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- May 5,1864-a private in the Army of Northern Virginia writes at the beginning of the Battle of the Wilderness, "It is a beautiful spring day on which all this bloody work is being done."

- May 6,1864 -Gen. Lee rides among his men and is shouted to the rear by his protective troops.

- April 30, 1864- Joe Davis, five year-old son of the Confederate President, dies after a fall from the high veranda of the White House in Richmond.

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