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Final Civil War Diary of Charles Meade

This issue reprints the diary of Civil War soldier, Charles B. Meade, a sharp shooter in the Union Army from West Rutland, Vermont. The diary was lost until 1962, and then given to the Rutland Historical Society to reprint in 2002 by his descendent, Mrs. Hull Maynard. The diary and its contents were compiled and edited by Elaine G. Purdy. Meade's diary discusses life in the Union Army in Virginia from January until June 1864. Meade discusses playing checkers, describes living conditions, dress inspections, and the advance on Richmond. The diary contains names of many other Union soldiers and their times of death.