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THE STONEMAN EXPEDITION.

HEAVY CAVALRY CORPS.
KELLY'S FORCE, May 8, 1863.

We have just returned from the famous cavalry expedition, after having spent ten days in the heart of the rebel territory in Virginia.

Organization of the Cavalry Corps. Among the first acts of Gen. Hooker upon assuming command of the Army of the Potomac was to re-organize and consolidate the cavalry branch of the service, forming it into a separate corps and placing in command of it a General of established reputation and ability, with division and brigade commanders, and men whose past services had won for them this distinction, and upon whom he could fully rely. The wisdom of this step has demonstrated itself in the past two weeks. Never in the history of warfare, either in ancient or modern times, was a more brilliant, daring and successful raid made within the lines of an opposing army. It has been accomplished by Gen. Stoneman since the 25th of April.

What has been done. With five thousand cavalry he has made the circuit of the rebel army, thoroughly destroying all the bridges of communication, both upon their railroads and roads, leaving the rebel army cut off from all means of communication between their army and base of supplies, destroying millions of dollars worth of stores, capturing the rebel army, and the loss of only one man killed, one wounded and one taken prisoner.

At the mouth of the Shenandoah River, we were met by a large force of rebel cavalry, who were defeated with the loss of several hundred men and a large quantity of arms and supplies. We then proceeded to the mouth of the Shenandoah River, where we were met by a large force of rebel cavalry, who were defeated with the loss of several hundred men and a large quantity of arms and supplies.

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and seeing nothing of him returned to the march, leaving a portion of companies B and I of the 1st Maine regiment, in all about fifty men, five miles from the Court House, on the Gordonsville road, to watch the movements of the enemy.

Soon after our departure a regiment of Maine boys gallantly charged them, but losing them back some distance; but losing and charging one man killed, one wounded and twenty taken prisoner. William H. Perkins of Company I, was killed, and Melville Cook, of Company B, wounded slightly in the foot. Hooker's force of the boys reached their regiment in safety, without being pursued by the enemy.

Surprise of the Farmers. The country through which we passed, inhabited mostly by wealthy farmers, who had never before had the pleasure of seeing any of the detested Yankee army, and as they were totally ignorant of our presence in that vicinity, their looks of wonder and surprise can be better imagined than described. As many of our horses had given out, and the best of them were in a sorry condition, the Colonel detailed a squad of men to scour the country, and take every horse fit for service, and to leave it in place on one of our provisions they could not get it any further.

Very many valuable horses were obtained in this way, as General Stoneman's example and established the precedent, when he made his raid into Pennsylvania, rather than to fail, but still to seem to be a man's horse, and ride off as much as I thank you for it.

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Colonel Kilpatrick, with the Harris Light and Twelfth Illinois, was to go between Ashland and Richmond, destroying bridges and railroads.

The Bridge Across the South Anna. General Gregg destroyed the bridge across the South Anna, on the road from the Court House to Spotsylvania Court House, on the morning of the 25th. The bridge was a simple wooden structure, and was destroyed by the use of dynamite.

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