

Albany NY

Just finished our board boat on Hudson river

Monday evening Oct 21 1861. There was a great crowd of folks at the barracks to day, bidding adieu to their friends. In the afternoon we started, received our orders in State street and marched on board of the boat and started a little before sundown.

Oct 22. Arrived in New York about 10 this morning. Landlaced at 14th st about 1 and marched down Broadway to the park barracks and took dinner. Saw Aunt Cordelia a few minutes went on guard at 8 and staid till 2.

Wednesday Oct 23rd we received our new Minsie rifles. At 8 PM marched down to the Jersey city ferry, crossed and took the cars and started for Philadelphia. At New Brunswick the citizens had prepared a supper for us but we were so late starting that we did not get it.

Thursday Oct 24th we arrived in Philadelphia about 4 AM where there was a good breakfast prepared for us. We got into the cars again at 8 but did not get started till 8. We arrived in Baltimore just at dark and got started for Washington at 9 and arrived there at 12.

Friday Oct 25th. We got into the soldiers retreat about 1 1/2 AM and laid down and slept till morning. After dinner we formed in and marched for Malornata reports and got our tents pitched about dark. Wrote part of a letter and turned in for the night.

Saturday Oct 26. Spent all of the forenoon in fixing up our tents covering the floor with small cedar twigs. In the afternoon just as we were expecting supper the order came to pack up and start for Virginia. About 8 PM we were told that rations could not be prepared in time, but that we must be prepared to start in the morning.

Sunday Oct 27. We were informed this morning that we should not leave till Monday morning, and must be ready to strike tents at 8 AM. Attended service at 10 in the encampment and in the afternoon went out into the woods for a little time.

Monday Oct 28th. I was so cold this morning that I could not go early four. About 9 or 9 1/2 we took our march to Capitol Hill where we were reviewed with 10 other regts. From there we marched through Georgetown to our encampment in Old Virginia on Balls Mill. At the review on Capitol Hill I saw General Scott, the only time I ever saw him.

Tuesday Oct 29th to day we have had little to do except to fix up our tents. I feel pretty sore and stiff from yesterday's march. Some say we shall leave here tomorrow but I don't know. Charley Fox came over to see us to say he is in the Platoon "V-3" on Hancock Hill.

Wednesday 30. Nothing of interest occurred to day. This afternoon went out on brigade drill with the other regiments.

Thursday 31st. This afternoon we were reviewed by Brigadier General Butterfield. It seems strange that we should have so much fine weather as we have had since we left Albany.

Friday Nov 1st. This morning I was detailed to go on guard. This evening it looks like rain.

Saturday Nov 2. It commenced raining last night and rained hard all night and all to day almost without cessation. It stopped a little just at night and we went and set up our order benches to cover the floor of our tent. Soldiering is not much fun such weather as this.

Sunday Nov 3d. I relieved Sam Steele for a couple of hours on guard this morning. It cleared up last night and has been quite a pleasant day. I did not attend service to day and I do not know as there was any. I did not hear any appointed.

Monday Nov 4th. Henry and Adelbert are both quite sick this morning. We are now clearing a piece of ground for drilling.

Tuesday Oct 5th. We received a scolding from the General to day. He said we did not come up to the buffe we had received. I think it will do us good. I received 3 letters to night for which I was very glad.

Wednesday Nov 6th. This morning it was raining but cleared up before noon. We expected a review by Gen McClellan but for some reason he did not come. Went out on brigade drill this afternoon. This evening it is raining again.

Thursday Nov 7th. This afternoon we were excused from drilling and had a chance to do some washing. It was quite cold to day. This evening is very pleasant. Henry is quite sick to night. I am almost afraid, dangerously.

Friday Nov 8th. To day has been quite warm and pleasant. This evening is very fine and not cold. This afternoon Henry seemed a little better but does not feel as well this evening. This is a hard place to be sick in.

Saturday Nov 9th 1861

To day we were reviewed by Gen McClellan ,together with 3 other brigades one regt of cavalry and 3 companies of artillery .Soon after we got there it commenced raining and a sorry time we had of it .I hope when Gen McClellan wants to see us again he will take a pleasant day for it .

Sunday Nov 10th to day has been very pleasant ,but instead of g going to church I spent most of the forenoon cleaning my gun . in the afternoon went over to the 21st regt to get some farina and arrow root for Henry.

Monday Nov 11th Henry is a little better to day and ate some of the farina made into gruel .

Tuesday Nov 12th To day has been warm and pleasant .We had the usual battalion drill .Henry is feeling much better and to night ate a little peice of toast .

Wednesday Nov 13th

This has been pay day and we have not had to drill such The paymaster has not got around to our company yet

Thursday Nov 14 We have received our pay it has been quite a warm day ,but this evening it is raining.Friday Nov 15th.

It has been rainy to day and we have not had to drill .Nothing of consequence has happened .I put ~~25~~ \$5.00 in the mail for Aunt C to send me a paper

Saturday Nov 16 .It cleared up last night but with a vary cold wind ,and it has been cold all day .Tomorrow we are to be inspected by the General ,and have had the afternoon to slick up ,and have made some prepration against the cold by putting down boughs in our tent

Sunday Nov 17th All this forenoon was spent in inspection and a cold time we had of it .The wind blew hard and cold all of the time .We have no tent for church services and it was too cold for our doors ,so we had none .

Monday Nov 18th To day I am on guard .This is a most beautiful moonlight evening ,very pleasant in camp ,but I ipagine I shouldd enjoy it more at home .I put \$5.00 in the mail this morning to send home .

Tuesday Nov 19th .After guard mounting to day we went target shooting .In the afternoon the new fatigue suits were given out so that we might shine in review tomorrow

Wednesday Nov 20 To day we marched from here (Balls Hill) to the parade ground near Munsons Hill where we were reviewed it is said there were 25000 troops there .President Lincoln was one of the reviewers .

Thursday Nov 21 This afternoon the regt went out target shooting but I was absent when they fell in so did not go . . .

Friday Nov 22 I am on guard again to day .Received a long letter from home .

Saturday Nov 23. This morning was cold rainy and Unpleasant to be on guard .but it cleared up about 10 AM.

Sunday Nov 24 To day we have had the usual inspection .This afternoon church service .The wives of the Col and Capt Larabee came into camp this afternoon .This evening and it snows a little

Monday Nov 25

last night was the coldest we have had ,the ground was frozen quite hard this morning .One of Co Cs boys was buried this morning ,there has been 7 deaths from the regt in the last week & here one at Washington .

Tuesday Nov 25th .

To day passed pretty much as usual ,though this afternoon we went out target shooting .We are told to be in preparation to start at any time .To night indeed the officers seem to think we shall be called out .

Wednesday Nov 27 This morning when we <sup>were</sup> ~~were~~ out on battalion drill the Col formed us in a hollow square ,and then the adjutant read the thanksgiving proclamation ,and the Col told us we should have a holiday tomorrow .

Thursday Nov 28 .To day is thanksgiving .at home and a holiday here but unfortunately I am detailed to wait on the cooke and so I have lost the season .In honor of the day we bought some oysters and had an oyster dinner .I sincerely hope we may all spend the next Thanksgiving at home

Friday Nov 29 To day has passed as usual to night it is dark and rainy .

Saturday Nov 30 I am on guard to day .this is a warm and pleasant evening .The Col excused all from drill to day and gave them permission to fix up their tents ,but all of our boys are sick and so nothing is done .

Sunday Dec 1 1861

To day we had inspection before guard mounting and I did not get off till nearly noon .It does not seem much like Sunday all of the boys are chopping and digging fixing their tents.

Monday Dec 2 .Last night it froze the hardest it has since we have been here .This afternoon Dell and I went at it and split out sore rails to fix our tent

Tuesday Dec 3 This afternoon we were excused from drill at 3 oclock so that we might have a chance to rest ,as it was rather expected that we might be called out .This morning 500 cavalry passed our camp .I suppose they intend to drive in the pickets .

Wednesday Dec 4 .Our leisure time to day has been occupied in banking up our tent ,which we got set up yesterday afternoon .This afternoon we went on brigade drill .The gen kept us on double quick all of the time

Thursday Dec 5 .This afternoon we went out target shooting .We expected our stove which we sent for yesterday but it did not come

Friday Dec 6 .Our stoves came this morning ,and we can write in comfort by it .This evening two of our boys are away on guard so we are not crowded .

Saturday Dec 7 .To day I am on guard again .This morning was foggy but this afternoon is warm and pleasant .To day the boys have holiday again .It is just my luck to get on guard such days.

Sunday Dec 8 .To day it has been very pleasant .I did not get off guard till nearly noon .Part of the afternoon spent in sleep and part in writing home .

Monday Dec 9 .This afternoon we were suddenly ordered to stack our arms ,fill our canteens and put a days rations in our haversacks and come back to our arms again .After we had got this done we were sent back to take them off again and we went to drilling again

Tuesday Dec 10 This afternoon we went out target shooting .It has been a most beautiful warm day ,more like September than Dec

Wednesday Dec 11 .This morning we did not go out to drill ,but were told to be ready to march at any time .This afternoon we went out on brigade drill .I begin to doubt there being any Rebels.

Thursday Dec 12 To day Sam and I are on guard .It is pleasant and not very cold

Friday Dec 13 .This afternoon Sam and I were put in the guard house ,because we had no written excuse from drill .but we were excused in a short time

Saturday Dec 14 .Rank Rotchkiss and Dell have gone on picket all of the rest have been doing police duty and we have been fixing up our tents.

Sunday Dec 15th To day Sam was detailed to go on guard but as he was not feeling well I took his place .This morning I thought it would rain before night ,but it is warm and pleasant .

Monday Dec 16 .The boys came in from picket ,they brought no news of interest Tuesday Dec 17 .This afternoon we went out on brigade drill .We had a sham battle ,sent out skirmishers and firing with cannon and muskets

WEDNESDAY DEC 18

To day I have been engaged in police duty .It has been a pleasant day but to night it is cloudy and looks like rain.

THURSDAY DEC 19

This forenoon I was excused from duty because I worked yesterday afternoon when the rest were excused .This evening I was told I must go on picket tomorrow

FRIDAY DEC 20

This morning was warm enough to make me sweat some marching out here .We are very comfortably quartered in a barn .It does not seem any nearer to an enemy than when we were in camp .

SATURDAY DEC 21

To day it is rather colder ,though the sun shines brightly .One would not suppose this country had been settled so long as it appears to have been ,for I am sitting by three graves on the rough headstones of which are rudely carved 1778 and 1788

SUNDAY DEC 22

We were relieved from picket and started for our camp a little before noon and reached it about 2 PM .The air was chilly but it was pleasant marching .This evening it is raining .

MONDAY DEC 23

It rained all last night and to day it still continues .It is quite cold almost snowing .This afternoon or evening it has cleared up but the wind is blowing terribly

X TUESDAY DEC 24

We went out drilling this morning but had not drilled long before the Col came out and dismissed us to prepare for dress parade .

WEDNESDAY DEC 25

This afternoon the boys had a grand sham dress parade .They came out in all sorts of outlandish dress and arms and made fools of themselves to the infinite pleasure of the spectators

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THURSDAY DEC 26

To day I am on guard again .I guess they think I am good at it

FRIDAY DEC 27

To day I received a long letter from sister Lettie and a christmas present of a pincushion

SATURDAY ~~FRIDAY~~ DEC 28

to day was like all other days in camp ,not ing out drilling

~~SUNDAY~~ DEC 29  
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SUNDAY DEC 29

To day the usual inspection .Tiresome days ,sundays are here I had as soon hear a man snore as our chaplain preach .He says he will leave if we do not turn out to service better .I do not think many will care

MONDAY DEC 30

To day we went on brigade drill and sham battle ,chasing the supposed enemy some 2 miles and then had to walk back

TUESDAY DEC 31 \*

The last day of '81 .How many changes I have passed through . One year ago I was attending school drawing pleasure from the poets who lived 1800 years ago .Since then I have spent many happy hours on the farm and in the garden ,and now a soldier far from home willing to uphold our country.

WEDNESDAY JAN 1 1882

To day the first of the new year .how different from a year e ago when I never should have thought of being in this place or living in such a manner .To day I am on guard ,it has been very windy and the dust instead of snow flies terribly .This PM the boys had burlesque dress parade for amusement .

MONDAY JAN 13

To day we are on picket at Barrets house on the Leesburg turnpike .The weather is pretty good for picketing ,but it looks as we should have a storm

TUESDAY JAN 14

last night about 11 o'clock it commenced snowing and continued at or near all night and all day to day .However it does not seem so unpleasant as I expected .We went down in the woods and built some large fires and had a good time generally

WEDNESDAY JAN 15

To day while coming in from picket it rained all the time at the same time freezing, making the march anything but pleasant. However after getting in changing clothes and washing up I felt better

THURSDAY JAN 16

This morning the ground was frozen quite hard, but during the day it thawed making it very sloppy. We had dress parade at 2 oclock and then the companies began to fall in for their pay. This is a most splendid moonlight evening. I would like to take a sleigh ride in New York

FRIDAY JAN 17

To day it is thawing again and is becoming quite muddy. This afternoon we received our pay. I received three letters to night, one from home, one from Uncle P, and one from aunt C

SATURDAY JAN 18

To day it has been rather warm but cloudy. Henry is on guard to night. It is beginning to rain

SUNDAY JAN 19

It rained last night nearly all the time, and this morning it still continues. I am excused from guard of the spring to report again at 7 in the morning, for once I am lucky on guard.

MONDAY JAN 20

To day has been rainy and unpleasant. No drilling and no reading but novels which though interesting are useless. This evening I received a letter from my old friend Baxter Merwin.

TUESDAY JAN 21

To day has been rainy and of course no drilling

WEDNESDAY JAN 22

To day it has not rained but it has become too muddy to drill. A part of the day I was occupied in writing to Baxter.

THURSDAY JAN 23

To day we have had no drilling but this afternoon we had dress parade. This evening have been writing to Uncle P

FRIDAY JAN 24

This forenoon we had Co drill, and this afternoon brigade drill. This afternoon I received a letter from home. They are always acceptable. To night it is raining again

SATURDAY JAN 25

The rain last night turned into snow and sleet, but to day it is warm and thawing rapidly making it very muddy again.

SUNDAY JAN 26

To day we had the usual inspection and part of the day I have been

SUNDAY JAN 26

To day we have had the usual inspection. A part of the day I have been occupied in writing home. This evening we have been talking of old times. It is a most beautiful evening.

MONDAY JAN 27

To day Henry and I made a short visit on a pass to the Post. This evening the boys raised a flagstaff and flag by the light of a bonfire of cedar boughs. It was a fine sight, the flag going gracefully up by the light of the flames and the band playing the Star Spangled Banner.

TUESDAY JAN 28

To day it has been rainy and unpleasant. Henry is on guard and he thinks he has a rather hard time of it but I think I have seen worse ones, for this evening it has stopped raining and I think will not rain any more.

WEDNESDAY JAN 29

To day I am on guard. Suddy rainy and unpleasant. It still grows suddier and suddier and moving about is anything but pleasant.

THURSDAY JAN 30

To day it is raining again. Dell is on guard and he will have a more unpleasant time if possible than I did yesterday.

FRIDAY JAN 31

To day it has been more pleasant. We have none of us received any letters to night and we all expected some. A Friday night has not passed since we have been in camp that I did not get some.

SATURDAY FEB 1

Last night there was quite a fall of snow. To day it is warm and rainy making it very suddy again. To night we all got our hearts desires. Letters.

SUNDAY FEB 2

To day had the usual inspection, but no sermon did I hear though the chaplain preached his last in the sutlers old tent, but there was no room for us to sit inside and I did not care to stand outside. A poor excuse is better than none.

MONDAY FEB 3

It has been snowing quite fast nearly all day, and we have got almost enough for sleighing. I have been on DETACHED DUTY that is fetching water for the cooks.

## TUESDAY FEB 4

To day was warm and thawing .This evening Charley Fox is at our camp and is going to spend the night with us.

## WEDNESDAY FEB 5

This forenoon we went out target shooting and did not get back till 2 PM. in the afternoon we had dress parade ,and the orders were read that we should go on picket tomorrow .I received a letter from aunt C this evening.

## THURSDAY FEB 6

This morning was rainy but on picket we had to go .It stopped soon after we got to headquarters ,and it has not been as bad as it might be

## FRIDAY FEB 7

THIS AFTERNOON I came down to a house near headquarters to get something to eat ,and here I sit by a bright fire writing ,How pleasant it seems .-I have eaten a supper sitting at a table and eating off of clean plates ! a rarity indeed

## SATURDAY FEB 8

We had quite a pleasant time ,though muddy marching into camp , where we arrived in good time .Found there a letter from home and one from uncle P

## SUNDAY FEB 9

This morning feeling unwell I was excused from inspection . This PM the time was occupied in writing home and to Aunt C.

## MONDAY 10

This forenoon we were out target shooting and did not get back till nearly 2 oclock

## TUESDAY 11

This morning we went target shooting and this PM we drilled . This evening we have glorious news from the Burnside expedition , and we must needs have music from the band .and speeches from the Colms .All of which we got and paid for in loud hurrahs.X

WEDNESDAY 12 To day our Co is on guard .I am orderly at the generals .It quite a pleasant day and I am having an easy time of it

## thursday 13

This afternoon we have been out target shooting .To night we have orders to be ready to march at 5 tomorrow morning what for I do not know.

## FRIDAY

FRIDAY FEB 24 1862

We were out in line and started before daylight .We marched out to Hunters hills ,beyond Vienna ,and came back to that place ,wh where we met quite a body of troops but no Rebels .We got back to camp a little after dark. It was our first long march ,and we were pretty tired

Saturday 14

To day I feel somewhat sore from our long march .The lieut Col says it was 28 miles .To day it has been snowing quite hard .To night we have more cheering news ,from Tennessee.The capture of fort Donelson and 1500 prisoners .Bully for that.

SUNDAY 15

To day we had inspection of guns and cartridge boxes ,but not of knapsacks .It has been quite cold though the snow has been melting some .Spent most of the day in writing letters .

MONDAY 17

To day the report of the capture of Fort Donelson was confirmed and guns fired in honor of it and the whole brigade treated to whiskey .It all came out of the Government I suppose .Dell tipped ours over accidentally? and so we did not have any.This afternoon . we got a box from home with butter fruit &c

Tuesday 18

This afternoon we went out target shooting .there is a report that Savannah is taken .This evening I received a letter from Oscar

Wednesday 19

To day has been rainy and unpleasant making plenty of mud again.

THURSDAY 20

To day has been very pleasant ,much like spring .I have been bringing water for the cooks .~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Gen McClellan was out to night and witnessed our boys perform the bayonet exercise and afterwards walked through the camp .He was loudly cheered as he went .

Friday 21

This forenoon we went out target shooting ,we shot 400 yards .I went and stood near the target to see when the shots hit .It was fine music to hear the calls whistle ,but I hardly think it would be so pleasant if the shots were aimed at me .X

Saturday 22

To day has been rainy again .Have been employed in writing and studying

SUNDAY FEB 23 1962

To day it was so muggy we had no inspection .This afternoon it is warm and pleaster .Our new chaplain preached to us this afternoon

MONDAY 24

This morning was quite warm and springlike .Went out target shooting but before we were through the wind blew so hard we had to quit . the wind blew so hard as to blow down some of the tents and it continued windy till midnight

TUESDAY 25

This morning the ground was frozen hard ,we had company drill in the forenoon and battalion drill in the afternoon

WEDSDAY 26

To day we struck our tents and aired them .Our camp resembled a city after a fire for awhile ,but after we commenced to rebuild it resumed its usual appearance in a few minutes

THURSDAY 27

Since last night we have been under marching orders and expecting every hour to move ,and to night we shall sleep on our arms as we shall probably march before morning.

FRIDAY 28

The night has passed and day also and we are still at our old encampment ,and appear likely to be for the present .Last night was clear but cold and windy

SATURDAY MARCH 1

To day I am on guard .This is a bright sunny day .This forenoon the wind blew but it has gone down now .This evening it is clear and pleasant.

Sunday MARCH 2

Our boys went on picket to day .This afternoon we have had quite a fall of snow .It always storms when our regt goes on picket.

MONDAY 3

To day it is rainy and unpleasant .The 9th Mass regt passed here to day following the corpse of one of their number .faking it to Washington I suppose to be sent home

TUESDAY 4

To day is pleasant again .The boys came in from picket about noon.

WEDSDAY 4

To day was cool but pleasant .Went out on Co drill. K

THURSDAY MARCH 8

To day was cool though thawing .We went out on battalion drill in the forenoon

FRIDAY 7

To day has been pleasant .This forenoon we went on knapsack & brigade drill in the forenoon .No letters from home to night our usual mail night

SATURDAY 8

To day has been very pleasant .This forenoon we had co drill .This afternoon Henry and I washed.

SUNDAY 9 to day has been very pleasant .I attended church this afternoon and heard the captain of the 83 Pa preach.

MONDAY 10 Centerville Va

Last night I little thought I should be so far from camp Butterfield .Last night I had just got to sleep when we were called out to get cartridges .We started about 1 and got to and got to Fairfax Ch about 8. Started from there at noon and reached here at 3 and found the place deserted

FAIRFAX CH MARCH 11

This morning was spent in looking around the works at Centerville about noon we packed up and started back for this place. ,where we arrived about 4, and pitched our ponches and got straw to put in them .I think we shall have a very good night of it

TUESDAY 12

To day I am on guard and expect I shall have the first experience of lying out of doors .It is quite warm and pleasant.

THURSDAY 13

Last night Sam came into camp .To day we drilled some .

FRIDAY 14

After we got to sleep last night Henry came into camp .He is used up to day and I think will not be able to march with us tomorrow . We are to start at 6 in the morning

SATURDAY 15

Camp near Alexandria .We got started a little after 6 this morning . We had first rate going at first but about 10 it commenced to rain and kept raining harder till we got to this camp in sight of the Potomac. and has been raining hard since .We expect to spend the night here

SUNDAY 16

It has cleared up this mornin but the air is raw and cold.

Wrote a letter home

\* MONDAY MARCH 17 1892

This afternoon "We packed up our duds and took them on our backs" all of us expecting we were going down the river, but we only marched half a mile and bivouacked

TUESDAY 18

To day we marched about a mile and then had a brigade drill with knapsacks. We passed near the Alexandria seminary, it is a fine building and in a pleasant place.

WEDNESDAY 19 This afternoon we had battalion drill. To night it looks very much like rain

THURSDAY 20

Last night it rained all night. Our poncho tents are anything but water tight however we did not get very wet in ours. To day it has been hazy and rainy all day.

FRIDAY 21

Last night before 12 it rained. At 1 we heard the sergeants call. They were told to get three days rations cooked and be ready to embark at 9 AM. We were ready but did not start till 1. We got on board about 3 and moved out into the river and anchored and here we lie.

SATURDAY 22

It rained again last night but this morning the sun shines bright and I think we shall have a nice day. 11 PM All of the fleet have come to and ~~SPRINTERS~~ anchored

SUNDAY 23

We started again about half past 4. It has been a very pleasant day. We arrived at Fortress Monroe about 4 PM, and for awhile expected to go ashore, but we are to stay aboard \*

MONDAY 24

We landed on the wharf by the fort at 9 or 10 this morning and we marched out beyond the ruins of the little village of Hampton and bivouacked

TUESDAY 25

This morning we struck our tents and marched about 3 miles and pitched them again in the woods \*

WEDNESDAY 26

This afternoon we had a short battalion drill. We continue to have most beautiful weather

THURSDAY MARCH 27 1862

This morning we started on the march for Big Bethel and arrived there at 12 and planted our colors on the earth works with out resistance .We drew up within half a mile of the works expecting it

FRIDAY 28

We had brigade drill to night after dress parade ,but the Col was absent and it did not go off very well.

SATURDAY 29

Had a battalion drill this forenoon .This afternoon it has seem trying to rain and looks now as if it would make it out .

SUNDAY 30

To day it has been rainy and my luck to be on guard .It seems anything but like sunday .Our camp is almost overflowed wit water

MONDAY 31

This morning I got a most welcome letter from home .We have moved ou our camp across the road onto the flat which is much drier.

TUESDAY APRIL 1

Henry and Perry came into camp to day .It has been pleasant and we have been drilling.

WEDSDAY 2

Pleasant weather and plenty of drilling .got a letter from Aunt C and one from Uncle Fisk.

THURSDAY 3

Had a thundershower last night .To day has been very hot .Had noo drill but Co this morning ,as we are to march tomorrow.

FRIDAY 4

Started on the march at an early hour .Passed Big Bethel a little afternoon .Heard firing in the distance about 4 PM .came to some quite extensive earthworks of the rebels from which they had been shelled by Capt Griffin ,if they had any cannon they must have been removed before

SATURDAY 5

Started from our last nights camp ,about 7 this morning .We are now within 2 or 3 miles of Yorktown ,and within a mile of some o of the forts .Our batteries have been firing on them since 9 this morning .We have lost a few men ,all is quiet this evening . Prof Love made a balloon ascension just after sundown

SUNDAY 6

SUNDAY April 6 1862

To day has been quite still very little firing .The balloon was up half of the forenoon making observations .received a letter from home and answered it .the day has been pleasant

MONDAY 7

Notwithstanding we all thought the morning would commence a battle the day has been ~~quiet~~ quiet .The weather has been lowery and to night it is beginning to rain .

TUESDAY 8

Last night it rained all of the time and most of to day .All has seemed quiet in the direction of Yorktown .To night it is raining

WEDNESDAY 9

To day has been like the past ,rainy lowery and unpleasant I have been quite sick to day ,the first since I left home .

THURSDAY 10

Last night it rained again ,but it has cleared up now ,and there is a prospect of good weather .To day our brigade moved back nearly a mile ,for what purpose I do not know.

FRIDAY 11

This afternoon our regt was called out in a hurry to support the pickets ,which the enemy were trying to drive in .But the enemy were driven back and our boys did not march .

SATURDAY 12

To day our regt is on picket .I did not go with them not being well enough .the day has been pleasant and quiet .

SUNDAY 13

To day has been very pleasant.Received a welcome letter from home and one from aunt C ,both of which I answered .We have now been lying before Yorktown a week and nothing has been done yet .That is no attack has been made

MONDAY 14

To day our Co is on guard .The weather is pleasant.

TUESDAY 15

This morning there was appearance of rain but it cleared up .This is a most beautiful evening .Everything continues as quiet as it did in camp at Hall's Hill.

X WEDNESDAY APRIL 16 1862

To day has been pleasant .This afternoon we had brigade drill  
There has been a good deal of firing to day ,and at intervals  
the boom of cannon rises on the still evenings air .  
We were called out in great haste this evening just at dark but  
after half an hour we were dismissed .

THURSDAY 17

The weather still continues pleasant .There has not been as much  
firing to day as there was yesterday .There is some this evening.  
We have been expecting all day to go on picket tomorrow ,but word  
has just come that we are not to go .

FRIDAY 18

Last night there was a great deal of heavy firing .Our regt. was  
called out but the order was countermanded. before the companies  
were formed .To day has been still ,and this evening so far ,the  
weather still continues pleasant.

SATURDAY 19

To day I have been quite unwell. It has been looking much like  
rain all day ,but none has fallen as yet .There has not been much  
firing to day .Our regt goes on picket tomorrow but I hardly think  
I shall be able to go

SUNDAY 20

It rained hard all last night and to day the boys have a rough  
time on picket

MONDAY 21

The boys came in from picket this morning .This has been a dreary  
rainy day

TUESDAY 22

To day has been showery and sunshiny .Once this afternoon there  
was some heavy firing but it lasted only a minute or so .

WEDNESDAY 23

To day our regt went to work on the road .This has been a pleasant  
day .Not much firing.

THURSDAY 24

To day we have been laying out streets and pitching new tents .  
Our Co goes on to night .

FRIDAY 25

To day has been cold and windy with some rain .It is bad enough  
living in these huts in pleasant weather. But in such weather it  
is certainly worse. We were paid off just at night.

X SATURDAY APRIL 28 1865

To day has been rainy cold and unpleasant. Had enough  
SUNDAY 27

To day has been cloudy but no rain. Our regt went out to night to protect a battery I suppose, but I did not feel able to be out all night and so did not go.

MONDAY 28

To day has been pleasant, nothing of interest.

TUESDAY 29

Our regt is on picket to day, I did not feel well enough to go out. The rebels have fired shells all day, many falling near our pickets, mortally wounding one of our Co D \* Gurnsey from Evans. He was liked by all.

WEDNESDAY 30

To day has been cloudy and this afternoon some rain has fallen. Gurnsey is still alive. Our regt was mustered in for pay to day.

THURSDAY MAY 1

To day has been pleasant. Our regt goes out to support a battery. Gurnsey died at 9 PM.

FRIDAY 2

To day has been pleasant nothing of interest has occurred. The rebels have fired a good many shells but without much if any effect.

SATURDAY 3

To day has been very pleasant. The rebels have fired a great deal to day, our batteries have replied to them some. The balloon on the other side of the ravine went up at night and at once drew their fire. Received a letter from home with Letties likeness. Gurnsey was buried this morning.

SUNDAY 4

To day has been full of interest. We were awakened early this morning to go to work in the trenches, but before we got there we heard that Yorktown ~~had~~ was evacuated. Then we went back and packed our knapsacks and marched to Yorktown and went on guard. and just at night 3 companies came over to Gloucester point, where we now are.

MONDAY 5

To day has been rainy. We have been busy fixing up some quarters to stay in while here. There has been heavy firing up the river what it is we do not know.

TUESDAY MAY 8

To day has been pleasant. This afternoon came back to Yorktown, and had to clean up the dirty quarters of the rebels to sleep in.

WEDNESDAY 7 To day have been busy fixing up our quarters and looking round. Found half a barrel of flour, some beans, rice and other eatables. I think we may fat up if we stay here long enough. I go on guard this evening.

Thursday 8

To day has been pleasant last night was very but tiresome standing guard 4 hours at a time.

FRIDAY 9 The weather still continues pleasant. Nearly all of the houses in town are filled with the sick and wounded.

SATURDAY 10

Still pleasant. Our mail to night went on to West Point, so I missed my accustomed letter. We have pitched tents up town and tomorrow we shall have to move.

SUNDAY 11

This morning at 7 we had inspection. At 11 divine service. All the rest of the day has been occupied in moving. I am on guard to night.

MONDAY 12

To day has been pleasant. The general sent some prisoners to open the magazine on the water battery but nothing wrong was found.

Tuesday 13

Still pleasant, nothing of interest.

WEDNESDAY 14

Has been looking like rain but has only sprinkled a little. I am on guard to night.

THURSDAY 15

To day has been rainy and it still continues. It is currently reported that Richmond is captured.

FRIDAY 16

Spent this forenoon in rambling along the fortifications, saw nothing of interest. The day has been warm and pleasant.

SATURDAY 17

To day escorted some prisoners to the dock to be sent to Fort Monroe. Am on guard to night. It is reported that we leave here Monday to join the army.

\* SUNDAY MAY 18 1862

Last night I was lucky enough to have a post from which the guard was excused, so I had to stand only 4 hours

The day has been pleasant.

MONDAY 19

To day has been spent in cooking rations and getting ready to march. To night we marched down to the boat and went on board.

TUESDAY 20

We started at an early hour up the river (York) arrived at White House landing about 10 AM but did not land till 4 PM marched along the RR about 3 miles and bivouacked.

WEDNESDAY 21

We started at an early hour this morning and again marched about 6 miles and bivouacked.

THURSDAY 22

Started on the march again to day and marched till we were well tired how far I do not know.

FRIDAY 23

To day we have remained in the place where we encamped last night, it is a pleasant place, and a mill pond near by affords a nice place for bathing.

SATURDAY 24

We remain in the same camp. The day has been rainy and unpleasant.

SUNDAY 25

To day has been pleasant but cool almost cold.

MONDAY 26

This morning broke up camp and started early but went only a couple of miles and bivouacked. I am on guard to night it looks like rain

TUESDAY 27

Last night was a rainy nasty one. Our boys were called out with 80 rounds and 7 days rations. The forenoon was very bad but afternoon and evening pleasant. Heard heavy firing in direction of Richmond. It is reported to me on fire but no signs of it to be seen here this evening.

WEDNESDAY 28

This morning some of our boys came into camp badly scared and reported the 44th all out to pieces, but they seem to be more scared than hurt for orders have come in to send out the kettle and I shall go with them to night

the kettle and I

THURSDAY MAY 29 1862

Started last night to join the regt marched some 10 or 12 miles and spent the rest of the night in an old school house. Started again in the morning and came up with the regt about 10 am. Passed the battle ground and saw the graves of 20 of our regt. 2 more have died to day. We start for camp again to day.

FRIDAY 30

Started from Hanover at 4 PM yesterday. got into camp at 3 this morning. This afternoon terrible thunder storm. lightning struck in camp killing quartermaster Howlett and exploding box of ammunition burning another soldier severely

SATURDAY 31

To day has been rainy and cloudy. there has been a good deal of firing. near the effect do not know. Order given to night to have three days rations cooked. Battle Fair Cake.

SUNDAY JUNE 1

We were called out last night to support some bridge builders. Remained near the river all this forenoon. Came back to camp to get our blankets and food and then back to the river again. but were sent back to camp again.

MONDAY 2

last night we were allowed to sleep in quiet. to <sup>day</sup> has been still

TUESDAY 3

To day we were on picket at the tobacco house of W F Gaines near the river. There is plenty of tobacco and we have nothing to do but make cigars.

WEDNESDAY 4

It rained all night and half this forenoon. but we were very comfortable untill we started for camp. however the rain stopped soon after we got there.

THURSDAY 5

To day has been cloudy and cool. Went over to the hospital to see Willie and Perry. Signed the cay roll

FRIDAY 6

To day received our pay I sent home 20 dollars by Willie. we on guard to night.

SATURDAY 7

Nothing of interest to day. Toward night had a heavy shower.

SUNDAY 8

To day has been pleasant. wrote a letter home. our chaplain is gone so we have no service.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 11 1862

MONDAY JUNE 9 1862

To day we are on picket .It is cool and pleasant .There has been some artillery firing by the enemy ,to which our batteries responded.

TUESDAY 10

It commenced raining at 3 this morning and has been a rainy day

WEDNESDAY 11

To day has been pleasant nothing of interest .We now have to drill one hour morning and evening

THURSDAY 12

Pleasant .Nothing occurring.

X FRIDAY 13

This morning we were called out in haste ,marched half a mile , and then were sent back and ordered to be ready to march at any time.

SATURDAY 14

To day has been pleasant nothing of interest has occurred.

SUNDAY 15

Nothing going on .Weather still pleasant.

MONDAY 16

To day fixed up our camp ,widened the company streets , a shower last night makes the air cooler.

TUESDAY 17

To day is pleasant Henry and myself are on the center squad. Received the first six numbers of the continental magazine shall have some employment for my leisure time.

X WEDNESDAY 18

The weather still pleasant .We are on picket .The rebel and our pickets are only 10 or 12 rods apart .The rebels fired quite a number of shells at one of our batteries.

THURSDAY 19

To day there has been some artillery firing .The rebels fired one shot at the balloon which passed beyond but far under it.

FRIDAY 20

There has been considerable artillery firing to day some of the rebel shells coming almost into our camp .To morrow we are to move farther back.

SATURDAY 21

To day moved our camp about a mile back .This evening heard heavy firing across the river.

SUNDAY JUNE 22 1862

To day is pleasant ,received a letter from home and answered it .

MONDAY 23

This afternoon had a heavy rain.

TUESDAY 24

Rained last night .Hot day .Fair again this morning & companies called out on fatigue duty .I am on guard.

WEDNESDAY 25

To day pleasant .Nothing of interest

THURSDAY 26

To day about 11 am we were told to be ready at a moments notice to strike tents .About 3 we struck tents and started ,firing about this time being heard in the direction of Mechanicsville .after scouting around a little we started in that direction .at dark we laid down to sleep.

FRIDAY 27

Started at an early hour this morning on the backward track . After crossing a little brook our regt was forced on the bank the 83 Pa on the right .The 12th Mich held to hold the enemy in check at all hazards .About 3 Pa the enemy attacked and about 7 succeeded in forcing the brigade on the bank right . I had the misfortune to be taken prisoner.

SATURDAY 28

Richmond .Libby and Co warehouse

Immediately after we were taken prisoners we were started for Richmond .We marched all night and did not get here till daylight this morning .Our captors The Palmetto Sharp Shooters were very kind to us. A great many more prisoners have been brought in to day.

SUNDAY 29

To day is the Sabbath ,our second day in prison .250 in a room 100 x 40 .We did not get our breakfast till 2 PM .By frugality saved some for supper .A great many wounded have been brought into the city.

MONDAY 30

Another day in prison .Some 100 have been taken off from this floor but we are thick enough now .All the reports that we hear are that our army is beaten but we can hardly credit it.

TUESDAY JULY 1

Last night we got no supper till 10 oclock and then only 2 small crackers .We hear nothing but bad news in the defeat of our army

WEDNESDAY JULY 2 1862

It commenced raining early this morning and has rained hard all day. We heard this morning that Fort Darling had been taken and Jackson killed and his forces surrounded and again that McCalls' division was all out to pieces and captured and McClellan in full retreat.

THURSDAY 3

What we get to eat is all we have to think of here. About noon we got two loaves of bread for 17 men, and about an hour after some meat. For supper 4 loaves of bread and a pint of beef water. 2 meals a day.

FRIDAY 4

The 4th of July. Independence day. A week ago to night we were taken prisoners. Our dinner or supper, or both, for we had only one, consisted of the usual fare fourth of a loaf of bread and rotten meat which the officer of the day condemned, but we got no other.

Saturday 5

To day ends one week in prison. I do not see that it grows any more pleasant. Got our breakfast at ten this morning and our supper at 11 to night.

Sunday 6

This is a beautiful Sabbath day but there is little to remind one of it. In a city and no church bells. By this time our folks must have heard that I am amongst the missing, mourning for me as dead. I hope we shall be paroled soon.

MONDAY 7

The weather to day has been very warm. We got some soup for breakfast about 2 Pm, but no bread till 5. We got our supper about 9 that is a quarter of a loaf.

TUESDAY 8

To day has been very sultry. We have received our meals in good time. I feel more satisfied on that point. This morning 50 went from this room to prepare an encampment for us on Belle's island.

Wednesday 9 To day all from the room adjoining were removed to the island and the room filled with the wounded. Among them I saw two from our regiment.

THURSDAY JULY 10 1945

Early fore noon from this room to the 18 and 19 fore noon, we all expected to go this afternoon but have not got off as yet.

Grannis found leint 5 this afternoon and has gone to take care of him.

FRIDAY 11

Belle Island James River. This afternoon we left the quarters we have been occupying in the jimby and some building, and removed to this island. Here we have a pleasant encampment, a chance to swim in the river and plenty of fresh air, and good tents.

SATURDAY 12

Last night we got half a loaf of bread and a peice of meat for a days ration. 1/2 of a loaf for supper to night which did not by any means satisfy us. During the day I helped carry some bread and filled myself up and brought off a loaf besides.

SUNDAY JULY 13

The third sabbath as a prisoner. This is a beautiful day, much like other sabbaths in camp. Wrote a letter home as I heard a flag of truce was going out tomorrow.

X MONDAY JULY 14

The weather continues very warm. Quite a large number of prisoners wounded came from Savages station to day. One of them died suddenly while in apparently good health. He had been sick with the fever.

TUESDAY JULY 15

We received no rations to day except a little peice of meat about 4 Pm and 1/2 loaf of bread this evening after dark. If it had not been for a couple of quarts of beans which we stole we would have been a hungry lot. The beans with the meat made our squad a good meal.

WEDNESDAY JULY 16

To day all we had to eat was 1/2 loaf and a small peice of meat. Just before night there came up a terrible storm and overflowed the bottom of our tent 5 or 6 inches. It stopped just before dark so we shall get along comfortably.

THURSDAY JULY 17

Last night we had another heavy shower but our trench proved effective. This morning we got about a quart and a half of small black beans and a pint of flour for eight men. This afternoon we got a loaf and a little beef tea. To night it is raining.

FRIDAY JULY 18 1862

To day has been cloudy and quite cool but no rain .It is reported on the island to night that the sick and wounded in the city have been paroled and that the sick and wounded on the island will be to morrow

SATURDAY JULY 19

To day has been quite cool ,nothing of interest has occurred .Our principal topic of conversation ,is when shall we be exchanged or paroled.

SUNDAY JULY 20

To day for a change we were fallen in and marched out of the camp for a sort of roll call ,it occupied about 2 hours

MONDAY JULY 21

To day is the anniversary of the battle of Bull's Run .The rebels have been celebrating it by getting drunk ringing bells and this evening by firing rockets and other fireworks

TUESDAY JULY 22

To day has been pleasant nothing of interest occurring for the last two days I have been feeling unwell .This evening it is reported that we shall all be paroled before the end of the week.

WEDNESDAY JULY 23

This morning we were marched out onto the road leading from camp for roll call.At first we thought we were to be paroled but we were soon undeceived.

THURSDAY JULY 24

To day it is reported that they are taking the names of the sick to be paroled tomorrow .The prospects of paroles and exchange are the only topics of conversation.

FRIDAY JULY 25

To day has been pleasant 600 it is said have been sent from the city and some of the sick and wounded have been sent from the island to the city to taken care of and sent off

SATURDAY JULY 26

To day ends the 4th week of our imprisonment .Some 100 discharged from the city hospital have come to the island .This makes us almost fear we shall not be paroled.

Some things that I remember that happened and days  
recorded on left page on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 22 better sleep  
we had fried liver for our dinner. John Lewis, of the  
was his name, of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Mass. Regt. came to town from the  
Cook tent and got to our tent with six or seven  
frying pan and some lard got fat enough to cook  
it and had a very satisfactory meal.

The same day another time I asked a roll of butter  
from a boat that came across the river with chuff for  
sale, and had it in his shirt. It was hot and the  
paper wrapper thin and when she got to our tent a good  
deal of the butter was on her shirt and on her

There were in our tent on the island besides my self  
James Duggal of my company John Corbett of Co G and  
George Barnard of Co F and Lewis of 22<sup>nd</sup> Mass.  
Barnard had a pair of short sessions made of dog goods clear  
to each of their vest pockets and the others associated with them

SUNDAY JULY 27 1962

The 2th sunday as a prisoner. The church bells have been ringing in Richmond making it seem much like sunday. Heard news to day which makes me think we may be paroled within a week.

MONDAY JULY 28

To day has been pleasant. "They Say" says The Richmond Enquirer says " 900 of us are to be paroled every other day. I hope it may be so. Some are confident that some of us will go tomorrow.

TUESDAY JULY 29

To day is my 21st birthday. I little thought one year ago I should be in such a place. Our folks must think of me to night. None of us have gone to day, nor do I think there is much prospect of our going.

WEDNESDAY JULY 30

This morning we had a shower but it has been very hot. To night it is lightening very sharp and prospects of a shower. The report to d day is that all the sick will be sent away tomorrow and the rest will march.

THURSDAY JULY 31

To day it has been raining all day. They have been sending off the sick all day. Things begin to look as if we should get away from this here before long.

FRIDAY AUGUST 1

To day has been pleasant though warm. To day we were marched out of camp and kept 2 or 3 hours to be counted.

SATURDAY AUGUST 2

To day has been pleasant. This morning we received half a loaf of bread. Thinking we should get more at night we ate it all and had no supper.

SUNDAY AUGUST 3

This morning the sick and wounded who could walk were sent away and we could get no rations till they were gone, and having had no supper we were hungry enough at ten o'clock when we got breakfast.

MONDAY AUGUST 4

To day has been pleasant. This morning it was reported that we should leave the island tomorrow. We had hardly got to bed when we were called out to have our names taken which operation took nearly all night.

TUESDAY AUGUST 5 1942

To day about 10 oclock we began to leave the island receiving our rations as we went. Crossed the branch of the river to Mancheete on the south bank then crossed the main stream below the island to Richmond and took our way down the river to this landing where we arrived about 9 PM The day has been hot and the march long.

WEDNESDAY AUG 6

Went on board the transports about 10AM . Arrived off Harrison's landing about one . Went on shore about 4 PM and were directed to our regts . Found Dell there sick , and some of the other boys , the regt being across the river on picket.

THURSDAY AUGUST 7

Went over to the hospital to see Hotchkiss and Hogan and was told they had been sent north. But one of the boys from our co has been there since and says Hogan is still there . Wrote a letter home.

X FRIDAY AUGUST 8

Went over to the hospital to see Hogan and spent nearly all the day with him .

SATURDAY AUGUST 9

To day has been very hot nothing of interest occurring.

SUNDAY AUGUST 10

Went over again to see Henry he has been worse again . The regt came back from picket to day . Was detailed for the ambulance corps.

MONDAY AUGUST 11

Signed the pay roll this morning . took an order over for Henry to sign but found that he last night received our pay this evening . Received our revolvers and accoutrements for the ambulance corps . Revolver Colt . No 34784

TUESDAY AUGUST 12

To day has been hot this evening a storm of wind with a little rain .

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13

To day has been pleasant . Our regt has been under marching orders since Sunday but it looks now as if we were going to stay.

THURSDAY AUGUST 14

Went this afternoon to set some poles for hitching ambulance horses did not get back to regt till after dark , found regt under marching orders tents all struck , however we may not go till morning now

FRIDAY AUGUST 15

We finally started and got about half a mile by daybreak , then we took a good start and marched to where the Chickahominy enters the James and there we encamped

the James and Saturday August 16

SATURDAY AUGUST 18 1862

Started this morning and marched 2 miles beyond Williamsburg and encamped

SUNDAY AUGUST 17

Our brigade was rear guard to day .marched to and encamped on our old camp ground in front of Yorktown.

MONDAY AUGUST 17

To day marched to Hampton .It has been a hard march as <sup>feet</sup> my are getting sore.

TUESDAY AUGUST 19

To day marched to Newport News .This evening the regt embarked  
The ambulance corps remains here still.

Wednesday August 20

To day has been spent going around the encampments at Newport News  
Spending money at the sutlers &C

THURSDAY AUGUST 20

To day has been spent pretty much as yesterday .This evening we took  
the ambulances down to be loaded But as all could not be got aboard  
we came back to our encampment outside the fort

FRIDAY AUGUST 22

To day we loaded our waggons on the bark J M Hicks and were taken  
in tow by a steamer ,passed Fortress Monroe and into the Chesapeake.

X SATURDAY AUGUST 23

This afternoon anchored in the river near Aquia Creek.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Remained on board the ship.

TUESDAY AUGUST 26

To day we ed up to the wharf and unloaded and went into camp about  
1/2 mile from wharf. Got a good dinner of potatoes cabbage boiled ham  
and coffee on a canal boat

Wednesday August 27

Went down to the wharf again to day and went in swimming and got  
another good dinner.

Thursday August 28

Took a walk of 3 or 4 miles into the country and got some potatoes  
corn and apples.

X FRIDAY AUGUST 29

To day took another walk into the country and got some cider and a  
good dinner with plenty of milk.

SATURDAY AUGUST 30 1862

This afternoon had orders to hitch up two horse ambulances and toward night for one horse.

SUNDAY AUGUST 31

Arrived at Alexandria a little after noon (by steamer).  
unloaded and got outside the city a little after dark. Start for Centerville at 2 tomorrow morning.

MONDAY SEPT 1

Started at two this morning, arrived at Centerville a little after noon. Loaded with wounded and started back. Came very near being cut off by a party of rebels, but they were repulsed after a severe fight in which Gene Kearney and Stevens were killed.

TUESDAY SEPT 2

Stopped at Fairfax last night, came on to Alexandria this morning, and left the wounded and went into camp just outside the city. We are ordered to proceed to fort Corcoran at nine this evening.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 3

Arrived at fort Corcoran during the night. Started again this morning the ambulance corps camping near miners hill. Porters division is encamped on the same ground they occupied last winter, but a whole brigade covers only as much ground as one regt did last winter.

THURSDAY SEPT 4

To day the rebels came out on the A and L turnpike and threw a few shells but no harm was done. The regts got rail this evening, first time since leaving Harrison's landing.

FRIDAY SEPT 5

To day went over to the regt and got three letters.

SATURDAY SEPT 6

This forenoon went over to the regt and got another letter from home. This evening have orders to be ready to march.

SUNDAY SEPT 7

Started at 9 last night and this morning had accomplished 3 miles. Arrived on the heights near Alexandria at 9AM. Staid there till after noon and then went on near the seminary and encamped.

MONDAY SEPT 8

Last night went out foraging and got a lot of milk and a big hen so this morning had a good breakfast. Wrote home to day.

TUESDAY SEPT 9

To day had orders to march and came back to fort Corcoran again.

Monday Sept 10 1862

To day I went over to Washington with some of the troops that went to be shot. Visited the patent office and the Smithsonian Institute and went to the capital and navy yard but could not get in.

TUESDAY SEPT 11

To day has been pleasant nothing of interest.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 12

Our brigade was called out again to day another regt has been added to it. Fok informed me of the death of Mr Lewis as he passed by.

THURSDAY SEPT 13

Went over to our camp some of the sick are left there.

FRIDAY SEPT 14

To day the church bells are ringing in the city. It is very pleasant. Fighting seems to have been going on up the river.

SATURDAY SEPT 15

To day has been pleasant we still remain at our camp near Fort Corcoran. The largest part of the corps have gone up the river.

SUNDAY SEPT 16

This evening there is a report that Harpers ferry has been surrendered with 8000 men. The day has been lowery with a little rain.

MONDAY SEPT 17

Went with Thompson to Alexandria Seminary hospital to see Stevens Smith Sawalac ~~del~~ who lost his leg at Bull Run. He was prisoner with me at Richmond. *Doc*

TUESDAY SEPT 18

To day is pleasant the news from the army encouraging.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY SEPT 19 and 20

Weather fine nothing of interest.

FRIDAY SEPT 21

This is a beautiful sabbath day. The church bells are ringing reminding us of days when we attended church and Sunday school.

Wrote a letter home.

SATURDAY SEPT 22

Still pleasant. The rebels recrossed into Maryland.

SUNDAY SEPT 23

To day with three comrades visited the patent office and institute at Washington (Sigsbee George H and George W Arnold)

This afternoon has been rainy.

THURSDAY SEPT 25 1862

Last night was quite cold, to day has been pleasant but a cold wind has blown all day. Lieut Ayers came from the division last night, he reports them at Shepherdstown ferry

FRIDAY SEPT 26

Last night was cold again but to day has been quite warm

SATURDAY SEPT 27

to day has been warm the roads are getting dusty. Plenty of signs of rain but all fail

SUNDAY SEPT 28

to day has been pleasant, wrote a letter home.

X MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Nothing of interest.

WEDNESDAY OCT 1 To

To day have been making preparations for leaving here.

THURSDAY OCT 2

Started on the march this morning. Passed through Rockville a little after noon and encamped at night about six miles beyond that place.

FRIDAY OCT 3

On the march to day passed through Hyattstown Dromms and Fredrick city and encamped about 2 miles from the latter place

SATURDAY OCT 4

To day started on the march again passed through Middletown, Boonesborough Keyesville and Shepherdstown and encamped about half a mile from the last place. Went over to the regt and got my letters

SUNDAY OCT 5

To day has been pleasant nothing of interest occurring

MONDAY OCT 6

Went over to the regt to day and got some more letters

TUESDAY OCT 7

To day went over the battlefield of Antietam. Saw much of interest and horror. The regt moved its encampment to day

WEDNESDAY OCT 8

To day has been very windy, otherwise pleasant. Rode over to the old camp ground in an ambulance had a pleasant ride. This is a beautiful moonlight evening.

FRIDAY OCT 10

to day visited the regt at its new encampment near Antietam. this evening it is lowery and beginning to rain

SATURDAY OCT 11 1962

Rained nearly all of last night, to day it is quite cool

SUNDAY OCT 12

To day is cold and chily, wrote a letter home and received one also. Am not feeling well to day

\* MONDAY OCT 13

I am quite sick to day, have eaten nothing and am more and stiff

THURSDAY OCT 14

Am feeling better to day have been around all day but to night have a hard headache.

WEDNESDAY OCT 15 Have kept to my bunk all day not able to sit up but a short time. have a good deal of fever and a terrible headache, took some pills which I hope may relieve me

THURSDAY OCT 16

To day have felt much better have been around pretty much all day. There has been considerable firing up the river but am unacquainted with the result.

\* W. FRIDAY OCT 17

Hospital Sharnsburg

To day taken again with chills and fever and the boys thought it best for me to go to the hospital. Here I have a more comfortable place, and this afternoon had a sweat so I hope the fever may soon be broken up

SATURDAY OCT 18

To day feeling pretty well. Went up to the camp of the corps and spent part of the day there.

SUNDAY OCT 19

To day had chills and fever but wrote a letter home this PM.

MONDAY OCT 20

To day feel pretty well, visited camp again.

TUESDAY OCT 21 To day had a slight chill. Went up to camp and got supper.

WEDNESDAY OCT 22

Feeling pretty well to day, went up to the camp.

THURSDAY OCT 23

Went up to the camp to day feeling pretty well

FRIDAY OCT 24

Went over to the regt to day

SATURDAY OCT 25 To day left the hospital. This evening is very bad

SUNDAY OCT 26 1862

Rained all last night and all day to day. Received a letter from home and answered it.

MONDAY OCT 27

To day has been cold and unpleasant, but no rain.

TUESDAY OCT 28

To day has been sunny but a cold wind. Have been troubled with a cold in the head.

WEDNESDAY OCT 29

To day has been quite comfortable. This evening we are expecting to march tomorrow.

THURSDAY OCT 30

This morning went over to the regt, came back a little after noon, found the corps preparing to march. Sergeant sent me to the regt to go with that ambulance. When I got there found it had returned to the corps, so I returned to the camp near Sharpsburg and found that the whole corps had gone. Shall spend the night here and look for the regt in the morning.

FRIDAY OCT 31

Was joined last night by one of the 17th who like myself had been left behind. Started this morning for Harpers Ferry which we reached about 2 Pm a distance of 15 miles. Found that the corps had not yet arrived having taken a different road. They came along about 10 PM when I got on and rode to camp about 4 miles from the ferry.

SATURDAY NOV 1

To day we remain in our camp in the valley of Virginia where we stopped last night. The troops are being mustered for pay.

SUNDAY NOV 2

To day started on the march. The ambulance which I was with was sent to go with the 5th Mass battery. Had two sick in it. Arrived at Snickers Gap after dark. Started to find the corps but gave it up and stopped and got supper.

MONDAY NOV 3

Soon after we turned in last night the wind began to blow hard and cold and continued all night. Reported again to the battery this morning but did not march. Went out this forenoon and killed a pig so we have fresh pork. Reported to the corps again to night.

TUESDAY NOV 4

Reported to the battery again to day but did not march. Went out walking and were arrested but escaped our regt being prevent guard

Wednesday NOV 1 1862

To day remained in camp .Went out this afternoon foraging corn .  
Ordered to report to the battery to night as we start early tomorrow

THURSDAY NOV 5

Started on the march this morning .Passed through Middleburg about  
2 PM. marched 4 miles farther and encamped. This morning was cold.

FRIDAY NOV 7

To day marched about 3 miles and encamped .soon after getting  
into camp it commenced to rain and rained all day  
Dell and St John came back to the regt to day.

SATURDAY NOV 8

To day started on the march and encamped a mile and a half from  
New Baltimore towards Warrenton. Ordered to report to the corps  
to night.

SUNDAY NOV 9

To day marched 3 miles , within half a mile of Warrenton .Went to  
the regt and found a letter from Hank. Botchkise?  
Wrote one home.

X MONDAY NOV 10

This morning the troops bid adieu to Gen McClellan who has been re-  
lieved of his command.

TUESDAY NOV 11

To day remained in camp nothing of interest.

Nov 13 and 14

Remained in camp nothing of interest.

FRIDAY NOV 14

This PM went some 4 or 5 miles on horseback after hay .

Nov 15 and 16

received and wrote letter home

X MONDAY NOV 17

Was awakened at an early hour this morning and started on the  
march .Passed through Warrenton and by the junction did not get into  
camp till after dark.

TUESDAY NOV 18

this morning was awakened very early but did not get started till  
late .encamped in good season

X WEDNESDAY NOV 19 1862

This morning had a good chance to sleep, had a hard ague chill  
Started on the march about 9AM, encamped about 3 PM. Found a Penna  
soldier lying on the ground nearly dead, had been there all last night  
got him shelter and medical attendance but he died before morning  
His name was Josiah Hodge Co B 142Pa V

THURSDAY NOV 20

Last night a good deal of rain fell. This morning had another chill,  
still feel unwell. The weather has been rainy and unpleasant.  
Still in camp where we stopped last night 5 miles from Falmouth

FRIDAY NOV 21

Still remain in camp, not much rain but unpleasant.

SATURDAY NOV 22

Had orders to march at 8 this morning but it was countermanded.  
Hitched up again this PM but did not march.

SUNDAY NOV 23

Started on the march this morning with every prospect of getting into  
camp in good season but were hindered by trains. 9 o'clock found us  
1/2 of a mile from camp on the wrong side of a slough which took us half  
12 to cross.

MONDAY NOV 24

Remained in camp where we stopped last night.

TUESDAY NOV 25

To day the batteries removed camp about half a mile - We are now  
close to the RR

WEDNESDAY NOV 26

To day went over to the corps and got rations and again this  
evening and went on guard. Received a letter from home.

THURSDAY NOV 27

In camp nothing of interest.

FRIDAY NOV 28

To day hulled some corn. The RR bridge is finished and the cars  
passed here three times to day. The bridge has not been inspected and  
so no loads of consequence have been brought.

SATURDAY NOV 29

Nothing of interest the cars passed 3 or 4 times with light loads.

SUNDAY NOV 30

This morning Arnold went to the corps and was ordered to return  
with the ambulance which we did.

MONDAY DEC 1 1942

To day went with the ambulance to the depot for forage .There being but little we waitid for the morning train .With two companions got on the train and rode up to Falmouth and back and then went on down to Acquia Creek Where we shall stay for the morning train.

Tuesday DEC 2

Came up from the creeg on the 3 oclock train ,did not get forage enough but went back to the train about noon but was sent down here to load hay and have got to spend the night here

WENSDAY DEC 3

Loaded the wagons with hay and then came back to ~~camp~~<sup>camp</sup> .We were then inspected.

THURSDAY DEC 4

To day moved camp about half a mile into a pine grove to havea more comfortable place fo the horses

FRIDAY DEC 5

This morning went to work cutting logs and breaking ground to make more comfortable quarters.about noon it commenced to rain and before night turned to snow .this evening is cold and storay.

SATURDAY DEC 6

Last night cleared up and froze very hard ,an uncomfortable night we had .To day have been busly engaged on our new quarters, hope to get in to them tomorrow.The day has been cold.

SUNDAY DEC 7

Last night was very cold too cold to sleep well .To day got the roof onto our cabin and got into it ,although it is not finished it is more comfortable than our tent was,as we have a fire in it.

MONDAY DEC 8

To day made some improvements on our cabin and wrote a letter home.

TUESDAY DEC 9

To day made some improvements on our cabin chimney .This afternoon we hear that we are to march day after tomorrow.

WENSDAY DEC 10

To day had inspection ,have orders to march tomorrow.

THURSDAY DEC 11

This morning heavy firing was commenced as early as 5 oclock and continued till afternoon with what result we do not know. The ambulances left camp at 9 or 10 oclock but only went a couple of miles and went in to camp.

FRIDAY DEC 12 1862

To day moved upon the ridge near the Rappahannock .There has been n  
no firing of consequence .Pontoon bridges have been thrown across  
and it is said a large force have crossed.

SATURDAY DEC 13

To day there has been a terrible battle .It commenced early and  
continued till dark..To night must be spent in picking up the wounded  
We crossed the river about 4 pm but could not go upon the field.

SUNDAY DEC 14

Went onto the field and was there till 4 this morning when we returned  
to this side .Went over again and cleared out some houses for hospitals  
There has not been much fighting to day though our men have remained  
on the field.

MONDAY DEC 15

To day brought the wounded to this side of the river and placed them  
in hospital tents.It is said the rebels gave us 12 hours to remove  
them as they should shell the town.

TUESDAY DEC 16

The whole of our army have returned to this side of the river the  
bridges have been taken up and we have returned to our old quarters  
All the expedition seems to have accomplished is the loss of 5 or 6  
thousand men WEDNESDAY DEC 17

To day have remained in camp fixing up our old quarters.Wrote a let  
ter home .Received one from aunt C and answered it.

THURSDAY DEC 18

Went over to the hospital to take wounded to the depot but had nothing  
to do .Returned to camp again this evening.

FRIDAY DEC 19

Remained in camp to day ,nothing of interest.

SUNDAY DEC 21

To day had inspection .Received a letter from home and wrote one.

MONDAY DEC 22

To day went with ambulances to assist in moving hospitals and sick.

TUESDAY DEC 23

To day did some washing .Weather continues pleasant .This evening  
am on guard.WEDNESDAY DEC 24

To day has been pleasant but to night looks like rain .Christmas eve  
although we have a fire place do not think Santa Claus will get down

\* THURSDAY DEC 26 1892

To day is Christmas, had a very good breakfast for the day.

FRIDAY DEC 26

This evening was surprised by a visit from Demetrius Smith and Arthur Clark. Smith spent the night with me. Clark staid at the regt.

SATURDAY DEC 27

To day went with Smith and Clark to the 154th regt  
I returned on the cars.

SUNDAY DEC 28

To day has been very pleasant. Went over to the regt and to night  
Smith returned with me to spend the night

MONDAY DEC 29

To day Smith returns home and I send this diary by him.

THURSDAY JAN 1 1893

This morning as soon as daylight started back for camp. The day has  
been beautiful arrived at camp about 3 PM in good spirits but tired.

JAN 2 and 3

Nothing of interest. Weather fine.

SUNDAY JAN 4

To day my box came with all of its good things, and also a letter from  
home

MONDAY JAN 5

Still we remain in camp with nothing to do but take care of ourselves  
Wrote a letter home to day to night I am on guard, it is a beautiful  
moonlight night.

TUESDAY JAN 6

This afternoon has been lousy with some indications of a storm.  
Received a carder from aunt C and wrote to her.

WEDNESDAY JAN 7

last night was very cold this morning is clear again.

THURSDAY JAN 8

To day has been cold. Got up a big pile of wood. Tried our hand at  
making cherry pudding.

FRIDAY JAN 9

This morning it was reported that marching orders had come causing  
some excitement but it turned out to be a hoax been at work to day  
digging an oven.

Saturday Jan 10

This afternoon and evening it has been raining hard and bids fair to  
for a rainy time.

Sunday JAN 11

SUNDAY JAN 11 1883

Cleared o'f and froze during the night .Had inspection this morning  
Went over to the regt to see St John.

MONDAY JAN 12

To day did my washing .Received a letter from home and answered it.

X TUESDAY JAN 13

Nothing of interest to day Wrote to uncle P

WEDNESDAY JAN 14

To day the regt put up a pole and hoisted a flag .There has been  
a high wind all day .to night am on guard.

THURSDAY JAN 15

To day all of the sick were sent away from the regts .It is expected  
we shall move soon .There has been a high wind all day .This evening  
there is an appearance of rain.

FRIDAY JAN 16

Rained quite hard last night .To day our regt was presented with a  
beautiful flag by Gen Griffin The flag was furnished by Mrs Corning  
It is expected we shall move tomorrow.

SATURDAY JAN 17

To day we have orders to be ready to move tomorrow. This afternoon t  
the ambulances were inspected.

SUNDAY JAN 18

Received a letter from home and answered it .Marching is postponed  
24 hours do not believe we shall go at all.

MONDAY JAN 19

Last night was very cold freezing hard .Marching is put off till  
10 AM tomorrow.

TUESDAY JAN 20

This morning directly after breakfast began to make preparations for  
moving. We got out in line about 9 AM but did not move on till 4 PM  
halted at dark 1 mile from camp and went into park .It is commencing  
to rain.

WEDNESDAY JAN 21

Rained all last night started on the march at 8 or 9 but went only  
three miles and went into park about 7 PM. Rode in the ambulance and  
read Chateaubriands travels .looks like having a rainy night.

THURSDAY JAN 22

To day remained where we parked yesterday .The weather  
still continues rainy and unpleasant. Spent a good share of daylight  
reading.

FRIDAY JAN 23 1893

This morning had orders to leave all grain but one feed and return to camp. I went on ahead and found the camp pillaged of every board and stool. put the canvas upon our cabin but to night shall sleep in the ambulance.

SATURDAY JAN 24

To day built up our chimney replaced our bunks and repaired generally

The rest case in this afternoon.

SUNDAY JAN 25

To day has been pleasant, received a letter from home and answered it

MONDAY JAN 26

Went to the commissarys and got some potatoes. Signed the pay roll

TUESDAY JAN 27

To day has been rainy and unpleasant. This evening received our pay

X WEDNESDAY JAN 28

Last night the rain turned to snow and it has snowed fast all day

THURSDAY JAN 29

This morning was cold and blusterink. Full sixches of snow. The sun came out bright and it has been thawing. Drea up a lot of wood.

FRIDAY JAN 30

To day has been pleasant but thawing making it very muddy.

X SATURDAY JAN 31

To day has been pleasant the snow is rapidly disappearing.

SUNDAY FEB 1

To day had inspection as usual. This evening there is indications of rain

MONDAY FEB 2

To day has been very pleasant. Did my washing and received a letter from home and answered it.

TUESDAY FEB 3

To day has been clear not very cold, the wind blowing very hard.

WEDNESDAY FEB 4

Last night was very cold, to day pleasant but cold. To night colder still.

THURSDAY FEB 5

To day has been rainy and unpleasant, quite cold, some snow

FRIDAY FEB 6

Pleasant nothing of interest.

SATURDAY FEB 7 1883

To day has been pleasant .To night am on guard it is cold.

SUNDAY FEB 8

Inspection as usual.

MONDAY FEB 9

Did my washing .Received a letter from home and answered it.  
Also a long letter from uncle J

TUESDAY FEB 10

Nothing of interest.

WEDNESDAY FEB 11

To day went to the camp of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt to see an old schoolmate  
but the regt had gone .Went to Falmouth and the station and  
then back to camp ,pretty well tired.

THURSDAY FEB 12

Have been reading the Pirate by Scott .Wrote a letter to Uncle J  
in evening it is commencing to rain.

X FRIDAY FEB 13

Nothing of interest .Saturday .Ditto

SUNDAY FEB 14

To day has been rainy so we had no inspection .Received a  
letter from home.

MONDAY FEB 15 To day went to Acquia Creek .Had a pleasant  
trip and a ride on the cars.

TUESDAY FEB 17

This morning when we got up found 2 inches of snow on the ground and  
it has been snowing all day.

WEDNESDAY FEB 18

To day has been raining making it very unpleasant .However  
passed the time reading and playing chess.

THURSDAY FEB 19

To day the snow has been melting making it very muddy  
and causing springs to well up in our houses.

FRIDAY FEB 20

To day the sun has been shining brightly and the wind  
blowing and fast drying up the mud.

SATURDAY FEB 21

To day has been pleasant .The mud is rapidly drying up.

~~SUNDAY FEB 22~~

SUNDAY FEB 27 1883

Last night there was a sudden change in the weather and this morning there was nearly a foot of snow and it has been snowing and sleet all day. Received a letter from home with the news of the death of Deacon Reed.

MONDAY FEB 28

To day it has been sunshiny and it has thawed some but it is quite wintry. Wrote a letter home.

TUESDAY FEB 29

To day has been pleasant the sun shining brightly.

WEDNESDAY FEB 29

To day has been as pleasant as yesterday. Went over to the regt and found Perry sick.

THURSDAY FEB 28

To day it has been tharing and rainy most of the time. Received a letter from Dell Clapp discharged.

FRIDAY FEB 27

Have not been well. The weather is lowery

SATURDAY FEB 26

have not been well to day but better than yesterday.

X SUNDAY MARCH 1

Received a letter from home and answered it.

MONDAY MARCH 2

To day went over to the regt to see Perry who is quite sick.

TUESDAY MARCH 3

To day went to the camp of the 154th, had a pleasant visit with Vedder an old schoolmate. Returned on the cars from Brooks Station.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4

Have been at work fixing up hospital tents and grounds.

THURSDAY MARCH 5

Nothing of interest. FRIDAY went over to see Perry he is a little better

SUNDAY MARCH 8

To day had inspection it has passed like most other sundays.

X MONDAY MARCH 9

Last night had a shower of rain. To day is warm and springlike. Wrote a letter home did my washing and policed camp, to night am on guard a letter from home says the last that came out with me is discharged.

TUESDAY MARCH 10 1893

This morning opened with a flurry of snow and it has been drizzling all day half snow and half rain.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11

This morning was lowery but not much rain has fallen it has been a springlike day.

THURSDAY MARCH 12

Been at work all day on police duty cleaning out corral .There has been a raw cold wind blowing all day

FRIDAY MARCH 13

To day have been on detail cutting wood for hospital .A cold wind blowing all day.

SATURDAY MARCH 14

This forenoon worked cutting brush for a fence to enclose quarters . This afternoon making fried cakes , with perfect success. Received a letter from home and answered it.

SUNDAY MARCH 15

This morning had inspection as usual .This evening a thunder storm with snow.

MONDAY MARCH 16

Have been at work shoveling manure .A cold wind blowing all day

TUESDAY MARCH 17

To day St Patricks was celebrated at the 9th mass Two horses were killed and two men hurt by collision.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

To day our souave suits arrived and were given out .It has been a pleasant springlike day.

THURSDAY MARCH 19

To day has been cloudy this evening there are indications of a storm

FRIDAY MARCH 20

This morning opened with a snow storm ,some pinches of snow has fallen .To night I am on guard.

SATURDAY MARCH 21

It snowed again this morning but this PM it rained Received a letter from home to night.

SUNDAY MARCH 22

To day has been warm and the snow has disappeared .Inspection this morning as usual.

X MONDAY MARCH 23 1863

This forenoon did my washing and cooked half a bushel of fried cakes, had excellent success. This PM have been at work on the picket rope.

TUESDAY MARCH 24

To day has been pleasant but this evening it is raining

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25

Rained quite hard last night, but to day has been warm pleasant and springlike. Received a letter from home to day posted Feb 11.

THURSDAY MARCH 26

Pleasant nothing of interest.

~~FRIDAY MARCH 27~~  
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FRIDAY MARCH 27

To day have been at work assisting to mark ambulances.

SATURDAY MARCH 28 Has rained hard all day

Received a long letter from home this PM

SUNDAY MARCH 29

To day there has been a cold wind, had inspection. I am detailed on the picket rope. Wrote a letter home.

MONDAY MARCH 30

To day has been pleasant. Had a good game of ball.

TUESDAY MARCH 31

This morning found it snowing hard and it has snowed or rained all day but has cleared off fine this evening.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1

To day have been getting up wood. There has been a cold wind blowing but otherwise pleasant. They are again giving furloughs in the regt.

THURSDAY APRIL 2

To day has been warm and pleasant. Got up another load of wood this morning. Received a nice large box from home. Am on guard to night.

FRIDAY APRIL 3

To day has been pleasant. Have plenty of occupation now studying geography and Latin from books received in box

SATURDAY APRIL 4

To day the wind has blown hard all day and to night it is beginning to snow. Received a letter from home to night.

X SUNDAY APRIL 5

This morning found 6 inches of snow on the ground and still snowing. It stopped before noon and began to thaw. This evening it is clear.

MONDAY APRIL 8 1863

To day has been thawing making it very muddy.

TUESDAY APRIL 9

To day the President has been reviewing the troops .Saw him quite plainly as he passed here.

Wednesday April 10

This morning was detailed on police duty .This afternoon had a fine game of ball.

Thursday April 11

To day has been pleasant .Marked out the ground and had a game of ball .Am on guard to night.

FRIDAY APRIL 12

To day has been very pleasant .Had a fine game at ball .This evening came near having a row on account of the Lieut trying to disperse a crowd.

SATURDAY APRIL 13

To day has been very pleasant .Went over to the regt to muster this evening received a letter from home.

Sunday April 14

To day has been very warm and pleasant .To night there is prospect of a shower .Wrote a letter home.

MONDAY APRIL 15

To day has been pleasant received a letter from the commissary department for returned prisoners Went over to the regt to see about it.

TUESDAY APRIL 16

To day has been pleasant .It is said we shall march tomorrow or next day .This evening orders have come for men and ambulances to report to division hospitals at 8 AM tomorrow. There are indications of a storm

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17

It rained hard last night .and has rained all day ,the creek is very high .I think it will prevent our marching for a day or two.

THURSDAY APRIL 18

To day has been cloudy no rain has fallen .Some of our men have been down to Brandy station to put up hospitals.

FRIDAY APRIL 17 1893

Have been at work preparing ground for hospital.

SATURDAY APRIL 17

To day our officers and the 12th had a game of matched ball.

Received a letter from home.

SUNDAY APRIL 19

To day a squad of us went down to Brooks station to the hospitals .  
I rode lieut B's horse rode pack in a mule wagon. The day has been  
pleasant.

MONDAY APRIL 20

To day has been lowery , some rain falling . Am on guard to night.

TUESDAY . Cleared up this PM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22

This afternoon has been cloudy and this evening it is raining.

THURSDAY APRIL 23

After we had gone to bed last night received orders to be ready to  
march at a moments notice. It rained all night and has been raining  
all day . This afternoon signed the pay roll.

FRIDAY APRIL 24

Rained all this forenoon . Received 1 months pay to day.

\* SATURDAY APRIL 25

To day has been pleasant , did not receive the usual letter from h  
home

SUNDAY APRIL 26

To day has been pleasant . Mailed a letter home with 40 dollars in it.  
Received a letter from home this afternoon.

MONDAY APRIL 27

To day has been pleasant . Our division marched about noon. We expec  
ted to march but only moved the sick to the hospital

TUESDAY APRIL 28

To day has been somewhat rainy . We do not march yet . In fact hardly  
any of the regons have moved.

WEDNESDAY APRIL

To day has been lowery to night had a slight shower . Heard firing  
but what it amounts to do not know. Had my likeness taken and sent it  
home this afternoon.

THURSDAY APRIL 30 This morning it was raining hard and  
cleared up this evening! The 3 remaining batteries marched this PM.  
I am on guard to night . It is a beautiful evening.

FRIDAY MAY 1 1863

This morning received orders to pack up and march. Started about 10 o'clock, reached U S ford about 3 PM The day has been very pleasant. There has been some firing this afternoon. Gen Hookers quarters said to be within half a mile of Fredricksburg

SATURDAY MAY 2

This morning a squad of us took stretchers and crossed the river. Found our men hard at work throwing up breastworks. We are at the division hospital about 1/2 mile in rear of our line. There was heavy firing about 11 Pm on our right. Have no blankets and will not be able to sleep much.

SUNDAY MAY 3

The rebels drove our right the 11 corps back nearly a mile, but our corps took their place. There has been hard fighting on our right all day but I think the rebels got the worst of it. I am very tired carrying the wounded but I am at the hospital and hope to get a good nights sleep. Have got the soft side of a plank for a bed and a piece of shelter tent for a blanket and a roof of trees. So we have good quarters for a soldier.

MONDAY MAY 4

Were awakened only once by firing so had a good nights sleep. There has not been much fighting except skirmishing. About 1 Pm it was thought the rebels were evacuating and a force was sent through the woods to see they drove the skirmishers through the woods to their works when they opened on us with grape and canister and our men retreated.

TUESDAY MAY 5

There has not been much fighting to day. about 8 PM a thunder storm came up I went with one of our boys who was sick to the hospital. Found the stores all packed up and the doctors preparing to cross the river. The Dr said I must go with the man to the river, found the river so high that we could not cross. later they got the pontoon bridges repaired and we got across about midnight.

WEDNESDAY MAY 6

Spent anything but a pleasant night. I think all were across the river by 9 o'clock. I came in with the sick man from our Co get here about 4 PM. The ambulances have not yet got into camp. Our corps has been greatly injured, we none of us understand what this move is and we are anxious to know.

THURSDAY MAY 7 1863

To day has been cloudy but shows signs of clearing off. The ambulances went to division hospitals to day and got back to camp here this PM

FRIDAY MAY 8

To day the ambulances went to the hospitals to haul the sick to the station.

SATURDAY MAY 9

To day 8 ambulances were ordered to the hospitals and a detail with each. From head quarters we were sent with a guide to US ford where we took in 13 wounded rebels and have got back within 4 miles of head quarters and have stopped for the night.

Sunday May 10

Got to head quarters at 2 AM but were kept there till nearly noon before anything was done for them. They were then paroled and we took them to Falmouth station to send them to Washington. Got back to camp about 3 PM. Found a letter from home with E and B's likenesses. Wrote a letter home.

Monday MAY 11

To day has been very warm. Did my washing. This evening the teamsters were ordered to put 3 days rations in their wagons and to prepare to start at daylight for the battle field of Chancellorsville for some of our wounded left there.

TUESDAY MAY 12

To day all of the ambulances fit started for US ford. I remain in camp to look out for our staff. It has been a very pleasant day.

WEDNESDAY MAY 13

To day has been very pleasant. Our men went back for more rations as they cannot get back for some time only a few being allowed to cross at a time.

THURSDAY MAY 14

To day has been pleasant. Had two thunder showers this afternoon.

FRIDAY MAY 15

To day has been pleasant and cooler than yesterday. Some of the men came in to day and think all will come back tomorrow.

SATURDAY MAY 16

All of the ambulances came in to day. Ours was the last to cross and were not all filled.

SUNDAY MAY 17

To day had no inspection. Has been pleasant. Wrote a letter home

MONDAY MAY 18 1883

My made application for commutation of rations while I was prisoner  
Turned in part of our ambulances, keeping only two to a regt

TUESDAY MAY 19

To day has been pleasant, nothing of interest.

WEDNESDAY MAY 20

To day our brigade moved their camp some two miles from their  
winter quarters, I suppose for sanitary reasons. Their camp-  
ing ground is said to be very pleasant, but it will be a  
long way to go for the mail.

THURSDAY MAY 21

The weather continues pleasant, nothing going on but the  
daily camp routine, policing etc

FRIDAY MAY 22

Has been pleasant, nothing of interest

SATURDAY MAY 23

To day a squad of us went at an early hour to division hospita  
and worked all day policing it, it has been a very hot day.

SUNDAY MAY 24

To day has been very hot. Had the usual inspection.  
Received a letter from home and answered it.

MONDAY MAY 25

This morning there was a cold mist falling, it was cloudy  
all day but very little rain fell.

TUESDAY MAY 26

To day has been cloudy and cool but no rain.

WEDNESDAY MAY 27

pleasant, nothing of interest.

THURSDAY MAY 28

Went over to the regt this afternoon, soon after I got there  
they received orders to march. Went back to camp and found  
them preparing to move. We have come out to the camp of the  
brigade and stay here to night.

FRIDAY MAY 29

The rest of the brigade has moved to the ferds of the river  
The ambulances have gone out with the sick leaving a few  
to guard their goods. They came back this afternoon. We go  
again this afternoon or tomorrow.

SATURDAY MAY 30

Have taken the remainder of the sick to the regts  
we are now encamped at brigade head quarters *half way*  
*between Banks & old (Goods)*

SUNDAY MAY 31 1963

To day moved our camp to the little grass grown flat by the brook .Wrote a letter home ,but as yet have not received the usual weekly letter

TUESDAY

MONDAY JUNE 1

To day has been pleasant .Went over to the regt this afternoon hoping to find a letter but none has come .The boys are working very hard ,on picket every other day and working in the trenches.

TUESDAY JUNE 2

To day has been pleasant .It is reported that the gaurillas are cutting the throats of our soldiers on the right of the division.

WEDSDAY JUNE 3

To day has been pleasant .Tomorrow we are to go to the switch for some soldiers of the 20th Maine who are sick

THURSDAY JUNE 4

Started at an early hour for the switch but we met the troops and trains of the 2nd division and before they were passed orders came to return to brigade head quarters to march and we took the sick men and turned to Warrenton we have stopped for the night at Little B Grove church

FRIDAY JUNE 5

To day moved about 2 miles in the direction of Ellises ford and encamped.

SATURDAY JUNE 6

To day the ambulances have gone to US ford for the remainder of the 20th Maine sick .The detail remains in our camp near Crittenders mill

SUNDAY JUNE 7

To day has been cool and pleasant .This evening received orders to take the sick at once to division hospitals.

MONDAY JUNE 8

We got loaded about 11 last night .We travelled all night got to the hospitals about 9 AM and went to Stonemanz switch. Got back here Edquarters AC about 6 PM

TUESDAY JUNE 9

This morning Ayers must keep us here till we greased the harness before going to brigade headquarters..Found this morning that my knapsack was accidentally left at the hospital

*later day*

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10 1863

To day has been quite warm .Went this afternoon to the old gold mine near here ,it has not been worked for 10 years but most of the machinery is standing .The mine has caved in

THURSDAY JUNE 11

Moved our camp about a quarter of a mile as the batteries were too near to be pleasant.

FRIDAY JUNE 12

Division hospital

To day myself and George Arnold came to this place with 4 sick men ,we got here an hour before dark .Found my knapsack which I left here last time all right Had a pleasant chat with Dailey.

SATURDAY JUNE 13

Started back for camp about 7 this morning got here about 2 PM .Had orders to report to regt .Took in the sick a little before dark .Are to march for Morrisville

SUNDAY JUNE 14

Reached Morrisville at 3 this morning .We were awake and harnessed at an early hour but did not start till 9 or 10 Reached this place Catletts station about dark.At first were ordered to be ready to march in an hour but it was countermanded and we stay here to night

MONDAY JUNE 15

Started at an early hour and arrived here ,Manassas Junction a little after noon .It has been terrible hot and dusty and but very little water we have to go a mile from here to get any that is decent. A good many were sun struck

TUESDAY JUNE 16

Have remained here all day ,have taken some of the worst cases of sickness to the cars.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17

Started on the march this morning ,arrived at Centreville about noon and at this place Gum Springs about 4Pm This forenoon was very hot ,this Pm there was a breeze but still hot.

THURSDAY JUNE 18

Have remained here all day ,it has been very hot but about 5 Pm it began to rain and it looks as if still more would fall to night

FRIDAY JUNE 19 1863

This afternoon moved on about 5 miles in the direction of Aldie. Near here was the cavalry fighting which we heard right before last, near here is the grave of one that was killed.

SATURDAY JUNE 20

It rained more last night and has been lowery and rainy most of the day.

Sunday June 21

There has been firing all day in the direction of Middleburg. This afternoon some of the ambulances went out and returned with ten wounded from the 16th Mich.

MONDAY JUNE 22

An order came about midnight for 16 ambulances to go to Sleepersville. Picked up and got there a little after sunrise. The officers were engaged in paroling some of the wounded rebels. We came back a piece and took on some others and returned to camp. All of our troops returned and the rebels followed them up.

TUESDAY JUNE 23

To day we sent six ambulances with the wounded of the 16th Mich to Fairfax.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24

Those who went to Fairfax yesterday returned this morning. They report most of the army there and at Centreville.

THURSDAY JUNE 25

This afternoon a shower arose which settled into a steady rain which bids fair to continue.

FRIDAY JUNE 26

Started on the march about 2 this morning and marched till after dark. It has been lowery and rainy all day. We passed through Leesburg and crossed the Potomac on pontoons at Edwards ferry and marched some 3 miles into Maryland. We passed the mansion of ex-president Monroe and another still finer. The whole of Lees army is reported in Maryland.

SATURDAY JUNE 27

Started this morning and marched within 2 miles of Fredericktown. It has been cloudy and a fine day for marching, though the roads are somewhat out up by heavy trains.

SUNDAY JUNE 28 1863

To day have remaind in camp at this place .It has been a p  
pleasant day .Received a letter from home and answered it

MONDAY JUNE 29

To day marched from last camp to 3 miles beyond Liberty .  
A hard days march .As we came through Fredrick city the sol-  
diars got a great deal of liquor and they lay along the st  
streets thicker than after a battle

TUESDAY JUNE 30

To day marched to Merristown .We went by a round about  
road hoping to catch some rebels who were here this morning  
but they had left .after we got here I rode up the valley  
a mile and a half to see if I could find some soft bread  
and butter ,at last found a place the soldiers had not  
visited and got half a loaf of bread and a crock of sope  
butter.

WENSDAY JULY 1

started on the march at an early hour and marched to Hanover  
Pa where we arrived about 3 PM ,staid there till just dark  
and then marched 9 miles farther in the directio of Gettys-  
burg. While at Hanover I went into the town a little .The  
people seemed glad to see the soldiers and gave them what  
they had in the way of eatables.

THURSDAY JULY 2

This morning started early and marched to within 3 miles of  
Gettysburg and halted .about 3 PM our division was ordered  
to the left ,they had hardly got in position when they set  
the enemy ,a hard battle ensued which lasted till dark .We  
lost a great many men

FRIDAY JULY 3

We were up all last night hauling the wounded ,and to day  
we removed them a mile farther back. about 1 Pm the heaviest  
cannonade I ever heard commenced It lasted till about 3  
when it slackened but still continued still later but not  
so heavy and farther off .It is reported that Longstreet is  
wounded and a prisoner George and I went to the town to have  
a horse shod and shakl wstay till morning.

SATURDAY JULY 4 1863

I had a good nights sleep and found this morning that our ambulances had been out all night picking up the wounded some of them belonged to our corps, those that should have done it were lying still. It has been raining nearly all the time since 10 AM, there has been no fighting.

SUNDAY JULY 5

This afternoon our corps started on the march toward Emmetsburg. The rebels it is reported are marching toward the Potomac. We have encamped right in the corner of Adams county about 3 miles from Emmetsburg

MONDAY JULY 6

This morning we started on the march but only went half a mile when we were ordered to encamp and give the road to another corps

TUESDAY JULY 7

Started on the march to day and marched within 5 miles of Fredrick Md. It has been somewhat showery to day.

WEDNESDAY JULY 8

It rained a good share of last night and this forenoon. We have marched over the mountain to Middleton. It has cleared off this afternoon and the sun is shining brightly for which we are glad enough as we are as wet as we well can be.

THURSDAY JULY 9

This morning we started and marched over the mountain in the direction of Sharpsburg. It has been a pleasant day. This evening heard cannonading over the mountain to the right of Sharpsburg.

FRIDAY JULY 10

To day we moved across Antietam creek and encamped somewhere above Sharpsburg. The rebel pickets were driven from here this morning. Have heard an occasional gun to the right during the day.

SATURDAY JULY 11

This afternoon about 4 o'clock we started and moved about 2 miles up the creek and again encamped.

SUNDAY JULY 12

About noon we started forward, that is the troops did, we carrying stretchers. A few shots were fired by skirmishers but we made no attack. We had a very heavy shower this afternoon and I got as wet as could be. We have got to stay

*by the troops tonight*

X MONDAY JULY 13 1863

This afternoon our brigade moved farther to the front The Pennsylvania Reserve corps was in front of us and I made the acquaintance of Col Warner of the 10th regt found him to be a cousin of fathers.

TUESDAY JULY 14

This morning the rebs were gone .We moved out nearly to Williamsport, a few prisoners were taken.

X WEDNESDAY JULY 15

To day we started on the march .back over the mountains we went nearly to Middleburg and encamped .It was a hard days march.

THURSDAY JULY 16

To day marched within a mile of Berlin on the Potomac

FRIDAY JULY 17

Last night it rained hard and continued most of this forenoon. A little afternoon we packed up and crossed the river and went about 2 miles farther to Lovettsville and encamped.

SATURDAY JULY 18

To day we marched about 8 miles and encamped .The men are too worn out to march far at a time .I should think they might give us more time to sleep in the morning and not get us up in the night.

SUNDAY JULY 19

To day we marched for 8 miles and again stopped for the day It has been pleasant.

MONDAY JULY 20

To day we marched about 14 miles I should think and encamped about the middle of the afternoon in a pleasant place beside a fine stream of water.

TUESDAY JULY 21

To day we have staid and rested at this place.

WEDNESDAY JULY 22

This forenoon we went out blackberrying get about 18quarts . A little afternoon we were ordered to march .We went about 7 miles and encamped near Sectors town.

THURSDAY JULY 23 1863

To day marched some miles into Kanassas gap , there was some firing by the corps in front of us

FRIDAY JULY 24

To day we marched a mile or so farther but were ordered back the 3d corps having driven the rebs out of the gap .We have lain still the rest of the day

SATURDAY 25

To day we marched 20miles I should think ,and encamped near Orleans on a branch of the Rappahannock I think

SUNDAY 26

To day we marched to within 2 miles of Warrenton .It has been a very hot day .Thunderstorms keep rising on the mountain and look as if they were coming toward us but move off up the mountain

MONDAY 27

To day we passed Warrenton and marched some six miles beyond it and encamped .it looks as if we might stay here some days.

TUESDAY 28

To day wrote a letter home .We remain in the camp where we stopped yesterday.

WEDSDAY 29

To day had a thunder shower but it is very warm .Went berrying with good success.

THURSDAY 30

To day has been very warm .nothing of interest

Ditto Friday and Saturday

Sunday August 1

Wrote a letter home .Very warm ,nothing of interest.

MONDAY 3

To day have been hard at work fixing up camp as it was expected we should stay here some time ,but just at night we received orders to march .

TUESDAY 4

We stopped at 2 o'clock .This forenoon we moved camp a little to have water convenient .It is very warm and it is in a hot place ,the woods cut off all breeze.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6 1863

To day we moved our camp and have got into a little more comfortable place. This evening there has been thunder showers all around us but very little rain fell here.

THURSDAY 8

To day have been fixing up camp a little had a hard ague chill this afternoon headache this evening.

FRIDAY 7

To day have cleaned up camp nicely. Built a table, going to have things comfortable if we stay here. Heavy rain this evening

SATURDAY 8

Received orders about last night to march at 8 this morning. Started about that time and marched about 4 miles, encamped near the Rappahannock and in sight of the blue ridge.

SUNDAY 9

To day has been very hot. Wrote a letter home.

MONDAY 10

To day received 4 months pay. It has been very warm.

Tuesday 11

To day sent 40 dollars home. Moved our ambulances and tents into the woods. Have a very nice camp on a dry knoll.

Wednesday 12 To day has been very warm. Signs of rain this evening

THURSDAY 13

Last night had a very heavy thunder shower. This morning inspection. Has been cooler to day.

Friday August 14

To day has been warm again. Nothing of interest and nothing to do but policing.

SATURDAY 16

To day preparing for inspection tomorrow.

SUNDAY 18

To day has been very warm. Inspection this morning. Have not been feeling well. Signs of rain to night.

Monday 17

To day has been quite cool and comfortable. Wrote a letter home

Tuesday 18 To day has been cool and comfortable  
The usual letter from home is missing

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19 1883

Last night was cool ,almost chilly this morning

THURSDAY 20

To day it is somewhat warmer.

FRIDAY 21

Received a letter from home to day dated the 17th

SATURDAY 22

To day got the letter that I should have had a week ago .It had been to the 24th

SUNDAY 23

To day has been pleasant nothing of interest.

MONDAY 24

To day notice was read on dress parade that 5 men from our division would be shot on the 28th for desertion.

TUESDAY 25

This afternoon has been cooler ,this evening it is beginning to rain.

WEDNESDAY 26

To day has been cool .The execution of the deserters is deferred till Saturday.

THURSDAY 27

Last night was cool and to day also.

FRIDAY 28

To day 5 men from the 118th Pa were executed a short distance from our camp.This evening it is reported that forts Sumter and Wagner are taken. Received a letter from home this eve.

SUNDAY 30

to day have been feeling quite unwell with ague ,but wrote a letter home as usual and attended inspection

MONDAY 31

Have been feeling better this morning than last night.

TUESDAY SEPT 1

Nothing of interest for the whole week.

WEDNESDAY 6

Received a letter from home and wrote one.

THURSDAY 8

Am on guard to day .Officers had a detail fixing up their Quarters.

FRIDAY 10

Warm cloudy weather .Nothing of interest.

X FRIDAY SEPT 11 1863

Received a letter from home.

Saturday 12

To day have been policing .Our new officer finds plenty of that to do.

THURSDAY 14

This evening have orders to prepare for marching .We are to start at 6AM

Sept 15

This morning were up at 2oclock did not start till after daylight took the sick to Bealton .Crossed the river about noon We were behind all trains .did not get into camp near Culpepper CB till after dark.

THURSDAY SEPT 17

To day came about a mile this side of culpepper and encamped Found plenty of boards from an old camp and have got fixed up quite nicely .It is a little showery this evening.

FRIDAY 18

To day has rained most of the time a hard wind blowing .this evening received a letter from home.

SATURDAY 19

To day there has been a cold raw wind .Nothing of interest

SUNDAY 20 To day had inspection as usual

Wrote a letter home .It has been a cold raw day

MONDAY 21

To day went to an old brick kiln and got a load of brick and built an oven .It is thought we shall be on the move soon Reports of a battle in progress in Tennessee.

THURSDAY 22

It is reported that the rebs have withdrawn their forces from the Rapidan. More reports of a great battle in Tennessee.

WEDSDAY 23 More reports from the army on the C Cumberland .Disaster is feared.

THURSDAY 24

Right days rations have been ordered for the troops and we are expecting to be called to march at any time.

FRIDAY 25

This evening reports is that Rosecrans has lost heavily in men and artillery..Received a letter from home.

SATURDAY 26

To day ther has been a cold wind blowing all day. Have been polishing up for inspection.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 1863

Wrote a letter home to day. Rosecrans has lost 100,000 men and 50 pieces of artillery.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

Has rained all day. very unpleasant.

SATURDAY 3

No mail has come up to day as the rain has started the bridge wrote a letter home.

SUNDAY 4

Received a letter from home.

MONDAY 5

To day am on guard, also split out some stuff for a tent

TUESDAY OCT 6 To day we got out stuff for a tent and nearly sided it up.

WEDNESDAY 8

To day have roofed our hut and got a door hung.

THURSDAY 9

To day got our hut all finished except daubing.

FRIDAY 10

Last night we were routed out about 1 o'clock and ordered to get ready to march. took the sick to Sealton. then went about 3 miles to the front and then returned to our old camp.

SATURDAY 11 MONDAY 12

This morning crossed the Rappahannock and this afternoon marched some miles farther and encamped for the night.

TUESDAY 13 WEDNESDAY 14

Were ordered up at 2 this morning and again retired across the river and on to Cattlets station. It is said that the rebels are in force at Manassas Warrenton.

THURSDAY 15

Made Manassas junction about 4pm and then went back to Cub Run to support 2nd corps, then started back at 10 for Centreville

FRIDAY 16

We arrived at C at 4 this morning. Slept till 8 or 9 then started out about 11 for Fairfax where we arrived at 4PM and shall probably stay all night. Have heard cannonading in the direction of Bull Run this evening

SATURDAY 17

Last night had rain, there were two or three showers during the day. We received sudden orders to march about 8PM. We started, soon after it commenced raining and continued hard for ~~some~~ ~~hours~~ ~~the~~ ~~morning~~ ~~very~~ ~~slow~~ ~~making~~ ~~only~~

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16 1863

for an hour or more. We marched very slow making only some 3 or 4 miles 11 o'clock when we went into camp.

SATURDAY 17

This morning marched within a mile of Centreville and encamped

SUNDAY 18

This morning were up early and started for Fairfax. Stopped for 2 or 3 hours in the camp of Friday. Then marched around 5 or 6 miles and encamped 1/2 of a mile from the camp we left in the morning.

MONDAY 19

To day marched through Centreville, crossed Bull run and encamped on the old battle field.

TUESDAY 20

To day marched within a mile of New Baltimore and encamped.

WEDNESDAY 21

To day have remained in camp.

THURSDAY 22

To day moved camp about half a mile to get on drier ground.

FRIDAY 23

To day have remained in camp. This PM it is lowery and some rain

SATURDAY 24

To day it has rained most of the time. Received orders about 4 PM to pack up and marched 4 or 5 miles and went into camp a little after 10

To day moved camp a few rods to be more convenient to wood and water

From Monday to Friday. Pleasant weather and nothing of interest.

FRIDAY 30

Orders came at 2 o'clock this morning to be ready to march at 8. We started a little later than that and got into camp near 3 mile station on the Warrenton branch road about 3 PM

SATURDAY 31

We have a nice camp here in a thick grove of oak and hickory. but water is not plenty nor convenient. When we got up this morning it was raining but it has cleared off this afternoon.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

Received a letter from home this morning and answered it.

MONDAY 2

to day has been pleasant. Nothing of interest

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3 1863

To day in election at home .Shall be glad to hear that the old state is as loyal as her sisters have been.

WEDNESDAY 4

To day has been pleasant .Nothing of Interest.

THURSDAY 5

To day a cold wind has been blowing.

FRIDAY NOV 6

A cold wind has been blowing all day .Received orders this evening to be ready to march at 8 30 tomorrow morning .Received a letter from home this evening.

SATURDAY 7

This morning started early in the direction of Bealton .about a mile below there formed on the left of the road and advanced toward the river. Just at dark charged on the forts and captured all of the enemy and 7 pieces of cannon.

SUNDAY 8

This morning marched to Kellys ford ,in the afternoon crossed . Heard some firing above but we had nothing to do .Bivouacked for the night about a mile from the river .A cold wind has been blowing all day

MONDAY 9

Have remained all day where we stopped last night. Just at night we pulled up and crossed the river .It is said we captured 1900 prisoners.

TUESDAY 10

This morning went into camp near the river and about 2 miles below Rappahannock station .It is expected that we shall stay here till the road is repaired.

WEDNESDAY 11

Our forces are at Calpesper .Have been employed to day fixing up hospital tents.

THURSDAY 12

The weather is pleasant .Nothing of interest.

FRIDAY 13

This evening are having a rain

SATURDAY 14

This evening are having a thunder shower.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18 1863

This morning have been having some more rain .cleared off a little before noon .Received a letter from home and answered it . Heard firing apparantly on the Rapidan .Marching orders have been received

X THURSDAY 19

This morning were awakened with orders to be ready to march at 8  
Got ready and started about that time.Crossed the river on the pontoons and went into camp near the rest of the corps.

FRIDAY 20

To day received 3 months pay and clothing money for the year.

SATURDAY 21

Has been raining all day and this evening still continues.

SUNDAY 22

To day wrote a letter home.

MONDAY 23

Have orders to be ready to march at six tomorrow morning

TUESDAY 24

This morning were up early and prepared to march .Commenced raining about daylight but we started and went about a mile when we were ordered back to camp.

WEDNESDAY 25

Went to the regt and had some teeth filled .am on guard to night.  
Orders came between 11 and 12 to be ready to march at six AM

X THURSDAY 26

Started about 8 AM .crossed the river just before sundown.Moved through the woods some distance till we struck a plank road then marched in an easterly direction til we came to a cleared spot and encamped.

FRIDAY 27

To day marched first in an easterly direction ,then southwesterly along a plank road ,all of the time through a wilderness.  
Just at night came to an opening where there was a house ,there was a battle in front of that with the 3d div.

saturday 28

this morning marched by a circuitous route some 3 or 4 miles ,came upon a pike at Bolands tavern.Rained all the forenoon Here we stop for the night .3 or 4 corps are in front of us.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29 1863

This morning started before daylight and marched some 2 miles to the front our brigade relieving the 2nd corps pickets. The rebs have been hard at work on the hill in front of us throwing up works, their pickets firing on any one who showed themselves through the woods.

MONDAY 30 1

This morning a cannonade was opened along the whole length of our line, the rebs made no reply and in half an hour or so it ceased. In the afternoon the rebs threw a few shells but were soon silenced by our shells. There has been no picket firing.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1

To day the heavy artillery ~~guns~~ and teams have been sent to the rear. This evening all the troops are going back except the pickets. We go at three in the morning.

WEDNESDAY 2

Left the front about three got to the river at daylight marched within 4 miles of Brandy station and encamped.

Thursday 3

To day our corps marched across the Rappahannock at the station. We are to guard the railroad.

FRIDAY 4

To day went into a piece of woods and cleared up a place for camp but the officers have concluded to move near brigade Headquarters.

SATURDAY 5

To day moved camp

MONDAY 6  
To day most of the boys have been at work fixing up quarters. We drew up some stuff for it. Wrote a letter home.

TUESDAY 7

To day worked hard putting up quarters. TUESDAY ditto

WEDNESDAY 9

To day have nearly finished our house and have got into it. We have made it very comfortable.

Thursday 10

To day some of our regt had a skirmish outside the picket lines with guerillas.

FRIDAY 11

The body of Dr Free was brought in to day. He was murdered by guerillas. He was a fine man much thought of.

SATURDAY 12

To day has been raining a little

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13 1883

Rained hard last night .To day is warmer .Wrote a letter home.

MONDAY 14

Have been at work putting up a kitchen for our squad.

TUESDAY 15

Nearly finished our kitchen to day.

WEDSDAY 16

To day has been lowery and unpleasant .Received an express box from home this evening.

thursday 17 Rained all last night and most of t  
the time to day

FRI.DAY 18

Rained some last night .To day has been lowery but no rain.

SATURDAY 19

Visited the regt this evening .No letter from home .Found the air very cold when I got out of the woods.

SUNDAY 20

Nothing of interest to day .Wrote a letter home.

MONDAY 21

To day have been reading Capt Maryatts novel Peter Simple ,it is very interesting.

TUESDAY 22

To day have been policing camp .It looks like a storm.

WEDSDAY 23

To day have been at police duty a cold wind has been blowing . This evening is clear and very cold .Fox visited me to day.

THURSDAY 24

To day have been at work getting brush for a fence .Received a letter from home .many of the boys have commenced to keep Christ-  
mas by getting drunk.

FRIDAY 25

To day has passed off pleasantly .Had oysters for dinner .There has been a good deal of drunkeness.

SATURDAY 26

To day has been pleasant .Received a letter from home.

SUNDAY 27

commenced raining this morning and continued all day ,and is still at it this evening.

X MONDAY 28 Rained all last night and has been unpleasent and rained some to day cleared off this evening.

TUESDAY 29

To day has been pleasant.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30 1863

Has been very pleasant to day .Some of our regt came down to the depot at 11 am to go home ,but a train had rin off the track below and at dark they had not gone.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 31 1863

Has been raining all day and this evening is dark and unpleasant  
12 colock .1863 is gone the year with all its joys and sorrows, i  
its hardships and pleasures. Many who were with us at the beginning  
of the year are lyong mouldering on the battle field or maimed and  
suffering in hospitals. A terrible year of war is past .We have  
rejoiced at victories but mourned at the deaths of companions.  
We have been cast down by defeats but hoped for the best. may this  
war be ended and this year made happy by our reunions at home.

FRIDAY JANUARY 1 1864

This morning the Blue mountains were white with snow though we  
have none here. The day has been unpleasant but it has cleared off  
this evening .We have had an excellent dinner and a pleasant tim.

SATURDAY 2

Last night I think was the coldest I have seen in Virginia .Water  
in pails froze up almost solid. To day has been cold a raw wind .  
Received a letter from home this morning.

SUNDAY 3

To day has been pleasant but cold .Hunt was over to visit us this  
afternoon.

MONDAY 4

To day has been snowing all day .This evening received orders to  
be ready to march. It is enough to make a body homesick to have t  
to leave our quarters such a time .Still we hope it may be counter-  
manded.

TUESDAY 5

To day has been very cold for Va .We have not marched yet and I  
very much hope we shall not though the orders have not been count-  
ermanded

THURSDAY 7

To day has been cloudy and cold .Nothing of interest occarring.  
Have been reading Wilke collins No Name .It is very interesting.

FRIDAY 8

This morning found 5 inches of snow on the ground.

SATURDAY 9

To day received the things that we packed up at Halle hill most  
of the things were missing except some blankets .  
Received a long letter from home.

SUNDAY JANUARY 10 1884

To day has been pleasant .Wrote a letter home.This afternoon went over to the regt to see Hunt .Had a pleasant visit .Got back just at dark

MONDAY .Nothing of interest.

TUESDAY 12

To day my tentmates and myself went to the artists and had our pictures taken together.

WEDSDAY 13

To day our commander had our whole force out building a brush fence to protect the corps from the garriles.It has been cloudy and thawing all day.

THURSDAY 14

To day have put window in our house making it much pleasanter. Went over to the regt this afternoon to visit Reuben he is quite unwell.

FRIDAY 15

To day went to Alexandria with the 83d Pa Had some photographs taken and got a german grammar.Returned on the 7 Pa train.

SATURDAY 16 Went over to the regt this afternoon It has been thawing all day and is getting very muddy.

Sunday 17

Has been lowery and rainy all day

MONDAY 18

Rained last night most of the time and to day.

TUESDAY 19

Have been at work to day laying sidewalk in front of our quarters

WENT TO THE ARTISTS TO DA

WEDSDAY-20

Went to the artists to day and had another negative taken .he was not satisfied with the other.

THURSDAY 21

To day has been pleasant .The sun shining brightly has thawn out the ground making it very muddy.

FRIDAY 22

To day has been pleasant and sunshiny Went over to the regt after supper to see reuben found him much better .came back and found a letter from home.

SATURDAY JANUARY 23 1884

To day has been pleasant nothing to do have passed the time studying german and reading .This is a beautiful moonlight evening .  
am on guard from 11 to 1

SUNDAY 24

Our regt has received orders to go to Alexandria to do guard duty  
Went over there this afternoon they had their tents struck and  
were loading on the cars .they go at 8 oclock.

MONDAY 25

To day has been warm and pleasant .More like May than January.

TUESDAY 26

To day has been very pleasant .This evening had a serenade some v  
very good music. Am on guard from 11 to 1

WEDNESDAY 27

To day has been a beautiful day .as warm and sunshiny as may  
be pleasant to read or study and have nothing else to do.  
The pickets from our regt were relieved to day and went to A.

THURSDAY 28

Another beautiful sunshiny day .so pleasant to read or study and t  
too warm to play .No work to do.

FRIDAY 29

Still the weather continues fine .Went down to the station and  
got our photographs this afternoon .and then went down again this  
evening to see if any of our boys were on the train but saw none

SATURDAY 30

To day has been lowery and unpleasant raining some .Went down to t  
the depot at 7 and met our boys and went with them to Alexandria

SUNDAY 31

Went down to the city a little while this afternoon .Received  
a letter from home.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 1

Went down and around the city some to day .got my photographs  
and returned on the 7 PM train to camp.

TUESDAY 2

To day cleared up .Then looked like being pleasant again .  
This evening are having a hard thunder showe .

WEDNESDAY 3

To day the wind has blown hard all day .It went down with the  
sun however and bids fair to be a cold night.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15 1864  
Has been snowing all day and quite cold. It begins to look quite wintry again.

TUESDAY 16

This morning the sun came out brightly and soon cleared the snow off but the wind has been blowing hard all the evening and it is freezing very hard.

WEDNESDAY 17

To day the wind has been blowing hard all day and this evening it is freezing hard.

X THURSDAY 18

The weather still continues cold. Wind has not blown as much as yesterday. This evening is bright clear and cold.

FRIDAY 19

To day has been cold but pleasant. The boys have been skating on the Rappahannock. Am on guard to night. It is a beautiful moonlight night but cold.

SATURDAY 20

Has been warmer. Rode down to the river this afternoon to have a slide on the ice but it had softened so it would not hold.

SUNDAY 21 To day went down to the RR at 4 Pm and went down to Strandy with our boys. Came back at 9. It has been quite warm and is getting so dry that the dust flies.

MONDAY 22

Has been pleasant most of the day but this evening looks like a storm. The paymaster is at the RR and we expect to get our pay tomorrow.

TUESDAY 23

This is a most beautiful day. Birds singing and it looks like a good map day if we only had the trees. Went down to the regt and got our pay this forenoon.

WEDNESDAY 24

This evening rode over to division head quarters and got 4 letters for myself. Had a pleasant ride. Arnolds brother came here this afternoon.

THURSDAY 25

This forenoon rode down to the 2nd brigade about 3 miles from here. It has been a pleasant day and we had a nice ride

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25 1884

The wind has been blowing hard and cold all day .Have been feeling lame from over exertion on the slack rope.

SATURDAY 27

To day has been pleasant very little of interest. This evening orders were received for 4 ambulances to go with 4 days rations . The army seems to be going on a reconnoissance.

SUNDAY 28

To day has been pleasant .Nothing heard from the front. None of the ambulances have gone away and think they will not have to.

MONDAY 29

Went down to the RR at 4 oclock .Reub came up on the train and brought me 2 letters. It is very dark this evening and beginning to rain.

TUESDAY MARCH 1

This month opens rainy and unpleasant .the rain freezing to the trees this evening ,it has been snowing some.

WEDNESDAY 2

The sun came up bright this morning and has taken all the snow off but it has been chilley.

THURSDAY 3

Arnolds brother left us this morning for his home .It has been a warm and pleasant day nothing of interest going on.

X FRIDAY 4

To day has been pleasant .The Herald of yesterday gives the reason for the marching orders of Sunday .Kilpatrick is on a raid for Richmond .,hope he may be successful.

SATURDAY 5

Went down to the RR this afternoon and ~~was~~ saw some of our boys \* Received a letter from home.

SUNDAY 6

Very pleasant to day .Spent the time writing and reading.

WEDNESDAY 9

Went down to the RR and saw two boys from our company.

THURSDAY 10

Commenced to rain this morning and has been hard at it all day. One of the boys from Co G has been here most of the day.

X FRIDAY 11

To day has been lowery misty and unpleasant .Nothing of interest

MARCH  
SATURDAY 12 1864

Cleared up last night and to day has been pleasant ,drying up the mud somewhat.

SUNDAY 13

To day has been very pleasant .Wrote a letter home.

MONDAY 14

Went down to the RR this afternoon ,saw Willis Morse and got a letter from home with Nellie Morses picture.

TUESDAY 15

Had a little flurry of snow to day and cleared off with a cold rain wind.

WEDNESDAY 16

This has been a cold raw day .This evening they are having a grand ball at division headquarters .Nearly all of the ambulances are to haul the ladies from the RR

THURSDAY 17

To day has been pleasant but nothing of interest going on here though the Irish regts are having grand times I suppose as it is St Patricks day

FRIDAY 18

Received orders this evening to be ready to march at a moments notice.At roll call had orders to be ready to march at 2 o'clock so we are packing up ,but still hope we shall not have to move

SATURDAY 19

Were called up at 3 o'clock and harnessed up the teams but did not march .After daylight unharnessed again .We have got to be prepared again to night.

SUNDAY 20

Last night were prepared to march but no alarm was received a letter from home and answered it.

MONDAY 21

Have been miserable with bilious fever and sore throat.

TUESDAY 22

Have had a sore throat to day than yesterday .This evening it is snoring fast

WEDNESDAY 23

This morning there was nearly a foot of light snow ,but it has been a bright sunshiny day and to night it has shrunk to 3 or 4 inches.

THURSDAY 24

Has been a bright sunshiny day .Received a letter from cousin NK this evening .Am going to the regt tomorrow as orderley from brigade headquarters.

\* FRIDAY MARCH 25 1864

Went down to the RR at 9 AM. Got to A at 7 PM. Went out to the r  
regt. found that Herb had gone down town. Went down town and a  
after a little came across him. This evening it is raining hard.

SATURDAY 26

Went down town this morning and bought me a flute. This evening  
went to parkers minstrels. Did not think much of it.

SUNDAY 27

Returned to Rappahannock this PM. got here at 4P

Wrote a letter home this evening

MONDAY 28

To day has been pleasant, nothing of interest going on.

TUESDAY 29

To day has been stormy, it has been raining hard all the evening

WEDNESDAY 30 Rained hard all last night and a good  
deal of the time to day. The river is higher than I ever saw it  
before.

THURSDAY 31

Two of our boys came here this morning and got breakfast. they  
had staid at the station all night. the river was so high that  
the trains could not cross.

FRIDAY APRIL 1

Is raining this evening. Have been carpentering a little to day

Saturday 2

A violin and guitar player have been here from the 83 and we have  
had some music.

SUNDAY 3

To day has been pleasant. Wrote a letter home this evening.

MONDAY 4

commenced to snow this morning, then turned to rain and has been  
raining all day. and is at it yet with no signs of stopping

TUESDAY 5

Rained all last night and is raining yet, it is dull enough.

Wednesday 6

Cleared of. this forenoon and this evening it is very pleasant

THURSDAY 7

To day has been warm and pleasant, such like spring

FRIDAY APRIL 8 1864

To day has been warm and pleasant, but it looks as if we should have rain before long.

SATURDAY 9

Just as we got into Bed last night 4 boys came here who had come up to attend a court martial. Sig got supper for them and we found sleeping places. Commenced to rain this morning and has been hard at it all day. It is dreary enough

x SUNDAY 10

This morning came off warm and pleasant. The river is so high as to endanger the bridge. This afternoon it is raining again.

MONDAY 11

A bridge has been carried away between here and Alexandria so that no train came down.

TUESDAY 12

Trains came down again this evening

WEDNESDAY 13

To day we received our pay. Went down to the depot at 4 o'clock, and went to Alexandria with the boys. Got there about 4

THURSDAY 14

Had a good visit with Harrison Nichols at the Woolf street hospital. Purchased some books and returned on the evening train

FRIDAY SATURDAY and SUNDAY

lowery rainy and unpleasant. Nothing of interest

MONDAY 18

To day has been pleasant. This afternoon the boys laid down a floor and this evening had a dance. Had 3 violins and 2 guitars for music. Did not break up till 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY 19 Pleasant

WEDNESDAY 20

~~The day has been pleasant~~ It is reported that our

THURSDAY 21

This afternoon went down to the RR and Benben Fox came back with me to supper

x FRIDAY 22 Pleasant. Nothing of interest

SATURDAY 23

Received 2 letters from home this afternoon. It has been a very pleasant spring day though the wind has been blowing hard

SUNDAY APRIL 24, 1864

To day has been pleasant. Wrote a letter home. Walked down to the RR this afternoon and got onto the cars and rode down to Brandy and came back on the 7 45 train

MONDAY 25

rained almost all last night, but this morning the sun came out bright and pleasant. Had a mess of dock greens for dinner.

TUESDAY 26

To day has been warm and pleasant. Read one of Coopers novels "Days of the Hour"

WEDNESDAY 27

To day has been very pleasant. Nothing of interest going on.

THURSDAY 28

Went down to the RR this afternoon but there was none of our boys on the train. They have been relieved and will probably be up here this week

FRIDAY 29

Our regt came down here this PM at 4 o'clock. Went down to the 8 30 Pa regt this evening and heard some good music.

SATURDAY 30

To day has been pleasant. The A B passed here this forenoon. I expect he may go tomorrow.

SUNDAY MAY 1

Were up early this morning. Got our breakfast and hauled out about 7 30. We crossed the river and went into camp about 1 Pa half a mile from Brandy station.

MONDAY 2

to day has been pleasant, have been lying in camp where we stopped yesterday. This afternoon had a storm of wind and dust so that we could see but a few rods. It soon began to rain and that settled it

TUESDAY 3

This morning the mountains were white with snow and the wind ran. We broke camp and marched within a mile or so of Culpepper. It is reported that we march at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY 4

Broke camp at 12 last night and marched. We went by a round about way for we did not get to Strausburg until after daylight. crossed the river Rapidan about 9 o'clock and then halted for refreshment. We then marched till about 2 PM and encamped near the house in which Stonewall Jackson died.

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May 20, 1920 - In The National Tribune of  
this date, in a sketch of the present senator  
James W. Wadsworth Jr. it says that James S.  
Wadsworth's ground pattern of the ~~Wadsworth~~ was killed  
May 4 1864. I remember distinctly seeing him fall  
from his horse the day was a great sorrow to me  
and did not know who it was till after word  
I that it had come in word of the ~~Wadsworth~~ case  
in my letters or diary, but do not find it

THURSDAY MAY 6 1864

This morning we were routed out at 4 o'clock and we thought we were going to march on without meeting the enemy, but soon found the troops were forming for battle. Our division formed on the road that runs east and west about noon they commenced fighting and kept it up for 3 or 4 hours. On our left the firing was kept up till dark. We have got to sleep to night without blankets.

FRIDAY 6

Firing was commenced as soon as daylight and was kept up for an hour or two, then there was only a little skirmishing. About noon the rebels threw in some shells that came unpleasantly near our party and one was wounded and one bruised. Just before dark the rebels made a sudden attack on our right and came near turning it. After dark the whole of our force fell back behind their breastworks.

SATURDAY 7

This morning the rebels came out through the woods and our artillery opened on them and afterwards we charged on them and drove them back through the woods. There has been some skirmish firing all day. Quite a number of the 18th Mich were wounded.

Just at dark we went to the hospital and loaded up all the sick and started for Chancellorville.

SUNDAY 8

We arrived at Chancellorville about 11 o'clock this morning, staid there till daylight and then marched along the Fredricksburg pike to within 8 miles of that place, then we took a byroad and marched in the direction of Spottsylvania S<sup>W</sup>. We got to the lines a little after dark. Our regt and the 83 Pa had been in a hard fight this morning and lost severely. We hunted all around but could not find the regt so we laid down and went to sleep.

MONDAY 9

Found the regt this morning. They have been resting to day, there has been but little firing to day. Our regt lost severely yesterday. Cousin Willis is wounded and missing. The regt has lost 125 killed wounded and missing since we crossed the Rapidan. Our skirmish fighting was just before dark and there was some pretty sharp firing but it has died away and I think we will have a chance to sleep to night.

TUESDAY MAY 10 1864

There has been some heavy fighting this afternoon and severe cannonading. Our brigade was ordered to the front and expected to charge but the order was countermanded. Our boys were glad enough of it. Gen Rice was carried off the field shot through the knees.

WEDNESDAY 11

Has not been much firing to day except of artillery. This afternoon have had some rain and it looks as if night have more. It is said Gen Rice died last night.

× THURSDAY 12

There has been cannonading along the whole line to day. The 2nd corps moved to the ~~right~~<sup>left</sup> and drove the rebels capturing men and guns. Toward night almost the entire force moved to the left near to the spot where Hancock was successful. It rained all this forenoon and is raining again this evening.

Friday 13

Rained slowly nearly all night but I slept comfortably with two others on a rubber blanket with a woolen one over us. About 4 o'clock we were routed out and moved to the right and halted in a field in the rear of our first position and got breakfast. There has been but little fighting to day, some artillery firing. Our brigade threw up entrenchment on the line they took this morning. This evening a complimentary order from Gen Meade was read to the troops, stating that we had forced the enemy to retire from their entrenchments with a loss to them of 18 guns, 8000 prisoners and 22 colors.

SATURDAY 14

Were routed out at 11 last night and told we had to march 7 miles. It was not very dark though cloudy but the first 2 miles were the muddiest I ever had to walk through. We waded through stream that came to the knee. After we had gone about 5 miles<sup>one</sup> myself and 2 companions stopped at a 4th corps hospital where there was a large fire and dried ourselves and laid down and slept till daylight. We came up to the regt with a half hours march. There has been no fighting to day of any account. This evening one of our batteries opened on a rebel encampment and made them strike tents in a hurry.

SUNDAY 15

To day has been a day of rest and refreshment. It has been pleasant but this afternoon had a short shower. Have come back to the train and are going to stay here to night. *with a letter from*

X MONDAY MAY 16 1864

Has been no fighting at all to day so the boys have had a good chance to rest up. Went to the train and did some washing. This afternoon most of the train went to the last hospital to get the wounded.

TUESDAY 17

To day has been pleasant no fighting going on. The men have been digging trenches all over the field expectin there will be some artillery firing tomorrow. Our brigade moved farther to the front this evening after dark.

To day has been pleasant. Our brigade moved farther to the front last night and threw up breastworks. Two of our boys were wounded by shells. Saw some into the train and are going to stay here to night. Got two letters from home to night.

THURSDAY 19

This morning going down to the brigade stopped at the 8th Art and saw Bell and some others that I knew. One of the 83 Pa was wounded by a sharpshooter this afternoon. Had a light shower this afternoon. The rebs made an attack on our right and drove it back as it was held by heavy artillery. But our men rallied and drove them back, taking some prisoners.

FRIDAY 20

The pickets in our front have been very friendly this morning exchanging papers &c. It has been pleasant and dry so far. Went up to the train this afternoon. Went to the 8th for a short time and saw Bell.

SATURDAY 21

All was very quiet this forenoon but a little afternoon we began to fall back. The rebs followed up our skirmishers rapidly. We marched till we came to the RR and followed it down a ways then turned southward and marched till 9 o'clock and went into camp.

SUNDAY 22

To day we started about 10 our brigade in advance, there was no skirmishing. 3 of our regt were wounded by a shell. We went into camp a little before dark.

MONDAY MAY 23 1864

Started early this morning, we marched with the train. We came to the North Anna about noon. Our division crossed without difficulty, and the whole of the corps was across before 5 o'clock. About 8 the first brigade was advancing when the rebels made a fierce attack but were repulsed our loss 100 was small but think theirs was greater as our batteries had a good chance and theirs had none.

TUESDAY 24

Lay behind the breastworks which we threw up until late in the afternoon when we moved a mile to the right and encamped. There was some heavy firing during the day apparently 8 or 10 miles down the river but all was quiet where we were.

WEDNESDAY 25

This morning we moved a mile or two along the RR towards the junction. There has been some skirmishing along the little river in front of us. The troops have been engaged in tearing up and destroying the railroad.

THURSDAY 26

Our regiment was on picket last night, there were none of them hurt though there was some firing. Had a shower this morning and this forenoon and again this evening. After dark we fell back across the North Anna. I stopped at the train and we are to follow the troops as soon as they get across.

FRIDAY 27

We did not get started till daylight and then we went only a mile before we stopped and got breakfast. We then started and went rapidly 6 or 8 miles when we halted again a little before noon. This afternoon we marched slower but made good progress. We did not get into camp till nearly 11 o'clock though the troops were in earlier.

*Saturday* ~~THURSDAY~~ 28

Started early this morning 4 of us went ahead foraging and succeeded in capturing a pig. We finally turned off to the Pamunkey along which we have been marching for two days and crossed it. Took our stretchers and went to the regt. Found the troops encamped along the top of a hill a mile from the river and throwing up breastworks, they were to stop doing it this evening and the boys think we will move in the morning.

SUNDAY MAY 29 1864

We were awakened at daylight by the bugle blowing Dan Dan Dan Butterfield Butterfield, the call of the 3d brigade. We have been marching during the day, but slowly and stopping often as the way must be felt out in front of us.

MONDAY 30

To day our division advanced about 2 miles. The Pa reserves on left were driven back and before the reserves could form the rebs were upon them and drove them back. However the 2nd 4th divisions formed along the road and threw up breastworks and sent heavy lines into the woods the rebs attacked them but were repulsed. do not know whether they regained the ground the reserves lost or not. A brigade of the 9th corps relieved our 2nd brigade. our post is on picket to night.

TUESDAY 31

Our regt was relieved about noon and our division moved to the left into the woods, a nice shady place. There has been heavy firing on the left and right.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1

Our brigade remained in the woods where we came yesterday till a little after noon. When we advanced going around the swam in front of us. Our regt commenced throwing up breastworks. Our skirmishers were on a little rise about 30 rods in front of us. About 6 o'clock the rebs advanced driving in our skirmishers. They advanced to the top of the hill but could not come over though they kept their colors flying. At dark we received reinforcements but they were so scared that they fired into our regt killing one man and wounded one other. We carried off these men only one of them from our regt. There was heavy firing on our left that continued until after dark.

THURSDAY 2

We remained in the breastworks until 3 PM when we moved out leaving only the pickets. We had not gone more than half a mile when the pickets on the right came in saying they were driven. We went a little farther and found the 9th corps forming in line of battle at right angles to our former one. Pretty soon the rebs attacked but were repulsed. Half an hour after they attacked again and the firing was kept up until after dark when we had a chance to make coffee. Soon after noon we had a sharp shower and this evening it is drizzling.

FRIDAY JUNE 3 1864

This morning the pickets were close up to us 500 yards back of where the line was last night. Soon after daylight a line was formed in the field and advanced to the woods, the artillery throwing shells directly in front of them. Directly a rebel battery on our left opened on ours the shell bursting in front of the breastworks in which we lay and lengthways of them. One of our men was killed and several others on the right of the regt. Our batteries then turned on them and after a while nearly silenced them. Then the 2nd and 3rd brigades swung around into the field to straighten the line. One man in our regt was killed and 6 or 7 wounded. Just at night a man on the picket line was wounded. Sig and I went out to get him but he died soon after we got him in. There was heavy firing way on the left this evening.

SATURDAY JUNE 4

This morning the rebels were all gone from in front of us and our boys went into their breastworks. 36 dead horses lay about where their guns were yesterday, and large numbers of small arms. About noon we moved out of the breastworks and we thought we were going off to the left, but there was some mistake and we were ordered back. It is raining some this evening.

X SUNDAY 5

To day we have lain behind the breastworks. There has been some picket firing but no wounded. At dusk there was some very heavy firing on the left and the picket firing ran along the line down to us. We expected an attack but there was none made. We shall move out before morning.

MONDAY 6

We moved to the church about 11 o'clock but did not go any farther until nearly daylight. We then went some 3 miles farther and encamped. We have had a good resting day and have drawn shoes and socks, also got a mail.

TUESDAY 7

This morning we were routed out as soon as daylight and 2 divisions of our corps started. We thought we were going on some sort of a reconnoissance, but we went only some 3 or 4 miles and went into camp, one of the regts from each brigade going on picket on the Chickahominy.

X WEDNESDAY 8

We are taking it very easy to day. The rebels threw a few shells

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8 1864

We are taking it easy these days .The rebs threw a few shells but only made a noise and wasted their ammunition.

This morning they fired at a crowd around the butchers and succeeded in hearing the butchers away ,but the boys came near carrying away all of the meat before they left.

5Pm The rebs have just thrown a shell which burst in a tent of the 5th Mass battery and killed 2 and wounded 5 It came near 5 miles

THURSDAY 9

All has been quiet here to day .Our regt laid out camp and put up tents. We came back to the train half a mile from the regt and put up a tent.

FRIDAY 10

This morning the 9th Mass left for the White House on their way home. It has been quiet .Some think we are to make another move to the left .It is reported that we are taking up the RR and reworking the stores.

SATURDAY 11

All has been very quiet to day . The other two divisions of our corps it is said have moved to the left on the Chickahominy.

SUNDAY 12

Everything was very quiet to day .In the afternoon Gen Grant and Meade passed .Just after dark we started on the march keeping along down the river. After marching till 1 o'clock we stretcher carriers have stopped to wait till morning. I suppose the troops will go on and cross the river ~~at~~.

MONDAY 13

After an hours walk this morning we crossed the river and came up with our division. We stopped and made coffee .Our corps moved on a mile or so farther and stopped for the day. There is a line of battle formed for the protection of the crossing of the rest of the troops. Started a little after dark and marched till 2 o'clock.

TUESDAY 14

Started on the march again this morning .arrived at charles city court house about 10 30 and stopped for coffee. This afternoon we marched 2 or 3 miles and encamped near the river. The 2nd corps is being sent up the river as fast as possible. Went down to the river just at night and had a fine bath.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 15 1864

To day has been very warm. The 2d corps trains are being shipped there are some beautiful fields of clover oats and wheat here the wheat is almost fit to cut but little of it will be of any use to the sowers I fear. It is said that our division is to remain here till every thing else is shipped

THURSDAY 16

This morning early we went down to the river. We were ferried across about 1 o'clock and went up the bank a mile or two and halted till 3 when we started and marched rapidly until 11 o'clock when my companion and myself fell out pretty well tired out. It is reported that the first line of works has been captured at Petersburg, and we must get up in supporting ditama.

FRIDAY 17

Came up with the troops about sunrise. The 2nd corps is in front of us. We have been lying all day where the division stopped last night. There has been some heavy firing on the left. There is a long line of works near us that were captured last night.

SATURDAY 18

This morning our division moved to the front. We lay a little to the left of some breastworks taken last night by the 9th corps. One of our boys counted 70 dead rebels, I did not go near till a good many were buried but I saw 25 or 30. About noon we moved up farther into some breastworks. At dark we moved up close to the skirmishers and not more than 200 or 300 yards from the breastwork. and went to work throwing up works. The 1st and 2nd brigades are in front of us and expect to charge

SUNDAY 19

for some reason there was no charge made last night. As soon as it was light the rebels began popping at every head that showed itself above the breastworks. Three of our regt were instantly killed before 9 o'clock. After that the boys were more careful and no more were hit. In the afternoon two mortars were opened in the rear of our regt which dropped shells very nicely into the rebel works. The rebels opened on them with shell and cannister which came very near us but none of us were hit

MONDAY 20

We have lain all day behind the works. One of our boys who was 1/2 of a mile behind the regt after water was wounded through the calf of the leg by a stray ball. That was the only one of our regt wounded to day. The 16th Mich and 83 Pa on our left had several wounded

MONDAY JUNE 20 1864

About 11 o'clock we were relieved by the 3d division and went half a mile to the rear and bivouacked for the night.

TUESDAY 21

This morning we moved about 2 miles to the left and went into the woods, and we thought we were going to lay off for a while, but pickets were thrown out and in the evening we advanced and threw up breastworks. One of our boys was killed on picket this evening.

WEDNESDAY 22

To day we have lain in the trenches which we threw up last night. Our regt and one or two others are in the 2nd line. It has been quite quiet during the day except a little cannonading. ~~until 10 o'clock~~ when some sharp musketry and some shelling broke out on the left of us. It did not last 5 minutes but it is reported that the rebels made the attack and captured some cannon. After half an hour it broke out again and kept up until dark. It seems to be an attempt to advance the pickets.

THURSDAY 23

X This morning and this evening there was considerable firing between the pickets but during the day it was so warm the pickets seemed to prefer to lie still. This evening there was quite a rumour kicked up but it did not amount to much.

FRIDAY 24

This morning there was a heavy cannonade on the right. It appeared that they were shelling the city. After a little the rebels commenced to throw shells over us and kept it up quite lively for half an hour our batteries replying. Only one man in our brigade was hit.

SATURDAY 25

Went back to the hospital to day for some rations. It has been a very hot day though there was some breeze.

Bell clapp was over to the Co this morning. There has been the usual amount of skirmish firing but few hit I think.

SUNDAY 26

To day has been quiet along here. An occasional discharge of artillery to the right of us. This evening it clouded up, there was some thunder and it looked as if we should get rain but it proved to be only wind. Wrote a letter home.

MONDAY JUNE 27 1864

To day has been hot but this evening we had a little shower. It has been pretty quiet right in our front but a little to the right the pickets keep firing. There was also some cannonading to the right. It looks very much as if we were besieging

TUESDAY 28

To day has been comfortably cool. It has been quiet most of the time, occasionally a cannon boom out on the right. In the afternoon the battery at the right of our regt fired a dozen shots or so at some horses in the rebel lines.

X WEDNESDAY 29

Last night was very cool. To day has been quiet and not very hot. One of our boys who has been down on the right says the rebel sharpshooters keep up a continual fire and also throw no mortar shells into our works. Our men are mining a fort there.

THURSDAY 30

To day has been hot and dusty. Nothing of interest going on.

FRIDAY JULY 1

Every thing goes on the same. The weather hot. Our boys are digging wells.

SATURDAY 2

To day went over to the 2nd corps and saw Dell. Found it very hard and dusty walking. Received a letter from home and answered it

SUNDAY 3

To day there has been the usual amount of cannonading and picket firing, but all quiet here.

MONDAY 4

To day there has been nothing very unusual except a display of flags on the enemys works and our own. Our bands were playing and the rebels crowded on their works to hear the music.

TUESDAY 5

To day has been like the past nothing of interest. The regt has been laying out streets and fixing up some. Two of our stretcher carriers went back to the train so there is only two of us here now

WEDNESDAY 6

To day have moved our quarters to make room for the officers tents. Have good news from Shermans army this morning.

THURSDAY JULY 7 1864

This morning the rems commenced throwing shells at a new line which we had commenced in front of our line to straighten it. About 9 o'clock the men who went to the train Tuesday came back and said we must go to the train. The wind has been blowing hard and the dust flying like snow. But one man was hurt in the brigade though the rems kept up the firing all day.

FRIDAY 8

To day the boys have been digging a well. Dry as the weather is they found plenty of water at 10 ft. This evening have the news that the Alabama has been sunk in an engagement with the US gunboat Kearsarge

SATURDAY 9

To day there appears to have been no firing at all at the front. The most quiet day we have had since we have been here.

SUNDAY 10

To day there has been some cannonading. It clouded up and for a while it looked as if we should have rain but none came. Received a letter from home and answered it.

MONDAY 11

The dust has been flying in perfect clouds to day. This afternoon it clouded up and there was lightning and thunder but the showers all went around us. This evening it is sprinkling a little.

TUESDAY 12

We had rain enough last night to lay the dust for an hour after sunrise. We were all awakened at 3 this morning the stretcher bearers ordered to the front and the teams hitched up expecting there was going to be wounded, but when we got to the front all was quiet and has been all day.

WEDNESDAY 13

To day there has been a breeze blowing so it has not been so hot. The rems have been throwing some shells but have not done much hurt. This evening our mortars have been at work, the shells lighted by the fuses make beautiful curves.

THURSDAY 14

This morning as soon as daylight started to go to the train found it cool and pleasant walking and it has been cool and pleasant all day. The rems have cut the RR between Piedmont and Washington. There is considerable excitement and a rush for papers.

FRIDAY JULY 15 1864

To day our men a little to the left of us have been throwing mortar shells quite lively into the rebel works. The rebels have thrown a few shells over us but have not done much harm. This evening it is reported that the rebel raid has reached the Potomac and that Custer has captured their train.

~~306~~ THURSDAY 16

To day has been quiet. Our mortars on the right have been at work some. This is a beautiful moonlight evening. The boys are enjoying it, they have a violin and flute player on the breastworks and are dancing in the street.

SUNDAY 17

To day has been quiet nothing of interest going on. Wrote a letter home. This evening the regts were all in arms on account of the reports of the pickets that the enemy seemed to be forming in the hollow.

MONDAY 18

Last night passed off quietly. To day has been very quiet though a few mortar shells were thrown not far from here. There is more or less of that going on every day a little to the right of us, but we have become so accustomed to it that we hardly notice it.

TUESDAY 19

To day we have been having a fine rain, it commenced in the night and has been raining all day. To night it looks like clearing off.

WEDNESDAY 20

To day sunbline and clouds. Went up to the big fort at the left. Found the 104th in it. Had a short visit with George Stryker.

THURSDAY 21

This morning Smith and Jack came to the front and Sig and I went back to the train. It is more comfortable than when we were here last the dust does not fly so.

FRIDAY 22

There was some heavy firing in the 5th corps this afternoon but don't know what it amounted to.

SATURDAY 23

To day had inspection of the train. Wrote a letter home.

SUNDAY 24

To day has been cool and pleasant. Wrote a letter home. This evening it is raining.

~~X~~ MONDAY 25

Last night's rain was cold. To day came off cool and pleasant. This evening there seems to be unusual firing at the front.

TUESDAY JULY 28 1864

To day has been pleasant .This evening a part of the 2nd corps passed on the road to city point .Where they are going we cannot imagine

WEDNESDAY 28

It is reported that the 2nd corps captured 4 guns and 1000 prisoners at Malvern hill this morning. It is sprinkling this evening and looks like rain.

THURSDAY 28

This morning Sig and I came out to the front and Smith and Jack went back .found some change .There has been a deal of digging the past week.-

FRIDAY 29

To day 8 8 inch mortars were put in position behind our regt. This evening the 6th mass battery came up to the right of our regt. It is thought an attempt will be made to carry the rebel works tomorrow.

SATURDAY 30

This morning a rebel fort in front of the 9th corps was blown up and immediately all the guns and mortars along our line opened fire .A charge was made and the rebel line carried where the fort was blown up .The rebels tried to retake it but were repulsed .The firing pretty much ceased at noon .We had a good view as we were at the left of the line and but few shots came any where near us .About noon the rebels again made a charge and recaptured the fort .Since all has been quiet .Our pickets went out and were not fired on .

SUNDAY 31

This morning the mortars in rear of us were removed .A flag of truce was sent out for permission to remove the wounded and bury the dead .The matter seems to be pending and nothing done yet.

MONDAY AUG 1

This morning the wounded were removed and the dead buried .I have heard a report that our loss was only 200 but think it must be greater .The paymaster is around and think we will get our pay tomorrow or next day.

TUESDAY 2

This morning went out to the 104th to see George and learned he had lost a thumb by a piece of shell when on picket.

WEDNESDAY 3

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31 1964

Received 4 (pouches) this morning (Jack and Smith came out and we returned to the train.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Were nothing of interest

SATURDAY 6

This morning it is reported that the rebs blew up one of our forts, but it was a total failure to them as it was known to us. The boys say there was heavy firing last night but it failed to wake me.

SUNDAY 7

Went over this morning to see Dell found him somewhat unwell. Received a letter from home and answered it.

X MONDAY 8

To day for the sake of a little style all of our tents must be moved into a single row and a shade built over them. However I do not suppose we were much worse for the labor

X TUESDAY 9

This morning came out to the regt and the others went in. It has been very nothing of interest going on. This evening we are having a shower. About noon to day we heard a noise like thunder though there were no clouds in the sky. In the evening we learned that it was the explosion of a boat load of ammunition at city point.

WEDNESDAY 10

The rebs were throwing shells over this way all night at intervals. Though none came dangerously near us their shreaking was not conducive to sleep.

THURSDAY 11

We are having beautiful moonlight evenings now but small chance to enjoy them. Although not a mile from the cockade city none of us have yet visited it, and it looks as if it would be a long time yet before we shall have an opportunity. Received a letter from home this evening.

FRIDAY 12

Nothing of interest going on. Sunday. Wrote a letter home.

X MONDAY 13

This morning early we were relieved by the 5th corps and our corps went to the rear and bivouacked. Sig and I went to the train as our 5 days were up. We had a very hard thunder shower this PM.

TUESDAY AUGUST 16 1864

This morning was pretty cool but the sun came out warm in the afternoon. Was detailed for police duty.

WEDNESDAY 17

Last night were awakened at 10 and told to pack up everything. Laid down after it was done and got a little nap. Were awakened at 2 and ordered to hitch up. Got breakfast as we expected to move out at once, and then laid down and slept till daylight. are in camp yet. It is raining this evening.

THURSDAY 18

We were roused at one o'clock to pack up and be ready to move. about 2 AM a heavy cannonade opened along the line. We did not start till daylight. moved down the plank road 2 miles then marched to the right about a mile, then went in line of battle a mile when we came to the P & W RR and commenced to tear it up. About 2 pm heavy musketry opened upon the RR. We were moved in line of battle in that direction but after a little moved off by the flank, and went down parallel to the RR and threw up breastworks. A good deal of rain has fallen this PM.

FRIDAY 19

This has been a rainy day. All was quiet until 3 PM when heavy firing commenced upon the right of the RR. The rebels appeared to be driving our men. Our brigade was moved and our regt got opposite corps headquarters when Gen Warren ordered us to go into some breastworks there. The brigade did not go much farther but returned to their old places as our men had stopped the progress of the enemy without our help.

SATURDAY 20

there has been no fighting to day. We have had one hard shower. We remained by corps headquarters until afternoon when we took our place on the left of the brigade. Received a letter from home this morning.

SUNDAY 21

This morning were ordered to pack up and we thought we were going to move, but we soon found the rebels were about to attack. Which they did and were repulsed with heavy loss of killed wounded and prisoners and colors. Almost the whole corps train was sent off loaded with rebel wounded.

MONDAY 22

To day was quite pleasant until nearly night when we had a heavy shower for 1/2 or 3/4 of an hour. Went to the 10th NY cavalry and had a short visit with Sanders.

TUESDAY August 23 1864

To day there has been no rain and nothing of interest going on. Gen Warren rode by several times, seeing to some ditches for carrying off the standing water.

WEDNESDAY 24

To day there has been some fighting apparently some 5 or 6 miles down the RR. 2 brigades of our corps started down but returned, so I suppose their help was not needed. Saw Walter Steele and learned that nearly all of their regt were taken prisoners Friday.

THURSDAY 25

This morning our brigade stretched out and relieved the 2nd which has gone on the other side of the RR and gone to building breast-works, facing to the rear. I suppose it is for the purpose of shortening the line and protecting the flank in case of an attack.

FRIDAY 26

All quiet nothing of interest.

SATURDAY 27

Generals Meade and Grant passed along down the RR to day.

SUNDAY 28

This morning had orders to pack up but did not move and about noon put up our tents again. Received a letter from home this morning and answered it.

X MONDAY 29

All has been quiet to day nothing of interest. Quite a number of recruits came for the 2nd brigade this afternoon.

TUESDAY 30

To day has been like the preceding. Details are made from the brigade daily to build a large fort on the left.

WEDNESDAY 31

To day have been counting up the time till mustering out 24 days is the latest.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1

A little after noon there was some firing and it created some disturbance. Everything was ready to move at a moments notice. It is said to have been some rebel scouts returning passing into our pickets.

FRIDAY 2

Last night the cavalry and a part of the 3d division went down on the left to capture a train but returned without accomplishing it. While the 10 reg lay at HdQrs I went there and had a visit with Netcalf.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3 1864

Went down to the train this forenoon .All has been quiet.

SUNDAY 4

Received a letter from home this morning and answered it attended services twice this afternoon.

MONDAY 5

This morning the papers announce the capture of Atlanta .Good news certainly .This evening it lightens in the north but too far off to hear the thunder.

TUESDAY 6

Was up to the train this morning .The 16th Mich started for home this morning .The 83 go tomorrow.

X WEDNESDAY 7

This morning the rebels made a dash on a picket post and captured some 16 of our men We heard the yell and the volley and expected an attack but all has been quiet.

THURSDAY 8

All has been quiet to day .This evening it is beginning to rain

SATURDAY 10

Went to the 104th to day .Mr Barber has come back .. Their regi has been filled up with recruits.

SUNDAY 11

To day a RR train came up here .We gave a big cheer when we heard the whistle. Failed to get the usual letter but wrote one.

X MONDAY 12

Received a letter from home this morning. Went up to the train this afternoon and returned this evening. It is a most beautiful moonlight evening .just such a one as would like to see at home in.

TUESDAY 13

Went down to City Point this morning to turn in some ambulances Rode back part way on the cars and walked the rest.

WEDNESDAY 14

To day has been quiet nothing going on .

THURSDAY 15

This morning everything was roused up early prepared for fighting or moving, but all was quiet except a few shots on the picket line.

FRIDAY 16

To day went to the 10 NY cavalry and had a visit with Wetcalf.

X SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17 1864

Staid at the train last night and till this M. On returning to the regt found a letter from home. A train of cars came up this evening loaded with recruits.

SUNDAY 18

Wrote a letter home. This afternoon started to find the 45 th NY to see Charley H. Finally went to the 8th and am going to stay to night with Dell.

MONDAY 19

Returned to camp this morning.

TUESDAY 20

Went to the 46th to day and saw Charley H. and also to the 19th US colored troops and had a short visit with Stearns. This evening there is great rejoicing over a victory of Sherman.

WEDSDAY 21

Went down to the 10th cav. Joe expects to start for home tomorrow

THURSDAY 22

Nothing going on. We expect to start for home Saturday morning.

FRIDAY 23

This evening bid the boys at the train good bye. Start for home in the morning.

SATURDAY 24

This morning wakened at 4 o'clock but did not start till 7. Got to City Point at 1 PM. Embarked at 2. Ran till 8 or 9 when we stopped and cast anchor.

SUNDAY 25

Started at 5 AM. got to Fortress Monroe about 10. Stopped for 2 hours and took on coal. There has been quite a stiff breeze but not enough to cause seasickness. Entered the mouth of the Potomac a little after dark.

MONDAY 26

Arrived at Alexandria about 8 AM took on some baggage which the boys left last spring. Got to Washington a little before noon. Stopped at the soldiers rest. This PM visited the Capital and ran around the city a little

TUESDAY 27

This forenoon took another stroll through the capital. Took the cars for Baltimore a little after noon. Arrived there at 5 pm and took supper. At dark marched down to the other depot and took the cars for Philadelphia.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28 1864

Arrived in Philadelphia a little after sunrise. Got breakfast at the Soldiers rest. Crossed over to Camden and took the cars for Jersey City, where we arrived at 4 PM. Took the ferry and went over to New York. Went up to the rest and took supper. Then went over to Brooklyn to aunt Cs where I stay to night.

THURSDAY 29

This morning when I got to the rest found the regt gone. Took the street cars and caught them before they got to the depot. Arrived at Greenbush across the river from Albany about 3 PM. Was detailed to watch baggage. Was relieved about 10 PM and came over to Albany

FRIDAY 30

Went to the arsenal this PM and turned in our arms and were told we could go where we pleased till Thursday. So Sergeant Godfrey and I took the boat for New York.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

Arrived at aunt Cs in Brooklyn, about 9 this morning. In the evening Grandfather came. He lost his pocketbook in the ~~car~~ *street* car in New York and I went over to the depot to try to find it but did not succeed.

Sunday 2

Went to hear Beecher this morning and evening. Was introduced to him. Liked him much. In the afternoon went to the Sunday school

MONDAY 3

Went to New York. Visited the picture galleries along Broadway. Took supper at Mr Weeks, relatives of Godfreys. In the evening went to the Broadway theater

× TUESDAY 4

This forenoon visited with aunt C. In afternoon went to Barnuas. This evening went over to the SS rooms of Plymouth church to see how they were fixing them up.

WEDNESDAY 5

This PM went to Central park for awhile. Bid the folks good bye and am on the steamer St John bound for Albany.

THURSDAY 6

Got into Albany early this morning and found the regt would not be mustered out until next Tuesday. Was disappointed enough. Went up to the fair for a little while. Jack Thrall invited me to go out home with him and so I have. His father lives near Carlisle Schoharie co about 30 miles from Albany.

FRIDAY 7  
Last night we stopped at Central Bridge This morning came up to Johnsfathers. This evening to his brother in law and had a very pleasant time.

THURSDAY 8 SATURDAY

To day went to Eniskerna Johns brother in law, got quite well acquainted with Nettie but all the rest of the family were gone.

SUNDAY 9

To day has been unpleasant and have staid in the house most of the time. This evening the rest of the family returned.

MONDAY 10

This morning Jack and I went to Carlisle then came back and went down to his fathers. This evening went again to Eniskerna and pared apples.

TUESDAY 11

Returned to Albany this morning and found the regt had already been mustered out, but went to the Colonels and made it all right. Went to the theater in the evening.

WEDSDAY 12

Were paid off to day this evening took the cars for home.

THURSDAY 13

Got to Buffalo this morning. found Mr Balcomb there and about 10 AM myself and Reuben Fox started for home with him Got home a little after dark and sent Will with Reuben to his home.

FRIDAY 14

This morning helped milk and then went up to the village.

SATURDAY 15

To day dug potatoes and did other farm work.

SUNDAY 16

Went to church and sunday school.

MONDAY 17

Has been rainy and have not accomplished much.

THURSDAY 20

To day had family gathering and sister Lettie was married to the husband of her choice.

FRIDAY 21

This forenoon picked apples and this Pm took a load to the cider mill. Attended a political meeting in the evening.

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