

and hidden from the sight of boats
passing (the night we
stood on shore cannon were occasion-
ally heard). Water level was under
water. In going down we could
see the river for 20 miles below
such was the bend; it lay only
one mile across. By 1 1/4 o'clock
reached Brown Landing & an
haver started for Fayette distant
15 miles. He had one six mule
team & many had to walk. I rode
4 miles, then got out to walk. I got
myself & others. Stopped at a Mrs.
Scotts to get water. Here there was
a piano & two nice young ladies
we asked for music & being much
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entertained let the wagon pass us
half an hour & we never could
overtake it again until it reached
Fayette. Mrs Scott was a sister
in law of Col Marshall. She
was very kind to us, handy with
milk & cooking to cook some dinner
for us. But we would not suffer
her. Ever since entering Miss we
found the people very hospitable.
Reached Fayette at dark broke
down. At night had company &
the boys serenaded the girls of
the female college, & as it was
very near & I listened to them, did
not get much sleep.
May 30. Woke up so late this
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morning that I could scarcely walk
Got another wagon at Hayette.
The people were very kind to us all
along the road coming out to meet
us with buckets of cold water
& blankets of beautiful flour
as & away their handkerchiefs &
cheering us on to the car of
glory. If we could not fight
when inspired by the smile of bea-
ty, we surely would be cowards.
Camped 5 miles from Union Church
having travelled 26 miles. People here
very kind giving us eggs, butter, milk &
honey & cooking bread & charging nothing.
We left them some flour which is
a rarity there.

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May 31. This morning made the re-
maining 20 miles by 12 o'clock
to Brookhaven on the N. O. & Great
Northern Railroad. 46
miles from Jackson Saw Mr. Rogers
& learned that brother Andrew & Will
had preceded us, having gone to
Natchitoches, thence by cars & boats
to Natchez & from there to this point.
Left Brookhaven at 3 o'clock
P.M. & reached Jackson at 6 1/4 a
distance of 55 miles (dist. from N. O. 183).
Reached Jackson too late for ^{the} cars
& had to remain over until next train
June 1st. Had an unpleasant night
and rose with a painful knee.
Went to church. Episcop. in morning & Pres.

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Hydron at night. Wrote to Betty
from here. The mail train from
Vicksburg was so crowded that
we could not get on it.

Jackson is a small badly built
dirty place. But few good
buildings. Confederate House,
Bowman house & Capitol. The
Capitol is an ^{old} pretty natural gran
but not ornamented.

June 2^d. As we would not
get off until 9 o'clock A.M.
went to the foundry to see the
cannon cast here 2, 4, 6, 8 & 12
pounders. mostly for ^{Gen} Price.

Saw a good many plastered bells
which were to be cast into cannon.

Left Jackson⁴⁷ at 9 o'clock on the
freight train. Passed through ^{Brandon} Norton
Fonat & Newton to Mendon a
distance of 96 miles, reaching it at
6 o'clock. Met with Capt. Evans
& Ashby & went Baljell on their way to
Corinth. They took supper with us.
Laid down on the platform & slept
until 12 o'clock. Expecting the train
got up then but it did not arrive
until 3 o'clock. Made some coffee
& offered it to Mrs Jordan. She
authored of some stirring words
to the tune of "My Maryland".
The train was so crowded
that by the trickery of the con-
ductor we did not get on.

Had to lie here all day & risk
the chance. The train are crowded
with sick soldiers & others.
A great many sick are lying here
in a pitiable condition. Very dirty
lodges & need of attention.
One poor fellow under the influence
of liquor fell off the cars
& had his leg crushed below
the River. Meridian is a very dis-
agreeable place, & smells & dirty.
Slept first night in the depot plat-
form; second in a new ware house.
We eat our own provisions.
Left at 12 o'clock Tuesday night
June 4th. Arrived in Mobile 9 o'clock.
A train a dist. of 130 miles

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Took breakfast & dinner
at Battle House. Wrote to
Betty & father. Left at 2 o'clock
P.M. in a boat for Texas Landing
on Texas River 15 miles. As we
were going out of the River saw
two Confed. gunboats & guns.
& a "ram" also two forts at
on the bay. Took the cars at
5 o'clock for Montgomery, by
way of Pollard & Greenville.
June 5th Reached Montgomery
this morning at sun up.
Breakfasted at Mt. Hall
& took the 8 o'clock train
for Atlanta passing thro' West
Point the mid way point. Dined
at Opelika

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Took supper at Atlanta depot.
from Mt. 174 miles. Changed
Cars at Atlanta. Reached Augu-
sta by 6 o'clock Friday the 6th.
passed thru Branchville & Kingsville
stopped at Elmore in S. C. at Marion
made the acquaintance of Mr John
son who was much taken with
Lucas. Reached Wilmington about
2 o'clock Saturday morning.
Breakfasted at Goldsboro' N. C.
Got to Weldon about noon but the
train to Petersburg was about to
leave & only a few as got on.
I got a seat & gave it to a lady
& had to stand all the way. Was com-
pletely worn out. Could not keep

my eyes open. Slept at Petersburg
to wait for Capt. Rich & others behind.
Got supper & went to bed as I
was completely worn out. Caught
a great cold. Petersburg under martial law
Scene 8th. Was engaged this morning
in reading the Bible when I was called to go
to the depot as we expected to get
off at 9 o'clock but found we
had to wait until 4 1/4 o'clock.
Waited at the depot. Waited very much
to go to church. Left in the after-
noon at 4 o'clock for Richmond. Went
to the Columbian Hotel after depositing
our baggage at the depot. After supper
went to the Exchange & found brother

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