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out of park. Arrived Chester Gap about sunset. Bought things at store then headed by flashlight up 2 1/2 M to Mosby Shelter. Trail goes thru vast apple orchard Spent fair night. Arrived very late. Ate large can apricots. tomato sou and vienna sausage.

For breakfast large can condensed soup (8 [[t lo ?]]) and cornbread

Yesterday met Ranger & army Sgt Talked almost an hr. Sgt from 19th

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Weather very nice. followed trail over stretches of road mixed with ungraded trail to road at Linden. Bought cornmeal and other gros. at store. Went on over rough but pleasant trail, arriving at Ashby Gap Leanto about 5 30 Thunderstorm approaching so decided to stop encountered many woodticks in afternoon knocking them off pants. Had bad luck with cornbread (white meal) and no flour. Several maccarons etc. Pewee nest in shelter



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