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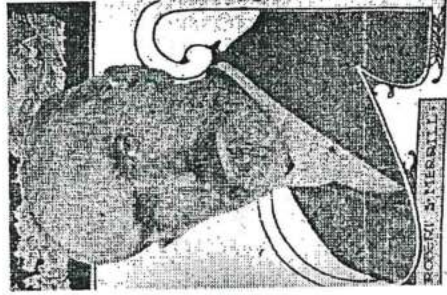
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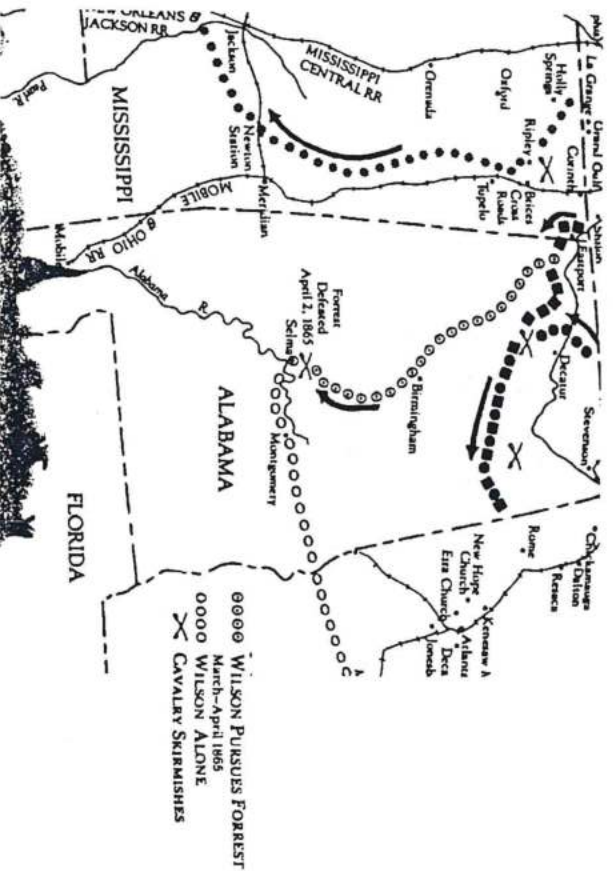
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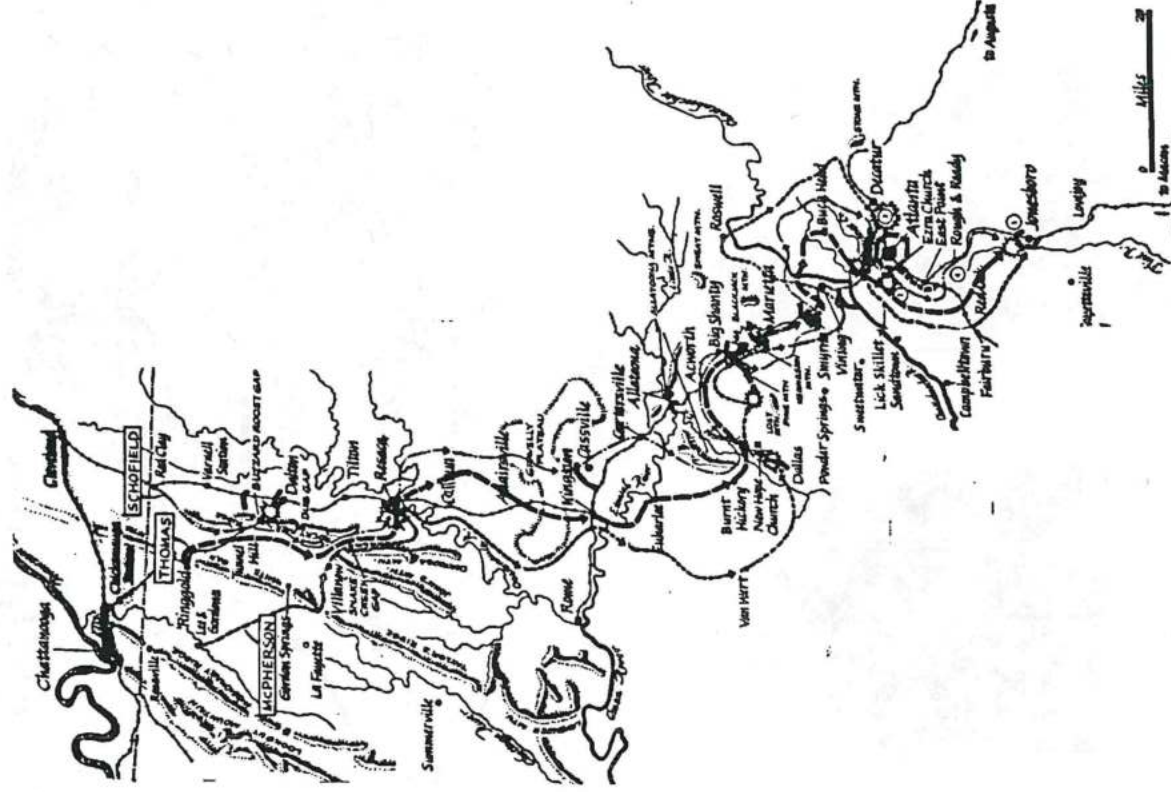


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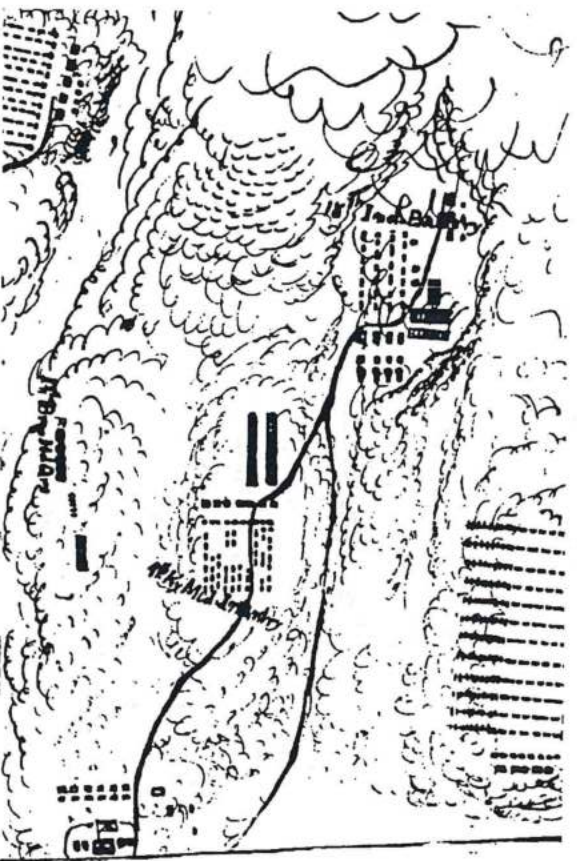
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"General Croxton selected...the First Wisconsin Cavalry, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Harnden, an officer of spirit, experience and resolution...General Minty selected his own regiment, the Fourth Michigan Cavalry, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin D. Pritchard, an excellent and dashing officer...in the hope of finding the trail of the party for whom he was looking...after detaching Lieutenant Lane and sixty men to remain at Dublin, and to scout the country in all directions, Colonel Harnden, at an early hour in the morning, began his pursuit of the party just mentioned...Colonel Harnden reports this day to have been one of great toil to both men and horses; they had marched forty miles through almost trackless forest, much of the way under the rain, and in water up to their saddle-girths...Colonel Harnden learned from the ferryman that the party he was pursuing had crossed about one o'clock that morning, and were only a few hours ahead of him on the road leading to Irwinsville.

Sherman's march 1864



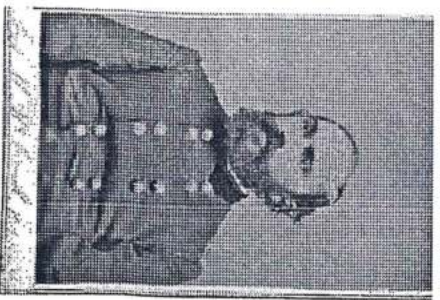
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Sketch of 1st Brig. HQ

May, 1865

by R. S. Merrill



Gen. Edmund M. McCook
Edward



Gen. James H. Wilson

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January 1, 1863

Barnesville, Mo. Thursday
Moved our camp over the ridge
to the ground occupied by the 4th
Mo. Wrote a letter to A. & one
to Aunt Clara. received a letter
from home this evening. it

January 2

Friday: rained some last night & is
raining today. A large train 150 wagons
came in from VanBuran tonight. We have
commenced fortifying today & there is a
rumor of a large force of rebels near
---- B- I do not feel well to night.

January 3

Saturday: It is quite pleasant today but very muddy.
It rains very hard tonight & the tent
is wet through. Oh dear What a time
I have had. I had to get up & saddle
my horse for inline picket. Wading
through mud & water is nice & wet!

January 4-6, 1863 blurred

January 7-9, 1863 blurred

January 10

Saturday: Marching orders countermand=
=ded. Troops that went out yesterday have come
back. Drill this forenoon. On the march
this afternoon. P.M. Camped about 6 M
on the Springfield road. Picket tonight.

January 11

Sunday: Cavalry went by at sunrise.
one scout. Pickets are left behind.
Were relieved at dark. Received a letter
from Father tonight.

January 12

Monday: Went foraging this morning.
got back at 2 o'clock. Were detailed to go to
meet the train: Started off without rations
rode till -----, Had to stand picket 2 hrs.
started again at sunrise.

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January 13

Tuesday: found that we had got on the wrong road & missed the train. Turned= round & went back. had the pleasure of riding in the rain & mud: got back to camp at 2 P.M. cooked a few of chickens for supper tonight.

January 14

Wednesday: General call this morning Packing up & raining good. Well tonight we marched 5 miles. Was detailed to drive horses. Put up one tent for us all. Stopped raining this afternoon. Old plug Davidson yelled at me for galloping over his campground.

January 15

Thursday: Waked up this morning ----- 3 in of snow on the ground. the first of the winter: moved about 25 rod today. put our tent up in the snow: cold time. I was detailed for fatigue: cut wood: felled a pine tree & got boughs for Col Waring tent. its about-----

Camp Chase:

January 16

Friday: Jay came in from picket. The boys came from the scout this A.M. have been out towards Springfield:

January 17

Saturday: Were routed out in the cold to roll call & sent back after our arms. rec'd my gloves by mail this morning: My horse died to night. Wrote a letter to Father to day:

January 18

Sunday: Went foraging in the forenoon. 2nd Battalion left to day: Sold Ben Miller my revolver for ----- for cartridges: \$10 down & the balance pay day:

January 19

Monday: General call this A.M. Commenced raining after we had started on the march. rained all day & pretty much all night: we marched till about 10 P.M. & then spent about as uncomfortable a

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night as I remember.

January 20

Tuesday: Resumed the march at sunrise; & stopped to feed after going 1 mile; reached Alton at 12 P.M.
There is a fine Court House here:
The 11th Wis. here: built us a bough house & slept very well: Rec'd letter from Gill.

January 21

Wednesday: Marched for Thomasville at 10 A.M. reached here a little after noon. Just as we left Alton saw for men with two deer: Camped in open air with Jennings.
On stable guard tonight:

Thomasville, Mo:

January 22

Thursday: The train with our tents this P.M. Rec'd a letter from Arcelia.

January 23

Friday: Got excused & washed clothes all day. felt quite unwell this morning but feel well tonight: The sentences of Court Martial were read at Head Quarters at Roll Call:

January 24

Saturday: Dried my clothes this morning: Had a fire down by the brook: Marching orders for to=
=morrow

January 25

Sunday: Marching at 8 A.M.: Passed through Alton & camped 2 ½ miles south: Rained part of the forenoon & rained this afternoon & I had to go & cut a block for the Blacksmith:
Rain, Rain, all night & Rainy this

January 26

Monday: morning: Grazed our hor=
=ses on the marsh grass: Laid in the tents & read *Harper Magazine* while it rained out doors: Froze quite hard at night: Detail at Roll Call for the scout tomorrow: Reveille to be at 5

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January 27

Tuesday: P.M. started off in a great hurry: 3 days rations of crackers
Our days march brought us into Ark=
=ansas: A fine country down here. Camped
in a field by a house: had honey & sorghum
at noon: where we feed horses: On picket

January 28

Wednesday: tonight Maj Torrey came
out & said we might have a fire: had
a gallup to catch the column this mor=
=ning: Went 5 miles & then came back. Took
cattle where we could find them: Was
dismounted by old Torrey because my

January 29

Thursday: horse would not jump the fence.
Camped last night at the same place
where we got honey: Camped at the
big white house to night: on picket
again to night: Robinson arrested
for killing sheep:

January 30

Friday: Passed the Alton road yesterday &
find we are on the West Plains road
had a hard march over the hills to day:
Our Advance guard attacked by the bush=
=whackers about 2 P.M. 16 of us were on the
rear guard & had to gallup: to catch the column

January 31

Saturday: Camped last night at the
first farm we had seen for miles:
We are 15 miles from West Plains:
We saw a forage train to day which
was the first indication of our being in
the vicinity of our Regiment: When we
got within 2 miles of W.P. we found our Regt..
had just come in from Alton: Got our
tents up & it seems more like living:
Our scout has most used me up living
Corn meal & fresh meat is hard fare for
me: We got over 200 head of cattle
& 80 horses besides sheep: Well this
is the last day in another month
in the Menagerie:

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February 1

Sunday: Occupied my self most of the day by laying abed: There was no division drill to day:

February 2

Monday: do not feel very well to day: Had a chill & am afraid of the child fever: The Pay Master came in from Rolla to:day:

February 3

Tuesday: occupied myself laying in the tent: are on half rations at present: received marching orders to night, to go to Rolla do not feel much like going

February 4

Wednesday: cold this morning struck tents at 8 A.M. & marched up to the town of West Plains. stopped about 15 M & were ordered back to our camp it snowed this afternoon &

February 5

Thursday: this morning: 8 in of snow: feel quite well this morning: it is a pretty cold day: The flag of truce to Gen Marmaduke started to day Mailed a letter to Arcelia

February 6

Friday: cold & clear this morning: Wrote a letter to Gill: Full rations ordered for to morrow: afraid to march: Got my hand cut to night.

February 7

Saturday: Ordered on a scout. 3 days rations: Met troops coming from Salem: Rode the fastest of any time that I was out: Passed a Comp.. of the 3rd Iowa: Camped 2 M from Salem On picket. dismounted? 30 M from here

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is West Plains

February 8

Sunday: Marched to Salem at 9:00
Met Col. Waring's men coming
from Batesville. Saw wounded men
in wagons. This P.M. we are 15 miles
west of south of Salem.

February 9

Monday: Reveille at 12 P.M. Marched
at daylight: Confiscated some horses today
Camped after dark by a white
house: 10 miles from West Plains:

February 10

Tuesday: Arrived at West Plains at 1 P.M.
Found the troops had all gone this
morning at 8 A.M: stayed here till 2 P.M.
& got mush for dinner: Got into camp at
7 P.M. 10 M from West Plains:

February 11

Wednesday: Arrived at Thomasville to=
=night: Had 3 crackers dealt out for the
march through to the Eminence:

February 12

Thursday: The Infantry passed our camp
this morning & also the Pontoon Brig
crossed the Levintome: Was detailed to
go after hogs: Went 3 miles with miles
foraged a pr of chickens:

February 13

Friday: Hard fire today: set up & cooked
my chickens without salt: found
it rivalous: eat the last of my horse
crackers to night: Marched up the
Eminence & down & camped

February 14

Saturday: Nothing but burning coffee
with mutton: rather fresh: Passed over
the roughest country I ever saw to day
One of the drivers had his leg broke
by the wheel running over it: crossed the
Currant River: Beautiful rocks & scenery.
Rice with out salt for it. Camped 3 miles from E.

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- February 15 Sunday: The flag of truce came in this A.M. Coffee & buns for Breakfast: two hard crackers issued this morning: Most of the boys went foraging, but I had a day of rest: Horse guard tonight: Jay carried a dispatch to Eminence.
- February 16 Monday: Reveille at 5: Marched to Em=
=inence: Camped the Currant River. The scenery at B= & along the route today was the finest I have yet seen: One little falls was especially fine! We camped 10 miles from E= to night: Sam M= & I went after a pig=
no luck
- February 17 Tuesday: slept this morning as long as I wanted to: The team came in at 12 A.M. came 5 M & camped in a vale be=
=tween the hills:
- February 18 Wednesday: started this morning at 4 A.M. arrived at Centreville at 2 P.M. Came across the Black River & camped Sam & I went out hunted hogs but lost them after shooting two:
- February 19 Thursday: Rainy & stormy today: Fed at a barn 5 M on the road: Came 2 miles through from Lesterville & camped got a few pieces of hard Bread for supper set up & cooked fresh pork for tomor=
=row:
- February 20 Friday: Was detailed to go with the Staff wagon: Came in sight of Pilot Knob at noon: Came in through Arcadia & camped ½ of a M from the village. The Knob in plain sight: It is quite a hill when seen clear at tunnel: signed our Pay Roll:
- February 21 Saturday: Rainy & misty sleet & snow Saddled up & went down to the -----

received our pay: The boys got drunk & had a spree. I shall remember this night for a long time: on horse guard to night:

February 22

Sunday: soft bread for two days: started on the march for St Emminence struck the flank road tonight & camped by a sluice: The boy's got whiskey & had another drunk: I got sorghum at the store:

February 23

Monday: on the march at 10 o'clock: our co- was the advance: came through Far=mington & Valley Forge: I was horse guard & got a good lunch of bread & sausages: we are in a civilized country once more: went forward with the sergeant ----- to find a campground

February 24

Tuesday: came through the finest coun=try that I have seen in Missouri: Col. LaGrange broke his horse's leg & shot him: saw several vineyards today Camped 5 miles from Ste Gen=evieve:

February 25

Wednesday: arrived at Ste Genevieve at 10 A.M. passed through town & went into camp about a mile up the river: was detailed to help with a boat: the John J. Roe, with hay & forage: think I will remember our dinner & darkies

February 26

Thursday: Today we all went down to town & among other things had the pleasure of eating a square meal: we are within 60 rods of the Mississippi: Weighed myself today: weighed 138 lbs.

February 27

Friday: Quite a pleasant day. nothing

of importance today: Wrote a letter home:

February 28

Saturday: Rainy this morning. Was detailed to go down to the Landing & help move barrels & boxes of bacon recalled to camp to be mustered for pay: pleasant this afternoon but quite muddy.

March 1, 1863

Sunday: blurred
Monday: blurred
Tuesday: blurred
Wednesday: blurred
Thursday: blurred
Friday: blurred

March 7

Saturday: Got 4 letters this morning & one this afternoon: Wrote a letter home: Detailed to go as guard but are relieved: as we march to=
=morrow: heard the cannon at Iron. M₁ & that Vicksburg is taken

March 8

Sunday: Reveille at 5. Marched at 8= We came along to a fast rate. Came 26 miles: camped on the left of the road: Our mule driver took up as the again: Quite pleasant day but cold

March 9

Monday: On the march today we hurried along on a trot & also trotted through town. Camped on the banks of the river near the boat landing: most all the rest of the reg't had gone to the cafe

March 10

Tuesday: Orderly ----- this morning: The Boat came in last night: On the boat & started at 8 o'clock: Reached Cape G at 4 P.M. Camped at the old Fort -----
Came in the Steamship Ch----tern

March 11

Wednesday: don't drill this A.M.
drilled on horse this P.M. &
May Torrey struck Stearns
with his sabre: -----
drilled as a porkment:

March 12

Thursday: two drills mounted
today: nothing else of note:
draw of pr of pants of
which I was in much need:

March 13

Friday: blurred

March 14

Saturday: blurred

March 15

Sunday: blurred

March 16

Monday: blurred

March 17

Tuesday: blurred

March 18

Wednesday: blurred

March 19

Thursday: Put on light duty but
drilled in the forenoon. have
the diarrhea quite bad.
The weather is warm.

March 20

Friday: Light duty today: Wrote
a letter to Arcelia: The boys
went Foraging again today:

March 21

Saturday: Drilled today: Col. L says
we will drill today & work tomorrow
fine weather:

March 22

Sunday: Rainy & muddy this A.M.
Went up to the Church but there
was no service: Wrote a letter
to Cousin Andie: on stable guard
tonight: it is cloudy but no rain
this afternoon:

March 23

Monday: Jay & most of the boys on picket
It is a very rainy day: had sabre drill
The tent came very near blowing over
tonight: busied myself drawing

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- March 24 Tuesday: Sabre drill in the forenoon
Battalion drill in the afternoon
maneuvering men & horses on foot
On stable guard tonight
Marching orders for tomorrow:
=row:
- March 25 Wednesday: Marched at 6 A.M.
Under command of Capt Seaton
came through St Luke, camped
2 miles from Clarkston.
- March 26 Thursday: came Through Clark=
=ston: & through the Cypress swamp
My horse fell down: in the water:
Tore down the rebel fortifications
Arrived at Kennett at 3 P.M.
horse guard tonight (commissary
Got a square meal an we eat
- March 27 Friday: went on a scout down in
the swamp. Destroyed contraband
property: got a lot of furs in a bark,
took a lot of horses & mules. It rains
hard tonight.
- March 28 Saturday: Washed clothes today:
lots of action in camp: Things look
suspicious tonight: it is said that
there is going to be 200 secesh in
here to attack us tonight: kept
my horse saddled & were attack at 3 ½ A.M.
- March 29 Sunday: Things are quiet today.
The wind blows hard & it is
quite cold: The tent caught fire des=
=troyed quite a number of blankets &c. Pris=
=soners came in from Barnesville: On picket
tonight:
- March 30 Monday: Nothing of note today: Relieved
at dark: A new recruit joined
us today:

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March 31

Tuesday:

Nothing today of importance
On stable guard. 3rd relief
The Officer's horse was stabled
about 10 P.M. We were alarmed
about 1 P.M. by the Pickets -

Distance from Cape Girardeau to Bloomfield 45 miles
from B- to Clarkson 20 M
from C- to Kennett 20 M-

April 1, 1863

Wednesday: Coming in & reporting

that the rebels were in an old this afternoon
building & were going to attack
us: Got up just after I had got to bed
& got 3 letters, two from home & one from Gill
got up before day to go on a scout

April 2

Thursday: With -----: got a good
breakfast & honey: Marching orders for
today: started at 1 P.M. Camped at
Clarkston:

April 3

Friday: Arrived at Bloomfield at
three P.M. It is said that we are
to go to Tenn-

April 4

Saturday: Marched at 8 A.M.
Camped at 1 P.M.: 14 miles
out: Crossed the Castor river on
a floating bridge. On stable guard
2 relief:

April 5

Sunday: Marched again at
8: Camped on the banks of the
Whitewater which we crossed
on a ferry boat:

April 6

Monday: Came into Cape Girardeau at 12: Heard by the way of Luntz=
=ler that mother was very sick
Commenced writing home & got 2

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letters before I had finished: Went to see the Col to get a furlough:

April 7

Tuesday: No drill to=
=day: Went down town & bought a box to pack our clothes in

April 8

Wednesday: Company drill in the A.M. Battalion P.M.

April 9

Thursday: General in=
=section this A.M.: Sabre Drill P.M.: on stable guard tonight:

April 10

Friday: Mustered for pay: No drill today: Pay Master commenced paying tonight: Went down town & shipped our box. Mailed 2 letters to Arcelia:

April 11

Saturday: Mounted Co. Drill A.M. P.M. On stable guard tonight: routed out to go after our Brig just as I had got to bed:

April 12

Sunday: Inspection by Maj Torrey at 10 A.M. dress parade at 4 P.M. rec'd 2 letters 1 from A 1 from Aunt Clara: Contribution - for the lt. sabre, this morning

April 13

Monday: Co. Drill (sabre) this A.M.: Got a pass & went down, wrote a letter home & sent a draft for \$40. My horse was gone so I did not go on drill PM: Sabre was presented to Lt. Atwater at retreat

April 14

Tuesday: Commenced raining in the night. rainy most all day: on drill, wrote two letters one to A & one to Gill. Rec'd Powder for skirm fight

got my boots fixed

April 15

Wednesday:----- A.M.
mounted drill this afternoon.
fired our arms on horseback
Briggs & Longstaff telegraphed home
have roll this PM

April 16

Thursday: Rec'd order
to march to Bloomfield this
morning. The officers in their
resignations we struck tents
at 12 o'clock. marched 6 M & camped
on the ground where we passed
the Nebraska Inf when we went
out last time

April 17

Friday: Came 3 or 4 miles south of the
Whitewater where we camped
Crossed the Wt. on the new bridge
Jay & Lomereaux & I went down to
the creek & had a good wash

April 18

Saturday: On prison
guard today. Briggs & I went to
the Cape. Rained like everything
tonight after we had camped. has
cleared off now 1 ½ PM. we
are about 1 mile So of Spring Hill.

April 19

Sunday: Went over to Sp- Hill after
corn & four of us stayed for breakfast
relieved at 8 A.M. from guard. wrote a
letter to A-, Gor. Goings & I went to
the same house & got dinner. Train
went to B- & got rations & also the mail
Pleasant today

April 20

Monday: Sabre drill under Capt
mounted drill
Seaton this A.M. by Atwater this P.M.
got a pass & went out in the
country alone this P.M. after

drill.

April 21

Reveille at 4 o'clock -
Tuesday: marched at daylight
for Dalton. stopped in a fine
field to feed our horses: 5 M from
Dalton, Col L went on with 4 or 5 cs.
received a map, letter from home
Lt Williams & I went from the Cape

April 22

Wednesday: Marched for D- which we
reached at 8 A.M. Went into camp &
grazed our horses in the same field in
which we camped going from Cape to G-
Col & scout took some prisoners today
Jay left for the Cape with a dispatch

April 23

Thursday: Went with 20 men under Lt
Atwater out on the Frederick town road 5
miles: stayed out & got Dinner: Got into camp
at Jackson: at sundown: were ordered not
to unroll the blankets as an attack was expected

April 24

Friday: The troops left for the Cape this
morning: our co moved to the west side
of town where we stayed as pickets
received a dispatch at sundown saying
on stable guard 3rd relief
Co E was cut to pieces & ordering us double
quick for the Cape which we reached
at 3 A.M.

April 25

Saturday: Struck tents at 8 A.M.
an attack was confidently expected
Drilled & charged for a couple hrs & then
formed in lines expecting the enemy
rainy this P.M. put up our tents, went ----
saw Mrs Longstaff: were routed out &

April 26

Sunday: Battle of Cape Girardeau
formed line of battle at 4 A.M.
waited till 8 when we went to our tents
Price sent in a demand for the surren=

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=der of the town by 11 o'clock. Cannonading commenced at ½ to 11: Battle lasted 3 hrs
Went on a scout on the Jackson road

April 27

Monday: saddled up at daylight
co came up to find B: Went with our
Cavalry to Whitewater bridge
Rained like fury tonight: the
3rd Mo & other regts of Sanderson
men were at the bridge.

April 28

Tuesday: received orders to
come back to the Cape to
relieve Co B: Got into the
Cape at 12: moved camp to
the old camping grounds
by the spring:

April 29

Wednesday: Went across the
river at 8 A.M. stationed on
the 1st Post: Went across to carry
dispatches & got a lot of mail
3 letters, one paper for myself
saw Mrs Longstaff:

April 30

Thursday: Torrey came over
for me today. Got orders to
get 4 Jonesboro tonight: went
to 3rd post & stayed with Jennings: Wrote some letters
home today.

May 1, 1863

Friday: Arrived at Jonesboro
at 4 P.M. stayed at Union house.

May 2

Saturday: Went out to relieve
Brown from his post: Capt
Seaton came today. I
signed the payroll.

May 3

Sunday: ----- went to
town. I stayed on post alone
Went to the Dutch Millers

this P.M. of G- got back: Infantry boys there to steal our horses
dispatch office -----

May 4

Monday: All of the boys went to town so I went to Roy's station
Went to town this P.M. borrowed a horse to ride: raining this -----
The boys came from Jonesboro tonight:

May 5

Tuesday: We all came through this forenoon to the river. Came across on the steam ferry Devonhurst
Went up to our old camp.

May 6

Wednesday: Rainy today: Jay & I laid abed & read stories most all day:

May 7

Thursday: Wrote a letter to Pa & William today: Moved our camp over in the field in which we grazed our horses the Day of the fight: Went out to German=
=town with 9 others & Captain

May 8

Friday: Nothing doing today. I wrote a letter to Aunt C & to Gill. got one from (-) & Co Mi

May 9

Saturday: Nothing of note has occurred today. no Drill
We grazed our horses. Went down to town to water my horse tonight:

May 10

Sunday: Grand Review and inspection: 10 till P.M.
Went over & saw Mrs Longstaff gave her a letter to A which I wrote today:

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May 11

Monday: Went to town to get Rations. We got a letter from Mother & Arceia have orders to march at ½ past 3. Went down to the Blacksmith shop this P.M. started on a scout at ½ past 3. camp=
ped at the corn barn 2 miles from Whitewater at 10 P.M.

May 12

Tuesday: started again at 9 A.M. Jay got into the mud hole today (2) left a guard at bridge. fed at Spring: Charged into B. at 5 P.M. took 3 prisoners Went on picket & got a square meal. started back at dark. lost the road in a --- & stayed till 7 was so dark and rainy us stopped

May 13

Wednesday: Marched at daylight crossed at the Castor at 8: fed at spring hills Camped at same place that we did first night out.

May 14

Thursday: Marched at 8. Arrived at camp at 11 A.M. I wrote a letter this afternoon: Flag presented to Gen Mcniel this P.M.

May 15

Friday: Wrote letter. Mailed them. one to Mother. one to E.C. Pen-----

May 16

Saturday: blurred

May 17

Sunday: blurred

May 18

Monday: blurred

May 19

Tuesday: blurred

May 20

Wednesday: blurred

May 21

Thursday: blurred

this evening got a letter from Pa

May 22

Friday: Went over west of camp st---- to graze horses. Went down to the river to bath with Jay. Came back through town: had a strawberry short cake for --- Went on picket at 5 P.M. Wrote a note

home to send by Youngs:

May 23

Saturday: Nothing of note today. We are at the three mile post on Jackson road: A pic-nic party came out by our post this afternoon. We were re=lied at 6 got into camp before dark got a couple of papers tonight.

May 24

Sunday: Went to church this fore noon & also in the evening. Co inspection at 9 A.M.

May 25

Monday: Went out beyond camp strong to graze horses: got a pass & went down town with J this afternoon & got barbered & went on picket at 5 P.M: H. Leg lady came along & waked Jay up this evening:

May 26

Tuesday: The 1st Nebraska came by the Post on their way to Pilot Knob. had a fine shower rather to our inconvenience: Relieved & went to camp at 5 ½ P.M. Wrote a letter home this afternoon:

May 27

Wednesday: Grazed Horses this P.M.

May 28

Thursday: Nothing of note has occurred today: xxxwent to townxxx
xxxon a pass this PMxxx
I went down to the river
(on a pass) & then to town
this afternoon

May 29

Friday: Nothing of importance today. expect to leave to=
=morrow: Wrote a letter home
this evening. There is an order
for us to be in readiness at 8 A.M.
tomorrow morning to march for Clarksville

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May 30

Saturday: packed up to move but did not go: drew new horses
Went down to town to load rations
had a heavy shower this morn
Mailed my letters home.

May 31

Sunday: Reveille at 3 P.M. packed up & went down to boat at sun=
=rise: Went on the Chortence. left at 9 P.M. Arrived at Cairo at 3 P.M. stopped 1 ½ hrs. Came on up to Paducah, where we stopped ½ hr, leaving at dusk. Got to Smithville at 11 P.M. laid over till 11 A.M. Monday: loading coal & boat supplies. The other transports I.J.H. Dickey & J D Purry. Came in at 11 or 12 last night: The weather (Sunday) has been very pleasant U.S. General Hospital at Mound City is a fine building

June 1, 1863

Monday: left Smithland at (we passed 6 gun boats going down) 11 A.M. Going up the Cumberland after going about 40 miles the boat ran on a sand bar. We had to go ashore to lighten the boat. The other boats (went in bathing in the Cumberland) unloaded at Eddyville tonight.

June 2

Tuesday: Reveille at 5. brought our horses ashore: saddled up & came into camp about 3/4 of a mile from town. had to put up a fly for a tent. sabre drill this A.M. Went out & discharged firearms this afternoon on 2 relief stable guard tonight. rained some in the night

June 3

Wednesday: sabre drill A.M. Went out & practiced jumping horses this P.M. & had a sabre charge through the streets to all of which the fair maids of the

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place were witness:

June 4

Thursday: sabre drill this A.M. Wrote a letter home: sabre drill P.M. Captain was to unwell to Drill mounted: There was A man named Stratton from Co D drowned in the river today while bathing:

June 5

Friday: Went Down through town at water call: Mounted Drill & charges by section this A.M: Our Co had the praise of doing the best of any Co in the regt Went down through the field after mulberries after sabre drill this P.M.

June 6

Saturday: Mounted drill under steward & jumping horses: dress parade & (charges afterward) at 9 P.M.

June 7

Sunday: Went to church to town. in the forenoon: A hollering Methodist preached We had service in the afternoon by our Chaplain. It rained some: Received marching orders for tomorrow at 8 A.M.

June 8

Monday: Marched a 8 A.M. passing through some of the finest country I have seen in the south reached Princeton at noon (12 miles out) stopped & grazed horses at 3 P.M. 6 M from Princeton went back & loaded forage:

June 9

Tuesday: Came through a very fine country today & saw lots of pretty girls: It is 28 miles from Princeton to Hopkinsville; we formed & marched through where we saw the 3rd Ky Cav: came about 2 M & camped: we camped near a stream of water tonight in a meadow: On 1st R, stable guard: The Col went down in the field &

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fetchd up some of the men for berry picking
We had two roll calls tonight:

June 10

Wednesday: It is raining this morning &
I expect to have a fine days march. We did
not move camp as it stormed to hard
I laid abed & read most all day.

June 11

Thursday: Marched at 6 A.M. It rained
quite hard by showers. We passed through
some very fine country mostly plantations
It looks very much like the openings of
(on stable guard)

Wis: watered at the covered bridge 4 M from C-
troops here are 9th Ky Cav & 28th inf
Arrived at Clarksville at 9 & camped just across
the bridge

June 12

Friday: We had sabre drill this A.M. Went down
bathing: we saw Regt in readiness to march
from 1 P.M. finally started at 2 passing thro
C- it is the most wealthy town for its size
that I ever saw: We came 10 M. Camped
(after dark)

in an oatfield: We were so late we got there
We had to wait till the horses were shod
the country today is rougher than Ky:

June 13

Saturday: the principal news this
morning is that Maj Torrey has got back
They lost the mail I got 2 letters: we came
Ca-s 90 M passed in the night
over a very rolling country today: We
camped by Co's on east side of
the road at the top of a hill. I got
another letter tonight from Co H.

June 14

Sunday: The country that we passed over
to day was very hilly & rough. The valleys
were nicer scenes. xxx We camped on the roadxxx
xxxfrom Nashville at the top of the hillxxx
xxxtwo cav Corps from ----xxx

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June 15

Monday: We were ordered on a scout started before sunrise: Went on the Charlotte road & then towards the Cumberland where we found Co- 9 --- & camped. Jay went & got some berries: We went down to the river bathing

June 16

Tuesday: We left camp at sunrise reached town at noon: We found workers stayed with us tonight camp moved & our tents down. Found Nouchers here & Ellis: They I have spent the afternoon writing were turning over old saddles &c this afternoon: The 22nd & band came over to the Colonels tent & played

June 17

Wednesday: Co- drew new saddles today & shelter tents. Jennings, Jay & I went over to the 22nd camp: this evening: Expect to move tomorrow morning: I wrote a letter to Gill: this morning:

June 18

Thursday: Struck tents at 8 A.M: We Workers came over before we went away. Marched at noon: It was 1 P.M. by the town clock. The town of Lavergne is completely burnt as we passed out of town: We marched to Lav= --- the country we came over is level & nice =vergne: where we camped: The 2nd Battalion went on another road X before we did: Jay & I was on camp guard to night.

June 19

Friday: We were passed by the 2 Batt= this morning: We moved on towards Camp Traine: We were on advance guard. The country was hilly & rolling fine views: We got raspberries at --- Head Quarters: We got in at 4 P.M. Molansville: We camped to the right Y Jay was on extra guard for missing Roll Call.

June 20

Saturday: Sabre drill this A.M. under

Cap Seaton: We fixed our tent with boughs: We drilled at 4 P.M. Co. Mounted, drilled in double rank:

June 21

Sunday: Preaching by the Chaplain in the grove at 2 P.M.: Regimental inspection at 4 P.M. (We were alarmed by firing on picket & ordered to dress & sleep on our alarm occurred Monday night)

June 22

Monday should be written here but I have made a mistake: nothing of note occurred this day:

June 23

Tuesday: Orders to march at 8 this morning. We took three days rations: /there that morning. When we got over to Head Quarters we found the whole force ready to move: Saw Maj Gen Mitchell & Brig Gen ----- We marched in a south course & then East: We passed through a small post support today. Went to camp after dark: relief help here we did not unsaddle
> we found a deserted camp: & at or afterwards we hear
> our forces enjoyed: Cannonding all the afternoon
> our men charged on a rebel Battery but could not take it
> We drew up its line in a wheat field & the regt was not
> town where they reported that Bragg had passed

June 24

Wednesday: Reveille at 4 A.M. We were on the advance today we were deployed at skirmishers this A.M. came out on the road about 10 A.M. It commenced raining & rained by spells all day: halted some three hours & then marched again the other co taking the advance: finally drove the rebs for town: the town was burning as we came by we came to water & stayed: it rained hard we got to camp about 10 o'clock
skirmished the woods & over a huge rocky hill & open on them. Col L dismounted first finally Co K Charged double quick (dismounted) through the town the Rebs ran so fast we could not get a good shot at them: got corn at a house & started

June 25

Thursday: Our blankets were wet through this morning: we got but very little break=
=fast as our crackers were wet: about 8 A.M.
We started towards Murfordsboro: striking the Pike: We stopped & drew up in line in the midst of a heavy shower. It stopped after awhile & we dried ourselves & grazed our horses. Then started in getting to camp 1/4 mile off the Pike: got no crackers tonight had a litten meat for supper: We had orders to hold our horses out. I tied mine to a tree It was firing hard towards Shelbyville

continue Thursdays account

June 25

Thursday: Heavy firing was heard towards night in the direction of Shelbyville:
Jay & I made our bed at the foot of a tree we slept quite comfortably for a wonder it did not rain:

June 26

Friday: Raining again: Our squad built a rail pen: & got into it so as to keep off the wet
Got a letter from Wife JH___: In the afternoon Jay & I got rails & boughs for our bed: I did not feel very well as fresh meat did not agree with me especially without anything else: Went to water & got grass for horses: We were ordered to saddle up as we were going to leave: Went out on the M= road stopped & grazed horses & waited for the train: went on about a mile further & met a train & came back: found our bed all gone: had just got fixed again & had to leave as we have got the wrong train: came back &

June 27

Saturday: drew our tents as 14 for the Co=
this morning: The whole camp presented the appearance of a general move out & we moved: we went very slowly stopping quite frequently: about 5 or 6 miles out we heard firing & the 4 regulars passed as going to the front: We drew up in battle line & had a good shower of rain: After that was over we proceeded on our way: saw a signal

flag on a high hill: we proceed quite regularly until within 8 miles of town, here we =
= camp=

June 28

Sunday: Went up to town after feed: cleaned my revolver: Went down through town to water horses: Started off for the camp 8 M back in the middle of a heavy shower. It was fine: It soon cleared off & we had a very pleasant march. passed the 5th Iowa & Jay saw his cousin: Got in long before night & camped to the east of the General's Quarters Went down to the creek with steward & washed: after that got some wheat & came back to camp. drew rations for an indefinite time. unsaddled horses: were waked up by another heavy shower & got our blankets wet as fun: Boots & saddles sounded & we

June 29

Monday: moved off directly: Got into Shelby=ville after daylight & turned off on the Fairfield pike: had some fine showers & some mud crossed the RR in the afternoon: Got into H___ just before a heavy shower: We wheeled into line double quick: after the shower I went across the creek after wheat: One squad built another house & built up a fire & dried ourselves We spent quite a comfortable night as it did not rain: I went down to the creek & waded in & washed my pants off, they were so muddy

June 30

Tuesday: Saddle call about ½ past 8: discharged arms: I stayed behind & filled canteens and caught up after the column had started: We marched some eight miles & came to the other column & train: stopped & got up a shelter as it had to rain again: we then started back the same road we came: went back 6 or 7 miles & camped in a wheat field: We did not have any rain tonight for a wonder got sack corn for horses tonight: The sun set quite clear & I am in hopes of a pleasant day tomorrow

July 1, 1863

Wednesday: Drew rations this morning: The sun shenes bright & the sky is clear & fine weather for the 1st of July: we had orders to take off blankets as we are to stay here today. I went down to the creek & washed: I am thinking that I am in a bad fix just now as I am about bootless: It clouded up & looked very much like rain but did not: we were ordered to be ready to march at a moments notice: I was detailed on 3rd relief stable guard but we had to get up a march

July 2

Thursday: before my turn came on: There was rations drawn before starting for 5 days: but were issued out & packed on the mule before I waked up: we got to the Infantry camp before day=light: We were on the advance guard: When we got to Manchester we halted about 3/4 of an hour watered & drew up in line & started again: Went 5 M from Tallohoma: passed the cav: Advance of the other column who had been driven back: from the ford: Our Co. & H.Q. dismounted as skirmishers: Crossed the River & Camped about a mile from the river: We suffered ---'s tonight & did not get any coffee as there was no water to make any of it: I went up to the well 4 the Gen's Qrs & could not get only just a drink:

July 3

Friday: We were waked up at day light & attention sounded imme=diately & there was several of us left behind the column as it moved off to the --- to graze: We got coffee & the rest of the crackers were distributed: We marched at 8 A.M: It commenced raining again & rained by spells most of the forenoon: Sam Miller shot his foot this forenoon: We got to Decherd about noon. Camped in a large field with a string of Cav-headed to the fans all over the field: We went out after forage with the Major's: Found a pr of martingales on 1st relief stable guard tonight:

July 4

Saturday: We were got up & saddled horses &

expected to march this morning but after a while we moved out & grazed horses then came back & watered & unsaddled. Allen & I went after Blackberries & got a pailful. National salute fired by the Battery about 1 P.M. It commenced raining & we had a heavy shower. Heavy firing hear towards night proved to be the artillery Celebrating also National salute fired at our HdQrs.

July 5

Sunday: Routed out this morning at 4 AM & saddled up & remained saddled up till after daylight. We went out to graze horses & got caught in a heavy shower. Received a letter from Arcelia this morning. Wrote a letter home this forenoon. Rained by showers today & was quite resplendent

July 6

Monday: Moved camp this morning sent my letter to the Qr Master: went through Winchester & camped about 9 M from there on the line of the Fayetteville RR After coffee we went after corn & I stopped to gather Blackberries: got into camp just before dark: was quite unwell. Jay had gone a foraging & did not get back till after taps:

July 7

Tuesday: Went out foraging with the wagons towards Salem: The Maj has me afoot for tying my horse to a fence: & some of the other boys for going into the house: we got berries & --- meal: Rained before we got to camp & so we stopped at the Regulars camp: Have a box of some crackers tonight:

July 8

Wednesday: We got up & saddled as usual & got feed & laid down to sleep when Boots & Saddles sounded again & up we got & found we had to go foraging again: Jay got put afoot for watering our horses: We went out to the south of the place where we went foraging yester=

=day= was just at the foot of the mountains
Got to camp after dark:

July 9

Thursday: Was detailed our camp guard
this morning: Guard mounting at Head
Qrs: Rec'd a letter from father:
There was Brigade inspection this
afternoon which we missed. we had
cleaned our arms before we were detailed

July 10

Friday: Was relieved by Lt LaGrange & went
to camp. packed up & got ready to move which
we did at 8 A.M. Went to Salem where we
went into camp in the finest camp ground
we have ever been in: Got sack corn for horses
We went down & went in bathing in the creek
Drew hard tack tonight:

July 11

Saturday: Were talking of going berrying
this morning when a detail came for
pickets & we had to go: Went out the west
Road: saw lots of berries & got plenty after we
got off pickets: I got some corn bread & eggs
at the house: We had a big supper for soldiers
tonight as commissary supplied fresh pork, new
potatoes & berries, hard tack &c:

July 12

Sunday: Came off vedetta & got our breakfast
eat when the relief came: Got into camp &
found our tent when it commenced rainy:
Wrote a letter to Father: Went out afternoon
to see a 1st Ohio man. tramped through
the lines: he had his head shaved & mar=
=ched to the tune of the Rogers march.
drew Rations for a march tomorrow

July 13

Monday: Reveille & marched at sunrise: it
rained a good part of the time to day: The Coun=
=try was pretty rough & hilly (stopped about
noon & got dinner: We struck the pike 4
M from Huntsville which place we) 14)
Reached New Market at 5 P.M. Were
detailed to go on escort: went south

into a valley between the mountains.
stopped & fed horses: 4 of us went on picket
I lost my oil cloth tonight
& got some hay: we did not go to our regular camp
but stopped on the farm & stayed till morning
it rained & washed us out & we had to get up &

July 14

Tuesday: stay up till morning. we dried out as
well as we could & started for camp but
met the column & fell in with them
it rained today: see 17th. We struck the
pike about 4 miles from Huntsville we
marched through town where there was
the most pigeons I ever saw: got to camp
after dark: on 1st relief stable guard
The Country around Huntsville is fine.
It is mountainous & a great deal of fine
scenery: we crossed the river 3 times today:

July 15

Wednesday: Our Co went foraging today
I did not go as I had to get my horse shod.
Went down to the spring & washed my
clothes. Washed our blankets this afternoon

July 16

Thursday: Our Battalion went with a foraging
scouting party under a Major of the 2nd Indiana
They had us drawn up in line & the band played for
us before we started. our Co over in the advance & was
deployed as skirmishers to the right of the road
We were called in after going 6 or 7 M & fed horses
near a plantation: When we reached to within 1 M
of the River we halted & a small party meet horses
to the bank & had a talk with the secesh. We
went of to the east & foraged from a house at the
foot of a mountain: We foraged from several plan=
=ations: got to camp about 2 o'clock. There was
two cannon across the road:

July 17

Friday: For a wonder we were not on a detail to=
day: Wrote a letter most all day: one to J.H.
commenced one to A:

July 18

Saturday: Detailed on camp guard

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Reported at HD Qrs & then came back to camp & watered my horse & took a bath in the creek: Finished my letter to A: Moved camp while of Duty at noon:

July 19

Sunday: Relieved at 8 P.M. slept most all day. Feel quite unwell: Had to go out to graze horses. Went out on the same road we came in on:

July 20

Monday: Orders to move at 10 A.M. Went over to the Dr's at sick call: The march today was pretty hard for me. Went into camp in a piece of wood & just across the River: I went out after berries & did not get back till after roll call. Mail this morning. I got a letter from sister:

July 21

Tuesday: Marched at 3. Reveille at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2: I rode behind the ambulance as I did not feel very well: The Country was quite rough. Blackberries grew by the bushel by our route today & also Hackle=berries: scenery towards the last of the march quite nice: Got into Fayetteville at 3 P.M. our Batt= stopped & camped at the courthouse. There is a fine bridge at this place:

July 22

Wednesday: Went with a foraging party out after corn. Went about 2 M. When we were coming back we stopped & got a number of figs: Our train came in this P.M. Keith brought mail for some of the boy's but there was none for me: clothing issued tonight. Bodine & Fero tied up & branded Rations Thief: Detailed about 10 P.M. for Post Commissary Guard:

July 23

Thursday: Stood guard at Post Com=
=missary today: Wrote letters while off duty finished mine to A & wrote some to Willie: 11 Wagons loaded

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at Com- tonight: A scout went out tonight:

July 24

Friday: We were relieved at noon I rested today. News of the capture of Morgan rec'd tonight & firing cannon playing by Band &c:

Rec'd a letter from A

July 25

Saturday: Detailed for guard We reported & found there was not enough to make out the number wanted. The no was finally made up by putting in the bugler's & cook's: I was on patrol: Nothing of note except a soldier funeral at 4 P.M. The secesh ladies were out in style this afternoon: The 2nd & 3 reliefs were relieved at 8 P.M. & the 1st to which I belonged stayed on till Reveille as we move at daylight Drew Rations &c: Ready to march at

July 26

Sunday: daylight: The Country was quite rough: We came back two M- on the Htsville road: We passed the Cav- scout that left as the arrived at Salem at 3 P.M. My horse or rather Montegue's ran with me from the river & strained my neck. Bs cousin brought over a "*Mitchells Cavalier*" which we read:

July 27

Monday: Went over to the Dr's & got excused as my neck is quite lame: There were several passes given for the purpose of getting Blackberries: Got some envelopes of Briggs: Moore went out after Berries

July 28

Tuesday: Went out after berries this A.M. Got about 8 quarts: Went down to the River & bathed:

July 29

Wednesday: Detailed for Camp Guard Reported to Gen: McCook's H.D.

Qr's & after guard mounting we went to our tents for 1 ½ hrs=: Went back to post & stayed 2 hrs then went on guard for two hrs. Came off at 2 & when we got to camp were notified that we would move at 4 P.M. The camp guard moved in columns by them selves: We got to Winchester at 9 P.M. Crossed the river & camped: list taken for clothing:

July 30

Thursday: Found that we were to stay here today. Helped make out the pay Roll: It rained some this A.M. Jennings came up this A.M. The Qr.M. drew clothing but I did not get any of it although I needed it: Got my Bundle out of the mess chest: Locks letters & photographs all right: Signed the Pay Roll this P.M.

July 31

Friday: Reveille as usual this morning followed by Boots & Saddles: I went down to the River to water horses, wash &c: Had some cooked Blueberries for dinner: John Brown & Cashman came to the Company at 5 P.M. Drew pay \$(26) at P.M. J.- down to river washing: He was detailed for clerk at Qr Master's: Jennings stayed with us to= =night: We had orders to march at 3 A.M. We got up & fed at P-Q but did not march till after sunrise=

August 1, 1863

Saturday: Got into camp at Salem (old camp) at 2 P.M. : Moore & Dewitt & I went down to the river & bathed:

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August 2

Sunday: Marched at 4 P.M. I filled the Canteens this morning: Came the same old road: Passed the 2 Div=Cav. going to Win=chester: arrived at Fayetteville at 3 P.M. we went into camp in the camp which this Brig= was camped the last time we were here: We did not get a very good ground a Col LaG__ is in command & gave the other Regts the choices. There were 12 of us detailed to go down to the depot to unload forage: The car's were here & we unloaded off of them

August 3

Monday: Reveille as usual but I did not get up as my work last night excused me from it: It is a very hot day: I went down to the River & washed clothes till about 2 P.M. Cooked my ration of beef with crackers & flour added I had a feast

August 4

Tuesday: Co H & some of the other Co's went on a forage scout: I went over to the 5 Ky=Sutton: put up the tent: Another hot day We are getting our hot weather now:

August 5

Wednesday: Wrote a letter to A but had to leave before it was finished Ordered on a scout with 4 day's rations: started at 4 P.M. We traveled all night except about an hour that we stopped to feed: Crossed the river about 8 P.M. & got into Huntsville about sunrise -

August 6

Thursday: this morning: took a battery officer: saw the great spring that supplies water to the town: it is a fine thing: Rained this P.M. I went out after oats: We moved into a store to keep out of the rain: We got cake & apples &c for breakfast & dinner went down to the Early House for supper ½ \$ & not half enough to eat: slept in the store to night:

August 7

Friday: Reveille as usual only did not ve unsaddle: Complaint made about the boy's running around to much & we were ordered to move into the Court House yard: I stood guard over the things in the store till we were detailed to go on Picket: Went over to the mountain Post: relieved the Co at 12 AM: saw a man by the name of Baker from Tioga Co. N. Y. We had lots of ripe peaches &c. Were told tonight while on ve= =dette that Maj Stewart expected an attack tonight: We moved the main post back on the road

August 8

Saturday: Went over to the house where we watered & got some bread & short cake at the Negros Quarter & some milk of the white folks: Were not relieved at the proper time: Moore & I went out the mountain road after water: We moved in as last night at dark I had got to sleep when we were waked up to move in to town we stayed there an hr & then the whole force moved at 12 o'clock towards the Mer Pike: We turned off & crossed the RR track: other up the mountain road where we stopped for an hr & then went on &

August 9

Sunday: passing a little settlement & Bell factory we struck a little town about 6 A.M. We stayed ½ an hr, then came back to the factory & stopped for Breakfast &c: Came over the same road part of the way back that we went the first time we went to Htsville. It rained a little to= =night: We camped in the road by the side of a creek. had some string beans for supper: It was damp but pleasant to night

August 10

Monday: We struck the Fayetteville road after traveling about 5 M: Got into Fayetteville about noon: Young's came tonight: Got 3 letters tonight: took my horse down to the river & had a swim in the old place: found that we were to move back to Hunts=

=ville: again tomorrow morning:

August 11

Tuesday: Reveille & feed call at 3 A.M.
Marched out of camp at day light. we
were Rear guard & had to stop & wait for
the wagons every few minutes. Jay & I had
some berries for dinner. We camped at
the old camp at the river where we arrived
just at dark:

August 12

Wednesday: Got into Huntsville at 10 A.M.
Camped for the rest of the day. Young's
& I got up our tent. J_ & I went down & washed
in the spring creek: We saw a part of
town that we have never seen before.

August 13

Thursday: On the Advance of our Reg't today
Went the same road over the mountain that
we went the other night. It rained this A.M.
I was detailed to stop & help get some mules.
(We stopped an hr or so at town near a depot:
The road today was through a very mountain=
ous country. The scenery was very fine & I
would like to take sketches here.)
I got behind the Rear Guard & came into camp
alone: Young's had got a shelter built:
I stopped & got a bag full of peaches:

August 14

Friday: Our Batt= on Rear Guard today.
I went over to the river & helped fill canteens
this morning: got a pr of boots of Allan:
We stopped at a house on the
side of the Mn_ & fed & got Honey, fruits
&c: Stopped & got coffee near the ----
tank: We came over a rough road part of
the way today: passed a camp of our troops
Got into camp at 12= at Larksville. part
of us got behind the Company tonight in the
----- of trains & a fired on by a bushwhacker
Camped in a cotton field

- August 15 Saturday: Moved camp at sunrise into the woods: I have devoted the day to cleaning arms, writing in my book &c: Co Regimental horse guard
- August 16 Sunday: Part of our reg't went to see what the firing on Picket meant: George & I cooked some roast beef for dinner & had a good feast: I wrote a letter Home & mailed a *Mitchell's Cavalier*. looks like rain: Car's came in today: No mail till tomorrow
- August 17 Monday: Detailed for Picket this morning. Capt Cornstock officer of Guard Went out the same road we came in on by the old church: We had a very good time out here. Got fresh pork, peaches potatoes &c moved post in at dark:
- August 18 Tuesday: Relieved at 8 A.M. fixed up the tent after I got into camp. Mail today & I got a letter from Gill:
- August 19 Wednesday: Detailed for Picket on the same old Post. Capt Ogden Officer of Guard. took my writing materials out but did not write any; I got a lot of shelled corn for my horse & brought in to camp & I also got some peaches & the large one that I mean to send home if I can:
- August 20 Thursday: Vinger caught asleep on post Relieved by some of the 2nd I Cav= When I got into camp found that some of our co boy's had got into a scrape for foraging: Was taken sick this forenoon. think I came very near being sunstruck. Was so sick that Geo went of to the Dr

& he came down & gave me some salts

August 21

Friday: I felt so well in the morning that I went down & washed in the spring but was taken with the same sickness as yesterday & was sick all day. The Dr sent me some more salts & came over to see me in the evening.

August 22

Saturday: Dr came over while I was writing in my book. I was much better (Wrote some to Father to send by Brown & wrote a letter to Gill) (Went out to help kill beef cattle for the com=
=missary. had the greatest chase out after one of them whom we finally killed after nearly ruining our horses:) this belongs to the 28th.))
Drew a pr of pants of Qr Master

August 23

Sunday: George came off of Picket. I was over to the Dr's & was put on light duty, but went out & helped kill beef cattle at night for the com=
Mailed my letter to Gill that I wrote yesterday:

August 24

Monday: Detailed for camp guard. Geo & I fixed up around our tent before we reported to guard house. Stood the silliest guard I ever saw. no orders at all. Rained quite hard just at day=light:

August 25

Tuesday: Rained quite hard just at daylight. We were not relieved until about 10 A.M. When the guard was taken off as there was not enough men for duty to make a guard. Revolvers issued this morning. Quite cool today.
Rode this P.M. Montigues horse & Wicks mine:

August 26

Wednesday: Saddled up as usual this morning: Got mail while in line. I got two letters from A. Detailed for guard reported & Youngs & Lynch acting corporals Was on Ordinance guard down town so Youngs came up & got our portfolio & I wrote a letter to A. Geo wrote to his Grandfather. I got some peaches. Were relieved at 3 P.M. & came to camp. Wicks & Hudson got their commissions today: measured my big peach it was 8.7/8 in circumference:

August 27

Thursday: Not on duty
today: Nothing of note occurred today:

August 28

Friday: On Picket. Capt Moorland officer. Went out on the River Road: Picket post at the foot of the mountains. Geo & I in vedette together. Very dull time on Picket today: Capt Mooreland is the meanest officer on Picket as well as elsewhere that I ever saw:

August 29

Saturday: Relieved & got into camp at the usual time. Went out to Browns=boro as trains guard on the Car's. Came back at 4 PM: We bro't back Details from the 4th Indiana. 5,6,12 reg't's going to Nashville. Our horses also 7 second prisoners. one a Col=

August 30

Sunday: Detailed for Picket. Lt Hudson officer of the Post: Dewitt & I on the same post We had a pretty good time today. plenty fresh pork, apples & peaches: There was services in the church in town today but I could not attend one on duty.

August 31

Monday: Relieved & when we got back into camp found that there was inspection at 10: Inspection down town. Also Muster=ed for pay: When we got back to camp we found we were to march at 1 PM.

had all we could do to get ready. We came through to Belforte where we arrived at 8 AM. Camped for the night in a grove where the infantry were camped. had no feed for our horses tonight:

September 1

Tuesday: Reveille at 5 o'clock. Marched at 6. No feed this morning. We had hardly time to drink our coffee. We came out to Wilkins $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the Tenn-River & 3 M from Stevenson. Went down the River to water our horses & went in swimming. The scenery is very fine beats the Cumberland. There is a pontoon bridge across the river here one Div: crossed tonight: heard that there was 70,000 Rebs at Chattanooga

September 2

Wednesday: Reveille at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4. Roll call: a few horses: Wrote my Diary up to this date. Orders to load the wagons at 11 AM. Saddled up about 1 o'clock. Crossed the River at 3 o'clock on the pontoon bridge. Drew up in line on the opposite side & after the Brigade had crossed we moved across the river. We went about 2 miles & camped in a little clearing. at the edge of the woods. Geo & I went after corn & had to go about a mile & a half & bring it in on our back

September 3

Thursday: Reveille ---- & feed call. after daylight we saddled up & marched: Went towards the Mountain Road which we walked up some 2 miles or more: The view from the side & top of the Mountain was magnificent. Geo taken up by Pro=
=vost when after water: watered at the rocky bottom creek on top of moun=
=tain: Camped in the valley about 15 M from river: I went after corn on foot & was ---- again as it was 2 miles instead of $\frac{1}{4}$ M = our camp was at the angles of the road.

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September 4

Friday: Marched after daylight. Wicks & 4 men of us detailed to catch horses out of a field: got 3 colts: Camped this morning after marching 5 M Camp on the grounds of the R.R. I was detailed for Camp guard as soon as I came in from catching horses 2nd Indiana men gave me some beef for my dinner. McCook sent after us to see about the horses: Guard relieved at taps till Reveille: There was scouts sent out today.

September 5

Saturday: Relieved as soon as my berat was off: Put up a shelter & slept most all day: Went after corn at feed call with my horse: Train came in at night:

September 6

Sunday: Saddled up as usual Jay came over to dinner with us: stopped in camp all day. Mail came in to night: Litel acting Orderly:

September 7

Monday: Saddled up: Commenced a letter home & was detailed to go after corn with the wagon. Geo. & I went: we went about 4 miles south. finished writing after I got back: looked like rain but cleared off after we got our tent up: Rec'd orders to march in the morning with ½ rations for 6 days: I went over & mailed Geo- & my letters:

September 8

Tuesday: Saddled up but after waiting most the forenoon we did not move. drew new horses this P.M. Torrey brot them from Nashville: drew 1 days rations to replace those eat today:

September 9

Wednesday: Moved out after sunrise:

Came up the valley to the mountain road. Saw Mardin of 5th battery: & the 10th inf= walked up the mountain. It is not as high as sand Mt: Came the whole distance of the Mt- road & got over the valley at Alpine at dark: Our advance had a skirmish in the valley: The view from the Mt as we descended was magnificent.

Our Reg't on ^ picket: got to picket post after dark & then went out after corn:

September 10

Thursday: After Breakfast I was detailed to go after beef cattle. Went out by the road pickets & helped get two beefs: A scout of Cav went out this morning: Wicks got a splendid mare this afternoon. bought some dried peaches at the house near the post: Were relieved from Picket at dark but finally stayed here as it was so late to move.

September 11

Friday: Went into camp after breakfast was eat: went into camp & then 1st platoon after corn: after coming back Geo & I went down to the creek to wash. got just through & heard Boots & saddles: We passed the boys meat saddled up: did not move for about two hrs. went out about 5 miles & camped by a fine stream of water near a gap in the hills. kept saddled up as we did not know but we would be attacked before morning.

September 12

Saturday: Moved out on the back trails this morning came through alpine ----- the valley about 8 miles & camped on a side hill: went after corn & had time to feed & then passed again. This time on the Somerville road. got into S about 8 PM. found the Reb's had left about 2 hrs before. Advanced on the river on a charge: some skirmishing with the advance: Geo & went on re-----

to Tryon staid an hr then came back.
came through S & camped by the roadside:

September 13

Sunday: Advanced towards the bridge again: Drew up in line of battle in the field again to the left of the road & stayed a long time, there we advanced on the left road on the west of the river. Pretty sharp skirmishing most of the time: fed horses & got dinner out on the road 7 or 8 miles from Alpine: came a new road back & got to our old camp on the side hill about 11 o'clock: 6 - rations are all gone or very near it: we got a pretty slim supper &

September 14

Monday: Moved about 8 A.M. on the road up the Mt. Went very slow & did not ascend till about 3 P.M. Got a letter from A. & Geo got one informing him of the death of his sister: drew 2/2 rations for 2 days. Jay & I went out on the ledge where the signal corps were stationed. The view was the grandest I ever saw: marched at dark. Came back near the Creek in the Mts & camped for the night. Two of the boys & I went after water down the side of the Mt=

September 15

Tuesday: Our Co went back to the edge of the Mt. & stayed on guard for an hr or so Our Regt Rev guard today: Came down the Mt= into the 1st valley after dark & passed Artillery going up: Went into the camp at the spring in the old place, passed the 24th

September 16

Wednesday: Wagons went after corn I commenced washing clothes & had barely time to finish rough & General Call sounded We again ascended the Mt= & took the left road & came down the Mt into the 2nd valley about 11 or 12 o'clock: that night: the descent was the roughest imaginable: Camped & stayed on the side of the road till morning in camp Col Roy in Command of our Brigade. saw the 24th again at the top of Mt as

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we came down:

September 17

Thursday: Moved down the Cav after we had watered: Our Brig= by itself: had plenty of feed for the horses & potatoes for our= selves, also fresh beef & lived well generally Moved out about 4 P.M. Camped on a side Hill with the Div=

September 18

Friday: Stayed here in camp till about 3 when the command moved forward about 4 or 5 miles: Our regt had just got into camp & our Co was detailed for picket: Co is on Post with me: Firing on the vedetta on the other road: (Post= I got grapes this morning)

Capt Mathrib wounded in arm:
the firing kept up tonight till
very late as we had the spring &
the rebs were suppressed by north

September 19

Saturday: Ordered off picket this morning:
The whole command moving forward. When near Lafayette we could hear the cannon & knew that a Battle was being fought: We left L= to the left & moved out towards the Crawfish S= Our whole command halted in the roads in line & waited for the train to pass: Cannonading pretty heavy while we halted: we advanced in line part of the time & in columns afterwards: were attacked on rear & had one man wounded: made charge to the front & then came back & skirmished through the place where we were fired upon: but the rebs was gone: We got to Crawfish spring at sunset: drew up in line across the road 30 reb from 2/=o stayed till morning. Drew rations tonight. saw many ev=
t=idences of ---Capt

Battle that we fought today: 2nd a dark man killed in the spring

September 20

Sunday: Geo & my horse gone this morning but we found them again: everything quiet till about 9 AM. when the Battle commenced again. our Regt was drawn up as skirmishers about 10 or 11 AM about a mile from the fight. were moved about a good deal having fired to the right & we moved up to where we wafted. The infantry, one from the post's come in & about 4 PM we commenced retreating towards Chattanooga. Came up then riding to an open field & cooked supper & fed horses & then were on to camp on the north of the bridge: Geo horse fell down with him. camped in a corn field: The hardest fighting I think was today: we had to leave the Hospital & all our wounded in the hands of the reb:

September 21

(Ike Claring here this morning)

Monday: Commenced our march to the front again & skirmishers found the rebs about 5 miles out: fed horses & then our Co & others dismounted & skirmished with them Rebs for an hr or so. Many of our men hurt. had some pretty close escapes: A party of secesh (7) came up the road mounted & near surprised us. Our boys gave them a volley & they left. heard afterward that one man was found: Our Co stayed on guard all night: in line: Capt Seaton came back to us today: Geo went back this morning: Cannonading all day to our left:

September 22

Tuesday: Packed our blankets at daylight & left quite suddenly: Came near being cut off in our retreat: found infantry & artillery in a valley & they came in with us: We drew up in line for a charge & there was considerable firing on our right in front: Came over some pretty rough places & by some of our posts. got into town about noon. found that our men were throwing up fortifications as fast as possible: We stopped in town for about an hr & Capt bought us a box of hard tack of which we were in need: Crossed the river above the town & fording the river, had 2 or 3 shells thrown at us by the rebs but did no harm: Camped in line

I went down to the river & had a wash. I drew rations tonight or rather in the morning. There was firing across the river. oppositionists are here this morning. there are many captured a brig- & battery-

September 23

Wednesday: Went down to near the pontoon & watered our horses & drew up in line of front. after an hr or so our Co & went out south of town foraging. crossed the river by fording & got corn off of an island & loaded two wagons. had to swim there & back to get my saddle bags & everything wet. Went up to the supply train & saw the boys Got a letter from Miss J.H. also an *Independent* of Sept 3rd. sat up half the night drying out. Unsaddled our horses & left them so for the first time since the 18th

September 24

Thursday: Cannonading briskly this morning. We saddled up & moved out down below the supply train & camped in the woods on a side hill. rested most of the day.

September 25

Friday: Saddled up 2 o'clock & expected to move but finally our Co & several others went foraging. Crossed the river onto the island: Got back about noon or a little after. Wrote a letter Home this afternoon & mailed it: after we had got supper Guard call sounds & we saddled up & got ready to move & drew the days rations: after a couple of hrs we had orders to unsaddle again & be ready to move at 2 in the morning.

September 26

Saturday: saddled up this morning. Heavy firing & cannonading this morning up to town. Moved at 9 o'clock. Climbed the Biggest roughest mountain out: The view was fine. our Road was on the top ledge: Came down the M- after dark & came about 4 M & camped on the bank of the Big Squash

Creek: found plenty of corn for horses: on stable guard tonight. Jim Foth came along while I was on guard.

September 27

Sunday: Did not saddle this morning. I went out & foraged some sweet potatoes: found A. Blanket switched when I got back: 2nd Batt came down the M= & got into camp just before sun= =set. Mail came in tonight & got a letter from Arcelia & an *Independent*.

September 28

Monday: Reveille at 2 & saddled ten minutes before 3 but did not march till after daylight as the Brigade officers had not go their Breakfast. Crossed a pontoon across in area of the river. Got into camp opposite Bridgeport at 5 P.M. Geo & I most starved got pies & bread as we came into camp: Distance of march today 26 miles:

September 29

Tuesday: Went down to wash clothes & bathed at water call: sent down after bread by Dick: Wrote a letter home & got two from A while writing & also an *Inde=* =*pendent*. Clothing list made out:

September 30

Wednesday: detail went after horses & clothing to Stevenson: Wrote some in my letter home: It rained some: Rations issued tonight. We put our tent up today: Inspection of Qr.Ms I went over to Brig:Com= after Rations

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Thursday: Rained some this morning but cleared off so that they issued horses: & Orders to march a 2 P.M: Mailed my letters home: Marched at 2: It rained very hard after we started & I got very wet.

We camped at Jasper at 5 P.M. started after corn & sent back to drive cattle. Stayed in tent with Ray & Keith:

October 2

Friday: Reveille early & had hardly time to eat our breakfast before forward was sounded Stopped & fed horses after marching 8 or 10 M. Saw heavy smoke soon after marching & found that our train was being burned. formed line of battle & the forward our Reg in advance: Our whole train consisting of 200 wagons & ammunitions train burnt: saw the Rear guard of the rebs soon after passing the last of the train: & after following them up we made a charge on them: We had 1 man wounded: Rebs had a dozen or so killed & wounded & 30 or more prisoners

October 3

captured a pr
Saturday: of officers saddle bags: on picket tonight: Came off vedetta at daylight & stayed on post most all day: 4th Indiana went back about 3 PM. had a good many of our mules & horses that they had captured Relieved from Picket and went to camp before sundown: Camped by the road & got up a rail tent: Geo had his pack: shirt &c stolen off his saddle:

October 4

Sunday: Went after corn mounted: Mended my clothes &c: Orders to march about 8 AM. We went out towards picket post & then to the left: stopped & got corn to carry with us. passed thro-Dalton: Climbed the Mt about noon: The Rebs left some 30 or 40 mules that they had killed 2 or 3 miles from the top of the Mt: We traveled till 8 or 9 o'clock: then camped & cooked supper & stayed till 12 o'clock- when we moved forward & descended the Mt & about 9 in the morning passed through a small town at daylight

October 5

Monday: Stopped & got corn to carry in to town: arrived at McMinnville about 9 AM

Fed & got breakfast: there was a barrel of pieces of hard tack issued to the regt: the Rebs had destroyed all of the stores here: They were chased out the day before we got there. They captured several of infantry: we had got pretty hard up for provisions: stopped to feed near a town & got supper. I traded coffee for hard tack & so got a pretty good supper: marched again at dusk: passed through Woods=

October 6

Tuesday: =bury & marched till 1 oc= & then struck a camp on the road 6 M from Murfreesboro & stayed till daylight- Marched for town where we arrived at 9 oc Drew rations for 5 days: Saw Vourhees: We stopped here long enough so that I got a wash for a wonder: Marched at 2 PM with the whole Div= Camped on our old camp on the Shelbyville pike: it rained some tonight: We had a rail tent with Lamereaux: we passed the infantry that were captured near Shelbyville

Fight at Farmington:

October 7

Wednesday: Went after corn & feed: forward at 8 AM: had quite a time getting through the Brigade in our turn as they had moved up & blocked the road: We drew up in line of battle & sent for feed: stayed for 2 or 3 hrs & then went back & turned off to the left towards Middleton (very cold) We went through Unionville & Cannon springs: & saw a post by a mill: The 2nd Div were fighting at Farmington today: We got sweet potatoes while the column halted: Crossed a river & after going 2 M we were half sent for corn & the rest to camp: had coffee out of most water:

October 8

Thursday: In scout & had time to get coffee Heard of the Victory of Gen --ook: We went back across the river & took the Columbia

road. Went to Lewisburg & stopped for supper. I felt quite unwell. We started again at 4 & passed through H--nersville after dark. We stopped a mile or so from train for further orders & had just got feed & a fire when forward again. We were burning a Union mans ---- &c. Crossed a rickety bridge: got to camp near 12 o'clock. Camp beside of a big ditch: Geo got a coffee pot near Lewisburg:

Polaski:

October 9
Friday: Reveille at 4: stopped $\frac{1}{2}$ an hr near a steam mill in a valley & reached Polaski about 10 AM: about 4 PM the sick & post mules were left behind & I changed horses with Keith. We stopped in a field & after the Div: had passed we followed it, crossing a river soon. We were 20 miles from the place of camp for this night: Ri-- & I stopped & stayed all night after marching 10 M: had a cup of tea & went to bed & I felt pretty sick. We passed a place where the rebs had made & built fortifications: saw a couple of niggers carrying a dead man: saw a darkie that was at the river when the secesh crossed: They had to cannon=

October 10
Saturday: after feeding on the best breakfast that I have had for a good while I struck for Camp: Found our whole Command in camp at Rodgersville: Went over & got some medicine of the Dr: Moved at 2 o'clock: Went about 5 M: & camped in a grove: I went with Co A sergt after water a mile or so:

October 11
Sunday: Marched again yesterday feel a good deal better today but had the last of our hard bread for our dinner. Brockway & B--footing it today: passed through Athens at 9 o'clock: Camped in a field of the road: Roll Call to find out who was out of Camp: We crossed a river & a wood bridge just before going into camp: had our supper of meat &

sweet potatoes:

October 12

Monday: Marched for Huntsville, distance 11 M: Got there at 10 AM. halted for a short time in the town: Geo got a bite of something to eat for 1.00 secesh: Advanced on the New Market Road: Our advance guard was fired on as we were marching. We camped down beside the road in the rain: It rained so hard we got quite wet: On 1st relief stable guard: We drew flour tonight & made some water pudding as I was so hungry and could eat anything

I was detailed to keep the east Tenn boys away from the Major's fire.

October 13

Tuesday: We marched a mile & then stopped & got feed & breakfast of meat & pancakes: after getting into New Market we turned off to the left & went back towards Htsville: Drew the Rebs out of camp & chased them across the F. & H. road. After staying in line of battles &c while we marched back & took a north road & marched till after dark & camped by a Race= Rained hard & we had a hard time of it getting a shelter but got a shelter & supper of potato cakes=

October 14

Wednesday: My horse & George gone but I found them soon: We struck the same road that we camped on the last night of the 4 day's scout from F- camp 3rd from Salem: Foragers sent out today: It rained when we camped: went into camp at 3 PM The Foragers brot in bacon & potatoes. We got up a shelter but we got just wet through& I spent the wettest night of sleeping I ever saw: Had a stew thickened with flour & had a pretty good supper.

October 15

Thursday: forward early: No breakfast we moved so soon: River at Salem very high: halted when 5 M from Winchester & stayed in an old building for ½ an hr as we moved forward & went off the road a mile to the right & camped: put up our tent & got sweet potatoes in abundance. foragers brot in flour & we fared very nice except for salt:

October 16

Friday: Detail went after Rations to Decherd: I went after corn afoot in the afternoon: Dried out my saddle=
=bags &c today: Was quite unwell to=
=night: Detail for Commissary guard but could not stay as was so unwell: Cleaned arms:

October 17

Saturday: Went up & got some med=
=icine: Inspection of arms & saddles, horses &c at 10 A.M: Draw four days Rations: Occupied myself making bag's &c for Rations.
Went down & had a wash this P.M.
Clothing list made out this P.M.

October 18

Sunday: Rained some this morning: after shaving &c commenced filling up my Diary &c. Detail of 15 men to go to Decherd for clothing & went after corn with Stewerts horse: Young went to Decherd. mail this afternoon but I got none: Pettibone came in tonight & brot Division mail: On stable guard tonight 3 relief: Mr Young was quite happy because I did not have his supper ready hope he will please himself again:

October 19

Monday: Clothing drawn this morning I was on detail to go after Fodder: Capt Howland officer: Rode the pack mule, which was the first mule I ever rode: Found a letter from Gill when I got back: & that none

of the clothing had been drawn for me.
I wrote a letter to A on secesh paper
Mr Young & I had a talk this afternoon &c
Saw his papers tonight & saw the duty
of Lt Sacrie killed at Chickamauga

October 20

Thursday: Felt so sick this mor-
=ning that I did not get up to eat
any breakfast. Orders to move at 10 AM.
Went over to see if I could get into
the ambulance but could not.
Rode Keiths horse & felt very bad
when I got into camp: Geo & I got our
tent up & feel better after supper.
Com drew rations tonight.

October 21

Friday: looked very much like
rain this morning. Co on picket.
I remained in camp: Wrote a letter
to E.C.N. Rainy all day, heard this
morning that Jay was in Hospital.
Went over to the Dr & got some medicine.
feel better tonight: Drew Rations.
Billy Gordon came tonight: new recruits
came tonight (42). sent 1\$ by Frabe to buy
paper & envelopes & he lost it.

October 22

Saturday: Felt quite unwell today & did
not eat anything: Co came in off Picket this
morning: Mail came & I got a letter from A &
Pa & also an *Independent*. Got 1st Draw rations
for the rest of our time 5 day: Wrote a letter to
Pa & A: _ Co saddled up & went with the rest of
the regt down to Dechedr to see the rest
of the show *Rosey* &c: & failed: Ben Miller came
tonight:

October 23

Friday: Mailed my letters this morning.
rainy most all day: M the boy's went over to
Winchester & brot over new saddles for
the regt. 3rd Wis inf here: Detailed to go to
Nashville tonight. I wrote a letter to Jay:
Mr Fish stayed with me tonight.

October 24

Saturday: Mailed Jay's letter 3 of them. Very windy & some rainy today. New Recruits went after corn for ourselves. Moved camp this P.M. had my horse & rode Geo's. I stayed at camp (the new camp) while the boys went after the rest of the baggage. Got stakes & put up my tent after dark. Boy's tore down the fence near camp & took all of the rails from the yard. On 1st relief stable guard. The boy's that started for Nashville had not gone tonight & some of them were here in camp.

October 25

Sunday: I changed my clothes & got my pants washed as I expected to move tomorrow. Nothing of note in camp to day.

October 26

Monday: Great scare this morning about 3 o'clock caused by a torpedo bursting on the RR. Saddled up & prepared to leave. Drew new saddles.... after came back from drawing line broke up & went to bed & got up & formed a line at daylight. Fish went out after bread, got a piece of bread & some apples. Wagons came in this morning. I went with a detail after corn to the elk river but did not get any. Changed camp a few feet & moved picket line. My finger bothers me so that I cannot write.

October 27

Tuesday: Cleaned up camp for inspection Got an *Independent* Sept 20th. Took down my tent & put it up right. Went down to the depot to see if my box had come

October 28

Wednesday: Nothing of note today. Fish & I went & got leaves & grass for our tent. The Regt was just going out to see the general when we came in.

October 29

Thursday: Had my finger lanced by Paul this morning.
Cool & unpleasant & I had just got laid down to sleep when

orders came to move at 2 PM & soon changed to 12 & we had just time to pack lead horses when boots & saddle sounded. moved down just our old camp at Winchester. Fish went back after stakes &c It was dark when we got our tent up &c. Rained some tonight & wind blew terribly. Got Jays Army blanket of
(C-----

October 30

Friday: Rainy & cold. had my finger lanced again this morning by Dr. I went to bed & slept most all the PM. got a *Mil Sentinel*. picked up a horse this morning: Rained some tonight but we slept very comfortably.

(21st Birthday)

October 31

Saturday: Looks quite pleasant after so much Rain & I think I shall have a pleasant day for my birth=
=day (21st): Was getting my breakfast when Fred Fromer arrived from the hospital & brot me my over coat, boots 1 pr socks, two rolls century cakes & dried plums: we had some of that cooked for dinner: Saddled up & went out to be inspected & mustered. Job to felled a tree tonight & came near felling across our tent. Today I went over to old camp ground after boards &c. New recruits came to Co this P.M. had Roll Call for the first time since the boys went away:

The name of the 1st mountain after crossing the Tenn=river was Sand Mt. 1st Valley was Little Wills. 2 mts Lookout and Valley Brownstown. The cave was McLamore's Cave:

November 1 Sunday: Reveille quite early this morning. I was thinking of going to town to Chapel when I was detailed to help make out pay roll:

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"Dreams are but recollections drawn
From memory's store - forgotten treasures,
Lost or mislaid in life's dark struggle."

"Retribution, tho' it cometh late,
Is sure as death, unpying of Fate."

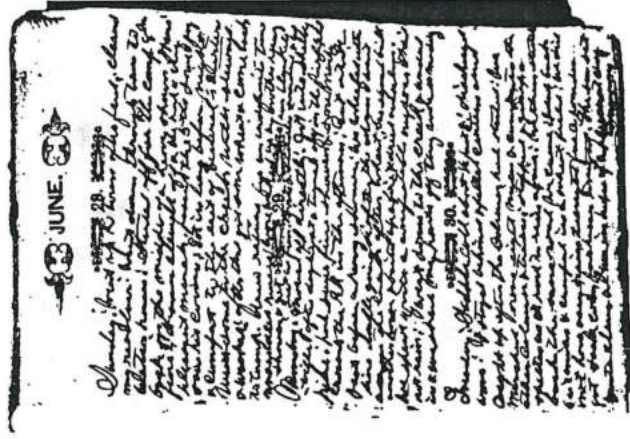
"From weakness oft springs Strength,"

"Hearts, like flowers, when crushed,
Yield forth their richest qualities"

"Two hearts without one thought,
Two flowers with but one stem."

Hope springs eternal in the human breast,
Man never is, but always to be blest,
The souls, uneasy & confined from home,
Rests & expatiates in a life to come.

Pope.



November 1st
Sunday

Camp at Winchester Tenn. 1863.
Reveille quite early this morning.
I was thinking of going to church
over in town when I was detailed
to help make out the Pay Rolls.
In looking over the mail in the Capt's
tent I found several letters for Jay &
other boy's & got one for myself from A-
dated Oct 5th?

Monday
2nd

Felt quite unwell when I got up but
went on picket as I was detailed.
Reported to Capt Harnders, found that
he was not the right man & reported
to Capt Jones: We went down across
the creek & then up the creek near
Decherd, then over across the RR &
found the right place. The 2nd Div-
had a detachment of men camped
on the picket post, They had been to
Nashville after new horses. I had
a fine horse with me on picket. One

Tuesday
Nov 3rd

that I picked up the other morning.
Got breakfast on Post. Relieved
about 9 A.M. & went to camp. Found
a very pleasant surprise in the shape
of Jennings's who had come from the
hospital yesterday: also rec'd a letter
from A & Pa. Wrote a letter home, or
commenced it & then was called upon
to act as clerk of election.

Wednesday
4th

Commenced writing this mor-
=ning but had to leave & go out in
the country after Huntington's Carbine.
Finished my letter to A- & wrote
one to Mrs N. Went down to the
creek at water call & had a good
wash. The boy's came in with horses
tonight arriving about Dark. 60 horses
for the Reg't: got a letter &c by Geo
Hyde that came in my cont. also a

Co F claimed
my horse this
morning, so I
lost him.

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letter from Jay by mail:

Thursday
Nov 5th

Jennings, Geo & I took down the tent & fixed up for four of us. rainy this forenoon & rainy all day. Horses assigned this A.M. but of course I did not get any: Sold my boots to Fero. for \$12.00 to be paid next pay day: Got Jay's carbine & turned it over:

Rainy Day:

Friday
6th

Detailed for foraging. Went out 12 miles beyond Decherd. N.E. Capt Howland in command. passed through a small town, or what they called one. Crossed a small river where we got our load. got into camp about dark. Rec'd 2 letters. one from A & 1 from E.C.P.

Cold & Clear
Detail 26 men:

M 2

Saturday
7th

Inspection of horses this morning by a brigade officer. Mine condemned at N. Our Co digging trenches & ditches around the tents & moving them into line. Jennings & I moved our's: Wrote a letter

sun shining
quite warm
L sent 1 to Father

Sunday
Nov 8th

Team hauled brick &c for as to fix up our tents with but we did not feel as though we wanted to do it Sunday. Condemned horses turned over this afternoon. I had to take mine over. Rec'd two *Independents* this evening of the date Oct 15 & 22nd. Finished my letter to Pa & mailed it:

M. 2 papers
Oct 15 & 22nd
L sent 1

Monday
9th

Pickets detailed this morning from our Co. Jennings on picket: I commenced fixing up our tent. G & I went after Lowre but he got mad because I wanted him to help fix the tent & left for which I am glad, although he showed himself to be a small minded person: I boarded the tent up alone. Jay came in after corn: signed the

Pay Roll this P.M.

Tuesday
Nov 10th

Had foot drill this A.M. by Wick's. Geo came off of picket at 9 A.M. I was detailed to go after a load of rails for the Major. Got back just after the men had gone out to drill so did not go out. J- & I put another half tent this P.M. Had soup for dinner & supper & I think I eat too much of it.

Clothing
\$32.69:
Saw my clothing act on pay Roll it was 32.69

Wednesday
11th
Got up feeling very unwell. Went up to the Dr's this morning. Eat a little dinner which made

On light duty-
Wis Regt of inf-
came in tonight
me worse. Iaid abed most all day. Had to take castor oil & calomel, which relieved me some after it operated. Rested very well.

Thursday
12th
Feel very weak: G on picket again. Went up to Dr's. Eat quite a meal after I came back. Ma's currants & J-'s green tea went good. Fish shelled

Nov 12th
his corn & carried it to mill this afternoon & brought back some biscuits for me. Cost only 25 cts for 7 little small ones.

Friday
13th
The infantry & artillery moving out this morning. hear that they are going to Chattanooga. Feel considerable better this morning. Went up to Dr's & got excused. Drawing new (old) saddles this morning. Wrote a letter & sent to Jay. also one to Miss J.H.: Fish detailed as ambulance driver. The old saddles were condemned & those that had horses got the new saddles so I lost mine: Farmed over old horse blankets.

Saturday
Feel rather better this morning but

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- 14th
excused
very weak. Went up to Dr as usual. Jennings got some corn bread & we had a very good breakfast: Got a pass of Capt & went over to town with Fish in his ambulance & got my washing. After got back went to the Negro qr's across the road and got some biscuits. 25 per doz. cook=
=ed the last of Ma's currants for supper:
- Nov 14th
Cash paid
out today 40/
Went over & got my corn bread & J & I had a breakfast of it & mutton liver &c. Put down for light duty by the Dr. Inspection & review by Gen Elliott: Mail came & I got an *Independent*. Wrote a letter home. J- went over & got our bread. paid 30 cts for me. Drew clothing tonight. I Drew a Jacket & cloth haversack. J- drew a tent: Drew 5 days rations: Orders to march tomorrow at 7 & Reveille at 4:
- Sunday
Nov 15th
Light duty
L sent 1
Mail 1 paper
Oct 29th
Paid for bread
40 cts
Reveille at 4, Went up & saw the Dr, a new one: No provision made for me & I had to try to walk. Reported to Co D, walked through town & rode through the creek & river. Got into Joe Crick's wagon near a group of houses in a valley about two miles from town. Got into camp about 8 o'clock. J- on guard & I slept in his tent with Hyde.
- Nov 16th
Tuesday
17th
Reveille at 4. I felt pretty bad. started on foot, but rode in the Nashville train a spell & then 4 of us found a citizen's wagon & rode a couple of miles into Shelbyville, Walked through town & then drove mules for a team & rode into camp. Near our old camp 8 miles from S-. When the team came up I found my blankets had been used & my shirt & such gone. found all but the socks:

Wednesday 18th	Reveille as usual. Just as I got my breakfast ready we had to go report to Dr & I got a ride in Brigade Ambulance: Got into Murfreesboro about 3 P.M. Passed Gen Slocum & bodyguard going towards Qr-.
Got 16 stamps in my letter	Workers came up to see us at camp. J & I put up our new tent. Got mail & I got a letter from A. Detailed to go to N-
Thursday 19th	Got up at 5 so as to be ready to start for Nashville. After reporting to Major we went up to Brigade Hd. Qrs: Capt Harnden in command: We went up the wrong road & got to Div HdQrs. so we had to march back again & went up through the forts & across the bridge. I was just about used up when we got the wagons. Stopped at Lavergne to get dinner. Got into N- about 8 P.M. I watered at Zollicoffer House.
Lent J- \$3.90	
Paid for Apples 10 cts	
Friday 20th	After breakfast & waiting for Capt to come & got something to fill up such as cake & cheese &c. 50 cts.
Paid our \$3.35	Got passes about 10 AM. I went down & called at Hospital & saw Jay. I got me a new hat, 2.00, a pencil & tooth brush 30. for lunch oysters 50. Went up to MDs & saw Jay & Mr Marvin
L sent 1	came in & stayed a while. I wrote a letter to Pa, saw Brown & Brins
rainy day	
Nov 20th	who are in this Hospital. Went back to Barracks & stayed the evening &c. lent
	Sour 25/
Saturday 21st	Breakfast before daylight. bought a looking glass 30/ Went out on
Paid out \$1.50	a pass. Went to Barbers & got shaved & then took a warm bath & feel
<u>.45</u>	-- per cent better. cost 60/. bought a pr
1.95	of scissors 50/. twine 10. Went into

Barracks after Dinner & Came up to No 19 after 2 P.M. & wrote up my Book. Came back to Barracks at 5. Bought a qt of milk & had Bread & 10/milk for supper. Went to the old Theatre tonight. We were marched to the Theatre by guards. The scenery was fine & saw (Linsay Keune) acting Jack Shepard & same in New York. bought apples & cakes for a lunch after getting into Barracks: got to bed about 11 o'clock.

Sunday
22nd

Quite cold this morning. We got no passes this day. I wrote a letter to Gill: Drew new saddles this P.M. All went up to Courthouse square after them: It was so cold that I did not stay at the meeting long. It was on the Third floor.

Monday
23rd

General getting up for breakfast as usual about 3 o'clock. The 2 Indiana getting ready to start at 6 A.M. 20 of the men went out to help harness up the teams. I got not with a squad & went over to the rooms of the U.S. Christian

L sent 1
Paid 10/

Commission: Went into barracks at 1 P.M. & came out again with Chambers & came over to No 19. Done up my paper

Rations

Drawn & slept with Jay. Saw Prian, his box had come. also Jay's things. Went over to Barracks about 5 & found we were to start tomorrow morning. I went down to Skips & bought some paper to carry back with me. Paid \$6.00 for 30 quire

Paid for
paper \$6.00

Tuesday
Nov 24th

We go up early this morning so that we should not lose our breakfast.

After breakfast drew rations, packed up & left the Barracks about 4 A.M. raining quite hard. It was a good long distance up to the corral & just about used us up carrying our saddles. Each man drew a horse to ride & 1 to lead.

paid for
apples 20 cts

rainy this

morning but
cleared off
& quite a
pleasant day

apples .05

Went back through town & stopped near
the Market while Torrey got horses for Gen=
Elliott: passed by the Hospital where J- is but
did not see him. We went out on the pike
towards M & turned off to the left, crossed the
Stern river about 8 M from town. Most our
time at the ford. Camped to the left of
the pike in a valley. Slept with Hixford.

Wednesday
25th

Reveille at 4. Started out about sunrise.
Passed through Lebanon about noon.

We halted for a short time here but could not
get anything to eat. Marched 4 miles further
& stopped. I got dinner. The officers that were
going to Wis after recruits meet us here &

Nov 25th

sent home by
Capt Seaton
\$55.94

Saw Capt Seaton who had our pay & paid
the boys. Mine was \$55.94. Sent it all Home
by Him. Ell Burns got some liver at the
house where they had butchered. Camped at the
next house. I went down & got a piece of meat
paid 20 cts.

Thursday
26th

M 2 letters

Had some Honey (that Brown got) for Breakfast.
Got into Alexandria about 10 A.M. Took our horses
across the creek & after the Qr.Master had got out
his we took our horses up to camp at Brig=Hd Qrs.
unsaddled & carried our saddles to camp. Saw
Fish & he paid me \$1.00. Got two letters one
from Pa & Sister. 1 from Jay. Our saddles were assigned
to us & also horses: went out after forage hay &c

Fish paid
me \$1.00

Friday
27th

Got up & got some breakfast. watered my horse.
Gaines came up & got that paper. Paid me \$9.00
Forbes paid me for Jay 5.00. Sam Harbout

Rec'd 12.95..
"from\$7.00

2.00: Jennings paid me 3.95. I was so sick
I had to go to bed & had the Dr this evening
said I had the Intermittent Fever & took Quinine
of course: eat a very small lunch of hen chicken

Saturday
Nov 28th

I am very sick this morning & the orders to
move come rather hard on me, but by the
help of J- I got along very well. Got into

the ambulance & could not sit up at all. laid down most of the time. Passed the Liberty & camped at Smithville. Our Co behind & Ben & I slept in an old tar house.

Sunday
29th

Got up feeling good deal better. started on the march at sunrise. Very cold. Got to camp at Caney Forks about 10 A.M. Ben & I got us up a fire & coffee & concluded to wait for Circumstances to come to a Focus. Our Co came in about 1 P.M. & our squad got our tent up. I got my saddle & took my horse. Chicken for supper & a very cold night. Coughed a good deal tonight

Monday
30th

Found my horse blanket torn up this morning Dr sent me some powders: I wrote in my book, cleaned arms &c Rec'd orders to cross the river. Saddled up & crossed

Crossed
Caney Forks

Nov 30th

about sunrise. our squad had the tar=
=poulin & slept on it & out doors. Very cold & frosty: A sad accident occurred last night. Six men of the 2nd Indiana were drowned by the lower ferry boat sink=
=ing: 5 from one Co & 1 from another:

Men Drowned
last night in
crossing the
river

Tuesday
Dec 1st

Marched at sunrise, had a big hill to climb: Came six miles & camped at the place where the 1st Brig= had left camp this morning: Got our tent up & had to leave the ground for Co N.

Drew clothing
1 pr Drawers

Boys went foraging & got some potatoes. Brockway did not get in till after dark & had a fight with Lt & got tied up all of the night: J= & I washed our handkerchiefs this P.M.

Wednesday
2nd

I occupied myself all day sewing, bought ten pies this P.M. for our squad. Went out after foragers this afternoon. Drew 1 days rations this evening & orders to march

Drew clothing

1 pr Drawers tomorrow at 7 A.M. Weather is warmer
& quite pleasant. Eaurts shaved me. 10/cts

Thursday
Dec 3rd
Reveille at 4. Marched about 8 o'clock. Came
to within 2 miles of Sparta & camped. I
went out after forage: Co Drew new arms
this P.M. All of the men ordered out
after two days rations of shell corn.
I stayed in to get supper. Mail came but
none for me. Moore paid me \$1.00 borrow=
ed money. The Co Detailed to go after
corn to shell & carry over the Mts:

Friday
4th
I was on detail to go after forage with the
wagon's early this morning & after got into
line were ordered to hitch horses & get out
breakfast. Jennings detailed to make out
Master roll. Did not go foraging till after=
noon: Capt Hamden went with us: bought 24 cts
worth of apples as we left camp: went out
3 M= & got corn & fodder out of a crib. Scout
passed us while we were getting loads.
The place where we were getting corn was
at an old secesh's & the boys cleaned
him out: I bought a canteen of molas=

Paid for
apples 25 cts
Molasses 25
=ses & foraged some salt & boys
gave me some dried apples & c-
Shovers, Cushman & others of our squad
brought in chicken & turkeys & we man=
=aged to live if we did not draw rations.

Dec 5th
{ 4th}
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gave me some dried apples & c-
Shovers, Cushman & others of our squad
brought in chicken & turkeys & we man=
=aged to live if we did not draw rations.

Saturday
5th
Sewed on my jacket most of the day.
J- got dinner & cooked our turkey: boys
brot in biscuits. Miller & other boys run
into a party of guerrillas:

=cuts 50 cts
Sunday
6th
Detailed to go foraging & to report at 6 A.M.
Went out with Capt Harkins: Went to the
place where the boys went after corn to
shell: Two of the wagons & 60 men stopped
to load & the rest went forth up the road.
Renwick got some hens out of the

old lady's smoke house: I got one of them: Detail for Picket tomorrow:

Monday
7th

had orders to march at 8 A.M. got ready, saddled & in line & ordered to unsaddle & wait further orders: The boys yelled & hooted & we were all

Dec 7th

ordered into line as a punishment. Were relieved after $\frac{1}{2}$ an hr=. Our Co had to go on Picket: 8 of went across the river by the mill & stood picket: cooked our dinner & then the boys went out & enjoyed a lot of biscuits: Relieved to march while on vedetta: The whole train up: went to camp & drew rations & commenced the march: Went through Sparta: We were kept on a trot most of the time till we got to the Mt. which we went up before dark: Had to go on picket again. had just got supper & had to move post further out as regts came in & camped so near us: only had 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs to stand tonight.

cold &
clear=

Tuesday
8th

Got up & saddled up & went into camp after corn & fed my horse while waiting for the rest to come in: Raining & quite cold & continued so all day: Marched about 20 M & camped in a narrow valley our squad got up a rail tent & bully fire: stopped rain=ing & cold: We got dried out once more The sun from our tent was a grand one this evening, the hundreds of Camp fires rising one above another presented a brilliant scene:

Dec 8th

Wednesday
9th

Detail went after ordinance. Started at 7 A.M. Marched about 10 M. Camped in a wood near rails, water & put up a tent with one sml resting on a tree & cross rails for the other Horses got no feed but hay. Drew a colts revol=ver & turned my old one over. Cass came into camp tonight. J on stable guard=

Thursday
10th

Reveille at 4 & marched at 6=. Crossed three little streams all bridged, very picturesque. Camped in a grove of little pines. drew rations tonight & lost one of my spurs while on detail getting them.

Friday
11th

Our regt on the advance. Crossed a very picturesque little stream, called by the Citizens daddy's creek. Road was up hill & down descending the Mts.

Dec 11th

Was rather rough but did not so bad as at Lookout Mts. I halted at the foot of the Mts until the Brig- was all down. passed through Post Oak Springs & came up the Kingston road 2 ½ miles & went into camp on a hill to the left. Detailed to go foraging. Went to the town & then to the right 2 or 3 miles & got corn out in the field. had to pick it. I got a mess of sweet potatoes. Found that the boys had been out & got Geese, fresh bacon, sausage &c.

Saturday
12th

Helped bind Wick's horse blankets today. He gave me the remainder of the binding. Commenced raining this afternoon & raining all night.

Sunday
13th

Detailed to go after forage. Went over to report at 6 o'clock. Lt Hudson in command. Went to the river to cross corn on a ferry boat had a nasty wet day of it & did not get

Dec 13th

to camp till after dark. cleared up & stopped raining tonight.

Monday
14th

Most of the boy's were detailed to go foraging. I worked on my vest until 3 P.M. when I was de=etailed to go after rations. Reported over to Brig-HdQrs & sent back to

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camp to get all of our things as we were going 16 miles & the Brig. was to move at 4 P.M. When we reported finally the Brig= moved out or part of it before we got off. Marched to the village & camped near the white house on the hill. stayed in the barn. On last relief of camp guard. Rather short of rations tonight. Kellogg & I slept up in the loft. Capt Jones sent up to the Division & drew 75/ of fresh bacon

Tuesday
15th

Relieved myself at Reveille & came to camp & got breakfast. Without any bread, rather tough. Marched at sunrise. Our Co rear guard. Stopped

Dec 15th

about 1 P.M. & fed horses. Met a supply train 4 M further out & got hard tack enough to satisfy our present wants. Stopped 4 miles from the ware house & learned here that we could not get any rations. Camped & I went up to a house & enjoyed biscuits for morning

Wednesday
16th

Went up & got 4 doz biscuits & some sorghum. paid \$1.00 for myself & Kellogg. We marched on the road for Post Oak Springs crossing the river & going up on the opposite side. Came to a village & stopped while a dispatch was sent to the Com=Lt who had gone up the other road. I confiscated a canteen of sorghum at an old secesh's= went up in the barn to where our horses were & worked on my vest We drew some flour & Ray got it baked At 4 P.M. we moved up the road & camped on the road we came out on. Went to a Union man's & got forage. It was after dark & rained some tonight.

Thursday
Dec 17th

Went over after forage the first thing but the Union soldiers were at home & we did not take any. Marched at 9 A.M. Came through Post O.Q. & stopped at the widows & waited for the Capt to get three

wagons loaded with fresh bacon. Came by our old camp & crossed the Clinch R. on the Pontoon. Halted on the east side for a short time & then went up to town & stopped & got rations. Billy Foster & Fonches came with us from Kingston. Camped about 2 ½ miles from town & stopped on the left of the road. Went over to a Union Majors for forage & didn't get it. I came in camp between the Maj & Capt & Co.M. man: drew 5 days rations.

Friday
18th

On rear guard 2 Indiana Lt in Command We marched about as we pleased. It was quite cold & the train moved very slow, some of the mules being hardly able to pull the empty wagons. stopped in the afternoon & fed my horse & got corn. When within a mile of camp we went off to the right & got corn & I got fodder:

Dec 18th

Crossed a small creek & found our men camped 1/4 of a mile farther up on the left on a hill. It was after dark & had some difficulty in finding them. Plenty of straw & rails: got up a tent & covered with straw to keep us warm. Kellogg on picket & Billy Foster slept with me.

Saturday
19th

On advance today. stopped & fed horses at 8 or 9 miles= There was a half drunk fellow here who went with us & acted as a guide. Passed through an apology for a town & following the guide in our search for corn we came to a secesh house but were fooled into be= lieving them Union & did not take any= thing. Went out through the fields & came out on the road & went into camp on a side hill on the right of the road near a fine spring. Union folks on our right & secesh on the left & we burned rails accordingly. On 1st relief camp guard tonight:

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Sunday
20th

Rear guard today 2nd Indiana Lt in Comd.
Heard this morning from citizens that there
had been a battle at Knoxville & had the
particulars of the charge on the first. We
halted at a secesh house on the road &
the men got their canteens full of apple=
=jack & got drunk. This house a brick on
the right hand side was Longstreets
Head Qrs for 1 night during the advance
on K-. We got into K= about 3 P.M. &
stopped on the north side of town.
The ground we occupied was cut up with
rebel rifle picks &c thrown up in the night.
The boys were all drunk tonight & the
greatest confusion existed in camp
where we stayed all night=

Monday
21st

Foragers sent out this morning. We went
down to the government shop to get shoeing
done. Wrote a letter home after I got back.
Went up town in the P.M: Went up on
the fort east of town. The scenery here

L sent 1
Paid \$1.75

Dec 21st

was the finest I have seen at any town
in the south. Went over through town &
stayed for sometime. Bought a box of baking
powder 50 cts & bottle of ink 25 cts. Tried to
get some bread but could not get a loaf.
Went back to camp before sundown. Drew
rations, all in beef & salt: We went down
to train after corn but didn't get any. In the
evening four of us went down town & looked
all over town for bread & finally got some
little biscuits for 10 cts apiece. I got 10 & paid \$1.00
We got some & had butter & molasses for lunch.
got back to camp about 10 P.M. felt quite sick tonight.

Tuesday
22nd

Reveille at 4. Marched at 6. Davis & I went down
to town to buy bread for Co: I bought \$6.00 worth
& the column came down to town & stopped
& I went & got 60 cts worth more. ---- was \$1.85
We halted for an hr & got pennon for march.
The road to Strawberry Plains was a first

paid out
1.85

Dec.
22nd

rate one. A sharp peak ahead was a -----
for us to guide on. It was in plain sight from
Knoxville. Got into camp at 5 P.M. found
the boys in need of my bread & we had some
of it for our supper.

Wednesday
Dec 23rd

Reveille before day & orders to march
at daylight. Went back on the same
road we came in on & turned off & went
down to the river where we forded the
Holsten River. It was very deep for ford=
=ing but I got across dry. Halted & built
fires & then moved forward & through
the town & then on the New Market Road.

Crossed the
Holsten river

New Market was quite a village. The first
indication of rebels was just as we got
into town. We formed fours & marched
up through town & halted just the east
side. Stayed here & built fires & did
not move till near dark. Went a short
distance & then the left file was sent out
after corn & the rest went to camp.
Camped to the right of the road in a
grove of trees. The pickets were drawn in
by our men tonight.

Skirmishing on
the advance.
2nd Indiana
drove in the
rebel Pickets.

Thursday
Dec 24th

Battle today:

Reveille long before day & at boots & saddles
we got into line & held horses by no: Advance at
about sunrise & formed a line of battle ½ mile
from camp & the ball opened here. The 7th Ky=
run when the Rebs made a charge but were
rallied & repulsed the enemy. Several shells
were thrown at us with effect wounding one
of our Co. & several from other Co's. Our Co
was dismounted as skirmishers & I held
horses as was No 4: fell back with horse under
cover. after Cv came in our Co & Co M went off
to the left & reconnoitered some out on the
road some distance ahead. halted for a time
& then went down to water in the creek & then
to camp on a hill to the right. Men went
dismounted for corn. There was a dead rebel
in the field but I did not go to see him.

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Steve got some biscuits & potatoes for supper & snorvers got a pail of sweet milk. Three of the boys of our squad on picket tonight.

Friday
Dec 25th

Reveille as usual: our regt remained in camp today saddled & ready for them Very pleasant day for Christmas but not very pleasant Christmas. I was sent after flour (down to town) the first thing after reveille: I went to a house after baking & got a good supper: On 3rd relief stable guard. Paid for biscuits & supper

50 cts

Saturday
26th

About 7 o'clock this morning we all moved out through the town & formed line of Battle near a white house on the left of the road. Built up fires & kept as com= =fortable as possible. It rained some but it cleared up about 11 AM. The artillery moved up in front of the house & enlim= =bered. The rebel vedettes were in plain sight & their lines were seen several times. finally our artillery opened upon them quite sharp & a few shell were thrown at us in return without doing any injury that I learned of, at 4 PM we moved back across the field & after

Dec 26th

forming a new line part of the Co were sent after forage to the brown house. We then fell back to our old camp. Our Co on picket out at the brown house:

Sunday
27th

Remained on picket today. Went out to the house where we stood vedette & got biscuits baked. paid 20 cts: Just afternoon the whole Command came marching by & we were relieved & moved with our reg't.

paid \$.20 cts

Battle

Commenced firing with artillery soon after leaving the white house. A shell from one of our own guns burst quite close to our Co but did no injury: Raining some. several of our Co dismounted to build a masked battery. After we crossed the RR we halted

in a three cornered field & our Co dismounted as skirmishers. I was no 4 & held horses.

The firing from small arms was quite brisk. Our boys charged into the rebel camp & drew them out of it. Moved up with the led horses but could not find Co K

Dec 27th

so fell back to camp beside the RR.

Had a tedious time getting forage rails &c for the boy's who were completely tired out. Rainy & dirty weather but we got our tent up so that we done very well.

Monday
28th

skirmishing

Reveille as usual, very early, & saddled up while raining quite hard, about 7 AM. We moved back to camp in the grove 30 rods back: Our Regt went out on a scout to Talbot Station, skirmished with the pickets & drove them through the town. Our boys got 25 prisoners today: Came back on the RR track & when - near camp our Co sent after forage. We obtained it at a house that we passed as we went out. Boy's done some foraging but I did none as they were poor & Union.

Tuesday
29th

Marched this morning before daylight stopped at Moss Creek & watered & drew up in line & halted for a time. Advanced on the road across the

Dec 29th

south bridge leading to Dandridge.

Halted when out 3 miles & part of us sent after forage dismounted. Went ½ mile & got corn. There was a couple of potato holes & we got a good mess of them. I went up to the next house & got a piece of bacon &c: had hardly time to get our dinner when we had to move back & come through to Moss Creek on a double quick as there was heavy firing heard there & Indications of a battle being fought: Arrived at the creek. We found our troops engaged with the enemy

on the same ground that we drove them from on Sunday. Our brigade came up to the Mill bridge & halted in line, close columns. Several shells came over us & some went through a barn across the creek. The firing from our guns was continued all of the time. Our reg't moved back across the south bridge & 2nd Bat sent out skirmishers who soon returned & we then moved up

Dec 29th

over the hill & out through the fields between the two valley roads. As we rained the brow of a hill we saw a column of reb's moving slowly back towards the east: *The white horseman was out in full sight as usual*: After our battery came up so as to support us we formed line & drew our sabres for a sabre charge but could not gain enough as the fences were all up. skirmishers actively engaged to the front & right. When under cover of a hill $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of camp we halted & the artillery came up & opened again. Co D man was killed near here. Recall sounded at sundown & as we came back half of us went after forage. Found our Co in our old camp. Reports of loss today estimated varyingly at from 50 to 150! Three regts of Tenn troops laid down arms & had to be driven off to their own troops to prevent them from going out

Wednesday xxx

30th xxx

31st

Half of us went out foraging with Maj Payne. Horse guard on horse so we could not forage anything for New Years. When we came in we found our Co on picket on the road we came in: We left our forage & went to camp after our blankets &c.

Mistake here.
this is the 31st

Wednesday

30th

We lay in camp today. Maj Payne came today. Ambulances picking up the dead & wounded. Farrel took our flour

out & got some dough cakes baked.

Thursday
31st

We were rather short of rations today. rainy & changed into cold freezing weather Ten of us went out in the evening to surprise a secesh picket first but near prevented by an old woman hollering & giving the alarm. It was a bitter cold night & I suffered with cold tonight

1864
Jan 1st
Friday

The first this New Year's day I was waked up by, "2nd relief fall in" & out I had to pile & stood my 2 hrs of guard from daybreak till 8 A.M. Remained on picket alternately shivering & warming till noon when the relief came & we went to camp. Our New Years dinner consisted of ham & slapjack's. Sumptuous fare for soldiers. Went foraging with Lt Wicks. stopped & had a chat with a Tenn=girl at a farm house (horses 3)

Saturday
2nd

Reveille & saddle as usual to horse sounded & we thought we had to move & we packed up in a hurry, but recall sounded soon & so we laid in camp. J- went foraging: I mended my gloves. In the afternoon we made some flatten cakes & they were first rate. J- went & got 2.00 worth of pork.

Sunday
Jan 3rd

Paid out 10 cts

Orders to march at 6 A.M. Went down to Moss Creek & then came back to the first point of wood east of the white house & camped as stopped & got rails & built fires. Jennings went after rations. We got 1 hard tack to a man. I went out foraging four miles. picked corn out of the fields & then went to the house & got oats & canteen of molasses. paid 10 cts. Came in with Hinsman

Found when I got to camp that the reg't had moved & we had a hunt before we found it. It was long after dark when I got to camp.

Monday
4th

Boots & saddles almost following reveille & Recall after sunrise. J- & I went down & got washing done; Got our clothes this evening. Paid for mine 10 cts There is considerable excitement about enlisting in the Veteran services. Several of the boys went up & put down their names

paid 10 cts
on 1st relief
stable guard.

Tuesday
Jan 5th

Jennings & Brockway went foraging early this morning. It is quite pleasant although there was quite a fall of mist & rain last evening. J & B brot in a lot of bread & biscuit which they got of a pedlar: I got 1 doz at the house where I got my washing.

Wednesday
6th

The wind troubled us so blowing the smoke that we moved our fire to the end of the tent & closed up the front: Nothing of note-

Thursday
7th

No saddle call this morning but I had to get ready to go foraging just after sunrise. We went out to our old camp & near Talbot Station. Got some corn in a field & then went up in sight of the rebel vedettes & got corn & oats from a house. Were fired at while getting corn, but came away without any fighting.

Ground covered
with snow.

After dinner I went & got our squad's washing & took flour to be baked. Paid 30 cts for washing. Brockway brought some light bread & we had supper after taps.

Friday
Jan 8th
Paid out ----

Snowed last night & the ground covered with snow this morning. Paid for baking 75 cts. Clothing drawn this afternoon. I sewed most all day.

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Saturday
9th Very cold. I- went foraging: Mail came
this afternoon & I got 2 letters.

Sunday
10th Colder than ever this morning.
Mail came this morning & I got two
letters. one from A. & one from Gill-
I wrote a letter or part of one to A. I bought a doz
biscuit for supper.

Monday
11th Today I busied myself binding my horse
blanket, sat up till after taps to finish it.
Paid 50/ Went over to the white house across the creek.
for baking & got my light bread. It was splendid for Dixie.

Tuesday
12th My turn to go foraging this morning.
We went on the Dandridge road & then turned
to the right. Got a big load & so tried to walk in
& my boots so poor I got them full of mud. The
camp was moved while I was out. Moved
back the length of the reg't. The tent put up
with Lamoreaux's squad.

Wednesday
Jan 13th Laid in camp today. Nothing of note
occurred today, except that Col. LaGrange
(1 capt 1 Lt, & 2 men killed in this charge.. Secesh)
Gobbled another Picket Post, 14 Prisoners.

Thursday
14th Reveille at 4 & waked up by orderly with
march at daylight. Marched at 8 A.M. We
came on the Dandridge road. The car's came in to
Mossy Plains before we left. Camped about 2 M
from D-: The Col. of the 7th Ky shot by the
Maj of the same regt: Mountain scenery fine.

Friday
15th Reveille & saddle very early. I went foraging.
this morning forage very scarce. The secesh
had line of battle formed about 1 ½ miles from
where we get forage. saw several old camps
of the Reb's. Finished writing my letter to A.

Saturday
16th Jennings went foraging this morning. before
they got back Boots & Saddles sounded & we
packed up. Stood in line about an hour & then

Jan 16th

moved out towards the Front. Met the 9th Michigan coming back. We came back & when near camp we hear firing on the left between us & the river. We went out there & formed line: Three Co's Dismounted & went out as skirmishers. We came back to our old camp after dark: saw some men carrying a dead man on a horse. Our force lost nearly a hundred men today.

Sunday
17th

Boots & Saddles early. We are now in camp about 10 A.M. I have written a letter to Willie & filled out my Diary. I laid down to sleep & was waked up by the boys saying boots & saddles had sounded. After standing in line an hour. We moved out towards Brig's HdQrs, forming line about 40 rods east of HdQrs: The fire from the rebels commenced just as we formed 1 line. Jennings horse was killed under him. The firing was so severe we were thrown into a good deal of confusion but the regt dismounted as skirmishers. I was No 2 but as No 4 was not to be found I took charge of the remaining three horses. As the skirmishers advanced

Battle at
Dandridge:

Jan 17th

we were ordered to fall back. As we were not in a good line no one could move out & finally every one broke for themselves & a general stampede was the consequence. I had not gone more than 10 rods when about ten sets of four was stopped by the line fence & by some Rebels dressed in dark clothing & that I took for our officers. One of them rode up to me & said to me stop the lead horses & when near me he said give me your revolver. I replied that I wanted it myself. He told me two or three times & drawing his revolver & pointing it at me said give up your arms, you are a prisoner. Are you a southerner said I. Yes was the reply. I then gave him my pistol &

Jan 17th

my belt as he demanded it: While he was taking the sabre off the belt I got off of my horse & saw that I was surrounded by secesh & I picked up my sabre

seeing that the 2nd Indiana was coming & the rebs running I started with my horse towards our rear. Palmer & others who had been served in the same manner that I had, came with me. After coming about 10 rods I saw a Co H man (slackerd) coming who was wounded. I helped him along & finally got him on one of my horses & took him to the hospital at Brig's Hd Qrs. I got his carbine & a revolver & belt of Co A man who was wounded. The firing was so close to us now that I feared the hospital would be captured. I remained near the barn till near dark then finding that the rest of the horses had gone to camp. I fell back there. Found the lead horses & some of the cowards there. Kress was wounded. as darkness came on we could see the rebel fires on the hill where they first engaged us, we got our horses in line & kept them ready for an emergency. Several heavy volleys

Jan 17th

were fired after dark by the infantry who was on the right: The cavalry commenced marching back about 9 o'clock. The infantry came up as supports at us just before dark. Our boy's came into camp about 10 P.M. We marched soon after, going the same road we came on for several miles & then taking the New Market road. Some of the infantry of Sheridan's Command passed us as we halted: It was a cold damp night & we suffered severely from cold. Arrived at New Market just before daylight.

When we came to camp we found that three of the boys were missing Volunteers. Remmick & Garrison, Prisoners at Belle Island Prison -

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Monday
18th

Halsted & fed

about 2 miles out: Moving forward we arrived at the upper pond & with all the usual delays we finally crossed about 2 P.M. Went into camp as we thought in the midst of a driving rain. Soon were started

Paid 20 cts

out by Attentives & moved out over a horrid round. Reached Strawberry Plains about

4 P.M. The infantry camp covered the plain

for miles: We came to the west side of the

river (between S.P. & K.) & camped in a wood to the right of the road: Horses got nothing but straw. I was on Brig's guard at Hd.Qrs.

Jan 18th

Tuesday
19th

Our regt on the advance today: Arrived at

K- before noon & marching up through the

town & principal streets found ourselves

before HdQrs & that the Generals were

reviewing us. They were Grangers, Sturgis &

Grant & others. Passing around to the

pontoon bridge the advance commenced

crossing & were obliged to come back

by the bridge partly giving way. A half of

an hour ensued & I took advantage of it

to write a P.S. to my letter & sent it to the

office. Crossing we marched till 1 P.M.

& halted at a cross roads. had just got

our tent up when we were detached

for Picket, Went on the Cross road S.W.

Wednesday
20th

Got up & went on vedette after daylight.

Got ham & biscuits at the house near the fort

I paid 80 cts. Relieved to march at

8 AM: Marched on the Dandridge road

Got forage at a barn three M from Sevier=

=ville & went into camp back of the house

It was a beautiful warm day & everything

pleasant: Crossed the Pigeon Creek.

Paid. 80 cts

Thursday
21st

Marched at 8 AM. Advanced very slow=

=ly. Forded the river at Sevierville. Camped

about 9 M from S- on the French Broad

opposite of D-. Frequent & heavy firing was

hears quite plainly at or near Strawberry Plains.

Friday
22nd

Reveille early recall soon as saddled & the horses saddled all day. Got mail this P.M.: A letter from A & Willie & one from Mrs J.P.N.- Heard that the firing yesterday was at S.P. & that the rebs charged the bridge three times & were repulsed & driven seven M. Went after forage near Div Hd.

Qrs & saw the rebel camp fires across the river & some saw the Pickets. Everything ready to move at a moments notice.

Mail 2 L

bought a gold pen of Bray Ellis for \$3.00

Saturday
Jan 23rd

Orders to move at 6 AM: Moved out on the road up the river. Saw the train that our boy's captured yesterday. When we had gone a mile or so, there was 10 from each Co detailed to go to the front, the best mounted men being detailed. Our force being Commanded by Col. La=

=Grange & the whole being a detail of 100 men from each regt in the 2nd Brig.

After marching over a hilly road for 5 M- we came to a cove where we halted & Lt Hudson went down to the river as Picket. Advancing again through a path between the hills we came out into the Dutch Bottom's, which was the finest looking farming country I have seen in East Tenn= The river bottoms level & surrounded by hills & high Mountains combined to make a scene that one would remember. We charged into the valley & reaching the

Jan 23rd

east side halted by a secesh team that was going after forage for the rebs who were camped on the opposite side of the river: Our conversation with the nigger drivers was quite interesting: Advancing again we took another path & came out

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into another flat & opposite a Mill used by the secesh. Saw one train on the opposite side & a good many men about the house & mill. One train had just got over when we got up in sight of the front. Proceeding up the river we halted at a secesh house & got a lot of salt & our scouts to different houses picking up several prisoners. When near the main road there was several shots fired & a charge ensued. Upon coming out on the road we found that our advance had fired on the rear of a lot of rebels that our men had drove up the road. In coming back we passed a

Jan 23rd

secesh house & Cashman got a ham. At the cave we halted & fed. Got into camp about 11 P.M. Found our regiment in a new camp. had a hard time to find a spot large enough for us to lay an everything was so crowded.

Sunday
24th

Foragers sent out after corn for those that were on the scout. After they came in others were sent out & I went. After got back, orders to get feed for tomorrow to carry with us. We had a supper of boiled soup, chicken, ham &c. J & I cooked colours

Monday
25th

Moved out on the road to Fair Garden & horrid bad road for several miles but a good one after striking the Garden Valley. Marched to three M- the other side of S. V. & camped back of our old camp of the 20th inst. Report from Citizens that the secesh were crossing the river near S. V. but found to be a flag of truce:

Tuesday
26th

Detailed to help bring Clothing from the Brig's Hd. Qr's. Drew 2 tents, my horse's foot

Jan 26th

Mail today &
I got one letter
from Sister.

was so sore this morning that I had to get some poker out to poultice it with. Went down to Brig's Md. Qrs. for some soap but the guard would not let me go into the yard. Orders to March at 4 P. M. & moved out on the road to S. V. I took it on foot It was dark before we got to S. V. found when we got beyond town that the Division of Woolfbed's had an artillery fight this evening. Moved up to near the Vedettes of the rebs & past the 1st Brig who had fallen back & met our regt coming back. fell back & camped in a field 1/4 M from S. V. found a car= =bine & several other articles.

Wednesday
27th

The Brig started out about 8 A. M. I stayed with the pack train & we moved out at 10 o'clock. When up near where we turned around last night I heard heavy firing. stopped in the barn at Dr Hodgens & I laid down on the hay & had a long nap. About 5 P. M. We crossed the river & stayed till the regt came back when we went into camp on the bank of the river.

Jan 27th

The 4th Indiana made a charge, headed by Col LaGrange, on the secesh battery & captured two guns, losing their Colonel. Captured 60 or 70 prisoners, drove the Rebs beyond Fair Garden.

Thursday
Jan 28th

Paid 10 cts
for biscuits

Moved forward on the road out through Fair Garden towards Dandridge. I walked & led my horse. When opposite our old camp we halted & all the well men & horses sent to their Co. The rebel infantry & our men fighting south of us where they had crossed the river. Commenced retreating before dark & got to F. G. about 9 o'clock & stopped & built fires & waited till the regt came up. A good many of the 112th Ill killed & wounded: When the Brig came up we fell back to our old camp on the river which we reached at 4 o'clock.

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Friday
29th

Reveille about 7 & marched at 8. Went out through S. V. & then south. Learned that the Rebs were between us & Knoxville.

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The Rebs followed us up & were coming into S. V. as the last of our men came out. Going south for 8 M we turned off to the right & went up into the mountains to Wares Corn. It was a horrid bad road & only a path at the bottom of a water course & as darkness overtook us before we had got over the worst of the road. it was very tedious waiting for the ambulances & artillery to get up but they did finally get through the gap & we got over & came out onto a fine cove & found camp soon. reports were around today that the Indians had bushwhacked our advance. There was a good many of the citizens came with us as they did not dare to stay at home.

Paid 40 cts

Saturday
30th

We hoped to remain in camp today but were ordered to move on the advance down the cove towards Marysville leaving camp at 8 A.M. Passed through a rough mountain Gap & came out into a cove 8 M

Jan 30th

down the valley. Camped near a mill. A detail left camp to get horses. I went down to a house & got a dinner of butter-milk, hulled corn & cornbread. Also got a pair of soft soap & Wesley & I washed our clothes at the mill. We did not get through till after dark. The whole Div= came up this P.M. & The 2nd Indiana went 5 M further down the Cove.

Sunday
Jan 31st

Orders to march at 7 A.M. Half of the men went after corn & did not come up till we got to camp. The road crossed the river in several places & in two places wound along the side of the mountains half way up & only just wide enough for two horses to pass at once.

The scenery was fine. Mountains covered with hemlocks & a ragged stream foaming over the rock's presented a splendid set of views. We came out into the open valley about 10 M down. Distance from camp to Marysville 17 M. The river here was the little river. We

Jan 31st

camped 2 M from M=. If I should ever come to Tenn= sketching this is one of the places I should wish to visit. We came by a place where the Federal's had built up a lot of earth works. Mail came in tonight but I did not get anything.

Monday

Feb 1st

Paid out 50 cts

Raining this morning, saddled up & orders to move at 8 A.M. but were countermanded & foragers sent out. I went & got a lunch at one house & two Doz bis= cuits at another, where there was a pretty Tenn=girl: It cleared off before we went out & was a beautiful day.

Feb 2nd

Thursday

Jennings went foraging. I wrote a letter to Arcelia.

Wednesday

3rd

I went out foraging this morning and took both horses. The poorest being sent out & the rest being kept to go on a scout. This P.M. they are preparing for the raid to start at 7 A.M. tomorrow. Drew a Pr of boots. Detailed for guard at reg't Hd Qrs.

Thursday

Feb 4th

Mail 1 letter

The scout did not go out & foragers were sent out. Lent snovers 35 cts. J & I wrote letters all day. I wrote to Jay. Mail tonight & 1 letter (from A-

Friday

5th Ls 2

Mailed two letters one to A- & one to Jay. J= gone foraging. I wrote a letter to E.C.P.

Saturday

6th

Raining this morning. We had expected to move but did not & foragers sent out as usual. I wrote a letter to Gill. Cold & clear tonight.

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Sunday 7th L-2	I went out foraging. Maj Torrey in Com'd - Went out 4 M- J & I made out pay rolls after I got back & mailed two letters (ECP & GN)
Monday 8th	After camp duties were over J & I finished the Pay= =rolls. Maj Torrey left for Nashville this morning for the new recruits. I wrote a sheet to Father this evening.
Tuesday 9th	Orders to march a 6 A.M. & moved out at about 7. Came through Marysville & out to Motleys Ford & crossed the little Tenn=River fording four branches. Camped a mile from the ford. J went foraging:
Wednesday 10th	Detail went after fodder. I went foraging with the crowd & got forage 2 M out.
Thursday 11th	Cleaning up arms this A.M. for inspection. at 2 P.M. Mounted & went out half way to the ford & Inspection in an open field. Capt Rob= =inson inspected: Washed clothes after I got back. Letel arrested & Redverd: Mail tonight & I got four <i>Independents</i> . On detail to help unload forage after Taps:
Friday 12th	Busied myself fixing buckles on my horse blan= =ket: looked like rain but cleared off: Wrote a half sheet to fill out my letter to Father & mail= =ed my letter:
Saturday 13th	Brockway caught trying to get out of camp & riding a rail as a punishment: Paid Bray Ellis for my pen \$3.00. Sewing most all day: Detailed this evening to report to H.D.Qrs: for Battery service. Reported & went over to Battery HDQrs & reported & came back to camp as we had no tents with us (Battery 18th Indiana. Capt Lilly)
Sunday 14th	The boy's were routed out to get ready to go foraging at 7 A.M. After they were gone & I had got breakfast and came over to the Battery. Rose & I put up our tent as it rained. Assignments to detachments made
Valentines 2	

today & I expect to keep my horse. Raining quite hard

Monday
15th

Sergeant told me this morning that I would have to take a team if I stayed in this detachment: I take the lead team in the Limber: We are in the 1st detachment, 1st Section, Raining & unpleasant all day: Battery man went to Div HD Qrs for shooting beef & tied up

Tuesday
16th

Got my harnesses rigged out this morning. Cleared off & nice day: Went with horses after straw.

Wednesday
17th
Very Cold

Harnessed up for the first time this morning as there is an inspection this P.M.: Inspection at 2 P.M. After that was over we had drill & practicing with primers: Got through & back to camp at sundown.

Thursday
18th

Cold & snowing some this morning: Moved our tent & got our Squad in one tent. Rose & I washed clothes this P.M.: Pleasant this afternoon:

Friday
19th

Horse race over on the race course: The scenery from our camp is fine. Can see Mts in N.C. 30 M distant

Saturday
20th

Cannoneers Drilled this A.M. Drill at ½ past 12 till 3 P.M. Had some lady spectators & the 2nd Indiana Band came down & played for us. Mail came in & I went over to the regt at sundown but got no mail.

Paid out /30

Sunday
Feb 21st

It is warmer this morning. Commenced snowing & at noon the ground is white but the storm is over. Commenced writing a letter to Sister this A.M.

Monday
22nd

Orders for 1st Section to harness & hitch & get ready for a march. We expected to go to a ford two miles down the river. Kept ourselves in readiness to march till water call when the caisson driver unhitched & all of the rest harnessed up & the guns went up on a hill near Div-HD Qrs & fired a Salute.

Salute fired in honor of Washington's Birthday:

A number of indians came in & gave themselves up!

Tuesday
23rd

Nothing of Note today. Racing on the track as usual & one ran for \$1,000.

Wednesday
24th

Moved at 8 A.M. Camped at Madisonville 10 miles from the ford: Nothing of further note.

Thursday
25th

Barry went over to Regt after mail but was gone so long that I commenced writing to A & had to stop & draw clothing. The woods got afire & there was a grand conflagration to night. Wrote a letter to Mrs N-. Moved our tents tonight

Friday
Feb 26th
Paid out 50

I went over to the regt this morning & got two letters one from A & one from Jay. finished my letter to A & sent 5.00 in it {Paid for pies 50 cts}

27th

Nothing of note occurred.

Sunday
28th

Inspection at 10 A.M. Went out in the open field in front of the battery & after Inspection had a drill: Reviern appointed for Tuesday.

On guard tonight. It rained some

Monday
29th

Jennings & Kellogg came over to see me this A.M. I was on prison guard today. It rained quite hard & interfered with our cleaning our harnesses.

Tuesday
March 1st

The rain which fell continually this morning forbid the thought of a Review for which I was not sorry. It has been a damp cold day.

Wednesday
2nd

Cold & clear this morning: An order of exercises for this camp was read to us tonight. Mail for the Battery came tonight.

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Snyder

Thursday
3rd
Paid out 25/ink

went over after mail to the Regt this morning but got none. Roll call for the first time this morning. bought a bottle of ink 25/ Jennings came over to see me this A.M. Took a sketch of the town:

Friday
March 4th

Paid for bread which Snyder got baked. \$1.00 Orders for granting furloughs explained (to us in line) this AM

Saturday
5th

Paid out 25/

This P.M. we cleaned up camp for inspection to=
=morrow. Mail came this evening & I went over & got a couple of papers: Went down town after I came back. (for a pr of spurs) 25/

Sunday
6th

Paid 25

Inspection at 9 A.M. by Lt Beck. Bought a french *Leslie's* 25/ Preaching at H.D.Qrs. by a Chaplin who was visiting the Officers: It seemed good to attend Religious exercises once more. Gil=
=ky & I went down to town to find a meeting but there was none: It is very pleasant today:
Corporal Speal reduced to the rank 0 at Roll Call.

Monday
7th

Rainy today.

Tuesday
8th

Speal Reinstated. Capt. Lilly Started for home. Snyder went to Lovelin as escort. Pear & I went over to the Regt. I rode his colt & got thrown off. but no damage done. Orders to move tomorrow. Several of our boys went over town this evening
Dance at Div-H.D.Qrs.

Wednesday
March 9th

Marched at 8 A.M. The 4th Indiana in advance: Our guard was through a quite Civilized country. We passed through Athens about 4 P.M. It is a pretty place being mostly built of brick. A train loaded with infantry went by while we were near the R.R.: Camped 5 M from O- in a marshy field by the roadside.

Thursday 10th	Start acting orderly this morning. Rained quite hard last night. We moved out at 8 A.M. passed through Rice Mills on our march & went into camp at Calhoun at 3 P.M. Crossing the Hiawasse on a pontoon. The two towns here are not enough for a decent one. Our camp is in a small grove of Pines & not a very good place; Mail rec'd & I was the lucky recipient of four letters. one from E.C.P. & three from home: Presents Thread & needles &c rec'd; Jennings came over this evening.
Friday March 11th	Rained again last night. Moved camp this morning back on the road we came in on & 4 rods from H.D.Qrs: We got up tents &c for a stay. Drew 10 days Rations: Mail
(postage 20 cts)	again tonight & I got 10 quires of note paper a roll of Drawing paper & three <i>Independents</i> Went over to Regt to night & left 3 quire of paper.
Saturday 12th	Called out early & orders to march at 7 A.M. Which we did about 8 o'clock. Camped at Cleveland at 2 P.M. C's a pretty place; Pews & I went out in the country after straw & did not get in till after dark. Went over to the Settlers this evening. Bought a bottle of mustard 25/ & a book 25/.
Sunday 13th	Wrote a letter Home. which took me all day: Pear got me some soap 25/
Monday 14th L sent 1	Mailed a letter. Wrote one to Jay. Rec'd 2 mo's pay: Inspection this P.M. Rec'd pay of Snyder for horse blanket 3.50 & for paper 60/ of Jennings 30. Sold to
Lent Plymale cash \$5.00	
March 14th	Davis a piece of drawing paper 20/ Rec'd of

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Lent McClune cash 1.00	Robinson, 1'00 of 7th Kentucky 2'00 Paid for blacking 10 cts, cheese 25.
Tuesday 15th	On guard 2nd Relief last night & then A.M. So I escaped the Review this P.M. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxfor washing 20/1 wrote a letter to Jay. Paid for mirror 25/
Wednesday 16th	Inspection of Artillery (to condemn un= =serviceable equipment) at 9 A.M. It is very cold & chilly today. The boys are playing & gambling away their money, reckless as ever. Snyder got butter & flour & we had warm biscuits & butter for a treat.
L sent 1	
Thursday 17th	Commenced a letter to Wife J.H. Today has been so cold I have done little but read. Horse race this P.M. & Snyder lost \$25.00
Friday 18th	Finished a letter to J.H. A.M. Tony washed for me
L sent 1	Rec'd a letter from Father.
Saturday 19th	Coming out warm & pleasant today paid (Paid for fixing spur straps) Tony for rowels & washing 70/-Detail Cannonading today on the Dalton road.
Sunday March 20th	Detail for N- getting ready this morning The Cavalry all out on a scout down towards Dalton. Rec'd \$1.00 of Mary= Bogart for Jay
Sent Jay's money to him per Mc= =Clue	Wrote a letter to Jay & sent by McClune Wrote a letter to Father. Sent Jay his mon= =ey. \$8.00 that I collected for him & \$1.15 that I owed him. Rec'd three papers by mail.
Monday 21st	Cold & windy today. Went over town this P.M. Looked at the Stereoscope this P.M. Paid for myself & Hornl \$.50
Paid 50/-	Heard that the Reg't of J-s recommended him as an officer in the Invalid Corps.

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Tuesday 22nd	The first thing when I looked out from under the cover of the blankets I saw was snow. found the tent nearly full & the ground covered. Continued snowing till almost night. I got a pass & started for town but the guard would not pass me on my pass so I came back. Rec'd a letter from Sister A --- Byrn's furlough came & he started home:
Wednesday March 23rd L= sent 1	The sun came out warm & the snow is melting off fast. I wrote a letter to A. & mailed it with Father's letter
Thursday 24th Paid out 15/	Wrote all day. Writing one letter to E.C.P. & one to Wife F.W. Paid for envelopes 15/Sold Humil 1 quire of paper
Friday 25th	Snowing & raining again during the night. Called up to go on guard. The storm cleared off & no rain of consequence fell today. On 1st relief. on the forage during the night the boys went to town to a dance.
Saturday 26th	Got up this morning about 9 A.M. The boys on extra duty for going to the party The Major came in this P.M. with \$4.08
Rec'd my box from John Brown: all right.	& recruits. John Brown came in & brought my box & J & I got it up where they were camped. Coburn & Ketter came up & got their things. Mary Bogart over here tonight & we had a long talk about mother & things. & I mean to join the Masons the first chance.
Sunday March 27th Ls sent 2	Inspection at ½ past 8 A.M. Two letters to E.C.P. & xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Went up to the 2nd Michigan with Mc=Henry. Had Tea Blackberry & some supper.
Monday 28th Paid: 25	I got up with a head ache & sour stomach so I went back to bed & did not get up till ten A.M. Then I made me a cup of tea & a cup of blackberries & feel much better this

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Rec'd \$2.50

P.M. My box of combs & thread came this morning
I sold my old boots to Johnny Hughes for \$2.50
Paid Tony for washing 25/. Raining the P.M. Jim
Fox came to bid me good bye as he is starting
home this P.M. rained quite hard tonight.

Tuesday
29th

Raining some. Hannil went after brick &
we built a chimney. Dark & cool today. The
recruits our drilling this P.M. Rec'd four papers
& a letter from Grill. Went over to regt for
it. Torrey wanted to know if I had a horse
Guess he found out I was staying at the Battery

Wednesday
30th

Roll call & order of exercises this morning.
I came over before Drill. Grant fixed my boots

Wednesday
30th

Paid 50. Went to town on a pass this P.M.
Paid for pie 25. Went over to the race. came
up to camp & Barry went down town. I
went over again about 6 P.M. & got 50 cts
worth of light bread. Nothing of note further

Paid out
Cash \$1.25

Thursday
31st

Mounted a piece of bristol board & went
to drawing. Orders to move out just after
=noon for target shooting. I drove lead team
on the gun. We went down through town
& out towards Chattanooga about a mile
Col Campbell went out with us. after
the firing was over we came back with=
=out further incidents. Lt Miller asked me
to bring my drawing up to his tent for him
to look at. Rec'd of Woodin 25 cts on the paper

Rec'd of
Woodin 25

Friday
April 1st

Grand Review appointed for this mor=
=ning but it rained & misted all day by
spells: I drew &c today. I bought soft bread
for supper, 25/Barry arrested for striking Reynolds
We had succotash for dinner.

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Saturday April 2nd	After breakfast chores were done I fixed for a wash but my plans for writing home - among the rest was spoiled by the notice to get ready to move which was given us about 9 A.M. We packed up & got everything ready but did not take down our tents which was quite fortunate as it proved to be a big score the Rebs being reported within 8 M of here. It proved a hoax, nothing but a scout, acting on the impulse of the moment. I sat down & finished my plum preserves: The 1st Wis went out on a scout & some other Cavalry. Got in to camp about 5 P.M. when we unhitched and so the scare ended. Rained some tonight
Sunday 3rd	On Guard: Went on at 10 A.M. had stood ten minutes, when we were relieved for Grand Review which was to take place today. Went on guard again about 11 A.M. as the review did not come off. We traded our flour for soft bread. looked like rain at night & rained some in the morning while I was on guard. Wrote a letter Home & to Sister A. Jennings came over here & I gave him that Poncho. He got a knife & comb of me. Rainy today.
Monday April 4th Lent Sam Hurlburt \$2.00	Had a general time greasing boots this morning. Moved the picket rope. Mailed my letter home. Lt Miller was in my tent & looked at my sketches He wanted the one I am working on of the Battery.
Tuesday 5th L sent 1	Pleasant day, finished my drawing. The boy's made a trough for the horses.
Wednesday 6th	I felt very dull & lazy all day. Tried to draw some & could not do anything to suit me. Went over to the Regt this P.M.
Thursday 7th	Rainy this morning but soon cleared up. I commenced a new sketch of the fight at Dandridge but find it so difficult
Friday 8th M - 1 letter	

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rec'd from Jay =ficult to draw the horses that I am
almost discouraged. Rec'd a letter from J

Saturday
9th
Paid out .05
Nothing of note. I went to town this
P.M. Went to the Regt this evening
& saw Davis about getting some drawing inst.
Rec'd a letter from home

Sunday
April 10th
Found this morning that I had se=
=vere attack of sick headache and
kept my bed most all day. The in=
=spection appointed for this morning
was put off on account of the showers this
morning. Davis came over & looked in & saw
that I was sick & went away again. Lt Scott
came today & Starrs father.

Monday
11th
Fell some better to day. Did not have
to go on guard although it was my turn.
The men came in with the new horses. I
went over to the Regt & got some medicine
The horses assigned this P.M. On guard tonight

Tuesday
12th
Paid 35 cts
Rainy & showery all day. Rec'd an *Indepen*=
=*dent, Harper's* & handkerchief. This P.M.
we all rec'd little work bags filled with
book in tracts, articles for the toilet &c.
The clothing acc't signed for this P.M.
Paid for washing 35 xxxxxx

Wednesday
April 13th
Very warm & pleasant. I wrote letters
all day. Wrote to Uncle Harry's folks & to
Pa & Ma. also to John Rawlins N.Y. Scout
went out this morning & No 2 went
with them. Lt Colwell & 16 men from Co
L captured last night while on picket.
Scout came in again tonight.

Thursday
14th
Ls sent 3
Mail 1 Letter
Went over to the Regt this A.M. & found
Jennings quite badly hurt & sick. Mailed
my three letters. Rec'd letter from Wife J.H.
Paid for muciage, 10. Orderly's com=
came today. Sent in my letter home \$10.00

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Paid out . 10/
Went to the Co tonight & found that J had gone to the hospital. Settler moved tonight.

Friday
15th
Got a pass this morning & went to town.
Mailed a magazine to A. paid for stamps 10
Went to Hospital & saw J- was better. Came to
to camp, then went over to Regt & got robber
for him. Rec'd notice that we would be
reviewed tomorrow by Gen Thomas.
Cleaning up quarters. Went down to
town again this P.M. & carried J-
one of my blankets:

April 15th
Saturday
16th
The Review did not come off, as we expected. Byron came today: Drilled this P.M. Field Drill.

Sunday
17th
Inspection at ½ past 10 A.M. Went over to the Reg't. Attended Sunday School at Lt tent. Rec'd a letter from A- Rainy this evening so I did not go to church as I had intended to. Drew new combs & brushes Lt Miller came in this morning & took my sketch of the Battery. Drew new gun carriage & caisson this P.M.

M rec'd 1 letter
Monday
18th
I washed some this morning & it is rain=
ing this P.M. The men fixing up new gun Carriages & Caissons. I went over to see Jennings this evening. He looks very badly I told him I would write to his folk's.

Tuesday
19th
My day for cooking & so I duly occupied myself. On guard & had to go out to the guard mounting, on 3rd relief. At eleven A.M. notice was given that there would be

April 19th
Review at 12. I went on guard at 12 & the Battery moved out soon after going with the cavalry over the other side of town. The mail came & I received a letter from Wife Mattie C- which was quite unexpected as also the miniature enclosed. On guard,

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Wednesday

20th

paid, 35
Relieved at 8 A.M. I got a pass of
Lt Miller & went down & saw J-. Wrote
a letter home for him. Went over in the
picture gallery. Got my hair cut
paid, 35. Came to camp about 1 P.M.
Wrote to Nat- this P.M.

Thursday

21st

After the morning duties were done I
Commenced writing to M & had writ=
=ten a few lines I found that we were
to move camp & before we had got
packed I had word that Jennings was
not expected to live & so I went down
to see him. Found him very low.

Thursday

April 21st

& when I went into the room he
was singing & praying. did not know
that I was there till I had been there
several minutes. he then opened his
eyes & seeing me spoke & called me by
name. He was in a good deal of dis=
=tress & choked some. He told me he had
not got only a little while to live. I ask=

Jennings died
The 22nd April/62

=ed him if he was willing to die, Oh yes
was perfectly willing said he. He told me
the disposition he wished made of
his effects. It was with difficulty that
he told me. George & Goings came in after
a little & we each held a hand while
it seemed that he was dying. The
Dr told me to stay as he would die
in a few minutes. He raised some
blood in his mouth & we turned him
over & he seemed to be easing &
the Dr gave him some medicine
& it revived him up & he seemed

April 21st

so much better that George & I went
back to camp. I went up to old camp
& then up to the new one. We were busy
putting up quarters most all day. I wrote
a letter to Mrs Jennings & mailed it at the
Commissary. Went down again in the

P.M. & read J- his mothers letter. He gave me his money. It was 2.85 & I gave the nurse 100 to get anything that he might want. We changed his bed & he felt so much easier. He also gave me his stamps which were in his mothers letter. there were 34. requested me to give 4 to Lynch that he owed him: He felt so much better & I thought they would send for me if he was any worse. that I did

Friday
22nd

not go down this morning. The infantry moved from the top of the hill. We had to fix up our tent & police quarters. We sewed on strips on our tent & that & fixing took till about 3 P.M. Brobent went over town & I sent by him to see if J- was any worse. When he came back he did not know much about it but said there was a man died there.

April 22nd

Jennings Died
at 10 A.M.

I went down & as soon as I went up stairs I saw that his cot was empty. I went in the back room and they told me he was dead. Died about 10 A.M. & the body was in the Coffin & nailed up. I went & saw the Dr & he said he was not there, was in the County amputating a limb, that Youngs came there soon after he died & got his things. That He made a Post Mortem examination & found that the injury received was the cause of his death. I went up to Co & saw G & got his letters & part of the things. Oh this is so sad that I could not been there & seen him when he died. They laid him at in his clothing

Saturday
April 23rd

I got a pass this morning & went to town & saw the Dr & tried to find a man to tell me where the man from the C.C. boarded. Could not find out & went up to camp & Lt Wicks told me to get a Clergy=

=man & that Military honors would be done at the grave. I then came back to the Com= & the man who was there told me he would get a minister & went with me to the church & from there the Minister & I went to the Hospital. The ambulance was there, & the escort. We went to the grave & The minister made such a short speech & prayer & singing by the Boys. Lt W Capt Jones & _____ new there. The S Ministers name was Rev Storon Nichols of Danbury. Comm= After I got to camp I wrote a letter to Mrs Jennings & finished mine to Mat-. Then went to town. Lt Miller told

April 23rd

Paid for wash=
=ing blankets
50, for washing
per Shm 50
To J Fox 50
Cash \$1.20

me this morning that I would be a Cannoneer from this morning. The Battery had notice to be ready to move at a minutes notice. (unloaded & packed ammunitions) Went over town & to the express office & up to Hospital & got the blankets & (nurse) paid me 40 cts of J= money. I paid 50 for washing the blankets. After I came to camp Jim Fox came & brought me a letter from home & a case of pencils. He got them in Indianapolis, paid \$1.50. Pa gave him 1.00 so I paid him, 50. Goings came in this evening & brought the rest of J- trinkets. Said that the Co voted to give the Minister \$10 for his services. Told me that he borrowed 2.00 of J- when his book says \$10. The tune that they sang at the grave was "Rest Brother". There was a meeting

April 23rd

in the camp Chapel. I took a part by saying a few words & resolving to be a better Christian then here to fore. I feel much better & believe that if

I try God will bless my efforts.
Paid for washing clothes \$.50

April 24th
Sunday

Ms sent 2
This morning I mailed my two letters & wrote one to A & to Jay - Went to meeting at our Chapel at 3 P.M. & to Sunday School. Verse was 3rd Chapter of Matthew. There was inspection at 10 AM. The drivers had their new harnesses to put up. Rainy some this morning Went to Church in town this evening & had a good meeting. I feel that henceforth I will make it my aim in life to so live that I may be prepared to meet my God when I am called.

Monday
25th

Mailed my letters. On guard 3rd relief. Lt Miller told me this morning that we would all go to our Regt's in a few days. He brought me a few plans of Mossy

April 25th

Creek fight & wanted a picture. I went over to the express office & took that little box of J-s things but could not send as I had no permit.

Tuesday
26th

I got hardly any rest last night. It was a clear moonlight night after we came on guard. This A.M. I had to go to the Co & get my descriptive roll: Got a permit & sent my box to B. Dam. paid \$2.50. Wrote some to Father & Mr Jennings. George came over & brought that pen. Prayer Meeting this evening. I feel very wretched this evening for I did not take any part in the meeting. It is a great cross for me to express myself at such a place. I feel that if I would not have my light go entirely out that I must take up my cross & bear it & am determined that I will & trust God will bless my efforts.

Paid Cash
on box 2.50

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Wednesday

April 27th

Paid out

cash .30

for envelopes

Signed the

Payroll.

Considerable talk about the recruits but they did not come. Signed the Pay roll this A.M. Busied myself with drawing on the sketch of Mossy Creek. Went to Church in town this evening & I took the vow of consecration to God & I feel that I must now be in earnest & that God will help me. Gen Howard address m this evening

Thursday

28th

Rained some last night. Grazed horses this AM. The boys fixed up shacks of pine boughs. Drilled. field drill this P.M. Drawing some.

Friday

29th

L from N.Y.

Grazing this A.M. Lt Johnson went after the recruits. Signed the Clothing acct Mine was 5.38. Field drill this P.M. Meeting this evening & preaching by Mr _____ of the Christian Commission. Recd my letter & packing of J Rawlins.

Saturday

April 30th

rec'd a

letter from

A. 10 stamps enclosed

Grazed horses this A.M. Rose out on a spree last night. The old men Mustered. Prayer meeting this evening. I feel ashamed that I did not take a part. It is very hard work for me to express my self at such a place.

Sunday

May 1st

Inspection at 10 A.M. by Col. McCook. We moved out & down by the RR Had a short drill. Recruits had come when we got to camp. We were taken down to Hd. Qrs & Lt Ripetore told us that we were relieved & would go to our Regt's this P.M. Got ready & packed off as soon as we could. Lt Miller told me to finish the picture & if it was pretty good would have it lithographed Came to regt dismounted. Dewitt & I put a tent up together. Read a letter from Jay to Jennings. Leatzler came to see me this P.M.

Monday
2nd

Dewitt & I fixed up our tent with logs
I heard this morning that Maj Torrey
told in N- that I was one of those that
at Dandridge

left the field ^ Just as though I run &
left from ferry, when I had the lead horses
I am quite indignant. Review this A.
M. at 11 by Gen Elliott. Sent my horse

May 2nd

out to graze & so staid in camp. Heard
tonight that there was an order in the
paper, here, for all men that had not been
Mustered to be mustered from date. Also,
hear that we are to move tomorrow. On
Regimental horse guard: I find that
there is a great deal of unfitness in camp
& that I must be on my guard. I must try.

Tuesday
3rd

Orders to turn out my horse. So I have to go
with the dismounted men. We went up to
Torreys tent & reported & he sent those
that had arms, with Snowars to
report to Capt Hacklemurs 2 Indiana &
I had no arms as I found the owner
of the revolver I got at hospital at Dan=
=drige. It was Dolan Co H. The regt left all
of its Co things & they were sent to the
depot & to Chattanooga. We went to Brig:
Hd Qrs. & there waited till Lt Hudson
2nd Indiana came to take charge of us.

May 3rd

Col LaGrange came out to see the men & I
told him about my horse. He said he
would give the Battery officers fits. We
went from here down to Div Hd Qrs. & then
I went up to Battery to get a letter but
it was packed away. Found the rest of the
boys at the depot. Saw Lt Sevalt & Brockway.
The infantry were marching past all day.
Stayed around the depot & were once
ordered to camp & not go till next
day but finally got transportation
on the train leaving at an hour before

sundown. bought a cake of ginger bread
25/ It was dark before we got to Chat=
=lanooa & quite cold. Went through
the tunnel on this RR. When we got
to C- we waited around in the cold
for an hour or more & then as the Lt
did not come we went outside of
the depot from where the boys had got
fires & bunked for the night.

Wednesday
May 4th

Borrowed crackers enough for breakfast
& after eating went over to depot. Saw Water=
=man Co I just from Wis: About 9 AM We
all started out on the RR & after going a
ways found we were going to Chickamauga
Bridge. Pomeroy & I stayed together & we
made very slow time of it carrying our
baggage. Followed the RR back through
the Tunnel & out to the Ringgold Junction
We footed it through the tunnel which is
about a thousand ft through. The wild
honeysuckle grows along in the wood in
this country. Got to Chickamauga at
sundown. The rest of the men were there
& some had their tents up. They marched
just as we came up going down to the
next bridge. P- & I went up to an old house
& stayed all night. The country scenery &
mountains around & on our route is fine &
especially the Lookout Mts. Birdseye&
Mission Ridge.

Thursday
May 5th

This morning Capt Johnson 2nd Mich=
came up to us & told us that part of the
Capt Smith
men were coming back & that he ^ had
transportation for all our baggage & 50
men. Said he was so afraid he would not
get a ride himself that he did not care
what the men done. After Breakfast we
went over to the Cos & unloaded rations
& enfield Rifles. The rest of the things
were sent in the camp to our stations

The 2nd Bridge from the Chickamauga Station drew rations, arms &c & put our tent up. The 94 Ill's infantry are here guarding. Went in swimming this P.M. So we are turned in=
=to regular infantry & sport an enfield Rifle in style. Heard yesterday that our men were skirmishing at Tunnel Hill & drove out the Reb's: To day we heard several cannon in the direction of Dalton.

Friday
May 6th

Wrote letters today. We do not have any cooking to do as we have a man on perform for cooking & nothing else. The Infantry left tonight. At roll call, Buckley stepped out when the word was given for non commis=
sioned officers to step to the front.

Saturday
7th

Moving tents up into the forty-five=
& exercises & I had to move mine into line. Went up to old Mill & got some old boards & drift wood & we have fixed a very comfortable tent & good bunk up off the ground. Capt Johnson here & laid out fortifications. Citizens making complaint of the boys carrying off their rails & boards & Lt says Capt J says that we will have to go to Chattanooga to work fortifying if we do not let them alone. (Yes I see it) Corporal of guard to=
=night. 1st half of night: It has been very hot today: Sent patrol down to the next station

Sunday
May 8th

Heard last night & this morning that our men at or near Dalton had formed a Battle line 22 miles long. Feel quite tired today as did not sleep much last night: Wrote letters some this AM.

Monday
9th

Quite a gang of workmen for the for=
=tifications this morning as all that missed roll call were marked & had to

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(washed clothes)

work: Pomeroy on a scout. I drew some.

Tuesday
10th

busied myself on musing, &c. Two trains loaded with wounded passed by going to Chattanooga. They threw a note saying that Col. LaGrange was captured, also the 2nd Brig is cut up. Cannon heard several times. Wrote this evening for the mail tomorrow

Wednesday
11th

Wrote a letter to Lt Miller & mailed it. It with one to Miss Douglass, one home one to Gill & to Corp'l Ellis 22, Wis. Train with sick & wounded went up again today. It rained hard last night & is cold today. 2nd Mich= men working

Thursday
May 12th

Burkney of 2nd Mich= shot himself through the hand last night while on guard. Orderly called for volunteer to work on fortifications: I feel quite unwell this morning but am better tonight. Rations came today for 10 days. Div of the 1st Wis came today so our squad is increased to 17. Worked some on fortifications.

Friday
13th

On guard last night & today 3rd relief. Stood at the quarters. The mail carrier came up on the train & threw our soda & my ink off & a note saying Col LaGrange's father was on that train. We got it that the Col was on the train & did not discover our mistake till this P.M. I bought a paper 10 cts Containing the latest news from the Potomac: I am very hopeful that the crisis is come & have confidence that Grant will end up the rebellion soon.

Saturday
14th

Do not feel very well today. Went out west of camp to see the country & found that the Lookouts are in sight by going ½ mile. Gathered some Honey-suckles.

May 14th
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& brought in & pressed to send to A-

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Worked on my drawing & finished the pencil work tonight. Eat no dinner & Mr Patter made me some composition tea for supper. Work on fortifications, progressing

Sunday
15th

Detail this morning to work on the stockade, notwithstanding it is Sunday
Wrote a letter to Miss J.H: Clothing came on the morning train. issued this P.M.
I drew a pr of Cav=pants. Feel some better
Detailed for guard, 2nd relief. Stood up in the woods.

Drew Clothing
1 Pr Cav Pants

Monday
16th

Feel pretty bad today. Heard today that Hooker had crossed the Resaca River & taken 2000 prisoners. Went over to a Dr's that lives across the creek & got some medicine. Charged me 1.00. Did not pay him as could not make change
Stragglers from the front report tonight that there was fighting Saturday & Sunday night & that our men had them surrounded & that they were fighting way out last night & that they were fighting all night. Report of prisoners not confirmed

May 16th

Tuesday
17th

Sewed on my pants pockets: Rainy today & had showers this P.M: Do not feel very well tonight

Wednesday
18th

Wrote a letter to Jay. Sent for some medicine as I felt very miserable. On guard to=night, 2nd relief. Stood up in

Thursday
19th

the woods. Moving quarters & tearing down the old nuisances. Mailed my two letters P-y & I washed our clothes tonight. xxxx
xxxxxxxxxx Took a sketch while on guard.

Friday
20th

This morning there was a good deal of excitement among our boy's about a box that a man was sending away & which they supposed to contain some stolen articles. Some of Jennings things

Paid out
Cash /60

among them. We were going to search the box but he went off to Chattanooga before we had a chance: Buckley & I went up after the box, to stop & have it searched

May 20th

by the Provost Marshal. Walked up Station & found that no trains were coming so we footed it across the country a distance of six miles, going down Mission ridge through the old rebel fortifications. The scenery about there is splendid. Got into C. about 1 P.M. Found that we could do nothing about the box. Bought a pie 30 cts. Paid for barber 30 cts. Went up & stayed with Robinson & orderly from Battery: Buck & I slept in the house. Heard that Lynch was wounded & that our Regt had lost 43 men. Torrey had gone home: George Baily Co B wounded & at C+

Saturday

21st

Cash Paid
Dr \$1.00

After breakfast, at nearly 8 A.M. Robinson came with us over to town & we went up to see some of B's friends in the 44th Indiana. From there to express office & then went up to come out on train but none left before 5 P.M. Went up town & had my picture taken. Paid \$1.00 Saw car loads of wounded.

Chickamauga Bridge. No 3. Tenn = May 22

May 21st

Went up to the Hospital but could not get in, so went up to fort, then back to town. Came out on the train at ½ past 3. with 27 Ky inf= Were very slow in coming & got to Ch= station at dark. Three trains passed us, two had Rebs prisoners & some wounded. Got to camp at 7 P.M. Patter Co. L. died at hospital last night.

Sunday

22nd

This morning Mr Patter went up to C- to see about his nephew's death, had a talk about the knife affair & did not send any order for detention of box. went in bathing. This noon Jackson came back & we had

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a slight search for the knife. did not amount to anything. 7 of our Regt including Stevens came here today: On guard tonight. Patrolled down the RR with Hodge: Robinson came here today

Thursday

23rd

Paid out

Cash \$1.00

Fryactt & Alock went to the front this A.M. to find Brig & get mail When I went out on Patrol I went to the Union infantry camp & got a lot of tent

May 23rd

Paid the Dr 1.00. Stearn's sick all day & lay in out tent on the ground. think he acts like a gumfy: Washed clothes

Tuesday

24th

Policing quarters this morning & fixing up my tent. Rained some this P.M. Stood 2 hrs guard tonight in Patter's place as he is our cook.

Wednesday

25th

Quite cool today. We are living first rate Now have two cooks. I spent my time drawing. The boys came without any mail. The Div= had moved & so they did not get to them. Wrote a letter for Harvey. The Div= moved yesterday. Finished up the India inking of Mossy Creek & think it will suit Lt Miller & have hope's that he will get it lithographed. My attempts to live more faithful to my resolutions are not I trust unblessed. I wrote a letter to Sister this P.M. &

Thursday

26th

L sent 1

Mailed this morning. There is one of xxx my resolutions that I have not observed xxx as I should & I am determined that I should xxx be hereafter & will record each one of xxx my failings in this as a help

xxx

xxx

xxx

xxx

May 26th

On guard 3rd relief, stood with Pomeroy up in the wood.

Friday

27th

Pom= went to Chattanooga this morning. The mail came but none for me: Wrote a

letter to Hodgeman & mailed. Worked on my drawing of Dandridge, inking it:

Saturday
28th

Policing Qrs & cleaning up arms for inspection tomorrow. Worked nearly all day on my drawing Rec'd two *Independents* this PM: P= came back on the car's: I find it very pleasant to be able to read in my tent evening & take this time to read my Bible.

Sunday
29th
M 2 Ls
M 4 Ls

Mail came this A.M. & I rec'd two letters 1 from home & Jay: This P.M. some of the Battery men went by & threw off some mail & I got four letters, From Jay, Home, Mr Wm Jennings & Mary Also two from Snyder, Co G. Weather hot.

Monday
30th

This morning I got a pass & started for Chattanooga. Walked to Junctions & rode in an engine. Went to see Dr Prark & found that Wesley's body could be sent home at this expense \$90 for metalline Burial Case \$25 for going up

L sent 2

May 30th

to Cleveland &c express charges are 5 cts per mile. Another Dr Wm R, Cornelius would do it for \$110 & send bill by express with body. Went to C-C- & wrote letter to Wm Jennings, from there up to the fort & around town. Came out on the ration train. Got here at dark.

Thursday
31st

Worked on my drawing of D- & finished it. This P.M. wrote a letter to Mat Jennings: On guard 1st relief.

Wednesday
June 1st

Mailed my letter: Were kept on guard over our time today. Washed clothes this P.M.: Wrote a letter to Jay. Fixing up our cook house & table with a shade of pine boughs.

L sent 1

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Thursday 2nd	Mailed letter to Jay= Mr Patter & I went to Grayville & this to the old camp after tents &c= Got caught in a hard shower coming back. Stopped & put up a shelter & to camp after it slacked up: The
Ls sent 1	
Rainy day.	
June 7th	This P.M. I cut out a new vest & If I have good luck intend to make this one up. Rec'd two Photos in letter from Gill Byron Co C. & several boys from K came today
Wednesday 8th	On Fatigue today: Digging a ditch up around the stockade: The 4th Indiana Capt (Young) is trying to do great things now that he Commands here: It rained like suds after noon. but we worked some. Rec'd a roll of papers from home per the mail tonight: Gray of our Co & some other 1st Wis boys came today:
Thursday 9th	Worked all day on my vest & it is getting pretty well along.
Friday 10th	Worked on vest all day today & finished all but strap & buckle. There has been several of the men including the A.Q.M. & Lt in this tent to look at my drawings & all want copies if they are Lithographed Detailed for guard tonight, 3rd relief
Saturday May 11th	We were not relieved regularly by the Serg't & as a consequence there was a fuss which only ended with the day: It rained quite hard today but I happened to come on so I did not stand in the rain. Finished to the last stitch, my vest & think it will do me as well as one that I would had to paid \$5.00 for:
Sunday 12th	Wrote a letter to Gill. The rest of the day I spent in reading the Bible

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& in reading Mr Patter's book on ad=
=ventism. I am much moved by the new
views presented in those books: & by
his beief.

Monday
13th

Sewing & mending. reading
Rec'd a letter from Sister A- There is
another excitement in camp about
our going to Chattanooga. Commenced
a letter to A. On guard tonight, 3rd R.

Tuesday
14th

Wrote some in my letter home & also to J.H.
We are not yet decided about leaving. Orders
tonight for the guards to sleep in the Stockade
It makes a good deal of dissatisfaction & is a
mean trick.

Memorandum

Mrs. J.P.N. Brookfield, Conn.

Mr Geo. D. Vourhees, Co D 22nd Regt, Wis inf.

Corp. Edward Ellis, Co F. 22nd Wis. bat infantry

: Waterloo, Jefferson Co. Wisconsin:

Fennings, Hospital, No 15, Fox's 19, Ben Miller 3.

Merwin 105th Ill. inf.

Mr John Fennings, Milton Leitchfield Co. Conn.

*(May 3rd) returned Dolan Colt
No of Revolver 2969, Harris & belongs to*

Notatio H. Foote, Co. B.

*Captured from Co B. on May 9th
1864: Florence S.C. 9th Dec 1864*

Hiram H. Foote]

Waukesha,]

Wis]

Prof. S. Merrill

Co. H. 1st Regt. Wis = Cavalry

P.O. address Beaver Dam, Wis

(June 25th, 1864)

Camp Devore

Chattanooga, Tenn=

Diary No. 3, June 15th 1864

ON PICKET

"My soul, be on thy guard :

Ten thousand foes arise :

The hosts of sin are pressing hard,
to draw thee from the skies.

"O watch and strive and pray !

The battle ne'er give o'er,

Renew it boldly day by day,

And help Divine implore.

Ne'er think the victory won,

Nor lay thine armor down :

Thy arduous work will not be done

"Till thou obtain thy crown."

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Chickamauga Bridge No.3. Tenn

June 15th 1864.

Diary continued from

book No. 2. Robert S Merrill.

Mailed my letter to Gilbert & wife

J. M. saw QM Sergt this morning about

sending to Indianapolis & finding out

about having my pictures lithographed.

Capt-Lt- & several men came in to see them.

They speak well of them. Wrote a letter to

Lt. Miller & to **Golden & Sammons**, Chicago.

Washed clothes this PM. Citizens came

in & reported Rebels out in the country.

Drew rations & part of the squad left us.

Three trains of wounded went by to=night.

Detailed for guard tonight, but we made

so much fuss about sleeping in the fort

that we were relieved, as we had orders

to leave in the morning. Paid for envelopes 10 cts

((24th) Matties letter written on the lake shore

was written this PM)

Thursday

16th

We packed up & flagged a train this

morning but they did not stop for

they were loaded down. The men of our

regt from Greysville were on it. We kept in

readiness to leave - all day but there was

no train. We gave a poor Union woman

with several small children - our ra=

=tions of meat (30) flour &c: At night we

we fixed up a shelter as we found we wouldn't

get away. I slept in the old bunk.

Paid cash for

shaving 10

cash for

real rations 15-

Friday

17th

This morning we got up early to get

our breakfast so as to be ready for the

first train after daylight. Got on one about

about 6 o'clock. Getting into Chattanooga

quite early. Came up through town & crawled

on the ferry-boat. Had quite a boy carrying

our baggage. Sergt reported to Capt Knee=

=land & then we came to camp, the camp is

Camp Deinesse. We are about 1/4 mile

from the Tenn river & 1 mile from town, went

June
17th

down to the river & had a swim & helped bring up some fresh beef which we had a steak off for breakfast. The 8th Iowa left this morning & we drew their horses. I drew a Roan Plug, P-- & I worked on our tents fixing up bunks &c. Also we went down to old Army & got boards-nails &c. Showery this PM. I got some green apples & we had a cup of applesauce for supper. Sold one of my knives to Fran = cisco for \$1.50 cash. Scenery here is splendid.

Saturday
18th
cash recd
\$1.50

Sunday
19th

Rainy this morning. I wrote on note to fill my diary from as my book is full. Wrote some in my letter home. Went to river bathing.

Monday
20th

Got a pass of sergt & went up to Capt Kneeland to get it approved & could not get it; as he is a regular Grumpy of a boy. So came back & mailed my two letters. I to Lt Miller & one home. Fixed up my bunk. Drew 10 days rations of everything but bread. We drew with Patters squad, but some (Stabler & I went down to old camp this AM) of them wouldn't agree to have so many in the squad.

Is sent 2

Tuesday
June 21st

So we divided the rations this morning & Pomeroy & I are cooking by ourselves. Showery to=day and yesterday.

Wednesday
22nd
cash rec'd 10
Thursday
23rd

PM Guard acting as Corporal. 2nd relief. Sold bread & Commenced a letter to Father.

Paid out
cash 50

Got a pass of Sergt & had it approved by Capt Kneeland. & went across to town. Went to Provost Marshall's to get it approved but one of the clerk's there said he would not give any pass to us men from this camp. So I left, avoiding the guards. Saw Ellis & got mail. I rec'd my book, Bristol board & a letter from Mattie. I started to come back when I thought of an errand to do for one of the boys & went up to town again. This time the guard stopped me & sent me to the

officer of guard who said my pass was altered from an old pass & sent me to the guard house. I did not care much for all the boys knew that I had a pass. I paid

Today was the first time I ever was under guard in my life. except being Rebel prisoner (50 minutes). Got into the Guard House in Chattanooga. Rebel prisoners marched thru Chattanooga starting for Nashville.

out pass paper 20 cts for borax 5: & pass 25.
Sent word for release to camp by Johnny (maybe). They are so very strict that they picked up a couple of orderlies from Kilpatrick's HdQrs who were not informed of the rules and went out on the street after dark. These things show me more than ever the rottenness of our military justice. If this war ever ends they will not get many soldiers for another war:

Rebel Prisoners marched thru Chattanooga starting for Nashville.

Friday
24th

Slept very well & at ½ past 7 we were reported to the Provost Marshal's office & they told me to get a pass at the office & go to camp. The same fop was there & was not going to give me a pass but the man who told me to get it was there & I got one good for all day: staid around town as long as I wished & then came to camp. Got here about 10 AM. It is an extremely hot day. I wrote some in my diary this P.M. sent a little book to Father to=day.

June 25th
Saturday

I had intended to go berrying to=day but could not find any horse, so I worked some around tent. I wrote some in this book, finished letter to Father. Very warm today.

Sunday
26th

Pomeroy went berrying to=day. I am sorry he has no better regard for the Sab= =bath. I sent my letter to the office to= =day. It has been a rather dull day as I had nothing to read except my bible & tracts. These passed away some of my time

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very pleasantly & I trust fruitfully. (Hot day)

Monday

27th

On guard today. It is extremely hot. I had rather a dull time as I had nothing to read on guard - but tonight I was the recipient of four letters & four bundles of newspapers. Some of them to distrib=
=ute among the men. It rained and blew quite hard to=night, not while I was on my relief - which was only one hour - My letters were from A - Aunt C - Jay & Miss M Jennings - I am settled into having no horse as mine is gone and the sergt say I need not trouble myself about him. Think the 2nd Inf took him when they went to the Mis.

Tuesday
28th

Read the news this AM & in PM we took our tent down & put it up higher so that

June
28th

it would be cooler. A lot of our men came tonight. Luther & Snowes &c among them. Had a very heavy shower to-night. Harry staid with me to-night.

Wednesday
29th

Mr Patter & I went down to the river & washed clothes this morning After got thru & came to camp I get a pass of one of the boys & went to town. Mailed my diary, cost .25. Paid for hat \$2.00, envelopes /30. (Rainy tonight)

Thursday
30th

On camp guard 2nd relief. P- went berrying. Rained hard while my relief was on. I came in my tent. Lenszlers gave me a piece of colored shell. Drew 10 days rations to-night.

Friday
July 1st

Helped fix up shae for horses. Harry & I went to the river bathing. Worked on my broach.

Saturday
2nd
Paid out
cash /25

Bought a file of 1st Detachment man /25. Harry & I worked on our shell work, most all day. Rained to-night.

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Sunday 3rd	H & I went to the river bathing before sunrise. Wrote letters all day, one to M.C.J., Aunt C., & J & home.
Monday	Sold 2 lb. coffee \$1.00. This A.M. Francisco & I made 8 pies for our fourth of July Dinner.&
July 4th	Harry eat dinner with us. This P.M. I wrote a letter to Mattie & finished mine home. Sam Miller came in tonight. I went with H- bathing. Do not feel very well as I have got a cold & has settled all over me: =
Tuesday 5th	Got up this morning feeling quite unwell & had head- ache most all day. Considerable talk of the last squad came - leaving for the front.
Ls sent 4	Feel better to-night .Mailed 4 letters to= =day. M- Aunt C, JJ & home. The detachment that H is with are ordered to start for the Front to= tomorrow & H tried to get a Sub but could not. Sam Miller came in to-night.
Wednesday 6th	H went away this morning. Gave me his horse: Francisco & I went to the river bathing & to get some shell's. Edgems & I went down to the mill & ground them this P.M.
M-rec'd 1 letter	Rec'd a letter from A-.
Thursday 7th	Obtained a pass & went to town. Sent (\$3.25) in a letter to Mary A Jennings. Money left by Wesley: We went to the Pro. Marshals & could not get our passes signed so I got a pass of Goodrich.
Ls sent 1 - Cash rec'd /30	Rec'd a letter from Golden & Sammons : rec'd 30 cts in rations sold. Paid for Envelopes /25 ----- 20 cts. Paid for drill 25 cts (total 70) I intended to had some photographs taken but my funds run short as they ask 4.00 for ½ doz: Got to camp before night. Very warm & my head ached hard.
Friday 8th	Mr Patter & I got up very early this morning & went out berrying. Got blackberries & blueberries. Mess pan

full. Got to camp about 1 P.M. Orders for bugle calls to be observed after this. Nothing else of note.

Saturday
9th

On guard acting Corp'l. Guard mounting at 9 A.M. Had roll call this morning for the first time. Had the 2nd relief. Staid around tent & read most all day. Mended clothes &c.-Came up in the night - or rather - morning as the sky was getting red in the east. Staid on till ½ past 6 A.M.

Sunday
10th

Quite pleasant to-day. Read & slept most all day. Nothing else of note except a shower at night. Herrwood sent to the front.

Monday
11th

Went to river washing this A.M. Went out & picked berries for dinner. Working on a broach this P. M. Rained like suds-had berry-pie for supper.

Tuesday
12th

On guard today 1st relief camp guard. Stood in our tents! Robinson was over here & we went down to river & picked out about a dozen shells. Sold rations today & my share of the money was 65 cts. Heard to-day that Torrey was at the Regt again. Orders tonight regard to hollering at the Bugle call's. The mail has come for the camp, but none for me yet. I am getting very anxious.

cash rec'd

Wednesday
13th

Edgcombe & I went down to the mill & ground our shells this A.M. & got back to camp at 8 P.M. Some 2nd Indiana men up here to-day & they bring the news that Congress has decided that the "62" men shall go out of service with their regts. Found a bundle of papers here for one also a portion of the Bible & commentaries. There is talk of a number of men being sent to the front. Sold Denning 1 comb/25.

Cash
Rec'd /25 cts

Thursday
14th

Orders about grazing horses were given out today but no one appears to pay any attention to them & to=day about noon I turned my horse out again. Mounted guard for another man to=day - who saw arms & I was

Mail rec'd
1 letter

relieved. Watered & washed my horse this morning. Rec'd a letter from home today, with news that Leonard Stoddard had been in the officers Hospital here for several mo's & had gone away now. Am very sorry. Worked on rings some today.

Friday
15th

Went out on the Knoll west of camp & took a small sketch of Lookout & town. Nothing else of note. Went with edgem after shells tonight. Detailed for guard to-morrow.

Saturday
16th

Guard mounting at 7 AM. Stood as usual on 2nd relief Comp J.. Pomeroy got some berries & I made four pies. Apple & berry & baked some his evit. Worked some on rings.

Sunday
17th

Had no guard to stand, as the guard is not put on horses during the night. Wrote a letter home today. Harris got a catalogue of photographs by mail today. This evening a man from Co J came here. Says Torrey has orders when to send the regt home, 1st B to start the 20th of Aug, 2nd Oct, 3rd in Feb.

Monday
18th

This morning the order to graze horses was put in effect. Most of our boys turned the plugs out. Had a headache slightly to-day, but feel better tonight. The old man we sold our meat to, came into camp to-night (day) & paid us for the overplus - in apples, Expect to get horses shod to-morrow. Nothing else of note, only a lazy day.

July 18th

Tuesday
19th

Detail made this morning to go to Capt Jacob's HdQrs. Mr Patter went as cook. Went to town this morning to get horses shod. Went to Govt shop up near the Pro Marshall's Coming back, met Ike Haring & others going on detail to Jacob's HdQrs. Got back to camp about 1 PM. Worked out that white broach this PM. Several of the boys over to our tent boasting this evening & kept it up until I was disgusted with it.

1s sent 1

Wednesday
20th

Our rations ran rather short as we sold so much. Turned my horse out as usual & went down to the mill to grind shells. Traded for some small colored ones. Mail came regular to-day but nothing for me. It was delayed yesterday. Ration day (10 days) Went bathing with Gray & Fryatt. The men from the corral on the Mts came to our camp to-day. they came to stay as they could not find horses there.

Thursday
21st
M 1 letter

On guard today, 2nd relief. Horses taken to town to get shod. Sent for a file but did not get it. Finished my broach. rec'd a letter from Harry. Did not come on guard during the night. Heard today that the man (Reb) that murdered a citizen in Seg----- Valley was to be hung to-morrow.

Friday
22nd

Worked on some little rings this AM. Mail came and I got a letter from A-. The news of Atlanta's Capture came in the shape of an extra from the *Chattanooga Daily* & the Capt had us all up in line in front of his Quarters & read the news & then we all gave three cheers & a "tiger" for Sherman's army! Nothing else of note. Wrote 2 letters. 1 to Ed Mumbel, 1 to McClure. Rather cold tonight.

Saturday
23rd

Took my horse to the river & washed him this morning. Did not do much of anything today. Wrote a little. drew a little & read & argued some on the advent questions.

The body of Maj Gen McPherson was at C today.
Sunday
24th

Mailed my letter to "Chicago".
Wrote a letter to Harry. Rec'd one from Jay. Admin started for the Regt this morning. I sent a letter to McClure in the Battery for (41st Stearns) Ike H. Wrote some in my letter to H. Inspection of horses this morning. Commenced a letter to A.

L sent 1
1 to Battery
per aduj
M rec'd 1 L

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Monday 25th	On guard this morning. Had the first relief on horses. Mailed a letter to H. Finished my letter home. Heard to=night that our men were driven back at the Chattahoochee river & that New Orleans was taken. Requisition for clothing made out today. out to-day.
L 1 rec'd	
Tuesday 26th	This morning Fryett & I went down to the mill & ground our shells. I made several beautiful rings. Sent to town by Husing & got a file. Cost 45 cts. Drew 1 shirt.
Cash paid out /45 cts	
Wednesday 27th	Rainy this morning & quite unpleasant. I busied myself finishing up my jewelry.
L sent 1	Mailed my letter to A- & sent 1 to Sterns. Went to the river bathing this P.M. it being pleasant again. The mail is quite remiss in bringing me letters & I am beginning to think that there is some of my correspondents who do not care to answer my letters. letter. Perhaps it is a good thing for me & will tell me who are my friends. Sometimes I think I will wait as long as they do before I answer, but that is a poor way of retaliating. So I'll wait & I don't get some of the right kind soon I shall begin to think I can truly say I'm a bachelor for whom nobody cares for.
Thursday 28th	This morning Fryatt & I got permission of the sergeant to go in the country. I took our horses. I got one of matters. We did not get a pass as we knew that the Capt would tell us we could not go mounted & so we slipped out of camp unnoticed. We went up by the artillery corral to the mouth of the North Chickamauga Creek & there we got a lot of old shells & some down the river. Also got a few ears of corn & all the blackberries we could eat. Got to camp about three P.M. Unsaddled our horses out in orchard & carried saddles to tents so we did not get caught. Nothing else of note to=day.
July 28th	

Friday
29th

On guard. Lucky again as usual & out on the 1st relief on the horses. Rec'd a letter from Mrs J

M rec'd 1 L
(papers)

Also a bundle of *Independents* from home.

several boxes of saddles came up to camp to-day. They were for the 4th Indiana. The horses were all turned loose this morning & fed at 9 AM by order of Capt Kneeland: Worked some on my rings.

Photograph of Mary A. Jennings rec'd in letter today.

Saturday
30th

Went to the river bathing & after shells. We

found that by going out in the middle one the lee that we could get live mussels on the bottom in amongst the seaweed. I only got 1 purple shell.

cash rec'd
\$1.30

I occupied myself with making rings or getting them ready to grind off on the grindstone & am cooking a pan of beans for today & tomorrow as it is Sunday.

Drew 10 days rations. Only got half rations of salt meat & the rest in fresh beef. Sold a purple ring to Snyder for /75 & agreed to make him a broach soon as have time. Recd for coffee sold /55 cts.

Got 1 day's rations of fresh beef to=night. Scout went after spices & stragglers to night. Very hot today. (Lenny Ryan cut my hair.)

Sunday
31st

As today is Sunday I took it to read my last *Independents*. Did not write any letters as had none I was in any hurry to answer.

There was a hard shower to-night & this P.M. Do not feel very well. Fresh Beef does not agree with me now & as evil as we get in camp.

Monday
Aug 1st

Fryatt & I went down to the grind stone to make rings. I ground out something over ½ doz which I think ought to bring

Aug 1st

all of my ____ Came up to camp about 3 P.M. Nothing else of note to=day.

Tuesday
2nd

This morning our squad had a family talk to vary the monotony of the times.

On guard to-day. Played sh----- again and got on 1st relief & guard on picket safe. I improved my time of course & finished up

my rings. Sold one to Poffenberger: Nothing else today except the usual amt of camp removed. Everything quiet after the storm this morning.

Wednesday
3rd

Pomeroy went to town this morning.

There is a pretty well authenticated story about this morning. That our Div has been gobbled up in the raid to cut the Mobile & Atlanta R.R.

Washed clothes this A.M.

Received for clothing. Rec'd a letter from Wife J-H. Drew beef again to=night.

Wrote a letter to Ohio for envelopes: sent 10 cts for 20 variety & finery: also /10 for Ike H, & Pomeroy & Gallagher: I have been having a long "meditation" to-night & I see very plainly that if I do not guard my temper more that I am in danger of falling into my old habits.

I am resolved that I will try to be more thoughtful & try to live more as a Christian ought. I get almost discouraged sometimes there are so many vile & vicious persons about & their company is unavoidable living as we do - the life of a soldier. I think that by my writing down my trials & temptations that it will help me to keep my resolutions & am resolved to read over what I have written at the end of each week & see how nearly I have kept them: Wind storm & blew so hard we had to hold up our shade to keep from falling down.

Thursday
4th

Poffenberger & I went down & ground shells this A.M. Sent off my letter for the envelopes.

Ike's box came to=day. Robinson was up here to=day & the report is that Torrey is captured & Payne killed.

This appears to be confirmed. 7th Ky officer up here this evening with an order for 100 of our horses, but his order was not good. Pomeroy cooked our beef today.

August 4th

Friday
5th

Rained in the night & we had to cover up with our blankets & tarpaulins to keep dry: Had a daily this morning with a sketch of the raid on the Atlanta & Macon R.R. That says McCook came in

with 1200 men & Brummbury, 900 & that the affair was a Brilliant success. Cant see it if they were 36,000 men to start with and brought back 21,000 only! The 4th Ia Co that came here last (from Miss) left today & went up on the Mis. I busied myself cooking beans & firing away on my broach that I am making for Snyder. Had roll call to-night after taps. I was cold & asleep. The Capt wants to find out who is running out of camp nights. We have a water barrel fixed now so do not have to carry water. Nothing else of Note!

Saturday
6th

On guard again to-day 1st relief on horse: Jones is sergt of guard: Rec'd a letter from Mrs Jennings. It had been to the battery & was one of those that I had sent for as I knew that they were there. I was much disappointed at not receiving the rest of them.

cash paid
out /5

It rained hard this P.M. There was a splendid rain= bow in the East tonight. A promise of a pleasant day. A Tenn man who was in the great Raid came in to-night & says that Torrey is captured & Payne is missing & that the 1st Lt of Co K's killed which is Wick's if true. Paid for Bundle /5 cts. Finished my broach.

Sunday
7th

Got up feeling quite unwell. Went & hauled a barrel of water & we did not get breakfast till about 9 A.M. Felt quite unwell this A.M. so much so that I did not write any letters as felt so bad. Went to the river bathing to-night.

Monday
August 8th

Mr Patter tried to get a pass this morning to go up on Lookout & I was to go with him, but could not get one: Had orders this morning to move our tents up on the row vacated by the 1st Tenn: Moved up after putting up a good shade in front of our tents. We got our tent up at dark. There were indications of a shower but did not rain any to amount to anything. Several letters that the boys have had from the regt speak of Major Payne being killed, but none of them speak of Torrey so I begin to think he is yet to be our Pest.

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Tuesday 9th	I worked most of the A.M. fixing up our tent. Snyder was over here this morning. Wanted that broach but only wanted to pay me \$1.00 now. I could not see it in that light: We did not get full rations of meat &c on this 10 day draw & we are very short of something to eat, have sold too much. Wrote a letter to Jay-
Wednesday 10th	We have fasted to-day or very nearly so. On guard 3rd relief, on the picket line. Rec'd a package of socks &c from home & letters from Mattie. I wrote an answer this P.M. Pomeroy washed this A.M. Rained quite hard this noon: Drew ten days rations. Story in camp to-night that Torrey was in town. Ike H got a letter from Harry: Mailed my letter to Jay.
Thursday 11th	Forward & I went down to the mill grinding shells. came back about 1 P.M. Rainy this morning. Capt Arn= =stack & Lt Stillman were here to-night, So we got some reliable news of the Raid. We lost 3 officers & 11 men from Regt. None from Co K. Battery lost 2 guns & 1 man slightly wounded. Mailed my letter. (to Mattie)
Friday 12th	Byer's & Jones started for the front this morning: I filed away most all day on some of my shells: Rec'd a letter from Mother containing one from Gill. Nothing to=day to bury the dullness of camp except an occasional sprinkle.
Saturday 13th	Worked on broach to=day & finished to-night. Went to river bathing with Markel. Harry Laiath came in to-night with Set of played out horses. Drew Bat to-night. Mr Patter & I went & hauled water this eve
Sunday Aug 14th	* Oh: the dreadful! I have made a mistake and * * ref this belongs to the next day: * * To=day makes two years since I enlisted! * *****

On guard 1st relief on picket line. Wrote a letter to Mother & Wife J.H. Rec'd a package

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of *Independents* &c today. Also this P.M. Goodrich brought me a letter that had been over=
=looked. It was Matties long delayed letter of 5th June, which I was very glad to get. Rained quite hard this noon for a few minutes. Youngs came here this morning from Nashville:

Monday
1 5th

The order this morning is to clean up the street & all fires to be at lower end of line; after that was done I finished up some of my shells: Harry did not go to the front this morning as got Palmer to go for him. Mailed my two letters Ma & JH. Lt Brown came here to-day. Sold Sam Horbert two rings to be paid for pay day. \$1.00 each (\$2) Showers again today Sent to town by Mr Gallagher & bought ½ quire Note paper/20. Heard to:day that the Rebs were making a raid on Dalton:

Two years
today that I
enlisted
Ls sent - 2
Tuesday
1 6th

The Capt made the boys move the fires they had made up at this end of the line. Washed clothes this AM. I have a Job's comforter on my neck to make me feel good: Did not do much of anything to amount to much today.
4th Indiana Co P came here to-day.

Wednesday
1 7th

Wrote a letter to Mrs & Miss Jennings this A.M: Ed Hewett came up here to-day Col LaGrange came up this morn & we had to clean up the street before he came. Wrote a letter to Jay to get some money. The boys "played" serenade the Col this eve.

Thursday
1 8th

On guard today 1st relief as usual. Rec'd 2 letters to=day from A-. Mailed two, 1 to Wife Jennings & 1 to Jay. Worked on some rings & cooked beans this P.M. Ed Hewett went along by this PM. He was up here yester=
=day: Col LaGrange made a speech this evening, which was very Oily & might have to told us three years ago!

Friday
1 9th

Went down with Edgcombe & ground shells; came back about noon. Rec'd the missing letters

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M rec'd, 1 L

from Mother. It has rained by short showers for the past few days. We are on very short rations now. Cutting down on the rations & getting extra pay does not go very well: Harry & I went down by the river

Saturday
20th

The scout went out early this A.M. There was 60 of the men: Drew 10 days rations: It has been a rather long day. I have filed away at the rings some of the time & laid about the rest: Had the appearance of a storm this evening & at dusk it commenced & rained quite hard. Pat Caley was drunk to=night & came in our tent & we had quite a time but he finally left.

Sunday
21st

Rather damp
this morning & about 9 A.M. commenced for a steady rain: Mr Patter left this morning for Nashville: Went over in the other row & got a shave. Hear that the veterans are on their way to the front. Stopped raining this P.M. & quite pleasant to=night. This P.M. I commenced fixing up some of my sketches & papers to send away if we have to leave in the morning: But knew tonight that we could not go as soon as that for nothing was done about it. Looked over for weeks.

Monday
22nd

The horses to be inspected this AM.
I got a pass and went over to town. Got my pass approved with out any trouble. From there I went up to see Francisco: Came back & saw Jim Binford & he told me that Lt Miller was in town & wished to see me: Started to go down to the "Crutchfield House" & met him coming up town. So I went back with him & reported to the A.Q.M.'s & back. He told me he thought he could get me a detail as Artist at Gen McCook's HDQrs: says that the two Gen'ls of his said the Div = on the raid, killing & wounded 800 Rebs: I came down town & then went over to the P.O. when the mail was distributed. Got nothing however:

M - 1 letter

Cash paid out
\$5.90

Rec'd 2.00

Monday

I was some disappointed as I expected a

22nd

letter from Jay & some money, but the Nashville mail was yet to be distributed, so there was hope yet: Lt Miller & I went to a Beer: =tent & he wanted to treat me but the keeper would not let me have any as it was against Orders! Nice thing to be a private: I did not care for the beer however: Lt wanted me to go and get my drawings & come back to dinner with him. But I could not promise as I was not certain as I could come back: Came up to camp & found the horses were inspected & good ones marked for the front. The boys that had my horse told me that my horse was to go: Learned that I could get the passage in so I saddled my horse & went back thinking that I had to leave in the morning: Went to the Hotel & waited a long time but could not find the Lt nor did I see him. Binford was there waiting so I left the drawings & he was to give them to him: went up to the Hospital to see Waterman & ask for Pierce: Mail: Came down to the office & waited for mail again and was again disappointed: Bought me a half pack of envelopes -/25. Sold one of my brochures to the clerk in the New's depot for \$3.00 So I am in luck again: for a small amt: As I have money enough now to get a Haversack & a picture too. I bought the haversack, \$4.50 which was a good deal for me to pay out but if I go front I must have something to carry papers in: Went to the gallery & got a miniature taken, \$1.00, bought 1 bottle ink /15. When I got to camp I found the boys had made a mistake & my horse was not going so I am doubly in luck! & I feel thankful to God that I am so lucky: This evening Snyder brought up a letter

August 22nd

from Jay! It had been directed to Box #13, so I did not get it at town & it was torn a little & I was so afraid that it had been open=ed that I sat down & wrote a letter to Jay

to know if he had put money in & not said anything about it after it was written. I read his letter over carefully & satisfied myself that it was all right, so I didn't send it after all. Well this was a very long day by the looks of my diary!

Tuesday
23rd

Some of the boys got ready to go this morning but I didn't: I filed away on the shells & this noon I got the letter from Jay containing a V & also the package of envelopes came all right. Pat Moran & I went down & ground shells this P.M. When we got back we found the 4th Ia Co P. drawing our marked horses & there are only 17 others going with them to Dalton. The Reb's are said to be up at Washington 20 miles above here: Drew a barrel of water to=night: Francisco up here this morning: Mailed a letter to Gill: Mr Patter came here this P.M.

M rec'd 1 L
(envelopes)

Ls sent 1

Wednesday
24th

On guard to-day 1st relief as usual. Rec'd a letter from Sister Arcelia to-day: wrote one in reply this P.M: The 4th Indiana & others left this morning. The reports in camp is that our Brig= has gone to Nashville the dismounted men & the rest to go when they come back from chasing Wheeler: A lot of old horses came in on the cars to=night & sent up here.

Thursday
25th

Mailed my letter to A-. Nothing of note to-day. the men of our Brig= that went back to N. were sent after horses: So our chance of stop=ing at the front is yet good:

Friday
26th

Did not feel very well as I have a severe cold & this morning I got up with a sick head ache & passed the most miserable day that I have seen since I had the "same" in at Cleveland last spring. felt a little better this evening after drinking a cup

Aug 26th

of strong tea. Got some pills of Ike H- which I took before going to bed & they fetched me out

all right in the morning: Only half rations of feed as it is not in town. Something the matter of RR I guess

Saturday
27th

Got up this morning feeling quite well. After breakfast I went to work on another broach & finished it up before night. It is smaller & prettier than the former ones: Went with H to the river & washed myself & caught a cold again: Dick Denning had a fret to=night when I came back.

Sunday
28th

Came out all right in the morning: The day passed away pretty much as all Sundays do here till now when I was sent for to go up to the Capt's. Found that my detail had come & I was to report at Div. HdQrs at Cartersville, Ga. I did not wish to go till to=morrow but it was no use. I must go so I packed up in a short time & started. After I had got down the road a ways I thought I had left my Bible & more. On inspection found it all right: It was very hot & made me sweat. Went to District Provost Marshal's & got a RRR pass & then up to the depot. I found that the first train left at 6:10 P.M. Left my Left Chattanooga baggage with a brake man & went to town after some stamps which I did not get. Went up to Jim Robinson's tent & shaved myself up: went back to town & bought a bottle of fluid /25 1 quire paper /40 & then up to the cars & find some infantry men of whom I procured 5 stamps/15. Started out at the appointed time & after the usual amount of stopping & switching, we got under head=way & run about 7 miles an hour: I wrapped my blankets around me & took as much rest as possible on the top of a car:

for
Cartersville, Ga

Monday
29th

Got to Cartersville after sunrise this morning. Went up to HdQrs & found that the Adj was not yet up, so I found Fox & the rest Wrote a letter to Jay:

Aug 29th	of that the boys & got breakfast: When I reported to the Adj he told me to establish myself about here some where: Went up to the Regt this A.M. with Fox: we packed up our shells to send home & I wrote two letters 1 to Father & to HL.
Arrived at Div=Hd=Qrs: at Cartersville	
Tuesday 30th	Found after I had my letter's written the mail did not go out again till 4 P.M. So I mailed them to day: I did nothing to=day, but lay about the tent & took Jims horses down to water: Do not feel very well:
1s sent 2	
Wednesday 31st	Went out with the boy's after corn in the country. Went up to the Regt to=night. The old men of the Batt were mustered out this P.M. I saw Woodin & asked him if he wanted a detail at HdQrs: as there is some of the men to leave as their time is out: Jim gave our package to Tyler to carry home.
Bundled up 25 letters	
Thursday Sept 1st	Clinton & I washed this A.M. Went to see the Surgeon & get some medicine as I feel quite un=well: The old boy's were down town this P.M. getting ready to go & waiting for the trains. All the old men of the Co's came up from Chattanooga to=day: I saw most of the boy's & talked with them. Saw Del Clason & Ed Parker of B.D: Talked with Geo Hoght & exchanged rings with Wilkins He tensed so hard from my shell=ring I let him have it: Woodin came up to=night: Say that Lt Wick's Suspects me of recommending him & is awful mad! For all of which I care very little. Clint= left to=night: Well some of the boy's are out of the 1st now: All of the boys except Clint on duty & C's at the Regt, so I got up & got the breakfast. Took one of the Dr's powders & it made me sick so I did eat any breakfast & after a little it vomited me: Laid about most all day. Took another powder at noon & that served me the same as the first one: Fixed my haversack this A.M: Towards night Crocker & I went down to see the Dr again: & got something that will stay down I think: Paine was taken by to the Pro=
Old men of the 1st Batt started for home to=night	

News rec'd tonight of the Capture of Atlanta:

Friday Capt Beck was here tonight with some recruits
Sept 2nd =lost Marshall's: I put on another ring to=

day & swore it as & would not give it away to any
Man: Looks quite like rain to=night. Quite a
shower in the night but we did not get wet any.

Saturday
3rd

Got up feeling much better & think that Quinine
has cured me. Made me another ring to=day & Fox
broke my file. Clinton came over & got his things.
Rained very hard this P.M. Nothing else of note.

Sunday
4th

I wrote letters to=day and cooked beef at
the same time this A.M. Jim & ----- went
foraging today: Wrote a letter to Mattie
and one to E.M.J. & I to Pomeroy: News
is confirmed of our occupation of Atlanta
and tonight a courier has come in & says
that we whipped the Rebs at the battle
& that Sherman & Hood started to see who
would get to Macon first. Sherman hurry
6 hours the start.

Monday
5th

Capt Goulding sent for me to come down to
his tent. Wanted his "Grey Horse" "drawn off" So I
went down & looked at him: Had quite a talk
with the Capt & got the promise of a sabre tache to be
made by the Saddler & he told me that I could
go to Chattanooga with him when his eyes got
well: I drew a picture of a horse this P.M.
Mailed my three letters & Fox sent for a file: I
sent/50 for stamps to Pomeroy: Nothing else of note.
(Got a book on ----- of Capt Jor----)

Tuesday
6th

Thought some of going down to the river, but did
not & finally went over to the Provosts & the Capt's
groom took his horse out in the woods & tied him
up & I took a drawing of him: Got through to camp
in time for dinner: Worked on my horse & partly inked
him this PM: The boys fixed over our tent & we had
a shower before it was covered with oil cloth so
we done that in the rain: B-got a half a Gazette
to=night.

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Wednesday
7th

Blair went foraging & I went off with Hugh Longstaff: I staid in camp & finished the mi-- It has been a dark day and looks like rain:

Thursday
8th

Took the drawing of Capt Goulding's horse down to him. He was much pleased with it. He gave me an order to get a Saber Tache made at Capt Rankin's HdQrs. I asked him about my detail and he said he would attend to it & get it for me: It is a droughts=man: I got Capt Les Rays Saber Tache to take over for the saddler to look at & afternoon Fox & I went over there: Capt R was gone to Atlanta. So I could do nothing about it: Jim & I came back by the Drs & stopped there a spell: Langles came tonight:

Friday
9th

Came up here to camp this AM. I washed clothes this morning: This P.M. I went up to Capt Rankins & saw him. Told his saddler to make it for me & I gave him the directions: There has been no mail since the first day I came here: Wheeler's have torn up the track:

Saturday
10th

I went to HdQrs this morning & after waiting over an hour for the Provost Marshal to get up. I got a pass for myself & one man, & Jim & I went down to the Etowah River: We crossed & looked for shells but found none of our worth: Jim came back & I took a sketch of the river & bridges & fortifications. It makes a fine sketch: went up across the RR & took a sketch of the RR bridge & hill with camp & forts. Got back to camp about 3 PM: Mail came in tonight. Fox & Crocker got each a letter:

Sunday
11th

Crocker showed me a passage in his letter which said that Mattie Cummings was dead: I do not believe it. I cannot! till I am obliged to. Still the thought that it may be so fills me with grief. C's correspondents speak of it as follows: "I must tell you about Miss C - Mr Cameron went to Milton & married Mary: Mrs Cummings

Sept 11th

Rec'd my
Detail

started to come to B.D. with Martha, when Martha was taken sick on the road and died; Can it be so? My heart says no: still I fear it may be; for it is now 2 months nearly since I last heard from her: I went down to the Row & had a wash. went to Post Office to see about my letter & it had been there & sent somewhere & PM couldn't find it: I went to Pro: Guards & to Capt Rankins but it couldn't be found. There was a meeting at the church this AM & evening, but I felt so dispirited all day that I did not go. Blair & I went down to the P.O. but the mail did not come in: till the morning & then I got no letters: The Battery came back to-day:

Monday
12th

I drew some & finished reading *Roemus' Cavalry tactics*: Went down to the town this evening, but no mail for me & I am so very anxious:

Tuesday
13th

M rec'd
1 letter

Cash paid
for bread
-/30 cts

The weather is getting quite cool nights as I found by experience: This day has been mostly spent in finishing up a sketch of the Etowah= Woodin brought me a letter to-day & it was the missing one from home: It had been to the Co: Contained a fin: Said nothing about M- being dead so I am hopeful it is a mistake: Also had a photograph of A- it is so poor I do not mean to keep it: Lt Miller at HdQrs to-night: Train gobbled by Reb's to-day.

Wednesday
14th

Ls rec'd 1
Paid for
bread /20

Wrote a letter Home this morning: went over to Battery this P.M. & saw all the boy's: Found that Plymale was captured. Went up to the Regt as I came away: They think they are all going home next month. So I have got to look sharp or I shall lose some of my debts: went up to Capt Rankins as I came back but the sed= =dler was gone: Saw Lt Riffetoe as I came thro town: when I went down to call Wils'to tent I saw Capt Goulding who told me he had my Saber=Tache & gave it to me: It is a splendid good one: Mailed my letter home as I went to the bakery first -/20 cts for bread: Coburn is

Rec'd my
Saber Tache

said to started for home to-day: I got no mail to-night & feel very anxious. If I could only have some good news!

Thursday
15th

I went down to HdQrs and carried Capt G-back home. They were having an examination of Fero for passing bad money, but discharged him. I saw Lt Miller & J showed me a map of this Co. which he wants to copy: I finished the sketch of the Etowah & carried it down for the ___ to look at. Capt- told me I could have a pass next week to go to the Chattahoochee & Kennesaw Mts: And also said he wanted me to "mess" with the clerk when we moved from here: I went to church to=night. There was a preaching: Saw Ed Parker: Blacksmiths captured today & paroled.

Friday
16th

McClure came up to camp this morning & I went down to Lt Millers tent with him. (I done my washing this morning) & to Capt's tent and afterwards came up to my tent & got some paper & took down & showed to him. The cars which were stopped last night came in today but no mail. I busied myself fixing my papers into my Saber=tache & in making a sketch board:

Saturday
17th

This has been a sad day for me. I rec'd 3 letters this morning & the sad intelligence that

M-rec'd 3 Ls

Mattie is no more: she died the 14th Aug & was buried the 15th: Can it be that my darling lies in the cold & silent grave. that I shall never see her again. Oh can I be reconciled to this.

(1 paper)

I had lotted to much on seeing her when my time was out. Little did I think that ere

Cash rec'd
from home
\$5.00

the two year's were flown that death would claim her as its victim. She was buried just two years from the day I enlisted. How strange that night recurs to my mind: Truly God's ways are not ours. Who can tell what a day may bring forth: The Funeral was preached by Rev: Mr Freeman at the Baptist church, in Lake City. Text **Amos 4-12**: Thus endeth our fond hope's of the future, may we have grace

to say Thy will be done: May our loss be
her eternal gain.

Sunday
18th

To-day I thought it my duty to write some
letter's so I did not go to church till evening
Wrote to Mrs Cummings & to A-1 have felt
as sad as could be all day. I have no ambition
to go to the mountains sketching this week:

Monday
19th

Went down & saw Capt Goulding & concluded
to come up to Chattanooga before going the other
way. Was over to Lt Millers tent & had a talk
about getting those pictures Lithographed.
Got my pass - good for three days: Went up
to the Regt this P.M: They think up there that
Co K's old men are going out of service the
14th of next month:

Tuesday
20th

Got up early so that I would have plenty
of time to get ready: Went to the depot &
waited for the train till about 10 o'clock &
then went back to camp. Had not been there
long when I heard one whistle & started off.
Rode on top of a freight car. Nothing of
note on the journey. The only picturesque
place I saw was at Resaca & above Daltons
Rocky face & the ridges are grand. Saw Kyle
as I came into C- Went up to Pro Mar & got a
City pass & then up to Camp Deverse. I wast
very favorably impressed with my reception.
Not but they were glad enough to see me
and gobble news but they acted as if they did
not know that a person lived by entry.
I think I may have a chance to pay them
sometime: Nothing else: Staid with
Hanau: as he had an empty bunk:

Wednesday
Sept 21st

Found this morning that it was a rainy
day: After a long time they got breakfast
ready & then I looked around some: Borrowed
an over coat of George & went to town. Went
up to the dentist Johnson's & found that his
office was in no free to do anything as long

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as it rained. He asked \$20.00 to fill my teeth with gold \$10.00 with tin, as I had only 10.00 I cannot get it done now, so I am very much disappointed: Bought some coal for Capt G-. Went up to a photograph galley & found I could get some card paper at 75/- cts a sheet: Everything is so high that it is a wonder they don't ask a fortune to be looked at: Stopped raining this P.M. Came up to camp D- about 1 P.M. Got Sam Hurlbut's note for \$4.00 payable pay-day: Took back a broach of Ike Herring

Thursday
22nd

After breakfast I began to get ready to start away. took down my tent. Got some lenses with engravings of horses upon them & took a letter, package &c to envoy to Co M & E of our Regt & he went down town & stopped at Peck's place & got a sheet of paper which I cut up & put in my portfolio: Paid /15 cts... Paid for photographs 4.00. I had my negative taken for some vignettes. Peck who is an old landscape artist let me have them at four because I was an artist. Paid for Pire /25 cts pencil /15 cts. Did not get my teeth filled for I had not money enough: Stayed about town waiting for the time to fly for as I had all my business done I had nothing to pass away time with a part of the 9th Penn= Cav= passed through town to=day: Mailed a letter to Mrs Cummings & one to A-: Went up to the depot yard about 7 P.M. Waited till 9 o'clock expecting to go out. It rained to add to the unpleasantness of our situation. When I found we were not going out I "struck" for a shop & climbing up in the scaffold I lay down out of the wet & went to sleep. Couldn't sleep very well for the engines made so much noise switching around:

Friday
23rd

Found this morning that it was still rainy & the cars were going out at 9 A.M. Went down town to get some bread but the baker's

Friday
23rd

M rec'd 1

clerk was gone & so I got tired of waiting & went back & lived on hard tack. It rained so hard that I went to the Mil- Conductor & asked him for an inside passage & got it in freight car on another train. We finally got underway after a long time & sailed out pretty briskly. Nothing of note on the passage except that it was rainy & we passed several trains loaded with refugees. Got into Cartersville at 7 o'clock. Found two bundles of papers & 1 letter from Mrs Jennings containing Mr & Mrs J- photographs. Among the papers was the *Citizen* containing the article of Matties death. The verse was very appropriate. Poor girl. Can it be that we shall never see her again. Truly she was to frail & fair for this cold world:

Saturday
24th

Eat breakfast with a hearty appetite this morning. Washed clothes including my pants & borrowed a pr of Jim to wear while doing it. Sent Capt G his ---- as I did not look fit to go up: Gen= Mc-came on this morning's train. Nothing else of note.

Sunday
25th

Went down to see Lt Miller & find when he went away as his furlough came yesterday. He is going to=tomorrow morning. I wanted to write a few suggestions to the Lithographer as Lt M is going to take the two pictures with him & intended to have them Lithographed. So I stayed at Home & wrote a letter & did not go to church this AM as I wanted to write & my clothes were not dry enough to wear. Took my letter down to him & saw Lt Reffeltue. Went to church this evening, there was preaching. The Escort Commenced putting up houses this morning & worked all day. They got the boards of the engineers who left this morning.

Monday
Sept 26th

Got three pictures this morning and touched them up a little & wrote name, &c to put under the scene. Rec'd a letter from Jay. Another of our Co is dead. Pc Brown died the 19th.

Mr ed 11 L

Also Oliver Hadyman is wounded: severely:
We built a house today & it was just about
a day's work: Saw the boys at the Clerk's house
& they are willing I should come down with
them. So I think perhaps I shall go when
we draw rations again: Went up to Reg't
to tell Wick: that Hadyman wanted his
descriptive Roll: Top Herkin detailed as
Quartermaster Sergeant of the Escort.

Tuesday
27th

He reported & came down today & is going to
tent with us: I did not do much of any=
=thing today. I have no papers to sport & am
waiting for more. Capt J- told me yesterday
the report was the Reb's were at
or below Kennesaw & it would not be safe to go
there at present. I regard it as a hoax. Would
tell him so but do not wish to displease
him.. Drew a very little: to pass away time.
Went over town & found a shoemaker & am to have
my boots fixed tomorrow: Went down town
to see if there was any mail & stopped at meeting.

Wednesday
28th

Raining this morning & unpleasant all-day.
Clinton brought his brothers horse over here. I'm
to take care of him while he is home on a fur=
=lough: Went to town & got my boots tapped.
Paid /65 cts & I furnished the leather:

Cash paid
out /65

Thursday
29th

Had the sick headache all day, went over to the
Dr's & got some medicine which fetched me out
all right the next morning: Nothing else of Note.

Friday
30th

This morning I went down to see Harry
about drawing my rations down there.
Was informed that Brockway objects to
any more coming into the squad. So I
drew my rations as usual. I went down
to see Capt Goulding & see about going to
the Kennesaw Mts: Got some thin paper

Sept 30th

I was sent for this A.M. & went down to Capt G's
tent & found Gen McCook was there. Told me he

was going to have me detailed as his clerk, but after seeing a specimen of my writing I guess he did not fancy it. They were getting up a plan of a Div. Flag & wanted me to draw a plan for it. After getting the proportions from Capt Leroy I came to camp & worked most the P.M. on it. It rained like suds tonight wetting through our tent very badly. Tip went foraging to=day with Escort

Saturday
Oct 1st

Cash paid
out /10 cts

Worked most of the A.M. on the flag & also washed clothes with Crocker. They sent for me again & I took the plan down & it suited them well. Gen M & Capt G were in the tent & when he asked me about my place to work I told him about the way they served me at the clerk's & they did not like it at all: & told me I should go there. Brought the sketch back & finished & took to Gen M this P.M. Got one of the HdQr niggers to shave me: Paid 10 cts: Quite pleasant this P.M. A good many exchange officers came to HdQrs today & yesterday.

Sunday
2nd

Went to Church this A.M.: Nothing much of note occurred in camp to-day. Read, wrote & slept this P.M. I went down to the creek at noon & watered my horse & had a wash: It rained so hard at dark this evening we could hardly get supper. Stopped raining in the night:

Monday
Oct 3rd

The wagons went out for the Brig= this morning so we could not get any & my nag had to go on one feed: It rained very hard this morning and while it was pouring, word came that I was wanted at HdQrs. Went up after it slacked up & saw Gen M. He wanted to know about putting the letters on the flag and also that I should get up some pictures to illustrate a "Raid" Said he was going to send them to '*Harpers*': I saw Capt G- who told me to bring my bunk down & put it in the tent

& stay till some of the staff officers wanted it. Fixed up a bunk & Fox helped me bring it down. Went to work & worked most all day on some drawings of Cavalry Raiders &c: It rained quite hard to=day: Tonight I am seated in the most comfortable quarters I have seen for some time, say about two yrs. I have made a resolve to make a better writer of myself: & mean to practice & try till I succeed in getting a good hand: The 16th A.C. was said to have gone through here, on its way to the rear to-day: We get no mail now & I think our communications are cut or as bad: Well Never mind the weather.

Tuesday
4th

Foragers went out this morning. I stayed at the tent at HdQrs most all day, occupying myself drawing. There are reports of Rebels at Adairsville & that Hood has 2 AC this side of the Chattahoochee: Gen Smiths HdQrs were all saddled up this P.M. & there was cannonading heard in the direction of Ackworth: Nothing of note at HdQrs. The foragers reported that one of the escort was captured to=day: Well there is no more to write for to-day:

Wednesday
5th

This morning there was a brisk cannonading at Allatoona, lasting for two hours: Dan Rive cut my hair this morning. The firing resumed & kept up at intervals all day: A party of our men went down towards A & could not get through as

Battle of
Allatoona

the Rebs were on the road. The Rebel force was in command of Gen French: A train load of in= =fantry went down through to=night: There are reports here that Loring's Corp is up in this section & fears are entertained that this place will be attacked: Gen M= was down at the fort most all day: Drew rations to-day. Got very short rations this time: I have kept pretty busy drawing to=day: I have a good chance to work: The orders were for every horse in the Div to be saddled at day=light.

Thursday

So Crocker woke

Oct. 6th

me up this morning before it was light & I found it was raining hard. But I didn't mean that the Johnnies should get the start of me so I went up & saddled up: I got breakfast. Came down & worked a spell & as nothing occurred I unsaddled: Took my drawings in & showed to Capt G- & then to the General: They appear to be well satisfied with them: As our corn is out to-night, I took my horse down & grazed him. I cut a bundle of grass: The news to-day is that the Rebs were expected at Allatoona & their loss 1200 killed & badly wounded & also that Dairs is after them at Dallas & had another fight to-day & whipped them:

Friday

7th

Washed clothes this morning & Tip washed afterwards. The orderly woke me up this morning & although I did not like to get up, I thought it best & so my nag was saddled up: The news to-day is that Hood has two A.C. down at Burnt Hickory & that Sherman is fighting him. Capt G- came in to visit me & my drawing for him: We got two loads of corn tonight. The 3rd Brig of the 4th Div & 15 corps came in to-night from Allatoona on their way to Rome: Camped in the yard where the Engineers were: They report firing all day yesterday, towards Burnt Hickory. They report their loss at Allatoona at 140 killed & total 730: It was a very cold & windy night:

Saturday

8th

No orders to saddle up this morning but I got up pretty early so that I could look out for my horse as the infantry sometimes steals our horses: They had 105 Johnnies prisoners: Borrowed Capt G=s set of Drawing Instruments this morning: Took a sketch of HdQrs & worked some on the picture that I intend to finish up of this scene: The infantry marched about 9 AM: Capt G- got his sketch of his tent today.

Oct 8th

Nothing else of note: I have got light tonight and am writing by candle light. I think that if I only keep up confidence enough I shall succeed as an artist - without any doubt: It is cold and windy. I slept cold this night:

Sunday

Tip woke

150

Oct. 9th

me up to come to breakfast. I had slept so little during the night that I slept after sunrise. Washed up & changed clothes & went to church. It was so cold I like to froze: The Sermon was very good: Came to HdQrs & got a book and went for a fire. Got dinner, after the boys came back from the Regt: Fero came over to the camp this noon: This P.M. it is some warmer & I am writing with tolerable comfort: I heard to=day that some of our Regt was at Allatoona after the fight and were shocked at the dreadful sight. It must have been a pretty big Battle: Took my horse to water & grazed him a spell. Heard this evening the mail was going out in the morning & so I wrote a letter home. It was so cold I like to froze before I got it done & then I took it out for one of the men to take to the office & the mail was not going in the morning, so I had my trouble for nothing.

Monday
10th

The Forage train went out this morning: I worked on my drawing of HdQrs. The advance of the 23rd Corps came along through town to:day & about noon I heard that Gen= Sherman was in town at Gen= Smith's HdQrs: Blair & I went up & got us our dinner & then went down to the P.O. The road was alive with troops & trains. Gen Cox commands the 23rd Corps now & told me that if I wanted to see Gen S- now was the time as he was sitting on our HdQr's steps with Gen= McCook. So I

The 23rd Corps went through today & I saw Gen= Sherman for the first time!

Oct 10th

made an errand out to the gate & got a glimpse of the famous man: In a few minutes he & McCook came out & went down town together. Gen S- is a tall man & has brown beard & is not such a looking man as the photographs I had seen had led me to suppose: Not withstanding the press to:day I managed to put in a considerable on the picture: This evening Gen Stanley came to HdQrs

& Gen Elliott. I saw some of his escort & they say there was no regular battle out at Burnt Hickory, but a heavy skirmishing. The army is all being Atlanta except the 20th Corps & one other Div. The boys out foraging heard a little fighting with the Reb's charged the rear guard twice wounding our men: we drew Rations this morning. I had to get them as there was no one else. Got ½ rations & no salt, beans or potatoes: The trains are trying to run some now: but not across the Etowah bridge or across the river at Resaca:

Tuesday
11th

M rec'd 2
Ls2 paper

Found when I went up to breakfast this morning that Gen Elliotts train & escort stopped out near the escort. The / road was full of troops this morning before I got up: Bridges Battery went through this morning. Also the 4th Corps: I worked a good part of to:day on my picture & got it partly inked. think I am going to succeed in getting a better view than I had expected: The 17th Corps came up to=night. Gen=Ransom com'd'g: The best news to=night was the mail had come & although I did not get any in the first lot that came to the escort I went down to the office & got two letters & a couple of papers, all from home & am very glad to know that all is well at those: It is a current report now that Richmond is evacuated & Lee making for Ky & also that Hood is to make a junction with him if possible: I dont think he can: There are orderlies here from Kilpatrick & say that only Gen K-'s command is following the Rebs & harassing their rear:

Oct 11th

Wednesday
12th

Ls sent, 1

To=day I worked on the horses on my picture. Ink=ing them. finished the four to=night. This P. M. there was cannonading in the direction of Rome: Drew 5 day ration of horse feed & do not think the trains will go out again till this mess is settled: The cattle of the troop that have gone up by were in the bottom tonight. Gen McCook & Goulding went to Calhoun this

A.M. & Presday went with him. I went up to the Regt & Battery this evening. Stopped at the P.O. When I came back & found the mail was expected to go out in the night & so I came up to Qrs & wrote a half sheet to A & put with my letter & took to the office: The Brig= had orders to=night to guard against at= =tack: The R.R. was damaged again to=night above Kingston: Drew salt & beef to:day.

Thursday
13th

Went over town this morning & while there the mail came in, but none for our Div: The News is the Reb's took Calhoun last night & were going to attack Resaca this morning at 5 o'clock: Lettered my picture this day: & regard it as pretty well finished. It is a fine thing & will suit I have no doubt. The negro barber commenced shaving me by the mouth to:day: Cut out my cut's from Abbott Napoleon, this evening:

Friday
14th

Got up about 8 A.M. & went up & got our breakfast. After that was done away; Tip & I washed clothes which took little ---
½ hr: Came down to my Studio & cleaned out. Have not done much to-day. Am taking a rest after my close application of the past few day's: Bought a shirt

cash paid
out -/50 cts

Oct 14th

of Ambulance driver for -/50. Woodin slept in my tent to=night.

Saturday
15th

Foragers went out this morning but when they came in to=night we got none of the corn. I pasted my cuts of Napoleon in a book to=day: Presdays came in to= =night. Says the track is torn up from Resaca to Ringgold. The Gen= & Goulding went off with Sherman this morning. bought a box of blacking - paid /15 cts Went to prayer meeting this evening. Washed at creek to=night.

Sunday
16th

Got all ready to go to church to-day & I waited for the 2nd bell till I found that it was too late. Wrote a letter to J- & commenced one to A-. Capt G came back to night also Gen M=Orders to move in the morning. My horse is quite lame I found to=night: Capt G came out to my tent & told me we would move & If my horse was to lame to carry me to turn him over to Capt Rankin, but finally told me I could take him to his Co as I had no right to let him go out of my possession.

Monday
17th

Got up very early

this morning so I would be ready. Found that my nag was not as bad as I had expected so I did not let him go & take the risk of pick from 40 old plugs that could not be enough got out of to mount the drivers. Got a team in our escort for our grain. took 1 day's rations on my horse. The teams Distance 12 miles: were loaded up at 7 A.M. We stayed

about camp till 4 P.M. when the escort & HdQrs moved out & we came thru in about two hrs. Passed a secesh ruin's which had been burned down. The march was quite tedious: Got to Kingston at dark & camped down by the roadside: We did not set up long after we had got our supper, but we

Oct 17th

reclined ourselves in the arms of Morpheus: Slept with Fox in the HdQrs Regt. The command was there when we got through.

Tuesday
18th

Orders to march at ½ past 6: Moved out at the appointed time marching very slowly till after we got to Adairs-ville when we halted till the Staff eat dinner & then went ahead again: Met a nigger soon after we left town - who belonged to a driver of cattle & horses who had been captured by the rebs about 4 miles out. We made a charge nearly the whole distance soon coming upon the prowlers &

Marched from

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Kingston to
Calhoun.
Distance 19 M

horses who were scattered through the woods. Several horses standing around with saddles on were hitched on the mule wagons, but the johnnies were gone & our chase was fruitless as they had scattered in the wood's & we found none of them: Came into Calhoun about 4 P.M. I went down with the clerk's in the building assigned to them: In the evening I got a bunk & fixed up some:

Wednesday
19th

This morning after going down to break=
=fast with my Escort squad - I went to work & got up a table, & fixed some other traps which occupied me most all day. Went down by the mill to water: Nothing else of note.

Thursday
20th
M rec'd
1 letter

This morning I eat down with the boy's for the last time on my rations as to: day is draw day & I drew with two of the clerks & we have a negro woman cooking for us: This AM went up & got a shave & coming back I went up to Morgans office & he had a letter for me. It was from A & very wel=
=come too: Took my drawing of HdQrs up to the Gen & gave it to the Adjutant: Wrote the rest of my letter to A- this P.M. & to Jay in the evening: Took a sketch of a mill where we water - tonight: Drew corn to-night.

Friday
21st

Took my two letters to J- & A. to the P.O. this morning as Johnny Gaines said he would try to send out a small HdQr package.

When I came back from water I found that Capt Goulding had sent for me so I went up & he wanted me to make a map. But did not furnish me with Instruments. Said he would bring them down to me. I set about trying to get it up but could do nothing correct from his plan without draughting instruments, so I puzzled about all day & accomplished nothing. Made a box for my knapsack to-day: Recd a

Ls sent 2
M rec'd 1 L
& papers

letter from Hegan - tonight. Also this evening two packages of papers, 5 *Mil Sentinels* by pack & some *Independents*: the boys downed after papers.

Saturday
22nd

This morning after taking breakfast our cook brought up our cooking dishes & rations as they were going to move away & could not cook for us any more: we got another place at a white woman's and went up to dinner & had a first-rate dinner. There are four other boys boarding there & there are several girls, living there. It is a cold day & quite unpleasant for this season of the year: I got back from dinner I found a Topographical map of Ga & a set of instruments on my desk so I went to work on the map & find I can get along first rate with these helps. Capt G- came in this P.M. Mail went out this evening:

Sunday
23rd

Got up after the boys had built a fire & went to Breakfast at which we arrived rather late. Went down to the creek & washed. After I got back I commenced writing as I will not work Sundays unless I am ordered to do so: and then I shall do so unwillingly: wrote a letter to Mrs Jennings: The day has passed away quite slowly: Harry came down & shaved us this noon: Had an excellent dinner:

Oct 23rd

Monday
24th

Commenced on the map again this morning & worked most all day. The train went out this morning & was attacked by Guerrillas and three of them killed: Capt G- was in again to =day: Took my washing up to my boarding place to be done: Tonight I went up to the Regt & after I came back the boys started out a serenading & after we had got to bed they came back & sung in our room & waked us all up & raised Hob generally: Nothing else.

First Wisconsin Cavalry - Company K

Tuesday
25th

After watering, I went to work on the map & worked most of the day again: we were very late to breakfast this morning & like to had a cold one: Vanderlip & I stayed & warned by the old lady's fire: The boys are trying to get up a dance & some of them were out riding this A.M. Mailed my letter to Mrs Jennings. Mail came this evening & I rec'd a letter from Mary Jennings:

Wednesday
26th

Rations day for us, so I helped draw them. Got only half quantity as they have not got them: Johnny Gaines came up & gave me a letter. It was an old one from Ed Pratt dated 26th & directed to the Battery that explains why he has not written to me: Went up to HdQrs this morning & saw Capt G-The General went away to Resaca & his carriage & cav escort went up the road & he went by rail: G- came down this A.M. & shaved me some & also this P.M.; When we went to supper to=night

M-rec'd 1 L

It was not quite ready so I talked to the old lady & the Miss & found out there is to be a party to=night & allow there will be a grand affair: They told me some of the Rebel girls here, said one of the meaters a little one is a girl by the name of Neal: & another by the name of Gaines (two of them), & one of the name of J Scott: I had thought the party was played but am waiting for the results: The boys reading aloud this evening.

Oct 26th

Thursday
27th

Raining slightly this morning and has been muddy all day: I have not done much to=day. Worked a very little on the map: The party last eve was not attended by Wife Anna Murphy greatly to the distress of certain Gents I expect: Leuscher sent a letter to Jay to=day. It is said at HdQrs now that our HdQrs will be known hereafter as 1st Div: Cav- Corps Military Dept Mississippi.

Friday
28th

1s sent 1

Quite chilly this morning & a fire not out of play: Went over to the Co this A.M. to see Ferro about settling but he went away & I got tired of waiting & came back. Capt G- came in & finished coloring the roads & rivers & took his map up to his office & was well saited with it. We had an officer of Thomas staff to dinner today. Wrote a letter to Peck's Gallery's this A.M. & mailed it. The old men of Co K expect to be mustered out on Monday next. Some of the officers are making out pay rolls & it is said that we are to be paid soon: Went to the creek to water to: day & searched after shell's & found one very large white one: After supper Crider & I went up on the hill east of town & the scenery is fine & I am resolved to take some sketches from there.

Saturday
29th

Cash paid
out /25

Traded my haversack with Mysner for his over=coat: The girl up at the house was making molasses candy this morning. Took the beef up after I came from watering & got my clothes paid/25 - for the washing. Came back & took my portfolio & went out on the mountain sketching, took one view: Got thro & came down to dinner & got there just in time: After dinner I got a bottle of Mucilage of Capt LeRoy & pasted some more plates in my sketch=portfolio: Fox had my Nag to take a lady out riding this P.M. While I was at the house waiting for supper Letel came along & called me out & told me to come up & sign my pay roll: & Fox came along & told me that Coburn had come & wanted to see me: After supper I came down to the office & saddled up & went up to the Regt. Saw Clinton & signed for 8 mos pay & then went & found Coburn and got a package of things that he brought from home: Came back to office & opened them & found brushes, Colors. Cups & a bit of

dried ground cherries: Had a tedious time waiting for corn tonight & finally did not get any as none came to HdQrs.

Sunday
30th

After breakfast this morning I went to the river & had a wash: wrote up my diary & went down to the escort & found out there was no meeting & then came back & commenced a letter home to have them keep my coat: Do not feel at all like writing consequently my writing did not suit me at all, but I finally finished it up & think I will send it. Clinton came down & got his pay. after finishing writing I read a sermon In the *Independents* & some in the Bible as it is my custom usually to read in the day time on Sunday's. I mean to set myself to work soon and see if I could do more than I have lately. 4 Hospital trains went through towards Chattanooga to=night.

Oct 30th

Monday
31st

This morning it had rained & was dark till quite late but cleared off & was pleasant. The woman up where we board told the boys this morning that she could not board us any longer. After we drew rations I went up & saw her & we agreed to pay 2.00 per week for us three & in the afternoon we found out that Gaines was the cause of all the trouble that they would not let their niggers go out foraging if we helped eat the rations. We think we can hold our own: The 9th from Conn = passed through town to=day. This P.M. the Infantry was flying around quite lively & the 23rd Corps Army of Ohio is down on the creek & camped there to=night. There has been so much excitement about boarding: Drawing rations & praying I have not done much: Put that miniature in the pin to=day: Myten left to=day:

Today has been my Birth Day. & I am 22 years of age: It has been a rather eventful day Troops & trains are as thick as can be in town to=night. I saw Capt Seatern this P M. & he tells me that we will get Paid off. So good for /62 men: The boys hired a Nigger to=day & he came to=night:

Tuesday
Nov 1st

The infantry of the 23rd Corps were passing through this morning while we were at breakfast & had several bands which were playing & made fine music. After breakfast John Brown came down & told me that Fero was in the Guard House & that he thought he would be left there & so I went up & saw him & got his orders for Woodin to pay me six dollars & his note for 6.00: The trains & infantry kept passing most of the A.M.

Nov 1st/64
Paid cash
Grant/50 cts
M-rec'd
2 Ls

I worked at coloring up some photographs to=day.

Mail came this A.M. & I got two letters 1 from A- & 1 from Aunt Clara: When we went up to dinner they had potatoes but Ian & I did not touch any of them: Went up to the Regt after & saw the Pay Master go by from paying the 4th Indiana. But no signs of pay: Fero & Farrel had got out of the Guard House. Went to the Battery & got my knife which Grant had fixed. Paid fifty cents (50).

Saw Sommerville & McClure as I came back to town: There was a pretty girl up at our boarding place Swinging as I came back. The boys were up there when I went to supper: Our niggers washed to=day: Went up to Regt this evening but no paying: We are hearing all the time that we are going to move. Some say to=morrow but I hardly think so: The News is that Hood is now within 9 miles of Nashville:

General Schofield & staff passed through here this morning & I had a good view of him: His Hd Qrs were here last night:

Wednesday
2nd

This morning about 9 A.M. Morgan came up & told us to get the desk in shape for moving. Gen Wilson passed by in his Tom made ambul=

Cash rec'd
\$121.00
Cash paid
out /50 cts

=lance: & the 4th Regulars were his body guards.
Rations issued for three days, went up to
camp after=noon & found they were being
paid: Rainy this morning but not much
this P.M: Rec'd of Woodin on Fero acct
\$5.00. Rec'd of Pay Master 8 mos for \$116:00
This evening I took a light up to Miss Anna
as she was fixing my jacket. Went on up
to camp & got my descriptive roll:
Troops are coming in & camping every day and
there are a good many waiting transport:
=tation: Paid for fixing my jacket /50 cts we got all
packed up to=day when Capt LeRoy came down & told
us we would not go till to=morrow: Pd By Maj:
J. F. Walden U.S.A. Paymaster:

Nov 2nd

Thursday
3rd
cash Pd
out \$1.00

Waked up early this morning to go to break:
=fast. Had to wait a spell: Went down to the
train & got my knapsack as we did not dare
to leave it in the wagon: went up to the house
& settled our bill. I paid 1.00 & the rest of the boys
nothing: as they did not have much money.
We got Some biscuits-corn bread: meat to
carry with us: Drew three days rations: at 9
A.M. we took the mess chest down to the Depot
& found the Officers were getting there
baggage down to the cars, so we carried
ours down & the HdQr clerks were assigned
to a box car: It was a cold rainy day &
very unpleasant: The trains were piled on
the tracks so thick that it was almost im=
possible to get trains out, but finally about 5 PM
Some of the trains left for Atlanta & we then
commenced switching & after working around for
an hour pulled out at dark. Our train held
the HdQrs. 18th Battery & 4th Ind Cav on top
of cars: We were so crowded this evening that I
could not make a bed so I lay on some
stools & valise but got crowded off of that
about 5 o'clock & lay down on floor & slept
very well. Found this morning that we were
within 5 miles of Calhoun. Passed through
Resaca about 7 A.M.

Friday
4th

Brockway lost his way out of R. a short distance: & two miles out one of the cars run two wheels off. & the Engine went on too Dalton after a wrecking car but the men got the train on & went on the

Brockway brought two of his friends in the car to=night & we were a checked set. Morgan & I got a shelf up & slept on that:

Nov 4th

Engine behind us pushing us & pulling its own train:

Saturday
5th

We lay at ----- all

night & the next morning started out but had not got to T Hill when we found there were 7 trains coming & we had to back to T Hill & let them pass: This trip was very unpleasant as we had not made any

cash paid
out -/75

calculations for being so long on the road &

our provisions gave out & we had to go without bread. This morning Capt Rankin ordered all the men that did not belong to HdQrs out of the cars so we have plenty of room to day: we went along pretty fast this afternoon & got to C- about 9 P. M.: Several of us started down town half starved & got our supper at an Eating house Paid -/75. Went to the cars & stayed all night. Johnny Gaines & I went down town for the mail but could not get it: A Band serenaded the Gen at the Crutchfield House:

Sunday
6th

Cash paid
out -/70

Went down town this morning & could not get anything to eat, but some ginger bread: for which I paid -/50: Morgan & I looked all over town but no bread or pies for us: Saw Lt Miller pass in the crowd at the C House: Went down town & saw the photographer about my pictures. they had been sent. Our Engine got off of the track as we came in last night & was not yet on again till 1 P. M.: Paid for paper -/20: We drew very well to=day as it was not very cold we left Chattanooga at 2 P. M. It was very cloudy & rather dark but that did not prevent me from enjoying the magnificent

scenery: that prevented itself. Lookout & all the other grand views. The road to Bridge=port is one continual panorama: & when we came on to the Tenn River, it is doubly grand: We stopped at B- for a train to pass & then went on again. We had another Engine from C, but

Nov 6th

the same Sam for a conductor: The boys bothered him all they could & made fun of him: This evening as we were passing some art the rain which pound off of a rock and in the car windows & almost delayed us: Morgan & I did not get very wet. Had to wait the train about an hour for one that was off the track:

Monday

7th
Cash paid
out 1.25
Paid Jay
cash \$5.00

This morning we were at Decherd & came on the Fuller home where we waited for trains an hour: Some of the boys got breakfast at D- but I was not very lucky: we got coffee, at T- passed a train of wagons that were burned by the Rebs last night: The country is not so beautiful on to=days road as below: The day passed slowly but we made good time: I saw the Stern River Monument to=day: Got into Nashville about dark: HdQrs went up to the hotel to stay: I went down town to an eating house & got supper: had to pay 1.25 for a meal! Went back to the car & then up after some medicine for Lensgton. Met Jay going back. He went down with me: & I had to come back with him & stay all night. Done this at the risk of being left.

Tuesday

8th
Cash paid
out /25

Had a very good visit with Jay & slept in a bed between white sheets: Got up early & got breakfast & then Jay & one of the clerks went down to the Nashville Depot but our cars were not to be found. We then went to the Seraville Depot & no cars there: Went to the St Cloud house as we thought the Officers were there. They were not & I found there they were at the City Hall & went over there, saw an artillery & found that we would go at 2:30 PM if we had good luck.

- Rainy this morning -

Saw a B.D. man by the name of Devin, who came up to No 17. & took breakfast with Jay. Went back to the Hospital & stayed with

Nov 8th

Jay till after=noon then we went down to dinner & then I came to the Louisville Depot where I saw some B.D. men & lots of our men who were left. Our train went out at 2 P.M. to Edgefield where we lay till 6 o'clock. Paid for fire -/25. I had no coat or blanket & would have been in a bad fix for the night had I not borrowed a rubber coat & blanket. It was quite a pleasant when we started out of E- but about 10 A.M. it commenced again & rained almost incessantly for 3 or 4 hours: but I kept quite dry. Leaving through a tunnel some of the cars got apart & 8 or 9 men left till we got out: which was not very pleasant for them. Our train stuck in going through but soon got up steam enough to get through

Wednesday
9th

Cash paid
out. 2.55

Stopped at Elizabeth for breakfast. I went to a hotel. Paid -/75 for a very good meal. It was pleasant this morning but about 9 A.M. it commenced raining & as we ran about 12 M after it commenced before I could get down inside I got rather damp. The RR coming through the last tunnel run's in a very rough & picturesque country. It rained like from where we got to L- but stopped soon after: I found the boys at the office of the Inspector General, where they had a place for the baggage: We had no place to stay & the Officers could do nothing about it. So there was no other choice but we're a few. Morgan & I went down to Market St & got a place to eat & sleep at a Dutch House: Went down to the Louisville Hotel & saw Dan there. He came up to our house & stayed. Gen McCook was at the hotel: The boys are putting on Style to beat everything. All dressing up & spending their money.

Nov 9th	I fore see that I am not going to be able to send home a hundred dollars as had depended on doing: Paid for our supper &
Thursday 10th	This morning after breakfast, Morgan & I went to the room & got our clothes went to a bathing Salon & had a general cleansing paid /50. Bought a hat 4.50. Saw Lt Miller at the Louisville house: I am again disappointed. He found that it would not pay to get those pictures Lithographed, So I am rather down. I am in a peck of trouble, all the boys are getting dressed up & I am going to be about the only one left of the HdQrs men that is not coming out in a new suit: Went about town some & then to a dentist where I had my teeth cleaned & two of them filled cut 6.00 & am to pay 3.00 if I have the other's filled: When we went up to the room again I found there were no further arrangements made about a place to stay & we had to come to our old place again to-night: Went down to the Louisville Hotel this Evening: Wick's started for home: There was a crowd there going & coming. The bustle & confusion of the busy world. My impressions of Louisville are that it is one of the finest Cities I ever was in & has the hand= =somest women: Went to our Dutch house & went to bed: The Black woman fixed the Sleeve of my overcoat & put pockets in:
Friday 11th	This morning after breakfast we came up to the Express office & then our room: Morgan & I wrote letters home & then went to Express office & sent letters & money. I sent \$75.00 50.00 for father & 25 to mother: paid for sending -/80 paid for board & lodging 1.00 Went up to the corner of 3rd & Walnut St's & when the boys were paid off got 6.00 of Fero & 4.00 of Hurlbert: Stayed at the
Sent home by Express \$75.00 cash pd out 1.80 "rec'd \$10.00	
Nov 11th	room most the day: Got dinner at the negro qrs here: & am going to stay here till

cash paid
out -/25 cts

we have qrs assigned us: paid like /25 cts
Went down on the river St with Crider:
There was a funeral procession came to the
church on the St as we passed along. There
was all the Hack's in the city I should
think. The other boys went to a hotel and
I am staying with Some of the boys in a
room at the Inspector Generals HdQrs:
We made a fire & a light & it is very comfort=
=able! Wrote a letter to Gill: this eve:

Saturday
12th

Paid out for provisions -/15: paid Negro wench
-/45 for sewing & washing: Went to the dentist
this morning & had my teeth filled. Paid \$3.00
more this morning: The boys had a great time
last night with the wenches, I was very
much disgusted with it: Paid out for prov -/75
more today, went down to the Louisville Hotel this
PM. The Officers & men are putting on a heap of style
down there: Went over to the P. O. & mailed my
letter to Gill. I feel almost discouraged with life
again to=night. Sometimes I get the Blues terribly
but try to think it of no use & feel reconciled to any
fate that may be in store for me: Rec'd 2 Ls to=
=night from A & Jay:

Sunday
13th

Gaines came up this morning & told us that we
were going to move. So we hurried up & got our
breakfast: No one came till about 9 A.M. When
the wagon came up & we loaded up & started
off out the Broadway & fetched up on the Baris=
town Pike three m from town. Went up
to Brig (2nd) HdQrs & stayed around wait=
=ing for orders where HdQrs were to be at
About noon we went out on the Pike to a
splendid place: Gen Watkins HdQrs were
here: we had to wait till near night for
the Officers to come up: When they came we
were assigned to a room the niggers had
occupied. It was a good frame building & after
it was scrubbed out by men who were detailed
for the purpose - it presented quite a respectable
appearance: We had quite a time this M

Nov 13th

looking at a Stereoscope which was in the room next us: The buildings where we are quartered are some that belong to an old secesh & are very fine & worth a good deal: I am still in quite a quandary to know what to do about furnishing myself with materials: We all slept in the old room: The boys on quite a gala this evening:

Monday
14th

This morning we eat a light breakfast and then the boys got up their desks: I have no mind to do anything till we get settled and have clothes &c: I do not think they act at HdQrs, as if they cared much if I furnished myself with all my materials &c: Capt G came up the morning, from Nashville: He is afflicted with a sense of his importance & style as well as the rest of the men:

Cash paid
out /55 cts

Paid out for bread /55 cts: Dan Rice came up here today & got a pass for three days. Cummings furlough came to=night: A man by the name of Bond was up here today.

Tuesday
15th

Clothing list made out to=day. Gen=Mc up here today & think they are going to stay now: Paid /25 cts for figs which I sent to town for: Went over to the Settlers after some figs but could not get any: When I got some I soon stopped my teeth from aching. Paid /20 from General find eating materials. Commenced writing a letter to A- Dan Hook came up to=day. Cummings started home. Wrote a letter to Jay this evening:

cash paid
out /45 cts

Wednesday
16th

Drew rations this morning. Got 10 days to last till the 20th. I hired a man to draw them over paid /50 cts for the squad. Finished my letters to A- & Jay & sent them this A.M. We commenced setting our squad tables

Nov 16th

Cash paid
out /50
Ls sent 2
paper rec'd 4

last night: Trouble this morning about a watch of Capt Gouldings which was stolen from the niggers: Recd a bundle of papers from home The Regts discharging arms the P.M.

Read in *Goldsmiths* works this evening & like them.

Thursday
17th
Cash paid out
\$18.10
Cash Paid
for squad
/50 cts

Rainy this morning: bought /50 cts bread for the squad. Got a pass of Capt Goulding & went to town. Ran back & I walked down, did not rain much going down but rained quite hard after I got down there. Saw Morgan Bogart: who had just come from Wis. Went down to Louisville Hotel: then up to Hegans, bought a case of Draughting Instruments for \$10.00. deduction of /25 key: paid for paper /75. India Ink /1.40: There were several fine paintings on exhibition at Hegans Rooms: From there I went up on Market St where I bought a pr of pants of a Jew - paid \$6.00 then started to find a locksmith Saw Jim at his brothers office & left my things then went out to the locksmiths & got a key paid /20 Van Hook & I then started for camp walking in the mud & rain first of the way & riding part. did not get very wet. I have a very fine set of Instruments & if I can get out of service with them all safe I shall not regret the price:

Friday
18th

Was told this morning that I was going to be detailed in the A.A.G: Dept as clerk, but do not know as it is so. Do not care if it is: Went over to the 2nd Brig= to see about drawing clothing. The 1st Wis got 117 recruits this morning. Went out & took a sketch of HdQrs this morning & P.M. was bothered some by mist & sleet. The man that owns the place came out wanted to know if I would take him a picture. I told him it would be worth \$25.00 to take a good one. Said he would give that for a good picture:

Saturday
19th

Worked on the drawing of this place today.

Sunday
20th

Tried on my new pants to=day am very well satisfied with them although they are not very good cloth:

Monday
21st

Capt Hill came up to=day. Recd a letter from Ellen Fetcum: & think from it that Leonard Stulch is over at Jefferson Hospital. The day has passed very slowly: I would went to town to check if

my clothes were fit: Had oysters for Dinner.
Capt Lee Roy came up from town to=night so drunk
that he could not stand up: Morgan Bogart was up
here to=day & Capt Luther Richardson & others:
We still are trying to get clothing but cannot.
Some of the Escort came up to=day:

Monday
21st

This morning I thought I would get a pass & go
to Jeffersonville but waited to see if I could not
get clothing: worked on my drawing using I ink
with my instruments & they work finely: Recd a
letter from A & contained a tie, a present from--rlen
cost /60. Also a package of papers: Samuel Stoddard
is at J- & I mean to see them. Also recd prestige SC
Vankerslip & Coarirs went to town this evening lost
their horse & wagon & it came to camp: It is cold
as Greenland to=night: Drew 10 days rations.

M rec'd 1 L
(papers)

Tuesday
22nd

This morning was going over to see J- Sure but
as it was nearly sure thing that we would draw
clothing to day that I did not think best to go.
Paid Ike /50. Fixed over the pockets of my over
coat. Wild times to=day & night:

Cash paid
out /50

Wednesday
23rd

No more prospects then ever of drawing
clothes so I went up to HdQrs & got a pass
of Lt Miller & started out for Jeffersonville.
Walked to town & crossed on the ferry: Had
very little trouble finding my crossing & meet
with a very cordial reception from all of them.
Found Mary sick: but was getting better: After
dinner I went with Flora in the folding room
where she is at work & stayed for a long time
waiting with her. She is a very pretty looking
girl of 17-. I find the women here have had a
pretty hard time since S- came into the army
which is one reason they came to this place.
In the evening F- & I took a walk: The girls in
the Laundry are a hard sort & I was sorry F-
has to work with such a set. They took down
F's cot & put it in another room for me & took
so much pains that I was a notion not to stay.

pd out /5-

Thursday
24th

Thanksgiving

cash paid
out \$5.55

Woodin came up last night.

Today being Thanksgiving the girls did not work so Flora & I went over to Louisville. We walked down to the ferry. & when we got into town we found the stores most all shut up. & gov't teams were flying about very brisk=ly. Having an inspection I suppose: we went around town a while & trying to find a Gallery where we could get F---styles & went to about every gallery in town before we found the right one: Had each of us ½ doz of the card pictures & a plate of us together. Paid \$4.00, bought a pr of gloves, pd \$1.25 For Ferry /30. did not get very good pictures. But F. thought they were so I took them. Had quite a time coming back to the Hospital. Were to late for dinner & we took a lunch in the Commissary. We had a regular train & would had more but we did not dare to in the buildings. After dinner we went up the river walking & had a first rate time all by ourselves. Got back about dusk They had a dance in the folding room this evening. Mr Stoddard would not let F. dance & no one would wish to dance with such a set of ignoramuses: we stayed down till about 8 o'clock when Mr S came down & we had to go up Stairs. F. was much disappointed in not staying down longer but we had a very good time fixing up our albums. She gave me a picture of hers: She is corresponding with a fellow by the name of I.R. White, now clerking in Chicago. But I hardly think She cares much for him: She is a Splendid girl & would make a fine woman if she had some one to take the right care of her. But she is very much neglected in Some things.

Nov 24th

Friday
25th

Pd out -/5
" 1.00

This morning I went up to HdQrs Hospital Samuel & stayed two or three hours: Came back to laundry & wrote some in my book:

went down & visited with Flora. But it was dull visiting when so many were around & she at work: So I went back up stairs & stayed with Mary till noon. Did not feel very hungry

but F- would have me go down with her: She got a letter from her Chicago Fellow: I hardly know whether to think she cares much for him or not. I would wade in myself if I thought it would Pay: Bid them good night & came down town with Leonard: Paid for ferry /5. When I got in town I went to Kayns & bought a Sketch Book /50 & a box of colours /50: walked to near the end of Broadway when a Gentleman came along in a carriage & asked me to ride so I rode to HdQrs. Found the boys had drawn today Went over but it was all issued. Brad took a list of what I wanted & said he would save it out of the next lot: Talk of paying & I went over to Co to see if my pay was all right: John Brown had come up from N--.

Saturday
Nov 26th

Capt Goulding went home this morning. to be gone 5 days: Orders were to move on Monday but we cannot get transportation so soon: meant to worked some to:day but do not feel like it as we shall go in a few days: mended up my clothes this morning. Went up to the Regt this morning & saw Paine: He came over to dinner & I went back with him & saw Lt Hutson: Things look like money soon. Say we will get paid on Monday. Sent a couple of packages by Brown. Brockbury came in this evening. Drunk: Two of the officers at HdQrs list a horse & buggy from the farmer of this plantation:

Sunday
27th

Nothing of note this morning except as that as to=day is Sunday we had the usual dressing up: Read some in the *Independents*, one of HWB *Banners* about politics: went to Co & signed Payrolls. Brown started for home: Considerable excitement among the clerks about being sent to their Co's. I was a little afraid I might be in for it, but Morgan told me that he knew all about it & I was not to be sent: Received my photographs to night, they are very poor ones. Changed pictures with H =D & Morgan: It is so dull to=night that I

M rec'd
photos

wish I was across the lines:

Monday
28th
Sent roll
Sketches
cash paid
out /75

Everything quiet this morning. I went to work on my drawing & made fine progress on it by night: Sent my roll of sketches to A-: Went over to Brig to night, no clothing yet: wrote a letter this evening to Mary Jennings: Paid Ike for working up to this date /75, 1.50 in all. Nothing else of note. Mailed a bundle of sketches to A-.

Tuesday
29th
Cash paid
out -/50

Worked most of the day on my picture. Mailed a letter to Miss Mc. A. Jennings. I sent one of my photographs. Bought -/50 worth of bread for the spirit. Desks came to=night & my table was smashed all to pieces: 1st Wis & 4th Ind. drew horses to-day: It is very warm & pleasant for this time

1s sent 1
Nov 29th

of year: I thought of going over to J- tonight but concluded to wait & see what would happen but do not know but I have cheated myself out of going at all:

Wednesday
30th
cash paid
out: /50

Worked on my drawing & finished all that I think I will do at present: Orders were reported to be moved to=morrow & this P.M. I got a horse of Henry & started to go over to Leonard, to bid them good bye. Saw S in the Boat & he went up to the Hospital with me: Put horse in the stable & went down to Laundry. It was nearly dark when I got there. Eat a slight supper & went up & visited a few minutes, then went with F walking around the Hospital. There was about 800 soldiers come into the Hospital to=night. After we got back I stayed but a short time as F. could not visit with us & went into the other girls room to sew & did not come in again till just as I came away. Which I did much earlier than I should otherwise. I do not know but I showed it in parting but I suppose she did not mean anything only it was not pleasant waiting in

the room with others & she & her mother do not agree very well: Got into qtrs at 9 P.M.

Thursday
Dec 1st

This morning the news is that we are not to draw horses but will be transported on the cars as I think we shall stay several days yet: Wrote a letter to A-. Had to go over after my pay started before noon & got back near night. Rec'd \$82.00. Rec'd a letter from Aunt C- & Father, containing little Nellies photographs. Most of the boys off to town sparring to=night. I wrote a letter to Ellen S. & finished that to Sister A. Sent snaps home & one of the other pictures to E. I do not think we can move to morrow.

Cash rec'd
\$82.00
M rec'd 1 L

Heard today there was a probability of all of the HdQrs men being sent to their Cos in a short time as there is to be a change of Commanders:

Dec 1st

Capt Goulding came to=night.

Friday
2nd

This morning I eat too much break=
=fast & felt unwell most all day, but felt better this P.M. Mailed my two letters
Went over to Regt & Brig HdQrs this A.M. They had on a camp guard at 1st Wis
Have not done much to=day. Am waiting to see what a day or so my bring forth: Capt G- ordered his desks to be ready to go with the train to=morrow. Think we will stay a few days longer. Hope so but cannot tell: I have nothing else to fill up with so I must write my thoughts.

Ls sent 2

Saturday
3rd

This morning got a pass of Capt G- for Van= Hook & went to town: Rode on a load of corn. Went up on Jefferson St & had my boots fixed pd 1.50: Went down to my old Jew store & bought a blouse cost \$15.00. It is all wool Blouse & I looked so shabby that I thought I would

cash paid
out 18.40

rec'd /25
pd it out

have it. I bought a towel/40 Pocket Books/20 envelopes/25 & started home thinking I should spend all my money if I stayed much longer. I walked to camp. Found that everything was going to move to=orrow so I cannot wear my blouse over to see Leonard's folks But still I am not sorry I got it. Went over to camp to see if I could get a horse from Lamoreaux who told me to come over at night & I could have one. They told the boys that we could get horses & ride or go with the train: Don't seem to care for us at all. Went over to camp & got a horse & saddle look that drawing up for the man of the house to look at. But he thought it was investing most to much: So I came away: Saw Lt Miller to=night & he told me that he thought that my sketches when we got through would be all right.

Dec 3rd

Rec'd of squad /25 & paid to Weaver for a fork: drew a rubber Poncho of Co:
Wrote a letter to Father this evening & sent a picture of Flora to Arceilia. Cummings came to=night.

Sunday
4th

Paid Morgan /25 for stamps. Sold Harry -
a knife, paid \$1.50 on what I owed him:
Packed up for the march as we move this
morning: Capt Rankin was going to leave
our Mess chest but concluded it was not
best to: Brockway came after all was loaded.
Left HdQrs about 8 A.M. Mailed my letter to
Father. B & I went down the road & then came
up to 1st Wis camp to look for Bogert.

M

Is sent 1

Paid out -/25

Going through town we marched as we pleased. My Gray is a gay one. Very pleasant day & lots of people out to see the Columns: We turned off on the Shepardsville Pike. Marched as we liked all day: Camped 2 miles from Shepardsville: Went up to 2nd Ind=HdQrs, as we expected the train to come there. Went after corn & when I got back we

went back to the Brig HdQrs as our wagons stopped there. It was dark when we got there & got tents up & supper by fire light:

Monday
5th

Reveille before daylight & had to hurry to get ready to march at daylight: very rough road. (Came through Belmont Furnace:.) Crossed Salt river this morning at Shepardsville: I took a sketch of RR bridge & crossing. Halted 3/4 of an hour at S-. Camped near Petersburg: one of our teams stuck in the mud & I went to get it out, back 1 mile from Brig HdQrs. This made us late getting into camp but got supper & tent up after taps: Showery in the night & tent fell down & had to put it up.

Tuesday
Dec 6th

Reveille at daylight this morning & crossed creek at Petersburg this morning: Provost guards tried to make us go ahead of them and away from our wagons, but we would not go. Marched up the river & crossed at a ford. Very steep muddy bank & took sometime to cross. After we started again the Pro Guards came up & -----ed all of us & we had to march with them to=day. it shows LaGranges mean disposition and Hugh Longstaff is not backwards in carrying out his orders: went around about way to get around the deep ford Came up a very high ----y hill this PM.

at P- & camped 8 or 10 miles from Elizabethtown.

We all went up to Brig HdQrs. Old LaGrange opened his big Mouth & grined but of course he could do nothing but talk very little sense & let us go. Told us we could get a pass to go with our wagons. Went back to a house & put horses in a stable. B & I were going to get supper but some 1st Wis officers had enjoyed supper & we would not wait till after they were done: We put up a tent & we got mad because we thought she could not run us & had another tent put up for her: Had chickens for supper & breakfast: Drew rations:

Wednesday
7th

Reveille at daylight & started about 8 AM: The Pro Guard did not trouble us much to day. Passed thru

cash paid
out -/10

Elizabethtown about noon: Paid for apple -/10. Camped near Norah & got fuel from the depot. Had a good deal of trouble with the Niggers about getting supper: Put up tents with devils & other boys: Cold as Greenland. Col L told some of the boys that he was going to put a corporal over us to morrow. We made up our minds to leave him tied to a tree but unfortunately he did not come:

Thursday
8th

Marched about the usual hour: Crossed the R.R. several times. Came through a RR station & Rotted there sometime. B came up & we were going back to a house to see some pretty girls when the trains started so we did not have time. Very good road to day. Pike to M- Came on to Mumfordsville to camp when we arrived at 4 P.M. So cold to=day that it was impossible to ride warm so we had to walk most of the time: Drew forage of the Qr Masters at the depot: Had some trouble about driving as the commissary dept claimed some our men: Put tent up on a knoll away from the rest of the crowd & got in a very cold spot:

Friday
9th

This morning it is all we can do to keep warm. Put up stove as are going to remain to=day & shoe horses: Washed & fixed up in our tent & wrote up this book: It snows like everything & but fair for a cold time of it: Drew three days rations. I went down with others after them & I got tired of waiting for the team & Sam Hand was going to have me tied up because I did not stay. I don't think he can scare me very badly: Drew clothing this evening & receipted for it: Washed & changed clothes & felt very much better.

Saturday
10th
cash paid
out 10-

Marched at ½ past 8. The column fording the River & the wagons being ferried across. The River is the Green River. Sent my horse over & went over on the ferry: Paid for apples 10/ Waited at houses & tavern till 3 P.M. for the

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last of the wagons to cross. At the last house that I stopped at there was an Officer of the 27th Ky & his wife & also a very beautiful girl. Marched to Cave City where we armed at 8 o'clock: Got forage from cars. No wood where we camped & so we put up tents & fires with the teamsters:

Sunday
11th
Very cold this morning. Marched in the coldest weather that I ever marched in: We had to walk to keep from freezing & stop in houses to thaw out. Marched to Station 5 m from Smiths Grove: Went into camp in a wood near a fence & post stacks. Paid Billy Cunningham 25/ & Ike 1.00 on cooking & washing. Brockway & Weaver did not come to camp to=night:

Monday
12th
Marched to Bowling Green to=day. Got into town about 4 P.M. The Staff were here & Capt LeRoy gave me a dispatch to carry up to Col LaGrange: All of the boys in camp this evening & we got up tent & got straw so were quite comfortable:

Tuesday
13th
We lay quite late this morning as we expect to stay in camp or move to town, but were not to do either as we found by General call being blown: Found that we were ordered to move camp over on the other road. So we packed & moved out. Got on the other road & were ordered to halt. Stopped for ½ hour & then marched back toward town & onto the same road we left this morning & out on the Franklin road Davis & I stopped at a house & had a lunch of corn bread sardines & milk. I paid 25/. Went into camp within 2 miles of Franklin: Camp by a pond. It was after dark when we halted.

Wednesday
14th
Moved out early & went with wagon up to Hd Qrs in Franklin: I had a map in my knapsack that Capt G- wanted & he asked me to ride with them to=day &
m rec'd 1 L

carry It along with them. Also put a bottle of choice Liquor in my saddle bags for Lt Miller. Same that he was carrying for the General. Let Lt Miller take my share. Brockway went to Nashville. Recd a letter from C----: Moved out on the Russellville road. I went with the orderlies & we had a pretty hard ride to keep up with the rest of the Hd Qrs. Passed the 3rd Brig & the 18th Battery. Got into Russellville at 4 P. M. I had quite a time about the Liquor bottles: Went up to camp & stayed with the wagons when they got in. I went down to town to see about marching in the morning & about myself. Am going with the rest of the crowd & our wagons are to move back from this place: I was in the greatest fix for doing anything or knowing what to do about myself as the best I can.

Dec 14th

Thursday
15th

Packed all of my extra luggage in the wagons & am going to trust to luck in seeing them again: Went down to the Hotel about ½ hr after daylight & they were packing up the officers luggage in the light wagon they had pressed to go with them. The road to-day is rather muddy. Found at Elkton that the Johnnies were about. Halted & fed at E. Some of us boys went to a house & tried to get dinner. They were Rebels & got such a poor dinner & not enough of it that we came away & did not pay for it. Marched again after noon & some of the advance guard captured some of the Rebel scouts. Stopped at Fairview about 7 P. M. & stopped in a barn till 12:00 went to house & got supper. Paid 1.00 & one of the other boys the same. Moved up within 3 miles of Hopkinsville & waited for day light.

Friday
16th

cash paid

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The long & anxiously looked for day soon appeared & we were soon up so we could see the Rebel lines. A flag of truce came down & demanded whether we would occupy the building of

out 10/-

Insane Asylum or come out in fair field.
Adjutant LeRoy replied that we would come out in open field. Our lines advanced soon. Short skirmishing ensued & the Rebs opened with artillery. We soon replied & as our lines went forward the Rebs broke & run & we drove them off of the Hill & strong Position. I went up on the hill behind the S. Asylum & took a sketch but the enemy left & the fight was not of any note. The advance into H- was marked by many pleasant scenes. The Hd Qrs were established at Widow Jackson's. The Artillery that we captured was drawn

I had a gallop back after the baggage wagons & all for nothing: Got dinner at Miss Whites.

Dec 16th
into town by a yoke of oxen & a horse. Stayed at Livery Stable with horses till P.M. Went up to Battery & got a shave of 4th Ind men. Pd 10-. Coming back I meet a crowd of the Battery men & citizens skedaddling & about scared to death. Told me to go the other way or I would be captured. I could not see it & run for the stable & got my horse: After I was saddled up I went out into the street & out onto the Bridge. Saw no Johnnies & as the General & staff came out I went with the escort out 3 or 4 miles to see the thing in its own light. The scout that went out the road this P.M. had met Lyons advance company up & they had run some of them & captured some: They took two of our men & shot them after they had surrendered. We went back & got into camp after dusk: We had just got unsaddled in the old stable when Capt Le Roy came & ordered us all up to stables at Hd Qrs. Fiscus & I went downtown tonight & got our supper at a house on Main St. Slept up in the Barn: Orders to move at daylight:

Saturday
17th

(Got Breakfast at a house near Hd Qrs)
Marched a little after daylight. It is a rainy

day & a very unpleasant one: The Rebs were only 8 hr in advance of us: We camped at dark on the junction of the Princeton & Whites Mill road. The 2nd Brig went on Whites Mill road & a scout of the 3rd Brig went on the Princeton road & to P. Holiday & I stopped at a house near HdQrs. I was not very well. Paid the boy 10/- for cleaning my boots & I got them greased. Slept on the floor in front of the fire & was very comfortable:

Sunday
18th Dec.

Not very rainy this morning but I was very muddy marching. We came along very well & got into H. about 5 P.M. Met an ambulance coming out after the body of one of those men that was shot by the Rebels after they had surrendered. I went with the rest of HdQrs up to the old HdQrs but as there was very little stable room & Capt LeRoy ordered some of the boys to go with the escort. I took myself away & went to town & stopped in a Livery stable office where there was a good place for fire &c: Holiday & I went up to the Boarding House & got a lunch. I told Mrs White that I wanted to come for breakfast but could not unless she would let me pay her for meals. Said we could come but rather we should not pay but she will take it rather than we should not come: Slept up on the loft to night as some of the 4th Ky occupied the building ahead of us: Eat supper at Mrs Whites: did not pay tonight as could not make change: Had quite a talk with them this eve H- & I went up after breakfast this m. paid \$2.00

Monday
19th

cash paid
out \$2.00

Colder this morning. Saddles & everything so plastered with mud that I had to wash them off: Went out on Main St & took a sketch of the ruins of Court House: Two old citizens from the county came into the stable to day & as they could get no pass to go home stayed with us in the office. They told me of some fine horses

out near them, owned by Rebels:

Tuesday
20th

This morning H- & I went for Breakfast to a house on the St above the Hotel. She was a widow lady & took \$1.00 of me for our repast: I think this will not pay my parting bill, for anybody else & think I shall stop it. Went up to HdQrs to see Capt Goulding about going out after the horses. He was in favour of it & went down & got four men from the escort to go with me & gave me a pass. Told me to bring him the fine horse & get a good one for myself & he would see that it was not taken from me:

Dec 20th

We started out about 9 A.M. Going on the Palmyra road: Kept out till we got to Maj ---leys place. The Old Gentleman was out at the road quite 1/4 mile from the house. I told him my business & the strong recommend I had to him as the best Union man in that section of the country: He gave me information as to directions & invited us all down to his house for dinner. We went & were very warmly welcomed by his family. Wife, an old lady & little boy: Had Apples & cider set out all we wished for: They got up the best meal that I have eaten in a long time. I believe since I have been soldiering: The Old Gentleman gave me a comforter before I came away and would not let me go with out taking it. A young lady, I think his daughter came at dinner. We did not stay long after eating. Went up to niffer bridge & crossed going to the place of Wash = Johnson. To get Miles Radfords Horses but he had gone to Weaver: We went on to Jack Radfords and found his horse at home. His daughter & wife were very stiff at first & as the man was gone in the woods did not want me to take the horse & when they found that I was going to they commenced crying but as they are Rebels I must take it or the Rebs will do it: They chased this animal 3 hrs could

Dec 20th
not catch him: I gave a receipt & left.
Stopped at Fox's House. Old R- had left a few minutes before. Went on crossing at the draw bridge & took a common horse at Sam Stergen. Several fine mules here: Got to Weavers at dusk & found the horses, the old man was the maddest when we took his horse & cursed & swore all to no purpose. We got a bute at Widow Higgins & come in to town. Kept the horses in my stable till morning: I rode the Pacer in to town.

Wednesday
21st
Got shoes for my Rascal. Went up to HdQrs and got Capt to come down & look at His Horse. He was well pleased with him & gave me the other one, a bay. I told Capt about the mules & He told me to get ready & a squad would go out with me after them. I waited a long time & finally Lt Scott & his men came to go. We started out & went three miles when a courier came up with us & reported the Col Fodth=

=men ordered us to camp. So we went back and found the command was ordered to move as I guess was trying to cross the Green River and La Grange had sent for reinforcements: I got ready & then went to dinner at Mrs W-s- paid her \$1.00. The 3rd Brig went out & the Gen went with them but we did not get to go out at all & the Gen came this evening: Some of the 4th Ky with lead horses came into our stable to:night & made a row that woke us all up:

Thursday
22nd

The three of us that stay at the stable went up to Mrs W to Breakfast. They to pay bill if I got a place to get it at: When I got back I found that an orderly had been up for me to go up to HdQrs. Capt G- wanted me to go with a squad after them mules. Capt Bryons Company reported & we started away about noon: Went up to Weaver first but the String Halted Pacer was gone & we did not get him. from here to Stergers & present 4 mules, then to Claddage & got horse & 2 mules: Went up to Mill & got 6 more & as it was nearly dusk we could not go any further & started back: Capt & I stopped at Mrs Higgins & got supper: We did

not catch the rest of the mules till we got to the
Escort: Turned them over & left for my bunk.
Orders to move in the morning:

Friday
23rd

Went with the boys to a Negro Cabin for breakfast.
Marched at 8 A.M. taking the Nashville road for
Trenton: Quite cold & slippery: Rode the bays &

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led the gray: Got into Trenton the P.M. at
4 o'clock: Enjoyed supper at a home in town:
Found that Capt Garfields clerks had the bed
engaged so we went to HdQrs for the night.

Saturday
24th

Did not move this morning. I got my
Breakfast at the Cabin where we stayed
as the 4th Indiana men acted so hateful

Cash paid
out --/20

about going to the house: Paid 20 cts for it:
wrote up in my book to:day. Got some washing
done: This Evening the boys got the wenches
into the cabin & had a dance. Also got some
whiskey & made fools of themselves.

Sunday
25th

Orders to move this Monday: Paid the W -/45.
Moved out at the usual hour. Marched by a station
& then stopped at a secesh house by a ---- fine
HdQrs: We had to wait till evening after the
officers were done for supper. The woman
was Reb & mad because she had to feed any
of us: Capt LeRoy told us that any man
that did not get a turkey for Christmas
must be tied up: and told the Niggers to get
turkeys from this place. Robb & I slept in barn in hay

Monday
26th

Marched again this morning: for Springfield.
Crossed a river this A.M. Got into S- about
4 P.M: It is garrisoned by Negro troops:
We went to a stable & unsaddled & then to town
& the Escort moved to another place before we
got back: we moved ours as soon as we could
& went to a stable that belonged to a Govt
Employee: Got my horse shod on his hind feet.
He stayed very quiet after being rode. Got supper
at the house where we stayed. Slept in the barn

Tuesday
27th

cash paid
out -/50

I got breakfast at house but it was so slim & with such a poor grace that I got up hungry & never even thanked them with offered pay. Marched on a trot most of the way to day. Camped within 7 m

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of Nashville at Phillips Plantation. No chance for supper at house & got 1 doz biscuits at the Negro Qrs of an old man & blind woman, paid -/50 Robb & I eat at barn & had our chicken for supper & breakfast: Slept on oats in the loft.

Wednesday
28th

cash paid
out -/80

The Command started out ahead of every thing this morning: Got into Edgefield about 11 AM. Stopped at HdQrs in E. & I went up to escort & to see the clerks: Horse got loose & ran away but I found him hitched up again: Went with HdQrs up through N- & got on the Lebanon Pike to Select HdQrs. After going to three places they got a house & then I got a pass & left for town: Went in to see Jay & then took my horse up to the Escort in Edgefield & walked back: Eat supper at N. 19: Got my head trimmed & shaved clean my face. Afforded a paper collar for all of which I was matched in the sum of \$ 80 cts: Went to the new theatre as I had a ticket. The Webb sisters played the *Lady of Lyons* very well: Slept on Js cot in No 18=

Thursday
29th

cash paid
out -/10

Li Dick
found dead

After breakfast I went over to see my horse: Went with Olin over to 7th Ky to get a horse: Found the Command was going to move HdQrs to this side of the river & my portfolio was left up at our HdQrs. I went over after it stopping at No 18 & getting my K out Went out to old HdQrs quick stopped in town & got some rosin paid -/10 cts. When I got to Hd Qrs I found the clerks were coming here & it was all right to go in the office with them. We were rather short rations but got a white woman who occupied a cabin on the

place, to cook us supper: There are two Mattresses in our office & we appropriated them to our use:

Friday
Dec. 30th

Commenced writing in this book this morning. Charley Paine came up to see about trading horses. I traded Charley & trusted him to do as he said he would. My horse had the distemper. Wrote letter to Flora: & sent note to Mr Case: Also I commenced letter to folks at Home: Drew rations this evening: Nothing else of note:

Saturday
31st

Snow on the ground this morning. Lick came in with the mail this morning: Received a package of papers from home & a book from Mother: As P- did not come over as he agreed to I went down to see him. horse stumbled into a ditch covered with snow & threw me off but fortunately I was not hurt though I was dragged by one foot for several yards: Found that the horse I had traded for was anothers

Ls sent 1

property & that I would have to give him up. Saw P- told me my horse had the distemper & he could not do anything with him. Would go down to town with me & get him. Borrowed pass of Grustein & we went over to stable & he went in & brought out his black horse & I am to keep him if I like. Went up to Malt house & then came back: I am rather disappointed in my speculation but perhaps it will all come out for the best: Wrote some more in my letter and intended to send it to the office to=night but had no chance: The people of this place are Rebs, names Smith: Read book *Fashion & Famine* etc day & evening.

Sunday
Jan 1st 1865

Got up for breakfast about 9 A.M. Rather a slim one for New Years. Coffee, hard tack & pork: But our money is about gone & we have to do as we can: It is rather a dull day this AM at least. Read in my book & *Independents* & wrote some.: We have had Splendid dining for New Years day: Staid around the office all day: Re'c 2 letters. 1 from Case &c that A.s --- by him. finished letter to A. & wrote one to Aunt Clara & enclosed my photo - nothing else of note:

Ls sent 2
M rec'd 2 Ls

Monday
2nd

Got rather of a slim breakfast this morning & nothing for supper: I got a pass of Capt G. & went over town. Went to trains to see Paine. But he was at town. Olin & I went over & looked around for him, but could not find him there.

Jan 2nd

Came up to camp & found that no rations had been issued so went over to Escort & then to the train & then to Haines & draw two cod fish. Saw Olin & found that P- had got back & was up to Settler, & drinking. Went up & got a buck & then to the train again could get no satis: faction, so Baily & I went over to town to stable. Could not find the horses. So I am having a pretty chase: and did not get anything. When I got most to camp had to turn around & go back to train & get the Fish:

Tuesday
3rd

This morning I got a paper up to get some Sanitary & Morgan got it signed & I got Hammer to take his wagon down & get it. went down to train & saw P. Agreed to meet me in town. Went down & drew the Sanitary. Got Kraut & onions: waited around all day again & no more satisfaction. Came over to see if C. was coming & met him.

Wednesday
4th

Went down this morning & found that P- had had gone with the wagons to draw lumber: Olin & I went over the river & up to Steam Mills. Could not find them, so came back & to camp: waited till after supper & then went down to Escort & waited till train came back & saw him got no Satisfaction: Promised to come up & see me tomorrow.

Thursday
5th

G. Train came in this A.M. My blankets were gone: & could not find them: Gave Lt Miller my drawing of HdQrs at Louisville: Then

Jan 6th

went to Corn= to see about blankets & think they are at Brigr: train: Saw P- as he

M rec'd 2 L

could not think of any other way to get out of his lying: He told me he had given my money to Olin: As I had just seen him I knew it was not so: When I got back to camp & went in the Officers room & got a pass good for until further Orders:: Rec'd letters from A &

Friday
6th

Started out as early as I could get my Break=
=fast: Went to train & waited till they were ready to start. Went over to town & as I found they were not disposed to go to Regt I started off alone: Two citizens run their carts against me & caught my horse & got me muddy. Saw Capt Wicks, at Co Turned over the sabre & belt: Saw Olin of course the story of the money was a Lie: Took some buckles to Ryan & am to have a breast strap: Found my blankets at Brig: train: coming back I met the ___ & he as usual tried to ----- it out. I am almost tempted to find him in ball & chains for a spell: Came to HdQrs by way of ambulance & got heavy rations: Sewed on clothes this evening:

Saturday
7th

This morning I commenced working in a horse=
=blanket & worked all day: Rec'd a letter from Case: drew rations. The rest of the boys drew Busses this P.M: Nothing of note. Only marching Order for Monday: Commenced a letter to A- this evening & wrote till after 1 o'clock:

M rec'd 1 L

Sunday
8th

Saddled up & went down & saw P- and as usual he promised to get me some money to:night and give me his note for balance: from here I went down to No 19 & then out to 1st Wis camp. Found that I could keep my saddle & got my breast strap of Ryan. Am to pay him \$1.85 next pay day: When I came back rode down town with Gobert... Stopped at Hospital and Jay went over with me to HdQrs: Nothing of note going on at Hd Qrs only the boys rather busy writing: went down to Commissary Qrs and found the rations had not yet come up from town: Found a letter for me from Ellen Titcomb: Saw P- and he gave me his note for \$85.00 with Gravestein's endorsement: After dark this Evening word

M rec'd 1 L

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came to draw rations and Weaver and I went down with a two mule team and drew 5 days: rations: Finished my letter to Arcebia:

Monday
9th

cash paid
out 2.25

Ls sent 1

Up & had breakfast rather early. Packed up and got ready to march: Paid for washing & board \$2.00 Lt M gave me a map of Tenn=to carry: Stopped at No 19 & left a Pinchs drawing of Etowah Bridge and some plates of birds &c with Jay: Mailed letters A- & for other boys bought 25 cts worth of stamps: It rained nearly all day & was very muddy & unpleasant: Gen Watkins in comd as Gen McCook went down on road to Eastport: stopped at HdQrs for Div and found out my mistake so went on down the Pike & found Escort & went on with them. HdQrs at a brick House: When the wagons came up we put up two tents and I made my bunk with Morgan. Had to cook our own supper and so we detailed two to each meal: rained all night. Dried clothes and changed:

Tuesday
10th

My turn to help cook this morning and got up at reveille about 3 o'clock. Rained so that we could hardly keep fire: Started out on march at 7 ½ or 8. Rode to Franklin in two hours. Halted for the column to come up & then went on 8 m to Johnstons plantation: We got an old cabin to stay in. M & I went after straw and had a good bed of it to sleep on:

Wednesday
Jan. 11th

Marched about the usual hour: Very cold as it froze up last night: Marched with the Escort after we caught up: Passed some of the 7th Div=Cav: Crossed the Duck River on a very frail Bridge: went up in turn. Columbia & stopped a spell. then went on to HdQrs out at Widow Martins, a sister of Gen Martin: we got Qrs at a Room under the house in the Basement for offices. Our wagon did not come up to: night as the bridge went down with a number of our men on it. The 1st Wis HdQrs got a ducking but no one drowned: borrowed rations & made out quite a supper. The house where we are is a beautiful place & there is a room full of Paintings. One of the Rebel Gen Pillow is a fine picture: we kept up a fire all night & slept warm with out the blankets:

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Thursday
12th

After breakfast & other duties were over I went out and took a sketch of this place & of the Fort which is on a hill about 40 rods from here: Went down to the ford with a pass to get across & back with baggage but could do nothing. Waited till nearly dark for the 7th Ky to get their boat done and then left as I made up my mind that they were not going to get it done quick enough to do anything to=night. The boys had bought some cracker & with fried beef beef we done very well for four cusses of soldiers. Band played here to=night.

Friday
13th

Morgan got an ambulance and Cummings and Levinston went with one down to the River and crossed & got our blankets & rations of food. \$1.00 for the ferrying: Got into HdQrs about 5 P.M: We have our rations & clothes and it is much more like living.

Saturday
14th

cash paid
out /70 cts

Cook this morning and after that was over I got myself ready and went over to the Fort and took a sketch of the town from the Bastion facing town. A citizen told me that our men burned it when they fell back: The building in the distance is the Southern Masonic Hall: Went over to town after I had finished Sketching: Bought a cake of soap & a box of blacking. Paid -/35 cts: Paid Ike for washing -/35 cts. Got back to camp about 3 P.M. Went for Hay across the R.R. with Morgans horse. I tried to get a sack of corn out of cellar and had to put it back and we went for some this Evening:

Sunday
Jan. 15th

General time of fixing up for Sunday: this took us till noon and then Morgan and I went down to the Fort and then to the Ferry: the Pontoon is nearly finished. We came back soon after the last planks were laid: We are to march in the morning: 8 P.M. Orders not to march as the Bridge broke again:

Monday
16th

After breakfast was over I started out and took a sketch of Female University: Howitzer in Fort Meisner and then went down & got a sketch of the Bridge & crossing. Stopped in town at the Pho. Gallery as I came back.

the Bridge finished and 1st Wis crossed to night.
Orders to march in the morning.

Tuesday
17th

Marched at 8 AM on the Mt Pleasant Pike. The country for the first 10 miles & about Gen Pillows Plan is some of the finest I have seen in the South. An old moss covered church & cemetery was very fine: camped at a place where there had been a hospital and was some wounded Rebels and some of our men: Our wagons tipped over to day and of all the times drying out this beat all.

Wednesday
18th

My time to cook this morning: Moved so soon that we had hardly time to eat: the march to day was across what is called a mountain: came through Henryville a deserted village only a few families & a few soldiers being here: Camped at a White House. I put up tents in an orchard: Drew rations to replace those spoiled by the wagon: turning over: 4th Ky men over to trade horses but did not trade: the road today has been through a rough country but very good dirt road.

Thursday
19th

Marched at usual hour 8 A.M. My horse loose this morning & had to hunt for him:: Halted for two hours at 48 Mile Creek near the furnace: Went up on the iron mines: camped two miles from Waynesboro: Some Middling Picturesque scenes on the Road to: day but none that would pay to sketch: Cook in Morgans place: plenty of forage tonight.

Friday
20th

Some fine rocks & Mill on the road as we started out today: Low Bridge. Race: camped near Pin Hook: Went on the P.H. road.

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Came up nearly a mountain: and then went back on the road to the forks and down the other road & then back and out near P.H. Got oats the most of the boys had to take theirs back, but I hid mine. Drew 5 days rations

Saturday
21st

Rainy & wet this morning. Stayed at HdQrs this morning and started out with the train:

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We had a rather of a bad time and the wagon got stuck two or three times. Camped at Hobsons, the Father of the Guerrilla Chief: the boys got meat, chickens and potatoes: Datters fellows told that we were going to our Regts

Habmer

Marched at usual hour: I started ahead but it was so muddy & bad roads that I would not run my horse enough to catch up: Stopped at several houses and got dried out: We only came about 6 miles today: camped at a house on the Right of the road and put up tents among some apple tree's. My horse sick to night. Crossed the Line into A-: to day.

Sunday
22nd

Marched this morning after the rest of the com'd had moved out. Came along with the 2nd Brig HdQrs till we came to the road that Gen Wilsons HdQrs were on: then went ahead. Camped 2 M from Gravelly Springs. A-muddy but place to-camp. and very little forage for horses: The talk to=night is pretty strong that the 1st Wis: boys are to be sent to Regt as soon as we get to our stopping place. Had a very good supper for us and I cooked:

Monday
23rd

Very cold this morning= Marched at usual hour. I started out with the wagons & when com'd came up I went with them: arrived at Waterloo about 12 A.M. Went up to 1st Brig: HdQrs and we waited for 1 ½ hrs for the officers to get through their confab & get HdQr. Heard that our team was stuck at the creek and went back to see: all right. Found that HdQrs were established when we got back and went up there. Some of the clerks put up in the house and we took blankets in but had to take them out again and put up tents to sleep in: wood is very scarce

Tuesday
24th

and we had hard work to keep from freezing. There was so much talk about the 1st Wis boys being relieved that I was almost persuaded that I was Elected. but this

Jan 24th

Wednesday
25th

morning I had a talk with Lt M and he told me that he had heard no dissatisfaction expressed and that he gave Gen M that drawing of Finley's place and he was very much pleased with it and took it home with him and that I was all right; Dr Spillman left this morning. Lt Miller told Brockway that they were going to send him to Columbus Ohio after Lt Dicks papers and told me I could go with him and go home. Went down to Capt Garfields this A.M. and to Capt Rankins when I came back. Had a sore throat this morning and it is worse this P.M. So much so that it makes me almost sick. Some of the boy got mail tonight but I was the unlucky one this time. Heard this P.M. that Gen Croxton would not send a man to Columbus= The orders that have been issued from Gen Wilsons are very strict and are cutting for Reb Officers and men. Very cold today.

Thursday
26th

Nothing of note to=day: my throat troubles me very much: and we are getting short of rations:

Friday
27th

M rec'd 2 L
(papers)

Mail this morning: & all of the boys that had nothing to do were set to looking it over: I got a letter from Home: Capt Goulding came up and told me he wanted a map sketch of the 2nd Brig camp and after that of the 1st Brig: Lt Miller was in and looked at my sketches: Started out about 10 AM to look for Brig, found it about 3 miles out to my sorrow as I walked. The 7th Ky was near the East Port Landing and the view down there is very fine: Met Lick got a roll of papers: it took me till about 4 P.M. to get through and to camp again and I was about used up with a cold and had to go to Drs after some medicine: The tents in yard being put up to=day:

Saturday
28th

Some warmer today. I worked all day on the sketch of camp and took it in to=night: It is all right. Had to borrow rations today to make out enough to live. Drew rations of flour and meat:

Sunday
29th

Praying and washing used up about half of the A.M. and used the rest of the day writing a letter Home: Bill Lick came here today and is to stay in squad:

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Monday 30th	Started out this morning to get a sketch of 1st Brig camp: took me till nearly noon and finished up this PM and carried it. Found I had missed the Battery and have to find it in the morning: The Escort putting up quarters to-day and we got carpenters and were going to put up ours but had not got lumber enough:
Tuesday 31st	Lost our stove this morning. Went out this morning and got a plan of Battery and finished sketch. Capt Goulding then wanted both on one sheet so I got compass to ascertain the line of the roads and went out on the river road and got some points. Commenced the Map this P.M. Rec'd three letters 1 from Flora 2 from home some very good news in them and some not so good. I can see from events that I am not the only one that is downed to disappointment and perhaps my trials may be for my future good: Drew a pr of pants of Escort this P.M. paid for washing -/30.
M rec'd 3 Ls Cash paid out /80	Commenced on map & finished this P.M. Took it in to Capt G- and he was very much pleased with it. The Mustering officer arrived to-day (Lt Bishop) paid Ike for washing -/20 cts. Wrote up my book the P.M. Finished my letter to Gill= Worked on drawings in my sketch book. Rain today. Mailed two letters and sent Photograph to Gill. 1 letter home. Coloring card picture this P.M. Foragers went out this morning: Went in and helped Weaver a little while. Capt G- gave me a job to do making another map and I worked on it all day. Misty all day: Worked on map all day, but did not finish till in the morning:
Wednesday 1st Feb	This morning we went to work on the house & had two Div: Carpenters to work. I finished the map and carried them down. An officer of Gen Croxtons staff stuck around to get one of them but didn't. We worked hard all day and by night had it Enclosed. L- was rather wrathly because
cash paid out /20	
Thursday 2nd	
Ls sent 2	
Friday 3rd	
Feb 3rd	
Saturday 4th	

I would not let him have it. I went down to the 2nd Brg. Commissary to see about getting a window, but did not get one. Nothing else of note Except that I learned that map... Was for Wicks HdQrs.

Sunday
5th

This morning we did not know whether to do or not do any work on the house as we waited to get into it Lick put up some of the boards and I went up to see about the work & worked a few minutes but he used up all of the nails and so we quit. I do not wish to work on Sundays unless actually necessary. Gen McCook came this P.M. Capt G- and LeRoy went up to Corps HdQrs. I sat around the fire and read John Godfreys postures. I am of the opinion that it is a good work and put me into a reverie thinking of my own life, the disappointments and the singular turn of many incidents. Wonder if my lot will be to Enjoy old age in happiness such as might be worse if it should ever be my fortune to be lucky, But No I dare not hope I shall never be as happy as my youthful prince once pictured. How strange some things have terminated Nor yet done. I am not the only one that has to suffer trials and crosses. Still I would not Wished-- a sorrow was a disappointment Drew rations. Morgan & I went after them.

Monday
Feb 6th

Commenced work by getting a team and going for a load of rails: Worked like Dogs all day on chimney: Sleet & rain to night Ball at HdQrs. Some talk that Capt LeRoy is going home and that He and Mc are not to come back. Perhaps I may take a position in a new Regt yet: The boys had an opposition in this Evening consisting of several rugged and dirty nigger urchins.

Tuesday
7th

This morning I went out and took a sketch of HdQrs. When I came back I found that the boys had been treated to beer and whiskey till some of them were pretty tight. Van Hook had

taken my portfolio to show my sketches to the lady in Black and had made an ass of himself. He was tight all day and lay in the Dirt. I worked some on Drawing: We moved our things up to the building to=night and slept there.

Wednesday
8th

Gen & Capt LeRoy left this morning for home: this morning I went down to the East=port landing sketching/ It was so cold and snowy I could not do much: Saw Capt Hudson and he is going to start for Home soon and will carry a letter. A fleet was getting ready to start down the river with the 5th Div: cavalry: Came back to camp where I arrived about 3 P.M. After I eat dinner I started down to the commissary and went over to the 1st E. Tenn and while there traded with a Chicago Board of Trade Battery man for a bay horse & got a good bargain. Wrote a letter to A- to send by Capt H-.

Thursday
9th

This morning I finished my letter and Weaver got an order for a window and Ike and I started for the Brig. Went up to Regt and as I could not find H- went down to 2nd Brig: Com= H- was there & I gave him the letters to carry to A-. The guard would not let us have the glass without Col LaGranges order so I had to come back and get it approved. Got to camp at 3 P.M: Mail again and none for me: Good deal of talk again of the /62 men going out with the last of the regt: Got my nag shod after dinner: Wrote a letter to Flora this evening.

10th
Friday
Feb 10th

Ike washing this morning and washed for me & I brought water. Commenced drawing this morning Went out after rations in VanHooks place and did not get any. Got them this P.M. and forage to night Worked all day drawing. Leuszler went to the Regt and brought back another sensation story: Lt M was in here this P.M. Mailed letter to Flora: Wrote a letter to Ellen this evening: and mailed this next morning.

1s sent 1

Saturday

This morning Ike and I went over to the

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Ls sent 1
1st E. Tenn and got nails and lumber. After we got back we fixed up the windows. Worked the rest of the day on my drawing. Nothing else of note.

Sunday
12th
M Rec'd
1 L-
The first thing on the program this morning was washing and changing clothes which was the work of Sunday. Very pleasant day. There is some talk that the Rebels are at Chickasaw bluffs: Rec'd a letter from A. and Santa has come. Another thing has occurred which makes me feel both sorry and glad. But my hopes for the future are only very dim. I pity her from the bottom of my heart, but it may only be hope kindred to be smothered again, or can it be that the One who watches over us and doeth all things well will yet bring us happiness through long and tedious waiting and watching. May our waiting and watching be faithful and sincere of out of the trial, I have undergone I can emerge a better and wiser man I shall be satisfied.

Monday
13th
Monday
Went to drawing this morning but my mind was so agitated that I could hardly map. I finished the drawing of the landing, as I would finish to send to a paper and took it down to Lt Miller. He wants it and not have me send it away and I shall give it to him. He tells me that he thinks He can get me a place with his Partners Chum - in Conn = when the time is out: He read portions of Manual from Byron. This evening I went down to see about writing out an application for a furlough & he told me that he had been thinking it over and had thought that it might be the means of getting me relieved if I was absent and Col LaGrange should apply for our relief from Hd Qrs. So I think I will not try for one at present. It is only about 6 months more, but if I could go and meet F- who knows what might happen & delays are dangerous, but it may be all for the best. We talk of going foraging as we are about out of rations:

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Tuesday
14th

Well it is Valentines day again and providence has denied me a chance to send mine to one who would gladly rec'd it. She was a sweet girl, but I feel that I never loved her as I do and always have another. The human heart what a study it is. Could I only comfort her and make her feel that she was not forsaken by all, that if one had deserted and scorned her there was still happiness and Love for her I should be very happy: Worked some on a drawing of HdQrs. Misty & unpleasant, do not feel very well.

Wednesday
15th

Rainy today: Worked on the drawing of Steamboats and Eastport landing. Inking it. Nothing else of note only one of the mean ones of this squad tried to insult me but I feel above the ignorant low lives Drew rations and forage. Got Kraut of Dr:

Thursday
16th

This morning after breakfast we found that a squad were going out foraging and Cummings & I concluded to go with them as it stopped raining at day light: We marched 17 m today to Widow Ross's house. The country is very rough and broken and the people of the valley very ignorant backwoods people. We got dinner at house near mill. The people at Ross's were very well informed and guard Union folks. We had good meals & feather beds: We were some afraid of Bushwack =ers: but no one troubled us:

Friday
Feb 17th

Started at about 8 AM: went up to the other widow Ross and enquired the way to go to Reb. horses &c: stopped at several places. Met a woman in the road and traded some combs for two pr of socks. Went up to a Guerrillas home by the name of Hail. We thought they run from us but did not see them: Got meat here and at other places. Dinner at a Unions house. Got three hams and shoulders. Got back to company house at dark: Saw three deer coming back: We

were not disturbed to=night and slept soundly.

Saturday
18th

Marched at a convenient season. Saw some Reb: women from Eastport on the road and talked with them while waiting for Band. Nothing of note till we arrived at camp at 3 P. M. The results of our expeditions was 5 hams and shoulders and side of bacon: Found all right and well at HdQrs. But no mail, very pleasant day.

Sunday
19th
cash paid
out /30 cts

Usual changes & fixing up for Sunday: Wrote part of a letter to A- and waited finishing it till the mail comes: Nothing else of note. Paid for washing /30 cts.

Monday
20th

Commenced work on drawing of HdQrs & worked all day: Finished my letter to A- and mailed it. Went with Ike after rations: Drew forage: very pleasant day. Mail came to-night and as usual none for me. Finished my drawing of HdQrs. Commenced raining this evening.

Tuesday
21st

Worked all day on my drawing of HdQrs & finished to night. Nothing of note today. The news of the Passage of the Bill to muster out The recruits of old regts who enlisted for the inexperienced terms rec'd tonight:

Wednesday
22nd

Rainy this morning. Took my pictures down to Lt Miller, who was very much pleased with them: Told me I could use the tent next his. Detached it & got a table and chair in it. But did not work to=day: Nothing else of note.

Thursday
Feb 23rd

Commenced work in the tent, on a map of march from Nashville. Nearly finished to=day. Lt Miller told me this evening that he thought we were going to march in a day or two and we had to hurry up. Went up to Settler and got bread for roller= Rather damp in tent and I caught cold.

Friday
24th

Stopped raining very hard to=night. The Streams came up to the high water mark: Took my boots over to nigger cobbler and got taps put on, paid him by

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giving him a knife. (87 ½) Finished the map. found that we were not going to move as soon as we expected, so I commenced copying the Landing to send home: A lot of 2nd Brig /62 men came in this morning and say that they are ordered here to be mustered out the 8th of March. Mail again and none for me. I think I shall stop writing till I get some mail.

Saturday
25th

Quite pleasant to-day and sunshine. I worked on drawing of Landing and got the pencil work done to-night: Do not feel very well to-day

Sunday
26th

As to-day is Sunday I went through the regular routine of Sunday morning duty. Took a hike down to the Flood and watered. Came back and found that the foragers were not going out today so Harry and I went over to Regt. The boys brought a couple of venison home and we had a gay dinner after we got back. Heard that we were ordered to move to-day and the orders got lost. Went over to the 2nd Mich. Cavalry and was told that Col Smith saw the "Orders to Muster us out while he was at Nashville. Heard that LaGrange told Capt G- they were not going to let us go till August.

Monday
27th

Worked all day on drawing and got pencil work done. Lt Cunningham started to go to Nashville but did not get off: Nothing much occurred to-day. Went over to Battery to-night: Do not move till the river falls

Tuesday
Feb 28th

This morning I had the luck to burn my hand =with hot grease and it bothered me a couple of hrs. When it stopped so I went to work inking my picture. This P.M. the mail came and I rec'd two letters and one enclosed from Mrs C- containing locks of Matties hair. Poor Mrs C- how I pity her: My poor darling how fresh my grief seems: (and Uncle Steffen is dead) It seems as though if it were not for the ones at home I should not care whether I lived or not. What a bundle of bad news. But I trust all for the best. If I could only be home now.

M- rec'd
2 letters

Rations and forage drawn today. A letter from Aunt Clara.

Wednesday
March 1st

To-day is the first day of March, how the time flies but none to fast for me. It has been a warm and very pleasant day. Finished my picture of the Landing and thought it better than the first one. Commenced another copy of HdQrs= Lt Miller is going to send for our descriptive rolls. I have felt very solemn all day.

My poor Mattie, I shall miss you when I go home if I ever do. But It may be all for the best. The boys tried to get up some more Excitement about that order, but they do not fool me so easy. Got a candle of Lt and worked this diary

Thursday
2nd

Rainy again. Rained some in the night. Worked all day on pencil work and have the new copy nearly penciled. The prospect of moving does not seem very good as the Rain is making bad roads, and the river is so very high. worked again this evening and wrote up my book:

Friday
3rd

Rainy, rainy. Just poured all day. Most a terrible storm and the river raising so that it is a perfect lake all around. Worked in tent on drawing. Went to bed about dark it was so cold and rainy.

Saturday
4th

Quite cold this morning but the rain has stopped and this P.M. it is quite pleasant. Could not work very much to:day and did not finish my picture.

Sunday
5th

Warm and pleasant. Nothing to do to=day so I am writing letters. Wrote one to Arceia and one to Mrs C-.

Monday
March 6th

This morning I rec'd an OB for us all. Went to tent. to work & finished picture of HdQrs: Rec'd a letter from Mrs and Miss Jennings of date of Dec 12th. Mailed my letter to A and Mrs C-. Dr S

Ls sent 2
M rec'd 1 L

was in tent and is determined to have one of those Pictures. Gave Lt Miller his to=day. Drew a sketch of Emills Cream Stallion this P.M.:-

Tuesday
7th

Worked all day finishing the horse. Got it done at night. Very pleasant day. Nothing Else of note: Rec'd a bundle of papers from A. *Independents*

and *Sentinel*.

Wednesday
8th

Did not feel very well and did not do much of anything. This P.M. The Dr and some of the officers were in the tent Looking at my picture in company of the horse: Capt G- was in this evening This evening Lt Miller came up and said Gen= Croxton was down to his tent and wanted one of the Pictures of HdQrs and Lt wanted I should bring it down and give to him. So I took it down to Him: This morning my horse was loose and had lost his blanket and surcingle. Made a blanket this evening: C- came in from Country.

Thursday
9th

Raining this morning and a very cold rainy day: Went over to commissary this A.M. Gen C- sent for me and I went over to his Qrs. Wanted some drouthing of Fuse case for shells. Came back and Lt Miller had me take my table in his tent as it was to cold to work in mine: Cold as Greenland to=night. Cleared off to night & cold.

Friday
10th

This morning I went down to Lt M- tent to work & while there Gen Croxton came down on his way to Graville Springs. Dr S & he started but got into the quick sand and came back. The Regts are to commence crossing to-day. Cold still:

Saturday
March 11th

This morning Everybody is getting ready to move and consequently no work for to day. Packed up & went down to boat about 1 PM. Carried all our traps in wagons & some of the boys stayed back with the desks. Crossed on the Sw-----ns Col LaGrange remarked to some of the Officers as we passed that was what we called Private Snap's: Came up the Eastport road & camped. We had a fly & slept out. The whole of the Div= crossed yesterday & today. Camp is about ½ M from Chickasaw. Ldg on the bluffs:

Sunday
12th
As to: day is Sunday we could not work & so Lay about the tent all day. Reading &c to pass away time.
Nothing of note occurred.

Monday
13th
Commenced work on those droughts nearly finished to=night: Tent came over & was put up for clerks & Morgan & I put up our bunk & slept in tent to night. Rained some to night. Mail came to night & was

Tuesday
14th
(mail papers)
brought up this morning. Got a package of papers: Come out to tent this morning & finished plans: & Capt G- wanted plans of comp & I started out and got plans of comp of the Div= Got back after morn: worked very little to night = as did not feel very well:

Wednesday
15th
This morning I went down to Gen=C- & took those plans down but as he was gone did not leave them: Met Lick & he told me my cousin was up at camp, found it was wash= went with him down to boat. They were nearly to move out & so I came back. Worked till this P.M. on maps & finished three, 2 for G & 1 for Lt M-. Morgan & I took a ride & went down to Gen. C-s HdQrs. Left the plans with which he was very well pleased. Could afford to be as they cost him nothing: as we came back we went on out by the 2nd Div=Camp & watered & came back. I went up to Landing to see Wick but he was aboard & did not see him. Sent word to him to come up & came back to camp as it was nearly night. Drew our ten days forage to=night. Gen McCook came up. Mail out this eve. the news is that Capt LeRoy is dead: Mail & none for me. Raining tonight. Wrote up this book this evening

Thursday
16th
Cold this morning. Gen M- came up this morning. I did not see him till this P.M. when they sent for me to see some of my drawing Did not do anything today as it was so cool: warm this P.M. wrote most of a letter to Mrs & Miss Jennings.

Friday
17th
This morning I was sent for to go out with the Capt of Escort and 10 men to see about

the state of the roads. Went on Bear Cr road 2 miles & came back by Nonegs Mill. Made a sketch of the route in map shape. Gen= Wilson HdQrs came here to-day. The orders are to move Sunday morning: went down to Regt this Evening.

Saturday 18th
This morning I mailed a letter to Miss C- & sent home a roll of sketches: Henry shaved me and cut my hair. Went over to Co and got my descriptive list. Wrote the rest of my letter home. Helped Weaver write some. Did not do much of anything to-day - only Riciny.

Sunday 19th
Wrote the rest of my letter home & sent it. A small mail came but I was unlucky enough not to get any. Everything is getting ready to move tomorrow: Drew a large quantity of rations to carry with us on the march. Got a pack mule & two saddles: turned my saddle blanket over to Co. Orders to move at 5 A.M.

Monday 20th
We got up at 5 o'clock but soon found that there was a poor prospect of moving. There was not enough forage to supply the com'd with sufficient to carry with us. Went over to the 18th Battery and got some alum: Rained very hard to-night. There was a good many officers & men come to HdQrs to-day as staff officers & clerks. Rec'd a letter from home this Eve. Nothing Else unusual to-day.

Lt Cunningham came to-day.
Tuesday
It came out quite pleasant after the storm. March 21st
nothing particular going on about HdQrs: Went down to 1st Brig Commissary After soap: This P.M. I wrote an answer to my letter from home. and sent it to Father. Orders to move in the morning. Lt Miller went away this P.M. to Buzzard Roast with his scouts. He having been appointed Chief of Scouts.

Ls sent 1

Wednesday
22nd

Reveille early this morning. We did not leave camp till about 9 A.M. Carried forage on our horses today. Marched out on Bear Creek road. We carried our blankets & clothes in wagon & so were very well provided for. When we got to Buzzard Roast we found the 2nd Division was ahead of us & we had to wait till it was past & then we moved out on the road towards Frankfurt. Camped in an open field about 1 mile from town. The town was a poor excuse for one. Capt Goulding told me to= night to take the roads, horses creepy in thinking.

Thursday
23rd

This morning I went to RR & commenced taking notes from RR crossing. Caught up with HdQrs about 10 A.M. at a house where they were halted. 5 miles out we commenced crossing the ridge & found the road for 3 miles very bad. Halted & unsaddled on top of the ridge & waited for two hours & then went on till near night when we camped in a pine grove near a rocky ravine. Ike did not get up till nearly 10 o'clock then we got supper & to bed.

Friday
24th

Did not get started with HdQrs this morning & did not catch up with them till we got to Russellville. Passed through Frankfurt about 10 A. M. very small town. It is in a small valley 3 or 4 miles from F- the road was over a ridge & then down a ravine & out to Russellville. which place we passed through at 3 P.M. Went out by Corps HdQrs & camped near Bullock on the Cedar Creek. Scouts coming to=night.

Saturday
25th

This morning we started out very early so as to keep ahead of the 2nd Div= I had a chase to get up ahead of the column: Went ahead & found the scouts & advance group at Allen mill. Took a

March 25th

sketch of the mill which was a very pretty scene. Went ahead with Shepard. Stopped at Wileys. The Staff & command went ahead & out by Sims-across the Buttonhead chase River & got to Holeys. The Escort stopped at Holeys for an hour or two & then we went out on the road by Armstrongs & camped.

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My knapsack fell in the river to=day & I had quite a time drying out. There was two bush=whackers taken to=day & its was said that they were shot this morning.

Sunday
26th

Started out with the advance this morning Kept ahead with Stearns & came out on the Jasper road, at a Xroads. I struck out after the Scouts & met them coming back with some Johnnies they had captured. Went on a short distance further & met Lt Miller & the rest of the scouts coming with another squad 15 in all & mustered men at that. I picked up a pocket book & Cummings kept it. sold pretty cheap I think. I got a horse pistol & some but--- Came back with Lts horse & a shot gun: at the Xroads we turned off on the left hand road & up the Lost Creek Valley. Camped about 2 miles out: The boys captured a nigger to=day. Went into camp early. near McDonnell.

Monday
27th

Started out quite early this morning & out ahead of Brig = crossing the Ivat Cr I went ahead of Div: Found when I got on the Jasper road field Corps HdQrs about so I stopped down the valley & waited till I found out that 1st Div had the road. Got corn at Mrs Sherens 1 mile from Jasper: Stopped a short time in Jasper & then went ahead of Corps Hd Qrs X and the Sanders Ferry road. Stopped at another Mrs Sherens who had a very pretty girl: Got to River about 4 P.M. Stayed till the Corps HdQrs staff came up & crossed over then went back to camp about a mile over. raining this Evening & rained all night. We got up a very good shelter & kept dry. The wagon

Tuesday
28th

that we met HdQrs wagons are not going any further & we are going to take 15 days rations. As the 4th Div is ahead we did not move out very early. Packed 15 days rations on mule. Moved at 10 AM. Crossed the Ford about 1 P.M. Marched to Myricks Forge where we camped at dark. Went up the river 2 M to

Wednesday
29th

Robinsons Mill for corn. Wagons came with us.

Marched out at usual time. Came out across a ridge by Gen Wilsons HdQrs. Stopped a short time while Gen M went into HdQrs. When we got out to 5 M Creek in a valley, we halted & Cummings & I went after corn. Fed & marched 9 M further to Hawkins in Jones Valley. Raining this P.M. & we took Qrs in Cotton Buildings.

Thursday
30th

As we are not going to move very early we had some washing done. Came out quite pleasant this A.M.
Gave Dan Holiday my captured pistol. 1st Brig came up about noon & we moved a little after noon: Morgan & I went ahead into Elyton a small town of about 30 houses & a dozen stores & shops. Corps HdQrs were at E& the 2nd Div came up while we were halted. The Officers were halted for some time getting Orders. Got some survey maps, plates & blank paper out of Court House. The Destruction of Stores & goods was very general. Went out on the Tuscaloosa road to find wagons & found the 1st Brig was on it & the rest were going on another road. Found wagons & went back to town. Then went out on the Monte Valle road. Passed a Rebel Captains house & Iron Furnace. The Furnace was burned & the fire was catching into the negro qtrs (Gordons Furnace) Camped a short distance from them. Not far from horses.

Friday
31st

Marched at usual hr. The Shelby Mts in sight and a very pretty ridge. Reached the Columbia river about 10 A.M. 15 M from E. The road among the Mts & RR excavations not very good. Crossed the R.R. bridge. Went with scout as far as rolling mill. Crossed the Back Creek at R Mill, which was burning. Stopped at Mrs Lees a strong Reb. Had one of the finest

March 31st

looking daughters I have yet seen, but I saw Ole ---- I waited while they went to differing. I left ahead of Div with 2nd Div. Found that 4th Div had a skirmish with the Johnnies this P.M. M.V. is a very pretty little town on R.R. Went out to Capt Nelsons house & stayed until Div came up & thru Morehead with them on Selma road. Marched about 4 M to where the other Div was & camped at

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Dexters new Iron Works, which had been burnt.

Saturday
April 1st

We did not start very early this morning. Crossed Mehan's Creek, new camp. Kept to the Righthand road to Centreville Station. The scouts were fired into by Rebels up the burnt R.R. and a small scout was sent (went ahead with the advance guard) up there but soon returned as they were gone. We spat where the skirmish was last night. Saw two dead rebel & was told there was 7 killed & 45 Prisoners: My horses was a little lame this morning and when we got within about a mile & 1/2 of Randolphs & our Div- was ordered out on a scout. I hardly knew what to do about going. Were going without my wagons or pack mules. I finally concluded to run the risk of being dismounted. Was behind most of the way but caught up with HdQrs near Centreville 15 M from Randolph. The advance drove Forrest & Escort out of town as they entered. Stopped in town for some time. Examined the Court House & some other buildings. I got some useful and valuable articles here from offices & store where they had hid them with ammunition &c. We thought we were entitled to them now & appropriated them. Crossed the River Columbia & took the Southville road. Reached S- about dark. Forrest took dinner at Hotel, at which HdQtrs were established, yesterday. Got Supper at house where some of the boys were stuffing. Went around town seeing what was going on. The men are set at work breaking up the Looms in Factory (36 Looms in F.)

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S=April 1st

In looking around we found a large supply of meat in one of the buildings & we told the poor factory hands to come & take it. I lost a pr of pants which Maj Bacon gave me to carry & it annoyed me very much: Slept in barn close to my horse. Courier captured the P.M. from Forrest to Jackson.

Sunday
2nd

Got up early & got breakfast at Factory House. Gen - passed while I was there. Went ahead out to the Pickets & when 1st Brig came out as HdQrs

were not along I came back as my horse was lame & I did not care to get where I might have to run.

Lieut Miller
and Scouts
killed this
Evening 10 M
from Selma by
Forrest & Escort

The 2nd Ind- which was in advance had a skirmish with 1 Brig of Rebs & Capt Hill was wounded & a Lt Smith killed: The Brig being in ambush. But fell back as the Spencers opened on them: Some of our men wounded. The plan was to draw Jackson back after us & keep him from going to Selma. So we fell back on the Centreville road, the bridge & Factory being burned. Stopped about 1/2 hr in CV & then came out 2M & halted till night. The rebels followed us up & a small battery of them attempted to cross the bridge & were opened on by the artillery when they left double quick. Sergeant, Co A, 1st Wis killed at bridge by one of our guns: Some of us went out to Mrs Kirshs & stopped a short time & got a meal in qrs. There were two pretty girls at the house & I had quite a visit with them although they were strong reb & about 6 P.M. commenced following back & went into camp at house 4 M from CV. Meisner & I slept in cabin:

1 cooper
Monday
3rd

Reveille as usual. Got a negro boy this morning. Marched out on Randolph road about 2 M & then turned off on the cross road toward Selma, and stroll the Selma road about 5 M below R-. Passed a place where our forces and the Rebels had day before
a severe fight yesterday & where we took a Battery. My horse was so lame this morning that I did not stop much at houses to make enquiries.
Learned near Plantersville that Lt Miller and

April 3rd

Scouts were murdered at house on the Selma road by Forrest and Escort, who left P- as we came up- Some of the Advance was captured by them including Hugh Longstaff & Johnson one of the scouts. Ellis was at P- having been captured last night and paroled by Forrest. Marched to 5 M of where Lt M- was murdered and camped. The Rebels were close about. Got supper in qtrs.

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Tuesday
4th

Marched quite early. Fires on road were said to have been Rebel Picket Fires, but mynt. When we got within 1 M of the house where the scouts were at we got orders to go back & meet the train & the 4th Div was coming out to keep the road open. Found that Lt M- was carried to S- yesterday. Gen McCook went out to meet Gen Upton and as we went back pretty fast He did not come up with us till next day. Col. LaGrange in com'd going back. We turned off the Shelby Springs road & out across the RR. Crossed the RR again near night & left the road the Rebels went to our right. We camped (500)
2 M up it at Mill. We struck the Randolph road 3 M below town and camped. Marched off of road in the woods after dark. We found the train as we came on to the Randolph Road. Marched 35 M.

Wednesday
5th

Marched out early. Halted a long time waiting for the train to move out. Got a mule to ride. Had to leave my nigger. Marched to house below where we camped the night of the 3rd. Stayed in an unoccupied Negro cabin.

Thursday
6th

Marched to S- today. Stopped at house where the scouts were shot. The blood was in spots over the floors and in bed & Everything indicated that a full duel had been done.
Country from Plantersville to Selma was very fine. The Staff was ahead of column & I kept ahead & got along as fast as I could & take notes. Reached S- about noon & after dinner had a wash & change of clothes & felt very much

April 6th

improved. The train march over to where HdQrs were in town. Escort stopped in Garden but officers & we put up tent. Got caught in a heavy rain this Evening as I went down to water my horse. The Arsonal was burned this Evening. The explosions were many & resembled a battle:

Friday
7th

Misty & unpleasant this morning, but cleared off and was a pleasant day: Sold my boots for \$1.00 in gold

Cash rec'd
2.50

I in greenback &/50 silver & promise of \$2.00 more. Took confiscated to N- for safe keeping. Gave him part of it. This P.M. I started out in the country for potatoes. Went about 5 M & got them. The Officer of the day (Maj Green) was out at picket post & sent us in under arrest to 2nd Div HdQrs as our pass was not from Corps HdQrs & we had no officer in charge: We were incommoded some what but it did not amount to much as they let us go as soon as we were at 2nd Div HdQrs: Capt G- had left word for me to report as soon as I got in & found they wanted a map of our routes.

Saturday
8th

Went out to get a place to work & got a place at Dr Marlow's: Worked there all day & this evening went over to Mrs Tallys & got me out ---- offices. a very nice place to work in: A lady who worked at Mrs Tallys (from NY) talked Seecsh to me for a long time & would hardly let me go. Orders to move to night & we got everything ready when word came that the pontoons were broken and so could not go:

Sunday
April 9th

This morning I had to go to work in order to finish my map: Finished it about 2 P.M. - and took it over: Capt Goulding sent for me again & said the General was very much pleased & that he wanted a sketch of HdQrs: So I took it this evening: not much of a Sabbath day but as everything is working I cannot stop. Were got all ready to move again this Evening & the pontoons broke again & we did not know till 9 P.M. Camped 1 M from river.

Monday
10th

This morning I started out quite early and kept ahead by the 2nd Div: When out near Benton we ran onto the Reb's & a skirmish took place. They retreated as one advance guard came up. Capt Goulding was ahead of guard & in leading the advance across old town Creek run into a deep mud hole and was drowned: The Rebels had crossed above & the creek was not passable in the road: Another warning to all. How suddenly He was called

Capt Goulding
Drowned:

to die: I was sent back for reinforcements just before & was up in time to hear the shrieks but thought no one was drumming: went over to Benton & got some Negros to carry body & make a raft & with that & a skiff his body was recovered. Took it up to house & made preparations for a burial. Capt Creughes & Weaver & Russell & others stayed in town with us. Weaver & I went to Mrs Mays & stayed. Miss Butter was a very fine girl & a musician & played for us on her Piano. We soon made good friends although she was Rebel & had brothers in Rebel Army. We exchanged rings & pledged friendship. Had a very pleasant time this evening. Only mar to it being some of the 4th Regulars who came in & were some what drunk. The town was fired by some of the soldiers & the Main street was destroyed.

Tuesday
April 11th

This morning the 4th Regulars formed Escort. Ambulance & Corps HdQrs, ---- & all that was mortal of Captain Goulding was con=signed to its last resting place: I had to remain & letter & set the head Erect. Started away about 8 AM after bidding Miss Butters a very Charming Adieu. Had to pass the 2nd & 4th Div Corps HdQrs. Passed through the worst swamp I ever crossed. The HdQrs wagons were stuck it it & I went ahead and looked for Div. to send them some help. Corps HdQrs & 4th Regulars were halted on the other side of swamp. I kept travelling to find the Div - but no Div - could I catch as they were traveling for Montgomery. Passed through Hayneville. Caught HdQrs at night at Potomac Creek. The Rebs were on the other side & we did not try to cross as it was dark. HdQrs at May Banks.

Wednesday
12th

Started out quite early after column left & went up with Lt Cunningham & Capt Bishop & the Orderlies. Found that the City had sent out a flag of truce & surrendered the place & that there would be no fighting: Went about town & to Arsonal. Looked for horses: When I came back

found that Gen wanted me & went up to the Capitol & found him. Wanted some sketches & went about looking for paper & found some at last & commenced a sketch of the building on Main St & Eagles Hotel. The Gen staff stuffing at Hotel. I went to room over stables & worked some, but was in very poor mood for work. In looking about for rooms I found some very good Rebel prizes. Took a sketch of Capitol this Evening. Bensit saw me this evening & wanted me to go up to Mrs Bishop Cobbs as Safeguard. They were a fine Family & it was a good place to stay at. Dr Winn & wife was living there. A man from 2nd Div Engineer stayed there to night. There are two very pretty young lookers here, the Misses Cobb.

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A Rare Confederate Battle.

Walter Aldrich, the bibliographer, of Providence, R. I. has in his possession a unique bandana handkerchief one yard square, made of silk of red body, with portraits of Davis, Beauregard, Semmes, Lee, Mason, Sibley, Morgan, Jackson and Johnson printed in black encircled with wreaths of characteristic southern leaves, with ferns and the cotton plant on white ground. It is said to be the only one extant of the twelve ordered for the Confederate Government in England by Judah P. Benjamin, and was rescued, when on his way to this country, from the Alabama when she sunk. It subsequently became the property of George Kirby Smith, but Mr. Aldrich now owns it and has it framed and glazed, and values it at \$1,000.—
[New York Tribune.]

Thursday
13th

This morning went down town & finished sketching Capitol & went back with Dr about 10 o'clock. Worked all day in room up stairs. The balance of Corps passing all day: Went down town again this evening: A boil under my arm troubles me so much that the Dr looked at it this evening: & got a poultice for me. The 2nd Div-Engineer came up here & got forage this evening, which showed his gratitude: Showed Mrs Cobbs people some of my sketches.

Friday
14th

This morning I slept so late that the Family were at Breakfast when I came down. The Dr was gone. Just as I finished breakfast B----- came up & said the com'd was moving. Bid them good bye & went down town as soon as possible. Found that Martin had taken my horse & I had to borrow one of Capt Creughers to ride till I got to the Train: Rode out with Weaver & passed thro a very rich pleasant country. Found after starting that Gen M- & most of Staff were back at Montgomery: We got to tr about 12 M from M- & changed horses: Mine went very well. Marched to within 6 M of Tuskegere: Div. HdQrs which were represented by Capts Creugher & Barns. March back to the first house from Brig HdQrs: camped: New Clerk came in place of Shephard.

Saturday
15th

I went with some of the boys after horses & found some wagons, but no horses: Some of the Div- Scouts brought in a fine stallion. Went through Tuskegere a fine town & with some of the finest yards I have seen in the South. Brockway rode along with me through town & as we got to the outskirts of town a couple of pretty young ladies stopped us to ask some questions & to let us know they were Rebs. The Rebs burned some bridges which we had to repair before we could cross. 8 M from T- we (2nd Brig & Battery) left the road & took the road to Auburn = we crossed a quite large creek which the Rebs had not damaged by burning the bridge. Went

Sunday
April 16th

ahead & got a mule off of the road & the 2nd
Brig got some horses: Rained hard this Eve=
Got into Auburn about 5 P.M. It is on the RR.
Stopped in town & engaged to stay at M of Hollis=
=days, but as HdQrs went out of town we
did not stop: B.W. & I went to house & stopped.

Started out with the Scouts & went out to
West Point
(passed through Opeliker 6 M from Auburn)
Gaeters & stopped for breakfast. 1 M from O-
We then took the LaFayette road. At cross
road we came in sight of Rebel wagon train.
But as a couple of pickets were in sight on another
road we did not try the train: Turned off
on the Cussetter road & finally sent word to
Col L-- about the tr & struck a N.W. road to
find some more wagons: Captured a train and
fine horses: keeping out on the trail we got
three wagons & some mules & then going out
to another place got some good mules & 2
wagons: as we were getting ready to go a
Couple of Rebs from Forrest Cav & 1 citizen came
up & we captured them. I got a revolver of one
of them & horse & saddle: Coming back out the
Cussetter road we chased a couple of horses
into C- & while I was getting them the other
boys discovered some rebels: We hurried to
get across the R.R. & straightened out the stash
& scout. There was to many of them for us and
we left. They did not follow us as we expected.
Got into W. P. about dusk. They had a severe fight
there to day & had taken Fort Tyler. About 15
rebs killed & Gen Tyler & the rest captured & we lost
7 killed & Lt from 1st Wis: Crossed the river
to HdQrs & kept the horse I captured & gave Ike the
cream pony. Took prisoners up to Brig Pro Guards.

Monday
17th

This morning the com'd waited to hear
from Columbus & I went over to town & got my
horse shod & went up to Fort: Took a
Sketch of the Fort (Fort Tyler) Moved out at
noon: Went ahead with Scouts on the road



towards LaGrange: Charged after some Johnnies but did not catch them: Some of us charged into LaGrange driving a few of the Johns ahead of us: Took about 40 or 50 of the Rebs in the square & we went back to the rest of the boys waiting for the orderlies to come X. When they came we went in again but they were going out on the other side of town. Some of them fired a few shots at us with no damage: Gaines & I went out on the south side of town & got a horse. Stopped in town as I came back & got an officers Sabre & got corn & nigger to carry it. HdQrs 2 M out. Stayed in cabin to night. I kept the man Jesse to take care of me here.

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Tuesday
18th

Went back to town this morning & burned the rebel property: Went with the Scouts off on the Right of the road: But got no horses. We stopped at house & were going to get something to eat & I went up the road to see if the column had passed & as it had & we were getting too far behind we did not wait. Passed through Greenville. Meat & corn hid away in old seminary: Camped at Mill on the Red Oak Creek: There was some whiskey at a house & the officer wisely spilled it out. Camped at a cotton press:

Wednesday
19th

Crossed the Flat Shoals this morning: Went with Sergts Amting & Brawell to house & got breakfast. The Negros were dismounted & prisoners mounted. We did not go off of the road much today: We

Thursday
20th

got a prisoner today in the shape of one of our own men who was playing off Johnnie to them. Camp about 3 M from Barrsville. Got supper at house where the parson was at. Went with Capt Creughes & Scouts after horses & got some mules. Passed through Lebanon.

Took the road south of B. & crossed RR behind B. Found the 2nd Div was ahead of us & we whipped over the old road coming into it about 8 M from B: Kept to rt of Forsyth. Hear that the Escort was at Flat Shoals this morning. This P.M. we captured some horses & mules that a Dr had hid in the woods. I got one of them to ride. Got Lamoreaux to send some men & we went off the road after stock. Got some horses & mules but no very good horses: Got behind & had a weary ride catching up to camp. Got in just (Rozers) in time for supper.

Friday
21st

This morning I had to let one of the escort who had a poor horse here the grey: Gen M & the 4 Ky & 1 Batt of the 1st Wis & a detachment of 1st Wis came up: Detachment had went to Griffins. I went ahead with the HdQrs. Found that a flag of truce had met the Gen: & that there was an armistice: At the Reb: pickets there was a scene that was new they being armed & not fighting or interfering with us: The soldiers in either side mixing with each other. We walked for some time at Pickets & then went into town to the Med Drs. Had to let Jesse go as they are stopping all of the negroes. I was pretty badly chafed riding & had a boil to help me along & consequently did not go out to get a place to stay. Morgan & I slept in the tent to=night.

Saturday
22nd

This morning we went to town & had a wash & change. Found that some one had gone into my Knapsack & appropriated my pants & other articles. HdQrs is at Drs ----. I lay around all day being unable to do anything: Everything seems to say

that peace is declared as will somber.

Sunday
23rd

Nothing of note to=day. I lay in tent most of day:

Monday
24th

This morning Beard & I took a walk down to town & around the city. Do not like it as well as Selma or Montgomery: Took my coat up to a negro woman to make. Bought \$50 of state money of Morgan for which I paid /50 silver went to a house across the road to see if they wanted safe guard, but they did not.

cash paid
out /50

Tuesday
25th

Went down the St looking for a place to work & found it at Mr Wi---'s a refugee from Marrietta & a very nice family: Worked some to:day Got my coat, paid \$30 in state money from working: Took it to Newmnan to be finished Slept in a good bed again: I eat supper with them to:day although I do not intend to eat there.

Wednesday
26th

This morning I took my drawings up to show the General: who liked them much although I was not very well satisfied with them. Wanted sketches of that HdQrs and Gen Wilsons HdQrs: Went down & took them this PM & of Disbeys this Evening. Took my horse to stable where I stay and have a negro man to take care of him.

cash paid
out /15

Went down to town this PM I got a key for my case of instruments: Went out to Regt & took my saddle & turned it over: Paid out \$15.

Thursday
27th

Worked some today at drawing.Mrs Simm had my washing done for me.

Friday
28th

This morning when I went up to Break =fast I found that it was orders to move at 10 A.M. & accordingly got some of my things ready to move: I went up to see Gen: and showed him the drawing of HdQrs. From what I learned I concluded they were not

going to move, but did not know for some time what was up. found that they were having inspection to find the stuff that had been plundered on this march.

Went down town to have Lt Cunningham get me some paper but got tired of waiting his movements & came back. worked all the time I had to spare: our tent musical instruments spring.

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Saturday 29th	Worked some & this P.M. went down to see if I could get some Bristol Board of the McBirney but could get none: Came over to town & got some drawing paper paid /2.5 Nothing Else of Note to:day rainy this Eve.
Sunday 30th	Wrote in this book nearly all day: Took a ride up the river & back down by forts: Nothing else of note.
Monday May 1st	Worked on a drawing of HdQrs: Wrote a letter home this Evening: Report about that Gen McCook is going to Florida.
Monday May 2nd	Worked all day at drawing. The mail had gone when I got up this morning & so my letters did not go. Seranaders out this evening. Nothing Else of note: Had my horse shod to=day:
Wednesday 3rd	Worked this AM on drawing & nearly finished it. This P.M. went out riding & up by cemetry &c. Old Miss Winn fixed my coat this morning. Sold one of my revolvers for \$10.00 & roll of drawing
cash rec'd \$10.00 paper	Quite cool this morning & evening: Met Lt C- this evening=
Thursday 4th	Worked all day on drawing . Took my coat up to be cleaned but it was not done: Finished the picture of Hd Qrs this P.M. &c of W.P. Found when I went up to tea that we were to move to-morrow for Tallahassee: packed up for an early start.
Friday 5th	Got up early and found that I was none to soon. Started away about 5 o'clock. Put knapsack in the ambulance & gave away one of my blankets. After got to our s came back to Hd Qrs & got my instruments out of blank box. only three --- to start with.Morgan & I took dock passage on top & had a sweet time riding in the smoke & cinders: Left Macon at 8 A.M. passed thru' --4 valley & Andersonville. The looks of A- & the 1 car left with Gen's horses:

Pens there were enough to sicken any one.

A detachment of men, surgeons &c provided with mattresses got off at A- to take care of our sick.

Great collection of women at Americus. The cars were switched to another track at Goham & the other train went on & we came to Albany.

Got into A- at 4 P.M. Got horses off & went up to stable at hotel. after we were unsaddled we had to move up to place near Hd Qrs = Morgan Sutteny & I went to a house to stay. A very pleasant person Mr Wrights. Lucky & daughters.

Saturday
6th
cash paid
which I was ---- \$1.00 worth.
Do not move to-day. So I had nothing to-do but set about & talk to the ladies. Went down town this P. M. found some bristol boardout \$1.00 of

May 6th
Saw a painting of Trenton Falls by Mrs. Powers of this place: When I came back I took sketches over to Brinisters to the General, who was very much pleased with that of Macon Rd. Put my ----- in his trunk. Went down to the depot after the train came. Two Cos of HdQrs & Escort came. I waited & showed the ambulan=ces where to come: Nothing of note this eve

Sunday
7th
Do not march this morning as the rest of the men have not come. Very dull to-day as we have nothing much to do, & do not look for to go to church=The Ladies all went & asked me if I would go but do not think it best. They probably would not care about a Yankee's company. Wrote some in this book: This PM a young lady from the country, Miss Fanny Getch came to Mrs W-s. A fast girl but good style & very pretty. After tea Morgan & I went to the Episcopal church & heard Bishop Elliott preach. Miss Anna had a young Johnny soldier for a b--- and Wife G Mrs W ____! When we came back we heard that we were to move at 4 in the morning.

Monday
8th
Got up quite early this morning, but did not move till about 7 AM. Had breakfast before the family

were up. So we did not see any of them except Mr W-Crossed the Thirst river bridge at town. Two 7th Ky men who had been caught stealing were branded Thief & paraded before the Command this morning. Country ----- level fine look. Marched about 35 m to=day. Passed through "Curtsville" a very small town (26 m from Albany)

Rained some to=day: Camped at house. Our squad slept in yard & were disturbed by the cattle horses & hogs. Rained some to=night: Very hot day:

Tuesday
9th
Marched at usual hour. Gen & small Escort came in advance: 23 M from camp to Thomasville. Stopped & fed at RABID Woman's house. Sick all day & when we got to T-I could not sit up & lay down on the walk till I found we were going to stop over night: Then went

Crossed the Ockolocoonee River to: day:
orders were when we first came in to go on to T- tonight but did not & I was very well pleased:

May 9th
a house & enjoyed a place to stay, at Mr Mc=Bains. Got some medicine & went to bed. Come out all right in the morning: Eat very little supper. Mr Mc had been fishing & had some splendid perch. The Guerrilla Raiders had been in town last night & torn things up generally & consequently they were glad to see us come: A party went down the R.R. after them to: night.

Wednesday
10th
Felt much better to: day & eat quite a breakfast. We are not to march till P.M. so we are having quite a rest. Gen & six men started in the night for T-. We marched at 4 P.M. a detachment of 60 men remaining. Marched about 15 M & camped at dark at a farm: We slept in a crib in the fodder: Morgan sick to: night

Thursday
11th
Marched early. We did not start till we were ready & caught up with the column after they had gone some distance. Misty to day: till about 10 AM & then pleasant. Hard 21 M travel to day: Got into the

Great City of Tallahassee about 12 o'clock. Stopped in broad street & waited till near 2 before we found that we were to camp there. Went to horse & got water & stayed about an hour. Rained in showers very hard this P. M. Went around some looking for a place to stay but they are very inhospitable & did not find a place. Slept in shop with some of the other boys to night & eat at a place they were getting cooking done at.

Friday
12th

Helped make out a few paroles this P. M. as Capt Burns wanted I should help them. Learned this P. M. That my roll of silks was among the things stolen at Albany & am very angry about it. Could have sold them this P. M. if had them:

Saturday
13th

Worked all the A. M. paroling & finished a little afternoon. learned some things that make me think perhaps my goods were not stolen: went out looking for a boarding house this P. M. After trying about a dozen

Had my blouse fixed to=day, bound and lined.

May 13th

I found place at Mrs Balls near the Capital, at \$4.00 per week: Think I will try it a spell & when my funds give out will do something else. Went there to tea to night.

Sunday
14th

Went to church after a wash & change for which I felt more than better. Went to the Presbyterian Church.

Monday
15th

Helped Parole the Rebels to:day. Nothing else of note=:

Tuesday
16th

Went up to the office this morning & found that there was a crowd again & so helped till they were paroled which took till about 1 P. M. This P. M. I went out & saw about getting a house, which Capt Burns said we could have as it was left in his charge. Miss Wosd charged me \$2.00 for board. S could not

make change & did not pay it today:

Wednesday
17th

Started for Madison this morning to carry a lot of blank Paroles down & to see some more of Fla. Left about 8 A.M. Rode down with a Union man by the name of Drew. Got into M- about 12 o'clock. Went up to Mr Smiths to see Capt Ereyes & got dinner up there. Stayed down town this P.M. Stayed at a Mr Worrell, tonight: Sent= letter home. Sent to Savannah by Mr Drew.

 Ls sent 1

Thursday
18th

Left for cars about 8 A.M. Could not make change to pay them \$1.00 for lodging & meals. Had a bad headache coming up & did not feel very well so I slept most of this P.M:

Friday
19th

Went down to the Depot & got my saddle this morning. Worked on a drawing of a house & finished to night: Morgan & I went out riding this evening. Had BERRY PIE To-day.

Saturday
May 20th

The boys went out after plums this mor=ning: Went down to Barbers & got shaved. Could get no change so I am not paying my bills very fast. The Flag was raised on the State house to-day. I took a sketch of the House Also a salute of 36 Guns was fired for President Lincolns Death and 100 Guns this Evening in honor of the Rec'd a mail this Evening and two letters from home & 1 from Cousin I where:

Sunday
21st

Got ready to go to church to-day when Morgan came down & said the General wanted me. Went up & he wanted a sketch of raising the Flag and of HdQrs, also told me to go with him down to St Marks to-morrow & get a sketch of that. Said I had better work today on the sketches as we would leave about Wednesday. Worked all day on sketch of raising Flag: Went out this Evening to the ME Church but there was no service.

Monday
22nd

Worked this A.M. & finished my sketch. Took sketch of HdQrs before breakfast. are not to start for St Mark's until 2 P.M. and did not go till about 3 o'clock. ran very slowly. Rained hard as we got into St M-. Gen told me I could stay at this place to=night & He would send a boat after me in the morning, which was not a very satisfactory arrangement to me. Went up to Boarding house & stayed: slept very

Tuesday
May 23rd

well & after breakfast came down to the spring & waited for the boat. There was 3 men officers Engineers from the Spirea at the spring and I was very kindly treated by them. Stayed at the Spray till evening when Capt Creuger & Burns & 2 orderlies came down: We went out with the Spirea's boat, 8 miles out to ship. Got there about 5 P.M. Were very kindly treated by the men. Got supper & slept in a hammock in the Fore cabin with the men. Gen & Capt & Maj went up the river to Wacolla Springs this A.M.: So I slept one night on salt water. It is very pleasant & the sea breeze very pleasant.

Wednesday
24th

Nothing very unusual occurred this morning. We looked about the Boat & saw the conversion of a war ship. a 180 pds guns among them. There was a couple of steamers came in this A.M. The Gen McCallum was one & Gen Newton was on it. Wrote a letter to A- & mailed it & some papers on board: Gen came on board just before noon. Called me about an hour afterwards & wanted I should take a sketch of the boats & said a boat would take me out. Showed them my sketches of Tallahassee & Capital: After dinner went out in the 1st Cutter which had an armory & took a sketch. When we came on board found that the boats were getting ready to go, so we got ready & went in the 2nd Cutter. Very pleasant coming in. Got in about 5 P.M. I went up to the cars & when Gen came wanted to know if I had a sketch of fort & thought I had better

stay till morning & get one. So I went back to spray & got a boat & went down & took one. Came back to spray & stayed a spell but as there was no prospect for any accommodations, I went to the boarding house & stayed. Paid 1.00 of my other bill tonight as could not make change before. Gen Newton & Capt Heming came up to Tallahassee with Gen, also an Ambassador:

Thursday
25th

Did not get up very early this morning & so got breakfast before starting out sketching. Paid 1.50 for bill. Went over to fort & took 1/2 Doz sketches of works: Got back about 1/2 past and Fixed up Portfolio & then went over to train, when it came: Started out for T - about 1/2 past 11 A.M: Got there at 1 P.M. Stopped and paid Mrs Ward \$2.25. After dinner finished up view of Fort:

Cash paid
out \$1.50
For board
\$2.25

Friday
26th

Worked shading of views of fort & about 9 or 10 A.M. took them up to Gen. was well pleased & said they were much better than he expected I would get them. Capt L- & Gen Newton were there. Rained some this A.M. Finished sketch of boats this P.M. Paid for fixing my boots & sewing up my shoes. /30 cts. Nothing else of note.

cash paid
out /30

Saturday
27th

Took the sketch of boats up this A.M. after Gen N- & Capt F- had gone. Liked them very much. Made a ruler at shop this A.M. Went out to the Fort this PM, about 1 mile from town. Some talk of leaving today but did not get started. When I came back from fort this Evening, the new Prv Mar & another officer & the P.M. of Jacksonville came up to look at the house as they intend occupying when we leave. Sold my Extra saddle to the Prst M- for \$5.00. In talking with him I found out that he was a Wis=man & Enquiring about Nell Day found he was her husband! had quite a chat with him & at his invitation wrote a note to Nell. He called again this evening and got it. Got an order for 30 day's rations for An

cash rec'd
\$5.00

Sunday
28th

I gave her the last of my five -----(4) for washing (4)
Reveille at 3 AM Got up & got things in ambulance & got a slight breakfast & left T - at 6 o'clock. Came through to Thomasville (36 m) & watered & fed. Arrived between 4&5 PM Stayed about an hour then marched out on the old stage road about 11 m & camped.

Monday
29th

Started early this morning & rode very fast. I got gulled so that it was very painful riding. When 20 m from A=we halted and rested for an hour & the Gen & staff went about intending to make town in 2 hr. After the wagon came up the Escort started. Rained this P.M. & Morgan & I stopped till it was over. Reached A - about 6 PM. L- had been over to Mr Wrights & enjoyed a place & said they told him to bring us over when we

May 29th

came, but we could not think of intruding on them again, so we got a room in one of the out buildings & cotton mattress to sleep on & got along very comfortably. Distance traveled today 45m

Thursday
30th

Order to lay in camp & rest to=day Gen & Lt O - went to Macon to=day: stayed about the room most the day as my boil prevented my circulating very much. Paid for eggs /50 cts Jim 10 cts. Got a negro who was staying here to go with us & work for us: Maj Brown got kicked by Drs Grey stud tonight. Morgan & I went out walking & called at Wrights on our way back. No one at home when we called but Miss Anna who received us very friendly & after we had been there about 1/2 an hour Mrs W came. Had a very pleasant call. Orders to go in the cars at 5 in the morning:

Wednesday
31st

Got up at 4 o'clock. Walked down to trains & Jim rode my horse= After we got everything in the trains Ike & some of the boys went up to the place where Bob Newman got his whiskey & when they came back they brought my silk dress pattern. The

cash paid
out /20 cts

cafe had got cut up. That shows who this thing was & as the Dr was there & investigated that affair M-N- will fare pretty slim if he comes up again. Rode in Cabbose. Not very fine riding. Paid out /20 cts: Nothing of note as we walked up to camp: Rained just as we got off the cars=Find HdQrs at M- still. B & C had given us to C-. Slept in tent to=night. My boil pained me considerably:

Thursday
June 1st

Maj Bacon sent for me this morning & they want another map of the route. Went over to Weavers to look for the old one & to A.A. G.s tent to look for maps but did not find them. So as Maj did not find ins I cannot make it. Gen sent for me to bring those sketches of the Const. A. Capt

There is a new A.A.G. on staff. Capt Niminger

June 1st
M rec'd
1 letter

was there & Gen wanted me to show them to him. Felt so unwell this P.M. that I lay abed all the P.M. Newman came to=night & I went up & asked him down to see something & showed him the patterns. Denied & tried to bluff but it was no go, but got no satisfaction. We put out & was not here to be arrested as the Gen ordered. Rec'd a letter from Ellen T-

Friday
2nd

Feel rather unwell to-day & lay abed most of the time: Newman came as far as Escort today & sent for his trap & left: Sent down to Mrs W for a book this Eve. Nothing else of note. Morgan slept in tent with me to=night.

Saturday
3rd
Cash rec'd
\$10.00
Silver
\$2.75

Felt much better this morning. Cut up a lot of paper to put in portfolio. Making preparations to move to=morrow on cars. Went down town this P.M. & sold my Silk for 10.00 as I found that was all is was worth. Bought revolvers & got a small Colt: Stopped at Mr Winn's & had a very pleasant call. Mr Winn was sick abed & so did not see him.

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Orders to move in the morning. Sold my saddle for \$2.75 silver.

Sunday
4th

Reveille quite & went down to car's at 6 A.M. Left M- at 8 A.M. Rode in Passengers coach. Very warm day. Arrived at Atlanta about 5 A.M. It is much ruined. Morgan & I went to Exchange hotel & got supper, paid \$1.00. Saw Capt S---- Gunther. Marched from A- about dark. Went out about 6 M & Ambulance broke & we stopped for the night. Gen- took Ambulances from town & went on to Cartersville. Got on old wagon to carry baggage.

cash pd
out \$1.00

Monday
5th

Started out early, travelled with the wagons as they were in danger of breaking down: Stopped in Marietta just long enough to eat my lunch & then came on out of town 1 1/2 M & took a sketch of Kennesaw. M- is a small place & turn out very badly.

Monday
5th

Came through Ackinworth & Allatoona. The Allatoona Mts are very pretty & would make a very pretty picture, but as my portfolio was in the wagon I did not get any sketches. I am very sore from my boil & cannot do much more than get along. The road runs through the forts & over the ridges. Arrived at Cartersville about 6 P.M. & camped for the night.

Tuesday
6th
Cash paid
out -/80

Got up early & got horses on the cars at 4 A.M. Train left at 5 o'clock. Warm & unpleasant riding. Came in a box car with seats. Paid for berries -/10. Arrived in Chattanooga about 8 P.M.: Paid out for Sundries -/50, paper -/20. Saw Capt Garfield & C- Haimes: Stayed about C- for about 2 hrs & then unloaded & started out where the Brig is camped about 3 M on the Roseville road. Put up tent as it sprinkled some. Feel pretty sore to-night:

Wednesday
7th

Got up this morning & found that the Brig was going to start for Nashville over land. So took my horse down & turned him over

to Lamoreaux= & my acc'ts with Co are to be old ----. Stayed about tent all day as I did not feel well enough to go to Point Lookout.

Thursday
8th

Nothing of Note this morning till about 10 A.M. We rec'd orders to move for Nashville so we had to work pretty lively to get things to train in time: Rode one of Capt Creagers horses down & when I got down there I found he did not like it because I did not get there sooner. I shall not ask any favors of him nor of many of the officers as they gave the Clerks an invitation not to ride in their cars. Rode all night leaving --- at 2 P.M. Rec'd orders from Gen Mc- to send the sketches to him at Louisville.

Came

Friday
9th

thro the C--- tunnel at about 8 M Evening. Arrived at N- at 6 A.M. Went with Morgan to St Cloud Hotel looking

June 9th

Maj Bacon: did not find him and went to the International Hotel and waited for an hr or two, saw C & B. M- & I went to an eating house & got a cup of coffee & back. Came on over to Edgefield & out to camp. paid for fork 20/cts. HdQrs at a grove 1/2 mile out from old HdQrs. Nothing else of note Except that the desks & clerks came up from Eastport: Fire over in Nashville to-day. paid for rollers /10 cts.

cash paid
out /80 cts

Saturday
10th

M & I went down to bench below spring and washed and changed clothes: Then went over to & Edgefield & got a lunch as we have nothing in camp but Hd Tek & coffee: Paid 55/cts. Went over to Cavalry Depot & saw Capt Hudson and got my letter and contents \$8.00 and 21 stamps. Paid out /75 cts. Went over to Nashville and saw B & C & do not think we can get mustered out on Sabb. Bought a sea=weed Duster for \$8.00. Shoes 4.00 hat \$5.00. pants \$3.50. soap /25 cts & thinking I had done enough for one day I started for

Cash paid
out \$17.15

camp: Very hot & tiresome walking: No 1 ----
I found was broken up & so could not find
anything of Jay.

Sunday
11th

No church on this side of river & so could not
go to church very well. Read some & write
A short letter home & a note to Leonard Stod=
=dard. Some new tents put up today. Escort came
in the A.M. Paid Aaron for washing. -/50 cts.
Went out walking down near the 4th Mich Cav.

cash paid
out -/50

Monday
12th

Went at work this A.M. on drawing of Gen's Cav
& worked till noon. This P.M. Morgan & I
went down town. Rained some while we were
in Edgefield. Went over in Nashville & went up
to Corps Mustering office & got ready to make ---
our musters out. Got back to HdQrs about 4 P.M.
Official Notice Rec'd yesterday that Gen Mc
Cook is Brevetted Maj. Gen U.S. Vol's;! Good.

Is sent
2

Thursday
13th

M & I got up early this morning & made out our
roll, before breakfast. Took mine to Capt N.
to get them signed. Was not going to sign
them at first but did finally. Would not
sign Morgans, so I took mine over to

The Regt's that were at T allahassee with us. Came in this morning:

June 13th
/65

Capt Hasser's office but did not succeed
in getting them signed. So came back by
way of 15th Battery. Dismounted men had
moved out on the Gallatin Pike. Morgan
had got his papers signed by A.A.G and we are
going to get Capt Bishop to sign them and
put them through. Went down to town
this P.M. and the P.O. Cummings & Bogart
have got their papers. Waited at Union
House for Charley Paine & Grunstrum Paine.
Would not pay the note: Came back to camp
with Osborne: Settlers tent put up close to our tent.

Wednesday
14th

Our rolls were not finished this morning.
Capt Bishop did not know where to sign

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cash paid
out -/40
mail rec'd
1 letter

on these rolls & went over to Capt H= to get information. When he came back this Eve we found that His Signature was all that was necessary so we are quite sure of getting out now. Rained Hard this P.M. Paid for washing plate & Emery paper -/40. Rec'd a letter from Home written the 9th. Rained this Evening:

Thursday
15th

Waiting very unwillingly for the slow motion of the Officers as our rolls are not yet done. This P.M. an Order came for another roll in addition to the other one so an orderly was sent for them. Also an order came to stop mustering out individuals & they are to be mustered out with their Cos. Rec'd a letter from home dated May 28th. 2nd Brig came in this P.M:

Friday
16th

cash paid
out -/25

Got our rolls signed by A.A.G. & by Capt Bishop and the pay rolls Leaszler took over to Paymaster. Went up to the Reg't this P.M. Sam Miller came back with me & got rolls for himself. Paid for Figs -/10. Leaszler -/15..

Clothing List from June 15th 1864

July 26th Drew 1 shirt. (at Camp Deverse)
Louisville, Ky:
Dec 3rd " of Lamoreaux 1 Rubber Blanket.
Dec 9th Drew of 2nd Brig Q.M. and receipted for the following:
Clothing at Mumfordsville Ky
2 Shirts, 3 Pr Drawer's, 2 pr socks, 1 Army Blanket:
Jan 31st Drew of Escort Q.M. 1 Pr. Cavalry Pants

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Cash acct from June 15th 1864.
(Acct's unsettled - brot over from book No.2.

Nov 5th/63	Fero Dr. 1 for boots (socks) ////	12.00	xxx
Feb 4th	Lent Snowber cash. 35 cts	.35	xxx
March 11th	Sold Sergt Croase 1 quire paper	.60	
" 14th	Cash Lent Hugh A Plymale.	5.00	
" 14th & Apr 11th	Cash Lent McClure.	2.00	
" "	sold Parabound 1 quire paper.	.60	xxx
" "	Due from Woodin on paper.	.35	
Apr 4th	Lent Sam Hurlburt. ///	2.00	
"	Flannmil 1 quire paper 60/ Wit cash	.50	1.10
May 9th	Pomeroy Dr to 1 comb: 25/	.25	
June 3rd	Thomas Ryan Dr. 1. comb.	.25	
" 15th	Paid for Envelopes. cash. 10 cts	=.10	
" 16th	" " Shaving	=.10	
" "	Rec'd on rations sold.	=.15	
" 18th	" For knife	=1.50	
" 22nd	" bread	.10	
" 23rd	Paid for paper 20, borax .5, pies	25..50	
" 27th	Rec'd from A.- cash (from home)	5.00	
June: /64	envelopes 30		
29th	Paid for hat \$2.00. Mailing book 25. =	2.55	
July 2nd	" " file - /25	= .25	
" 4th	Cash rec'd for coffee (/50 per lb)=	1.00	
" 9th	" Paid out 70 (seventy cts) =	.70	
" "	" Rec'd for rations /30	= .30	
" 12th	" " rations, bacon 15/ per lb=	.65	
" 13th	" " 1 comb -/25 (Denning)=	.25	
" 26th	"Paid for 1 file -/45 (Dr Horning) =	.45	
" 30th	"for ring (Ingles) -/75 for coffee /55 =	1.30	
Aug 3rd	"Sent for envelopes -/20 cts	= .20	
" 6th, 15th	" " Paid for Sundries.	= .25	
	envelopes /25 - ink /15		
" 22nd	"Haversack 4.50, Picture 1.00 =	5.90	
" "	" Rec'd for 1 shell pin	= 3.00	
" 29th	" paper -/40. stamps /15. Fluid /20=	.75	
Sept 5th	" Sent to C- for stamps	= .50	
" 13th & 14th	" Paid for bread	= .50	
" 17th	Rec'd in letter from A \$5.00	5.00	
	Also of Jay: Aug 23rd \$5.00	5.00	
Sept 22nd	Cash paid out at Chattanooga	5.15	
" 28th	" " for tapping boots -/65 =	.65	

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Oct 1st	Cash	paid out for shaving	.10
14th, 15th, 29th, 1st Nov	"	"Sundries	1.40
Nov 2nd	Cash	rec'd U.S. 116.00 of Woodin	5.00
" " & 3rd	"	Paid to Mrs M & Anna	1.50
" 5th & 6th	"	for Entry materials	1.45
" 7th	"	to Jay \$5.00 to supper	\$1.25
" 8th & 9th	"	Board & lodging	2.80
bath /50			
" 10th	"	Fixing teeth \$6.00. Hat	4.50
" "	"	Sent by Express (Home)	75.00
" 11th	"	rec'd of Fero & Hurlbort	10.00
" "	"	Cash Paid out	2.15
12th & 25th	"	"	30.13
Nov 25th	"	for Sketch Book & colors	1.00
" 28th, 29th, 30th	"	Sundries	1.45
Dec 1st	"	Rec'd of Pay Master	32.00
" 3rd	Cash	Paid out	18.65
" 4th	"	" for stamps	.25
" 8th	Lent	Brockway cash /50	.50
7th to 11th	Cash	paid for sundries	1.45
16th & 23rd	"	"out on Hopkinsville	4.20
24th	29	Cash paid out	2.05
Month of Jan	"	"	3.25
Feb 1 & 19th	"	Cash paid for washing	.50
Apr 7th	"	Cash rec'd of Snyder	2.50
" 24th	"	Paid to Morgan (8 pear)	.50
" 26th	"	" for key.	.15
" 29th	"	" Drawing paper	.25
May 3rd	Cash	Rec'd for Revolver	10.00
" 6th	"	Paid for Bristol Board	1.00
" 24th	"	" Lodging (St Marks)	1.00
" 25th	"	" " "	1.50
" "	"	Mrs. Ward for board	2.25
26th	"	to shoemaker	.30
27th	"	to combs for Ann (4)	1.00
"	"	Cash rec'd for Saddle	5.00
30th	"	for sundries	.60
31st	"	"	.20
June 3rd	"	Cash rec'd for Silk	10.00
" "	"	" Saddle (silver)	2.75
4th	"	Paid for supper in Atlanta	1.00

The collection of /art works is very fine
Bier stacks. Rocky Mountains being the 1st
in rank. Bought some co----- & other things
paid B. 12. Looked around for some
presents for the folks at home. Got forks
for Mother. 3.00= Saw Tony this P. M.
& Gen Mc & wife & other officers at Sherman
House. Morgan had taken away his valise
this evening. When I went down town this
evening I bought pr gloves, two ties & handker=
=chief. \$2.50. Tarten for sewing on buttons /5
Saw Maj Bacon this Evening at Sherman
House. Also saw Gen Mc. Asked me
down there to morrow & said he wanted to
introduce me to his wife.

Thursday 22nd. Paid for blacking shoes /10
Went down to Sherman House this
A. M. Went up in Pen manufacturing first.
others in Hotel. (Tony /10.-) Waited
for about an hour Gen. & then sent
word up to Tony & they came down.
Took me up & introduced me to
Mrs Mc Cook & Miss Faber.
Gen Upton & Long were there.
Stayed till they Looked over my
sketches & then came over. Gen
was very kind & told me that if
he could be of any service to me
at any time I had only to say so.

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Paid for Miss C \$1.10. Went on to Fossertt Photograph Gallery.
Hotel Bill 2.50. Walked to depot
Paid for ticket \$3.00. & found after we started that it was the woodstock accommo=
=dations so when we got to W- had to lay over till the night Express: Paid out -/20 for cake & Pie. Found that the train in the L C & Mil.. road did not connect with this one till P.M. to morrow night:
Had to lay over at the junction. took a

Friday 23rd----- (23rd)

bed at the R.R. cottng house. Stayed about till noon. saw A.P. Redfricold who came down with Toby in his Stage & took a Passage with him to B.D. Bill at Hotel \$2.00, Toby's \$1.00. Arrived at B.D. at 1/2 past 2 & surprised the folks completely: Found all well & glad to see me & I feel that I am once more at home: A little girl that is staying here went down after A. & she came up as fast as her Legs would carry her: Miss Randolph, a young Lady from Fall river came came up to our house today & Miss Douglass came over to see us. Went to Sabbath School Festivities this Evening. Had a very good time as though things are as old in regard to the young folks. Paid out for refreshments \$1.60.

Saturday 24th

Went down town with Father this A.M. & ordered a pr of boots & vest & Pa picked out a pr of pants in cloth for them. Saw a good many of the B.D. folks on the street. Stopped into Mrs Lorin's: This Evening A- & I went down to Mrs Millers & Had her play for us.

Sunday 25th: Went to church to-day with Mother. Was seated in the front pew & I am very indignant as I consider it an insult. Gave to sermons and contribution /25. Came up with Mother Jay & Mary Douglass came up this Evening & we went up to the grave yard & then to Evening prayer meeting: Stayed in the ---- & heard Mr Hosdge pr-----.

Monday. Stayed at home all day as it was washing day & did not care to go visiting much. Went with Mother up to Mrs Howard's this Evening. Wrote a letter with A- to L-----: Miss Frieden was here this Evening & stayed in the Evening & Chang Miller was here. Ed Pratt called on his way to his home: Cash paid out for postage -/10 cts.

Tuesday. Went down town this morning bought some soap -/13 brush -/63: Went up to Examination this P.M. with Ed Pratt. and this Evening to a Lecture in the Chapel. A & Ed went with me.

Wed 28th) Were routed out early this morning by the cry of fire & found that Mr Giftlers house was burning. Went down in spite of old affronts to some: willow -/15 Went up to Academy School this A.M. Examination. Rainy this P.M. so did not go to College. A & I went to the Festival this Evening. Cash paid out \$1.30, from brothers -/15: Raining very hard when we were at the Festival

Thurs 29th) Helped Father make my dosser & made a stretcher. Rainy all the A.M. Did not go with A to School this P.M. Paid for Boots \$9.00. F Satint -/10 Blocking Brush -/58, Lary came up with me this Evening. Circus in town this P.M.

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Friday 30) Pa & I finished this

A.M. Pa went to town with A, who got a dress. Borrowed of me \$8.55. Paid for Pd \$1.25/got lock & hinge for dosser books \$4.75 (Express) Went to Examination at Mr Howeys School this P.M. Called at Sarah Sanders & after ---- went with A to Mrs Frucis & then to Mrs Miller, were called home & Lavinia Durin here & -----ly in evening as it rained very hard.

Saturday July 1st. Pa fitted the doors in my room this A.M. (Rainy) Went down town this P.M. Paid for bolts & screws -/40 for catch -/20 Got my vest of both Paid \$4.59. Pa got some shelac &c at at Griff's got a memorandum book of Trosk -/75, Went up & called on Mary D-. Meet Rowan boys in coming back. Came up home & helped fix my doors & shelacked them. Went down town this Evening & Pa got two letters for me. One from Harry & I old one from -----.

Sunday 2nd) Went to church with Mother to Pres. Church, to Co Church prayer meeting this P.M. with A- & come home & stay out in the Evening. Nettie Sloan came after flowers

Monday 3rd) Fixed moulding in my room & framed. Finished about 1 P.M. Miss F- at work on A-s dress: Went to town this P.M. Anderson put insoles in my boots. Got my busy revolver fixed -/15. Saw barber & talked with him & got a pr of table legs: Picked cherries this P.M. after got home.

Ed note: these last 4 pages were written on a small piece of note paper and inserted in diary. Every effort has been made to copy entire diary as originally written, including spacing, punctuation & spelling.

----- means words are not decipherable: indicates blank space.

Of interest: &c = etc.

A- = Arceia, Merrill's sister

-/75 = \$.75

Mc = McCook

Many destinations and cities are identified by letters. No attempt has been made to interpret these.

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litten meat for supper (p. 31)

a **fin** (142) or a V (137) reference to five dollars.

acts like a gumfy (p. 115)

bully fire (p. 73)

century cakes (p. 61)

checked set (p. 163) A variety, different as day and night.

cotting house (p. 235)

dossier (p. 236) A large basket that can be carried on the back. One of a pair of baskets slung over the back of a pack animal.

exchange officers (p. 148)

hard tack (p. 35) Large, coarse, unleavened bread; traditionally furnished to soldiers.

headed to the fans all over the field (p. 33)

Job's comforter (p. 134) A person who, while pretending to sympathize with one, really adds to one's afflictions by administering rebukes. (See Job 4-6.)

Leg lady (p. 25)

limber (p. 94) The forepart of a traveling gun carriage to which the horses are attached. The same limber is used for all field carriages. It has two wheels and carries the same ammunition chest as the caisson.

lived by entry (p. 144)

pennon (p. 78) A long, narrow, triangular flag used as an ensign.
pic-nic party (p. 25) Battles and skirmishes often served as entertainment for the locals. They would gather up food and family and make a day of it.
Private Snap's (p. 202)

quire of paper (p. 98) Unit of measurement of loose paper. Usually 24 or 25 sheets of paper of the same size and stock. One-twentieth of a ream.
rail tent (p. 74)

raised Hob (p. 157) To make mischief or trouble.
branded Rations Thief (p. 37)

Riciny (p. 203) Bitter and toxic.
rough & General Call (p. 49)

Sabre Tasche (p. 143) From the German, Sabel, a sabre, and Tasche, a pocket.
Part of the accouterments of a cavalry or staff officer, consisting of a leather case or pocket, suspended at the left side from the sword belt by three slings, corresponding with the belt.
sack corn (p. 35) Dried corn as opposed to fresh. Usually used as feed for the animals.

sparring (p. 174) Arguing or debating.
surcingle (p. 201)

three cheers & a "tiger" (p. 129) A loud yell (often with the word '*tiger*' at the end of a round of cheers).

Tom made ambul=lance (p. 161) Reference to *Uncle Tom*.
vedette (p. 35) Sentries up on outpost, so placed to best observe the movements of the enemy and communicate by signal to their respective posts and with each other. Also spelt vedetta here.
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