

le. His school teacher
time and was soon pro-
y of the company. In
"Gib," as he was called,
twenty young men of
his friends, his ideals of
nature, if he had been
the depopulated Ohio vil-
dered him more genu-
he ever was among the
e army. Then, too, he
ne task at which he was
g. He drummed in the
well as in the field, and
d pride of the entire reg-

enn., the colonel had a
specially for him, and
ollowed the gift with the
ome drum and shield.
ere was no better or more
erman's army. Indeed,
outh that, added to his
tended to keep him quiet
onor, and his love for
m attentive to his duties.
ed out for him and saw
did not result in his in-
he battle of Resaca, the
n became too arduous
avy marches, he was de-
atch carrier" at division
General Ward. In this
rough all the battles of
to the Sea." At Mil-
of the soldiers captured
eneral decided should be
ttle Gib." Being thus
ntly acted as one of the
and proved to be one of
les at headquarters. As
said:

g so young he did not
of older heads; conse-
a dispatch, he usually
route, regardless of the

at" in Washington, June,
at the time thirteen years
ge, he was as genuine a
enlisted, three years be-
ney in the world could
part with Lieutenant
r, so the pony, which had

* Editor "Sunny South": Brave deeds and
brave men in our Southern army were always
conspicuous in every battle and, therefore, it
is difficult to single any individual soldier
and cite him as the bravest of the brave. The
writer of this sketch was at Fort Sumter and
at Manassas on 21st of July, 1861, a member
of Co. E, 2d Regiment South Carolina
Volunteers, commanded by the gallant Ken-
nedey, and the regiment commanded by Ker-
shaw, all from Kershaw county. Two brave
and gallant officers, who have crossed over
the river, and their noble souls are sweetly
resting under the shade of the trees in the
new Jerusalem. They were both Christians.

But as you asked any and all veterans to re-
late deeds of the bravest acts of individuals
during battle, I will relate an act of bravery
coupled with the noblest feelings of humanity
that ever occurred on the field.

The incident took place at the battle of
Fredericksburg. Our command was in line
behind the stone wall, which was charged
time and again by the boys in blue, and every
time they were repulsed with tremendous
slaughter, while our loss was slight. The
Yankees were literally piled in our front, dead
and dying together, the living crying, water,
water! No water—shot and shell flying
everywhere. Young Richard Kirkland could
stand it no longer. He left the wall and
went to Gen. Kershaw and asked his consent
to water the wounded enemy. Kershaw re-
fused his request, and told him he would cer-
tainly be killed, but the noble boy insisted,
and at last Kershaw told him he could go on
his human errand, but he would go on his
own responsibility. He secured a dozen or
more canteens, filled them with water, and
crossed over the rock wall. The enemy
thought, at first, he was after plunder, and
they rained shot and shell upon him; un-
daunted he went on his mission of mercy.
The enemy saw him raise the head of a
wounded soldier, place it on his knee, and
give him water.

Immediately the firing ceased and cheers
went up from every throat, friend and foe,
and the noble Kirkland carried out his noble
mission and returned safely to our line of
battle. He always did his duty under all cir-
cumstances. He was killed at Chickamauga
and his body rests in a soldier's grave upon
aid battle-field. Camp Richard Kirkland, of
Kershaw, is named in memory of this noble

and if we never meet again
meet in the sweet beyond is
old messmate. I named my
and I'm proud of him though
seen each other.

How unlike is dear old Ri-
lanta, Ga., the Chicago of the
dy water, unfitted to drink.
a city claiming 80,000, and
house that I saw in a six day
went all over it and to the
Seven Pines, east of the cit
out.

Lovely "Hollywood" now
ashes of our loved president, I
I also saw the tomb of P
Monroe and many others of
the pyramidal monument to
dead. I saw two hundred old
dier's Home, well cared for
with their lot. (Shame on
Georgia's home for old soldie
pied, except by bats and owls
decay.) They are in several h
three miles west, and about o
"Mars"! Bob Lee's bronze eq
seated on "Traveler", his f
horse during his command o
Northern Virginia. How d
N. B. Forrest, the "Wizard of
Forrest had twenty-seven horse
him and as many as three kil
gagement.

Saturday, 4th of July, I visi
tentiary and saw 2,000 convict
gaged in making shoes and
tobacco. One-man pays the S
year rent for about one-half of
all of these making shoes.

allowed to speak to one of the
I took, the 1 p. m. train on
Railway and at 6 a. m. next
Atlanta, 550 miles. En route
Point and Greensboro, N. C.,
seen since I surrendered, April
ed home. Many are the chan
formed that there are more fact
tanburg, S. C., than any
United States. When I asked
was so blessed, the reply was
"water power, vim, and pluck
three Tiger and three POCO
other rivers all of which are
factories and many others in
struction and in contemplati

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* soldier. Often the writer has shared blankets with this noble boy soldier. No nobler soul ever winged its flight from the battle-field across the river, than the soul of Richard Kirkland, Co. E. 2nd Regiment S. C. Volunteers.

Ridgeway, S. C.

Veteran.

that I saw a dozen in county, the most of w

I looked for "Chirder," "Bell Isle," places where they had

Richmond is a gra with noble people, at and prosper.

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