

ON APRIL 9, 1865,

GENERAL LEE

brave commander and brilliant strategist

SIGNED THE TERMS OF SURRENDER

THE following day he wrote his last "General Order"—

A FAREWELL TO HIS ARMY.

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There was a great General Lee
Who essayed from our Army to flee
But General Grant caught him
And to terms quickly brought him
This valiant General Lee.

1865 sketch and
Lunenburg

Head Quarters Army of Cto: Virginia
10th April 1865

General Order }
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After four years of arduous service marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources.

I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them.

But feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that would compensate for the loss that ~~must~~ have attended the continuance of the contest I determined to avoid the ^{unnecessary} sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement Officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you His blessing and protection.

With an unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your Country and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration for myself, I bid you all an affectionate farewell.

R. R. Lee
Genl

Brig. Genl. W. H. Stevens
Chief Eng^r. A. Va.



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After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers. I need not tell the survivors of so many hard fought battles who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have confidence in their valor and devotion. But feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that would compensate the loss that would attend the continuance of the contest - I determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen. By the terms of the agreement Officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you His blessing and protection. With unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration of myself, I bid you an affectionate farewell.

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