

THE SOUTHERN COAST.

Our Correspondent with an Expedition into North Carolina...

I have just returned from a "forenoon's ride," as Artemus would call it...

The expedition was composed of several regiments of infantry and a battery of "Napoleons," under command of Brig. General Heckman...

The troops from this place embarked at daylight on the morning of the 25th, on the transport steamer Convoy, Gen. Hughes...

Our course was down the Neuse River, through Pamlico, Croatan and Albemarle Sounds, and thence up the Chowan River to Wynton...

Our infantry and Belger's Battery were pushed forward to a bridge about 4 miles from Wynton...

Col. Spear's command arrived on Monday and was ferried across. It was rejoined to see in company D of the 11th, quite a number of Chambersburg boys...

It was a gallant charge. They turned the bend in the road when suddenly the roar of a 32-pounder, accompanied by pieces of smaller calibre, broke upon the air...

proceeded that night through a drenching rain and oceans of mud, to Murfreesboro, a beautiful village about 15 miles from Wynton...

There are at this place two large and very handsomely built Female Seminaries. Having had some slight experience about institutions of that kind...

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Weldon is an important point, and has an important railroad bridge. The place is strongly fortified, and this fact is well known to the Union commanders...

It is worthy of note that in every instance when charged upon by our advance guard, the rebel squads ran or surrendered in the most cowardly manner...

thunder, the lightning was vivid and incessant and the rain fell in perfect torrents. It had become dark as midnight, and as we had no infantry, the cavalry powerless on account of the nature of the ground...

It was plain fare—corn bread, biscuits and tea, but was very acceptable to hungry men, who had been in the saddle in a drenching rain for almost twenty-four hours...

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At 8 A. M. we again started and tried another road to Weldon, but found a bridge burned and the road impassable, so we headed for Murfreesboro again...

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swords a flyin' round an' a hollerin' so like de debil, dis chile was near 'bout scared to deff. I jst got stone blind and fell down in de rode...

THE ROLL OF THE YEARS. The years roll on, the years roll on; The shadows now stretch o'er the lawn...

On roll, the years, the swift, still years; And as they pass how feeling sears— And dieeth up the fount of tears!

THE YEARS AND GRANT AT VICKSBURG. The New Orleans Era gives an interesting account of the visit of Gen. Banks and staff to Gen. Grant at Vicksburg...

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Yet again, O brothers! this is not the hour for sorrow. Month after month, until the months became years, we have cried to those who stood upon our walls: "Watchmen, what of the night?" They have answered again and again: "The dawn is breaking, it will soon be day."

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