THE OTHER SIDE OF WAR; WITH THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC. LETTERS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED STATES SANITARY COMMISSION DURING THE PENINSULAR CAMPAIGN IN VIRGINIA IN 1862

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649219599

The other side of war; with the Army of the Potomac. Letters from the headquarters of the United States Sanitary Commission during the Peninsular Campaign in Virginia in 1862 by Katharine Prescott Wormeley

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

KATHARINE PRESCOTT WORMELEY

THE OTHER SIDE OF WAR; WITH THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC. LETTERS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED STATES SANITARY COMMISSION DURING THE PENINSULAR CAMPAIGN IN VIRGINIA IN 1862





THE OTHER SIDE OF WAR

WITH THE

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

LETTERS

FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED STATES SANITARY

COMMISSION

During the Peninsular Campaign in Virginia in 1862

BY

KATHARINE PRESCOTT WORMELEY



BOSTON TICKNOR AND COMPANY 211 Tremont Street 1889



Copyright, 1888,

By COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF MASSACRUSETTS, MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES.

All rights reserved.

Unibersity Press:

John Wilson and Son, Cambridge, U.S.A.

TABLE OF CONTENTS.

	PAGE
PREFATORY NOTE	3
The Sanitary Commission: what it was. Aspect of the War	
to women	5
Women's Central Relief Association; other associations of	
* women	6
Dr. Bellows's mission to Washington	7
Powers granted to Sanitary Commission by President Lincoln	
and Secretary of War	8
Work of Inspection; Vital Statistics	9
Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted; Members of Sanitary Commis-	
sion	10
Money and supplies : how obtained	10
Branches of Sanitary Commission: method of proceeding	11
Mr. Alfred J. Bloor	12
First relief work with the armies in the field	12
Peninsular campaign, 1862. Commission applies for steamers	13
Books and documents relating to Sanitary Commission: where	
to be found	13
Hospital Transport Service: first work	14
Newport, R. I. Writer joins Hospital Transport Ser-	
vice	16
Headquarters Sanitary Commission: steamer "Wilson Small"	20
Women in the service of the Commission	22
Yorktown, Va.: the old and the new history	23
Wounded of the Rettle of Williamshure	25

TABLE OF CONTENTS.

Routine of work
Steamer "Elm City" goes North with 450 men
Spirit of the men: their pride in the army; their self-forget-
fulness
Steamer "Knickerbocker" fitted up by two young ladies
Devotion of the young men of the Sanitary Commission
Rescue of a hundred men at Bigelow's Landing
Incalculable amount of suffering saved by Sanitary Commission
Steamship "S. R. Spaulding." A coincidence
Off Headquarters, Army of the Potomac, White House, Va.
General Franklin. The White House
General Fitz-John Porter; General Morell
General Seth Williams, Adjutant-General
State of affairs in the Hospital Transport Service
Rules of the service; difficulties
ATT 1 36 TO 116 H
Kleptomania. How to "prophylac"
Unselfishness of the sick and wounded
Death-rate of the British forces in the Crimes
Lessons taught by that, and by the Sanitary Commission
A night excursion in search of fifty-six men
Dr. Grymes's lesson of calmness. The black side of war
A busy night; with all to do over again
"Spaulding" sails. Fever proves to be typhus, or spotted
fever
On board "Knickerbocker;" Dr. Draper
Fitting up the "Elm City." The Shore hospital
Civilian doctors and surgical cases. Difficulties of the Com-
mission
Kind of supplies most needed
"Louisiana" aground with 200 sick on board; night trip to
her

TABLE OF CONTENTS.	vii
	PAGE
Women's Central Relief Association asks for anecdotes	94
Battle of Fair Oaks: Commission ready	95
Conflicting orders; no Medical officer on the ground	
Government boats not ready. Five thousand men sent down	100
without preparation	101
The Commission throws itself in and does all	5.7.65
Our tent: the comfort of it; difficulties and horrors	O'L HE
None but the unavoidable miseries of war on Commission boats	
An excursion party from Washington; false sentiment	
How the writer came to write so many letters	
Sanitary Commission supplies; how used; not wasted	123
Neglect of Medical authorities after Fair Oaks not likely to	704
occur again	124
Excellence of the army ration: what it is	
Queer people: quartermasters, Zouaves, women with a mission	
Mr. Knapp breaks down with typhoid fever	
How the sick and wounded came down from the front	
The miscry of carpet-bags	
Battle of Fair Oaks, otherwise called Seven Pines	
A pleasure excursion; out of the breath of hospitals \dots	134
The dear "Small." General McClellan	137
Stuart's raid: attack on train of sick men; five wounded	138
The "Small" turned into a hospital. Practical tenderness .	145
More "Sabbath-breaking picnickers on a battle-field"	147
Dr. Henry J. Bigelow arrives on a mission from Secretary of	
War	149
Object of the Sanitary Commission not fully understood	150
Mrs. Griffin's health fails. Dr. Grymes, his courage, devotion,	
and death	151
Gifts from Newport, R. I., Boston and Walpole, Mass	1 2 10 2
Feeling of the Southern soldiery as the writer found it	
Our dear tent. System of the routine work	
Trip to Yorktown to see "St. Mark." Dr. Draper, wife, and	
Mrs. Strong	
DATE, DRIVING	401

	PAGE
Medical-Inspector-General, Colonel Vollum, appointed at Mr.	
Olmsted's request	160
Written agreement, by which Commission takes all worst cases	160
General Van Vliet has a secret, but will not tell it	162
Dress paramount in the female mind, even at the rear of an	
army	164
One week's letters missing. The Change of base	166
b. en hundred thousand rations and forage already up the	
James River	168
Stores and munitions all safely removed from White House .	169
Great credit due to Colonel Ingalls and Captain Sawtelle	169
"Wilson Small" the last boat (except Quartermaster's) to	
leave White House	171
Going down the winding river	172
Mr. Olmsted's letter. Robert Ware; in memoriam	173
"What profit lies in barren faith?" Hampton Roads	175
"Wilson Small" the first boat (except Quartermaster's) to go	
up James River	176
Meets the army : Harrison's Landing ; Battle of Malvern Hill	177
The spirit of the army; the tenor of what it felt and said	178
Dr. Letterman, the new Medical Director of the Army of the	7.6.0
Potomac	181
The "Monitor" such a tiny thing. Trip to Washington on	
business	182
Letter from Mayor of Newport. Special good done by last	700
gifts	184
Contract for army shirts	185
Medical Department doing well by wounded. The worst	T. T. T.
	187
feeting of President Lincoln and General McClellan at Har-	5.5.5);
	189
	191
2001 H H 1000 H 100 H	192
[1] (1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	193