

DIARY OF J. C. McLAIN.
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John C. McLain born in Westmorland County, Pennsylvania Dec. 17, 1840.
Moved with my parents to St. Joseph County, Michigan, in October 1848.
Removed to VanBuren County, Michigan in March 1854. Enlisted in
C. C. 4th Mich. Cav. August 8, 1862 and discharged at Nashville, Tenn.,
July 1st 1865. A Member of Co. C. 4th Mich. Cav. during his term of service.

1862.

AUGUST 18. Started from home today for Detroit. Met other members of
Monday. the Company at Lawton.

August 19. All aboard the train at 12 midnight. No sleep. The boys
Tuesday. put on an outside show of happiness by singing and telling
stories. Arrived at Detroit at 8 A.M. Breakfast at Baggs
Hotel. Sick this afternoon. Met Wes Hall, John Brod and
Bill Kennedy.

August 20. Sick all night and this forenoon. After dinner visited
Wednesday. the City and went swimming in the River.

August 21. Nothing going on of special interest this forenoon. After
Thursday. dinner the Company was examined by the Examining Surgeon,
Dr. Bacon.

August 22. Fatigue duty and drill this forenoon for the first time.
Friday. Afternoon play raising and drew clothing. I started for
home at 8 P.M. on furlough. Arrived at Lawton at 3 A.M.
next morning.

August 23. Arrived at Home at 3 A.M. the folks still in bed. Passed the
Saturday. day and evening visiting the girls and neighbors.

August 24. Went to Church at Center.
Sunday.

August 25. Settled up with H. Gould and John Nesbit, paid the two \$221.00.
Monday. Visited with Wes Hall. This evening I started on my return
to Detroit, the young folk going with me to Lawton, bid
all good bye until my return from Dixie.

August 26. Arrived at Detroit at 7 A.M. went out to Camp, excused from
Tuesday.

duty this forenoon. Drilled by the Captain 'Melcher' from 2 to 4 this afternoon. Songs and jokes plenty about the girls that are left behind.
Wednesday, August 27.

Roll call at 6 A.M. Drill until 7 A.M. Drew rations, dinner at 11 A.M. so as to join the escort to receive Gen. Wilcox on his return from Richmond where he has been a prisoner. The 1st and 17th Infantry Detroit Light guards and our own Reg. met him at the Wharf and marched up to Campus Martus, Flags and banners flying, speaking from several stands, enough to make one feel like fighting to see one of our fellow men receive such a welcome. It is my hope that all my comrades may live to receive such a welcome. Rained about 2 P.M. so we got a good wetting. Very warm. Gen. Cajo and Gov. Blair present.

Thursday.

August 28. Drilled one hour before breakfast and 2 hours after breakfast. After dinner formed in line for a muster into the U.S. Service. Singally each man rode his horse about 10 rods and then fell into line again. The oath was administered to the whole Company at the same time. Our Orderly Munger was thrown out and Mort Buck elected in his place. Went to the River to water the horses.

Friday.

August 29. Went to the city, had 4 pictures taken, cost \$2.75. Had my teeth filled, returned to camp at 4 P.M., in the evening, the boys had a dance on the Co. grounds.

Saturday.

August 30. Morning drill. After breakfast drill from 9 to 11. Andrew Munson visited here today. He is a member of the 3rd Cav. The 8th Cav. encamped just west of us, tore down a whisky shop after dark and set it on fire.

Sunday.

August 31. On Camp guard today, on second relief, came on post at 11 A.M. was supernumerary, did not go on post the first time. the second trick stood post relieved at 7 P.M. The sutlers shop was torn open

between 11 and 1 tonight, after 5 A.M. the boys helped themselves and he concluded to leave.

Monday.

Sept. 1. Relieved from guard at 7 A.M. slept until noon. At dinner a storm came up and rained for a short time very hard. Drilled after noon.

Tuesday.

Sept. 2. A cold night, drilled this morning, signed the first pay roll. Visited the Elmwood cemetery, some splendid monuments. Visited the Grove of Gen. Williams.

Wednesday.

Sept. 3. At roll call each man brought his blankets if they had any, some had one some two and some none, signed the pay roll again after dinner and was drilled by the corporals, a good time, most of the boys went home today.

Thursday.

Sept. 4. On guard again on account of so many going home, seems to be a panic among the boys for furloughs. Drew 14 horses for the Camp today, will get more tomorrow.

Friday.

Sept. 5. Relieved from guard this morning, slept until noon. So many has gone home from some Companies that they have not enough to relieve their guards. Letters from friends today. There is 20 left of our Company, and it is lonesome, I had my first ride on horseback this morning.

Saturday.

Sept. 6. On guard today again. Our Company drew all their horses today went and watered the horses at noon. Drill mounted for the first time. I was on guard and did not drill. Rained at 2 P.M. today.

Sunday.

Sept. 7. Relieved from guard at 9 A.M. went to the River for a swim before breakfast. Two trips to water horses at morning and night.

Monday.

Sept. 8. Drill at 11 A.M. watered horses, then dinner, drilled two hours after dinner, worked ~~with~~ taking care of the horses.

The boys, Fish and E. Reynolds came after dark.

Tuesday.

Sept. 9. Got a pass and went to the city to see Fish and E. Reynolds, leave for Camp Chase, they did not go until 8 1/2 P.M. went on the May Queen for Cleveland. I felt lonesome when they left perhaps to see them no more. Fish bought a cap and present of a squaw for Mary on the boat and I am to send them home. Saw the body of Col. Broadhead.

Wednesday.

Sept. 10. Most of the boys came in from home this morning from furlough. After dinner went to Col. Broadhead's funeral mounted. Rec. a Housewife sent by A. I. Hall, care of Lew Conklin, cake, cheese, apples. Remember Porter by these.

Thursday.

Sept. 11. Changed our tents, all is confusion, did not get straightened up until evening.

Friday.

Sept. 12. Drew our sabers and belts and drew our first \$13. I sent \$10. home by John P. Barker, dress parade for the first time at 6 A.M. Saturday.

Sept. 13. No drill today, the boys made it up to tear the sutlers shop down tonight. The first I heard was the boards rattling and the boys running, some got into the guard house for helping and some for running the guard.

Sunday.

Sept. 14. Examination, did not get through until water call. I was detailed to carry water today for the cook. Tom McKinney and myself went out and got our dinner at a grocery. Preaching at 1 PM. Dress parade at 4 P.M. Camp full of visitors. Drew our shirts.

Monday.

Sept. 15. On guard, first brick 11 AM stormed and rained after noon. Changed tents according to number of our platoons.

Tuesday.

Sept. 16. Relieved at 10 A.M. Drew my saber. Went on drill in the afternoon. Dress parade.

Wednesday.

Sept. 17. Morning drill. Afternoon drill extra, drew 1 pr, drawers and 2 prs. Socks.

Thursday.

Sept. 18. Drill on horses after dinner. I got unhorsed 'not hurt' for the first time, lots of fun. Bought oysters for supper.

Friday.

Sept. 19. After breakfast drew pants and overcoats. Formed in line and marched to the Col. tent and those that had not sold their bounty drew \$25. I drew mine. Then we commenced sorting horses, our Company got all good horses. Then another Company came and claimed them and kept taking until we had not a horse left and then we armed with clubs and marched around, got a pole put a saddle on it and Corp. Dean mounted and was rode around.

Saturday.

Sept. 20. On guard again at 9 A.M. nothing more than the usual routine.

Sunday.

Sept. 21. Relieved at 5 P.M. drew my blouse. Oysters for dinner. Wrote five letters.

Monday.

Sept. 22. Drill this afternoon.

Tuesday.

Sept. 23. A pass for the city, got my ~~sixteen~~ soldiers record, had some pictures taken and one put in the record. Drill in the afternoon.

Wednesday.

Sept. 24. Drew haversacks this morning. Formed in line to witness the presentation of a sword to the Col. but instead went on drill. After noon 800 were mounted and marched to the State Fair Ground. I saw N.H. Ritley and Jo. Gibson.

Thursday.

Sept. 25. Received a letter from home. Ritley came to camp this morning, I sent \$20.00 home by him and some pictures, one to Lib, 1 to Amanda. All confusion this evening, are to leave tomorrow, saddles to pack and things to send home.

Friday. Sept. 26.

Confusion and excitement this morning, orders to get our horses at 8 A.M. started from camp at 10 A.M. for the cars, watered our horses and loaded them on the cars, left Detroit at 4 1/2 P.M. The horses on a forward train.

Saturday.

Sept. 27. Arrived at Lawton at 2 1/2 A.M. saw father and mother, George Mary, David, Jim and most of the friends of Porter, Short stop. Arrived at Michigan City at 8 A.M. watered the horses and returned to the cars. Received some pictures by Lawton and a letter from Amanda Reynolds by Major Herrington with the following direction, John, I send this note to you today for you to read upon the way, and you must often write to Curly or she will be very sorry.

Got my first view of Lake Mich. Mich. city. It is built on clean lake sand. Left the city at 10 A.M., for 70 miles south, it is all swamp. Arrived at Lafayette at 2 P.M. short stop and passed on for Indianapolis which we passed through during the night.

Sunday.

Sept. 28. Arrived at Jeffersonville, Ind. at 7 A.M. occupied the cars all day. Tramped all over the city, saw the Ohio River for the first time. Plenty of steam boats and a view of camps on the Kentucky side. Saw some of the big guns. Saw the first Guards for guarding bridges. Army mills are thick here, On our arrival here it was discovered that one of Co. A's men had got hurt passing under a bridge. Are to stay all night in the cars. This is a dirty stinking hole.

Tuesday.

Sept. 29. A good nights rest in the cars. Ordered to go into camp, got our traps after the usual confusion and started for camp, arrived on the camp grounds after 12 M. picketed the horses and pitched our tents, saw the paroled prisoners from Mumfordsville, they were a pretty hard looking set of men, ragged and dirty, On guard with the commissary getting rations from Jeffersonville, our camp is about 1 mile out. First ride in army wagons, finished at 10 P.M. and relieved.

Wednesday.

Sept. 30. Nothing unusual in camp today, after roll call in the evening the orders are for to be ready to move at 3 A.M. and to draw our arms. drew our revolvers then slept what we could.

Thursday.

Oct. 1. Out early packed everything this forenoon, drew our horses for the company and each man got his horse, very warm here. Drew holsters, and some carbines and sharps, rifles, cartridge boxes, did not move, no unpacking.

Friday,

Oct. 2. Ordered to drill this forenoon, rained after dinner and no drill.

Saturday.

Oct. 3. On guard today and did not drill. Gil. Darling arrived today, he told me of Deels being married and that Fish was at home again and that our folks were well. I am having the tooth ache.

Sunday.

Oct. 4. Believed at 10 A.M. Rained very hard, had my tooth pulled and had the darndest face ache, sick and stayed in my tent.

Monday.

Oct. 5. General inspection, Mounted, was ordered out of the ranks for having my face tied up. Ordered to pack our overcoats according to tackticks.

Tuesday.

Oct. 6. Orders to be packed by 9 A.M. for inspection by Gen. ----- He gave the Col. the compliment of having the best regiment of Cav. he has seen. Inspection in the afternoon by the Col. of arms and saddles.

Wednesday.

Oct. 7. Went to the hospital and got a dose, then went on drill and watered the horses, afternoon drill and dress parade. Orders to move at 6 P.M. drew ammunition and canteens and packed up for marching. Orders contermanded.

Thursday.

Oct. 8. Ordered across the river to Louisville to get the horses shod, did not get a horse shod, saw no one that I knew. Turn Anderson run over a hog on Broadway and was tumbled off in a hurry. In Dixie today.

Friday.

Oct. 9. Started for Louisville with the horses before breakfast to get them shod. Commenced shoeing at 8 A.M. was sent by the Captain with a report to the Col. that our horses were half of them shod. Was sent back by the Col. for the Capt. to send those that were shod back to camp, was arrested by the Provost guards but was released with orders to get a pass before I done any more orderly duty.

Saturday.

Oct. 10. Ordered to move this morning. Companys started at 11 A.M. for Dixie, the other company started later. Cheered by the citizens of Louisville. Marched out on the Bordstown Road, one halt during the day. Camped in the woods, very dusty. our first day march not so bad as might be. Confiscated a little for man and beast. Rain this evening. This wa is written by camp fire. Dusty but cool. Marched 12 miles.

Sunday.

Oct, 11. Rained a little during the night. Left Camp at 6 A.M. Marched until 12. A.M. halted for dinner and to feed. Passed through Bordstown at 3 1/2 P.M. Camped at 6 P.M. in a small hollow or valley with a small stream running through it. Went foraging for the horses. The cornfields are nearly stripped. The country looks desolate. It was pleasant marching today. News of the battle of Perryville. Met the body of a Major and a wounded Col. Met some Reb. prisoners, they look hard, marched about 35 miles and camped.

Monday.

Oct. 12. Moved at 3 P.M. marched until 8 A.M. Halted and fed. Passed train after train of wagons. Passed Springfield at 11 A.M. The wounded are coming back from the battle field, fed at noon. Met 600 or 800 wounded. The platoon opened for a steamer to pass, Camped at 4 P.M. with orders to move in the morning. It was tough for the wounded in the army wagons. Came to the battle ground "Perryville" about 4P.M. the first sight was a dead horse, the fences are all torn down and crops destroyed. Passed the graves of our soldiers that were killed. The hardest sight was to see the dead Rebs laying where they fell. One so close to the road that our horses had to turn out, about 20 lay back to the left, not buried.

Marched through Perryville at 5 P.M. and camped by town. I was on guard for the first time in Dixie, could hear the wagons pass all night. Good news from the front. Confiscate anything we need.

Tuesday.

Oct. 13. Relieved at 5 A.M. slept on the rocks. The country is very rocky and hilly. Moved at 7 A.M. as guard, have to march in the rear of the regiment. Passed Harrisburg at 11 A.M. Rebel prisoners plenty. It is a pretty place. Mostly union men or pretend to be. Arrived at Danville at T.P.M. camped close by town with plenty of other cavalry.

Wednesday.

Oct. 14. Revalued at 1 A.M. and soon on the march, moved slow. Danville is the prettiest place I have seen. Passed Stamford in the morning. About 7 or 8 A.M. we were drawn up in line of battle and heard the first cannon ball whistle. We were marched around for a couple of hours and then started after the rebs. It was a grand sight to see the Infantry and artillery form in line of battle. The artillery roared for a short time. The rebs left 2 hours ahead of our troops. Stopped at 12 for feed and water. Mounted and marched 5 or 6 miles, found no rebs and marched back to Stamford and camped, found a sick reb. Major took his horse.

Thursday.

Oct. 15. Saddled up and led into line, had to wait full 1 hour for troops to pass. Mounted and marched back to Danville and posted guards. Camped in our old camp at 1 P.M. The road was full of troops. Marching six abreast. We were patrol guards. Foraged some honey. Good news from the front. Orders to be ready for an attack to night. Wrote home.

Friday.

Oct. 16. A good nights rest, all quiet, this morning went two miles to water the horses. Drew rations and left Danville at 12 M. for Stamford, our wagons came up to day and unloaded. Arrived at Stamford after dark and made preparations for a good nights rest but at 8 P.M. were ordered back five miles to meet and guard our wagon train from Morga's troops. Camped at 11 P.M. and was not disturbed again during

the night. The other ~~een~~ five companies just caught up.

Saturday.

Oct. 17. Started at 7 A.M. arrived at Stamford and had a short rest, started and soon caught up with the advance. At 11 A.M. camped in a piece of woods and rested all afternoon. I am sick, wrote home, Our camp is near Crab Orchard.

Sunday.

Oct. 18. Slept cold, a heavy frost this morning, first of the season. Done some washing for the first time, then lay around the rest of the day. Divided up into ~~mepes~~ ~~meper~~ today. Saw Beck Stinson. I am not well, sick all night.

Monday.

Oct. 19. Reveille at 3 A.M. Moved at 6 A.M. repassed Stamford at 1 A.M. short rest, repassed Danville at 1 P.M. and Two P.M. stopped of Gen. Fry's farm and fed on the fair grounds. A pretty place, moved at ~~4~~ P. M. repassed Perryville after dark. Marched late and camped in the woods. At 12 P.M. the bugle sounded and we were on the march in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour and marched till $4\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. then halted until 6 A.M. Repassed Springfield at 10 A.M. on the road to Leabannon, went as far as Newmarket. I am sick and had to fall out and rest often, used up tonight.

Tuesday.

Oct. 20. The regiment started this morning on a 3 days scout. I stayed with the wagons. Moved across the river about 2 miles and camped. pretty sick today.

Wednesday.

Oct. 21. A hard night of it, sick all day.

Thursday.

Oct. 22. But little better this morning. Went to the hospital four times and got medicine. Better this evening, not so much fever but very weak.

Friday.

Oct. 23. Gaining slowly, got my soup this morning, consisting of a large tablespoon of quinine and a dover powder. Orders to move. Drisley rain. I went and staid at a private house and the command, left me. It snowed about three inches. Was well used.

Saturday.

Oct. 24. The wagons came along today at noon and I left with them. Until after dark I had a tough night of it, did not see much.

Sunday.

Oct. 25. Got in the ambulance and rode 3 or 4 miles, then Dr. Bacon left me at a private house with orders to go back to Newmarket. Was well used where I stayed.

Monday.

Oct. 26. Stayed until noon, then got a ride to Pinohet, stopped at a private house, good care and good people.

Tuesday.

Oct. 27. Started again in an army wagon, only went a couple of miles and they were ordered back. Footed it about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and stopped at a citizens, they made me some tea and I rested good.

Wednesday.

Oct. 28. No opportunity to leave until afternoon, rode to Newmarket on the stage and found the sick boys, some are pretty low and some getting along fine.

Thursday.

Oct. 29. Too sick to write.

Friday.

Oct. 30. The same.

Saturday.

Nov. 1. Left Newmarket in the afternoon for Lebanon in Army wagons, got there after dark and went to an old shanty and stayed all night, some of the boys are very weak.

Sunday.

Oct. 2. Expected to leave today but will stay another night, live pretty well, very cold, did not sleep much, it was too cold.

Monday.

Nov. 3. Orders to get ready to leave. A number of the boys who stayed in the hospital arrived at Lebanon Junction just before sundown. Rode in a box car, stopped for the night in a good tight room, plenty to eat and that is good, rested well.

Tuesday.

Nov. 4. Took the cars at 9 A.M. they were wood racks with seats fixed on them, expected to join the Regiment at Mumfordsville but when we got there they were all gone, lay around until afternoon and then were ordered on board the cars again, got into a car loaded with barrels,

It was a hard place to ride, arrived at Bowling Green after 8 P.M. went to where some of the teams were and pitched some tents, slept well, we passed thru Elizabeth town, quite a place.

Wednesday.

Nov. 5. Here this morning had a good breakfast, went to see the 9th Inf. camped on Fish Muckdroughs Hill, had not come up yet, went with one of the boys down town to see Gil Watkins. He was on guard, he did not know me. Eat dinner with him, went with him to his quarters and stayed all night with him. He came to camp just before we left, went to the station and lay around until after dark, then started for Michelville, Tenn., arrived there at 9 P.M. and camped in the wood, slept good.

Thursday.

Nov. 6. In camp all day.

Friday.

Nov. 7. In camp yet, a good breakfast but no rations for dinner. Pitched our tents and went to them cold as thunder, built a fire in our tent, had a little dinner. The Regiment all but my Company and company F passed through here after dark. Orders came from the Col. after dark to join our Companies, only 4 went, I am waiting patiently for my company.

Saturday.

Nov. 8. Cold as ever this morning, as good living as usual, today a number of the boys came in sick. I am gaining every day, feel pretty good today, carried rails and chopped wood, until I am sore.

Sunday.

Nov. 9. The Regiment passed here today, saw all the boys, most of them felt well. I received 5 letters and my haversack and blanket. Turn Anderson gave me a loaf of bread. I am pretty well provided just now. Was examined by the surgeon. A number were sent to the Regiment.

Monday, Nov. 10.

Had a good breakfast this morning, not quite so cold. Orders to go about 1½ miles to the village "Old Mitchelville" so as to get in houses and get medicine. Have very good quarters here. We had to walk up here. Took supper with Return Anderson. Rediker brought me 3 more letters. The Regiment is camped here. Very tired after our walk. Gil Darling and Byron Lamfier came in after dark to see me, they were taken prisoners this morning and paroled and are going home. I borrowed some

money of Gil, they went to the station to see some Gen, and came back and stopped all night with us. We were afraid of being taken prisoners as there is no guards around us.

Tuesday.

Nov. 11. Slept good all night. I gave Gil Darling an order on Father for \$4.00 for the money borrowed. Done our own cooking today and nothing to cook in. Gen. Ronsaw's division passed here today. Infantry are camped all around us, wood is getting scarce. Sargebt Crondal of my Camp. shot himself through the foot at the regiment this morning while they were packing for to move, most of the boys are doing well. I am not so well tonight.

Wednesday.

Nov. 12. Visited all the sick boys, found all doing well. Live very well, have to work some to get wood to keep warm. Had a chicken today and it relished first rate.

Thursday.

Nov. 13.

Breakfast on coffee, meat, hardtack and catchup, ~~it~~ went very well, my turn to go after water. It is a long tramp. After Doctor Fish went around among the sick I went out and traded some bacon for a chicken. Turn Anderson sent for me to come and stay all night with him, he is sick.

Friday.

Nov. 14. Rested well in the ambulance, Turn is better this morning.

A good breakfast at the house, where Turn and the Doctor stops.

Dinner with the boys on chicken. I had to harness the horses and hitch on the ambulance to take 2 men to their last resting place. I drove the team. Turn was not able. Saw Geo. Harrison, Lieut. Burns came in, I did not see him.

Saturday.

Nov. 15. Went for water, saw Cap. Mosher and Lieut Burns, they are looking bad. Saw Sergeant Bronson, he is tough. Lew Conklin came to see me today. He is back for provisions. I am tired and weak tonight.

Sunday.

Nov. 18. Lived well today, did not seem much like Sunday. Shook our blankets and hung them out to air and mine was stolen while hanging not ten ft, from the door

Monday.

Nov. 17. Not so well this morning, did not eat any breakfast, slept until noon, eat a little dinner, went and seen the boys, borrowed a blanket of Turn. Had a rabbit and quail for supper, it was good.

Tuesday.

Nov. 18. Feel better this morning, went to drive the ambulance for Turn but he is going with it. Drew rations, got some biscuit, went good with molasses. Benjamin Davis went and got some peaches. Had a good sleep.

Wednesday.

Nov. 19. Rained all day. Davis went and helped to dig a grave and got all wet. I went and bought some midlings of the milk for cakes, we could not go to bed until we baked one apiece, all pronounced them excellent. All getting better in our ward. Have some hoe cakes tonight.

Thursday.

Nov. 20. Cooked pancakes for two hours for breakfast and very good ones too. I drove the team to draw some wood. Turn is not so well today.

Friday.

Nov. 21. Breakfast at 11 A.M. Nothing of interest today, the same old things over again. We draw rather slim rations and have to be saving. Saturday.

Nov. 22. Heavy frost this morning, baked a biscuit for breakfast. Got some milk for supper, it went tip top. Some of the boys started for the regiment today with a part of the 7th Penn. Cav. I do not get my strength as fast as I think I should. Have some work to do and get very tired every day.

Sunday.

Nov. 23. But not a day of rest for a soldier. Lay around most of the day. Harry How came here today and stopped with us, he is going to the regiment a foot, he stayed all night with us. Pretty cold, froze hard.

Monday.

Nov. 24. Up early, got a kettle to wash. Went with Turn to the depot to draw rations. Saw nothing but piles ofhardtack and army wagons. We drew soft bread for the first time in this place. Titchner, one of the boys with me, has the measles. This morning drew some wood and soft bread. it was good, the bread.

Tuesday.

Nov. 25. The same old thing this morning, mended my clothes and was put in wardmaster today. Went on a scout, chased the pigs but did not get any, was two or three miles out, was tired, had a good dinner, rest in the afternoon.

Wednesday.

Nov. 26. Got a kettle to wash and Frank Reinhard, a comp. boy and I had a good bath. I went with Turn to the depot did not see much. Ben. Davis and Renshnider went out foraging, did not come in until after dark, brought the $\frac{1}{2}$ of a hog and left the rest in the woods, had fresh meat for supper, I feel tip top tonight.

Thursday.

Nov. 27. Out before daylight, Davis and I went for the rest of the hog, got it and returned safe and sound but cold feet. Going out we met a citizen, he says to us, "This is a pretty tight morning! This is Thanksgiving, had some pig for our dinner and soup for supper. Orders to be ready to start for the regiment tomorrow at 1 P.M. the work for today is to cook the pig to take along for rations, have good times here now.

Friday.

Nov. 28. Busy getting ready for a start, left for the depot at 1 P.M. 64 of us marched down and arrived all right and lay around until after dark, then we had the choice of on top of the cars or marching back to the shanty, we chose the latter as it was cold and stormy, arrived at the old house at 8 P.M.

Saturday.

Nov. 29. All right this morning after our march, live tip top on our marching rations. No orders for going, all anxious to leave. Expect to go soon. Orders to keep all our arms loaded and be ready if we should be attacked, do not feel much alarmed.

Sunday.

Nov. 30. A soldier's Sunday. Drew rations/ this morning for 3 days.

Commenced raining this evening and rained hard most of the night, our shanty leaked so we did not sleep much.

Monday.

December 1. Cool after the rain but little to eat this morning. The boys are all cross. Ordered to the depot, left the shanty at 11 A.M. Lay around the depot until dark, no chance to go on the passenger train, waited for the freight, lay by the fire, very cold, not in good humor.

Tuesday.

Dec. 2. Lay on the ground all night, cold as the Devil, did not sleep much, it was too cold. Breakfast on tea and bread. Lay around all day, all got out of rations and had quite a time to get them. We got in a car but no start, some of the soldiers stole a box of boots out of the cars.

Wednesday.

Dec. 3. Here yet, lay by the fire all night, very cold. Had a big time with one Powers, he pretends to be crazy. I got his big dirk knife after he threw it at one of the boys. Orders to stay close by the cars and expect to go. Started about 9 P.M. a cold evening the cars go slow. I weigh 120 pounds today with haversack, belt and overcoat on.

Thursday.

Dec. 4. Passed through the tunnel, it looks pokerish, the train went so slow that I filled my canteen out of a spring by the side of the track and got back on my car. After passing through Galatin one brakeman was sitting on a brake and was knocked between the cars by a bridge and cut in two, it delayed the train until daylight. It was a hard sight. Arrived at Nashville about 7 P.M. walked to camp about 3 miles, felt at home, found all well. Lost my saddle and things, tired tonight, had a good supper. Most of the boys were out on a scout, came in about 9 P.M. had a good time with them.

Friday.

Dec. 5. Rested good last night, had a good breakfast of chackers, coffee and beefsteak. Commenced snowing this morning and snowed hard, it seemed like old Mich. Boys playing cards. Wallace Barker and Legrand Swift of the 9th Infantry have been here today and have had a good visit with them. We have to carry all our water up a large hill from a spring.

Saturday.

Dec. 6. It goes rather tough to get out of bed at 5 A.M. when I have been used to sleep as late as I pleased. Nothing particular today. I was in the cemetery, it is a pretty place, we can see the city and state buildings from camp. I saw the big guns placed to guard the road and heard it roar this morning. Promised a pass for tomorrow to visit the 9th and 11th infantry.

Sunday.

Dec. 7. Went for my pass but did not get it and I had to go on picket, marched around to the Muffreesborough Pike at 8 P.M. about 18 miles. Posted at 6 P.M. relieved at 8 P.M. off 4 hours and then on 2 hours. Posted on a high hill, bitter cold, the reserve fell back at night. I did not get much sleep, did not tremble much in my boots.

Monday.

Dec. 8. Froze very hard. Stood post from 8 to 10 A.M. could see the reb, pickets but not none to amount to much. 3 deserters came in. Relief came at noon and I returned to camp. I was sore and tired. Tunn was here when I got back.

Tuesday.

Dec. 9. Rec. my pass and visited Ben Chubine he is of the 11th he is well. saw a number of the boys from Hickory Grove, St. Joseph Co. all are well but George Baum, he is in the hospital, had to walk and am very tired. Not so well today. Orders this morning to be ready to march at 12. M. hurrying to get ready.

Wednesday.

Dec. 10. Still here this morning and do not know as we will go today. on guard today stood 1 trick and was relieved so as to go on a scout. I did not go was not well enough to go. Troops moving all day, that had a fight, a good many hurt.

Thursday.

Dec. 11. A cold night, helped to get breakfast and was give out when it was ready. Rested and then for dinner. The boys left at daylight for a scout. Nothing more.

Friday.

Dec. 12. Cooked breakfast the first thing, feeling more like myself. washed and hunted for body guards "lice" the first I have had. I am cook now while the boys are gone. "ave to be pretty busy. The regiment came in after dark, they had a fight, killed a few rebs and took some prisoners and guns, the Capt. got a gold headed cane, none of our boys were hurt.

Saturday.

Dec. 13. Was on horse guard from 3 to 5 A.M. then went out foraging with the forage teams, we had to go on foot or ride in the wagons, it made the boys mad, could not buy or steal anything, got my dinner at a house, drew new Colts revolving rifles, some sport after night.

Sunday.

Dec. 14. General inspection, after inspection orders to drill on foot at 2½ P.M. No drill, it does not set well with the boys to be made infantry of, went through the manual of arms at roll call.

Monday.

Dec. 15. Detailed for forage, mounted, was rear guard, went out 8 miles and stood picket while the wagons were loading, commenced to rain as we were relieved and rained all the way back to camp, wet and cold.

Tuesday.

Dec. 16. Cool and wet this morning, not so busy as usual. Wrote some letters and took it as easy as possible. The news has come that 60 men of Companies M & H under Capt. A. Real were taken prisoners last night. Surprised on picket, loss estimated at \$1500. quite a haul. No news from the eastern army.

Wednesday.

Dec. 17. My birthday. had to go on picket today, I did not have so good a time as I had 1 year ago today but it is pleasant and not so very bad. Keep a sharp lookout so as not to be surprised, on post 3 times, saw no rebs, was out on the Hillsborough pike about 3 miles from the city.

Thursday.

Dec. 18. My last trick was from 5 to 7 A.M. cold and frosty, was on the advance post, the relief came at 10 A.M. and we returned to camp, no news in particular, Orders to have Company cooks, it does not suit the boys.

Friday.

Dec. 19. Ordered on picket again this morning. Went on the same pike.

It is a clear and bright morning. Four were sent on a scout across the the Harding pike about 1½ miles across fields and woods and did not see any rebs or get any forage. The pickets were advanced today. Was ordered to report to the officer at sundown, 11 of us went and was posted on the Harding pike in the advance.

Saturday.

Dec. 20. Did not see any rebs, had to do without fire, not very cold, no chance for forage here, we are out from the city about 1½ miles. Infantry close in our rear. Relieved and got back to camp at noon and then for a little rest.

Sunday.

Dec. 21. Went foraging 5 miles out on the Harrisburg pike, did not see anything new, not well & very tired.

Monday.

Dec. 22. Foraging again today on the same pike. The same old thing, saw no rebs. Back to camp, earlier than usual. Not well tonight.

Tuesday.

Dec. 23. Nothing to do today so I washed my clothes. It was a tedious job. No excitement in camp today.

Wednesday.

Dec. 24. Orders to pack up ready for to march, lay around ready to move all day, drew new tents at night. Mort Buck our orderly sergeant, was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Co. B. today and A. Iason promoted to 1st S-rgent. Do not know whether we will move in the morning or not. A very amusing Christmas eve. Nothing doing for sport.

Thursday.

Dec. 25. Oh, what a time we are having laying around, no sport and no excitement, orders to night to move in the morning. Drew rubber blankets tonight.

Friday.

Dec. 26. All confusion tearing down tents and packing up. Started at 7 A.M. marched out on the Murfreesborough pike ten miles and found their pickets skirmished and drove them 2 miles and then our Company started for the Molonsville Pike, south, with dispatches to Gen. Stanley could not find the right road and went up and down the pike helter skelter before we found the road. The Pike was full of wagons, troops and artillery, went through the woods and over the rocks, saw a few rebs and a few shots were fired. Reported to Gen. Stanley at 9 P.M. marched back 2 or 3 miles and camped. Dark as pitch and raining and has rained most of the day. Our new rubbers came in play. Slept in log shanties. Where the fighting on Molonsville pike was today there was a few wounded and some horses killed. Was tired when we stopped did not see any rebs but could see their guns flash.

Saturday.

Dec. 27. Started for the regiment at 7 A.M., went on a different road.

Caught up with the regiment just as they were leaving camp, did not go far until firing commenced. Our Regiment was kept on the right flank all day. through the woods got to the front and came back and camped. I could hear the artillery roar and see it flash. There was sharp firing today on the left. Camped in a cedar grove. No feed for the horses. We passed through Lavergh in the afternoon, it was deserted, no breastworks there.

Sunday.

Dec. 28. Stayed in the woods all night, slept in our dog tents, no orders to march today. Went foraging twice for corn and for personal benefit. The houses are deserted and nice furniture and clothes scattered. Got some sugar, corn meal and little fixings.

Monday.

Dec. 29. Went on the pike north of this one today for about 10 miles, passed Smyrna, a small town on the railroad, saw no rebs and marched back to the old camp. Did not have time to feed before marching orders, went until 10 P.M. and camped 3 miles from Murfreesborough. Rained all night, slept on the rocks.

Tuesday.

Dec. 30. Slept sound in spite of the rain. Had to saddle up quietly this morning, could hear firing in front sharp. The boys made a good trip foraging. Raining this morning, Marched back in the evening after the rebs that burnt a wagon train, was formed in line of battle but no fight, camped on the cold ground at 9 P.M.

Wednesday.

Dec. 31. I saddled up at 4 A.M. and went with a detail for forage. The regiment was gone, when we returned and left our forage, joined the reg. and moved to the left and marched back through the woods and fields, heavy firing in front. Half of our Reg. dismounted and formed in line and went forward to a piece of woods, the rebs drove the dismounted men back by a flank movement on their right, none of our company hurt. We rallied and formed and charged the rebs and drove them with some loss. This charge was made just at dark. The Regiment stood in line of battle until 10 P.M. then posted heavy pickets. Had to go on at 1 P.M. and stood for three hours, raining and cold, nearly froze. It was a sharp fight.

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Expect some hard fighting today to celebrate the New Year. Firing all around this morning. Stood for several hours in line of battle. The rebs shelling us, a solid shot passed over our heads on a bound and threw dirt all over. The Infantry came up and we fell back. No rest for 3 days except some tonight. All kinds of camp rumors and fears as to the result of this battle. Crossed Stormy Creek and camped.

Friday.

Jan. 2. Revallee at 4 A.M. and formed in line, heavy firing in front. Stood in line all day. At 4 P.M. the heaviest firing I ever heard, both artillery and musketry, it lasted 1½ hours. The Rebs were repulsed and such cheering from front to rear. Stood picket from 6 to 8 P.M. Sharp picket firing in front, have not heard the result of the 4 P.M. Battle.

Saturday.

Jan. 3. Rained all night, slept sound. Fighting commenced in front at daylight. We are on the right flank and are not engaged. Not much fighting today. Went on picket at dark, a sharp fight in front. Rained all day.

Sunday.

Jan. 4. No fighting this morning. It rained all night hard and we sit on our horses in line all night, mud and water to the horses knees. Remained in line until we received news that the rebs had evacuated Murfreesborough. Marched back and remained in camp until 4 P.M. and marched until 6 P.M. and camped. Was soon ordered in line and stood in line for several hours, no rebs bothered us.

Monday.

Jan. 5. Moved out of camp early. Marched toward Murfreesborough, arrived in town at 10 A.M. marched through town and soon came up with the rebs. I was left to guard six reb prisoners. The Regiment chased them for eight miles. Then came back and camped 2 miles east of town. Some sharp fighting by us today and a few hurt. Passed over the battlefield, the dead were stripped by the rebs. Trees were cut down by the cannonballs.

Tuesday.

Jan. 6. Moved camp nearer town this morning. Mud Camp. Expect to stay some time, the fight is over for the present. I was sent on picket after dark, very cold.

Wednesday.

Jan. 7. Clear and pleasant this morning. Stood post at the reserve, relieved early. The wagons came up and we pitched our tents this evening.

Thursday.

Jan. 8. Nothing particular in camp. Saw some of the boys from the 11th Inf. and heard that Ben Clubine was wounded and in the hospital at Murfreesborough.

Friday.

Jan. 9. Pleasant this morning Smith Williams came to see me to day they "13 Michigan inf" were in the thickest of the fight & half their number are killed or wounded. On police duty all afternoon orders to scout I did not go. About 12 P M Ge G 4th Mich. Col. Dickinson routed us out and ordered us to follow the regiment. Reported to headquarters no orders and went back to bed.

Saturday.

Jan. 10. In camp, nothing particular going on. Geo. Baum of the 11th Inf. came to see me today, looks tough, was in the fight, Ezra Spencer was killed.

Sunday.

Jan. 11. Foraging today with the wagons, some private forage carried in, back to camp early, I was sick when I got back.

Monday.

Jan. 12. In camp all day, dull day, weather pleasant.

Tuesday.

Jan. 13. Pleasant this morning, went down town to see Ben Clubine. he is doing well. It is a hard sight to see so many poor fellows suffering from sickness and wounds. Saw Geo. Baum and Elliot Gray of the 11th.

Wednesday.

Jan. 14. Foraging again today, went out some distance, did not get any private forage. Rained hard this evening.

Thursday.

Jan. 15. Still raining cold and muddy. Our tent is all mud this

morning. Turned to snow and stowed all day, cold night.

Friday.

Jan. 16. Still storming and cold, not much stir in camp, no word from the boys out on the scout.

Saturday.

Jan. 17. Went to town saw Ben Clubine, he is doing well, saw Wallace Barker and Gil Watkins 9th Inft, they are camped on the same ground they were on when Gen. Forest took them in last year.

Sunday.

Jan. 18. Foraging today out ten miles, no private forage, pleasant day, nothing particular going on in camp.

Monday.

Jan. 18. Pleasant morning, I stayed in camp all day, commenced raining this evening. The regiment came in this evening tired and cold, having been out ten days.

Tuesday.

Jan. 21. Raining this morning, a cold disagreeable day. No news from home.

Wednesday. Jan. 21.

Foraging today, a cold raw day, no private forage. Drew new boots today. Sargt. James Dapp, J. Jaguans, Jerry Hayse, Wolsey and Leonard are dead, died in hospital.

Thursday.

Jan. 22. Nothing new, plenty of old mud.

Friday.

Jan. 23. Went on a scout just before dark, we caught 2 rebs and got back to camp at 10 P.M. Pleasant day.

Saturday.

Jan. 24. On picket today, a bad place, saw no rebs. rained hard.

Jan. 25. Still on picket and are not to be relieved today. Rebs reported in front, fell back so as not to be surprised, tired standing so long. We are four hours on and two hours off post.

Monday.

Jan. 26. Was not troubled by the rebs and none seen. Gave up being relieved today but it came at 7 pm, glad to see them. Rained hard going to camp.

Tuesday.

Jan. 27. Expected to have some rest but had to go foraging in the afternoon, got back to camp after dark, cold since the rain.

Wednesday.

Jan. 28. Foraging again today. Could not cross a creek and had to run around to get loaded. Back to camp, After dark, cold and snowing a little.

Thursday.

Jan. 29. Went to see Ben. He is getting better. Saw Wal and Gil. Wal is sick. Clear and pleasant today. Orders for the whole regiment to forage tomorrow.

Friday.

Jan. 30. Started foraging at 7 P.M. forded a river, rough country and bad roads back to camp late.

Saturday.

Jan. 31. Orders for a scout to leave at 12 m, started at 7 P.M. The whole brigade went at daylight, the 7th Penn. charged on a camp at Rover and took about 100 prisoners. The charge was made with sabers and some of the rebs got bad cuts. Marched back some distance and camped at 12 P.M. Went on picket, raining and no fire.

Sunday.

Feb. 1. Relieved at 8 A.M. and started for Franklin. Rebs scarce. Did not get them. Turned back, a short rest at sundown. Camped 2 miles from Colage Grove. Roads very muddy. Clear and cold.

Monday.

Feb. 2. Slept well. Revallee at 5 A.M. Fed and started at daylight for Franklin. Passed through town at 4 P.M. and camped 2 or 3 miles west. Cold tonight.

Tuesday.

Feb. 3. Snowed some last night. Drew days rations and went on a scout in the evening for 6 or 8 miles from camp. Saw no rebs and returned to camp. Cold and freezing. Orders to be ready to march at daylight.

Wednesday.

Feb. 4. Started on a scout this morning, went to Johnson Station on the C.M. & D Railroad. Scouted around through the country and back to camp. Went for hay and was thrown from my horse and came back without any hay. Commenced snowing this evening and snowed hard.

Thursday.

Feb. 5. Snowing this morning, not very cold. Drew three day's rations this morning and left camp at noon. Marched over a rough country, camped after dark in a thicket, cooked pancakes for supper. Passed Hillsborough today. Cold and frosty tonight.

Friday.

Feb. 6. Left camp at 7 A.M. marched over the hills through a poor country. Captured some rebs. Camped about 20 miles from Charlotte. Passed over the ground where the 7th Penn. had a fight last June. Rumors of all kinds as to where we are going. Cold and frosty with snow on the ground.

Saturday.

Feb. 7. Moved out of camp at daylight. Passed to the left of the Charlotte road. The country poor, near night came out on the road. We left camp near Franklin on and about 2 miles from the old camp. Camped in the old camp. Got a good supply of forage today. Our Company on picket today night. Not so cold, expect to go to camp tomorrow.

Sunday.

Feb. 8. On picket, the boys foraged extensively today, whiskey to drink. Flour and the best of the land to eat. Relieved at sundown by Co. K. and went to camp. A good country here and the boys feel good.

Monday.

Feb. 9. Ordered to be ready to march at daylight. Did not go and do not know when we will. Warm and pleasant.

Tuesday.

Feb. 10. Routed out early expecting to move, did not leave camp until afternoon. Passed through Franklin, crossed the river and camped in a pretty wood.

Wednesday.

Feb. 11. No order to leave. I was put on guard in the afternoon, stood on guard in the afternoon one trick and was sick. Drew one day's rations. The orders came after dark to march at 6 A.M.

Thursday.

Feb. 12. Marched at 6 A.M. Started toward Murfreesborough. Raining and muddy roads. Halted at Eagleville. I was sent on picket. Recalled

and camped. Rebs on the same ground we drove them from the 31st of Jan.

Friday.

Feb. 13. Marched and drove them out of their camp and returned to Eagleville and fed. Started for Murfreesborough distant 18 miles arrived at camp at 8 O.C. and found all right. On this scout we took 300 prisoners. While at Franklin 5 of our soldiers were whipped, heads shaved and drummed through camp.

Saturday.

Feb. 14. Had to get out early for roll call for the first time since we left this camp. Wrote some letters and took it as easy as I could. Saw Turn Anderson, he looks hard.

Sunday.

Feb. 15. On picket today on the Manchester pike, the old picket had 20 rebel conscripts that gave themselves up. One of our Bpys came in to our quarters today. Rebs around but none seen by us. We are 5 miles out from town and a hard and dangerous post. Got some mutton but have to keep it sly.

Monday.

Feb. 16 No relief today. Commenced raining at 10 A.M. Moved the reserve to an old house, very comfortable.

Tuesday.

Feb. 17. Raining this morning. The relief came early and we returned to camp. In crossing the creek some fell in. I toped my boots after I got in camp.

Wednesday.

Feb. 18. In camp all day. Cap. Melcher came back today. He is not well. Orders tonight for a 3 days scout with 40 rounds of ammunition I was detailed to drive the ambulance.

Thursday.

Feb. 19. Out early to get my team ready and got one span mules ready and started after daylight. On the Liberty pike no fighting today. A large forage train is with us. Stopped and fed at Auburn. Camped close by town. Not a very nice country. The rebs tore up a couple of bridges.

Friday.

Feb. 20. Started early, drove the reb pickets in, arrived at Liberty at noon. Drove them some distance from town, fell back and fed. Camped within 2 or 3 miles of Auburn. A few were wounded.

Saturday.

Feb. 21. Moved early toward Murfreesborough. No fighting today. Arrived early at camp before dark. Rained most of the day.

Sunday.

Feb. 22. Went to town with 3 sick men, signed the pay roll, received a letter from Fish. At sundown a salute was fired by the artillery of each brigade and an address read to each regiment. The officers held a jubilee at night.

Monday.

Feb. 23. I went for the paymaster, he did not come. The pay roll had to be examined. Move camp in the afternoon 1 mile south on a pretty piece of ground at a brick house. Not sorry to get out of mud camp.

Tuesday.

Feb. 24. Went for the paymaster again and he came back with me. Drove my pay up to Oct. 31, 1862, amt. \$23.40 took him back to town after dark. A good time in camp. Maj. Terril is paymaster.

Wednesday.

Wednesday.

Feb. 25. After the paymaster again to pay the officers. A lively camp today, eating and drinking, some merry boys. On the return to town the Major stopped and payed the Ohio battery attached to our brigade. Rained all day.

Thursday.

Feb. 26. Went to town with Lieut. Porter, the Commissary, he is going home. Doctor Armstrong went along, brought back Col. Dicks stove paying \$20.00 for it. Still raining.

Friday.

Feb. 27. Went to town with one sick man. A Busy day doing errands.

Saturday.

Feb. 28. Mustered for pay at daylight. Washed some clothes and went to town with sick. Had to bring them back, the hospitals are all full. bought some paper and a pocket book. Orders for a scout tomorrow early.

Sunday.

March 1. Started early on a forage scout on the Bradyville pike. My ambulance went as far as the bridge. A nice time today, had some rocky roads. Did not go as far as Bradyville, returned to camp.

Monday.

March 2. Moved out early at 7 A.M. on the Bradyville pike and waited for the wagon train and 1 brigade of infantry to pass and the 2nd brigade of Cav. Returned to camp at 2 P.M. with 600 wagons loaded.

Tuesday.

March 3. In town today, orders for a scout in the morning, cold, snowed a little.

Wednesday.

March 4. Started early with 6 days' rations. At Rover the 7th Penn. charged the reb. camp with sabers and made some ugly wounds. Took 42 prisoners chased them within 5 miles of Shelbyville. I was as far as Union. I saw some sore heads dressed. We took 18 wagons and teams, a number of horses tents and camp equipmentage. Camped at Eagleville.

Thursday.

March 5. Hitched up early and waited order. Stayed all day in camp. The command was out scouting all day. Heavy firing north and west of us this afternoon.

Friday.

March 6. Started early and marched until 8 A.M. and was halted and waited all day for orders to move, went into camp at dark. We are under Command of Gen. Sheridan. Rumors that the rebs took 2200 of our troops yesterday at Spring Hill. Rained all day.

Saturday.

March 7. Move early toward Rover, got within a couple of miles of their's and was ordered back. Stopped on last night's camp and fed, moved at 3 P.M. for Franklin. I had 2 rebs to draw and had to get to the rear and get one of our men that broke his leg. Bad roads after we left the pike at Trinine, 2 or 3 miles out from Trinine camped.

Sunday.

March 8. Moved at daylight, bad roads, camped near Franklin at 11 A.M. I had to go to town with the man that broke his leg. Had to wait a long time for troops to cross the pontoon bridge. Back to camp just before dark. Rained all day.

Monday.

March 9. Awaile at 3 A.M. Marched at daylight, crossed the pontoon and came out on the Carters Creek Pike. Crossed to the Columbia pike passing Johnson Station. Near the station there was 3 of the 4th Regulars.

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killed and 1 wounded. We took 13 prisoners. Passed through Spring Hill and camped near town. Commenced raining after dark.

Tuesday.

March 10. Aevalee at 4 A.M. fed and saddled up and waited for orders until 1 A.M. then unsaddled expecting to stay all day but was dissappointed for at 9 A.M. boots and saddles was heard and we started for Columbia. I had to drive the ambulance by infantry and batterys for 3 miles. The rebs were found about 5 miles out from Columbia and I was halted, the wounded three in number were sent back from the front. Col. Minty had his horse shot. Fell back and camped. Rained all day and cold.

Wednesday.

Mar. 11. Clear this morning. No orders until late. I had to drive to the pike, could see the rebs from camp across a small creek. A few shell were thrown among them and they skipped out. Our troops gave chase. I stayed all day at the pike, after dark drove back to last night's camp. The troops followed to Duck River Bridge, burned it and fell back to camp.

Thursday.

March 12. Moved early, camped at the last camp near Franklin at noon. After dinner I went to town to get the ambulance fixed.

Friday.

March 13. Moved after dinner for Trinine, roads bad, camped 1 mile from town, no rations. Wagons stuck in the mud.

Saturday.

March 14. Moved at daybreak. Passed 3 brigades of infantry and a large number of batteries. Arrived in camp at Murfreesborough about 4 P.M. allright. First heard of Alanson Kungers, death. Good news from home.

Sunday.

March 15. A good nights rest, washed my clothes, had a hard job of it. Fixed up generally. A busy day.

Monday.

March 16. Clear and pleasant this morning. Not much to do, after dinner went to the convalescent camp with 6 men.

Tuesday.

March 17. Out early made 3 trips to the field hospital, took 6 men each time, orders after dark to go after the paymaster in the morning.

Wednesday.

March 18. Out early, took 6 men to the hospital and went to the paymaster's home, had to wait until he paid 1 company of 1st Tenn. Back to camp at noon. The regiment were just leaving on a scout and I turned around and took the paymaster home and went out on the Salem pike 6 miles without seeing a reb. The rebs had made a dash on our pickets, they lost 10 killed and 2 prisoners and we lost our picket, 2 prisoners. That was the cause of the scout. Returned to camp.

Thursday.

March 19. Went early for the paymaster, had to wait some time for him. Drew 2 months pay, went to the field hospital with 8 men this evening.

Friday.

March 20. Two trips today to take sick, took 17 men to the convalescent camp. Orders for a 2 days scout and the regiment left before I got back. Dock came and met me, we caught up with the command, moved rapidly to where the infantry had been fighting all day. Trees badly cut by shot and shell. Camped late, saw no rebels.

Saturday.

March 21. Remained in camp until noon. Returned to camp after dark. No rebs found by scouts today.

Sunday.

March 22. Went to town and had my picture taken. Cost \$1.50. carried 4 men to the hospital. wrote home and sent \$25.00.

Monday.

March 23. Went to town with Lieut. McKinzey so as to muster inst Lieut Cap. Tolton's wife went to town with us.

Tuesday.

March 24. Went to town with a gay load. Lieut. Mc Kinzey, Dock Armstrong, Stuarts, Jas. Verner and Wilson. The first two for pay but they came back without. The Cap's wife came back with us. Raining hard.

Wednesday.

March 25. Started for town early so as to be there by 8 A.M. with Dock and Lieut. Mc. Their papers not right, returned to camp and they got their papers fixed and we returned to town with one sick man. They got their pay. Cold rainy day and a little snow. All that is to be seen in town is army wagons, soldiers crackers and niggers.

Thursday.

March 26. Went to town with 2 sick men and Cap. Tolton and Cap. Eddrige's wives an extra load for me. Visited the 9 inft. saw Wallace Barker, he is well. Read a letter from Frank Ferris. Cap "Union and Turn Anderson rode back with me. Turn is regimental ^{surgeon} ~~surgeon~~.

Friday.

March 27. Went to town with 3 sick men in the morning. Commenced raining after dinner.

Saturday.

March 28. Very sick all night and sick this morning. Took a dose of calomel and feel better tonight. Orders to move the 80th and leave the Sibley tents.

Sunday.

March 29. I got Peter Sufry to go to town for me, not well today. I made a pipe out of sweet briar root to send to Father by Cap. Melcher.

Monday.

March 30. Went to town with 4 sick men. Cold as the devil and a little snow. A good sample of the sunny south. Washed this afternoon. We were routed out at 2 A.M. by the familiar sound of the bugle and expected to have a fight. The pickets were attacked, did not get any nearer.

Tuesday.

March 31. Went to town with 2 men. Very cold and windy, a little snow. Busy writing after dark and was ordered by the Provost Marshal to hitch up and take a woman to town. She came inside our lines from Slabana today, is going to see her daughter.

Wednesday.

April 1. A clear cold morning, not well. Went to town after dinner with Cap. Plimpton. He has resigned and is going home. Orders to start at daylight on a 5 days scout.

Thursday.

April 2. Out early and left camp at sunrise. Took the Liberty pike, the rebs burnt 1 bridge, some fighting within 6 miles of Liberty. Camped 6 miles out near the old camp on the first scout.

Friday.

Apr. 3. Moved early. Some picket firing all night. Fighting commenced early. Chased the rebs 3 miles beyond Liberty to Snow Hill. Killed a few rebs. We had 1 man killed and 3 wounded. heavy cannonading, fell back 2 miles from Liberty and camped at the Junction of the Liberty and Leabannon pikes. We took a few prisoners and had 1 man taken of Co.D.

Saturday.

April 4. Moved at sunrise on the Leabanon pike, passed through Alexandria 7 miles from last night's camp. A pretty town and of union sentiments stopped and fed. After dinner marched as far as Sparta and camped 11 miles from Leabanon, a small town.

Sunday.

April 5. Moved early and started back for Leabanon, got in town about noon and stayed for a long time. It has been a pretty town. Two of our men that were prisoners were shot here today by rebs. Moved about 5 miles toward Murfreesborough and camped. The regiment did not get in early, it went to the left of the pike from Sparta. They had a hard days march over rough roads, took 4 prisoners and got plenty of eggs.

Monday.

April 6. Out early and ready to move. No move until noon, then marched for Murfreesborough. arrived in camp about 9 P.M. tired and sleepy.

Tuesday.

April 7. Went to town with John Prince and Chas. Leathers of our company, sick, went to no. 3. hospital. A nice day. A number of letters for me today.

Wednesday.

April 8. Fine morning. went to town with the doctors, received orders this evening for a 5 days scout to move early in the morning.

Thursday.

April 9. Moved early on the Nashville pike. Turned to the left and started for Trinitine. A rough road. Passed over the old battle ground. Stopped and fed at Trinitine. Troops are camped here. Moved toward Franklin and camped on the old camp ground in place of mud it is dust, dust.

Friday.

April 10. Moved early at daylight, marched slow to within 4 miles of Franklin. Stopped rested and moved to the left when we started and soon found rebs across ----- creek, our regiment and 3rd Ohio regulars had a hard fight. Capturing a battery but lost it, a number of the regulars wounded. I drew 3 of the 2nd Tenn. Cav. "union" camped 3 miles from Franklin and near the battle ground. Anderson's command we were fighting.

Saturday.

April 11. Revalued at 3 A.M. did not move early. Moved about 1 mile and halted. Reports from yesterday's fight are that 41 rebs were left dead on the field. Our loss was light, a few killed and 15 or 16 wounded. We took 60 prisoners, lay around all day where we halted and camped here for the night. No rebs in hearing. Drew rations this evening.

Sunday.

April 12. Hitched up early and waited for marching orders. Slept most of the day. Camped in the same camp. Drew 2 day's rations. A pleasant day.

Monday. April 13.

Went to Franklin with sick men, no move. When I got back orders for the command to go to Murfreesborough and ordered to burn all the houses on the way. In retaliation for the citizens harboring men that tore up the railroad and hindered the trains. Could see the smoke of the buildings in all directions. Passed over the road from Trinitine to Murfreesborough as bad as ever. Camped within 10 miles of town.

Tuesday.

April 14. Moved early, got to the railroad in town and was ordered back on the Nashville pike 6 miles and then to the right to the railroad where some track had been torn up, found 2 rebs secreted in a house and brought them in. No more to be found, returned to camp.

Wednesday.

April 15. Raining this morning. Went to town with the doctors.

Thursday.

April 16. Raining this morning. Went to town afternnoon. Hurried back and drew 2 months pay. Orders for a scout in the morning. Don't expect to go.

Friday.

April 17. Clear and warm. Went to town as usual and wrote some letters, expect orders for a scout.

Saturday.

April 18. Went to town with 1 sick man. Got a new ambulance. Went for Mrs. Cap. Eldridge and took her to the depot to meet the Capt. He did not come, took her back to her boarding house and returned to camp.

Sunday.

April 19. Waked by Capt. Eldridge at 2 A.M. to take his wife to the depot. It was tough, so dark I could not see anything. Raining and thunder and lightening. Groped my way and got her safe to the depot. waited until daylight and returned to camp. I had to hunt three hours for 1 of my mules when I got back. I drove four when on a scout. He had broken loose but got caught. Received two letters today. At 4 p m orders to go on a scout. Hitched up and waited until dark, then unhitched.

Monday.

April 20. Orders this morning to be ready to move at 1 p m, Started on time went through Readyville at sundown and camped near town. Other troops are head and good forts.

Tuesday.

April 21. Moved at 1 A.M. for Woodbury which we passed at 5 A.M. A pretty place and county seat. Marched fast and darndest roads, rocks and hills. We left the pike just east of Woodbury. Marched over a poor country until 5 miles from McMunville where the country is good. Captured tweir pickets and charged into town capturing 108 prisoners and Dick McKan, his head was badly cut with a saber. We burnt the depot and railroad buildings and mill, burt 1 train of 16 cars, 2 passenger cars and 8 flat cars, 2 engines and their loads, captured the mail and burnt 2 bridges. I got some books and 2 boxes of tobacco. I camped close by town, the regiment was out on the railroad on picket. Rained this evening.

Wednesday.

April 22. Raining this morning. The regiment did not come up till late and then moved out on the Smithville road, not so rocky but muddy, a poor country. Reached Smithville at 5 P.M. capturing a few rebs. Dick McKan escaped last night, the guards drunk. Plenty of drunk men. Camped at the ----- house 3 miles from Smithville in the grubs at 12 P.M. last night, drew rations.

Thursday.

April 23. Kovalee early, moved at sunrise. Crossed Snow H. ll. A rough country but beautiful scenery. Passed through Liberty west of town drove the rebs out of camp, taking a few prisoners, one wagon and plenty of traps. Took the Lebanon pike and passed through Alexandria at 1 P.M. where we expected to find 1000 rebs but the birds had flown. Camped early 2 miles from town. Reports that the rebs have gone to ----- and Morgan with them.

Friday.

April 24. Waked at 1 AM harnessed up and waited for orders, did not move today. Some of the regiment were out scouting. I had the tobacco taken at McMunville divided today, some hard feelings. The darn niger wants to keep the whole and not give the 4th regular his share. I divided equal one third each. Dock Armstrong and Lieut. Carter claimed

a share and I gave Carter \$5. and the niger was to give Dock the same "this niger was Dock's waiter" Drew 2 days rations and remained in the same camp.

Saturday.

April 25. Moved at 7 A.M. toward Lebanon, left the pike at Sparta, turned to the right and such roads up and down mountains, coming out near Statesville, camped 2 miles west, a good country here. A part of the regiment went out scouting after dark. Found no rebs. I saw corn and potatoes up nice today and pear brushes.

Sunday.

April 26. The regiment went out scouting for 3 or 4 hours and came in and fed then started for Murfreesborough which we reached at 2 P.M. I received 4 letters from home.

Monday.

April 27. Washed in the forenoon and wrote letters in the afternoon.

Tuesday.

April 28. Went to town with 5 sick men, and brought a metallic coffin back for a man that died last night belonging to Co. E. The body is to be sent home. Took the corpse to town in the afternoon under an escort of 20 mounted men.

Wednesday.

April 29. Went for my extra pay early did not get it. Took Capt. Grant and Benion to town afternoon. They are going home. I sent \$60. home by Grant. Received my extra pay after dark, amount \$7.00
Up to this time men on detailed duty drew extra pay.

Thursday.

April 30. Raining this morning. Went to town with sick men. Wallace Parker went to town with me. Turned over our Sibly tents today. Pup tents hereafter. Not feeling well today.

Friday.

May 1. Sick this morning, did not go to town today, a fine day.

Saturday.

May 2. Resigned as ambulance driver. Cyhis Smith to take my place. I will go to the company as soon as I am able.

Sunday.

May 3. Letters from home to day, no duty today. Went to town with Charley, dull in camp.

Monday.

May 4. Better today, no duty all quiet in camp,

Tuesday.

May 5. On picket today on the Wartrace road, saw no rebs.

Wednesday.

May 6. Cold and raining this morning. Some firing on the Shelbyville and Shancharter pikes. back to camp early and drilled in the afternoon, rained all day.

Thursday.

May 7. Stormy and cold, so cold that our overcoats are at a premium. On guard today. Muddy and disagreeable. Read a letter from Gen. Reynolds News from the army.

Friday.

May 7. Relieved from guard at 8 A.M. fixed a tent with Tom McKimney A busy day. cleared of, warm and nice.

Saturday.

May 9. Picket today, started early, went out on the Shelbyville

pike, no rebs seen or heard until dark, then they were seen skulking around, no firing.

Sunday.

May 10. No firing during the night. At sunrise Lieut. Potter went out in front with a few men and took 3 prisoners, wounding one so that the ambulance was sent for to bring him in. We surprised them. Relieved at 11 A.M. I had a lame foot, my horse stepped on it so I did not go on inspection in the afternoon.

Monday.

May 11. On guard today, warm morning. Good news from Hookers Army. "the potomac" today. Considerable excitement in camp, no news from home yet.

Tuesday.

May 12. Relieved at 8 A.M. wrote a letter and expected to have a little rest but was detailed for picket at noon and went out on the Liberty pike. I had a bad post. Got plenty of milk. No rebs seen.

Wednesday.

May 13. No disturbance during the night. relieved at 12 M. stood only 2 tricks. The regiment moved camp today into the woods, a nice camp.

Thursday.

May 14. On camp guard. A general time polishing today. A pleasant day.

Friday.

May 15. Relieved at 10 A.M. rested until noon. Drill at 2 P.M. and went to the river and watered horses. The boys came back from Louisville with horses. They have been gone about 6 weeks.

Saturday.

May 16. Picket today on the Wartrace road. "no rebs. plenty of milk to be had here, dull times but plenty of work.

Sunday.

May 17. Relieved early and rested the balance of the day. Rec. a letter from home. "no firing last night or this morning.

Monday.

May 18. On fatigue duty this morning. Sick most of the day. All quiet in camp, no news.

Tuesday.

May 19. Polishing all day. Gen Turchin was here at dress parade. A pleasant day.

Wednesday.

May 20. Got a pass today and went to town to see the 9th inf. Wal Barker had gone to the field hospital and I did not see him. Went to the 13th inf. and stayed all day. had a good time.

Thursday. May 21. On guard today, stood two tricks and at dress parade orders came for the reg. to report on the Salem pike at 8 1/2 P.M. with 1 days rations for a scout. I was relieved and we left camp at 7 P.M. I was tired but had to go. A strong force moved for some place unknown to any but the officers. No wagons of any kind along.

Friday.

May 22. Marched all night, leaving Salem pike to the right and such roads. We went over rocks, logs, fences, through mud holes, lanes, fields, brush and the darndest woods, so dark we could hardly see each other. Got lost and bothered around a long while. When we found our road it was trot or gallop and then come up with a jam and my horse was so contrary. At daylight we came on better roads and had orders not to spare our horses. We surprised the pickets, firing but few shots and charged into their camp, completely surprising them, they were not out of bed and had to run and leave their clothes and some other things.

and took 200 prisoners, then burned everything in camp, broke their guns, left taking their colars and a number of horses. The rebs followed and fired on our rear guard, wounding some, followed almost to our pickets. We sent out skirmishers and they fell back. Their camp was near Middletown.

Saturday.

May 23. No duty today, rested all day, no news. Not very well.

Sunday.

May 24. Excused by the Doctor from duty today. Sick, nothing new in camp.

Monday.

May 25. Still on the sick list, did no duty today but feel better than yesterday.

Tuesday.

May 26. Sick yet. Dull in camp. Good news from Grants army. Rec. a letter today from A. I. Hall, all well in Porter.

Wednesday.

May 27. Sick. Volandingham was passed outside out lines this morning on the Shelbyville pike. Under a strongguard to prevent his being killed. Orders today to burn charcoal enough to last 2 months.

Thursday.

May 28. Everything that is unnecessary is ordered to be packed up and rumors are that we are going forward. Good news from Vicksburg today and we will have fighting here soon I think.

Friday.

May 29. Nothing new in camp. I am still sick.

Saturday.

May 30. Raining this morning and showery all day. Orders for general inspection tomorrow at 1 A.M. John Bryant came up today fat and hearty.

Sunday. May 31. Showery, inspection afternoon, I was not out.

Monday.

June 1. Some more new horses today, no orders to move yet.

Tuesday.

June 2. Raining this morning, returned to duty. Detailed for guard to mount at 1 P.M. stood my tricks but feel hard up. Nothing new in camp.

Wednesday.

June 3 Rained hard this morning, relieved at 2 P.M. the regiment went out to stop the rebs sharp firing. The rebs took some of our pickets last night. The regiment came back after dark. Some firing in front.

Thursday. Orders to be ready to move any moment.

Thursday.

June 4. Twice this forenoon at 12M general call sounded. Packed and saddled up ready to move. Then unpacked and all moved out to the front on the Manchester pike. Heavy firing toward Shelbyville and Trine. Our boys came back just at dark, had no fighting and saw but few rebs.

Friday.

June 5. One of the hardest rains of the month last night. On guard at 1 P.M. today. Orders to keep 100 horses saddled all the time. Franklin is reported to be taken by the rebs. Rec. 2 good letters today.

Saturday. June 6. Nothing new in camp. News good. The rebs were whipped at Franklin and lost 7 or 800 prisoners.

Sunday.

June 7. General inspection at 9 A.M. No new orders.

Monday. June 8. Got my horse shod this forenoon. ~~Gangward~~ On guard at 1 P.M. did not expect to be on today. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday.

June 9. Relieved at 2 P.M. nothing new today. A busy forenoon getting ready for inspection at 5 P.M.

Wednesday.

June 10. Revallee at 2 A.M. and boots and saddles, soon after, moved at 3 A.M. out on the Salem pike and marched toward Middleton. A part kept on the pike and drove in the reb pickets. We had no fighting. Got back to camp at 2 P.M. everything eat up and stole out of the tents. No news.

Thursday.

June 11. Raining this morning. No news from home today. Orders for a scout tomorrow. To move at 5 A.M. No rations to be taken along.

Friday.

June 12. Moved at 9 A.M. on the Salem pike. Marched about 8 miles, drove in the reb pickets and marched back to camp, having done all that was intended. Arrived in camp at 4 P.M. Forage scarce I got but little.

Saturday.

June 13. All quiet in camp this morning. Drilled 2 hours. Afternoon weather cool and pleasant. Nothing new.

Sunday.

June 14. Inspection at 10 A.M. and on picket afternoon on the Manchester pike. No rebs seen today. A hard rain just at dark.

Monday.

June 15. Clear and pleasant this morning. Had but one trick to stand after dark, saw no rebs. Relieved at two P.M. The regiment was moving out on a 3 days scout just as we arrived at camp. I did not go.

Tuesday.

June 16. An idle day, the most like Sunday of any day for a long time. No news in particular today.

Wednesday.

June 17. Slept as long as we pleased this morning. The boys came in afternoon tired and dusty, they had to skim back, the rebs were too many for them. None of our boys were hurt, they marched both night. Weather warm.

Thursday.

June 18. Detailed for to go to town to load corn, got back at 10 am On guard at 1 P.M. Heavy thunder shower afternoon.

Friday.

June 19. Rumors of a scout today. Relieved at 1 P.M. Rested in the afternoon. No news from the front.

Saturday.

June 20. Detailed to cut wood this forenoon. Nothing to do in the afternoon. Dull in camp. Ripe apples and blackberries plenty.

Sunday

June 21 A lazy day. Company inspection at 9 A.M. and again at 3 P.M. Clear and pleasant, nothing new in camp.

Monday.

June 22 Went on picket at 1 P.M. on the Middleton road. Berries plenty lived first rate.

Tuesday.

June 23. No rebs around, relieved at 2. P.M. and returned to camp. Orders to be ready to move at any moment. with 60 rounds of cartridges.

Wednesday

June 24. General call at 6 A.M. Moved at 10 A.M. on the Woodbury pike a General move, the roads are lined with troops and wagons. We marched to near Readyville where our bridgesgade turned back and took the Salem pike, left the pike and crossed toward the Shelbyville pike. Rained hard all day. Roads muddy. Camped in the woods and left the horses saddled all night.

Thursday.

June 25. Wet this morning. rained hard all night. Moved early. Roads bad, firing in the rear this afternoon. This afternoon came out to Shelbyville pike, fed and then advance, skirmished the woods over rocks, logs and cedar brush. Sharp firing just at sundown. The rebs shelled us and we fell back 3 or 4 miles and camped. Rained very hard this forenoon. Warm and cloudy afternoon. Took 1 prisoner.

Friday.

June 26. Routed at 3½ A.M. Horses were saddled all night, drew 3 days rations, all quiet in front. Hard rain all day, mud knew deep. Lay in camp all day.

Saturday.

June 27. Moved at 9 A.M. on the pike with skirmishes on the right. Then moved to the right through the woods until we found their breastworks which we flanked and charged on their left flank when they skinned. We skirmished and charged through the woods, shooting and found them thick on the pike. Charged and drove them into town. Some of the rebs turned to the left and ran into a lot enclosed with high fence posts set in the ground and 400 were taken. The command became scattered and halted to reform. I and about 20 others were ahead or so that we did not see the regiment and charged to the top of the hill north of the town square about ½ mile when we were reminded to halt by solid shot fired from a battery station in the square. Our battery was brought up and fired a few shots when the 7th Penn. came up in columns of fours and charged up the road, their battery raking the road. Two Br---guns and a large number of prisoners and several officers captured. A large number were drowned in attempting to cross the river, the banks are high, steep and clay so they could not get out. Arms and camp equipage covered the ground. In town 20 killed and wounded were left on the ground. Lieut. Hudson of our Regt. was badly wounded and a few of our men "Regt" It was a hard days ride but full of excitement.

Sunday.

June 28. Crawled out unwillingly this morning. Saddled up, did not start until near noon, marched back 6 miles, stopped and fed. News good from all quarters. Gen Bragg just made his escape from town. Took all of Wheelers staff officers. This is a rich country. Lynch of our Comp. and Ray of Comp.M. had a fight this evening. Lynch whipped. Drew rations and ammunition. Orders to be ready to move at 12 oc tonight. Got the mail, none for me.

Monday.

June 29. Routed at 1 A.M. raining when we got up. Moved back toward Shelbyville to the Fairfield pike. It branches off just at the edge of Shelbyville to the left. Raining hard and roads muddy. No rebs to be seen. Arrived at Fairfield at 1 P.M. Camped just before sundown. George Perkins and I went out a foraging and done very well. Rained very hard all the afternoon. Fairfield contains about half a dozen deserted houses. The rebs were driven out by our troops last Saturday. They reported our loss heavy. Fairfield is 12 miles from Franklin. This is a rich county. Good news from our troops.

Tuesday.

June 30. A clear morning for the first time in some days. Orders to saddle up and move. Our names were taken for muster. Moved out of Camp toward Manchester. Roads muddy. Camped near Manchester. Gov. Blair came with us today and made a short speech to the regt. Major Gray joined the regt. today.

Wednesday.

July 1. A clear morning. Orders at 5 A.M. to be ready to move at 10 A.M. Marched back to the forks of the Manchester and ----- roads and camped. I went on picket. Drew six days rations. Plenty of troops and wagons here.

Thursday.

July 2. Moved at 4 A.M. and marched back toward Manchester, over the same road, arrived in town in the afternoon. It is a pretty little town, a county seat. Passed on through town after the rebs. Forward in line of battle 7 miles northeast of Talahoma. Did not fire a shot. Crossed Elk River, deep and swift, some were dumped in. The rebs drove some of our troops back this morning, wounding and killing a few. They fell back as we came up. We recrossed the river and camped. The 1st division crossed the river and camped. Very tired, slept sound.

Friday.

July 3. After a good nights rest moved at Seven A.M. crossed the Duck river and formed in squadrons in a field. Had to divide our rations with the 3rd Ind. Cav. they were out. Marched to Dechard station and camped near town. Captured a few rebs here most of them had skinned out. Went out 7 miles for forage. A rich country, no orders for to move tonight or tomorrow.

Saturday.

July 4. No unusual excitement in camp for the 4th of July, a few guns fired at noon. Saddled up at 3 P.M. and started for Talahoma to guard prisoners and guard our train. Back toward some place else, sent a letter home today. Marched within 6 miles of Talahoma and camped at Estill Springs. Rained hard this afternoon. Gen. Rosencrans and staff passed our camp after dark. Rations are played out.

Sunday.

July 5. Revallee early and boots and saddles soon after. Left camp without any breakfast. Camped on a couple of miles out and fed and moved again, arriving in Talahoma at Eight A.M. This is a hard looking place, houses deserted and but a few of them. I did not visit the forts, there was 7 large seige guns left by the rebs. Started back with the train at 12 M. Moved slow, camped at Estill Springs. This is an old rebel camp ground. Several deserted homes. I stood guard 1 trick at the train. Divided our mess today, some hard feelings.

Monday.

July 6. Revallee early, our Camp in the rear of the train today and did not start very early. When the train reached Elk River they could not cross it, it was too high. One wagon floated down the river and driver and mules were drowned. It rained very hard last night. Correlled the wagons and camped within 1/2 mile of the river. Clear today and the river is slowly falling. Passed the day picking black berries and eating. Ordered on picket just at dark. Went out a short distance, river still high.

Tuesday.

July 7. Clear this morning. Went out 7 miles foraging for corn, got potatoes and onions. Rained hard on the return and got very wet. Black berries plenty. Good news from Grand and Head. Relieved at Sundown.

Wednesday.

July 8. Raining this morning. Creek at our post very high. Firing salutes all around this morning for our victories. Good living now. On picket again tonight.

Thursday.

July 9. Left this morning for the brigade, crossed the river 3 miles above the camp on a new bridge. Had a row with Lynch last night. Lieut. Lawton ordered him tied up and ordered me to assist. I had just come off post, he struck me but did not knock me down. Passed through Winchester in the afternoon. It is the prettiest town I have seen yet and a rich country all around. Camped 5 miles out at the foot of the mountains. I got some mail from home.

Friday.

July 10. Moved at 7 A.M. this morning. Passed through Salem to the left and camped near a small creek, passed the balance of the day pitching tents and cooking and eating. Forage for horses scarce. For ourselves plenty.

Saturday.

July 11. Detailed for picket today, went out toward the mountains, found a good place, plenty of forage for ourselves and horses. A warm day. Lieut. Parker is in command. T.J. McKenney is under arrest for foraging. News still good. Chattanooga and Huntsville are ours.

Sunday.

July 12. Relieved early and returned to camp. Had to go out at 3 P.M. to see a man drummed through camp with his head shaved for setting fire to a cotton gin. He was a 4th Ohio Cav. man. Orders were read forbidding foraging. Orders to move at daybreak tomorrow. Drew rations tonight.

Monday.

July 13. Moved early at 6 A.M. on the Huntsville road. Crossed the state line into Alabama at 9 A.M. In Alabama for the first time.

Some of the best country I have seen in the south. Arrived at New Market at noon and camped to the west of town 18 miles from Huntsville.

Tuesday.

July 14. Moved early, moved slow on account of the wagon train crossing Elk River. Camped 10 miles from Huntsville and 1 mile from ----- at a church. On guard tonight. Roads very muddy. All kinds of rumors in camp concerning army.

Wednesday.

July 15. Moved toward Huntsville early. Our Regt. in rear of the wagon train. Arrived within 1 mile of town at 2 P.M. and camped. Got ripe peaches and green corn today. A rich country.

Thursday.

July 16. Orders to go with the 2nd battalion foraging. Went out 3 miles and divided in squads and went for horses, mules and cattle and niggers. 10 of us brought in 100 head of cattle, 20 mules 10 horses and as many niggers as mules and horses. As many cattle and more niggers by other squads. The planters have most of their stock and niggers across the Tenn. River, and say that we can't cross, they will fight us.

Friday.

July 17. Had to go on guard before breakfast to relieve the guards from 1st and 3rd battalions. They are going out with 4 days rations and all their baggage. Took it easy on post.

Saturday.

July 18. Slept all night, an easy time on guard. I have been through town, it has shady walks and is a pretty place.

Sunday.

July 19. Went out foraging. Was gone all day. Came in and went on guard, nothing new in camp.

Monday.

Monday.

July 20. Moved at 8 A.M. Marched toward Winchester, came out 10 miles and camped after crossing Elk River. The camp is near a large cotton factory. Saw a threshing machine running today, just a cylander and crooked sticks for pitch forks.

Tuesday.

July 21. Routed at 2 A.M. to go foraging. 4 of our company went. I played out, went to sleep while the boys were watering their horses and crossing Elk River. Did not wake up until all were gone, "the first and last time while in the service." Did not get back until the brigade had started and did not stop to feed, marched to New Market, arrived at noon and halted for a rest. I guarded a house while in town, was on rear guard. Left for Salem and was fired at by bushwhackers when near the state line. Arrived at Salem before dark and camped. A large number of the boys came up that was left back, and all the company and regimental wagons.

Wednesday.

July 22. Roll call this morning, the first for some time. The camp was laid out in regular order. A general time, policing and pitching tents. Warm and sultry, No mail from home, one from A.I. Reynolds.

Thursday.

July 23. Detailed for picket today. Went out about 1 mile from camp. Plenty of berries and fresh pork. Gil Darling went out for the first time. Bushwhackers around our posts here.

Friday.

July 24. Not disturbed last night. The relief came early and we returned to camp. Cleaned my gun and washed. Nothing going on. All feel good.

Saturday. Detailed for a scout, left camp at 12 midnight. Went out in the hills 13 miles after bushwhackers, got but few in all. Got back to camp at noon, tired and sleepy, wrote letters in the afternoon.

Sunday.

July 26. Company inspection this morning. Drew 4 months pay this evening and I bought a new watch of Albert Wilson "our Regt. Steward" paying \$30. for it. I sent but \$14. home by Lieut. Porter. Tom McKinney sent for the boys \$234. to N.B. McKinney.

Monday.

July 27. Nothing in particular today, had a very easy day. Rumors that we will move soon. Clear and warm.

Tuesday.

July 28. On guard today, not a very hard time. Made the acquaintance of Ed Field and old friend of Darliska Adams. He is a member of the Chicago Board of Trade Battery. Drew clothes today. B.M. Davis came to the camp.

Wednesday.

July 29. Relieved from guard at 9 A.M. Washed my clothes and put on new ones. Report that we move at 5 P.M. General call at 2 P.M. moved out of camp at 5½ P.M. for Winchester. Very dusty. Marched until 2 A.M.

Thursday.

July 30. Routed from a sound sleep at 6 A.M. Breakfast and then water call. Commenced raining at noon. Detailed at 3 P.M. to go back to Salem after forage. Marched through the rain arriving at Salem and loaded the wagons by 10 P.M. Camped in town. Slept in an old house. I was on guard. We left 100 bushels of corn that we could not move. Cap. Robins is in command. Lieut. Stimson and Lieut. Parker commanding battalions. Our battalion under Stimson, he blowed some and so did the boys.

Friday.

July 31. Moved out of Salem at 6 A.M. and marched back to Winchester.

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The brigade had left and we had to follow them, caught up at noon. after missing the road two or three times. Marched until 4 P.M. and crossed the Elk River and camped on one of our old camp grounds. passed Hillsborough today.

Saturday.

Aug. 1. Moved at 5 a.m., toward McMinville. Very warm. Camped at 4 P.M. near Viola. Went out foraging for meat and got some pork. Good times on the march.

Sunday.

Aug. 2. Moved early. I was on guard. Passed through Viola, a pretty place but small. It is 10 miles from McMinville where we arrived at noon, camped. Some of the boys that were back sick joined us here. Still warm.

Monday.

Aug. 3. Relieved from guard at 8 A.M. Orders to move camp, packed up and went west of town and camped and used up the rest of the day policing and pitching tents. A very good camp close by Elk River.

Tuesday.

Aug. 4. A general time policing this forenoon with inspection. Orders for a scout with one days rations to start at 2 1/2 P.M. Moved on time, very warm. Crossed the Hollins river and took byroads. Marched until 8 P.M. and rested until 11 P.M. and then moved for, I don't know where.

Wednesday.

Aug. 5. Went as far as the River toward Sparta and took 16 out of their 20 pickets. The 4 ran and we did not follow. Their camp is 11 miles farther near Sparta. It was too far to run our horses. Fell back and rested until sunrise. Then move for camp, arriving at camp at noon. Slept until 4 P.M.

Thursday.

Aug. 6. On guard at 8 A.M. Very warm. nothing particular going on in camp. No news from home. Heard that Geo. Reynolds was a prisoner.

Friday.

Aug. 7. Relieved from guard at 8 A.M. but had to police until noon. Just one year today since I enlisted. Rested all afternoon. Orders to move on Monday for a 10 days scout. Some of the boys sent to Nashville after horses.

Saturday.

July 8. On guard again today. Orders for a 2 days scout and most of the guard relieved. I remained on guard. Relieved after dark to take all horses to town. I played out.

Sunday.

Aug. 9. On guard again this morning. Having a good time. Not many officers in camp to trouble us and we run the thing ourselves. No news from home.

Monday.

Aug. 10. Relieved at 6 A.M. and sent out with a scout with one days rations. Went east from town. Marched 12 miles up a small valley between the mountains and then went up the mountain and such climbing. after reaching the summit we charged into Bersheba Springs, but no rebels. A pretty place 19 miles from McMinville on the top of the mountain. It is a summer resort, Sulphur Springs with accommodations for 1000 guests. Ball alleys, billiard tables and all kinds of sport has been carried on. Board bill has been \$2.50 per day \$15. per week \$50. per month. The spring was discovered by Bersheba A.P. Cain of McMinville Aug. 1838. Got our supper of the few families left and started back at dark by the stage road. So dark we could not see how the country looked. Roads steep and rocky.

Tuesday.

Aug. 11. Marched until 3 oc. this morning to reach camp at McMinnville. The boys got back from Sparta yesterday. They had a sharp fight. 4 of our regt. wounded, one of Co. F. mortally. detailed for to go foraging at 7 A.M. Drove in some cattle and sheep and arrived in camp at 8 P.M.

Wednesday.

Aug. 12. On guard today. nothing particular going on in camp. Weather warm.

Thursday.

Aug. 13. Relieved at 8 A.M. rested all afternoon. No news from home.

Friday.

Aug. 14. The boys got back with horses this forenoon. I had an easy day. A shower this afternoon.

Saturday.

Aug. 15. On relief this morning, east of town. a very good post. Foraged a little, still warm.

Sunday.

Aug. 16. Got my breakfast at a house near the reserve. Relieved at noon. The infantry were moving out as we got back. Orders to move at 8 P.M. tonight with 10 days rations.

Monday.

Aug. 17. Moved at 2 A.M. On the road toward Sparta. Found some rebs 6 miles from town. Charged on them and took a few prisoners. We were on the same road, the boys were on the time they were out here. The rebs fired on us and we fell back to cover and had an Indian fight. One of our men were hurt. the 7th Penn. went around in the rear of the rebs and drove them into the mountains. They are the best men we have fought. It was the 8th Tenn. Reb. Cav. Camped at 10 P.M. Threw myself down and knew no more until morning. A hilly and poor country.

Tuesday.

August 18. Moved out of camp early on the Chattanooga road, over hills, halted and fed at 3 P.M. at the foot of the mountain. Had a hard time climbing the mountain. Camped on the table land. On picket tonight. Just one year ago tonight at 12 midnight that I left Lawton for Detroit. I stood picket the hours that I was on the road from home, to Lawton, viz, 10 to 12.

Wednesday.

Aug. 19. One of the rear guard today, nothing in particular today. Horses are scarce. Arrived at Pikeville at 4 P.M. at the foot of the mountain Eastside 3 or 4 old house compose the town. Gen. Vancleave's division of inf't. is camped a couple of miles from here.

Thursday.

Aug. 20. Rumors of moving. Orders to move at 2 P.M. with two days rations. Took the road across Waldrons ridge toward Smiths Cross roads. A hard time climbing the mountain. Camped on the top of the ridge.

Friday.

Aug. 21. Moved early. Found their pickets at Smiths Cross roads and drove them back. Our Company and Company 8 went in advance of the 7th Penn. to Washington, near 1/2 Mile, the Tenn. River. No fighting except firing a few shots across the river. Washington is the county seat of Rhea County 7 miles northeast of Smiths Cross roads. It is not much of a place. I got a large gold pen and silver holder off the Co. Clerk's desk. County papers were badly used. Moved back to Smiths Cross roads and camped.

Saturday.

Aug. 22. Detailed for foraging and went out 6 miles. I was sent back to camp with 2 rebs. Got to camp and all were hurrying and saddling up. The rebs were reported to be coming, did not come. Went out on a scout and returned to camp, just at dark and I had to go on picket.

Sunday.

Aug. 23. The brigade moved this morning, toward Chattanooga. Our Company far in advance. I did not catch up with the company until they halted 12 miles from Smiths Cross roads. Met some of the Wilders mounted inf. Infantry are not far off. I was on picket all day but camped with the regt. at night.

Monday.

Aug. 24. No orders this morning. lay in camp all day and had a good rest, no detail today.

Tuesday.

Aug. 25. Moved back this morning to Smiths Cross Roads. Afternoon moved 2½ miles from Washington and camped.

Wednesday.

Aug. 26. Moved on Washington early. No rebs in town. Detailed for picket posted near the river. Some of us went down to the river and the Reb pickets fired across at us but did not hit any one. The river is 600 yards wide here. Locks Ferry. Relieved and moved back to the Cross Roads and camped just at dark.

Thursday.

Aug. 27. On guard today. There was a flag raising here today. Speeches by Lieut. Cap. Robins, Lieut. Griffen and Col. Minty. Most of the Citizens here are union, and music by our band. Rumors that Chattanooga is taken.

Friday.

Aug. 28. Relieved at 9 A.M. from guard, rested the balance of the day. Received a letter from home and one from Father. He is in Cincinnati with Ham, he is better.

Saturday.

Aug. 29. Went to Washington on a scout. Rebs on the opposite side of the river. None on this side. Had a good time, weather pleasant.

Sunday.

Aug. 30. Had an easy day. Detailed just at dark to guard prisoners, there is 18 of them, mostly deserters, a few citizen bushwhackers and 2 of our own men.

Monday.

Aug. 31. Mustered for pay today. Had a very good time on guard. An orderly sergeant and 1 private of the 3 Arkansas came up and gave themselves up. Relieved after dark by the 7th Penn.

Tuesday.

Sept. 1. An easy forenoon. Foraging afternoon. Went to the river below Locks Ferry. Washed my hands and face for the first time in the Tenn. River.

Wednesday.

Sept. 2. The regiment went to Blythes Ferry, the battery went along but did not fire. Some shooting back and forth across the river. I was fired at twice and had a close shave. Was sent back with orders. Returned to camp.

Thursday.

Sept. 3. Went foraging near the Tenn. River. Nothing new, no rebs around. The weather is cool and dry and very cold nights.

Friday.

Sept. 4. Out foraging again today to the same place. Some of the boys were out scouting today. George Jenkins swam the river. Saw no rebs, got back at dark.

Saturday.

Sept. 5. On guard today. A speech by a Lieut. of the 9th Tenn. Inf. of

Burnsides Army. A large mail came for the regiment. None for me. Heard that Ham was discharged.

Sunday.

Sept. 6. Took a good wash after I was relieved from guard. Orders at noon to move at 2 P.M. Marched down the valley 8 miles to where we camped on the way up and camped. Most of our wagon train met us here. Nothing new going on.

Monday.

Sept. 7. On guard again today. A report that the rebs were crossing the river and all saddled up and sent out scouts. Remaining saddled until night. It was a squad of deserters. All quiet again.

Tuesday.

Sept. 8. Relieved this morning. A scout was sent out last night at 2 A.M. I went on picket after noon, went down the river to -----landing. The scouts crossed the river, found no rebs. Tom McKinney came up today. Expect to cross the river soon.

Wednesday.

Sept. 9. I did not stand post last night. The pickets saw a boat cross below us and 5 of us went down, the other boys had better horses and left me and I lost them and on returning I ran on 12 rebs, was scared. Deserters and I took them in.

Thursday.

Sept. 10. Stood my tricks until 2 P.M. when we were relieved by the 4th Regulars. Orders to move at two A.M. Slept well until the bugle sounded.

Friday.

Sept. 11. Moved at daylight our regiment in the rear. Moved toward Chatanooga. Pretty good marching. Camped within 2 miles of Chatanooga at 9 P.M. Boots and saddles at 12 midnight.

Saturday.

Sept. 12. Came to the river and lay there waiting to be ferried across. I went to the ambulance, having sprained my ankle and slept most of the day. Crossed the river at 4 P.M. into Chatanooga and went to the regiment.

Sunday.

Sept. 13. Spent most of the forenoon writing letters. Orders to move at 2 P.M. marched out 6 or 7 miles and halted. Our Company was sent on a scout to the front. Went as far as Crawfish Springs. We saw camp fires and was sure we had run on a reb camp but it was the 28 Ohio Inft. Moved back to Lee and Gordons Mills and camped. We crossed into Georgia about 10 P.M. night. Some fighting in front today. We marched all night.

Monday.

Sept. 14. Joined the regiment this morning and marched back near the springs and lay in camp all day. No fighting in front today. Moved back after dark and camped 7 miles from Chatanooga near the river.

Tuesday.

Sept. 15. Moved back this morning to the mills and stopped to rest. I was guard for one Conklin of Co I. Under arrest for leaving his post on picket at Smiths Cross Roads. Marched toward Kingold, found a few rebs. I fired 3 shots took 1 prisoner, camped within 4 miles of town. Warm, dry and dusty.

Wednesday.

Sept. 16. Report that the rebs were coming in on us, hurried into line. Our Camp and Company M and a part of Company F were sent out and skirmished the woods for 4 or 5 miles, drove back their pickets. I saw but one reb. The 4th Regulars went out on another road and had a little fight. Loosing 1 man, killed, came back near the bridge across Chickamauga, east of the creek and camped. The 7th penn came up having been left back.

Thursday.

Sept. 17. Waked at 4 A.M. and saddled up, ready to start and then unsaddled. afternoon a detail for a scout, I did not go. The scout went down the creek and drove back their pickets and returned before dark.

Friday.

Sept. 18. Cloudy and cold this morning, no orders for moving until 11 A.M. Boots and saddles sounded and we went out on the double quick to meet the rebs. They were advancing, we had some sharp skirmishing. We were driven slowly back across the Chickamauga. We formed in line on the west bank of the creek. They threw shell among us pretty lively, killing my horse under me and wounding Cap. Prichard. I went to the wagons with my saddle. After I left Charley Richard was killed and Ferman wounded. They sent Charley's horse back to me and Ferman's for George Minger, his horse was shot. A sharp fight after dark.

Saturday.

Sept. 19. A cold frosty night. The infantry were coming up all night and artillery in abundance. I went out to the regiment at 9 A.M. Some cannonading this morning. About 10 A.M. the firing became general until about 3 P.M. and then ceased for 1 hour and we went back within 6 miles of Chatanooga. After we left there was another hard skirmish fight, our troops held the ground, the wounded were coming back by squads. One man had his arm torn off below the elbow with a shell, and a severe wound above the eye and was walking back to the hospital, feeling good and would not ride. He said we must not think we could not whip, for By God we could.

Sunday.

Sept. 20. Drew rations this morning and then moved to the left. Drove the reb Cav. back across the creek just before dark. We had 2 men wounded. Camped without fires, with horses in line, very cold. A detail went back with a dispatch. Not very good news from the front. The hardest fighting I ever heard, one constant roar of artillery and musketry from daylight till dark.

Monday.

Sept. 21. Moved more in front this morning. The skirmishers commenced firing about 11 A.M. and we fell back inside of Breastworks and were kept marching first one place and then another/ all day. The Infantry had a little fighting and some cannonading but not much. Camped at the foot of the hill east of town and about 5 miles out. Unsaddled and rested.

Tuesday.

Sept. 22. Routed at 4 A.M. after breakfast saddled up and moved out of camp. After counter marching 2 or 3 times, took the road toward Chatanooga. Troops downhearted but determined to fight to the last. It is so dusty one cannot see but a short distance. Went to the river and watered our horses and then formed in line in rear of the infantry and lay there until dark. Then fell back and camped on the hill west of town where we first camped. Our band serenaded the rebs today. Cheering all along the lines all day. Supposed that Sherman's army is coming. Some cannonading today and some fighting.

Wednesday.

Sept. 23. Out early this morning, some cannonading from our guns on a reb wagon train and on points where the rebs were trying to place artillery. After dinner orders to be ready to march out to the intrenchments, dismounted left camp just before sundown and marched around until 10 P.M. then went to work digging a ditch east of the railroad, the 4th line of ditches. The boys were all willing to work but were tired when we got to the place where the work was to be done.

Thursday.

Sept. 24. Got back to camp at 3 a.m. Boots and saddles had blown. A cannon is fired every morning at 3 A.M. Saddled up, got breakfast and waited orders. Smoky this morning. Our batteries fired for some time. It was very still and the shells could be heard whistling for a long distance. Moved at 7 A.M., the whole brigade, and crossed the

river toward Smiths Cross Roads and camped. Our Comp. was in advance guard today. No news from Chattanooga.

Friday.

Sept. 25. Revalued at 3 A.M. Drew rations and moved at sunrise. We were rear guard today, still on the road toward Smiths Cross roads. Forage plenty. A good many union soldiers through here that are at home visiting. Camped early, our Company had to go on picket in the rear.

Saturday.

Sept. 26. No relief today. Just one year today since we left Detroit. Not moving today. All quiet in front, still cool.

Sunday.

Sept. 27. The balance of the division came up this morning. Relieved at 11 A.M. and returned to camp.

Monday.

Sept. 28. Moved this morning up the valley N.E. of Washington and the whole division camped in a pretty camp.

Tuesday.

Sept. 29. Stood guard 4 hours then went and washed my clothes. No orders for moving, tired tonight, lay down early.

Wednesday.

Sept. 30. Ordered to saddle up and at 12 midnight last night, moved down the river near Cottonford, where the rebs were crossing. Skirmished with their pickets. Lieut Tucker of Comp. M. was wounded in the shoulder. We could hear them crossing the river. The command fell back and left our company on picket. after a long wait they came in sight. I fired several shots and the rest of the boys done the same and they sent them back and wounded me in the right ankle at 11 A.M. not very bad. One of the 4th regulars was killed, some cannonading above us. The rebs sent in a flag of truce demanding our surrender. The flag bearer was held a prisoner for they did not cease firing. I rode my horse all day. Was pretty sick and my ankle pained me, camped 5 miles below Smiths Cross Roads. I went to the ambulance and sent my horse to the company.

Thursday.

Oct. 1. Rested good all night. Rained all night. All the sick and wounded ordered to Chattanooga this afternoon. Started at 3 P.M. And the division started across the mountains at the same time after the rebs. They are under Gen. Wheeler. We came down as far as a camp meeting ground and camped, rained all day. John Bryand rode my horse off.

Friday.

Oct. 2.

Clear this morning, started at 6 A.M. Roads muddy and rough. Shook us up and it hurt my ankle. Arrived at the field hospital north of the river between 8 and 9 P.M. I was put in a tent with the 65th inf. I got a very good place. Some badly wounded in this tent.

Saturday.

Oct. 3. After breakfast of coffee and hardtack, had my wound dressed pretty sore this morning. A good place here, the doctor's name is Patterson and is a good man. More sick and wounded from town.

Sunday.

Oct. 4. No minutes.

Monday.

Oct. 5. Lieut. Tucker died last night and was buried this afternoon. The ball struck his shoulder and glanced down, passing through his liver and other vital parts, Nothing particular going on here.

Tuesday.

Oct. 6, 1863. Rained all night, cleared off at noon. Cool. The river is rising. Slim rations, all doing well here.

Wednesday.

Oct. 7. The river is over the bridges. Building pontoons. An officer came over the river to see who could go tomorrow in the wagon train down the river. I don't care to go, very sore today.

Thursday.

Oct. 8. Left at 1 A.M. down the river road, the usual amount of stoppping. Got some 8 miles when the rebs fired across the river into the train, delaying us some time, killed 2 men, wounded 3 and wounded 25 mules. It was a warm place, it made a fellow feel hard to have an enemy firing and not able to return it. The men killed and wounded were teamsters. Moved up the mountain, an awful road for wounded men to ride over. Camped on top of the mountain. No water to dress our wounds.

Friday.

Oct. 9. Moved at daylight, traveled up and down mountains until noon, not so bad roads as yesterday. Grand mountain scenery. Passed through Sequache valley. Passed Jasper, a town or has been, situated in a pretty little valley. Camped at Battle creek, tired and sore. Some of the boys are pretty bad off, not having had their wounds dressed since starting. Our rations are played out. The teamsters furnish us. They are good boys belonging to the 8th Ind. Battery.

Saturday.

Oct. 10. Moved early toward Stevenson, leaving Bridgeport to the left. A good road. Saw Wes Barker and Rockwell near town. Got to the field hospital at noon. No tents ready for us and not get any until sundown and then had to lay on the bare ground without even straw. The rebs have burned some bridges so trains have not run up for a few days.

Sunday.

Oct. 11. A hard night of it, had to lay on the rough ground. Breakfast on beef soup, crackers and coffee and not enough of that. A train came intoday. Orders to be ready to go. I went down to the cars after dark but so many crowded on that I had to go back, 1 mile to the tents. Moved toward G. so as to have bunks to lay on. expect to go tomorrow.

Monday.

Oct. 12. Rested pretty well last night. My ankle pained me considerable. I walked too much yesterday. Ordered to the cars at 4 P.M. Without supper I got in a box car, crowded and lay until 8 P.M. when it commenced raining and the car leaked.

Tuesday.

Oct. 13. All went well until about 5 A.M. when the engine, tender and one car ran off the track at Christian 14 miles from Murfreesborough. Lay there in the wet and cold, without anything to eat until 4 P.M. when they started again, leaving Murfreesborough after dark. Still raining and we are all wet.

Wednesday.

Oct. 14. Arrived in Nashville at 12 oc last night, after waiting 2 hours we got into the ambulance and was taken to No 1 hospital. It seemed pleasant to get into a good bunk. Got my wound dressed and a drink of whiskey. Moved before noon to the 1st division of No 1 in the old college. Good quarters and plenty to eat.

Thursday.

Oct. 15. Pretty well this morning. Applied for a furlough today. Frank Dillenbeck of Co.H. Clerk for the Doctor will help me. Nothing new going on. Whiskey 3 times a day.

Friday.

Oct. 16. In some doubt about my furlough but hope for it. I get so tired laying here, not being able to walk much. Received notice after dark that my furlough was granted, feel good over it.

Saturday.

Saturday.

Oct. 17. All right this morning. I went down to the Chatanooga depot to get transportation home but did not get it.

Sunday.

Oct. 18. Rec. transportation and left Nashville at 7 A.M. Nothing of interest happening on the road. Arrived at Louisville at 6 P.M. Travelled around some to get transportation from here home and did not succeed until 11 P.M. Crossed the Ohio River to Jeffersonville and took a train for Indianapolis.

Monday.

Oct. 19. Travelled all night, arriving at Indianapolis at 8 A.M. Behind time and had to lay over until 8 P.M. I had tickets by way of Sidney Toledo and Detroit and could not exchange them to go by way of Lafayette and Mich. City. 6 of us were together and I was the most able to walk. We had no money and nothing to eat so I walked out to the convalescent camp, camp Martin. 1 mile and got some bread and meat for the boys.

Tuesday.

Oct. 20. Arrived at Sidney at Three A.M. and had to lay over until 10 A.M. Then took the cars for Toledo arriving at Toledo at 4 P.M. Passed through some rich country. Onboard the cars for Detroit distance 60 miles arriving at 6 P.M. On the way from Toledo a gentleman gave me fifty cents which I got a hack to take me to the Mich. Central and get a bite of supper. Leaving Detroit at 8 P.M. for Lawton.

Wednesday.

Oct. 21. Arrived at Lawton at 2 A.M. and had to wait until 8 A.M. to get a chance to ride home. Rode with Gill Johnson. Breakfasted with Ed Smith. Saw a number of old acquaintances at Lawton. Arrived home at 9 A.M. and surprised them. Went with Father and Mother in the evening to Ben Reynolds.

Thursday.

Oct. 22 Stayed at home all day receiving visitors.

Friday.

Oct. 23. Went to Paw Paw today, saw Cap. Melcher and others. Had a very pleasant time.

Saturday.

Oct. 24. Both Mrs. Bryants came to see me today. I went to Hathaways this afternoon. E. Reynolds came home today and came to see me, he looks well.

Sunday.

Oct. 25. Went to Center to Church. Saw most of the old friends. Went from church to Lawton.

Monday.

Oct. 26. Went visiting today.

Tuesday.

Oct. 27. Visiting today.

Wednesday.

Oct. 28. Went to Lawton today and to Wm. Barkers at night to a pairing bee. A good crowd and a good time, got home at 3 A.M.

Thursday.

Oct. 29 Went with Em Reynolds today and to L.R. Days tonight to an apple butter bailing.

Friday.

Oct. 30. Stayed at home all day, on account of rain.

Saturday.

Oct. 31. Went to Paw Paw today.

Sunday.

Nov 1. Ben Reynolds and myself went "visiting" today.

Monday.

Nov. 2. At home all day on account of rain.

Tuesday.

Nov. 3. Started this morning for Colon to see Uncle Hiss, arrived at 4 P.M.

Wednesday.

Nov. 4. Started for Centerville at noon. Arrived at O.P. Brushes at 3 P.M.

Thursday.

Nov. 5. For Three River this morning, called on Troys and Francisco. Started for home at 2 P.M. and arrived at 7 P.M.

Friday.

Nov. 6. At home all day and company in the evening.

Saturday.

Nov. 7. Went to Paw Paw today.

Sunday.

Nov. 8. Ben Reynolds and I went a buggy riding to Taylors and Mungers. Snowed at 10 P.M. Stayed all night at Ben Reynolds.

Monday.

Nov. 10. At home all day, stormy.

Tue day.

Nov. 10. Went to Lawton for some pictures, visited at Bryants.

Wednesday.

Nov. 12. To Lawton again and visited with Nesbitts.

Thursday.

Nov. 12. Not very well, stayed at home until 4 P.M. Hitched up and took some of the girls to a party at Hathaways, got home at 3 A.M. Sick.

Friday.

Nov. 13. Sick all day.

Saturday.

November 14. Better this morning, but a pretty sore throat yet.

Sunday.

Nov. 15. Visiting today and not any better.

Monday.

Nov. 16. Still sick and stayed at home.

Tuesday.

Nov. 17. Went to Lawton and came home sick, throat very sore.

Wednesday.

Nov. 18. Not any better, stayed at home all day.

Thursday.

Nov. 19. Worse this morning and went to bed not knowing but the wind would be shut off before morning.

Friday.

Nov. 20. Better this morning, can swallow without so much pain.

Saturday.

Nov. 21. Still better, expect to start back, one week from next Monday.

Sunday.

Nov. 22. Lieut. Lawton's father came to see me today and left some letters for me to take back. Better today.

Monday.

Nov. 23, Went to Lawton for more pictures.

Tuesday.

Nov. 24. Cold and stormy. Andersons family came over this evening.

Wednesday.

Nov. 25. To Lawton again and visiting in the evening.

Thursday.

Nov. 26. Paid Jos. Barker a note of \$25. and went visiting to Harmons and Barkers.

Friday.

Nov. 27. Stayed all night at Barkers, home at noon. Then to Lawton, got my pictures.

Saturday.

Nov. 28. Went calling today, cold and stormy.

Sunday.

Nov. 29. Went visiting. Snowing.

Monday.

Nov. 30. All the forenoon occupied in packing up to start. Left home at 3 P.M. It went tough to bid mother good bye but she knows my duty and would feel worse if I disgraced myself. Father went to Lawton with me and I left on the 5 P.M. train. Had Jule Barker for company as far as Dowagiac. Arrived at Mich. City in time for the Indianapolis train but met an old gentleman Mr. Lemon going after his son who belongs to Co. A. of our regiment and he persuaded me to stay over night and we stopped at the hotel.

Tuesday.

Dec. 1. The 9 A.M. train found us on board. Arriving at Indianapolis at 6 P.M. Lay over until 9 P.M. when we started for Jeffersonville. Nothing of interest happening on the road.

Wednesday.

Dec. 2. Arrived in Jeffersonville at 5 P.M. Ferried across to Louisville and went to the depot and learned that no train would leave today on account of an accident near Bordstown Junction. Loafed around all day stayed at Browns Hotel and here the old man learned that his son had died the day he got the dispatch to come and see him.

Thursday.

Dec. 3. Arrived at the station just before the train started. We crowded on and stood on the platform for some distance and then got a seat in a car with a lot of deserters being sent to the front under guard. Arrived at Nashville at 5 P.M. when I parted with Mr. Lemon, he to find where his son had died and I to go to the hospital, reported to the Doctor and was sent to my old bed. Went up to the 2nd division of hospital no 1" an old confederate ordnance shop" to the dedication of a new ward. Good music and good speeches. A N.Y. Zouave was the principal singer. Rebel prisoners coming in on every train from the front.

Friday.

Dec. 4. Met several of the boys from my regiment here sick and learned that some were about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east in camp that were back after horses. I got a pass after dinner and went up to their camp. Geo. Jenkins, Jerry Loveland, Ed Crane and some others were there. I saw Abe Sebring in the convalescent camp.

Saturday.

Dec. 5. Raining this morning, cleared off before noon. Abe Sebring visited me today. A fire alarm and the engines turned out. An engine house just south of us, but the fire did not amount to much. More rebs came in today and one shot by the guard.

Sunday.

Dec. 6. Cool and frosty this morning. Meeting today, went out to camp to see the boys.

Monday.

Dec. 7. Cool. General inspection today but the inspector did not come.

Tuesday.

Dec. 8. Cold and rainy. Kept close to the house. Some are to be sent north tomorrow to Louisville.

Wednesday.

Dec. 9. Visited the boys and run around some, my ankle gets well slow.

Thursday.

Dec. 10. Carried out the things sent by me to the boys. They were just starting to the front. Went down town and made application for a commission in a Colored regiment, I do not expect to get it.

Friday.

Dec. 11. Helped to wash dishes today. One of the nurses that has been sick for a few days broke out with the small pox today.

Saturday.

Dec. 12. Went down town and up to see Abe Sebring and Jerry Loveland to the convalescent camp. Raining and muddy.

Sunday.

Dec. 13. Went to church today.

Monday.

Dec. 14. A pleasant day, received two letters.

Tuesday.

Dec. 15. Nursed a part of last night and stayed close to the house today.

Wednesday.

Dec. 16. Rained hard all day.

Thursday.

Dec. 17. Twenty three years old today. Went out to the convalescent camp to see the boys. Cold and freezing. I did not have so good a time today as two years ago. No news from home yet.

Friday.

Dec. 18. Froze hard last night and cold this morning. Went out to the camp again with Andrew Stebins.

Saturday.

Dec. 19. Inspection this forenoon by the Surgeon General. Went out with Hank Jermanthis after noon and went all around the city. There was a large number of boats in the river today. Cold and freezing.

Sunday.

Dec. 20. Stayed in today. No news from the front.

Monday.

Dec. 21. Down town with Hank Jerman and Tom Hamlin.

Tuesday.

Dec. 22. Done up our work in the forenoon and went down town with Andrew

Stebbens to the Colored Commission Inspectors and he left his application.

Wednesday.

Dec. 23. Dull here, weather pleasant.

Thursday.

Dec. 24. Down town with Hank Jerman and visited among the boys.

Friday.

Dec. 25. Christmas, down town all day and had a pleasant time.

Saturday.

Dec. 26. G. eared up today and I worked hard most of the day. Some of the boys had a row last night down town, one of them got badly hurt by a Lieutenant and the other knocked the Lieutenant down with a rock and the report is that he will not live. Some sent away to the convalescent camp today. One on account of the row, the one that was hurt is not able to go. Orders that the first one of the detailed men that gets drunk, goes to his regiment.

Sunday.

Dec. 27. Raining this morning, went to work in the kitchen today.

Monday.

Dec. 28. Raining, went to see Abe Sebring and Jerry Loveland this afternoon. They are in convalescent camp.

Tuesday.

Dec. 29. A dull day. I took the place in the kitchen, of one of the cooks that came down with the small pox.

Wednesday.

Dec. 30. Busy this forenoon. Not much to do after dinner.

Thursday.

Dec. 31. A busy day preparing for New Year's dinner, baking mince pies and preparing for a good time.

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Friday.

JANUARY 1.

Cold and snowing, all ice this morning. We had potpies, baked turkey, mince pies and other good things too numerous to mention for our dinner.

Saturday.

Jan. 2. Today I took a Mr. Kitchens place in the nurse room. Still cold and freezing.

Sunday.

Jan. 3. So cold I did not go out today. Andrew Stebins got orders to go before the Colored Commission examiners tomorrow.

Monday.

Jan. 4. The most snow on the ground this morning, I have seen at one time, but not so cold, snow damp and thawing.

Tuesday.

Jan. 5. Frozen up hard this morning and all ice. Andrew went to be examined and got back about 11 A.M. Not questioned much, will know the decision tomorrow.

----- Saturday a week

Wednesday.

Jan. 6. Still cold. I have not been out of the yard for several days.

Thursday.

Jan. 7. On duty every forenoon and the forepart of every night. I rec. 14 letters this morning from the regiment, most of them old letters.

Friday.

Jan. 8. Still cold, no news from the regiment and I have no descriptive roll and cannot draw pay unless it comes.

Saturday.

Jan. 9. Scrubbed the ward this forenoon and mustered for pay afternoon but do not expect to draw any unless my descriptive roll comes.

Sunday.

Jan. 10. Orders to not leave the house, so as to muster again after dinner and if my papers do not come in the morning I cannot get my pay.

Monday.

Jan. 11. In luck this morning. My descriptive roll came just in time for me to sign the pay roll. Hank Hawley's and Geo. Worthey's were sent to me. I took Hawley's to him at the convalescent camp and sent Worthey's to him at Murfreesborough.

Tuesday.

Jan. 12. Not so cold this morning. No pay today but hope for it tomorrow. Dull here, I will not stay here very long I don't think.

Wednesday.

Jan. 13. A dull day. No pay yet.

Thursday.

Jan. 14. Went down town and made a draw on the Christian Commission for some clothes. Roads muddy.

Friday.

Jan. 15. Dull, not so cold.

Saturday.

Jan. 16. The paymaster came this morning. I drew \$78.00. Went to the New Theatre this evening and met Jim Vermer on the street "our regt. hospital steward" It was a surprise to me and we had a good time.

Sunday.

Jan. 17. Raining. Jim Vermer came to see me and I went down town with him. I loaned him \$50. and he sends his allotment to his brother in Detroit and he sends my money home from there.

Monday.

Jan. 18. Rained all day. Not very well.

Tuesday.

Jan. 19. No news.

Wednesday.

Jan. 20. Went down town. Saw Leftis Crawford and Al Engle of my camp and a pleasant visit. Weather clear.

Thursday.

Jan. 21. Dull, weather pleasant. Got some photographs taken.

Friday.

Jan. 22. Went to the theatre this evening.

Saturday.

Jan. 24. Visited Jim Vermer.
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Sunday.

Jan. 24. Orders for an examination tomorrow to send all men that are fit for the field or invalid care to their several places.

Monday.

Jan. 25 Examination. I do not have to go. Some sent to their regiments and some to the 1st class invalid corps.

Tuesday.

Jan. 26. Rec. a letter from home today, stating that I have another brother. Some of the boys that have been parolled went away today and those that go to their regiments and invalid corps leave tomorrow.

Wednesday.

Jan. 27. The invalids left today. I went down, saw Al Engle, and Lieut Lawton passed through the city going home. I did not see him.

Thursday.

Jan. 28. I went out to the convalescent camp this afternoon and saw Dr. Fish, Cap Prichard and Lieut Randolph of our regt. The Dr. wants me to go to the regiment with him and make good promises.

Friday.

Jan. 29. Strolled around town. Saw Em. Smith, the blacksmith of our company. Weather pleasant.

Saturday.

Jan. 30. A dull day. Raining.

Sunday.

Jan. 31. A busy day before inspection. Just before dinner some 12 men came in, most of them badly wounded and I had plenty to do dressing their wounds.

Monday.

Feb. 1. Plenty of work this forenoon. Two of the new men have lost a leg each and others are badly wounded. Pleasant weather.

Tuesday.

Feb. 2. Still more patients, some with measles. We are as full as can be. There are five men in this ward with one leg each.

Wednesday.

Feb. 3. Cooler this morning, plenty of work, this forenoon. Went down town afternoon.

Thursday.

Feb. 4. Went down town and met Jerry Loveland and we went to the Colored examination board. I was examined, I do not expect anything for I could not answer all the questions. Was not questioned much either. I do not care for I would rather go to the regiment.

Friday.

Jan. 5. Went to see Captain Burns today, he is going to the regiment next week. Dr. Fish was here today to see one of the boys.

Saturday.

Feb. 6. Went out to see the boys in camp. All well. Weather fine and good roads.

Sunday.

Jan. 7. The 13th Mich. inf. came in today, going home on veteran furlough. A pleasant visit. They leave in the morning. I should like to go with them.

Monday.

Jan. 8. Down town, dull times.

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Tuesday.

Jan. 9. A little spree down town this afternoon and a good time. On duty until 12 midnight.

Wednesday.

Feb. 10. Dull day.

Thursday.

Feb. 11. Received a letter from Lawton today, all well.

Friday.

Feb. 12. Down town a short time.

Saturday.

Feb. 13. Spent the afternoon roving around town. No news from the regiment. All the boys that are here are out to Camp Smith.

Sunday.

Feb. 14. Valentine day. I neither got nor sent any, so no offence is given.

Monday.

Feb. 15. Cold and heavy winds this morning. Went down town with Bob Orser this evening, a pleasant time.

Tuesday.

Feb. 16. A short visit out today.

Wednesday.

Feb. 17. I went to the sanitary commission this afternoon for some of the sick men. Still cold.

Thursday.

Feb. 18. Visited the boys at Camp Smith. Jerry Loveland and Ruben Ralston had gone home on furlough. I was almost sick and was glad to get back to the hospital.

Friday.

Feb. 19. Cool today. Not well, stayed in all day.

Saturday.

Feb. 20. No better, had my beard shaved off this evening.

Sunday.

Feb. 21. Not well, stayed in all day, weather pleasant.

Monday.

Feb. 22. A short stroll afternoon. Rob Orser, Hank Jorman and Tom got furloughs this evening and we had a big spree.

Tuesday.

Feb. 23. I take Rob's place as ward master. A busy day invoicing everything in the ward and making a list of all enlisted men. Not being accustomed to such work it makes a busy day. The boys all left this morning for home at 6 A.M.

Wednesday.

Feb. 24. Took all the old evergreens down in the ward and mopped. 16 men were sent from ward 3 down to my ward and it makes plenty of work and I have a weekly report to make.

Thursday.

Feb. 25. Plenty of work. More writing that I am used to. Put up cards on all the beds.

Friday.

Feb. 26. No time to go down town today. Will have to sit up tonight to write out a diagnosis of all the patients in the ward.

Saturday.

Saturday.

Feb. 27. Scrubbing day and we had a busy forenoon, cleaning up and getting clothes for patients.

Sunday.

Feb 28. Inspection this morning. 3 men came in and 3 sent to ward C.

Monday.

Feb 29. Not so busy and had some rest.

Tuesday.

March 1. Rainy and cold, not time to visit the boys in Camp Smith.

Wednesday.

March 2. Very muddy today. One boy died this morning after a long sickness. Made out my weekly report. One boy died at 8 P.M. His father is here and will take the body home to N.Y.

Thursday.

Mar. 3. Went out to see the boys this afternoon. Capt. Lawton told me to stay here until they left if I wanted to.

Friday.

March 4. Two operations in my ward today, taking out small pieces of bones, one in the arm, the other in the thigh.

Saturday.

March 5. Scrubbing today. This afternoon there was county election and all soldiers that had been here six months voted. I went and voted.

Sunday.

Mar. 6. Inspections this morning. Stev S. Draper, one of the nurses went home this morning. A dull day. Two more men came in sick with the measles.

Monday.

Mar. 7. Inspection this morning at 9 A.M. My ward was not very clean. It was too early for me. Signed the pay roll again.

Tuesday.

March 8. Orders this morning to send 10 men north today. They went at 3 P.M.

Wednesday.

Mar 9. Mopped and cleaned the ward, dull day.

Thursday.

Mar 10. Rained this morning. I have to stir around mornings to be ready for inspection, it is a perfect bore.

Friday.

March 11. Cool and pleasant. Pass my leisure time playing checkers and dominoes.

Saturday.

Mar. 12. Pay day. I drew \$75.40 my transportation home was taken out.

Sunday.

Mar. 13. A new surgeon in charge, takes position today. Came in my ward, it is very full and some very sick.

Monday. Marcy 14. Dull day.

Tuesday.

March 15. I got an order and went down town and drew \$5.00 Pay for rations while I was home.

Wednesday.

Mar. 16. Worked hard this morning to clean up. Expect some of the boys back soon from their furloughs. Some very bad cases in the ward now. Two men died today.

Thursday.

Mar. 17. Not much to do today. I got two letters.

Friday.

March 18. Fred, one of the nurses, came back last night. He is well.

Saturday.

March 19. Cleaned up this morning as well as I could with the tools we had to work with.

Sunday.

March 20. After inspection I went out to Camp Smith but the boys had all left. The brigade is camped on the Franklin pike near Ft. Negley. The commands are back after horses.

Monday.

March 21. I intended to join the company this afternoon but Abe Sebring came to see me and we strolled around the city.

Tuesday.

March 22. After my work was done I went out to camp and drilled for two hours, and a good time.

Wednesday.

March 23. The same old routine of work today. Tom Hamlet came back this evening.

Thursday.

March 24. Dull day. Rob Orser and Hank Jerman came back this evening.

Friday.

March 25. Scrubbed the ward today. Rob Orser takes charge tomorrow and then I will go to the company as soon as I can.

Sunday.

March 27. After inspection I quit work and had a good time the rest of the day.

Monday.

I went to town today to see about

March 28. Wallace Barker's tombstones, they are not quite finished.

Tuesday.

March 29. Cool and stormy. Letters from home today, all well.

Wednesday.

March 30. Went to town to see if the tombstones were ready, waited until they were carried out to the cemetery and saw them put up. Returned to the hospital at noon. Leave here tomorrow.

Thursday.

March 31. Went out to camp for a horse to carry my baggage back from the hospital. The boys that were to the front came last night and I had a pleasant time. I went after my baggage and got back to camp at 3 P.M. I learned today that I was a Corporal.

Friday.

April 1. I did not do much today, went on dress parade this evening. There was 13 promotions of commissioned officers read on parade.

Saturday.

April 2. Detailed for picket today, we had to go on foot about 3 miles out on the Charlotte pike.

Sunday.

April 3. Relieved at 10 A.M. and returned to camp pretty tired and had not rested when Aaron Brodt came to camp and told me that Ham was in town and I went down town to see him. He was well and looks natural
1864 older. I stayed all night with him.

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Monday.

April 4. I went out with Ham this morning and tramped around until noon, then went to the barracks where we met the 13th Mich. Inf't. Bill Daily, Smith Williams and Warrze/Kinney on their return from veteran furlough. I stayed with Ham until he got on the cars to go to N.Y. and then went to camp arriving just at dark. Raining, Muddy and cold.

Tuesday.

April 5. Ock Barker was in camp today. He is on his way home. I drilled on foot this forenoon and in the afternoon mounted. Weather fine.

Wednesday.

April 6. Same drill as yesterday. It keeps one busy answering all the bugle calls.

Thursday.

April 7. Picket today on the Granny White pike, near camp.

Friday.

April 9. Commenced raining this morning and we had a wet time of it until relieved. I went to town after we got to camp.

Saturday.

April 9. Rained all day.

Sunday.

April 10. Picket on the Hillsborough pike. A very good time. I went to town with some citizens, reported with them to the Provost Marshall and then to the hospital.

Monday.

April 11. Relieved at 9 A.M. in camp the rest of the day. Drew some horses today. I got none.

Tuesday.

April 12. Went to the theatre tonight with several of the boys, a pleasant time.

Wednesday.

April 13. I went to town and made some purchases for the boys and myself for we leave here tomorrow. I got most of the money of the boys at the hospital that I had loaned them. Rec. some letters at the hospital.

Thursday.

April 14. Left camp at 9 A.M. and had a pleasant day for marching. Camped within one mile of Franklin. It seems old fashioned to march and camp out.

Friday.

April 15. Revaloe at 4 A.M. Moved at 6 A.M. Passed through Franklin at 7 A.M. and marched toward Columbia, passing over some old familiar scenes and recalling some fighting we had one year ago. Passed Spring Hill at noon and rested near town. Camped near Columbia in a nice camping ground. Expect to get to our Journey's end tomorrow.

Saturday.

April 16. Moved early, forded Duck River and passed Columbia at 9 A.M. and camped two miles east of town. A nice camp. A busy day fixing our tents.

Sunday.

April 17. A general time polidicing this morning and then inspection of ordinance. Rained this afternoon.

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Monday.

April 18. Built a bunk this forenoon. Saber drill afternoon. Weather cool and showery. We have good times.

Tuesday.

April 19. Went after cedar for our company parade ground this forenoon. Saber drill afternoon. I have not been on duty for some time.

Wednesday.

April 20. Saber drill this forenoon and mounted drill afternoon. Rained so we did not drill much. No news from home.

Thursday.

April 21. Weather warm and pleasant. Drill as usual and some new orders read at dress parade concerning stable call. They are pretty strict if lived up to.

Friday.

April 22. Drill as usual today. The weather is cool and showery. I have not heard from home in some time.

Saturday.

April 23. A general time poling the camp and cleaning our arms. The boys from the front came in today and Turn Anderson, Tom McKinney and some others of the Porter boys. They are all well.

Sunday.

April 24. Inspection of arms and ordinances this morning. It rained so there was no mounted inspection or dress parade. We do not expect to leave soon. There is not much hard duty to do.

Monday.

April 25. On guard to day, Corporal of the 3rd relief. Rained this morning. Cleared off after dinner and was pleasant. I received a letter from Ham today, he is in N.Y.

Tuesday.

April 26. Relieved at 9 A.M. and had to pack up for general review, was reviewed by Gen. ----- After dinner he did not inspect us very close.

Wednesday.

April 27. Warm today but not much to do. Orders to be ready to move on Friday morning and to turn over all extra clothing tomorrow. We are allowed to carry but one sleeping blanket or one overcoat. We march without any transportation. I do not know where we are going.

Thursday.

April 28. Packing up all extra camp equipage that is to be turned over. Dress parade and the orders to move tomorrow read and the order is that no one is allowed to fall out of the ranks with a horse. If necessary to fall out the horse to be lead by the man in the same file and you must dismount.

Friday.

April 29. Orders for moving countermanded and we are to muster for pay tomorrow before we leave. Rainy night, a heavy shower this evening and the roads very muddy.

Saturday.

April 30. Revalsee at 3 A.M. a busy time until 6 A.M. Then mustered for pay by Col. Parks and immediately after boots and saddles call. Moved out of camp about 8 A.M. and raining, we had dirt roads or to speak correctly, mud roads. We marched about 20 miles and camped. No feed for our horses. The wagons did not come up with us. It rained

hard this evening.

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Sunday.

May 1.

Prospects of a clear day. Some of the boys were sent back to the wagons after corn, found them about 4 miles back. The roads are in awful bad condition. I do not think we will move from here today for we have to wait here for the wagons, did not get much feed for our horses.

Monday.

May 2. Revalee at 3 A.M. Marched out of camp at 6 A.M. We soon struck the pike 17 miles from Shelbyville and had good roads. Passed Farmington where our men whipped Wheeler last fall after I was wounded and the marks of the battle are still visible. It is a small town, 15 miles from Shelbyville which we passed through and camped on the north bank of Duck river. There is a strong force of mounted troops along. The 10th Mich. Inf. moved out of town tonight for the front. They are veterans

Tuesday.

May 3. Revalee at 3 A.M. and boots and saddles after daylight. Our regiment in advance today. We marched in a southeast direction. The roads are pretty rough after getting on the table land between Shelbyville and Tulahoma. Passed through Tulahoma at 1 P.M. and marched east from there on a different road from what we went out on last summer. Marched until 3 P.M. and camped near Elk River in the grubs.

Wednesday.

May 4. Moved early. Our regiment in the rear of our brigade. Forged Elk River below the bridge. Moving toward Dechard station but not on the same road that we marched over last summer. Passing Dechard at noon, halted close by town and fed. We passed Cowan station and camped at the foot of the mountains containing three or four shanties. We carried corn in sacks from Dechard on our horses. The Artillery wagon train and Wilders Brigade went on over the mountain. The weather is Pleasant and roads good. Short rations for our horses and not very plenty for ourselves.

Thursday.

May 5. We did not move very early this morning for our Brigade marches in the rear of the wagon train and we remained in camp until they were all up in the mountain. We had to lead our horses for over one mile. The roads not half as bad here as they are above or below. Where I have crossed before. We passed the little station in the mountains and Andersons Station at 2 P.M. The roads are very dusty. Camped near Stevenson, Alabama about 9 P.M. This is the first night march on this campaign. I was very tired and sleepy and soon went to bed.

Friday.

May 6. Moved early this morning, passing through Stevenson at 10 A.M. toward Bridgeport. The roads between Stevenson and Bridgeport are good. Plenty of dead mules along the road. Crossed the Tenn River at 1 P.M. on a bridge, the wagon road below the railroad tracts. The south branch we crossed on pontoons. Marched up the river to Shell Mound and camped on the hill, south of the forts at the mouth of Nicker Jack Cave. I went in the cave a short distance. Roads very dusty but good wheeling.

Saturday.

May 7. No feed for our horses last night. Did not get up until late and remained in camp until noon. Moved up a narrow valley where a railroad leads to the coal mines, leaving Chatanooga road to the left. Done some tall climbing going up Sand Mountain, the road is not rocky but steep and a long distance up, dismounted and led our horses up. Camped about 8 miles from the foot of the south side of the mountain. We passed the coal mines going up, they are shallow veins and not very good coal. I was detailed for guard, reported and was ordered to bed. Slept until daylight.

Sunday.

May 8. The wagons did not come up until this morning. I was on the other detail to guard them but was not needed. Drew 4 days rations of corn, about 1 qt. for each feed. Moved out of camp at 7 A.M. and soon

commenced the descent of the mountain, the road was rougher on the south side than the north. Led the horses down the mountain. Passed Trenton a little place at the foot of Sand Mountain. Moved up the valley for some distance and commenced the ascent of Lookout Mt. at 2 P.M. It was hard to climb and we did not reach the top until after 3 P.M. We marched along the south side and could look all over the valley. It was hard going down the mountain. Camped some distance up valley. On guard tonight.

Monday.

May 9. Moved early and marched up Macdennars Cone, it is a rough country we have not seen a reb so far on this march. Arrived at Lafayette before dark and camped north of town. The rebs left here yesterday. We are 24 miles from Dalton. The rumor is that our men are fighting at Dalton.

Tuesday.

May 10. Saddled up ready to move at 7 A.M. Unsaddled and remained in camp, rained some. General call at 3 P.M. Drew corn for the horses and moved at 4½ P.M. toward Dalton. Roads good until we reached the foot of a mountain or ridge at dark. Dismounted and led up. The road ran through the woods and it was very dark. A thunder storm came up, the hardest rain and severest lightening I ever marched in. The lightening blinded our horses so that we had a hard time to get along. When a flash of lightening would come our horses would jump and run until they ran into another horse in front when the light was gone. Camped about 10 P.M. dark as pitch and raining hard. It was the hardest nights

march I had had in a long time. We were lost once and several of the Officers were lost from the Column and did not get into camp until late.

Wednesday.

May 11. All are up with the command this morning. Detail for forage. Moved camp 1 mile south in a pasture lot. The wagons and artillery camp up today and we drew rations. Heavy cannonading north of us.

Thursday.

May 12. Cold last night but prospects of a clear day. The firing commenced early this morning. We have scouts and forage parties out all the time. The 9th Mich. Inft. came up today. I saw G. I. Watkins. Officers call after dark and then we had to fall into line and hear the news. That Gen Grant was within 1 mile of Richmond and in good position. I hope that it is true.

Friday.

May 13. No orders to leave here yet. Scouts and forage parties are out all the time. Weather more settled. We lay around and sleep most of the time. News that Dalton is taken. There has not been any firing in that direction since morning. Some mail tonight but none for me.

Saturday.

May 14. Orders to be ready to move any minute. General Call at 12 M. Moved toward Rome. Some of the boys that went out this morning have not got back. Marched until 10 P.M. and camped 15 miles from Rome. No rebs seen yet. Tired and sleepy, all soon quiet.

Sunday.

May 15. Moved early. Our Brigade in advance and our regiment in advance of all, we marched until 10 A.M. when our advance found the enemys pickets. Pretty sharp firing. Two batallions went around and crossed a creek and made them skipp. They lost 6 killed. Moved up to within 4 miles of Rome and they opened fire on us with Artillery, the 3rd Batallion had pretty sharp fighting and had three men wounded. I went with Lieut Buck and 10 men off on the right 1½ miles to see if the rebs had inft. in that direction, we saw some cavalry and on our return, ran on their skirmish line. We got back on double quick out of their way. The whole command had fallen back and a little longer and we would have been gobbled. The command fell back 2 miles up the valley above Floyd Spring in another valley from what we went down on and camped. I was put on guard for the night.

Monday.

May 16. Believed this morning, most of the regiment went out foraging. I slept most of the day. In the eveing orders to be ready to move any minthe. Drew 4 days rations of meat. Our pickets were attacked just before dark and one of our scouts mortally wounded. Drew grain for the horses at dark. And then boots and saddles. Moved out of camp at 8 P.M. our regiment in the rear of everything. Corn and meat were left, our loss here has been 4 wounded and one taken prisoner.

Tuesday.

May 17. Marched all night last night with but few halts and this morning after sunrise we crossed the ----- river on pontoons. There has been some fighting here. Orders to rest for 5 hours and we improved the time all being tired and hungry. We passed the left of Dalton last night, could not see much of the country. Moved at 12 M. our regiment in advance of our Brigade. Marched back toward Rome. Plenty of infantry here and a large supply train. Camped inside of our lines tonight and all rested for we were tired and sleepy. Some firing in front today.

Wednesday.

May 18. Moved out of camp early and passed the infantry pickets at 7 A.M. My company is in rear of the regiment today. At noon we were halted at the forks of the Kingston and Rome roads and posted as pickets while the 1st battalion moved out on the Rome road. Forage for our horses plenty. At 3 p.m. we were relieved by the 7th Penn. Cav and followed up the regiment. We soon heard that the regiment had been roughly handled near Kingston. Major Robins is wounded. Major Grant taken prisoner and Major Mix lost his horse. Lieuts Randolph and Carter wounded and several other officers and a number of men. All of the 2 and 3 battalion. It was the roughest handling we had had for a long time. Plenty of hatless men. They charged on Kingston without support and the rebs were too strong. They had both cavalry and infantry. Our company on picket tonight.

Thursday.

May 19. Moved early toward Rome. But took the road for Kingston when we came to the Kingston and Rome road. A steady march until noon when we came in sight of Kingston. We charged 4 miles south to a bridge across the Stawa River formed in line of battle, built breastworks and skirmished the woods. Some heavy firing above us and the rumor is that we have a lot of rebs cornered in here. Plenty of infantry here. We are out of rations. Camped in the woods near the bridge. No firing after dark.

Friday.

May 20. Up early and lay around until 10 A.M. Then drew 3 days rations and moved back about 1 mile. Water is scarest thing here. None but poor river water. No fighting today. I received a letter from home today. All well. The cars ran into Kingston today, weather warm and dry. Some sick.

Saturday.

May 21. No duty today. Loss at Kingston the 18th is 27 in killed, wounded and missing. I have not heard much about the fight up the river only that the rebs lost heavy. Rebs across the river from here.

Sunday.

May 22. No duty today until 5 P.M. then mounted dress parade, some orders read. We move tomorrow for Atlanta.

Monday.

May 23. Moved early and crossed the river on the bridge. Marched over some good country. Very warm and we were halted several times to rest. Came to the infantry camp in a field, just at dark. Only 3 or 4 shots fired during the day. I did not see a reb today.

Tuesday.

May 24. Moved early this morning and passed through one of the mountain

passes. Our company in the advance. Passed through about 10 A.M. A few shots fired before we came up. We moved toward Dallas, the country is very rough. We picked up 15 or 20 stragler rebs abd about 4 P.M. our advance was fired into and Cap. Lawton was wounded in the right shoulder and L. Nohe's horses was shot and a corporal named Smith of Co. M. wounded. I was on the skirmish line on the extreme left. We came in from the skirmish line and formed in line of battle. The rebs had infantry and they tried to turn our right and we had it pretty warm for a short time. Wilder's brigade came up dismounted and gave them fits. They tried to take our battery but gave it up. We fell back 3 miles and camped.

Wednesday.

May 25. Moved at noon toward Mariette and camped before dark. I went a foraging and lost my way and the regiment moved back and I camped beside the road and slept sound.

Thursday.

May 26. I went to the regiment this morning. They did not unsaddle last night, unsaddled before noon. Boots and saddles at 2 P.M. and formed in line of battle expecting an attack until 4 P.M. then mounted and double quicked it out about three miles when the rebs were firing on our pickets. They run on our approach, losing one killed and one wounded. Heavy firing on our left most of the day. Both artillery and infantry. We got some forage and fell back to the old camp.

Friday.

May 27. Saddled up early. Heavy firing in the same direction as yesterday. Drew rations last night. Unsaddled at 6 A.M. Saddled up at 10 A.M. and moved out to meet the enemy. We moved through the woods. Our battery shelled them some. They placed a battery in sight of us and sent the shot and shell in lively and we fell back to our old camp at dark. Steady skirmishing all day. One man killed and one wounded of our regiment. Heavy firing by the infantry.

Saturday.

May 28. Remained saddled all night and moved back and to the left this morning. We were in the rear of the rebels left wing of their arm yesterday. They shelled our camp just after we moved out this morning. Our batalion on picket on our right flank today. If the rebs had known our position yesterday, they could have given us a hard one and got in rear of our infantry. We were too far to the right. Fell back at dark and stood in line until 12 midnight. Firing all along the line and one charge on the infantry. They were repulsed. No fires allowed and had to remain saddled. No feed for the horses.

Sunday.

May 29. On picket from 3 to 5 A.M. relieved got breakfast and slept until 2 P.M. Steady skirmishing all day. I have to go on picket tonight. The rebs lost heavy in the charge last night.

Monday.

May 30. Steady firing all along the line, our troops busy building breastworks on every defensible place.

Tuesday.

May 31. Still on picket, firing all night and some cannonading. Our horses are nearly played out and ourselves about used up by so much picket duty. Relieved at dark and moved back east of Dallas and camped. Drew rations but no feed for the horses.

Wednesday.

June 1. Moved early on the Kingston road. Marched about 10 miles and camped. Green wheat for our horses. The right wing of the army fell back today and the rebs are in Dallas. They followed our pickets in pretty close. Not so much firing in hearing today.

Tuesday.

May-31. Still-on-picket

June 2. Moved at 6 A.M. Marched slow but steady. A great many horses are giving out for want of grain. Camped at noon on the bank of Etawah River, just below where the rebs crossed when Hooker was fighting them while we lay at the bridge near Kingston on May 19th. A heavy thunderstorm this evening. No news from the front.

Friday.

June 3. No orders to move. Barn for our horses today. We are camped one mile above Cartersville. Showery today.

Saturday.

June 4. Raining this morning. River rising. No orders to move. Weather warm. No news from the front.

Sunday.

June 5. On guard today. No letters from home. Rumor that Johnson fell back near Atlanta. Not much firing in hearing today. Drew 5 days rations this evening. Cleared up and very warm.

Monday.

June 6. Relieved at 9 A.M. and went on picket after noon. I did not go on post we were near the camp. Weather warm and showery. Good quarters.

Tuesday, June 7.

The brigade moved into a new camp, the 4th Regulars made headquarters at our picket reserve. Relieved at 12 M and returned to camp. Rained going in. Orders to move in the morning. Drew 3 days rations and clothing. I did not draw clothing.

Wednesday.

June 8. Moved at 9 A.M. Marched over some byroads. Passed an 11 ft. wagon train. Passed through Acworth at 4 P.M. some troops and wagons here. There is a field hospital here. I did not stop to see if any of our boys were here. Camped 1 mile from town. No news from the front.

Thursday.

June 9. Moved out early. Passed considerable infantry. Our company was in the advance, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile outside of our pickets. We ran into their pickets and drove them back. They had a strong force of cavalry. We could see them moving across some large fields. Wilders brigade dismounted and moved up the center. Our regiment on the left. We dismounted and skirmished for 4 miles through the woods. We had some sharp firing. I shot twice. We wounded one of them and went as far as the railroad station, Big Shanty 6 miles from Marietta and then moved back to our last night's camp. One brigade of infantry came up and held the place.

Friday.

June 10. Drew 3 days rations and then moved to the left. A heavy thunderstorm came up as we left camp and it rained most of the day. We did not meet any rebs today. Camped 12 miles from Marietta. Some of our foragers shot one reb this morning.

Saturday.

June 11. Moved early and marched nearly east until noon. Then south and soon met the rebs. We drove them a couple of miles to their main force on their right and after some sharp firing we fell back. One of the 7th penn. was killed and 3 wounded. We camped south of where we camped last night. Rained hard today.

Sunday.

June 12. Raining very hard this morning. Nothing to do but get feed for our horses. Very muddy. Some firing on the right today.

Monday.

June 13. Orders to get feed for the horses and remain here today. Could see the reb signal lights to night. No news from the right.

Tuesday.

June 14. No orders to move yet. Drew corn and rations today. Some firing on the right this afternoon. Clear but muddy. Gen Polk killed today. Rebel General.

Wednesday.

June 15. Moved toward the right at 10 A.M. I am on guard. The 2nd brigade had some heavy fighting today. We drove them back and the Division built a long line of breastworks but were not attacked. Our Com. on picket tonight.

Thursday.

June 16. I was not relieved from guard today and lay back in the shade with the mules and the regiment lay in the breastworks until near sun-down, then all moved to the right one fourth mile and camped. My relief had to stand one trick. Firing all along the line.

Friday.

June 17. Relieved this morning and washed my clothes. We have no fighting today. The Reb pickets are within speaking distance of ours. Heavy firing all night last night and today. Firing on the left today. Drew rations.

Saturday.

June 18. Nothing to do but get wheat for the horses. Firing on the right.

Sunday.

June 19. Went out and got feed and got back and had to pack up and move. We did not go over 1 mile before fighting commenced. Our artillery played on them lively all along the line. We drove them an short distance. Our company was dismounted and on the left we had some shots at long range. Moved back at dark and camped where our picket reserve had been. The news is that four men hold the Ridge, Kenesaw. The last line of works taken at 1 P.M. and capturing 1500 prisoners. The above was done by the infantry. Our brigade did not lose many today. Our regiment were rear guard for the division. The reb pickets are in sight of ours. Rained hard today.

Monday.

June 20. Waked this morning, saddled up and went after wheat, returned and unsaddled. Boots and saddles at 10 A.M. Moved out to our outer line of breastworks and lay in line for 3 or 4 hours. Then moved across some low ground, rails laid down for a road, toward where the rebs were yesterday. The road was very bad. Moved across the fields to another road and formed in line. Firing commenced on our left up the road and we were ordered on double quick "gallop" until we came in sight of where they were firing on 1 battalion of the 7th Penn. when we were ordered to charge. Crossed a creek "noonday" and formed behind a hill and commenced firing and such firing. I fired 60 rounds. My horse was shot through the neck but not killed. The First Georgie charged us 3 times and we more than emptied their saddles. We had to fall back for we were flanked on both flanks. We were opposed by cav. and Inft. My company loss was R. W. Lamphere killed, gun shot wounds T. J. McKinney, H. J. Sherwood, Geo. Worthey, E. Blaksley, Brag and J. Sperrin saber cuts. Loss of the regiment killed Lieut, Suthin and 8 men, 25 wounded and 7 missing. The 20th of June is long to be remembered by the 4th Mich. Cav. The rebs must have lost heavy for they followed us up close to get the advantage of us while crossing the low ground, but Wilders brigade were waiting for them behind rail barracks and it was very dark by the time they came up and did not see what was in front and for a short time it was a warm place. Camped on the same ground, we left this morning. A sorry set of men on account of our loss. It rained hard after the fight commenced.

Tuesday.

June 21. Rested good last night for all were tired and wet. Lieut. Suttan and four others were brought in dead. Lieut. Suttan's body was sent back and the others buried here. The rebs had stripped all their clothes but shirts and drawers. The rebs are not in sight today. I had the ball out of horse's neck this morning, he is sore. Our Picket Company for picket tonight, I stayed in camp to care for my horse.

Wednesday.

June 22. Saddled up at 5 A.M. only moving a short distance to get out of the mud. Then went for wheat, heavy firing on the right. Blakesley was ordered to Big Shanty to care for Sherwood. He has had his leg amputated but is doing well.

Thursday.

June 23. After wheat again, got a plenty and then had to move, we went some distance. Found the rebs, drove them across the first ridge "of Kenesaw" on our left, built rail barracks. I led a horse and all led b horses. Went back to the old camp. The boys all came in at 11 P.M. Inft. took their place.

Friday.

June 24. Foraging for the horses most of the day, had to go 4 or 5 miles. Weather warm.

Saturday.

June 25. Foraging and lay in camp the rest of the day. Artillery firing all day. I got a letter from home.

Sunday.

June 26. Orders to move at 12 P.M. Drew corn and moved out to where we built breastworks the 23rd and camped. Weather warm.

Monday.

June 27. At 5 A.M. ordered in line to fight on foot. Moved out 2 miles and built breastworks. Our artillery shelled them pretty sharp and they returned it. The shot and shell would scream over us as we lay behind our breastworks. Moved back to camp during the afternoon. I had to go picket, went back near our old camp.

Tuesday.

June 28. Relieved at noon. Returned to camp. Received one letter. No news from the right. Continual artillery skirmishing along the whole line.

Wednesday.

June 29. In camp all day. Weather warm and flies troublesome. Drew rations this evening.

Thursday.

June 30. Orders for no one to leave camp for we muster at 9 A.M. for pay. A heavy thunder shower after muster. The army is slowly advancing.

Friday.

July 1. I wanted some cloth s this morning, no orders to move. Still cannonading. Weather warm.

Saturday.

July 2. Lay in camp all day. Orders to pack up at taps and move at 11 P.M.

Sunday.

July 3. Moved last night and camped near Big Shanty. Our Company sent on picket after arriving at camp. Move out of this camp early and passed through Marietta afternoon. Met the enemy about 4 miles out, skirmished a while and camped.

Monday.

July 4. Revalpe early, moved about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and lay in line in a field in the hot sun all forenoon, then moved back to last nights

camp. There is one line of breastworks after another from the foot of Kennesaw Mt. out here. Drew forage and rations tonight and whickey to celebrate the 4th on. Heavy firing on the right today.

Tuesday.

July 5. Moved early and went more to the east. About noon the command halted and my Battalion went out within six miles of the river "Chattahoochee" on picket. The command came along at 3 P.M. We fell in and marched about three miles and camped. Foraged plenty of potatoes today.

Wednesday.

July 6. On guard today, not much to do. Weather warm.

Thursday.

July 7. Relieved this morning. The Company, all but those on duty, went out scouting.

Friday.

July 8. Lay in camp and rested as well as we could. The pickets came in. We drew rations. Orders at 4 P. M. to pack up and saddle and be ready to move in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Moved down near Kings Factory Roswell and camped after dark.

Saturday.

July 9. Waked before daylight and ordered to be ready to move in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Moved out, dismounted and marched to the river. We waded it and formed skirmish line all day. Relieved at dark by two divisions of infantry and then returned to camp. We did not see any rebs across the river.

Sunday.

July 10. Lay in camp all day, not much to do.

Monday.

July 11. Moved about three miles today to Big Creek and camped. No rebs in here. On guard today.

Tuesday.

July 12. Relieved this morning. Wrote some letters and lay around the rest of the day. No news.

Wednesday.

July 13. Foraging today, plenty of feed here. No news from the right or from the Potomac.

Thursday.

July 14. Moved camp about three miles nearer the river today. Weather warm. Some more Lieutenants made in our regiment today.

Friday.

July 15. A hard days foraging. Sarg't Maj. Dickenson promoted to first Lieutenant and Adjutant. No news.

Saturday.

July 16. Orders for a scout to leave at 8 A.M. Order countermanded and lay in camp all day.

Sunday.

July 17. Orders to move but did not, went foraging.

Monday.

July 18. Moved early this morning and crossed the Chattahoochee river on the bridge. Marched steady until noon, when we found their pickets, sharp firing for a short time. Moved on near Stone Mountain and tore up over a mile of railroad and then fell back. Passed plenty of infantry. We had been 13 miles in rear of Atlanta. Camped after dark. Was on rear guard and went on picket on the skirmish line.

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Tuesday.

July 19. Moved early toward McAfees corners. Relieved from guard about 10 A.M. and camped at Flint Rock church about 11 A.M. Reported to the Company on picket about one mile north of camp. Soon after I got to the picket reserve Wes Barker came in on the run hat off and hair flying, and said that the rebs had charged on him and John Bennett outside of the picket while they were getting corn and that they had got Bennett's horse and perhaps him. Wes went back to camp for more men and we went out but could not find him. There was 5 rebs and they shot at him, captured him and mounted him and struck through the woods. So said the citizens, we could not learn any more.

Wednesday.

July 20. Relieved this morning and nine of us went out but could not see any rebs. Loaded with forage and returned to camp near Flint Rock Church. Orders at 12 to move at 2 P.M. and join the brigade. We marched until after dark and camped. I do not know where we are or how near Atlanta.

Thursday.

July 21. Can hear cannonading south of us this morning. Orders to move after dinner. Marched 15 miles to Decatur and stopped two hours. Orders to carry 4 days rations and leave all pack mules and extra baggage. Moved at dark.

Friday.

July 22. Marched until 3 A.M. and camped for 3 hours. We were tired and sleepy. Moved at 6 A.M. and went to the railroad and burned it for a long distance. Then moved towards Oxford and Covington. Got some provisions and foraged some, started back at dark, marched slow, camped at 10 P.M.

Saturday.

July 23. Moved early, our company were sent to the left to pick up horses and mules. We done pretty well but were tired and sleepy when we camped. We could not find our regiment. Our brigade did not come in with the rest of the division.

Sunday.

July 24. Moved early toward Decatur, crossed Yellow river yesterday. Did not find our regiment or pack mules in town. News of a hard fight here yesterday. Our side losing heavy. Gen. M. Person was killed on our side and report that Gen. Harder on the reb. side. Still cannonading.

Monday.

July 25. Joined the regiment and camped, expecting to get a little rest but orders to move at 2 P.M. Drew rations and forage. Did not move until evening. Had to wait for Stonemans division to pass. We moved more to the front and left. P. Barker visited Wes Barker today.

Tuesday.

July 26. Lay in camp until noon then sent on picket. I was in charge of the out post in the edge of Decatur. No rebs in sight. This evening orders are to be ready to move at 4 A.M. all pack mules and horses sent to the rear today.

Wednesday.

July 27. One of the Vidette fired at what he supposed to be rebs last night but it was the advance of Stonemans command, no one hurt. We formed in line to receive them and had they been rebs would have done the best we could. Relieved at 6 A.M. and joined the company. Marched until 2 P.M. and ran on their pickets at Yellow River and captured a few wagons. We camped here. It is 7 miles from the Macon and Atlanta R.R. Stoneman is on our left.

Thursday.

July 28. Routed at 10 P.M. last night and saddled. The rebs had attacked the pickets. Marched out, dismounted and built rail barricades and lay behind them until daylight. The rebs attacked us all around but were driven back and we moved back toward Decatur. Three men were wounded. Camped at 3 P.M. and went for forage.

Friday.

July 29. A good nights rest. Lay in camp all day, no news from Stoneman.

Saturday.

July 30. Moved this morning. Foraged where J. Bennett was taken on the 19th and camped on the line of Kansas railroad. We passed Cross Keys today.

Sunday.

July 31. Moved early, our Battalion in advance. Came up to our pickets in rear of our lines, then moved back and camped. The pack mules came up and we got some mail.

Monday. Aug. 1. Drew rations and forage, moved at dark and camped at 9 P.M. unsaddled and fell in line, dismounted, with one days rations. We take the place of infantry in the breastworks that are moving to the right. Very tired when we halted at 10 P.M.

Tuesday.

August 2. Constant picket firing and some artillery. Nothing to do but cook, eat, sleep and keep a sharp lookout. Weather pleasant. Atlanta is in sight of the breastworks. Moved up close to the breastworks and lay down for the night.

Wednesday.

Aug. 3. Remained in camp until 3 P.M. and then moved out on the skirmish line. Artillery and infantry are moving into position today and are going to shell the rebs. Heavy firing this evening on the right. All quiet in our front except constant picket firing. I rec a letter today.

Thursday.

Aug. 4. Relieved at noon today. John Shoemaker and I went back to our horses. Drew rations. Lieut. Pierce had received an order from the War Department to report to Gen. Pierce, his brother, as aid de camp in the army of the Potomac.

Friday.

Aug. 5. Shoemaker and I returned to the company on our horses this morning and sent them back by the men that bring out our grub, they cook it and bring it out to us.

Saturday.

Aug. 6. Ordered on picket this morning to where first halted on coming here. The ball and shell flew pretty lively over our heads and we moved out of there. Our Battalion was on reserve and did not go on the skirmish line. Rained hard at dark.

Sunday. Aug. 7.

Relieved early. Two years ago today since I enlisted. Nothing to do today, very quiet along the line.

Monday.

Aug. 8. Lay in camp all day, no news from the right. Quiet along the line.

Tuesday.

Aug. 9. Went on picket at 10 A.M. Ham came to see me today, his regiment is on the right. He went to camp with Wes Barker.

Wednesday.

Aug. 10. I went in to the breastworks early and Ham met me and I went to his regiment with him and saw several old acquaintances.

Thursday.

Aug. 11. The 9th Cav. Ham's regiment, was ordered to move this morning and I started back. I went to see the 11 inft. saw Ben Clubine and several acquaintances from Three River, Mich. The 11th

is on the skirmish line behind the breastworks. I had to go to their line by a circuitous route for to avoid being shot and on foot at that and one did not dare shove his head above the breastworks where they were. returned to camp before dark.

Friday.

Aug. 12. On picket at 9 A.M. on the left of the line, picketed by our brigade.

Saturday.

Aug. 13. Relieved at 10 A.M. We were kept up all night expecting an attack. Heavy cannonading all along the line. After dark the shell would burst in our camp and over us.

Sunday.

Aug. 14. Still some cannonading. An idle day.

Monday.

Aug. 15. Orders early this morning to move back to the horses. The horses were brought out and we left at 7 A.M. and marched back to the horse camp and camped and prepared for general inspection but the inspector did not come.

Tuesday.

Aug. 16. Orders for our Company to go on picket. We went out near where we left the 1st. Our post was at the chair factory and workshop. Relieved at 8 P.M. and returned to camp. Orders to move at 7 in the morning.

Wednesday.

Aug. 17. Revaler early. Orders countermanded. Order for dress parade this evening. General call at 1 P.M. and boots and saddles immediately after got ready to move and recall sounded and we unsaddled. Order to move at 9 P.M. drew rations and moved at 12 midnight. Moved to the right.

Thursday.

Aug. 18. Joined Gen. Kilpatrick on the right at daylight and orders to rest all we can. Moved at dark.

Friday.

Aug. 19. Marched very slow all night. At daylight the rebs opened fire on our column from our left just as we were crossing the depot point R.R. We formed in line of battle and had a sharp skirmish. Jim Buckley was wounded and we supposed Turn Anderson was taken prisoner, his ambulance was run into the woods and broken, but when we got back to Atlanta Turn was there. Moved, formed and found their pickets 5 miles from Jonesborough on the Macon road. Sharp skirmishing. A. Warner, one of Co. CO. was killed by my side on the skirmish line about 40 rods from the depot and we buried him where he fell. We burned all the buildings we could. Several large buildings were filled with sick and wounded rebs from Atlanta, and burned the railroad for some distance. Remained in skirmish line until 12 midnight with our band playing all the time. Moved forward at 12 midnight, very dark.

Saturday.

Aug. 20. Marched all night and struck the railroad near Love Pay station at 9 A.M. and commenced tearing up the track, when our left was attacked and driven back and built rail barracks. Volunteers went out in the filed and drew in one of our cannons that had a limber broken. The rebs were all around us and we were drawn up in column of fours. The 4th regulars in the road, our regiment about 10 rods to the right, the 7th Penn. about the same distance on our right and Gen. Long's division in the same order on the left of the road. All who did not have sabers were sent to the rear of their companies and all pack mules to the rear of their regiments. My Co. was in advance of our regiment. Charged with sabers, their skirmishers

could not stand it and ran. We ran over one brigade, captured one piece of artillery but did not have time to take many prisoners. The several commands reorganized out about three miles and by the time there was some orders among our regiments, the rebs were peppering our rear. Our regiment was dismounted, the horses sent forward and we had to keep them back as long as we could and then we got to our horses and moved on and other regiments would change in halting and building rail barricades and keeping them back. They did not follow us after dark. We passed thru McDonald and crossed the ----- creek, a deep swift stream. Some of the wagons and horses went down. Crossed the Yellow River on a bridge, burned the bridge after crossing and a large mill. Camped at 12 midnight by some old churches. It rained hard all day and night. Today is long to be remembered by this command. It was the grandest charge of the campaign. Our company lost one man, missing, George I. Smith. Some of the rebs were badly cut with our sabers. We have had no time to cook and no ^{change} to sleep since we started the evening of the 18th until we camped tonight and then rest was taken before eating. John Shoemaker and I got a sack of peanuts at Honesborough, a commercial sack, about 3 bushels, emptied part out, and that is all we have eaten since and water to drink.

Sunday.

Aug. 21. Marched all day undisturbed toward Lithonia. This is a good country and there is large crops of corn growing. Camped at Lithonia and lay down for all night, the first time since we have been out. Our horses are about played out. A detail has been in the rear all day, shooting horses that could go no further. Rained very hard.

Monday.

Aug. 22. Moved early, our brigade in advance. Struck our old road south of Stone Mountain and marched toward Decatur. Our company were out getting Beef most of the day. Passed through Decatur at 4 P.M. and came inside of our lines where we were on picket the 18th. Arrived at the old camp at dark.

Tuesday.

Aug. 23. A good nights rest last night. A hard afternoons work, cleaning my gun and saber. Wrote letters home, dress parade and promotions read

Wednesday.

Aug. 24. Lay in camp all day. Orders to move tomorrow and send all pack mules and horses to the rear. Drew 4 days rations.

Thursday.

Aug. 25. Pack mules left at 12 M. and we moved soon after, marched toward Chattahooche River. The left is falling back. Camped at dark.

Friday.

Aug. 26. Saddled up at 2 A.M. and crossed the river at 5 A.M. and camped near the railroad bridge.

Saturday.

Aug. 27. Moved down the river near Sand town but did not cross the river, and camped. On picket near camp. Good weather but cool.

Sunday.

Aug. 28. Nothing disturbed us last night. Relieved at 3 P.M. Two years today since our muster.

Monday.

Aug. 29. On a scout today. Went to Oidtown on the Sweetwater. The town is so old that there is no houses. Saw no rebs.

Tuesday.

Aug. 30. In camp all day. Dress parade, and drill today. Saw Frank Comvin and other of the 9th Cav. Ham is well.

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Wednesday.

Aug. 31. Mustered for pay at 10 A.M. On a scout this afternoon across the Sweetwater, and down the Chattahooche. Saw no rebs.

Thursday.

Sept. 1. In camp all day. No news.

Friday.

Sept 2. Built a horseshed this forenoon and on picket this afternoon up the Sweetwater.

Saturday.

Sept. 3. Rained last night and this morning. Report that Atlanta is ours. Relieved at 8 P.M.

Sunday.

Sept. 4. Preaching today. Clear and warm, no news.

Monday.

Sept. 5. ALL quiet today. Heavy rain.

Tuesday.

Sept. 6. Raining all day. No excitement in camp.

Wednesday.

Sept 7. Dull in camp. No news or mail.

Thursday.

Sept. 8. In camp, cool weather.

Friday.

Sept. 9. On picket afternoon. No excitement and no news.

Saturday.

Sept. 10. Nothing doing in camp. Orders at dark to move at 5 A.M.

Sunday.

Sept 11. Revallee at 3 A.M. Moved at 5 A.M. Crossed the Chattahooche river and moved toward Atlanta. Passed the south side of the city at 11 A.M. and stopped close by the city until 2 P.M. Then moved north thru the city. There are a great many houses with holes through, made by shot and shell. The citizens had holes or caves to hide in and they looked, had one or two in almost every door yard. Camped near where we lay in the breastworks while on the left. The trees are full of lead from bottom to top and the twigs are nearly all shot off.

Monday.

Sept 12. Moved early toward Cross Keys, marched all day and camped north of Cross Keys at 5 P.M. The division is camped here, a good camp ground.

Tuesday.

Sept. 13. Orders for a 4 days scout, 100 men from each regiment in the brigade to report at 6 A.M. I went, we moved toward Roswell, crossed the river at 12 M at Roswell and passed through town and camped 3 miles out west, plenty of forage and meat.

Wednesday.

Sept. 14. Saddled up at 2 1/2 A.M. got breakfast and moved toward Alfretta. Caught 5 rebs early this morning and at noon ran across some more. Some firing, we charged them, capturing 2 Lieuts. Chased them 3 miles toward Cummings. I captured a mule and led my horse. Returned through Alfretta and camped at Roswell.

Thursday.

Sept. 15. Routed at 1 A.M. Two rebs ran through our camp mounted. They had got by the pickets and into camp before either them or ourselves knew it and they made good time to get out. Saddled up and lay still until daylight. Then moved toward Warsaw up the river but did not go so far. Came around through Alfretta and camped near our first night's camp on this scout. I was on picket.

Friday.

Sept. 16. Two rebs gave themselves up this morning. Moved early and

scouted around to see if any rebels were around to trouble us while crossing the river. Crossed without any trouble and arrived in camp at 12 M all safe.

Saturday.

Sept. 17. Built a horse shed and policed this forenoon. Lieut Buck started for home this morning on a 20 days furlough.

Sunday.

Sept. 18. Raining this morning. On picket today on the Roswell road.

Monday.

Sept. 19. Ordered in this morning, the brigade moves to Roswell. The pickets are rear guard to the wagon train.

Tuesday.

Sept. 20. Most of the company went back to guard the train and scout. I built a bunk and policed. Tired tonight.

Wednesday.

Sept. 21. Went foraging dismounted. Rained all day.

Thursday.

Sept. 22. Rained all day, very hard.

Friday.

Sept. 23. Detailed for picket, dismounted, went out 1 mile on the right of the Marietta road.

Saturday.

Sept. 24. IN camp all day, three boys came in from the scout.

Sunday.

Sept. 25. IN camp all day.

Monday.

Sept. 26. Went out this morning at 3 A.M. to reinforce the pickets. At daylight 22 of us went on a scout through Alfretha toward Canton. The rebels charged on us just as we were ready to move, feeding our horses at noon and gave us a tough one for 8 miles. There was about 200 of them. I was on a little mule and came near being killed or taken, would have been taken had not Lieut Bontell and a few others charged on their advance and drove them back. Lieut. Bontell was wounded through the hand and one of the boys wounded and 3 missing. We killed 3 and wounded some. Moved camp down the river to the paper mill 5 miles from Marietta.

Tuesday.

Sept. 27. Moved into camp and was busy all day fixing up.

Wednesday.

Sept. 28. On picket today, dismounted, for I will not ride the mule that I had to ride the 26th, travelled about 6 miles to get $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and was very tired. Raining and muddy. News of the capture of Richmond.

Thursday.

Sept. 29. Went outside the pickets to forage, found nothing. Relieved at 2 P.M. and returned to camp. Orders to move tomorrow.

Friday.

Sept. 30. Packed up ready to move at 12 M orders countermanded and I had to go on picket on the Marietta road. Move in the morning. All kinds of rumors as to where we are going and what the rebels are doing in Tennessee and Alabama.

Saturday.

October 1. Relieved at 8 A.M. and moved to Ward Vining station. Passed the station and went to the bridge and camped, very tired.
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I walked all the way. I am dismounted, no horse.

Sunday.

Oct. 2. Moved early for Sand town. The railroad bridge and all the road bridges across the Chattahoochee washed down last night. Camped near our old camp ground. The mounted men of the division are above on the Chattahoochee, somewhere.

Monday.

Oct. 3. Orders to move at 7 A.M. Moved 4 miles up the Sweetwater and camped. The mounted men pass on up today.

Tuesday.

Oct. 4. Moved at 10 A.M. for Marietta 10 miles distant. Passed the brigade near town. Camped in town. The infantry were passing all afternoon.

Wednesday.

Oct. 5. Drew rations. All kinds of rumors in camp.

Thursday.

Oct. 6. Troops passing all day toward Kennesaw. On guard tonight.

Friday.

Oct. 7. Rained today. Not much news. The cars are running fast here now.

Saturday.

Oct. 8. Nothing to do today. Cold and windy. No news of importance. Expecting through trains today.

Sunday.

Oct. 9. Still cold, moved at 10 A.M. and marched 3 miles north of Big Shanty. Rail road all tore up.

Monday.

Oct. 10. Lay in camp all day. Infantry passing most of the day. Orders to move at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. tomorrow.

Tuesday.

Oct. 11. Moved early, passed Acworth and Altonia and camped on the bank of the Etowah river at the railroad bridge. Still cold.

Wednesday.

Oct. 12. Moved at 5 A.M. Had to take a side road to pass the 17th corps wagon train. Camped at Kingston. Orders to move at 5 A.M.

Thursday.

Oct. 13. Had to wait for the 1st ft. to move out. We marched toward Rome within 1 mile of Rome took the road toward Calhoun and camped 2 miles from Rome. NO news from the mounted men.

Friday.

Oct. 14. Revalled at 4 A.M. Did not move until 1 P.M. Marched 8 miles and camped.

Saturday.

Oct. 15. Moved early passed through Calhoun at 12 M. arrived at Coosa river after dark and crossed. Passed through Resacca and camped at 10 P.M. Drew bread tonight.

Sunday.

Oct. 16. Drew rations this morning and moved at 10 A.M.

Monday.

Oct. 17. Moved early. Camped near Valman. Orders for all but convalescents teams and dismounted men to go back. The rebels have turned.

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Tuesday.

Oct. 18. Moved at 10 A.M. for Ringold, camped near Tunnel Hill. Marched 18 miles today.

Wednesday.

Oct. 19. Moved early. Drew rations at Ringold and moved on to Rosville and camped. I gave out and did not arrive in camp until after dark.

Thursday.

Oct. 20. Moved at 8 A.M. for Chattanooga, passed through town and crossed the river and camped.

Friday.

Oct. 21. Lay in camp all day and wrote letters.

Saturday.

Oct. 22. Went to town today but did not see those that I wanted to see.

Sunday.

Oct. 23. In camp all day. No news. Wrote some letters.

Monday.

Oct. 24. Dull in camp. Reb prisoners coming to town today.

Tuesday.

Oct. 25. In camp all day. Orders to leave tomorrow.

Wednesday.

Oct. 26. Left camp at 12 M. Crossed the Chattanooga and boarded the cars at 2 P.M. and came as far as the foot of the mountains and had to lay over for an engine to help pull us through the tunnel.

Thursday.

Oct. 27. Rained all night and I was on top of the cars and got wet. Started at 7 A.M. and came through without any trouble, arriving at Nashville at 6 P.M. and marched out to camp Smith. Arrived in camp at 9 P.M. and went into the barracks.

Friday.

Oct. 28. Moved into tents this afternoon near the pike.

Saturday.

Oct. 29. Busy fixing up today. Cap. Lawton came to see us today. He is not well yet.

Sunday.

Oct. 30. Went to town today and had a good time with the boys of No 1 Hospital.

Monday.

Oct. 31. Mustered for pay this morning at 9 A.M. Drew some sanitary stores this evening.

Tuesday.

Nov. 1. In camp all day, some of our things came in from Columbia.

Wednesday.

Nov. 2. In camp, cold and rainy.

Thursday.

Nov. 3. Still raining. Went to town and saw Cap. Lawton. Dillon and Ed Crane started for home on for leave today.

Friday.

Nov. 4. Some of the teams came up today, still raining.

Saturday.

Nov. 5. Drill today, no news or orders to move.

Sunday.

Nov. 6. Drew rations. On guard posts at forage and store room and saw mill. Windy and rainy.

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Monday.
 Nov. 7. In camp all day. Raining and cold.

Tuesday.
 Nov. 8. Election day. "Presidential" Elected a board or committee to rec. the votes and then voted. Rained all day.

Wednesday.
 Nov. 9. Orders to pack up. Left camp at 12 M. A regular storm, while going down to the city. Left Nashville for Louisville at 4 P.M. Lincoln's majority in this detachment was 82.

Thursday.
 Oct. 10. Arrived in Louisville at 2 A.M. and stayed in the car until daylight, then went to the barracks for breakfast. Some of the boys had a big time on the road coming. We had the privilege of town until 12 M. There was a regular row at dinner by the 1st and 3rd Ohio Cav. Orders at 3 P.M. to go to camp. Moved our near the Shelby pike. None of our baggage came and we had no blankets, pretty cold.

Friday.
 Nov. 11. We had a cold night of it. Drew one days rations this morning and five days tonight.

Saturday.
 Nov. 12. On guard today. cool but clear. No news.

Sunday.
 Nov. 13. The Columbia boys came in this evening. I got the things that came from home. Had a good time this evening. The boys that came in from Columbia were the ones that were sent back before we left Atlanta.

Monday.
 Nov. 14. The boys that were mounted and followed Hood from Atlanta came up this morning, all are busy fixing up.

Tuesday.
 Nov. 15. Drilled today forenoon and afternoon. Built a chimney between times. Dress parade at dark. We are kept busy.

Wednesday.
 Nov. 16. Drill and parade. I rec. a letter from Cousin Rachel Moore of Penn.

Thursday.
 Nov. 17. Drill this forenoon. Rained all afternoon.

Friday.
 Nov. 18. Rained today. No news. We are brigaded with the 1st and 3rd and 4th Ohio Cav. and 7th Penn. cav. and are the 2nd brigade.

Saturday.
 Nov. 19. Drill this forenoon. Police duty afternoon. Clat Barker of the 2nd Mich. Cav. Visited us today.

Sunday.
 Nov. 20. Detailed for guard today. General inspection before guard mounted. The Col. was very particular but gave me the credit of being the nearest perfect of our company. Cold and windy. No news.

Monday.
 Nov. 21. Relieved at 9 A.M. Drilled afternoon. Cold and spitting snow. Received 3 letters. One from home and one from Dude Engerson. Provost Guards, Mich.

Tuesday.
 Nov. 22. No drill today. It is so cold. Freezing and snowing, no news.

Wednesday.

Nov. 23. In my tent most of the day with a lame back. Still cold.

Thursday.

Nov. 24. THANKSGIVING. The ladies of Louisville donated a dinner. Each man would have got about a mouthful, of each article. Our company carried their share back to the commissary. There was a general old time all through camp.

Nov. 25. No minutes.

SATURDAY.

Nov. 26. No drill today. Cleaning up for inspection tomorrow. Expect pay soon. Not so cold today.

Sunday.

Nov. 27. Inspection this morning. Rained last night.

MONDAY.

Nov. 28. Lay in camp all day. Good news from the front. Pay roll finished.

Tuesday.

Nov. 29. Signed the pay rolls this forenoon. No excitement in camp.

Wednesday.

Nov. 30. Drilled today. Clear and pleasant. No news from home.

Thursday.

Dec. 1. Drilled today. Rec. a letter from home. Good news from Thomas and Hood at Nashville.

Friday.

Dec. 2. Relieved-at-on guard today. Good news from Thomas and Sherman.

Saturday.

Dec. 3. Relieved at 8 A.M. Rained last night. Cleaned up for inspection tomorrow.

Sunday.

Dec. 4. Inspection at 9 A.M. Preaching twice today.

Monday.

Dec. 5. Pay day today. I received my pay at 1 P.M. Amounting to \$139.00 and pay my debts.

Tuesday.

Dec. 6. Went to town after horses. Drew 800. Our company drew gray.

62 was the number for our company.

Wednesday.

Dec. 7. We got our horses, each man, this evening. I got a young dark grey. Drew our saddle and equipments tonight.

Thursday.

Dec. 8. Ordered to move with 2 days rations. I do not know where we are going. Left camp at 5 A.M. and moved toward Portland. Posted pickets on all the pikes leading into Louisville. Orders are to allow all horses and persons to go into the city but to prevent all horses from passing out. We are passing horses and are having a good time.

Friday.

Dec. 9. A cold night last night. Some snow, but we had a good fire and slept good. We had plenty to eat and plenty to drink. Returned to camp after dark.

Saturday.

Dec. 10. Cold and stormy, not much stir in camp.

Sunday.

Dec. 11. On guard today. Still cold and but little wood to keep warm with.

Monday.

Dec. 12. Relieved at 9 A.M. Packed some things to send home.

Tuesday.

Dec. 13. In camp all day. Expect to leave soon. Nothing new from Nashville. Weather more moderate.

Wednesday.

Dec. 14. Went to the city with the boys that we are expressing home. Returned to camp at 12 M. Roads very muddy.

Thursday.

Dec. 15. Raining this morning. Acted as Sargeant of the guard last night for Loveland, while he went to the city. Reports of fighting at Nashville. No orders to move yet.

Friday.

Dec. 16. Not much stir in camp. It is so muddy. Still raining a little. Reports confirmed of a battle at Nashville.

Saturday.

Dec. 17. I am 24 years old today. It has been a dull birthday. I have not been out of camp except to water the horses.

Sunday.

Dec. 18. Nothing going on in camp. Not so muddy.

Monday. Dec. 19. Good news from Thomas and Sherman. Promotions read at dress parade. Lieut Col. Park, majors, Mix and Grant have resigned. Captain Prichard promoted to Lieut Col. and Cap. Eldridge to Major. Some vacancies yet to fill.

Tuesday.

Dec. 20. Colder this morning, dull in camp. Sargeant Dickenson is transferred to F CO from our company. He was not one of our boys but was assigned to our camp and made a sargeant and detailed to headquarters. F. E. Stevens of CO C promoted to Regimental Q.M. Sargeant Hank Sherwood reduced from Company Commissary Sargeant to Duty Sargeant and Chas Leathers promoted from Duty Sargeant to Company commissary sargeant.

Wednesday.

Dec. 21. Snowing this morning. Cold all day. Letter from home, all well.

Thursday.

Dec. 22. A cold night and very cold this morning. No orders about moving this morning. Went on picket at 10 A.M. on the Preston pike. Orders for a general review at 10 A.M. tomorrow.

Friday.

Dec. 23. Relieved at 11 A.M. Orders for the review countermanded. A cold night. McCay got badly pounded last night in the city for being in one of the shebangs.

Saturday.

Dec. 24. No excitement in camp and nothing going on tonight in camp. Fireworks in the city, no news from home.

Sunday.

Dec. 25. Christmas. In camp all day, not so cold, rained a little this evening.

Monday.

Dec. 26. Very muddy. Nothing going on in camp. Orders for general inspection tomorrow.

Tuesday.

Dec. 27. Saddled up at 8 A.M. and marched down on Broadway st. and were reviewed by Gen. Long and Staff. I had a time with my horse, she would balk and kick everything out of the road. Returned to camp at 1 P.M. Orders to leave here tomorrow morning.

Wednesday.

Dec. 28. Revealed at 3 1/2 A.M. and Bhets and saddles at Six A.M. Moved at 8 A.M. on the Bardstown pike. Marched 19 miles and camped. Good marching. Tired tonight. My horse was ugly all day, balking and kicking. Threatening storm tonight. Our camp is near Mt. Washington, a pretty little town.

Thursday.

Dec. 29. Moved at 7 A.M. Good marching. Marched 22 miles and camped before dark 2 miles south of Bardstown. Rumors that a 7th Penn Capt. and their surgeon have been shot today by guerillas.

Friday.

Dec. 30. Revealed at 4 A.M. Moved at 8 A.M. Roads good. Passed through New Haven a station on the Lebanon R.R. and on the Rolling Fork River. Camped in sight of town at 1 P.M. Went out foraging, forage plenty.

Saturday.

Dec. 31. Mustered for pay this morning and moved at 8 A.M. It snowed about 4 inches last night and was very cold this morning and the pike very slippery. Passed through Hortonville the Birthplace of old Abe. It is 10 miles from Elizabeth town north. Camped one mile east of Elizabeth town after dark. We are out of rations and cold as the devil. Received a letter today.

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Drew rations this morning and moved out of camp at 10 A.M. Pretty cold. It is a rough New Year. Marched about 15 miles and camped at Sonora station. Received letters.

Monday.

Jan. 2. Revaloe at 3 A.M. Moved at 9 A.M. Toward Mumfordsville. Not so cold today. Marched along the Rail Road all day. Marched 20 miles and camped at Mumfordsville before dark.

Tuesday.

Jan. 3. Lay in camp until 3 P.M. Then forded Green river. It was deep and swift. Some got wet. I got my feet wet. The wagons were ferried across. Camped near the river.

Wednesday.

Jan. 4. Moved at 7 A.M. and marched to station, a distance of 23 miles, not so cold today.

Thursday.

Jan. 5. Revaloe at 4 A.M. Moved at 8 A.M. Marched through some good country. Crossed Baron river at Sawling Green, passing through the place and camped 2 miles south of town. Near Lest river.

Friday.

Jan. 6. Rained all night and it was bilious to get out early. Drew rations this morning and marched at 8 A.M. Rained all day. Camped early 2 miles from Franklin Ky.

Saturday.

Jan. 7. Snowed all night, moved at 9 A.M. Passed through Franklin Ky. and Mt. Cheelville Tenn. Very muddy. Marched 20 miles and camped. Went for forage. A pleasant day.

Sunday.

Jan. 8. Moved early, roads were muddy and slippery. Passed some little towns today. Wilders Brigade camped ahead of us last night and 6 of them that were out foraging were shot by guerrillas. We camped near Edgfield across the river from Nashville.

Monday.

Jan. 9. Rained last night and all day. No news. Received a letter from home and one from Mam. Orders to move at 12.

Tuesday.

Jan. 10. Rained all night. Grew cold this morning. Very muddy. My horse is very lame.

Wednesday.

Jan. 11. Clear this morning. The horses were inspected today and mine condemned. I got Dave Dillon's horse. Orders to move tomorrow. Dave Dillon is sick. Drew some sanitary stores.

Thursday.

Jan. 12. Revaloe at 3 A.M. Saw call at 7 A.M. I got a pass and crossed the Cumberland river to Nashville and visited the old hospital and saw D. Stebbins, Seward and Oak Barker. Camped 4 miles south of the city.

Friday.

Jan. 13. Moved out at 7 A.M. on the Franklin pike. Passed through Franklin at 3 P.M. and across the Franklin battlefield. The graves of the rebels are thick and plenty in front of our breastworks. Franklin is on the Harpeth River south side. Camped 2 miles south of town.

Saturday.

Jan. 14. Clear this morning. Moved at 9 A.M. Roads badly cut up. Camped near Duck River, north side, in sight of Columbia. Good weather for marching.

Sunday.

Jan. 15. Went foraging this afternoon 5 miles up the river, plenty of forage and some fresh pork.

Monday.

Jan. 16. In camp all day. No news. Rec letter from home and wrote 2 letters. Detailed for guard tomorrow. No orders to move.

Tuesday.

Jan. 17. Mounted guard at 8½ A.M. Drew rations today. Orders to move tomorrow.

Wednesday.

Jan. 18. Revaloe at 4 A.M. Moved at 7 A.M. forded the Duck River, passed through Columbia and camped at 10 A.M. on the Mt. Pleasant pike. Orders to move at daylight tomorrow.

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Thursday.

Jan. 19. Moved at 7 A.M. Our regiment in advance of the Division. Passed through Mt. Pleasant and Summerville and camped at 3 P.M.

Friday.

Jan. 20. Moved at 8 A.M. Our battalion in rear of the wagons. Passed through Henryville. Slow marching in rear of the wagons. Went out foraging. The forage is all played out. Camped at 4 P.M. A poor Country.

Saturday.

Jan. 21. Raining this morning. Moved early, roads very muddy. Passed through Waynesborough and camped two miles from town. Forage plenty here.

Sunday.

Jan. 22. Raining yet, moved early. A rough road up and down hills and mountains. On top the ridge, the roads were terrible. The wagons had a hard time. Marched 18 miles and camped.

Monday.

Jan. 23. Went out foraging at 10 A.M. The wagons had just got over the hills. The command was moving when we got back. Marched toward Gravel Springs. The roads were awful. We were in rear of the wagon train and did not camp until late. Very cold. Marched 8 Miles in six hours.

Tuesday.

Jan. 24. Moved at 10 A.M. Marched about 8 Miles and camped. I went out foraging for meat, got back at dark. Very cold. The train has all gone by today. Roads frozen and very rough. Orders to move at 7 A.M. tomorrow.

Wednesday.

Jan. 25. Moved at 7 A.M. Cold this morning. Marched slow. Camped near Gravel Springs. Marched 14 miles today. We are in Alabama. We camped last night within 8 miles of the state line. Still cold.

Thursday. Jan. 26. No record.

Friday.

Jan. 27. Moved in camp in regular order and put up our tents. No rations yet and none at East Port.

Saturday.

Jan. 28. Busy today getting stuff for tents. No rations except a little meal and pork. Cold frosty nights. No news.

Sunday.

Jan. 29. Detail ed for guard today. McCoy and I built a chimney to our tent. Not so cold. The regiment were under arms, arrest, tonight for insulting Gen. Wilson for hollowing hardtack and sowbelly at him as he passed the camp. Some excitement in camp and some cursing against Wilson. No news.

Monday.

Jan. 30. Relieved this morning and then finished our shanty. No rations yet. Rec a letter today.

Tuesday.

Jan. 31. Pleasant this morning. Orders to build stables for the horses. Drew 1 days rations. No news. Had a good supper.

Wednesday.

Feb. 1st. Busy today, building stables for the horses. Drew 3 days rations this evening. Sent the convalescent horses to East Port.

Thursday.

Feb. 2. On duty cutting stable logs. A drizzling rain all day. Wrote letters.

Friday.

Feb. 3. Still raining. Made some stools. NO news. Drew a little more rations.

Saturday.

Feb. 4. More pleasant. Topped my boots. No news.

Sunday.

Feb. 5. Rain and sleet last night, cool this morning. Various camp rumors such as these, that we are going to Louisiana and that there is an armistice, but I doubt either.

Monday.

Feb. 6. Worked on the stables. Rec a letter from home.

Tuesday.

Feb. 7. Attended the funeral of Colvin a new recruit of our camp. He was buried with military honors. Snowed about two inches last night. Split some shakes this afternoon.

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Wednesday.

Feb. 8. Cool this morning. I split bolts today. Tired tonight.

Thursday.

Feb. 9. Froze hard last night, pretty cold this morning. Split bolts today. John Bennett came to the company today from the reb. Prison. He is so fat and hearty.

Friday.

Feb. 10. Worked this afternoon. Pleasant today and no news.

Saturday.

Feb. 11. I was sent early this morning with a detail to cut timber shakes and finished the job, tired tonight. No news from the army.

Sunday.

Feb. 12. Did not work today. A pleasant day. No mail and no news.

Monday.

Feb. 13. Clear and cold this morning. Split shakes today and received three letters from Mich.

Tuesday.

Feb. 14. A detail went on a scout this morning. Rain and sleet today. The scout returned this evening, did not find any rebs but got a little meat. Wrote letters today.

Wednesday.

Feb. 15. Drill this morning. J. H. Shoemaker is promoted to 1st sergeant vice John Bennett promoted to 2nd Lieut. Worked on the stable.

Thursday.

Feb. 16. Worked on the stables. Buckley, Bullard and Dillon were reduced to the ranks at their own request.

Friday.

Feb. 17. Brigade inspection today. No news.

Saturday.

Feb. 18. No news in camp. Drew rations today.

Sunday.

Feb. 19. Pleasant today. No mail and no news.

Monday.

Feb. 20. Drill this forenoon and police duty afternoon. Weather pleasant. No news.

Tuesday.

Feb. 21. Finished the stables today. Mounted drill this afternoon. Mail tonight. I rec 4 letters.

Wednesday.

Feb. 22. Rained all day. Wrote letters. Some news in the papers.

Thursday.

Feb. 23. Rained all day. Dull in camp. River high.

Friday.

Feb. 24. Still raining. A report that we are to move next week. Mail tonight some for me.

Saturday.

Feb. 25. News of the capture of Charleston, S.C. Rained hard this morning. Cleared off at noon. Report says that we are going east. No orders to move yet.

Sunday.

Feb. 26. No definite orders yet. Pleasant today.

Monday.

Feb. 27. Busy today, turing over our surplus ordinance. Drew rations.

Tuesday.

Feb. 28. Pleasant this morning. Not to move for a few days yet. Mustered for pay today. Six months' more yet to stay in the service. No news in camp.

Wednesday.

March 1. Police duty this forenoon. Mounting drill afternoon.

Thursday.

March 2. Rained very hard all 1st night and all day today. No mail.

Friday.

March 3. Rained hard all night and all day. The River is high.

Saturday.

Mar. 4. Cool but no rain. Police duty today.

Sunday.

March 5. Cool and clear. Inspection this morning. No mail today. Dismounted men sent out of camp today into a separate camp.

Monday.

March 6. Sick this morning. Mail today. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday.

March 7. Pleasant this morning. Good news from Sherman. Orders for a review tomorrow at 2 P.M.

Wednesday.

Mar. 8. Raining this morning. Cleared off and we had a pleasant day for review. Our division was reviewed by Gen. Long. Orders for another review tomorrow by Gen Wilson at 11 A.M. No news from the army.

Thursday.

Mar. 9. Raining this morning. No review. Snowed this evening. Pretty cold. No boats to come up before the 12 on account of the river falling so they cannot cross the flat, no mail.

Friday 10. Cold this morning. On guard today. I have the 2 reliefs, no news.

Saturday.

March 11. Cold but clear. Relieved at 9 A.M. Boots and saddles at 10 A.M. for review. Went up near Gen. Wilson's headquarters and was reviewed by him. Returned to camp at 4 P.M. no mail.

Sunday.

March 12. Regimental inspection this morning. Rumors that we move tomorrow. Orders after dark to move at 8 A.M. and we are not sorry to leave for we have had the hardest time to get enough to eat of any place we have been yet. Several days since camping here all we have had was hulled corn and that we hulled by boiling in ashed and then washing it. Coffee made by burning corn and not meat enough to swear by. I saw beef cattle killed that could not stand up.

Monday.

March 13. Revaloe at 12 midnight. General call at 2 A.M. and we moved out of camp at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. and marched down the river. We had to keep on the hills for the flats were all flooded yet. Arrived at Waterloo at 10 A.M. and rested until 2 P.M. when we moved to the river. The first 5 companies crossed on the steamer Westerland at 3 P.M. and the rest of us crossed on the Swallow at dark. We went out 1 mile and camped. received mail. I got none.

Tuesday.

March 14. Rained a little this morning. Moved into some order for a camp. Expect to lay here a few days. Mail today. Good news in the papers.

Wednesday.

March 15. Not much stir in camp today. Received orders as to the amt of baggage each one is to carry, viz, one change of undersclothes, one overcoat or blanket. No wagons for the regiment but one for each brigade. no news.

Thursday.

March 16. Dull in camp. No mail today.

Friday.

March 17. Weather pleasant. Dress parade this evening, no mail.

Saturday.

March 18. Inspection today. Dull in camp. Weather pleasant.

Sunday.

March 19. Orders to move tomorrow. We have to carry 7 days rations and 4 days forage on our horses. The wagon train moved this afternoon.

Monday.

March 20. Did not move today. Busy getting forage from the landing. Rained this evening. Expect to move tomorrow.

Tuesday.

March 21. Rained most of last night. Not to move today, drew more forage. Orders to move at 5 A.M. tomorrow.

Wednesday.

Mar. 22. Revaloe at 3 A.M. Moved at 5 A.M. Marched southeast. Pleasant marching. roads pretty good. A rough country for the first ten miles then

then a very pretty country for a few miles then were hills. Camped at 5 P.M. having marched 20 miles. We crossed the Memphis and Charleston R.R. at 12 M. The Memphis

Thursday.

March 25. Revaloe at 3 A.M. Moved at 8 A.M. Roads good. Most of the day. Marched along a ridge. Poor country. Camped at Frankfort ALA. Its a county seat. Some sick rebs in town.

Friday.

Mar. 24. Revaloe at 3 A.M. Moved at 5 A.M. Our regiment in advance. Passed through Russellville at 12 M and marched 4½ miles south and camped. Our company sent on picket in rear of our camps. The 1st division camped at Russellville and Corps Head quarters are in town.

Saturday.

Mar 25. No firing on picket. Weather cool. Cap. Buck was put under arrest by Gen. Wilson this morning because he did not turn out the reserve when he, Gen. Wilson came up and we were most of us unsaddled and playing cards. Relieved at 8 A.M. and went to camp. Moved out of camp at 12 M. our regiment in rear of everything. Marched very slow on account of the wagon train. The roads are rough and muddy. Passed through Whiteside at Bear Creek. Camped at 11 P.M.

Sunday.

Mar. 26. Moved at 7 A.M. the train has a tough time. We passed the train after a long chase. Crossed the a long corduroy over a swamp and camped at 10 P.M. but did not catch up with the brigade. Lay down without supper.

Monday.

March 27. Revaloe at 4½ A.M. Boots and saddles immediately after we were allowed to sleep too long and had to move without any breakfast. Went to the left of the column to forage. Crossed some bad swamps. Camped before dark, raining this evening. We are near Jasper. The country is pine flats and is bad for wagon trains and cavalry to move over this wet weather. The soil being a quick sand. We are on the Tuscaloosa road which place is some 40 miles from here.

Tuesday.

March 28. Foraged this forenoon and moved at 2 P.M. Marched 12 miles and camped at 8 P.M. Near the Big Black Warrior river.

Wednesday.

March 29. Boots and saddles at 10 A.M. and commenced fording the river. The current is very swift. There was three of our boys got in but none drowned. Marched 15 miles. Crossing the Little Black Warrior, fording, and camped at 10 P.M. Raining very hard.

Thursday.

March 30. Moved at 7 A.M. Crossed several small streams. Saw some rebel breastworks about 5 miles from Elyton, marched through town and camped. The 4th division is here.

Friday.

March 31. Moved at 7 A.M. Passed west of Yellow Mountains, the Iron and coal works were burnt. The works were large. Crossed the Cahawba river the railroad bridge by laying on ties for plank. It was very high and so narrow that one did not feel safe. The railroad is new and no rail laid yet. It is to run to Elyton. Passed a foundry below the Yellow Mt. Furnace and some coal mines. All were burned. Camped at 7 P.M.

Saturday.

April 1. Moved at 8 A.M. Our battalion in the advance. Passed through Montaville and Randolph stations on the Tenn and Ala R.R. Came up to where the first brigade found the rebs. Saw some dead rebs and some of our men. The 17th Ind. lost 50 killed and wounded, our brigade was not engaged. The rebs lost 3 pieces of artillery. Camped 22 miles from North Selma, having marched 45 miles.

Sunday.

April 2. Moved at 7 A.M. our brigade in advance. The rebs did not check us until 3 p.m. when we reached their breastworks one mile from Selma although we had some sharp skirmishing and we charged several times. My horse played out 3 miles out from the city. After reaching the breastworks the engagement soon became general. Our division charged them dismounted on the right and the 4th division on the left. They were driven back but we lost pretty heavy. Gen. Long is wounded and several colonels. I got into town at 8 P.M. The rebs lost about 2000 prisoners

and their loss in killed and wounded was heavy. The town was burning most of the night.

Monday.

April 3. On guard this morning. But was relieved and our battalion detailed to guard the reb prisoners in the Bull pen. 500 more prisoners were taken today a few miles below the city. The city is pretty well burned. Selma is on the north bank of the Alabama river. Banks are high but clay and steep.

Tuesday.

April 4. The bull pen is pretty full, the rebs lost heavy in officers taken prisoners. Rumor of the capture of Montgomery. The confederate ordnance works are still burning. Heavy scouting parties are out. All quiet no orders to move.

Wednesday.

April 5. Moved into camp in regular order, our battalion. Expect to stay some time.

Thursday.

April 6. The wagon train came in today alright. Prisoners are being brought in all the time. Commenced raining this evening.

Friday.

April 7. Rained hard all night and the ground is flooded this morning.

Saturday.

April 8. I went out foraging this morning to the Ochmulge river 10 miles from Selma, west, got into camp at 3 P.M. The command was moving across the river. Our battalion does not go tonight.

Sunday.

April 9. The command is still crossing this morning. Our orders are to cross this afternoon but the boats broke and we have orders to be ready to move any hour.

Monday.

April 10. Moved at 12 last night across the river and camped. Slept a short time and then had to recross the river, a detail, with some rebs after old horses for the prisoners to ride. I went with a reb named Ed Eaton to the Galt house, returned to camp and moved at 10 P.M. marched very slow, the roads are bad, muddy. Camped at 4 A.M. Very tired. The night was dark and this was the second night to be up all night.

Tuesday.

April 11. Moved at 8 A.M. some of the rebs escaped last night in the darkness. Two Colonels, one named Patterson were among the ones that left us. We were all so tired and sleepy that we could not keep them in the road. Passed through Benton at 10 A.M. Our troops got a few prisoners here yesterday. Roads still bad. Camped at 8 P.M. 4 miles from Big Swamp creek.

Wednesday.

April 12. Boats and saddles at 4 A.M. and moved at 5 A.M. One of the rebs was shot this morning, trying to get away, marched very slow, crossed the creek and swamp and camped, within 1 1/2 miles of Montgomery at 1 P.M. Very tired. The roads are bad. Our troops went into Montgomery at 10 A.M. today without meeting any resistance. Rumors of the capture of Richmond. Negroes are flocking in to our troops from every direction and with every kind of conveyance.

Thursday.

April 13. Moved at 8 A.M. Better roads for a few miles passed through Montgomery at 6 P.M. The citizens shouting to the prisoners that they were not whipped yet and similar expressions and waving handkerchiefs. I heard one prisoner shout to the ladies saying D----d, shake some corn bread at us in place of your handkerchiefs. Camped 3 miles east of the city at 10 P.M. Orders to move on to Columbus Ga. The advance has gone.

Friday.

April 14. There was about 600 prisoners paroled today and several hundred added that were taken here. Moved at 2 P.M. All the reb officers are turned over to the 17th Ind. The PtOoper Battery Boys, reb, were paroled. Passed Mt. Meggs marched 18 miles and camped at 2 A.M. Good roads.

Saturday.

April 15. Moved at 8 A.M. Roads good and we marched steady all day. Passed

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through Tuskegee at 8 P.M. It is a pretty little town 42 miles from Columbus. Camped 2 miles east of town, having marched 30 miles. A great many prisoners were left and a great many parolled. Niggers are plenty following us up and some hundreds are enlisting and are mounted on old horses.

Sunday.

April 16. Moved early passed through several small town, marched within 23 miles of Columbus and halted and fed. Orders to march all night. Report that Columbus was taken this evening. Forest is close and in our rear but does no harm.

Monday.

April 17. Marched all night fed, got breakfast this morning 10 miles from Columbus which place we passed through at dark, there was 4000 prisoners taken here. The rebs Government works are all in flames and there is a large amount of stores here for they were pressed so hard they could not remove it. Several trains of cars loaded were burned.

Tuesday.

April 18. A good nights rest. Orders to pack up ready to move. The Selma prisoners are all being parolled here expect to go to Macon from here. Moved at 11 A.M. guarding a new lot of prisoners. They are all mounted on old horses. Marched 20 miles and camped at 10 P.M. We crossed the creek at dark.

Wednesday.

April 19. Moved at 7 A.M. Roads good. Marched through Belview and some other small towns. Camped at Flint River at 10 P.M. Marched about 23 miles.

Thursday.

April 20. Moved at 8 A.M. our company in rear of everything. Passed through Thornton at 12 M. Camped at 1 tonight after a march of 23 miles. Dusty marching but good roads.

Friday.

April 21. Moved at 8 A.M. Marched within 3 miles of Macon and camped the city surrendered this morning without fighting. There is an armistice. Rumors of surrender of Lee and Johnson army and of the assassination of Pres. Lincoln. Very warm today.

Saturday.

April 22. Moved at 8 A.M. and marched through the city and put the prisoners in the bull pen, camp Oglethorpe. Expect to stay here a few days. Weather pleasant.

Sunday.

April 23. On guard today. A lot of prisoners from West Point were put in the pen today. Rumors that Lincoln is dead.

Monday.

April 24. Relieved at 9 A.M. All kinds of rumors in camp.

Tuesday.

April 25. Pleasant today. I went to the theatre tonight. Tickets are \$20. in confederate money, 10 cents in greenbacks or five cents in silver. I gave the 20. The play was very good.

Wednesday.

April 26. Still good news on the peace question. Confirmation of the death of Lincoln.

Thursday.

April 27. Bull in camp, the prisoners are being parolled as fast as possible. Not much news. Weather pleasant.

Friday.

April 28. The regiment was moved out of their camp today and searched. I do not know whether our battalion will be searched or not. Went to the theatre tonight, same price.

Saturday.

April 29. Prisoners all parolled and only camp guard duty to do. Orders to join the regiment early tomorrow.

Sunday.

April 30. Revalise at 4 A.M. Moved at 7 A.M. Arrived at the regimental camp at 9 A.M. 3 miles west of the city. Mustered for pay at 1 P.M. Turned over all surplus mules, some policing to do. Weather pleasant.

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Monday.

May 1 Policing camp this morning. Reports that all rebs east of the Chatahoochee river are to turn over their arms and return home.

Tuesday.

May 2. Grazed our horses today. Dress parade this evening.

Wednesday.

May 3. Dull in camp, weather pleasant.

Thursday.

May 4. Passed the day reading not much news in camp, saw Olat Barker today.

Friday.

May 5. Grazed our horses today. All kinds of camp rumors.

Saturday.

May 6. Made boxes for to feed our horses out of today. Weather Pleasant.

Sunday.

May 7. On guard today. Orders at 6 P.M. To pack up, the guards were relieved. I did not go. All that were not well mounted remained in camp. The command moved out at 8 P.M. Rumor says that they go to head off Jeff Davis. He is trying to escape through this state to Miss and Texas.

Monday.

May 8. Quiet in camp. Rained a good shower today. No news from the regiment.

Tuesday.

May 9. Orders to move at 9 A.M. But 3 of my company had horses to go with. I went out borrowed Lieut Buck's horse. Marched east toward Hawkinsville, camped at 5 P.M. after a march of 23 miles.

Wednesday.

May 10. Moved at 6 AM. The country is a pine barren and plenty of swamp, cypress, camped south of Hawkinsville. We heard from the regiment this evening, Jeff Davis crossed the Ockmulgee River at Abbyville and Col. Prichard had given chase with the Best Mounted men

Thursday.

May 11. All that had good horses left at 2 A.M. last night. I left at 6 A.M. We marched about 15 miles south of Hawkinsville and met the Couriers going back with the dispatch that Jeff Davis was captured by our regiment yesterday and was on the road coming toward Macon. We halted and the regiment came along at 1 P.M. I saw Jeff, his wife and family. He had the wagons, one ambulance, he was taken without firing a shot at daylight yesterday near Irwinville, Irwin Co. Ga. But our boys had a fight with the 1st Wisconsin Cav. Each thought the other were rebs. John Rupert was killed and Lieut Montell wounded, of Co C 4th Mich. and one man of Co. A. Killed. The 1st Wisconsin had three wounded. We camped four miles north of Hawkinsville. Davis was taken 30 miles from Abbyville also his cabinet officers. Davis is a tall slim man, silver gray hair and beard. Dressed in gray clothes, with palmleaf hat and tries to snub us soldiers but has to ante when his guards give an order.

Friday.

May 12. Moved at 7 A.M. Marched slow. rained last night and is cool today. Camped within 18 miles of Macon. The whole regiment was on picket and camp guard, on account of threats that the paroled rebs soldiers were going to take Davis from us and it stood us in hand to be prepared for the county is full of them.

Saturday.

May 13. No trouble last night. Moved at 7 A.M. arrived at our camp near Macon at 1 P.M. 13 milesmen of our regiment were detailed as guards for Davis as far as Atlanta and Geo. Munger and J.F. Bullard went to Washington with him. There was \$100,000. reward for Davis capture. Expect mail soon.

Sunday.

May 14. On guard today. The boys that went to Atlanta got back at 1 p.m. today. Orders that we may send out mail tomorrow. Wrote a letter home.

Monday.

May 15. Received mail last night at 12 midnight. I got 5 letters one from home and one from Sam both written April 9 Dull in camp.

Tuesday.

May 16. Rumors that we will leave in a few days. Various conjectures, as to how Davis' reward will be divided. Weather warm.

Wednesday.

May 17. Dull in camp. The brigade all camped here today.

Thursday.

May 18. Mail last night, no news in camp. A good shower this evening.

Friday.

May 19. Dull in camp. Weather pleasant.

Saturday.

May 20. Orders to be ready to move next Monday. Weather warm.

Sunday.

May 21. No new orders for moving. Dress parade this evening.

Monday.

May 22. We did not march but turned over all surplus ordnance and changed all good horses for mules by order of Col. Minty. Orders to be moved at 7 A.M. tomorrow.

Tuesday.

May 23. Moved at 8 A.M. the most of the men are mounted on mules. We carry 2 days rations of forage. Marched through Macon and out on the Columbus road for 15 miles then took the Atlanta road. Camped at 3 P.M. having marched 25 miles. pleasant marching.

Wednesday.

May 24. Revalee at 3 A.M. Moved at 5 A.M. Marched steady. Passed through Forsyth crossed the rail road. Camped at 4 P.M. after a 30 mile march. A very warm day.

Thursday.

May 25. Moved at 5 A.M. Marched to Milner and drew 2 days rations. Passed through Griffin and camped about 6 miles from Lovepay station at 5 P.M. Dusty today. Threatens rain tonight.

Friday.

May 26. Moved at 6 A.M. Passed by the Lovepay battlefield at 9 A.M. and through Jonesborough at 12 M. Marched 25 miles and camped 5 miles south of Atlanta.

Saturday.

May 27. Moved at 5 A.M. arrived in Atlanta at 7 A.M. Drew rations and forage and marched at 8 A.M. Crossed the Chattahoochee river at 11 A.M. on pontoons. The railroad is all torn up along here. Passed through Marietta at 2 P.M. Camped at 3 P.M. 3 miles west of Marietta. Atlanta and Marietta is about all burned.

Sunday.

May 28. Moved at 6 A.M. Passed through Big Shanty Acworth, Altonia and Cartersville where we crossed the Otawa river and camped at Kingston after a march of 35 miles. The cars run up to Kingston from Chattanooga. Dusty marching. The towns are all burned. We have passed over old and familiar ground today and old memories are revived.

Monday.

May 29. Moved at 6 A.M. Drew rations and forage in town and marched at 8 A.M. Passed Adairsville and camped at Calhoun after a 20 mile march.

Tuesday.

May 30. Moved at 5 A.M. Passed through Reasaca and camped at Dalton. Marched 20 miles, weather cool.

Wednesday.

May 31. Moved at 5 A.M. Passed through Tunnill Hill and camped west of Ringold at 12 M. A short march to Chattanooga.

Thursday.

June 1. Moved at 6 A.M. Our regiment in the rear. Passed through Chattanooga at 1 P.M. Crossed the river and camped two miles north of town on the hills.

Friday.

June 2. Expect to stay here a few days. All surplus ordinance was turned over today.

Saturday.

June 3. No news today. Weather warm.

Sunday.

June 4. Rumors that we stay here for 2 weeks, weather warm and dry.

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Monday.

June 5. Dull in camp. Sent to Nashville for all regimental and company papers to be sent here.

Tuesday.

June 6. Orders this evening to leave here tomorrow at 4 A.M. Warm today.

Wednesday.

June 7. Revalse at 3 A.M. Moved at 5 A.M. I packed a box and expressed it home as we passed through Chattahoochee. Crossed Point Lookout and camped at Hickerjack Cave on the same ground we camped on just 13 months ago. A thundershower this evening. But 13 of my company are here mounted all that were dismounted have gone by rail.

Thursday.

June 8. Detailed for sergeant of the guard today. Revalse at 3 A.M. Lay in camp until 7 A.M. the 1st division passed. Moved at 7 A.M. Crossed The Tennessee River at Bridgeport at 10 A.M. Passed through Stevenson at 2 P.M. Camped 3 miles west of town near the mountains.

Friday.

June 9. Moved at 9 A.M. Passed through Anderson station at 10 A.M. and camped at 12 M. At the foot of the Mountain.

Saturday.

June 10. Moved at 5 A.M. Our regiment in advance, crossed the mountains passed Cowans station and camped at Dechard station at 10 A.M. Drew rations and forage afternoon.

Sunday. June 11. Moved at 6 A.M. in rear of the 1st division and in advance of our brigade. When we passed through Tulahe the infantry turned out and saluted us by present arms and with cheers and had a big time. Drew forage and moved on through Manchester which place we passed at 2 P.M. Crossed Duck River and camped on the bank 7 miles from Wastrace at 5 P.M.

Monday

June 12. Moved at 5 A.M. Crossing Duck River, marched along the rail road, passed through Wartrace and camped at Christian at 2 P.M. Rained this evening.

Tuesday.

June 13. Moved at 5 A.M. our regiment in advance of our division. Passed through Murfreesborough and camped 9 miles west of town.

Wednesday.

June 14. Moved at 6 A.M. Good roads. Camped at 12 M. 3 miles from Nashville. We begin to think we will get back to God's country soon. Rained this evening.

Thursday.

June 15. Moved at 10 A.M. Passed through Nashville and crossed the Cumberland river on ferry boats to Edgfield and camped 3 miles north of town. Received some old mail.

Friday.

June 16. I went to the city and sent a box home that I sent back from Gravel Springs. And visited Uncle Dan Clubine, he was in the Mechanics corps and cut his knees with a broad axe and will be laid up 6 or 8 months. He is in the M.R.R. Hospital but is doing well and looks well. This is the first time that I have seen him since I have been out.

Saturday.

June 17.

In camp all day. The papers to make out our last pay roll on have been received.

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Sunday.

June 18. Men were busy on the rolls all day.

Monday.

June 19. Dull in camp. Dress parade this evening, no news.

Tuesday.

June 20. Orders to be mustered out and paid off here. The rolls are being finished slow.

Wednesday.

June 21. Dull in camp, weather warm.

Thursday.

June 22. One roll has passed inspection. Rumor that we will be mustered out on the 26th.

Friday.

June 23. Dull in camp. Warm and sultry.

Saturday.

June 24. I am not well this morning. Gen. Prichard returned from Washington where he went with Jeff Davis. there was no cheering for him here. Warm weather, no news.

Sunday.

June 25. Rained today. The rolls are done. We are all anxious to start for home.

Monday.

June 26. The description rolls of all the old men were sent in this morning and those for the recruits.

Tuesday.

June 27. Rumor that we will ~~be~~ mustered out tomorrow.

Wednesday.

June 28. Not well today, had the toothache all last night.

Thursday.

June 29. Not to be mustered out today. Still sick.

Friday.

June 30. Our pay stops today. I am sick today, have a severe pain in my head and eyes.

Saturday.

July 1. Mustered out ~~today~~ at 12 M. Will receive pay next week. Still sick.

Sunday.

July 2. Got a tooth pulled and feel better this evening. No orders as to pay yet.

Monday.

July 3. Signed the pay rolls today. I am still hard up.

Tuesday.

July 4. A noisy time in camp last night, shooting and hollering in every direction. A barrel of beer was brought on the parade ground by some of the boys and was free to all. Gen. Prichard went out and commenced rolling it off toward his tent when Rix, blacksmith of Co M. struck it on the head, the barrel and the beer blew all over Prichard and he went to his tent and the boys carried the beer on the Company lines and drank it up. Col. Minty, Prichard and others made some speeches and the boys are more quiet.

Wednesday.

July 5. A warm day, do not know how soon pay will come.

Thursday.

July 6. Weather warm. No pay yet.

Friday.

July 7. Col. Minty made us a speech today and invited as many of the regiment as could go to go to Detroit with him. Expect pay tomorrow afternoon. Very warm. The subs and recruits have gone into a separate camp. None of the old boys will do duty since we were mustered out.

Saturday.

July 8. We left camp at 11 A.M. Marched to Nashville through the hot sun, on foot. I visited Dan Cubine again. Commenced paying our regiment at 1 P.M. My company received their pay at 2 P.M., and we started for home on a special train at 7 P.M. I received \$250.10 pay.

Sunday.

July 9. I arrived at Louisville at 5 A.M. and crossed the Ohio River at Jeffersonville. No regular train until 9 P.M. A special train left at 2 P.M. and we went through to Indianapolis, arriving at 10 P.M. and went to bed tired and sleepy.

Monday.

July 10. Breakfast and then several of us bought suits of clothes and left on the 12.40 P.M. train, arriving at Mich. City at 8-30 P.M. behind time for all but express and that did not stop at Lawton so all of us that stop at Lawton stayed over night.

Tuesday.

July 11. Breakfast at 7 A.M. Took the 8-15 train and arrived in Lawton at 11 A.M. Visited a little with old friends but was in a hurry to get home where I arrived safe and sound at 1-30 P.M. and found all well and busy in the harvest field.

The end.

My duties as a soldier are over and I hope will never have to be repeated. No one that has never been in service in the field can form an idea what the soldier has to endure.

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Lawton, Mich.

This was copied from the original while I had nothing else to do in my office while serving as County Treasurer of Mansuren County, Mich. Finished on this the 14th day of July, 1883.

J. C. McLain, Co.Treas.