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less the one hundred, who weary of toiling to help on our cause have lain aside their armor, and gone into winter quarters. I felt, (in the language of the Poet,) like saying, poor old horse, let him die. There were no houses to be seen on that once thriving land, but on either side of the road huge chimneys stood a little back on some commanding eminence as sentinals to reach the last death throes of that that "Institution" which was the blight and ruin which is stamped upon every thing around, even on the face of nature. We expected to go right through in the cars, but they told us they would not go till the middle of the night, so we bunked out in the open lot on bales of hay and sack of corn, and oates. When the cars was ready to start, they agreed to inform us, but alas have uncertain are the promises of man, for the grey dawn apeared and we learned the train had gone while we slept; we had our gu--ards out to take charge of our prisenors but they did not know they were going on So we ate our hard-tack and cold meat and started on foot with eager faces

and started on foot with eager faces towards the famouth Rappihannock. We started half past 10 o,clock, and passed over ditches and rives, hedges and ledges, through mud and sand, by dead horses, broken wagons dilapid--ated farms, no orchards, untill we found ourselves on the top of a knowl just as the mid day sun shone on us telling us to halt, and refresh exhausted nature.

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I would here say we was within one mile. Of the last great battle under Gen. Sedgwick where we took these prisenors I wrote to you about last week. As soon as we ate our dinner we passed on through the very battlefield where so many of our brave boys fell. The Rebels had all the advantage of us in position, being on the summit of the hill and fortified at the right & left of the hill with entrenchments and rifle pits between and nearly all round. They poured the canister and grape shot down on our boys killing many and wounding lots, but fear--less they pressed forward up the hill leaped the fortifications on the left and took them by storm, as soon as we got possession of their fortifications they began to skedadle, but some of our sharpshooters had during this time crossed the river above and came down on the other side and when they began to cross the bridge cut them off, some of them went below and flung themselves into

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the river to swim across but our bullets soon taught them, the only safe way for them was to surrender so we bagged the whole of them. I saw where our dead were burried. The Rebels were flung into the rifle pits and covered up and our company passed over their graves, as they are now under the travelled road. The battlefield was close to the river, the rebels had to leave a part of their pontoon bridge in the river.

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