



*Captain's Report on Spring Encampment, March 28, 2009*

*Gentlemen of the 28<sup>th</sup> Virginia,*

*It is my pleasure to offer this report of the beginning of the Spring Campaign season with comment upon the annual Spring Encampment and Camp of Instruction held at Riverview Plantation upon the James River. I would first like to thank the Proctor family for again so graciously extending to us unparalleled hospitality and generosity in opening their resources and plantation to us that we may prepare for the coming rigors and demands of our struggle. Our hats are off to them and we look forward to working with them again in the future.*

*For those stalwart and dauntless few who overcame the temptation of warm hearth and cozy bed to so manfully brave the elements for the cause our unit and country, I as your Captain offer you my praise and my thanks. 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Sutton, Cpl. Perkinson, Cpl. Compton, Pvt. Hall, Pvt. Deyerle, and two privates of the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia, Russell Chew and Chuck Carter joined me on that soggy field. Bully Boys, Bully !!!! You are an example of soldierly steadfastness and duty to be emulated by your fellows.*

*Friday evening was made the more pleasant by the generous offering of the Proctor's tobacco barn for shelter and warmth. Good conversation and fellowship was had by all under a dry tent fly as the rain came down. However, on Saturday the Good Lord blessed us with dry weather and perfect temperatures to put in a good morning of much needed drill for all in attendance...your Captain included. At mid day, the Proctors generously treated us to sweet cakes, coffee, and conversation with the Amherst Art Society who were on hand to view our infantry demonstrations. The drill ended with hopes by the Proctor's that we may soon return to again enjoy their hospitality later in the summer or in the Spring.*

*Again, for those in attendance this weekend, you have the thanks and admiration of your Captain. I look forward to seeing each and every man who is able on the field in Jeffersonville, Tazwell County in April. Until then, may God richly bless and keep each one of you.*

*Your Obedient Servant,  
Captain Bishop*