

All roads are open to him

## Lang's Hospital

Alexander has  
left the Hospital with Lang  
at Alexander's charge of  
Asst Surg Elliot &c. It also from  
its first organization about 15  
months ago. Its location is  
not good, having a large  
slough or moor on one side  
and a straight hedge on the  
other. As a natural consequence  
a good deal of rainwater  
rises and runs down into  
the hospital -

Dr. Elliott informs  
me that there is no  
more broken land or watered  
country has yet been  
found, the whole fields of  
the wilderness, Pennsylvania  
Carthage and from  
near Rockwood and

Petersburg - Dr E. states that  
the wounded from the wilderness  
and especially from Court House  
were very generally suffering  
from gangrene, & when admitted  
to hospital, six or eight days  
after receipt of injury -

He did not attribute the  
prevalence of gangrene to  
neglect or want of care  
so much to being wounded  
but to the general physical  
condition when wounded.

United two or three days  
prior to the battle of the  
Wilderness the men were  
scarcely dressed quarters -  
in overcrowded barracks and  
beds were separated either  
for ready six inches  
The supply ofaged  
and uncooked food  
not been adequate to  
prevent at least, at tendency

to decay  
indicated  
the men  
subjected  
marched  
which were  
under no  
recreational

As also  
the traces  
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and others  
soon after  
spreading  
outside  
the petticoat  
and going  
that was  
frequent  
the fire  
no difference  
isolated  
with the  
difference

states that  
the soldiers  
sent back  
by suffering  
were admitted  
on eight days  
apart -

tributed the  
mortality to  
of each  
being wounded  
several physical  
and wounded  
three days  
nearly all the  
survived  
a quarter  
backed and  
very ill.  
Another  
neglected  
backed back  
and died  
in a stupor.

To surmise without a life of  
indolence and inactivity,  
the men were undoubtedly  
subjected to long, fatiguing  
marches and severe fighting.  
Such were the circumstances  
under which the men  
received their wounds -

As already stated, many of  
the wounded had gangrene  
when admitted to hospital,  
and others were attacked with it  
soon after. To prevent its  
spreading, stout iron pitchets  
outside the hospital, and  
the patients suffered from  
and gangrene removed them  
which without street visits  
frequent in the days. All  
the precautions taken made  
no difference - they went to tents,  
isolated and alone, as well  
as the men in the wards,  
none alike attacked it.

Dr E. tried Bromine and  
other remedies, but says the  
best remedy would be a  
plaster composed of Sulphuric  
Acid and Charcoal. Spread  
the charcol on cloth and applied  
to the wound. It serves as  
an astringent and disinfectant.

Secondary hemorrhage  
was a common complication.  
Dr E. says he often caught  
for the bleeding vessel by  
tearing open the wound  
with his fingers and  
securing the vessel by  
ligature. No bad results  
followed such manipulations  
such was the condition of health,  
degeneration seemed to  
be promoted by it.  
None of the wounds or  
operations healed by other  
methods, except those made by  
the flaps frequently sloughed

Monro's were applied to  
the eyes & exposed to sun &  
and cleaned up, the bone protruding  
decomposed rapidly and shortly  
exposed primitively & immediately  
was replaced with the granular  
matter protruding a little more abundantly  
it followed after patient went  
to bed. During this time there  
was a gradual decline of the disease  
& character and typho-malarial  
fever in the hospital evident  
designedly insomuch that  
the complicated condition of the  
patients left  
The undivided name  
in the latter part of 1876  
under the direction and guidance  
of Dr. G. W. Woodard in a different  
from the two conditions they  
had middle faces and  
disorganized health the men  
had happier consequences  
employment, and were

to hardships and continually  
exposed to dangers - Besides  
great improvements had been  
made in the state through  
the efforts of the sanitary  
organization and government  
officials a much larger supply  
of vegetables and anti-scorbutics  
had been furnished - In fact  
the active winter campaign  
before Richmond was much  
more conducive to health  
than the inactivity of the  
winter quarters in the Rapidan.

In proof of the last remark  
will cite the following fact  
One hundred and twenty men  
badly wounded in the assault  
on Fort Stevens were  
recruited back into the ranks.  
The gunners made good  
by shells and bayonet  
fought ruggedly

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men had been  
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the military  
and government  
to dangerous supply  
for antecedents  
asked - In fact  
after campaign  
and was much  
in its health  
activity of the  
and the rapid  
task remark  
following fact  
that twenty men  
in the assault  
were  
and were  
and were

the wounded  
horses that  
abandon  
wound - we

But the men were in first  
rate condition - The wounds  
healed rapidly, but few had  
gangrene & pyemic secondary  
hemorrhage or any other  
untoward symptoms -  
The remarks of Dr Elliott strongly  
impressed me with the  
importance of Alementation  
both in the field and in  
the hospital - I hope the  
Commission will be able  
to obtain from Dr Elliott  
the contents of his portfolio

Ira Russell

XXXI.

Report upon Slough Works,  
Alexandria Va.  
by  
Dr. E. A. Russell,

...  
and a simple man &  
a very interesting  
man, Mr. S. H. Stetson.  
He is a man  
of great talents, I have  
the honor to report that  
I am much obliged for  
an exceedingly fine  
immediately took several  
operations on the Hunter,  
and the Washburn, and  
in those touch there both  
patients - I found, the  
Hunter in a very  
acute, & constant  
respiratory disease  
and very weak, and  
had afforded myself as  
good a patient as  
possible, I  
made a claim for  
a large amount of

valuable materials.  
It will require about  
one thousand dollars to  
complete my investigations at this place.  
I have also  
written the Mayor  
Hospital, Board of the  
City, and other  
men for information  
of Dr. George Elbert  
and his laboratory  
and still growth gathered  
and a great number  
of small specimens  
of plants and animals  
of which I have  
nothing to do with  
the last two, and often  
a large number of  
of plants and animals  
I have no means of  
transportation and  
for removal and

him and I transmit  
herewith some of  
his deductions from  
his quite extensive  
experience -  
When he is out of  
the service no doubt  
will communicate  
with the Commission  
I have not as yet  
informed him of my  
mission -  
I will see him again  
should you deem it  
advisable after reading  
what I send you.

I am Your Obedt  
very respectfully  
Your obt Servt  
J. Russell

Deze is een voor  
beeld van een singer-song  
writer die zijn  
leven en werk  
op een heel goed  
manier beschrijft  
- zielvast  
en volledig overtuigd dat  
hij een goede wereld  
maakt en dat de wereld  
hem ook goed maakt.