

Marie's Diary should be published. But it should be edited and annotated by some Civil War Historian, who is a specialist on Indiana troops in that conflict. The big point in Marie's book is the fact that the writer of the Diary was sure Wallace was lost on his march to Shelby. So was Grant - but Wallace never admitted it. However, that lossy of the way, ended Wallace's combat career - and service under Grant. The book also has much about soldiers life - in it.

I have looked at that war strategically - and its campaigns - that way also. I have studied the battles and have visited the important battle fields. It's hard to contrast with war of today because of the short range of weapons and the close order formations used perhaps necessarily for command and discipline. You can't modernize Chancellorsville - probably the

best little of the war from the military viewpoint
It's hard to envision the dispersion on the battle
fields of the future. There is no one trying to
keep up with modern war with out more knowledge
than I have or could get without having classified
information.

If the Grooms lady you met was my age,
her first name is Lorilla. She was in the 4th
grade with me. Then her parents went on a farm.
Later she was a school teacher.

In my day her brother Emmitt got in trouble
and was accused of giving a girl poisoned
(Aphrodisiac) Candy. I doubt if there is such
a thing, personally. The Grooms lived on a farm.

Lorilla was a nice country girl - and that's
all I can say. I believe some time later,
I met her at school.