men dropped from exhaustion, and thousands fell their muskets from inability to carry them any farther.

The scenes of the 6th, 7th and 8th, were of a nature which can be apprehended in its vivid reality only by men who are thoroughly familiar with other parts of the campaign. Behold, and on either flank, an ubiquitous, and increasingly adventurous enemy—every mud hole and every rye in the road choked with blazing wagons—the air filled with the deafening, unparallelled suffering and never hitherto found wanting should have qualified in presence of starvation, fatigue, sleeplessness, misery—uninterrupted for five or six days and culminating in hopelessness.

Yet there were not wanting occasional bright spots, and some of the old pride of former members, and reminded men that this hunted, famished crowd was still the same army that had won two Bull Runs, which had twice (in pursuit of Lee) frequently exhibited the enemy's soil, and had written Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and a dozen other glorious names upon its banners. On the 6th a large body of Federal cavalry, having got ahead of Lee's army, and having captured the Confederates by some Confederate horsemen under General Rosser, who drove them off, capturing 680 prisoners. On the 7th, a heavy attack was made upon Mahone's Division, and the prowess of this active Confederate general, frequently exhibited during the last twelve months of the war, was maintained to the end, inasmuch as a Federal brigade, getting entangled in a ravine, was surrounded by Mahone's men, and literally disappeared. On the morning of the 7th, General Gregg with six thousand Federal cavalry, made a desperate attempt to capture all the wagon trains. He was gallantly met by two thousand horsemen under Fitzhugh Lee, and defeated. General Gregg himself was captured.

Throughout these gloomy days, as an offset to the countless Confederates captured while foraging by the Federals, numerous Federal prisoners were taken by the Confederates, and became participants of a hunger and suffering of which they had no previous conception. I may as well mention now that as the surrender became more inevitable, Generals Fitzhugh Lee and Rosser, with about 2,000 Confederate cavalry, tacitly determined to be included in the march started off toward Lynchburg. On their road they fell in with a Federal supply train, and burned 360 wagons—the scanty and partial rations which after the surrender, were issued on the night of the 10th, and the 11th, and the 12th, and the 13th, and the 14th, and the 15th, and the 16th, and the 17th, and the 18th, and the 19th, and the 20th, and the 21st, and the 22nd, and the 23rd, and the 24th, and the 25th, and the 26th, and the 27th, and the 28th, and the 29th, and the 30th, and the 31st, and the 1st, and the 2nd, and the 3rd, and the 4th, and the 5th, and the 6th, and the 7th, and the 8th, and the 9th, and the 10th, and the 11th, and the 12th, and the 13th, and the 14th, and the 15th, and the 16th, and the 17th, and the 18th, and the 19th, and the 20th, and the 21st, and the 22nd, and the 23rd, and the 24th, and the 25th, and the 26th, and the 27th, and the 28th, and the 29th, and the 30th, and the 31st, and the 1st, and the 2nd, and the 3rd, and the 4th, and the 5th, and the 6th, and the 7th, and the 8th, and 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