

This is a copy of Oliver Cromwell Kinley's  
CIVIL WAR DIARY

Oliver C. Kinley was born May 20th, 1844 in  
Wabash Co Indiana.

He was the first son by a second marriage and  
had one sister Marisa Hindale.

He had a half-brother D.R. Kinley. (Dau)

He enlisted in the 10th Iowa Volunteers Infantry;

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Mustered United States Service sept 7. 1861.  
Reenlisted and remustered March 30th 1864.

Final discharge Aug. 15th 1865  
Little Rock Arkansas.

Promoted 2 Corporal.. Oct. 1st, 1864 1864  
" 4 Sergeant Jan 15th 1865

Enlisted Newton Jasper Co Iowa.

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Oliver C. Kinley died Aug 20th, 1923 in the  
Old Soldiers Home at Marshalltown Iowa and is  
buried in the Soldiers' Cemetery there.

Oliver C. Kinley  
Cottage Home, Iowa.

Nov. 17th 1863

Introduction to his Diary;

The election of Mr. Lincoln to the Presidency in 1860 hastened the long premeditated rebellion of the southern states.

Recent developments furnish reasons for believing that if Mr. Fremont had been elected in 1856 the rebellion would have taken place at that time; but the success of Mr. Buchanan left the government under the control of the southern politicians and rendered a revolution unnecessary.

The extension and perpetuation of Slavery was the main object of the cotton growing states before which all others gave way. So long as they could secure this end and through the Union, they were willing to remain; but when they failed to do so, they were determined to seek it outside of the Union, at the risk of War with all its attendant evils.

Before the election of Mr. Lincoln, Senator Ives Iverson of Georgia made the following declaration:

"Slavery must be maintained in the Union if possible; out of it if necessary; peaceably if we may; forcibly, if we must."

Mr. Brown of Miss used the following language; "I want Cuba; I want Tamaulipas; and one or two other Mexican states; and I want them all for the same reason--for the planting and

spreading of Slavery. I would spread the blessings of Slavery like the religion of our Divine Master, to the uttermost ends of the earth.

Whether we can obtain the territory while the Union lasts I do not know; I fear we cannot. But I would make as honest effort and if we failed I would go out of the Union and try it there."

"The Southern Rights Club of Beaufort S.C. adopted the following resolutions;

" We will agitate, agitate this question until we shall finally dissolve all political connection with North; and establish a government at the South with new guards for our future security."

Such were the declarations publicly made for the leaders of the rebellion.

The storm had been long gathering for 30 yrs; its distant mutterings had been repeatedly heard but suffered to pass almost unheeded.

The strong will of Jackson, suppressed the incipient rebellion in 1832; and had a Jackson been in the Presidential chair, the rebellion of 1860, would have been nipped in the bud. But Providence ordered otherwise.

The feeble old man who then occupied the White House had not the courage to grapple with the difficulties; had his patriotism been equal to the task. It requires the utmost stretch of Charity to believe that Mr. Buchanan was loyal, and if he had been his policy and inaction were destructive.

Of the best interests of the country.

The people of the North were engaged in the quiet pursuits of their various callings; unconscious of the danger which threatened them; no preparation had been made for war; no arms had been accumulated the northern arsenals had been almost emptied by the great thief of modern times, John B. Floyd.

When we look at the quiet security of the North and then turn and look at the active preparation of the South, which had been going on for years; at their prompt and vigorous measures and knowing the imbecility of the National Executive; knowing that three members of the Cabinet were traitors; that the forts in the South had been ~~supplied~~ suffered to fall into the hands of the rebels; that National Troops had been betrayed and National vessels treacherously surrendered, we cannot fail to see a kind of Providence restraining the powers of evil and protecting the National life and the people of the North.

This rebellion is the only instance the world furnished of an enlightened people engaging in War; solely for the purpose of propagating domestic Slavery. This infamous trade heretofore confined to barbarous tribes has been taken up by the Southern Confederacy and its sympathizing friend in the North.

August 1861.

19th...Enlisted in Capt John A. Garretts Co then forming in Newton. Father enlisted in the same Co on the same day. The Co was soon filled to the requisite number and we were ordered into the Co. quarters in Town and on the 22nd were sworn into State Service. We staid at home till the 26th when I bid adieu to many dear friends and started for the Camp, at Iowa City. Father did not start till the next day. We were soon in comfortable barracks with plenty to eat and nothing to do but drill, which kept us busy six hours a day till

Sept. 7th...when we were mustered into U.S. Service by Capt Chambers; several of the boys that were rejected actually cried about it; One man deserted was brought back and drummed out of Camp, to the great amusement of the boys. Fine weather the most of the time, Co. B of the 1st Iowa returned from the bloody field of Springfield, several of them were severely wounded and a few of them were killed.

Sept. 23rd....We drew Tents and Camp equipage and moved our Camp one mile East of the Depot. On Guard.

Sept. 24th...We received marching orders for St. Louis and by sunrise were all on board the Cars and off for Davenport where we arrived at 10 O'clock .

Embarked on board the steamers AD Hine and Ferryboat Davenport, passed rapidly down the river Past Muscatine.

Sept. 25th....Passed Burlington;

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The rapids; Keokuk, Quincy and Hannibal, They are all fine large towns; some of them Cities. At Quincy we saw some U.S. Troops guarding the place; cold and raining; very disagreeable.

Sept. 26th....Passed Alton, Ill, the site of the Illinois State Penitentiary. The Ill river flows into the Mississippi twelve miles above this place; Missouri river five miles below; and twenty miles above St. Louis. We arrived at the landing at 9 o'clock and were marched to Benton Barracks.

Sept. 28th....The Irish Brigade captured at Lexington while fighting under the gallant Mulligan against superior numbers under the Command of Price arrived in the City and were magnificently entertained by the Douglas Brigade of Ill. They still carried their national banner of Green Silk  
The 8th and 9th Iowa are also here. Our regt. drew arms and equipments.

Sept. 29th....Drew fatigue Uniforms. This makes us look like soldiers.

Sept. 30th.....Embarked on board the Steamer Empress for down the river. Started late at night.

Oct. 1st.....We arrived at Cape Girardeau Mo, In the county of same name; and went into Camp just in the edge of town on the new Bloomfield road. We found the 11th Mo. and the ~~7th~~<sup>17</sup>th Ill already here.

Oct. 4th....Forty-five men from each Co in the regt were detailed to work on the Fort; and continued on duty four days. This appeared pretty hard to us; but we have since got use to such work.

Oct. 11th.....Our Co. was moved over to guard and man the Fort. We mounted two large guns and soon had them works in a good state of defence and had nothing to do but drill on the large guns and guard the Fort.

Oct. 14th.....A large force started for Fredricks twon under the command of Col. Plummer of the 11th Mo. It is stated that Jeff Thompson is at the latter place with a large force.

Oct. 16th...A regiment arrived from Cario , one of ou men was shot and killed by the guard in twon. In Camp and City Guard till----

Oct. 25th.....The 17th Ill returned from the Batt<sup>e</sup> of Fredrickstwon, where they defeated the enemy after a h hard fight, kil ing the Rebel Col Lowe. and about one hundred men.

Oct. 30th....The 20th Ill left for Cario. The 2nd Iowa passed up the river for St. Louis.

Nov. 2nd...Thirty of our men were sent out on Picket. All quiet till-----

Nov. 4th....We received orders to be ready to march at sunrise on the morning of

Nov. 5th...Marched at daylight on the Bloomfield road. We had good road for nine miles, when we struck ~~off~~ the Swamp road. Found the bridge across White Water destroyed and had to build a

temporary one to cross on. Camped at night at what is called Round Ponds, after marching

twenty-two miles. Carrying our knapsacks, very tired.

Nov. 6th....We marched all day and camped on Castor River near where the Rebels crossed. We drove their picquets for some distance. Marched 28 miles.

Nov. 7th....We marched into Bloomfield six miles; where we arrived about noon. The enemy had evacuated the place taking everything of value with them. Several Regts arrived in the afternoon also the Centralia Cavalry.

Nov. 8th...On picket guard; no enemy in sight or hearing.

Nov. 9th....We started to march to Birds Point. Marched till noon and pitched our tents at the edge of the Great Swamp/ After dark several of us went out with the Guide hunting rebs but could not find any.

Nov. 10th...Marched to White River, a distance of 35 miles and camped for the night.

Nov. 11th....Marched ~~to~~ into Camp where we arrived at 3 O'clock. The ladies crowned our Flag with a large bouquet of flowers. Twenty miles.

Nov. 12th...Prepared to march.

Nov 13th...Embarked on board the steamer James

Montgomery, for down the river; sailed only a few miles when it got so foggy it was impossible to go farther, so lay by till morning.



Nov. 14th.....Arrived at Birds Point and took the Camp vacated by the 7th Iowa, they going to St. Louis to recruit. Had the Ague.

Nov. 15th.....Arranged and policed our Camp.

Nov. 16th.... on Bridge guard.

Nov. 19th....Were sent in pursuit of Jeff Thompson, said we'd be at Charleston, a little town 12 miles

out on the Carle and Fulton R.R. Returned to Camp at dark without seeing the enemy. Rained all

afternoon, waterknee deep in our tents.

Nov. 21st....Began building Barracks for the Regt/

kept busily at work and finished them on --

Dec. 27th....We moved into our new rooms. Built ~~a~~ a

large Chimney and got ready to live in fine style.

Dec 31st....We are enjoying ourselves in our building

and are doing well. This is the last day of 1861.

With regret I bid the old year adieu.

1862.

Jan 1st, 1862.....Today is the beginning of the New Year. Part of the regiment drew new arms today. Springfield Muskets.

Jan 3rd....Ira Blackwood of our Co died last night after a short but severe attack of fever. He was buried to day with the honors of War.

Jan 7th....Company on picket. Regiment ordered out after Thompson, were fired into after night and 17 killed and wounded. Rained nearly all night.

Jan 10th....Were payed two months pay also our state pay, amounting in all to \$29.90

Jan 11th....Gunboats returned from down the river.

Jan 12th....Guerllias killed four of the 2nd Ill Cav. earley this morning who were out ~~exercising~~ ~~scouting~~ scouting, an order was issued to clear the country fro five miles of all citizens.

Jan. 1~~1~~th...Col. Bidrs property was seized and Confiscated. He and his three sons were brought in, also all of his negros.

Jan 19th...The 22nd Ill returned from a short scout i into the country towards New Madrid.

Feb. 21st...Today there was a heavy gun boat fight in Luca Bend resulting in driving the Rebels boats under cover of their guns at Columbus, Ky.

Feb. 25th....Trial of the Monster Mortars built at Pittsburgh, Pa. Some of them weighing 18,000 lb bs They are intended for bombarding cities and Forts and will throw shell weighing over two hundred lbs over three miles.

March 1st....Company returned from Charleston, where they had been on a scout.

March 3rd....Company on guard.

Mar. 4th...We left our comfortable quarters taking everything with us and marched to Charleston, for the purpose of joining General Popes Army, then beei: seiging New Madrid. Marched 12 miles.

Mar. 5th...Lay in Camp all day.

Mar. 6th...Started out again but had to turn back on account of the Swamp...

Mar. 7th...Marched from Charleston to Bertand, six mil and lay in Camp till--

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March 9th...When we marched to Sikeston, the present terminus of the C&F railroad. Rained all night.

Slept in a corn crib.

March 10th.... Marched from Sikeston over a splendid road to near New Madrid. On fatigue.

March 11th....Took our place in line one mile from town under the command of General Schyler Hamilton, a little firing through the day; Detailed for picket guard.

March 12th... Bombardment began at 5 o'clock the fighting continued all day with but <sup>little</sup> apparent advantage on either side. A few large shells burst near where we were on post, but done no damage. Quite a little fight took place in front of our line; between the enemy's sharpshooters and ours; We were relieved in the evening and went into Camp, but were ordered to be ready at one in morning to march with one day's ration.

Mar.13th....Marched on the town at one but found that the enemy had evacuated during the night, leaving 25 pieces of artillery and over one million dollars worth of military stores. Our company had the honor of taking possession of the Upper Fort. Rained all evening; were relieved and returned to Camp.

Mar.17th....Inspection of Arms and Grand Review; drilling the rest of the month.

April 1st...Attacked with the Mumps, very severe. My first sickness since entering the service.

Apr.3rd...Gunboats ran the batteries of Island No.10. Three transports came through by way of the

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Canal.

April 7th....Troops started out this morning for the capture of Island Ten if possible. Our regiment going along. I am still unwell and cannot go.

Apr. 8th....Island Ten was evacuated by the Rebels but they were all captured at Tiptonville, over five thousand. A great amount of Rebel property was also taken. 24 pieces of Cannon.

Apr. 19th...Embarked on board the steamer City of Alton. Received two months pay; not well but on duty.

Apr. 13th...Started down the river bound for Fort Pillow and landed seven miles above on the Tennessee side. The river very high.

Apr. 14th... Crossed the river to Arkansas side and landed but did not unload the boat. We lay here three days awaiting orders.

Apr. 17th....We started up the river and arrived at New Madrid that same evening. Rainy.

Apr. 18th...Left New Madrid for up the river. Passed Island Ten earley in the evening and Columbus in the after part of the night.

Apr. 19th...Arrived at Cario at daylight. Landed at Metropolis and cooked five days ration. Raining.

Apr. 20th...Our whole fleet started out earley for up the river, Passed Paducah at the mouth of the Tenn river; It makes a beautiful appearance as seen from the river.

Apr. 21st...We passed Fort Donelson last night and I did not get to see it. Landed at Pittsburgh

Landing late in the evening near the scene of the recent great battle of Shiloh.

Apr. 22nd....Arrived at the Hamburg Landing and went into Camp. I have been unwell all the way; but hope to be better soon.

Apr. 24th...Uncle Issac Kinley of the 30th Indiana came to see us today. I and Father went back with him and went to the 6th Iowa to see Daniel. We found him in Hospital but doing well

Apr. 25th...Walked back to Camp. More troops coming all the time.

Apr. <sup>30</sup>~~25~~th... Out on a scout today to within 10 miles of Corinth. Lay in the woods all night.

May 1st...Returned to Camp and mustered for pay.

May 2nd...Marched to within 10 miles of Corinth and went into Camp. The 17th Iowa came up to us today.

May 7th....We moved our Camp a few miles nearer Corinth.

May 8th...Started out on another scout but were ordered to return to Camp.

May 9th...Regiment out on a scout. I was sick with the Chronic Diarrhea and did not go out. Regt returned late in the evening.

May 13th...We pitched our tents near the picket lines.

May 17th..We moved three miles nearer the Fortifications and near ~~the~~ Farmington. Pleasant.

May 18th...Digging rifle pits all day.

May 21st... ~~On~~ Picket Guard

May 24th..We moved our Camp near town.

May 26th...On pickett guard. Col. Worthington of the 5th Iowa was accidently shot by one of our own men and killed.

May 28th...We made another advance on Corinth. Heavy cannonading all day. Musketry was beginning very brisk when night coming closed the fight.

May 29th...Heavy firing all day driving the enemy all the time.

May 30th...This morning Corinth was found to be evacuated by General Buell's advance. The enemy had left the night before taking everything they could along with them and burning the rest,

Nothing of value was captured. We started in pursuit and marched till near midnight. We found the road lined with burning rebel clothing and commissary stores.

June 1st...Lay in Camp all day

June 2nd...Marched a few miles and went into Camp.

June 4th...Marched early and camped for the night one mile south of the town of Rienzi. Passed

Danville.

June 5th...Lay by all day. Raining.

June 6th...We started early and camped in the Swamp. Wet.

June 7th...Arrived at Boonville. 40 miles south of Corinth. At this place the 2nd Iowa burned a large train of cars and captured a great number of prisoners. We expected to fight here but the enemy would not stand.

June 8th...Moved our Camp two miles ~~dis~~ west of twon.

Orders to be ready to march.

June 11th...Started on our return to Corinth.

June 12th ...Arrived within 3 miles of Cornith and went into camp.

June 15th....We moved our camp 3 miles onto Clear Creek. so that we could have better water. We lay here in Camp till

June 27th..We started earley and camped s hort distance west of ~~the~~ Reinji. Gen, Sullivan took command of our Brigade today.

June 28th...Marched 8 miles and camped on the Hatchie River. This is the best Blackberry region I have yet seen.

June 29th...Marched to within 4 miles of Ripley. Camped for the night near a splendid spring.

June 30th...Marched 5 miles west of Ripley. This is ~~the~~ one of the prettiest towns I have seen yet. Neither army has disturbed it yet.

July 1st...We were ordered to return one days march.

July 2nd...We continued our march but were ordered to return to Camp, on the Hatchie reiver; Our Co. was sent out on pickett but were ordered in just at dark and marched all night arriving at Rienji just at daylight.

July 3rd...Moved out camp one mile east of twon and across the swamp.

July 4th...Fired a National Salute with our Artillery and in the afternoon moved our camp 3 miles mearer Jacinto. We lay here till

July 7th...When we moved about 1 mile and lay on our arms all night.

July 10th....Returned to our old camp on Clear Creek.  
One of the hottest days of the season. The roads have been  
very dusty this entire trip. Thus ends our Ripley  
March.

July 12th..We had a false alarm today. Our whole  
force was out in line.

July 16th...Received four months pay.

July 25th..Eight companies drew new guns today.

"Whiting Rifles."

August 1st...On pickett duty, Drill and camp duty till

Aug...14..We broke up camp and moved 10 miles south 3

miles east of Jacinto. Went into camp called Camp

Davenport.

Aug 17th...Company out foraging.

Aug. 18th..Company sent out on pickett guard for 3 days

Aug...20th..Drill and target practice. Capt. John

A. Garrett left us about this time being promoted to be

Lieut-Col of the 22nd Iowa then just forming but was

finally promoted Col of the 40th Iowa.

Sept. 1st..On skirmish drill.

Sept. 2nd..Company sent on 3 days Pickett guard.

Sept. 11th...Marching orders but did not move. Sent our  
Team to Corinth

Sept. 14th..Ordered out at 11 o'clock at night; marched  
one mile and lay on our arms till daylight, Our picketts  
were fired on today.

Sept. 15th..Moved one-half mile further and lay till

Sept. 17th..On pickett.

Sept. 18th.. Started for Iuka but stopped on the pickett  
line.

Sept. 19th..Started early and drove the rebel picketts for



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about 9 miles. At 4 o'clock the enemy made a desperate stand 3 miles from town and we had hard fighting till dark neither party losing ground. Our Regt was not so heavily engaged as the center Our Co was on the extreme left and fired but one round after dark. The 5th Iowa lost ~~more~~ one half of their men engaged. We were up all night watching the enemy.

Sept. 20th...The enemy evacuated their position leaving great numbers of their dead and wounded in our hands. We pursued them 8 miles but could not overtake them. We captured a great many prisoners. In the afternoon marched back toward Jacinto.

Sept. 21st...We marched to Jacinto and lay in town all night.

Sept. 22nd...Went into camp 1 mile south of Town near a beautiful spring.

Sept. 24th...In camp guard.

Oct. 1st...In camp. Marching orders.

Oct. 2nd...Marched to Corinth and went into camp. 2 miles south of town.

Oct. 3rd...We were waked at 2 o'clock and ordered to be ready to march at 4 am. At that time we marched toward town, passed through to the north side and formed in line of Battle facing north. A few hours after we heard cannon far to the west and our Gen told us that the Battle had opened. None of us suspected we were going to have a fight. The enemy drove our men all day and at dark had great hopes of taking the place but Gen Rosecrans was quietly laying his plans for the morrow. In the evening our Brigade made a movement on the enemy's left

but we went in too near their center and it failed of any good result. We had a few men wounded, captured a few prisoners. We retreated in good ~~skate~~ order and formed with our reserve.

Oct. 11th..Our whole regt was on Grand Guard last night and this morning feel very tired. The battle opened earley this morning by the enemy shelling the town from their battery of seven guns but that did not last long. Our men charged and captured the battery and spiked the pieces; The fight raged with great fury along the whole line till 9 o'clock when there was a lull in the firing and at 10 o'clock the enemy made a grand charge on our right and center; but we were repulsed on every side; They begun to retreat immediately and by 4 o'clock there was not an armed rebel within 5 miles. Our regt lost 39 killed and wounded. Co. 3 wounded, none killed. We moved down near the town and bivocated for the night.

Oct. 5th..We started in pursuit at an earley hour. The fruits of our great victory are just beginning to come in, in the shape of prisoners trains and artillery, on our side there was about 27,000 men engaged on the rebel about 49, under generals Price and Van Dorn.

Oct. 6th...Continued pursuit ~~xxxx~~ in direction of Ripley. The road is lined with wagons, arms and camp equipage of all descriptions.

Oct. 7th..We marched earley in the direction of Rienji. Passed through Kossuth in the afternoon and camped near Reinji.

Oct. 8th...Marched toward Ripley and camped for the night on the Hatchie River.

Oct. 9th..Returned 5 miles and camped for the night in company with the 2nd, Iowa Infantry.

Oct. 10th..Marched back to Rienzi

Oct. 11th..Marched back to Corinth and went into Camp Just north of twon, near where we were on the ever memorable 4th of Oct.

Oct. 14th...Election Day..Iowa soldiers are premitted to vote;

Oct. 31st..Mustered for pay...

Nov. 1st...Ordered to be ready to march earley tomorrow morning.

Nov. 2nd...Marched westward on the road to Grand Junction. Crossed the Hatchie River near whre Genl. Hurlbut fought the enemy on the 5 of last month.

Nov 3rd...Marched hard all day cover a very rough country.

Nov 4th...Marched all day, Passed through Grand Junction late in the evening Camped 5 miles south of twon at Davis' Mills. Very hot and dusty.

*Nov* Oct. 5th...Lay all day.

*Nov* Oct. 6th...Regt on Grand Guard, lay by till the

*Nov* Oct. 9th...Marched out a few miles and returned Comapny on Pickett guard. Lay in camp till

Nov. 12th..We started out for Holly-Sptings on a recon noviance Camped for the night 6 miles north of the palce.

Nov 13th..Marched into twon our advance had a skirmish at the edge of town, killing one of the rebels when they retreated. We lay in town till towards night and then marched back to whre we camped the hight before.

Nov. 14th.. Returned to Camp

Nov. 15th..Rollins of Co. C was accidentally shot and killed.

Nov. 16th...Grand Review. A few recruits came for the Regt. Two for our company.

Nov. 17th...Marched through Lagrange to ~~Moscow~~ Moscow 14 miles. Rained. nearly all day. Lagrange is a very pretty place. Went into camp on the west side of Wolf River.

Nov. 21st..Companies I and C were sent out foraging and were attacked by Guerillas and part of the train captured through neglect of the Wagon-Master allowing the train to get too much scattered, On camp guard and did not go out. All quiet till

Nov. 27th..Company on Pickett guard

Nov. 28th..Marched to within 5 miles of Holly\*Springs.

Nov. 29th.. Marched through town and camped at Lumpkins Mills. Holly-Springs is a beautiful town but is destined to be ruined by this War.

Nov. 30th..A severe shock of an Earth-quake was felt lasting for about half a minute. Rainy all day. Did not march. . The 109th Ill joined us here.

Dec. 1st...Lay in camp awaiting orders.

Dec..2nd..Marched 4 miles and camped on the Tallehatchie

Dec. 4th..Crossed the Tallehatchie, passed through Abbeyville 7 miles and camped for the night. Regt on rear guard.

Dec. 5th..Lay by all day.

Dec. 6th..Marched into Oxford and camped 1 mile south of town.

Dec. 12th..Marched 6 miles south and camped on the Tacoma river; We lay here till

Dec. 21st..Marched back to Oxford., the enemy having

cut our supplies by capturing and burning Holly\*Springs False alarm, lay on our arms all night but the enemy

did not chose to visit us. On short rations.

Dec. 23rd..We marched north and recrossed the Tallehatchie where we found Sherman's Div .

Spent the night with Daniel

Dec. 24th..Passed Waterford and camped for the night at Lumpkins Mills. Raining.

Dec. 25th..Christmas..Lay by all day. Several Divisions passed us on the return,

Dec. 26th..Marched to ~~Tallehatchie~~ Tallalooosa ~~on the~~ road to Memphis, where we are going guarding a Provision Train of 5 hundred wagons. Rained all day, hard.

Dec. 27th...Marched 7 miles. Rain

Dec. 28th..Passed through Vilalia and Camped within 7 miles of Memphis.

Dec. 29th..Marched through the city and camped in the south edge of town. This is one of the prettiest Cities in the South of about 40,000 inhabitants. It is intensely rebel having furnished 19 full Companies for the rebel Army.

Dec. 30th...Loaded our Train with provisions. I was in town all day.

Dec. 31st...We started on our return and marched 15 miles to Germentown that evening. This is the best cultivated part of Tennessee I have yet seen. The land is near <sup>all</sup> all under cultivation.

1863...

Jan 1st...Marched from Germantown to Layfayette, 22 miles  
Passed Collierville.

Jan 2nd, Marched back to Germantown leaving our Train at  
Layfayette.

Jan 4th..Marched 5 miles nearer Memphis and went into  
camp near Whites Station. Raining and very muddy.

Jan..7th..Ordered to build Stockade.

Jan 15th..Snowed in the afternnon. On Pickett guard.

Jan 19th..Received two months pay

Jan 21st..On Guard.

Jan 28th..On pickett guard, very cold

Jan 31st..Marched to Memphis Ten miles and went into  
Camp 2 miles East of town. On rear Guard. Raining..Had the

Ague in afternoon, Snowed a little in the evening.

Feb. 1st..In camp all day.

Feb. 2nd..Went to town, saw the famous Jackson  
Monument. It is a beautiful structure but shamefully  
spoiled by the rebels. On the north side was carved  
"The Union must and shall be preserved." This is all spoiled  
but it can still be read.

Feb. 9th..Camp guard.

Feb. 12th...Went to town. Sent Rural Annual to Alice.  
Raining

Feb. 13th..Regt sent out foraging. The Guerillas had burned  
the Bridge across Nonconnah Creek and we had to build  
another before we could cross. Part of the 2nd Ill k  
a skirmish with the enemy just south of the creek. A few  
prisoners were captured in the evening; did not get into  
Camp till after dark.

Feb. 15th..Received two months pay.

Feb. 16th.. A skirmish on Nonconnah .Rain.

Feb. 18th...Guerillas apposite twon in the little village of Hopefield.

Feb. 19th.. Hopefield was burned today by our forces cause harboring Guerillas.

Feb. 20th...On camp guard.

Feb. 28th..Mustered for pay. Orders to be ready to march. We have been in this camp one month, much longer than any of us expected. A Mylan deserted sometimes during this month.

Mar. 1st..Ordered to pack our Knapsacks and be ready to get aboard Transports but did not leave camp/

Mar. 2nd..Marched to the landing and aboard the steamer Iatan, busy loading the rest of the day.

Mar. 3rd..Finished loading boat, but could not leave

for want of a Pilot. Our whole Div is going. The rest of the fleet started out, making a truly magnificent scene.

Mar. 4th...Started down the river earley this morning. The river is very high and still rising. The banks are

all overflowed, can see but very few Planations on either side. Passed Helena at 1 o'clock landed a few

minutes. Saw Gus. This is a dilapidated looking place. In times of peace has been a place of

considerable business. Here are the only hills on the river between Memphis and Vicksburg. Passed White River earley in the evening, slae Napoleon. Just one year ago we left Bird's Point.

Mar. 5th...Passed Greenville Bend earley this morning.

~~about~~ 22 miles by water and only 2 by land. There is spl  
dplendid Planations on the point. Landed at Ashton

near the Louisiana line. On guard. Pitched tents

Mar. 6th... In camp. Unloaded boat, severe storm at night.

Mar. 7th... Marched aboard the boat early in the morning. Loaded our camp last night. Started early with the rest of the Fleet up the river.

Mar. 8th... Landed 2 miles below Helena at 9 o'clock.

Mar. 9th... On board the boat all day. Cousin Horace came down to see us. The first time I have seen him since I can remember.

Mar. 10th.. Lay at the landing all day. Rained very hard at night

Mar. 11th... Dropped down the river one mile and went into camp. Horace left us in the evening. "Warm and Pleasant."

Mar. 13th.. Visited the 28th Iowa also the 24th. The boys are all well.

Mar. 14th.. No boat for camp today, so contented myself with the boys and Cousin Horace. Had a pleasant time.

Mar. 15th... Started for camp, boat had to go <sup>into</sup> ~~against~~ Moon Lake to carry the mail. This is a beautiful

lake. 10 miles long and one broad. Warm. Trees budding.

Mar. 16th.. In camp. Smith's Div arrived from Memphis

Mar. 21st... Started Box home containing two overcoats book and etc. Eight draft boats are here ready to carry us down the Tazoo Pass.

Mar. 22nd... Marched aboard the steamer "White Rose"

at noon. Water still rising. Weather warm and pleasant.

Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>.. Started late in the afternoon and go into Moon Lake after hard work. Lay all night at the



head of the Pass. The land is overflowed as far as the eye can see.

Mar. 24th...Started earley down the Pass. It is very narrow but deep. In many places the water runs very swift around the many short bends and our boat has to be let down by ropes. Went about 10 miles and lay up for the night.

Mar. 25th...Travelled only 3 miles today, 6 miles to the Coldwater where we will have better sailing.

Mar. 26th... Only 3 miles today. We have not seen a spot of dry land since leaving Helena.

Mar. 27th..On guard. Arrived in the Cold Water at noon. Begin to find land. Better sailing. Rain in evening.

Mar. 28th.. Still in Cold Water.

Mar. 29th..Started very earley. Our fleet is much scattered. Landed earley and policed our boat.

Mar. 30th... Arrived in the ~~Palle~~hatchie at 9 o'clock. Passed gun boat at the mouth of the Cold Water.

Mar. 31st..We lay last night by an impenetrable cane brake. Started earley and caught Hd. Qrts. at noon. We have passed several large Planations but they are all deserted by the white folks. The negros

only remaining and they are in many cases in a starving condition. The land is very low on the banks. Guerillas are numerous on shore. They have

fired into several of our boats.

April 1st...We had good travelling all day. Passed several fine Planations. Warm and plesant.

Apr. 2nd..Lay by all day on account of the wind.

Apr. 3rd...Started earley and run down to the fleet

3 miles above Greenwood or Fort Pemberton. Unload our boat and pitched tents on shore. Pickett firing down the river.

Apr. 4th..In camp. Ordered to reload our camp. Wrote letter home. Warm and pleasant.

Apr. 5th...Finished loading our things last night. Very foggy this morning. started early up the river. Sailed near 80 miles.

Apr. 6th..Started early but did not sail as far as yesterday. Co, on guard. The steamer "Cheesemen" was fired into.

Apr. 7th...Started early and arrived within 4 miles of the mouth of the Pass. Passed the mouth of Cold Water at 9 o'clock. Unwell. Warm.

Apr. 8th...Arrived in the Pass at 7 and into Moon Lake at dark. Lay all night at the north bank of the lake.

Apr. 9th...Landed near our old camp below Helena. Policed the boat and cooled.

Apr. 10th...Wrote letters home.

Apr. 11th... Saw the 28th and 24th Iowa.

Apr. 12th..In camp. Hovey's Div started down the river today.

Apr. 13th..Started and went down to within 20 miles of Napoleon, at the mouth of the Arkansas. Raining.

Apr. 14th...Passed Napoleon early this morning and arrived at Lake Providence at 4 o'clock. This has been a pretty place, but the levees have been broken and the whole country is flooded.

Apr. 15th...Left Providence at noon and arrived at Millikens Bend at 4 o'clock. This is a very

pretty place. No town here...WARM..

Apr. 16th...Unloaded our things and went into camp.

Apr. 17th...On fatigue.

Apr. 21st...On guard..

Apr. 25th..Started to Richmond arrived there at 7 in the evening. Very warm

Apr. 26th...Marched 14 miles. Sick in the afternoon in houses for the night. Rained all night.

Apr. 27th....Stayed in camp all day; Logans Division passed in the afternoon. Rained nearly all day.

Apr. 28th..Started early and marched 7 miles and stopped for the night on a splendid farm. Road very bad.

Apr. 29th...Roads better today. Marched 10 miles to river at Perkins Plantation. Troops are crossing all the time. Prospects of a fight.

Apr. 30th..Marched 20 miles and bivouaced for the night on Raritan Farm. On this farm there is now 600 acres of corn growing. This is near St. Joseph Lake. We have passed some of the finest plantations today that I have ever seen. Very warm.

May 1st...Marched 6 miles and crossed the river. 5 miles below Grand Gulf on the steam ram "Lafayette" Firing heard all day. Marched 6 miles after crossing Warm.

May 2nd..Fighting in the direction of Fort Gibson. 1500 prisoners taken. The 28th were engaged, lost but few men.

May 3rd..More fighting. Deployed as skirmishers once but no fighting.

Lay in camp on the bank of the Big Black.  
May 4th... ~~May 28th were engaged at~~  
12 miles north east of Grand Gulf. A few of the enemy  
in front. Very warm.

May 5th... The 5th and 10th went reconnoitering  
4 miles to the front. Saw a few Rebels, took 5  
prisoners.

May 6th... Lay in camp. Got a lot of Mulberries.  
Unwell.

May 7th... Hospital. Sick with Intermittent Fever.  
Father joined us having been left behind at  
Millikens Bend.

May 8th... Hospital. Some better.

May 9th... Marched early in the morning. Lay in the  
Ambulance all day. 12 miles. Camped on some high  
Pine Hills.

May 10th... Lay in ambulance all day. Passed  
through Utica. A nice little town.

May 11th... Marched about 9 miles.

May 12th... We had a hard battle near Raymond, losing  
a great many men but whipping the Rebels. Our loss  
was very heavy. Our Division was not engaged.

May 13th... Marched 9 miles. Passed through Raymond  
and Clinton. They are both beautiful places. At  
Clinton is a large Hospital. A great many of the  
Murfreesboro wounded are here.

May 14th... Today our Div. fought their way into  
Jackson Miss with the loss of about 120 killed  
and wounded. Captured a battery of 4 guns. Our Regt was  
not engaged. I marched all day but not able for  
duty yet. Rained hard all day.

May 15th... Started for Vicksburg. Passed through

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Cinton about noon. Some fighting ahead. Marched all day.

May 16th..Our Army had a terrible fight today

near Bakers Creek or Champion Hills. Our regt 1st one-half the men engaged. Our Co lost 23 killed and wounded. 6 killed on the field. Capt. Poage

was killed. I st yed back to help take care of the wounded. I was not in the battle.

May 17th..I joined the regt in the evening. Our men captured 17 pieces of Artillery at Black River The 22nd Iowa distinguished themselves here.

May 18th...Marched 9 miles and camped within 16 miles of Vicksburg. Not in ranks yet. Very warm.

May 19th...Our Brigade took its place in line. Heaving firing all day.

May 20th...19 years old today. Not able to be with the Regt yet. With the teams all day.

May 21st..Teams moved up in the evening. Joined the Co. Boys all right.

May 22nd..A grand charge was made on the whole line. Our Brigade was heavily engaged all day. Father was slightly wounded in the left thigh. Col. Boomer commanding Brigade was killed late in the afyernoon.

May 23rd..Lay in camp all day. Genl Hurlbut's Corps arrived in the afternoon. Saw Lamumans Div.

May 24th..Heavy firing all day. Very warm.

May 25th..Reported for duty. Warm.

May 26th..Took the place of the 1st Brigade, they being ordered to Balck River. On Pickett.

May 27th..Saw Gus. George Hutchinson was killed at Champion Hills.

May 28th..In camp/ Heavy firing all day. Rained in evening.

May 29th..In Camp. Warm.

May 30th..Heavy firing all day. Very warm.

May 31st...We were waked up at 4 o'clock by our batteries shelling the Forts. It was a magnificent scene. The shell flying in every direction. Very warm.

June 1st...In Rifle Pits all night. Heavy firing on the left at 10 O'clock.

June 2nd...In reserve all day;into camp at dusk.

June 3rd...Gov. Kirkwood called to see us and made us a short speech.The rebels did not like our cheering

and so threw a few shellsat us. Warm.

June 4th..In camp. Co supporting Battery.

June 5th...Relieved the 5th Iowa in Rifle Pits at dark.

June 6th..In Rifle Pits all day.

June 7th..In camp. very warm.

June 8th..In camp. Robert Meely was over to see me.

June 9th..In camp.

June 10th..In Camp.

June 11th..In Camp. Very warm.

June 12th..In Rifle Pits at dark.

June 13th..In Rifle Pits all day. The Rebs threw several large shells over us.

June 14th..In Camp. Seceral shells thrown into Camp.

June 15th..Rebs still throwing shell.

June 16th..In Camp

June 17th.. Father started home today.

June 18th.. In Camp; letters from home.

June 19th..Heavy firing begun at 4 o'clock and continued for one hour.

June 20th...In Camp. Rebs kept throwing shell all day but did not damage.

June 21st..A Rebel ~~shot~~ Mortar shell came near dismounting one of our nine inch guns by striking square on top of it.

June 22nd..Marched in the evening in the direction of Black River. Marched 6 miles. Very warm. and dusty.

June 23rd..Marched about 10 miles. On rear guard.

June 24th..Marched out 2 miles where the right wing was

left to guard the road. Plenty of Blackberries.

June 25th...On pickett.

June 26th..Started on our return. Marched 7 miles.

The 35th Iowa relieved us. Saw the 8th and 12th.

Very warm.

June 27th..Went into Camp at the Cross roads. 15 miles from Vicksburg. Very warm.

June 28th...Roasting ears for dinner.

June 29th..In camp. Col. Garrett called to see us.

June 30th..Marched 4 miles farther to the right.

July 1st...In camp

July 2nd...Walked 6 miles to see Dan. Found him well. Very hot.

July 3rd...On guard at Spring

July 4th...Independence Day. The Official news of the surrender of Vicksburg was read to us in the evening. Great rejoicing.

July 5th.. On pickett guard. Firing toward Jackson. Troops are moving in that direction under Gen. Sherman.

July 6th.. In camp. Raining in evening

July 7th... Moved 5 miles farther south to Balck rive r r.r. bridge.

July 8th.... In camp. Very warm.

July 9th... In camp.

July 10th... Letters from home. Received two months pay.

July 11th... General inspection. Paroled prisoners passing all day. Saw Col. Pemberton also several other of their officers.

July 12th... Inspection..Swimming. Orders to be ready at any moment.

July 13th.. ~~Marched 5 miles~~ at 5 o'clock un the d irection of Jackson. Marched 12 miles. Camped on the Champion Hills Battle ground. I saw where Capt. Prago was burined, slao where the rest of our boys lay. Ate some ripe figs.

July 14th... Marched 14 miles to Clinton. Camped near some beautiful springs.

July 15th... Started earley for Jackson and camped o on the Jackson Battle ground.. In the evening went ba back to Clinton to protect it from the Guerillas.

July 16th.... C lled into line earley in the morning to meet the enemy but they did not

come there was sonsiderable skirmishing to the north of town, Marched at n oon and camped 6 miles west of twon. Met Gen. Sherman's supply team.



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July 17th...Started earley on the road to Vicksburg .  
Guerillas burned our Hospital Wagon last night. And  
captured about 60 sixty prisoners. Camped at Champion  
Hills.

July 18th....LOth Iowa and 93rd Ill. moved out t o  
Edwards Station. Saw Daniel in the morning.

July 19th....In camp. Wrote letters.

July 20th...In Camp.

July 21st...Co. on Pickett

July 22nd...Marched in the eve ing for our old camp  
on Black River. Saw Guss, Rained very hard in the  
evening.

July 23rd...On Fatigue, unloading cars

July 24th...In Camp.

July 25th...Marched 15 miles to Vicksburg. Very hot.

July 26th...In camp. Very warm. Raining

July 27th...Drew two months pay

July 28th...In camp

29th...Went to the 28th Iowa. Saw Guss

July 30th...In camp.

July 31st...In camp. Moved our tents. Very warm.

The balance of this year has been lost. I will write  
from memory.....

National Soldeirs Home, Tenn.

Aygg. 1863.

We lay at Vicksburg some time, then went to Helena Ar  
Ark. had orders to cook 5 days rations and march to Litt  
Rock Ark to help Gen Steele.

The battle of Chickamauga was fought and Rosecrans army was shut up in Chattanooga and the order was

recalled and we went to Memphis where our Div was made a part of the 15th Army Corps and we were a part of that Corps in the 3rd Div. under Gen. John E. Smith during the rest of the War.

We lay at Memphis till all things were ready and then lit out for Chattanooga. Fathers 30 day furlough had been extended 30 days and it having expired he returned to the Company in good health; his wound having healed.

Sometime near Sept. 1st. 1863 we left Memphis for Chattanooga by rail to Iuka via Corinth crossing the Tennessee river at Eastport to the north side, thence through Tenn. through Pulaski Fayetteville, Winchester, Dicherd Station, Stephenson to Bridgeport on the Tenn River. Grant had taken command of the Army in Chattanooga and they were on the point of starvation. The only way to supply them being from Bridgeport 19 miles through a terribly mountainous country. A team could haul only their own feed on this trip. It was said the dead mules on this road, if laid heads and tails would reach the full distance 19 miles. The men were living on anything they could get, many of them stealing ear corn from the mules and parching. We marched through by way of Whitesides Station and reached the base of Lookout Mt. late in the evening. The hill was covered with rebels fires. Our men laying in the valley. We crossed the Tenn. river just below Lookout at Brown's Ferry

and took up our Camp behind a range of hills out of sight of the rebels. From the top of these hills we could see the Rebel Works. on Mission Ridge.

Their Flag and Batteries but little of our lines.

Grants plans being completed on the night of Nov. 23rd Sherman crossed the river by sending men across in boats capturing the Rebel Pickets and then laying a Pontoon Bridge.

By 8 o'clock our lines were secure and along about noon advance was made on what was supposed to be the north end of the Ridge but proved to be detached hills. Our Bridge was the Third Brigade commanded by Gen. C.L. Mathais of the Third Div of the 15th Army Corps

Division commanded by Gen John E. Smith. We fell back to near the river for the night and on the 25th we advanced and was hotly engaged on the top of Tunnell Hill. Father was struck by a ball in the neck and was killed at once. He fell at the farthest point in the line that our Regt made and was buried near where he fell and his grave was lost.

With this is Gen Mathais report of the Battle, also a part of Col Boswells report of the 93rd Ill. Our officers made no report.

Braggs rebel army was driven off the Ridge and started south.

Burnside at Knoxville was relieved and we returned to Bridgeport, thence via Stephenson to Larkenville where we were on New Years Day of 1864.

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Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1864... In camp at Larkinsville Ala. on the Memphis and Charleston R.R. between Bridgeport and Huntsville. Detained to get wood for headquarters. Coldest day ever known in this region.

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>... In camp. On Provost guard.

3<sup>rd</sup>... On guard.

Jan 4<sup>th</sup>... On Forage guard.

Jan 5<sup>th</sup>... In Camp.

Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.. On picket guard

Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.. Marched at 8 o'clock for Huntsville Ala.

Snow storm at night.

Jan 8<sup>th</sup>... Marched early. Camped near Point Rock Station

Still cold

Jan 9<sup>th</sup>... Arrived at Huntsville at noon. This is the most beautiful town I have yet seen.

Jan 10<sup>th</sup>... In camp. On guard

Jan 11<sup>th</sup>... Fixing up our camp.

Jan 12<sup>th</sup>.. In camp

Jan 13<sup>th</sup>.. On guard

Jan 14<sup>th</sup>.. In camp

Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.. On Forage guard

Jan 16<sup>th</sup>.. In camp

Jan 17<sup>th</sup>.. On guard

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>... In camp

Jan 19<sup>th</sup>... On guard

Jan 20<sup>th</sup>.. In camp

Jan 21<sup>st</sup>.. On picket guard

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>.. In camp. Went to town

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>... On fatigue

Jan 24<sup>th</sup>... On picket.. False alarm

Jan 25th...In camp. On drill.  
 Jan 26th...In camp  
 Jan 27th..On pucket guard  
 Jan 28th..Marched at 2 o'clock for Mooresvillee, 17 mile  
 Jan 29th...Arrived in twon at 3o'clock. 17 miles  
 Jan 30th... Marched back 8 miles  
 Jan 31st...Marched into our old Camp at Huntsville.

On duty 12 days.

Feb. 1st, 1864...Went to see Dan at Scottsboro, 62 miles  
 by rail. Found him well. He has enlisted in the  
 Veteran Service.

Feb. 2nd..Staid all ay with the 6th Iowa.  
 Feb. 3rd..Back to camp. The 68th and 59th Indiana  
 started home today. Cold.  
 Feb. 4th...In camp. Drill.  
 Feb. 5th..In camp. Drill  
 Feb. 6th..On Forage guard. Raining.

Feb. 7th...In camp. Ordered to be ready to march.  
 Feb. 8 & 9th..General inspection. Three fourths of the  
 regt. have reenlisted.  
 Feb. 10th..In camp.

Feb. 11th...Received marching orders and marched  
 on board the cars. Started from twon at 4 o'clock and  
 arrived at Bridgeport at 10; 75 miles. Cold.

Feb. 12th...Lay in camp a short distance south of the  
 railroad.

Feb. 13th..Marched at daylight towards Chattanooga.  
 Camped for the nihght 4 miles east of Whiteside Mt.  
 Plesant.

Feb. 14th...Marched at daylight towards Chattanooga camped one mile south of the town. Raining, troops are moving by all the time. Roads good.

Feb. 15th...Lay in camp all day. 2 miles south of Chattanooga. I went into town. Rained all day.

Feb. 16th...Marched at 10 o'clock for Cleveland 20 miles; and camped in the woods for the night. Very cold.

Feb. 17th...Arrived at Cleveland at 3 o'clock went into camp one mile east of town. Very cold.

Feb. 18th ..In camp. No prospect of going farther at this time. On fatigue.

Feb. 19th...Chopping all day. still very cold.

Feb. 20th...21st...I and Joe Kennedy went into the country

Feb. 22 ~~&xx3~~ On drill. On Picket at 8 PM two brigades have marching orders. We are now in the 2nd Brigade. Warm and pleasant.

Feb. 23rd..Relieved late in the evening. Troops were marching out all day.

Feb. 21st...Sunday...Went to church in town, heard a good sermon.

Feb. 24th...Visiting in the country had a very pleasant time.

Feb. 25th...In camp. Letters from home. First mail since leaving Huntsville. Weather warm and pleasant more like summer than our cold northern winters.

Feb. 26th...On picket guard. Very warm.

Feb. 27th..In camp. Wrote letters home. Warm and pleasant.

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Feb. 28th...Sunday..In camp/ An alarm this morning

no one permitted to leave camp. A large force of rebel  
cavalary reported a few miles out. Warm and plesant.

Our two briggdes returned to camp aftet maching  
nearly to Dalton. They did not do anytfighting. Col.

Henderson joined the Regt having been home on furlough,  
since leaving Huntsville. Reported fighting between  
here and Chattanooga.

Feb. 29th...On picket. Rebels reported 10 miles out  
advancing. Rained all day.

On duty 5 days.

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Mar. 1st..1864 ..Relieved earley and found regt  
preparing to march. Started at noon and marched 14  
miles. Rained all day very cool at night.

Mar. 2nd..Started earley and marched to Chattanooga  
I saw where our regt was engaged on the 25th of Nov.  
We camped south of town. Cool and pleasant

Mar. 3rd... Marched earley on the railroad all day.  
Camped for the night 4 miles west of Whitesides Mt.  
Warm and pleasant.

Mar. 4th..Marched to Bridgeport 12 miles. Got on board  
cars at 10 PM and started for Huntsville. Lay over at  
Stephenson all night. Started earley in the  
morning of the 5th.

Mar. 5th... And arrived in camp at Huntsville in the  
afternoon , found our tents ready for us, Warm and  
pleasant.

Mar. 6th...Chopping all day. Went to Church in the  
evening. Letters from home. Warm.

Mar. 7th..In camp. Wrote letters home. Letters from  
home.

Mar. 8th...In camp. Went to meeting at night.

For paper etc.....55

Sundries.....1.45

Silver ring.....1.00

Mar. 9th..In camp. On drill . Rained in evening.

Mar. 10th...On picket guard

Mar. 11th... In camp.

Mar. 12th...General inspection. Warm and pleasant.

Mar. 13th...In camp

Mar. 14th..On drill. went to Church in evening. Heard  
a good sermon.



Mar. 15th...On picket. Snowed some in the evening.

Very cold.

Mar. 16th...In camp.

Mar. 17th...In camp. on drill

Mar. 18th...In camp. On drill

Mar. 19th...<sup>O</sup>n fatigue. Letters from home. All well.

Mar. 20th...Sunday. Went to Church.

Mar. 21st...In camp. Letters from Cousin Joseph Kindley.  
Wrote one in answer.

Mar. 22nd...Snowed about five inches last night and  
this morning. Looks like Iowa. Letter from home.

Mar. 23rd... In camp.

Mar. 24th...In camp

Mar. 25th...In camp. On guard.

Mar. 26th...Chopping wood.

Mar. 27th...Out in country, heard citizen of Ills  
preach in the evening. a Good sermon.

Mar. 28th...Inspection of Arms. Rained in afternoon, very  
unplesant. Wrote letters home.

Mar. 29th... Chopping

Mar. 30th...Mustered into U.S. service for three years

by Capt. York. This was reinlistment, Am now a  
Veteran.

Mar. 31st...In camp.

On duty 6 days.

April 1st...Detailed to go foraging with two days rations. Camped for the night 16 miles from town. Raining

Apr. 2nd..Went back to camp. No forage.

Apr. 3rd...On picket, Rain in evening.

Apr. 4th...In camp. Rain.

Apr. 5th...In camp..Wrote letters home

Apr. 6th..Foraging with two days rations. Camped for the night one mile of Judge Hammonds farm.

Apr. 7th...Loaded with corn and back to camp.

Apr. 8th...In camp. On fatigue.

Apr,9th...On forage guard.

Apr. 10th,,,In camp. Heard the Rev. D.D. Ross preach. Presbyterian said to be the most able man in the south.

Apr. 11th,,,,In camp. Wrote letters home. Inspection of Camp in afternoon. On drill

Apr. 12th... In camp.

Apr. 13th...Chopping. Div reviewed by Generals McPherson and Logan.

Apr. 14th...In camp. Co. on guard.

Apr. 15th...Letters from home. Wrote letter to Grandmother Beverly. My mothers mother at Attica Ind. warm and plesant.

Apr. 16th...Foraging for two days. Out 20 miles,Our regt. drew new guns. The Springfield Rifle.

Apr. 17th...Returned to camp. Rained in afternoon. Cold.

Apr.18th...Worked on Fort in afternoon.

Apr. 19th...On guard.

Apr. 20th...On picket guard. Fight at Decatur.

Apr. 21st...In camp

Apr. 22nd..In camp

Apr. 23rd..On picket guard. Letter f om home.

Apr. 24th..Went to Church in evening. Heard an excellent sermon.

Apr. 25th... In camp

Apr. 26th..Drew bounty.....\$100.

    Installment.....60.

    1/4 months pay.....52.

    Total.....\$212.00

    Deducted for clothing...\$6.00

    Balance...\$206.00

Apr. 27th...On fatigue.

    A.M. Heifner Co

    By watch.....\$18.00

Apr. 28th...On picket guard.

Apr. 29th...On fatigue. Orders to march tomorrow.

Apr. 30th..Marched to R.R. and got on cars bound for

Decatur Ala. where we arrived in the evening. Some little picket firing.

On duty 16 days.

May 1st..1864...On picket.  
 May 2nd..Relieved earley in morning; building barracks  
 the rest of the day.  
 May 3rd...Some firing today.  
 May 4th...On picket.  
 May 5th...On fatigue  
 May 6th..On fatigue  
 May 7th..On fatigue  
 May 8th...Pickets attacked earley in the morning but  
 the Rebs were driven back.  
 May 9th...On fatigue  
 May 10th...On picket. Rain storm  
 May 11th..On fatigue  
 May 12th... On fatigue. False alarm  
 May 13th..On picket  
 May 14th...In camp. 5th Iowa returned from home.  
 May 15th...On guard.  
 May 16th...In camp  
 May 17th...On picket guard.  
 May 18th..In camp.  
 May 19th...In camp. Part of our Regt went up the  
 river on board a gunboat to capture a rebel battery  
 but did not succeed.  
 May 20th...On picket guard. Today I am twenty years of age  
 May 21st...26th Mo. on a scout.  
 May 22nd...On picket guard.  
 May 23rd..In camp  
 May 24th...On a scout. Fatigue  
 May 25th...In camp. General Mathais has resigned and  
 gone home. Started today.

May 26th...In camp. 17th Army Corps arriving. 13th Iowa camped on the opposite side of the river. They were well. Corps bound for Rome. Ga. Our cavalry had a fight with Roddy. Whipping him badly. Captured several prisoners and their camp.

May 27th...17th Corps crossing all day. Very warm.

May 28th...Guard at Commissary . Wrote letters to Daniel my brother in Co.A. 6th Iowa.

May 29th..Sunday. In camp. Very warm

May 30th...In camp.

May 31st/...In camp. Very warm.

June 1864...

June 1st...Regt out scouting with two pieces of cannon, one hundred fifty Cavalary. Out 8 miles. Met the enemy in superior forces and were obliged to retreat. No loss on our side, several of the Rebs were seen to fall. Struck by shell.

June 2nd...In camp, Raining.

June 3rd...On guard at Depot. Roddy reported to be crossing below. Raining

June 4th...In camp..Raining.

June 5th...In camp. Received two months pay. \$~~8.25~~

Hat & Trimming...8.25

June 6th...In camp.

June 7th...In camp

June 8th...On picket. Seven refugees came in .

June 9th...In camp

10th.....In camp

June 11th...In camp

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June 12th...Sunday. In camp . 18th Mich and 134 Ind  
arrived from Nashville.

June 13th...In camp

June 14th...On picket

June 15th...Orders to start for home. Got off earley  
in the morning and arrived in Nashville at 8 o'clock. T  
This was on our Veteran Furlough. The rest of our  
Bridgade went to Huntsville.

June 16th...Started at 3 o'clock, run all night, got  
into Louisville at 5 O'clock the next morning.

June 17th...Left<sup>X</sup> Louisville to get pass for servants  
caught the Regt at Indianapolis, started for Chicago  
thie evening. Arrived there earley in the morning of the

June 18th...Started from Chicago at 10 for Rock Island  
where we arrived at dark in a heavy rain.

June 19th...At Davenport. In town all day.

June 20th...In town

June 21st...Started for home where we arrived at 4 o'clock  
Grinnell was then terminus of C.R.I & P.

June 22nd...At home.

June 23 rd...At home

June 24th... Had the orchard plowed.

June 25th...Ladies Aid Society

June 26th...Sunday. At Sabbath School.

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July 1864...

July 1~~st~~... Spent the 4th at Newton, most of the boys were there; had a jolly good time till the

July 21st... My Furlough's is out at last and I am again on my way south. Now at Davenport. I have enjoyed myself well all the time. Made lots of friends, many of whom I prize highly. I bid my dear Mother and sisters farewell at Grinnell. How bad I felt to leave them but I go to do my duty. From Davenport went to Chicago, to Louisville, to Nashville to Bridgeport to Chattanooga, to Kingston Ga. Our division guarding railroad.

July 25th... In camp. At Davenport. 6th were paid and started for home. The 10th started for Chicago at 8 o'clock PM where we arrived at 6 in the morning of the

July 26th... Started immediately for Indianapolis where we arrived at 4 o'clock. On board cars at 9 o'clock for Jeffersonville, where we arrived at 3 o'clock on the morning of the

July 27th... Went down to the Soldiers Home, where we stayed till 2 PM when we started for Nashville.

July 28th... Arrived in town at 5 AM lay by all day and all night.

July 29th... Started for Chattanooga at 2 PM arrived at Step~~hassan~~ earley the next morning after running all night. Rained all the afternoon.

July 30th... Arrived at Chattanooga at 10 o'clock.

July 31st... Started at 3 PM for Kingston where we arrived safe and sound at 11 o'clock. Am well.

Here we found the boys (Non Veterans) and were put in a church for quarters. Our Division..4th of 15 A.C. guarding R.R. John E Smith commanding.

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August 1864..

- Aug. 1st..In camp  
2nd...On train guard to Cartersville..  
Aug. 3rd...In camp. On fatigue  
Aug. 4th...In camp. Letters from home  
Aug. 5th...In camp  
Aug. 6th...In camp  
Aug. 7th...on foage guard, crossed the Etowah river.  
Sick.  
Aug. 8th..In camp  
Aug. 9th...In camp, one letter from home. One from  
L.H. Off duty  
Aug. 10th...In camp. Sick  
Aug. 11th..In camp, sick.  
Aug. 12th.. Visited Cartersville  
Aug. 13th...on picket  
Aug. 14th... Sunday..In camp. Wheeler is between Tilton  
and Dalton, destroying the railroad.  
Aug. 15th..Picket duty. Relieved at night. Division  
went to Reseca.  
Aug. 16th...Ordered to march but did not leave camp.  
Nothing new from the raid.  
Aug. 17th...Marched 10 miles and returned, marching till  
midnight.  
Aug. 18th...Returned to Kingston. Railraod repaired to  
Chattanooga.  
Aug 19th..In camp. Pitched our tents near Depot.  
Aug. 20th..On fatigue  
Aug. 21st..Sunday. In camp. Rained all day  
Aug 22nd..On picket



- Aug. 23rd...Regiment started for Dalton. Picketts left in camp.
- Aug. 24th..In camp wrote letters home.
- Aug. 25th..On train guard to Rome.
- Aug. 26th...In camp
- Aug. 27th...On guard
- Aug. 28th..Sunday. On train guard.
- Aug. 29th...In camp
- Aug. 30th..In camp, wrote letters. L.H. J.J. anf home
- Aug. 31st..In camp. On fatigue.

On duty 10 days.

September 1864...

- Sept. 1st...On train guard to Rome.
- Sept. 2nd..Visited the 39th Iowa.
- Sept. 3rd..On picket
- Sept. 4th...Sunday. In camp.
- Sept. 5th..In camp
- Sept. 6th...Went into the country
- Sept. 7th...On guard.
- Sept. 8th...In camp
- Sept. 9th...In camp
- Sept. 10th...In camp
- Sept. 11th..Sunday in camp
- Sept. 12th...On picket guard
- Sept. 13th..In camp
- Sept. 14th...Regt returned this morning.
- Sept. 15th...In camp
- Sept. 16th...In camp

Sept. 17th..In camp

Sept. 18th...Sunday. On train guard to Rome and  
Atlanta.

Sept..19th..Retunred to camp.

Sept. 20th..In camp

Sept. 21st..In camp

Sept. 22nd..In camp.

Sept. 23rd...In camp

Sept. 24th..In camp

Sept. 25th...On picket

Sept. 26th...In camp

Sept. 27th...In camp. Orders for mustering out of  
service the Non-Veterans.

Sept. 28th...On picket. Rain afternoon.

Sept. 29th...In camp

Sept. 30th On picket. Non Veterans all gone home,  
leaving only 25 men in our Company.

On duty 11 days.

#### OCTOBER 1864..

Oct. 1st...In camp

Oct. 2nd...Box from home good.order. On guard.

Oct. 3rd...On guard.

Oct. 4th...Marched 10 miles as cattle guard.

Oct. 5th...In camp

Oct. 6th...Fight at Altoona. On picket guard.

Oct. 7th...In camp

Oct. 8th...On picket. 105 prisoners came in from  
Altoona also two Brigades for Rome under General  
Couse of Iowa.

- Oct. 9th.... Sunday In camp
- Oct. 10th... In camp
- Oct. 11th...On picket. Shermans Army passing by. Dan came in the evening. Wrote letter home
- Oct. 12th...In camp Saw 17th A.S. boys. Well...
- Oct. 13th..On picket. Regt off up the road.
- Oct. 14th...Not relieved.
- Oct. 15th...Relived and on fatigue in aftermnon
- Oct. 16th...In camp. Sunday
- Oct. 17th...In camp
- Oct. 18th..On forage guard.
- Oct. 19th...In camp.
- Oct. 20th...On Fatigue.
- Oct. 21st..On picket
- Oct. 22nd...Wrote letters. On fatigue..
- Oct. 23rd...Sunday. In camp
- Oct. 24th.... In camp. Alarum. On guard.
- Oct. 25th...In camp. Letter from Gus.
- Oct. 27th..Letter from Mother, several drafted men came to to our regt.
- Oct. 26th...In camp.
- Oct. 28th...20 men assigned to our Co, today.
- Oct. 29th...In camp
- Oct. 30th...In camp
- Oct. 31st...On picket.

On duty 14 days.

November 1864.

Nov. 1st...In camp

2nd...In camp. Orders to be ready to march at 6

tomorrow.

Nov. 3rd...Marched at 9 for Cartersville, arrived at

4...13 miles

Nov. 4th...Lay in camp near town.

Nov. 5th...In camp

Nov. 6th...Sunday. In camp

Nov. 7th...In camp. Sent out on picket in the afternoon

to the Etowah 3 miles from camp. A deserter came in from

the Rebels. He belonged to Wheeler's old regt.

Nov. 8th... Still on picket. Got a Beef. Election day

Regt. polled 365 for Abe. 43 for Mac.

Nov. 9th...Not Relieved yet.

Nov. 10th...Relieved and went into Camp.

Nov. 11thIn camp Wrote letters. Paid two months pay and \$50. bounty.

Nov. 12th...Marched for Atlanta. Passed Altoona and

Ackworth, 15 miles

Nov. 13th...Marched 15 miles. Passed Marietta, our

troops are destroying the R.R. as fast as possible.

Nov. 14th...Marched 15 miles, passed through Atlanta and

camped 2 miles west of town, with the remainder of our

Corps. Our troops are burning the best part of the

town. Saw Dan and Wes, they were well. Drew clothing.

2 pr. pants

1 pr socks

1 pr. shoes

1 pr. drawers

Nov. 15th... Marched from Atlanta at 10 o'clock, passed

Rough and Ready. Marched 20 miles. Country very rough

Plenty of water.

Nov. 16th... Started earley. Our regt. guarding train.

Some fighting passed through Macdonough. Camped i mile south of town, Our whole Corps camped near. Marched 20 miles.

Nov. 17th...Started earley, passed Locust Grove and Jackson. Marched 22 miles. Camped four miles east of Jackson.

Nov. 18th...Started at 6, marched  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles to Ockmulgee mills on the river of that nsame. Lay by till in the afternoon. A large cotton factory near the mills the Advance of the 17th A.C. came in at noon. Crossed the river at 3 o'clock. Marched 2 miles and camped in the evening. Marched 6 miles.

19th...Marched earley in the direction of Macon. Raining roads bad. Halted for the night south of Hillsboro, marched 15 miles.

Nov. 20th...Marched 14 miles and camped for the night south of Clinton, this is a small place 12 miles from Macon.

Nov. 21st.... Marched earley rained all day marched 13 miles met the advance of the 17th A.C. and had to take another road. The country is very fine. We are going between Macon and Milledgeville, both places are in our possession.

Nov. 22nd...Marched at noon and camped for the night at Gordon. The trains fo the 15th and 17th A C's are here and two divisions. Fighting in direction of Macon. W We were ordered out at 8 to tear up the R.R. and worked till 12. The rails are laid on stringers. We are now 139

miles from Atlanta by R.R. and 170 from Savannah

Nov. 23rd...Lay by all day Our troops busy destroy ing the road. Very cold. Heavy frost at night.

Nov. 24th... Co. on pciket near Mills Creek above Gordon.

Nov. 25th...Marched at 8;30, 18 miles. Camped near the little town of Irvington, Country very fine.

Weather fine.

Nov. 26th...Started at 9 o'clock. Camped at 2 o'clock

Fine country. Weather fine. Can hear of but few of the enemy. Marched 14 miles.

Nov. 27th... Started at 8 o'clock crossed the Oconee river at noon. Our troops shot near 300 horses

and mules to keep them from falling into the hands of the enemy. Started again at 2 o'clock and march

7 miles to camp, making 11 miles in all. Weather fine. Passed several large fine planations, the best we have yet seen.

Nov. 28th... Started at 8 and marched till 5 o'clock

making 22 miles marched through the forests all day.

Passed several small planations, some of the most beattiful pine woods I have yet seen. Camped in a beautiful place and plenty of water. Plenty of forage at night. Weather fine. Splendid roads.

Crossed several swamps. Our Div. and the 4th on this road. Never in better health.

Nov. 29th...Started at 7 marched till 9 o'clock.

Marched 16 miles. Very warm, passed several fine farms, saw several fine groves of Pine. Saw the 17th A.C. On read guard.

Nov. 30th...Marched at 7, Marched 14 miles, went into camp at 4 O'clock. Country heavily timbered. Passed a few small farms.

December 1864...

Dec. 1st... Thurs... Marched at 8 O'clock and camped at 6 Brouse going unable to travel was left earley in the morning at a Mrs. Grubb's; 9 1/2 miles from Savannah. This is a desolate portion of Georgia. All forests and swamps. Traveled 10 miles.

Friday...Dec. 2nd..Started at 6 marched till 5 O'clock Travelling through a swampy country. Farms are very small. Weather fine. Marched 15 miles. On half rations.

Sat. 3rd....Lay in camp all day. Had plenty of potatoes and meat. Wshing. Weather fine.

Sunday..Dec. 4th...Marched at 7 and camped at ~~7~~ 9 O'clock Marched 17 miles. 2nd Div had a skirmish with the rebels.

Some little fighting in the rear. Weather fine.

Monday 5th...Started earley and passed the 2nd Div at Statesboro, the County town of Bullock County. A few of the enemy near Bramins Mills. Marched 16 miles. In camp at 4 O'clock. Co, on picket.

Tuesday...6th...Relieved from picket at 8 O'clock. Div. lay in camp all day. Regt building works. Out foraging horse back. Weather fine.

Wednesday...7th...Marched at 8, Rained in morning. Roads very bad. Marched 10 miles. Clear in afternoon. Waded a swamp.

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Thurs... 8th... Moved 1 mile. Lay in camp all day. And night. Drew rations of flour, heard cannonading at Savannah, 25 miles distant. Weather fine.

Friday...9th...Started at 6 marched till 4 o'clock, crossed the Ogeechee river in the morning on a Pontoon of 10 boats. 17th Army Corps fighting to our left. Heavy firing in front. Crossed a canal in the evening running from the Savannah to the Ogeechee river. 4th Div. in front. Captured one gun. Weather very cool.

Sat. 10th... Started at 8 returned to the Canal and marched down it towards the city. Heavy cannonading to the right and front. Our Div engaged but our regt not in building works at night. Raining nearly all night. One of our Batteries was planted just to the left of us.

Sunday...11th...The rebels gave us a heavy shelling just after daylight but did not hurt any of us. Their shells going entirely too high. Left our lines at 8:30 and moved to the right. Halted at 10 to wait orders. Our Co sent back into the rifle pits, relieved at dark and marched to the right 5 miles. Very cold. Passed the 1st and 4th Divs.

Monday...12th...Marched about 6 miles and went into camp 8 miles from Fort McAllister on a fine plantation, out foraging. In sight of our fleet. Weather fine.

Tuesday ...13th...Lay in camp all day. Ft. McAllister taken by 2nd Div, heard the musketry plain. No particulars. Orders late in evening to be ready to support 1st. Brigade.



Wednesday....14th...Put up camp in regular order.

Inspection, Dress parade but little firing heard today.

Thursday...15th..In camp but little firing. Weather fine

Friday...16th...Out to Oguchee river. Saw two gunboats going up the river. The river is very large here and is affected by the tide. One Rice plantation here said to contain 100,000 acres. Weather very fine.

Sat. 17th..... In camp. Mail came in 11 letters. 3 from home. All well. Weather fine. Heavy fogs in morning. but little firing.

Sunday...18th...In camp. Weather fine.

Monday 19th... In camp. Writing letters. Weather fine very warm. Drew rations of hard bread.

Tuesday...20th...Detailed for picket at 4 o'clock. Saw the rebel camp. Heavy firing till 3 o'clock at night. This was the last. Weather fine.

Wednesday ...21st...Relived from guard at noon and marched for Savannah which was evacuated by the enemy last night, leaving all their heavy guns. Marched 15 miles. Arrived in camp 2 miles south of town at 5 o'clock. Weather fine.

Thursday...22nd...Pitched our camp in regular order west of R.R. Went into town in afternoon. It is a beautiful place. Saw the Marble Monument built to the memory of Count Pulaski. It is about 12 ft square at the base and near 30 ft. high.

Inscriptions; South side

Pulaski

The Heroic Pole

Who fell mortally wounded fighting for American Liberty at the seige of Savannah.

9th Oct. 1779

North Saide;

Eagle Protecting the Liberties of America.

Pulaski falling wounded from his horse.

Pulaski

East Side;

Pulaski.

West Side;

Pulaski

It is one of the most beautiful specimens of Art I ever saw. Weather very cool. The rebel vessel Savannah blew up last night. Monument situated on Whittaker St.

Friday...23rd...Moved camp 1 mile to the east. Very cold  
Sat...24th...Mail came in . 6 letters all well at home.

On Grand Review. Saw Genl Sherman. Out 5 hours.  
Warmer than yesterday.

Sunday 25th...Christmas Day. Very dull in camp.  
Writing letters cool.

Monday 26th...In camp

Tuesday...27th...On fatigue in camp. Warm and pleasant

Wed...28th...In camp. Raining nearly all day. Wrote a letter for Wm. Lowell.

Thursday....29th... On picket. Winds blow from N-west very cold.

Friday...30th...relieved from guard. ~~Leave camp on 31st day~~

In camp rest of day. A Blockade runner ran in last evening and cast anchor, opposite the Harbor Light

before she discovered the City to belong to the Yanks.

She was 30 tons loaded with coffee, sugar etc.

Saturday...Dec. 31st...On drill. Mustered for pay.

Rained nearly all day. Last day of the old year.

Farewell old year; with all thy joys and troubles,

pains and sorrow; Fare thee well. We will long

remember thee with all thy triumphs and defeats. The

days spent with dear friends at home. We hail thee new

year with new resolves to do our duty better and live

a better life.

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January 1865.

Sunday...1st...In camp all day. Went to Church in the  
"Wesley Chapel" in the city. Subject--God granting  
our arms the many victories during the past year.

By Kephart, Our Chaplain. Weather cool

Monday...2nd...In camp. Weather fine.

Tuesday...3rd... In camp On drill. Weather pleasant

Wednesday...4th...Went to town to see Calvary review,  
but was disappointed. Saw the greater part of it, is

very beautiful. Weather fine.

Thursday...5th...In camp

Friday...6th...In camp. Brigade review. Rain in morning  
Drew clothing.

Sat. 7th...Corps reviewed by Genl's Sherman and  
Howard. Weather cool

Sunday..8th...In camp. Dan came down. Writing letters.  
Orders to be ready to move. Cold.

Monday 10th...In camp. Genl inspection, Writing letters.  
Rained in evening.

Tuesday...11th.. On guard at Magazine. Rained all day.  
Cool in evening.

Wednesday...12th...Relieved from guard. In camp rest of  
day. Cold in morning, letter from home.

Friday...13th...On fatigue all day on Fort. Warm and  
pleasant.

Sat...14th...In camp.

Sunday...15th...On camp guard. Weather cool and

pleasant.

Monday...16th... On fatigue.

Tuesday...17th...Jan..In camp. On drill  
Wednesday...18th...In camp on drill. Orders to  
march in the morning.  
Thursday...19th...Started at 6 o'clock crossed the  
Savannah River and bayous on three Pontoon bridges.  
Rained all afternoon, Camped 17 miles from Savannah,  
about 10 miles of the distance was through Rice fields  
Friday...20th...Lay in camp all day. Rained hard nearly  
all the time.  
Sat. 21st...Marched at 9 camped earley. Rained nearly  
all day. Marched 15 miles. On picket.  
Sunday...22nd...Marched earley , going about 14 miles.  
In camp after dark. Rained all the time. Passed some of  
Fosters earthworks.  
Monday...23rd...Marched about 10 miles getting in side  
our Pickets at Pocatigo. Rained. Roads very bad.  
Tuesday...24th...In camp. Very cool  
Wednesday...25th...In camp. Hauling lumber  
Thursday...26th...In camp. Building quarters  
Friday...27th...In camp. Very cool  
Sat...28th...In camp. Reveived letter from Sister, one  
from A.W. Pease, slao socks from home.  
Sunday....29th...In camp. Package from New York. Cool  
Monday...30th...Marched at noon, 5 miles across the R.R.  
north west. Weather fine. Roads good.  
Tuesady...31st...In camp. Went to see Dan in afternoon.

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Wed. 1st...Marched at 7 Gen direction north west  
through a low rough country. Roads good. Passed the  
first white citizens since leaving Savannah. Our men

destroyed a great deal of private property. Marched 12 miles weather pleasant. A little fighting in advance.

Thursday...2nd... Marched 10 miles passed 1st Div. Saw I Dan. Fighting to our right. On packet.

Friday...3rd... Marched 5 miles rained earley in the morning. Got plenty of forage. One of Regt taken prisoner. We are now in the finest part of south Carolina. Large and fine farms on every hand, crossed a small stream where there was a mill.

Sat. 4th,, Started at 7 crossed a small stream at mill. Where we met the 1st Div. Marched 10 miles fine farms on each side road. Direction North east.

Sunday 5th... Marched 5 miles crossed a large swamp. 27 Birdges. camped near Bufords cross roads. Country fine. Weather fine.

Monday 6th...Started at 6 After marching 12 miles encountered the enemy in a swamp at 10 O'clock. Our brigade was deployed as skirmishers and crossed the swamp in front of the enemy finally charged and drove them out. Without losing a man, Marched 2 miles farther and went into camp. A little fighting enemy Calvary.

Tuesday...7th...Marched 5 miles to the R.R. Our troops destroyng the track. Rained nearly all day.

Wednesday...8th...Lay in camp all day. Out in the country 7 miles. Weather pleasant.

Thursday ..9th...Marched 7 miles and went into camp, burning R.R. in afternoon. Very cold.

Friday 10th..Marched in afternoon 5 miles. Weather cool.

Sat. 11th..Marched 15 miles. Gen. direction east. Saw Dan. No fighting.

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Fe...Dsunday..12th...2nd Div in advance had considerable fighting. At the North Edisto river. None of our Div engaged. We crossed the river after night and marched 3 miles. Camped 6 miles from Orangeburg

Monday...13th...Marched earley and passed in sight of Orangeburg before noon. After marching 20 miles went into camp. Got plenty of forage. Head Quarter Train

with us. Very cold. The coldest day of the Winter.

Tuesday...14th...Marched 12 miles. Rained in

afternoon. Camped a few miles from Columbia.

Wed. 15th...Marched 12 miles, considerable fighting in front. Our first brigadade skirmished with the enemy across a Bayou. on picket at night.

Thursday..16th....Relieved earley and marched towards town . Hard fighting in front. In sight of the city all day. We marched on a hill road, the valley about 2 miles wide. The rest of the army in sight, marching up the valley. It was a grand sight. Marched up the river and crossed the Saluda camped about 12 o'clock, severe skirmishing all day. cold.

Friday...17th...Our Corps crssed the Broad river earley in the morning and drove the enemy back taking the city then succeeded a scene of plundering that beggars description. The city was more than half burned at night.

Sat. 18th..Lay in camp all day, warm and pleasant.

Sunday...19th..Washing. Went to see Dan. The arsenal exploded in twon killing and wounding a great many men. The city still on fire.

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Monday...20th...Marched 20 miles in the direction of  
Winsboro Warm

Tuesday...21st...Marched 1 o'clock going 20 miles in  
the direction of Camden. Country mountainous. Hard  
marching. Weather pleasant. Escaped prisoners  
coming in all the time. Forage scarce.

Wed. 22nd...Marched at 7 stopped at 2 but did go into  
camp. Country very hilly and barren on short rations.  
Crossed the Wateree river and camped for the night.  
Marched 12 miles.

Thursday...23rd...Started at 7 camped at 5. out foraging.  
Marched 15 miles passed Liberty Hill. Country very  
hilly. rained afternoon.

Friday...24th...Marched at 7 in camp at 6 passed Flat  
Rock. Country very rough raining. Our men captured  
a rebel train.

Sat. 25th...Lay in camp all day. A Div of Calvary  
scattered our foragers this morning, capturing and  
killing several. Gen Smith had 2 prisoners shot.

Sunday...27th...Marched 12 miles Roads good. No enemy  
in sight. Weather fine.

Monday...28th...Lay in camp all day at Kellys Ford. rain

Tuesday...29th...Lay in camp rain.



March 1865.

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Wed 1st...Orders to be to march but did no move. Rain

Thursday...2nd...Marched at noon. crossed Lynch's creek and after marching 9 miles wnet into camp. Rain.

Friday...3rd...Started at 6, Marched 25 miles. Enemy killed one of 59th Ind in sight of column, hard days march. Barren pine land most of way.

Sat...4th..Started earley marched 30 miles and camped at 8 O'clock 2 miles west of Cheraw.

Sunday...5th...Crossed the Great Pudee river on a Pontoon, the common bridge being burned. Marched 5 miles and went into camp.

Monday 6th... Lay in camp all day. Forage plenty, saw Don

Tuesady.7th...Marched at 9 am. Camped at 3pm. Marched 12 miles. Weather warm. I went into. N.C.after forage.

Wed..8th.. Started earley and passed into N.C. marched 10 miles. rain. Marched till 2 pm

Thursday...9th...Started at 7 and marched till 6 PM Marched 17 miles. raining very hard in evening. Comapny on Picket.

Friday 10th...Marched 5 miles, built roads all day.

Hard work.

Sat. 11th...Marched 11 miles went into camp at midnight roads very bad, the worst country I have ever seen to march through.

Sunday...12th...Marched earley and camped 3 miles out of Fayetteville. Passed a large cotton factory, Our men burned it, Crossed Rock creek on Pontoons.

Monday..13th... Lay in camp. Wrote letter home.

Tuesday...14th..Crossed Cape Fear River late in evening on Pontoon bridge went into camp 1 mile from

Stream River not so large as Broad River.

Wed..15th...Drew 3 days rations and left camp at 2 o'clock. Marched 11 miles rained hard.

Thursday...16th...Marched 8 miles rained all day. Roads very bad. Saw Dan

Friday...17th..Marched 8 miles passed 20 A.S. Train.

Camped near 4th Div.

Sat. 18th...Marched 15 miles in afternoon had light

skirmish near Neuse river. No one hurt, built works at night. Some hard work on the left in front of 14th Army Corps.

Monday...20th...Started out before day light to for the enemy to burn or leave the bridge. We soon accomplished our purpose, bridge buened with the loss of three men hurt pretty badly. We then returned to camp. Guarding Army Hd Quarters and trains. Sent out on picket and relieved marched 9 miles to the lines, Our men were skirmishing all day.

Tuesday....21st... Lay in camp reserve all day. Heavy fighting loss light on our side. The enemy made several ineffectual attempts to break our lines but failed every time. The hardest fighting was after night. Rain.

Wed. 22nd...In camp all day.out on the battlefield not half so hard fighting as I supposed.

Thursday 23rd...Marched 10 miles to near Cox's Ferry. Weather warm.

Friday 24th.... March...Marched 12 miles to near  
Goldsburg and went into camp. Saw Dan  
Sat. 25th...Our foraging 22 miles from camp.

Sunday 26th...In camp. Inspection; Mail came, first for  
53 days.

Monday 27th...In camp  
Tuesday..28th.. In camp

Wed 29th,,Writing letters

Thursday 30th..This Book started for home. I am well.

I did not keep the record from this time on but write  
this from memory. Word came to us at Raleigh of the  
murder of Lincoln and no one can ever forget the  
intense feeling of bitterness of the Army at the news;  
and if Johnson had made a fight at that time there  
would have been no quarter shown.

Lee had surrendered on the 9th of April followed  
a few days after by the surrender of Johnson and the  
total collapse of the Confederacy. After four years  
of the bloodiest War this world ever saw. Shermans Army  
was soon on its way to Washington, passing through  
Petersburg and Richmond also Mt. Vernon and many of the  
Battlefields from there to Washington.

We arrived at Washington a few days before the  
Grand Review. The Army of the Patomac passing one day  
and we the next. Two hundred thousand men in two days  
passing down the great Pennsylvania Avenue by the  
Presidents stand, Lincoln was not there. How sad we all  
felt.

From Washington to Parkersburg Va. by the  
Baltimore and Ohio R.R. down the Ohio to Louisville

where the most of the Army was mustered out, but a Div in including our Regiment under Gen Oliver of Detroit was sent to Little Rock via Ohio, Mississippi and White Rivers to Duvalls Bluffs, thence by rail to Little Rock, arriving about

July 14th, 1865... We staid in the log Barracks of the 14th Iowa till...

Aug. 18th... were mustered out and in a few days started for home.

Arrived at Davenport Iowa about

Sept. 7th 1865.. were paid off and given our Discharges and left for Home to try to gather up the threads where we had dropped them. Many of us succeeded many failed. Do we deserve praise for our success or for the many trials we have made, where we failed;

3 yrs - 11 mo - 13 days.



Oliver Crowell Kinley - Co I, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa