

## George Deemer Civil War Diary

### THE DEEMER DIARY

THE CIVIL WAR DIARY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON DEEMER of Bourbon, Marshall County, Indiana who served in the 130th Regiment, Indiana Infantry, Volunteers, 2nd Division, 4th Brigade, 23rd A.C.

[margin note: The James that George speaks of in the 9th In. was his brother James Franklin Deemer Co. "D" 9th In.]

### THE BATTLE OF ATLANTA

The invasion of Georgia began in the spring of 1864 from Chattanooga, Tennessee, with Union troops numbering about 95,000 men, under the command of General William Tecumseh Sherman. At Kennesaw Mountain on July 27, 1864 the Union troops were engaged by about 60,000 Confederates who were retreating under the command of General Joseph E. Johnston. Union losses were heavy, around 3,000 men.

The Union forces continued on southward with Atlanta as their goal. Atlanta was a depot for Confederate military supplies. During August the Union forces surrounded the city and finally on September 2, 1864 they entered the City of Atlanta as victors. In November 1864, the Union forces began their "march to the sea," with the burning of Atlanta. (The "march to the sea" was the name given the sixty mile wide path of destruction across Georgia.)

The diary begins presumably on April 4, 1864. The first "place" name appears on July 19 with a reference "marched towards Atlanta".

Another possible clue to location appears on August 30, 1864 "moved about 5 miles across the Montgomery Railroad, built works at night".

September 1, 1864 another clue to location, "marched about 10 miles followed the torn up Macon Railroad about 4 or 5 miles", and reported a "sharp engagement".

On October 8, 1864 "marched about 8 miles to Decatur, the little town that we took just 50 days ago. Have now made the trip around Atlanta, but never saw the city".

The foregoing diary entries seem to indicate George Washington Deemer participated in the Battle of Atlanta.

[written by Ann Greegarh]

This Book was capt [missing text] on the 24th of May [missing text] Albert Johnson.  
Memorandum [missing text] from the time of enlist

17th 64 Enlisted in the 130th Reg [missing text] and went to camp Stilwell K [missing text] the 21st and stayed at that c [missing text] three furlugs [sic] home) until the 11th

March 11th 64 left Camp Stilwell for [missing text] and went [missing text] marched up in town and was ordered to [missing text] K.Y. and we marched back to t[missing text] started about dark and reported at [missing text] bout 9 oclock [sic] the 18th and or [end of sentence]

1864

May

27th layed [sic] at burnt hickory til [sic] about 6 oclock [sic] and formed in ranks and marched out about 2 ms [sic] and stayed there til [sic] about 3 oclock [sic] the next day and marched back to Burnt hickory.

28th we was called up at 3 oclock [sic] in the morning and heard the cannons begin to belch about daylight and kept it up till about 3 P.M. We stil [sic] laying behind the brestworks [sic] at burnt hickory

May the 29 Call up at 3 oclock [sic] but no rebs [sic] yet heard cannons all night last night and this morning til [sic] 10 oclock [sic] Albert, Dock Grey and myself in the woods writing letter. I started a letter home yesterday marched about ms [sic] for the "front"

May 30th Camped on the bank of pumpkinvine creek Ga and nothing for breakfast fell into ranks about noon and marched about three ms [sic] to the wagontrain [sic] and drewed [sic] rashions [sic] and then marched about a mile furth[missing text] and layed [sic] in line of battle alnight [sic]

May 31st and then went back over the hill and got breakfast and worked on the breastworks 3 hours and in the afternoon we w[missing text] out to the skirmishers and stayed there about an hour and was ordered back of the fort and layed [sic] on our guns all night

June

1st laying on a hill behind the artellery [sic] and can hear the cannons on our right yesterday the rebs [sic] maid [sic] a charge on the 124th Ind. and our men lost 2 killed and five wounded and the rebs [sic] lost about 100 killed and dont [sic] know how many wounded the report is that the rebs [sic] was all drunk

2nd started out about noon in [missing text] collums [sic] and marched across a field by the right place in the woods and marched through the woods about 1/2 mile in line of battle and then turned by the right flank across another field and stood in the rain about 2 hours and then comenced [sic] building breastworks and the bullets singing round our heads and our battery belching about evry [sic] 2 minutes we got the work done about dark and the men came in then and got 2 letters from home stayed there all night.

3rd started in pusuit [sic] of the rebs [sic] about noon and marched about 5 miles and got in sight of the rebs [sic] and they threw shells at us but didn't hurt any body but scared several then we formed in line of battle and went out that way and our skirmishers fired pretty lively and the Wild 150th maid [sic] so mutch [sic] noise that the rebs [sic] retreated and so did we and marched back about 40 rods and built a breastwork on doublequick [sic] and stayed there all night in the rain

4th we was ordered to fall in and changed front and moved the left of the battalion back and stashed arms and moved the breastwork back and just as we got them done we was ordered to fall in before dinner (the reason of that was we hadent [sic] any things to eat) and marched by the right flank about 3 mis [sic] and then formed in line of battle and marched about 40 rods and got scared and maid [sic] another breastwork and when we got that done we drew some hardtack and coffee and a pinch of sugar and about that time it comenced [sic] raining and didnt [sic] stop that night

5th layed [sic] around all day. didnt [sic] do anything but try to keep out of the rain and wrote a letter home

6th cleaned up our guns for inspection and layed [sic] around in the shade it being a vary [sic] nice warm day. see a great many [missing text] passing in the forenoon and also in the afternoon the 19th A.C. passed and I saw the 44th Ind Regt and several of my old friends and had a good visit

7th ordered to be ready to march at 6 A.M. and we was ready but didnt [sic] go til [sic] about 8 then we fell in and marched about 4 ms [sic] and stoped [sic] and stacked armes [sic] and layed [sic] around there til [sic] 2 oclock [sic] and then the orders come to pitch tents and stay til [sic] they could find the supply train as we was out of grub and

the train was lost. great excitement in the news is that old Abe has give Jeff 8 dayes [sic] to surrender

8th Went over to the 9th and had a good visit with James and Bill Dawson and Caleb and when I got back the rassions [sic] was just being drawed [sic] and I eat my supper, breakfast and dinner all at one meal. Then Albert, Dock Grey and myself went out and got a mess of mulberries. them went nice

9th I was detaled [sic] on fatigue duty and pretty near all of the company went out on picket and the rashions [sic] come up about 8 oclock [sic] that night and we had to draw them in the night

10th ordered to be reddy [sic] to march at 6 oclock [sic] and we took in our tents and then stood around there in the rain about a hour and the order was countermanded and we didnt [sic] march any on the 10th

11th orders to be ready to march at 2 minutes [sic] warning and layed [sic] around all that day in the rain and put up our tents in the evening

12th orders came at 12 oclock [sic] to be reddy [sic] to march at daylight and we got reddy [sic] and started and marched about 5 miles and stoped [sic] about 8 oclock [sic] and it comenced [sic] raining about 6 and rained all day and all night we layed [sic] there in the rain from 8 til [sic] 2 and then the orders come to pitch tents then we put up our tents in the mud and water and some peeled bark and some cut brush to sleep on. that went tuff [sic].

13th layed [sic] there all day no order nothing done only keeping out of the rain for it rained all day Bola and myself got in the notion to go in the navy and went and saw the general on the strength of it. at that particular I was a little sick of the service for the first time but didnt [sic] tell my buddy

14 layed [sic] around camp and didnt [sic] do any thing but starve will about 4 oclock [sic] and then we draw 2 days rashions [sic] but could eat them in 2 messes. heard heavy fighting all day

15 still fighting and nothing doing here yet this 8 oclock [sic] and heavy shooting rite [sic] close and the quarter master come around and said that we would draw 9 days rashions [sic] of sugar coffee and salt but no hardtack til [sic] tomorrow orders come to move about 12 oclock [sic] and we moved over to the breastwork where our men was at the time of the fight and stayed there til [sic] 2 oclock [sic] then m[missing text] over to

the breastworks where we run rebs [sic] out of and only saw one dead reb [sic]. stayed there all night layin [sic] close to our guns had one alarm. guard for each Co.

16th left our breastwork at 11 oclock [sic] marched out in the woods and layed [sic] there about 3 hours then marched out to the edg [sic] of a field formed in line of battle and marched up to a slight breastwork and layed [sic] there 2 hours then changed front to right a [missing text] and maid [sic] a breastwork (the cannons and musketry playing all the time).

17th left that place about 8 oclock [sic] and marched by the right flank about 1 mile to a heavy breastwork of the rebs [sic] that they left the night before and formed our line along there [sic] works. advanced over that and put out skirmishers and they soon found the rebs [sic] and advanced and drove them back we followed up come to the edg [sic] of another field dressed our line and broke out after them on the run halting about evry [sic] 15 rods to drop down to shun the bullets. then Jamed [sic] around through the woods till about 3 P.M. then halted in an open field and let old Jo Hooker take the lead stayed there about 3 hours then moved out on the right about 2 miles and stayed in an open field also in the rain slept in the mud and Water.

18th Co. E went on picket started out at 8 and it rained all the time til [sic] 2 oclock [sic] I never saw mutch [sic] harder rain and never heard heavier cannonading [sic] kept up all day

19th Left the picketline [sic] about 10 A.M. and marched out in an open field in the mud where the rain could have a good chance at us and stayed there til [sic] about 5 P.M. and drew rations started on and marched about 40 rods and halted about faced and marched back and went in camp in the mud

20th left camp about 8 A.M. marched about 2 miles through the woods and mud went in camp the boys found 2 barrels of whiskey and it was issued some of us got tight

21st roused out at 3 A.M. to be reddy [sic] to march at daylight but didnt [sic] start that time commenced raining at daylight nothing exciting at present layed [sic] still all day

22nd started to march about 9 A.M. marched around about 4 miles and was drawn up in line stood there about 1/2 hour then went up to where the batl [sic] commenced just got there before the rebs [sic] charged we was in the second line and layed [sic] down behind a small hill the bullets more than humed [sic] over us we saw several ded [sic] 2 wounded carried through our line evrything [sic] quiet before dark had a good night sleep

23rd 9 A.M. nothing exciting yet hear cannon away on our left vary [sic] heavy fighting on our left this afternoon stayed reddy [sic] to march all the afternoon but no move maid [sic]

24th 9 A.M. We hear skirmishing in front of us expected an attack [sic] last night but they didnt [sic] mix in 2 PM. all quiet wrote a letter home and one to Els [missing text] no fight quiet all night.

25th Exciting newse [sic] in camp Old Fighting Jo says that he is going to show us more reb [sic] prisoners than we ever saw at once in a few days An [sic] Sherman says that he has the reb [sic] artillery [sic] under his command and the generl [sic] opinion is that the rebs [sic] is pretty near gobbled but it may be all a fudge called up about dark and marched out in front of the breastwork formed in line and crept through the woods as still as we could and got vary [sic] near our skirmishers and maid [sic] a strong breastwork with spaid [sic] I took sick that night and was in the rear Joging [sic] along trying to keep up with the regt [sic] some times get with them at night but didnt [sic] keep up on a march til [sic] the 6th of July

July

6th marched about 6 miles stoped [sic] near the railroad the 22nd ca. C. is now in the war for the first for some time our regt [sic] held the front line for 5 days in succession and only lost 4 or 5 men only 1 killed I think 12 oclock [sic] especting [sic] marching orders all the time 1 oclock [sic] orders come to fire up camp the boys yelled like wild men a great many prisoners pased [sic]

7th all quiet in camp prisoners passing today vary [sic] warm plesent [sic] and stirring saw George Dawson and heard that James was well ant [sic] that maid [sic] me feel good haha

8th ordered to be reddy [sic] to march at 2 oclock [sic] but didnt [sic] start til [sic] daylight and marched about 10 miles vary [sic] hot and dusty. stayed all night about 11 mile from Chattahoochie [sic] River

9th noon. laying still looking for orders a great many troops crossing the River. no orders on the 9th

10th 9 oclock [sic] A M no orders yet. I went down last night and took a swim in the Chattahoochie [sic] River, no orders on the 10th.

11th James come over when I was eating breakfast and we had a good time noon ordered to march got ready fell in and stacked armes [sic]. then ordered to draw rations then we drew rations and started to march about 3 oclock [sic] and crossed the river and clum [sic] over the hills til [sic] dark camped on the hill behind a breastwork

12th The 9th A.C. passing I saw James again this morning. I started 2 letters home this morning one for James and one for myself. 9 oclock [sic] AM no order yet quiet allday [sic] James come over in the evening

13th Detaled [sic] on fatigue duty worked on the road allday[sic], hard a vary [sic] warm day that night I got 2 lbs [sic] of tobacco from home

14th ordered to be ready to march at 6 A.M. But didnt [sic] start til 10 marched about 2 miles and went in camp old fashioned. vary [sic] hot day and rained hard at night

15th vary [sic] pleasant morning. Van Hendrich came over had a good time

16th inspections of arms layed [sic] in camp all day vary [sic] warm

17th orders to be ready to march at 6 o'clock [sic] but didnt [sic] start til [sic] about 10  
marched about 4 miles and built works at night at dark orders come to stop work and  
be ready

18th march at 6 A.M. marched about 4 miles and found the rebs [sic] and a line drove  
them out of Deca[missing text] and halted in the street [missing text] armes [sic] rested  
til [sic] about 6 P.M. moved around to the right about 1 mile went in camp about 8

19th started to march about 7 o'clock [sic] and marched toords [sic] Atlanta noon stoped  
[sic] to rest and get [missing text] after denner [sic] marched up to front advanced on  
them and [missing text] works

20th started for the skirmish line at [missing text] took position and had pretty [missing  
text] skirmishing allday [sic] and night

21st started to advance at daylight took the diserted [sic] works at rise advanced on  
about 200 yards and I found 2 rebs [sic] in the brush and took them back to the Provost  
Marshall and the regt [sic] went on and found the rebs [sic] got in a hot place 3 in our  
C. Wounded E. Wiseman in the arm H. Carl in the arm H Fawley in the head. When I  
got back the regt [sic] was relieved, then we got a warm breakfast. then went up and  
built works. Heard hard fighting on our left expected a charge worked hard till dark

[margin note: a mistake of one day]

23rd took the front line about 8 o'clock [sic] behind good works stayed there all day  
esepecting [sic] an attact [sic] but they didnt [sic] come firing a cannon about evry [sic]  
5 minutes. James come over and I was glad to see him I gave him about 1/2 lb [sic] of  
captured tobacco. kept close the works all day. draw rations at dark.

24th stayed close to the works all day James Caleb and Bill Dawson come over and  
had a good visit. pretty sharp picket firing at sundown and kept up at dark

25th and 26th layed [sic] still all day James Jones and Bill Dawson come over prety  
[sic] quiet in the morning cleaned up the camp no excitement all day

27th quiet all day except a little skirmishing



28th heavy fighting on the right pretty sharp cannonading here. the rebs [sic] loss on the right reported 10,000

29th sharp skirmishing in front all day

30th hear fighting on the right in the morning cannonading all day on our right James come over and stayed about 1/2 hour all quiet at night

31st quiet all day I went over to the 9th and had a good time took dinner with Jones and Caleb

Aug.

1st little skirmishing all day warm rain esepecting [sic] orders to march 2 oclock [sic] no orders yet order come at dark to pack up and fallin [sic] quietly and marched til [sic] about mid night layed [sic] down slept til [sic] morning

2nd started at 6 oclock marched about 15 miles on the right stoped [sic] at dark and got supper fixed our beds then had to go on picket the regt [sic] but no fighting

3rd laying in the woods looking for orders all the time. All quiet at 8 oclock orders come at 12 oclock [sic] we marched out in front of the breastwork and advanced the line put up breastworks and they shelled us like sin worked on the breast works all night

4th worked on the breastworks all day. vary [sic] warm heavy cannaiding [sic] in the after noon

5th quiet early in the morning some artilery [sic] fighting through the day orders come at dark to be ready to march at 4 in the morning

6th started at 4 and marched about 2 miles halted in supporting distence [sic] of a charge then marched around to the estream [sic] right unslung knapsacks and charged across an open field 3/4 of a mile drove the rebs [sic] and we held the ground til [sic] dark then fill [sic] back unmolested

7th gathered the regt [sic] togather [sic] and marched about 1 mile halted and found that we had 1 killed and 2 wounded stayed there til [sic] about noon then marched out took a position behind works and Co. E went on picket

8th relieved from picket about 10 oclock went to camp rained hard we had a soft time quiet all night

9th rain in the morning quiet in front early marched about 1/2 mile to the front line

10th quiet in the morning some rain hard up for rations. drew rations in the evening [sic] fell in ranks marched about 1/2 mile and built works facing to the rear

11th went on picket but didnt [sic] see any rebs [sic] drew whisky and got tite [sic]

12th relieved from picket at 10 oclock [sic] layed [sic] in camp the rest of the day started a letter home and received one from home

13th all quiet got some gren [sic] corn had a good dinner

14th esepecting [sic] the paymaster all quiet this morning rain in the evening

15th all quiet and warm

16th quiet in the morning paymaster come we drew our money I drew 120.20

17th ready to march expectin [sic] orders orders come to move about 100 yards up to the breastworks [missing text] up camp esepecting [sic] to stay awhile

18th some shelling going on in the morning

19th orders to be ready to march at 4 A.M. started at 8 and marched about 200 yards stayed til [sic] 4 then marched about 2 miles to the right to support Cocks [sic] then returned at dark

20th orders to be ready to move in light marching order marched to the right about 6 miles and returned at night out of rations half starved

21st

Sunday detaled [sic] for picket went out til [sic] noon took the toothache come in sent out a man in my place the mail come in at dark I got 2 letters one from mother the other from Eliza with her likeness in it

22nd layed [sic] camp all day wrote a letter home with 5 dollars in

23rd layed [sic] in camp all day

24th layed [sic] in camp call day

25th cleaned up our guns for inspection

26th layed [sic] in camp done nothing

27th layed [sic] round in camp all day

28th ordered to be ready to march at daylight got ready and layed [sic] there till noon then marched about a 1/2 mile layed [sic] there till sundown then marched about 3 miles that was evacuating our works

29th marched back 1 1/2 miles layed [sic] in the brush til [sic] near dark then marched ahead of where we lay last night lay there til [sic] next morning

30th moved about 5 miles across the Montgomery RR built works at night

31st marched about 5 miles built works then moved ahead about 4 mile lay on the road til [sic] dark then pull back to our works

September

1st marched about 10 miles followed the torn up Macon RR about 4 or 5 miles went in a large field stayed all night

2nd layed [sic] there til [sic] about 9 oclock then started out and marched around all day hard got to the front at dark when there was a pretty sharp engagement going on took a position and went back to get supper we had a good supper of fresh pork and mush went bully

3rd layed [sic] there until about 3 oclock [sic] then fell back and to the left and built works got shelled a little got 1 killed 2 wounded

4th finished the works in the morning layed [sic] around all day

5th layed [sic] round camp all day orders some [sic] to be ready to march at 8 oclock started at 8 marched all night through the mud and dark

6th stoped [sic] about 6 oclock and got breakfast layed [sic] around there all day

7th marched about 12 or 18 miles went in camp about sundown tiered [sic] as dogs

8th marched about 8 miles to Decator [sic] the little town that we took just 50 days ago have now maid [sic] the trip around Atlanta but never saw the city

9th layed [sic] in camp all day got some honey sweet potatoes and fresh pork lived fa [sic]

10th Cleaned up our guns for inspection layed [sic] the rest of the day

11th

Sunday inspection of armes [sic] in the morning no excitement in camp vary [sic] warm

12th Brief inspection in the morning

13th Went to Atlanta to see the place run all day and didnt [sic] see more than 1/2 of the city the houses torn by shells vary [sic] badly

14th our regt [sic] went on piquett [sic]

15th releived [sic] from guard and moved our camping place in to a regular camp or we think

16th detaled [sic] on piquett [sic] again

17th layed [sic] round camp all day

18th rained and was disagreeable muddy [sic] layed [sic] round camp all day

19th company drill in the morning dress parade at 5 in evening

20th drill Battellion [sic] drill dress parade and drew soft bread

21st no drill making out payrolls espect [sic] the paymaster in a few day

22nd no drill plenty of rain

23rd nothing but rain

24th layed [sic] around all day heard a great many reports about going home

25th the excitement getting pretty hy [sic]

26th I had to drill an awkward squad the home fever [sic] dying down a little

27th got payed [sic] off I drew 76 pitt [sic] bully

28th great excitement about going home to vote

29th talk of moving our camp a short distance

30th policing the ground for new camp Our 1st lieu resigned and started home I sent 50 dols home by him

Oct.

1st layed [sic] around camp all day

2nd went a forriaging [sic] marched about 12 miles and back got back at 9 oclock [sic]

3rd orders to move camp about 80 rods and before we got moved orders come to get ready to march at one oclock we did and lay around til [sic] 4 then orderd [sic] to stay there til [sic] morning

4th started at 6 oclock [sic] marched all day and half the night crossed the Chattahoochee at midnight camped

5th started about 7 oclock [sic] passed through Maryetta [sic] about 4 and went on about 5 miles stoped [sic] about 10 oclock in the night

6th started about 7 and marched all day through the mud and heavy rains

7th orders to draw rations and be ready to march [missing text] rations and lay still all day

8th orders to be ready at six to march got ready and layed [sic] round till 4 in the evening then fell in and marched about 8 miles through Ackworth saw where the rebs [sic] had toore [sic] the railroad went near altona [sic] and camped

9th orders to be ready to march at 6 but lay there all day

10th drew rations in the morning and marched from altona [sic] to near kingston [sic] hard marching

11th marched about 10 miles passed through kingston [sic] and went down the Railroad in the direction of rome [sic] camped and then went a forriaging [sic]

12th started at 6 and marched or run down near Rome a distance [sic] of 14 miles. I got 3 letters and some tobacco

13th orders to march at 3 and we broke out through rome [sic] went on west about 7 miles and found some rebs [sic] saw several killed and wounded ones that the cavelry [sic] had been after saw three peaces [sic] of artilery [sic] that we had captured then went back to rome [sic]

14th started north east from rome [sic] at 7 oclock [sic] and marched about 17 miles and camped

15th marched about 21 miles passed through calhoon [sic] and on through Resica [sic] camped and hadent [sic] any rations

16th started at 6 oclock and marched all day without anything to eat stoped [sic] at the sound end of snakes gap [sic] and waited on the pioneers to cleen [sic] out the trees that the rebs [sic] had fell there styed [sic] there about 3 hours then started and marched hard till 10 oclock [sic] then draw rations

17th orders to march at 6 but the order was contermanded [sic] and we layed [sic] still until the next morning

18th started from a little place called luckonaw [sic] marched about 24 miles

19th marched about 15 miles passed through summersville [sic]

20th started at daylight marched about 15 miles stoped [sic] for dinner and layed [sic] all day

21st orders to march at 6 and the orders was contermanded [sic] and we lay all day

22nd heavy frost this morning layed [sic] still all day near Gaylesville Ala

23rd Went a forriaying [sic] and got nothing traveled hard all day

24th orders to march at 9 o'clock marched hard until 3 o'clock [sic] was then about 3 miles from where we started we was put on piquett [sic] and stayed there until dark then moved back to the brigade and camped for the night

25th started at daylight marched back to cedar bluff [sic] layed [sic] there until 3 o'clock [sic] then crossed the coocie [sic] river and built works stayed there all night

26th orders to fixup camp got the mail then order to be ready to move at moments warning but didnt [sic] march

27th layed [sic] around camp all day

28th orders to be ready to march at 1 o'clock [sic] got reddy [sic] and lyed [sic] around until dark and then orders to stay until 5 the next morning

29th started at 5 and marched 24 miles very tired at night

30th started at 5 and marched about 24 miles camped at night in 2 miles of rome

31st started at daylight marched about 20 miles went through rome [sic] camped at night in about 4 miles of calhoon [sic]

Nov

1st started at 5 passed through calhoon [sic] saw severel [sic] of the 4th Ind cav [sic] G Boseter T. Hissong T. Harvy W Kemp and severel [sic] others. marched on to resica [sic] then camp and waited for the cars

2nd layed [sic] around all day in the rain took the cars at dark and traveled all night

3rd traveled all that day and night

4th still on the cars passed through chattanooga [sic] saw some of the drafted men J. cochrun [sic] I condrick [sic] W Bendure A Snyder

5th passed through Nashville in the night went on to Johnsonville got there at 3 in the afternoon took position on a hill and built works

6th still at work on the works

7th layed [sic] around camp all day very hard rains

8th rain and hard wind

9th rain rain rain

10th cleared off a detale [sic] of 40 men to work on a fort

11th nice day nothing to doe [sic] but draw rations

12th nothing doing

13th camp doing nothing

14th moved our tent

15th rain delaled [sic] for fatigue but rained so hard that we dident [sic] work

16th worked on the fort

17 worked on a house

18 worked again on the house

19 on piquett [sic]

20 moved camp about 20 rods

21 layed [sic] around the fire pretty cold

22 very cold freezing weather

23 layed [sic] around all day order come at dark to be ready to move at daylight that made us nearly mad

24th started about sunup and marched about 15 miles passed through Waberly there left the RR and marched southward

25th started at 9 and marched about 10 miles



26th marched about 18 miles and waided [sic] the river at dark and the bush whackers fiered [sic] into us at 3 in the morning roused us up in a hurry

27th Started at daylight marched about 10 miles and devided [sic] the regt [sic] and col [sic] Bruner took the right wing down the river about 2 miles to guard a ford camped

28th Co E on piquett [sic] plenty of forriage [sic] but no government rations

29th still in camp the forriagers [sic] brought in honey meet [sic] flour molases [sic] and evry [sic] thing that was good

30th marched to the upper ford and camped for the night

Dec

1st marched 30 miles toords [sic] Nashville

2nd marched 25 miles got within 8 miles of Nashville and old Hood cut us off and we counter marched and traveled all night in the rain waided [sic] a river at 7 oclock [sic] in the morning

3th stoped [sic] and drew a pint of meal to the man and then went on

4th marched about 2 miles to Charlotte

5th marched about 15 miles to Clarksville crossed the river an [sic] camped drew rations

6th layed [sic] in camp all day

7th marched 24 miles

8th marched 22 miles camped in sight of nashville [sic]

9th crossed the river marched through town in the snow and rain and camped

10th stayed there and froze that day

11th layed [sic] still

12th layed [sic] there yet

13th on piquett [sic]

14th lay still very foggy [sic] in the morning

15 started out at daylight to give old Johnney [sic] Hood a whet [sic] and I got wounded about sundown and was taken to the hospital after dark and lay there until the 3rd of January was loled [sic] to the river and put on a hospital boat named Jenny Hopkins

Jan

4th we run down to Clarksville and was moved onto a larger boat named R C Wood lay there until the 6th then started down the river and went to Jeffersonville Ind it took us until the 4th to make the grip. then I was put in to the Jefferson Hospital Ward 5 James went home that night.

I stayed in the ward til [sic] the 13th then was taken to the gangrene ward and was burned with pure Bromine 3 days in succession. stayed at the gangrene ward til [sic] the 19th then was carried to the tents my wound done very well Eli come in the morning of the 22nd he stayed with me til [sic] the I went back to the ward on the 29th. I stayed at the Ward 3 days then I told the Dr that I had the gangrene and he sent me to the tents I stayed at the tents til [sic] the 4th of february [sic] then the sergeant sent me to the ward again. I stayed at the ward til [sic] the 16th then was carried to the gangrene ward with the gangrene worse than ever they burned a hole through my leg. Eli and Mat Erwin come and stayed one day then in a fiew [sic] days James come down to stay with me til [sic] I got well. I was taken to the tents on the 20th of march [sic] and was burned a little 25th and 26th

April

3rd heard that Richmond was taken doubted it a little

4th the newse [sic] was in the papers and then we beleaved [sic] it a great doings in Louisville and Jeffersonville tonight 70 guns fiered [sic] and a big time in general

5th hard rain in morning

10 heard the Genl Lee and his army was captured James took a notion to go home

[margin note: James Franklin Deemer was discharged 9-6/64 So he was visiting George at the time of end of war.]



