

G.A. Grammer Diary

June 9, 1861

At a meeting of several residents of Warren County, Mississippi at Vicksburg, a company was organized and styled Warrens [sic] Light Artillery. The following officers were elected, viz: Capt. Chas. Swett, 1st Lt. Jas. M. Oslin, 2nd Lt. H. Shannon, 3d Lt. Thos. Haven.

Went into camp June 7th and the following non-commissioned officers were appointed, viz: 1st Sergt. W. Polk Donald, 3d D.P. Smith, 4th J.K. Rapp, 2nd A.S. Ballon; A.R. Keiser Orderly Sergt.; A Shirley 1st Corpl., L.H. White and Corpl. [sic] 3rd R.S. Stout, 4th Sam'l Putnam, 5th N. Ebland, 6th R. Stricker, 7th J.R. Peeler, 8th J. McMullen.

June 8th, Mustered into State Service. A.S. Ballon resigned his position before leaving Vicksburg.

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August 17th. Mustered into Confederate States Service for 12 months, by Capt. Jno. [sic] H. Crump under Capt. Swett, 1st Lt. Jas. M. Oslin, 2nd Lt. H. Shannon; 3rd Lt. Haven.

August 19th. Marched into Vicksburg and embarked on board

August 20th. I joined company about 5 o'clock A.M., W.L Artillery, left at 11:20 A.M. As we moved off the company who had assembled themselves on the hurricane deck gave three loud cheers for the native city they were leaving never perhaps to return. My mother and younger brothers and a few neighbor friends had come to the river bank to take last look at the soldier son, brother, and friend. As we passed the fort above, a salute was fired. Thus we commenced our journey which has since been fraught with scenes of joy and sorrow. How eventful that journey has proven to be, let the gallant remnant that survives this cruel war respond. Two long years have elapsed since we commenced our journey. Many, many, of that brave number who commenced this undertaking are passed away and probably many more will be sacrificed upon the alter of Liberty before our independence is gained; but I say in the language of Henry, "Give me liberty or give me death".

ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

August 22d, Reached Napoleon, Ark. Entered White River.

August 23d, Reached Des Arc; Reached Jacksonport.

August 25th, Reached Powhatan;

August 26th, Started up the Black river but finding water too shallow returned to Powhatan when we disembarked.

August 27th, remained here all day, preparing for marching.

August 28th, Started, our destination being "Pittman's Ferry Ark". Travelled 11 miles; camped on Eleven Point River; Camp Crump.

Aug. 29th. Traveled 10 miles, camped three miles from Pocahontas.

Aug. 30th, Reached Pittman's Ferry.

Remained in camp, performing the duties of camp life. Moved camp once and camped in Batallion [sic] of Artillery under Maj. Shoop, Calvert's Battery, Swett's Battery and two others. Drilled often and we became accustomed to the various manouvers [sic] of the Artillery Drill. Maj. Shoop was a good officer in all respects.

SEPTEMBER - ARKANSAS

24th. Received marching orders. 25th, Broke up camp about 2 A.M., crossed river by 12 M. Crossed Crescent River and camped five miles from Pittman's Ferry, camping on the bank of Little Black River. Raining hard.

26th. Travelled 14 miles, without water fit to use for horses or men.

27th. Reached Big Black River. Crossed by 12 M. Camped 3 miles west of river.

28th. Travelled 10 miles, Cash Swamp.

29th. Travelled 20 miles, crossed St. Francis River at Chalks Bluff. Camped at Liberty, Dunklin Co. Missouri.

30th. Travelled 9 miles on good road, and 12-1/2 miles on a plank road. Passed Clarksville.

October 1st. Travelled 10 miles, reached Point Pleasant earlier in the day. Crossed Mississippi River on steamer "Chasm", the same boat on which we commenced our journey which even this early proved no pleasant one, but one fraught with scenes of hardships and privations.

KENTUCKY.

October 2nd. Travelled 30 miles, reached Hickman, Ky. Camped 1 mile from town. Oct. 3d, Travelled 18 mi., camped 6 miles from Columbus. Got plenty of apples. Oct. 4th, Travelled 12 miles in a round about way and camped in a muddy swamp 6 miles from Columbus. Cooked tonight first time.

5th. Some of Warren Dragoos [sic] (Vicksburg Co.) who were in town visited us. Great uproar, expecting to move. Mr. L.S. Fortner returned to Co. Oct. 6th. Raining all night. Nearly all got wet. Marched to town and put things on cars.

Oct. 7th. Before we left we were eye witnesses of an engagement between the Federal gunboats and our batteries. "Nobody hurt". Left at 12 M. passed Moscow Ky., Humboldt, Union City, Christmasville. At Humboldt changed locomotive.

Oct. 9th. Arrived at Tennessee river and crossed on the Ferry. Gen. Lyon was killed here by his horse falling off bluff.

Oct. 10th. Arrived at Bowling Green on L. and N. R.R.

Oct. 12th. Changed position of camp. We are now on the right. Weather clear and cold.

Oct. 13th. Inspection today on the field.

Oct. 14th. Drill on the guns in the morning and in the field in evening. Paid to Sept. 30th, 1861.

Oct. 15th. 1st Section under Lt. Oslin ordered to Cave City. Got off at Night.

Oct. 25th. 2nd Section under Lt. Shannon arrive at Cave City today.

Oct. 28th. Moved camp to the rear of Hindman's legion. Gen. Hardee's corp [sic] here on the advance of Gen. A.S. Johnston's army at Bowling Green.

Oct. 30th. Went back to Rocky Hill Station.

Oct. 31st. Went to work to fix up camps, tents having come.

November 1st. Orders came (while it was raining very hard) to harness and hitch up quickly. Proved to be a false alarm.

November 7th. Moved camp and camped two miles from Dripping Springs.

November 8th. Left camp at 8 A.M. and went to Oakland Station.

November 10th. Another false alarm. Raining as usual. Remained up till morning.

November 15th. Attended Divine service near General Hindman's Headquarters, by Parson Brawley, it being the thanksgiving day appointed by the President.

November 16th. General inspection today of the troops of Brigade.

November 20th. 1st Detachment with 50 of Maj. Phifer's Cavalry Battalion [sic], to Brownsville on Green river under General Hindman. We arrived at Brownsville at 1 P. M. when we found the enemy on the opposite side of the river. Opened on them with our artillery. They returned our fire for some time with their Minie [sic] rifles. We drove them off, killing seven. One of ours (only) wounded. When we took the mail from the P. O. and loaded two wagons with union goods and started for Oakland, which place we reached about 12 at night. I was not a participant of this fight.

November 21st. Another false alarm at 11 at night.

November 24th. First snow of the season.

November 25th. Moved camp two miles out on the pike.

November 26th. Moved toward Bowling Green. Camped on Barsen River at Graham's landing about 2 miles from Bowling Green in a pretty cedar grove.

DECEMBER

December 8th. Marched from Grahams this morning toward Cave City. Marched six miles. Camped on the farm of an old Union man, who was bitterly opposed to the "Rebels". A brother of Captain's, D. Swett, Jr., from Vicksburg, joined company.

December 9th. Travelled 12 miles, camped at the end of the pike at Bell Station.

December 10th. Left camp at 8 A. M. and passing through Cave City camped at Horse Well.

December 11th. Cooked rations, expecting a fight.

December 12th. Went back to Cave City.

December 17th. Brigade started for Green River. We met the enemy at Rowlett's station near Woodsville, and the Texas Rangers charged them. Swamp Rangers and Young Guards were placed in front as skirmishers. The Yanks soon gave way in utter confusion. The Battery took a position on the pike and fired into the retreating rascals as they fled, terrified, across an open field. Lasted about an hour and as it was the first the battery has participated in, we supposed we had gained a glorious victory, one that would tend to our praise and place laurels upon the heads of all those who fought so gallantly as to drive the enemy double our number from before us. O that we could.

December 18th. 3rd piece went out today with infantry to tear up railroad.

December 19th. The 4th piece went today for same object.

December 20th, 2nd piece went out today. Had an alarm in camps, struck tents and packed up ready to move. Found out that nobody was hurt and pitched tents.

December 21st. First piece went out to block up the pike road near Horse Cave.

December 22nd. Orders to move. Fell back four miles, bad weather.

December 23rd. Everything froze hard this morning. Hard work to pack up tents. Went to Bell Station, pitched tents in the woods.

December 24th. Christmas Eve. Troops blowing up the tunnel here on R. R.

December 25th. Christmas day, but "nary holiday for the soldier boy, far away from that sweet home where oft he watched with intense eagerness for the coming of Christmas, expecting to see "Old Santa Claus".

December 27th. Santa Claus got here at last. Several boxes for W. L. A. arrived today filled with eatables and other goods things sent by those at home to let us know that though we are far from them they still remember us. Many blessings from Him be bestowed [sic] upon those loved ones at home.

December 28th. Dan'l [sic] Swett Jr. received discharge today.

December 31st. Company mustered today.

January 1st, 1862.

Corpl. Sam Putnam, Privates D. A. McDonald, O. G. Carson, received their discharges today, on account of bad health, not able to perform the duties of camp life.

February 1862

February, 8th. Still camped at Bell Station. Bad weather all the time. Raining and camp muddy. Had one false alarm here, and a very cold night.

Left early today for Dripping Springs which place we reached about noon. Snowing and very cold.

12th. Paid to Nov. 31, [sic] inclusive, Left and went to Bowling Green. Camped in town. Several buildings in town were destroyed by fire tonight. Confederate Army leaving Bowling Green. Considerable excitement prevails.

13th. Travel 15 miles and camped with Soup's Battalion.

14th. Very cold last night and snowing. Tents all froze. Started and camped at Mitchellville, Camp Trousdale. Weather bitter cold and we were glad to get into houses.

15th. This morning about 3 A. M. was aroused [sic], harnessed and hitched and went back to Franklin to Hindmans [sic] assistance, who covered the retreat of the army. Cold. At Franklyn [sic] stopped and got our breakfast [sic]. Then went back to Trousdale. Several of the boys got slightly inebriated. Started for Nashville. Order being countermanded, went into camp once more.

16th. About 1 A. M., Boots and Saddles. Remained till 11 A. M. when we started and travelled four miles and then stopped in the road until sunset when we started with cavalry. Order to "double quick". Stopped at a little village called Tyree Springs to water and feed horses etc., 30 miles from Nashville. Gen. Hardee came along and told Capt. that there was now no danger in the rear but in front and that we must make Nashville in five hours. Started again. Travelled all night and went down Cumberland mountain.

Feby. 17th. Crossed Cumberland River on the suspension bridge. Raining, dark and cold. Went through the city out to fair ground and then came back and camped in city at an old mill inside an enclosure about 3 A. M.

Feby. 18th. Ladies very kind to us. Brought over eatables and talked with us. Troops leaving Nashville. Great Excitement. Left at 10 A. M., went out on the Murfreesboro road 3 miles and camped. I shall never forget the kindness which the ladies of Nashville showed to us and shall ever refer to that hour (when dusty, dirty, worn out by constant marching) they treated us with so much kindness, with feelings of pleasure.

18th. Left camp at 8 A. M., camped at 4 P. M.

19th. Heavy rain. Tents flooded. Raining incessantly all day. Could not stir out of camp. Army falling back to Murfreesboro.

20th. Left at 8 A. M. Travelled 20 miles, passing through Lavergne. Camped at Murfreesboro. Splendid spring here.

25th. Remained here until this morning when we left at 12 M. Travelled 6 miles.

March

March 1st. Continuing march arrived about 12 miles from Fayetteville and passed through Shelbyville this morning. Remained here, 12 miles from Fayetteville and 2 miles of Shelbyville, until 4th of March.

4th. Passed through Fayetteville and camped on Elk River where Gen. Jackson camped 51 years ago. Still marching and on 7th passed through Athens Ala. Camped 1 mile from town. 8th Camped 2 miles from Decatur, on the Tennessee river. 9th, crossed river on R. R. bridge and 1/2 mile from town. J. S. Grammer, who has been sent off to hospital to Nashville while at Bell Station and who returned to us yesterday after we had given up all hopes of ever seeing him, received furlough while we were here.

11th. Marched today and camped 1/2 mile from Hillsboro.

12th. Passed through Courtland, colors flying. Camped near Big Nantz [sic] Creek west of the town. Remained here until 16th. Travelled 5 miles. Order countermanded. Came back to Railroad two miles from town. Erected platform to get carriages on train.

17th. Still here waiting for a train. Lt. Oslin went to Corinth to procure transportation.

20th. No cars. Went to town. Camped at depot. Put carriages on platform.

22d. Train at last arrived. Put battery on and started. Passed through luka. Arrived at Burnsville. The down passenger train ran into us causing a "smash up". Broke locomotive and 2 cars.

23d. Arrived at Corinth Miss. at 1 P. M. unloaded and parked in the evening near the depot.

24th. Left Corinth and went out to Brigade three miles from town. Camped here.

25th. Witnessed the ceremony of drumming a man out of C. S. A. for stealing. 26th. Another man drummed out of C. S. A. today. Orders to cook 3 days rations and marched 4 P. M. Started with Brigade. Travelled until 2 A. M. Stopped to rest. At 8 A. M. started again in direction of Hamburg on

Tennessee river. Went within 1 mile of Tennessee River and halted. Found force too strong, so says report, and started back to camp on 28th.

APRIL 1862.

April 3d. Cooked 5 days rations and took up line of march for Tennessee river. Erwin Tanner, W. L. Fontaine, J. E. Rapp, F. Gussie, R. Stricker left in camp sick. Travelled 12 miles and camped by an old gin house for the night.

4th. Advancing slowly the advance guard had a sharp skirmish with the Federals, capturing a few. Lay on our arms all night.

5th Advanced three miles. Formed line of battle in two miles of enemy's camp. Drove in their pickets and lay on our arms all night.

"SHILOH"

6th. Our lines advanced at day light. About 7 o'clock firing became general along our lines, our battery advanced and was the first in action, engaged the enemy. After firing some few rounds, the Brigade being ordered "to charge", we ceased firing. The Brigade charged the enemy who had formed but a short distance from their camps' [sic] in a noble style and drive them before them. We followed and were soon engaged with the "invading foe" and drove them until sunset, being engaged most of the time. We drove them from their camps to the bank of the river, when their gunboats opened on us and we were ordered back. They continued shelling the woods from their gunboats nearly all night, intending to annoy us and keep us from sleeping, but notwithstanding this, and rain, we all were soon fast asleep in the arms of Morpheus, nor did we awake till the dawn of day. The loss was terrible on both sides. Our gallant leader, Gen. A. S. Johnston was wounded while leading our troops to the charge and though we drove the enemy, the irreparable loss was felt by all. He died afterwards. This brave officer tried to conceal from his troops the fact of his being wounded and remained on the field some time after being wounded, and retired from the scene of action but to die. May every soldier emulate the noble example of this gallant chieftain who had rather suffer death himself than by any lack of judgment or sacrifice on his part cause our soldiers to be driven from the field.

General Grant commanded the U. S. forces.

The boys got all they wanted to eat in the encampments. Also blankets, clothing, etc.

April 7th. Gen. Buell, U. S. A. arrived last night with heavy reinforcements. Took command this morning. The enemy attacked us at day light. The firing became sharp and heavy and the contest was hard. Fought with Chalmers [sic] Brigade today. In this Brigade is a company from Vicksburg. Fought side by side. Lt. Oslin was wounded early this morning. We fought the enemy all day till about 2 o'clock when the firing having ceased on both sides, we withdrew slowly from the bloody field. Slept on the battle field. Raining all night. This is the first "battle" in which W. L. A. participated, and how well we sustained the name we bear as being from the county of Warren and City of Vicksburg, let the Brigadier General say, and let history answer.

8th. Started at 4 A. M. for Corinth. Whole army retreating. Arrived during the evening almost worn out. Travelled over very muddy roads.

9th. Several of our wounded came into camp. O. A. Allinger died on way to camp and was buried here at camp. General Breckinridge's Division covered the retreat. Some of our wounded sent to Vicksburg.

27th. F. Kensie died of his wounds at hospital here.

29th. Gen'l [sic] Hindman gone to Arkansas. Gen'l [sic] Marmaduke takes charge of his Brigade. Moved inside fortifications. Gen'l Beauregard has command and is making preparations to fight Gen. Halleck, U. S. A., who is advancing on Corinth from Shiloh.

May 1st. Orders to cook 4 days rations and march in the morning.
2nd. Went out on picket beyond Farmington and stayed all night.
3rd. The advance guard of our Brigade engaged the enemy when we took a position on the Purdy road. They advanced with two rifle batteries and opened a rapid fire on us. The fight lasted an hour when finding their forces too strong for us we withdrew to Corinth. Capt. Jos. Peeler and A. C. Marble were wounded.
4th. Went into the intrenchments, expecting an attack.
5th. 1st Section went out on picket, but finding the bridge washed away returned to camp.
8th. Reorganized the company today and elected the same officers.
9th. Went out to attack the enemy as reserve of Van Dorn and Price. Troops drive the enemy across 5 mile creek. Battery not engaged.
12th. Inspection by Gen'l Hardee to day, an attack anticipated at any moment. Orders to have 5 days rations in haversacks.
13th. At the entrenchments, expecting an attack.
19th. Armies are so close together that an attack is expected at any moment.
20th. Went out on the right to surprise the enemy. Failure.
25th. Moved camp to a much better locality.
28th. Evacuated Corinth, some of our troops fighting the enemy all day.
29th. Rested a short time and again started.

June

June 1st. Reached Baldwin. Gen'l [sic] Beauregard made a masterly retreat to this place, leaving an army of 80000 in his rear and bringing off all his supplies. Army concentrated here. Capt. Swett gone home sick.
4th. Gen'l [sic] Hardee reviewed troops today.
6th. Sent tents to Tupelo. 1st picket out on picket at a bridge.
7th. Started for Tupelo. Roads blockaded with wagons.
8th. Reached Tupelo. Perfect mud hold. Capt. S. returned today. Heard of Corp Peeler's death.
18th. Capt. Swett in command, artillery of Division. We are encamped in artillery battalion.

July

July 5th. We fired a salute of 13 guns in honor of the Victory before Richmond. 24th, Whole battalion left and encamped near Carmargo. 25th, Reached Aberdeen. Maj. Hotchkiss in command of battalion. 26th. Crossed Tombigbee and camped on Butahatchie [sic] River. 27th, Reached Columbus. 28th, Remained here to fix up generally. 29th, Left, travelled 17 miles. 30th, Reached Gordo, Ala. Travelled 30 miles, several horses died. 31st, Remained here all day.

August

Aug. 1st. Reached Tuscaloosa Ala., Northport, opposite Tuscaloosa.
2nd, Several of boys went into Tuscaloosa [sic]. Ladies very kind. 4th, Left, and travelled 30 miles through a poor country. 5th, Travelled 25 miles and camped in a dilapidated village, "Six Miles". 6th, Reached Montevale. [sic] Put guns and chest on cars for Blue Mountain Station. Carriage sent by road. 7th, passed Columbia. 8th, Passed through Shelby Springs. 9th, Reached Wilsonville, put carriages on cars, and crossed Coosa River. Went to Station, hitched to carriages, and travelled 7 miles and camped. Jas. L. Metzger of W. L. A. shot Graham of Jefferson Artillery. 10th, Passing through Mordisville [sic] and Talladega. 11th, Passing through Oxford, camped at Blue Mountain Station, came up with guns etc. 11th, Here still. Put on our pieces. 12th, Left and camped near Jacksonville. 13th, Still on road. 14th, Arrived at Cave Springs, Ga. Saltpeter Cave here. 15th, Reached Rome Ga. Put artillery on cars. 16th, Cannons and pieces left for Chattanooga. 19th, Reached Chattanooga. Harnessed, hitched, and took battery to camp with other artillery. 25th, Out on review by Gen. S. B. Buckner, successor of Hardee, (promoted).

22nd Cannonseer [sic] new knapsacks.

23d. Inspection by Maj. Shelax.

24th. Inspection by Gen'l [sic] Hardee.

25th. Orders to cross river, travelled and camped two miles of it, and crossed. Had to pull up a big hill. Put 10 horses to the pieces.

26th. Assigned to Liddell's Brigade, composed of 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, Ark. Regiment and W. L. A.

27th. Took up line of march for Ky. Proceed part of the way up Waldron's ridge. 28th on top of it.

Travel 16 miles and down ridge and camped, waiting for wagons.

30th and 31st Wagons not yet up. Rations short. Remained in Sequatchie valley.

September

Sept. 1st. Moved to the foot of Cumberland mountain. 2nd, Went up on the Cumberland Mountain. Road up pretty good travelling on and down the mountain. Reached Sparta on 5th. Water scarce.

Sept. 6th. Brigade ordered out to witness an execution of a Lt. and two men. Execution countermanded by Bragg.

Sept. 7th. Left Sparta and traveled towards Ky.

8th. Reached Chestnut Mount and camped on Snow Creek. 9th, Crossing Cumberland river at Sand Shoals, camped on north bank. 10th, Travelled 15 miles, camped near Red Springs, 20 miles from

Ky. line. Provisions along the road very cheap. Bacon 10 to 15 cents. Chickens 25 cents. 11th, Camped on Barren river. No rations. 12th, Travelled 17 miles. 13th, Arrived at Glasgow at 11 A. M.

14th, Remained here all day resting. 15th. Remained here all day resting. Arrived at Cave City in the night. Had to use water for drinking and cooking purpose of an old pond which our forces filled with

dead horses last year. 16th, Started for Woodsonville. Reached Rowlett's Station at 4 P. M. Here we found a force of Federals at Fort Craig, strong position. Bragg sent a flag of truce demanding the surrender of the place, which was refused. Took a position to open on the fort at day light.

17th. At 1 o'clock A. M. they sent in a flag of truce surrendering unconditionally to us. Nine months to a day since the attack of Hindman at Rowletts [sic] Station. Gen. Chalmers [sic] Brigade had attacked them a few days before but were repulsed with heavy loss.

18th. The Federals had all marched out. Been paroled, property being collected and packed into wagons. Number of prisoners, 4000.

19th. Went into line of battle expecting Buell who had advanced from Bowling Green. Running around all day. Rowletts [sic] Station and Woodsonville are in sight of each other.

20th. In line of battle till 3 P. M. when we again took up a line of march. Passed through Munsfordsville. Camped at 12 o'clock tonight.

21st. Left Louisville pike and crossed to Bardstown pike.

22d. Travelled 12 miles and camped on Salt River.

2nd, Reached Bardstown. Camped one mile from town. 24th, at Bardstown. 25th, Ladies of Bardstown presented Gen. Bragg a beautiful banner. The flag was hoisted on the Court House. 26th, Out on review. 26th, Moved camp. 28th, Plenty of forage for horses. While here, Gen. Bragg made an appeal to the North West Camp. 30th. Weather warm.

October

October 4th. Left Bardstown and travelled 14 miles. 5th, Marching. The cavalry skirmishing with enemy in rear. Passed through Springfield. 6th. Reached Perryville. Drawn up in line of battle. Our Brigade and Battery in advance. 7th, Still in line of battle, waiting for the enemy. Water scarce.

Skirmishers of Perryville.

October 8th. Our Brigade and the battery opened on the enemy as they advanced this morning. The battery was separated, 1st Sect. under Lt. Oslin remained in old position, and 2nd Section under Lt. [missing] sent around to the right to prevent a flank. Had infantry support. At one time a cavalry squad

prepared to charge, sabres [sic] drawn etc. but when we opened on them with canister they fled in great confusion. We held the enemy in check for two hours when they advanced in force and we had to retire by order of commander. We were then placed in reserve and after considerable manouvers [sic] took position on a hill. Here we were exposed to the enemy's shell. Here Mike Devine was killed and Ed Dowling wounded by some shell. The battle became general about 1 P. M. and about 5 P. M. were ordered forward double quick. Marching to the right of our lines, we got near the enemy when we charged within 30 yards of their lines. Came upon a brigade of the enemy. Gen. Polk riding up to their lines asked then what regiment it was. They replied 32 Indiana. He says don't shoot, they are your friends, and rode back to our lines, told our boys to shoot, they were Yankees, and our boys gave it to them in fine style, killing nearly all the brigade. Our battery stopped with the infantry 30 yards from the enemy and our cannons were broadside to the Yanks. All this heavy fighting was done in the dark. A beautiful scene, being dark, we could see the flash of the guns. Remained on the field until 12 M. The boys supplied themselves with blankets, clothing, etc. A good many of our boys were captured prisoners while hunting around for boots, etc. Lt. Oslin captured one of Genl. McCook's staff. Gen McCook's ambulance was captured, containing many good things. Left the field about 1 A. M. and retired 1 mile, where we remained till morning. 9th. Left early for Harrodsburg. The army going toward Cumberland Gap. Remained at Harrodsburg until 5 P. M. and resumed our march. 9th. Camped at 10 A. M. on the road side.

10th. Reached Camp Dick Robinson, Bryantsville, Ky., and parked here in an old field, cold. Skirmishing in rear. 11th, Expect to move every minute. Harness remained on horses three days. 12th, Orders to cook rations and ready to move in the morning. Had snow while camped here. Uncle Jake sent a letter to Pa by one of the paroled prisoners. 13th. Left at 9 A. M. passed through Lancaster, a union town. Would not let boys have anything for Confederate money. Camped on Duck River. 14th. Passed through Crab Orchard and Mount Vernon, and camped three miles from latter place. 15th. Crossed Rock Castle river and Wildcat hills. Ruins of a Federal camp here. Here Gen. Zollicoffer had a fight. Army on half rations. Often don't get that. 17th. Camped near London, Ky. wagons train behind. Rations very short. Parched corn in great demand. Corn scarce. 19th, Camped on Cumberland river tonight. Passed through Barboursville, [sic] and camped near town. Wagons came up today. In our retreat, we were joined by Gen'l [sic] Kirby Smith's forces, who brought up our rear. 19th. Lt. Oslin went home from here on account of his wound troubling him. Left at 2 P. M. and travelled 7 miles and camped for the night. Roads rough. 20th. Travelled 15 miles and camped on Yellow Creek. 21st, crossed Cumberland Mountain through Gap. Place strongly fortified. Gen. Polk in command.

22d. Passed through Taswell, small place. 23d. Crossed Clinch River, camped near Maynardsville. 24th, Travelled 14 miles. 25th, Reached Knoxville, went into camp 1-1/2 mile from town. Troops have no tents. 26th, Heavy snow fell last night. Imagine my surprise after a good night's rest to wake up in the morning and find my blankets perfectly covered with snow and my head full. Such is the life of a soldier. "O, who would (n't) be a soldier". 31st. Left this morning, travelled 10 miles and camped.

November

November 1st. Travelled 17 miles and camped. 2nd. Travelled 15 miles and camped on bank of Kingston river. 3d. Travelled 15 miles. 4th. Travelled 21 miles and camped at Washington. 5th, Travelled 7 miles and reached the foot of Waldron's River, 1 mile up and across and one down, waiting for the train ahead to cross. 6th. Crossed ridge today. Roads rough and rocky. Arrived at the fott [sic] at 9 P.M. and camped here. 7th. Travelled 15 miles and camped near Dunlap. 8th. Travelled 20 miles and camped 4 miles of Jasper. 9th. Travelled 20 miles on Sequatchie river, at foot of Cumberland Mountain. 10th. Crossed the mountain today. Ascent and descend very bad road. On top good. 11th. Travelled 1 mile, camped on Elk river. 12th. Arrived at Arizona Station, Estill Springs today. 22d, Left for Shelbyville today. Travelled 15 miles and camped on Duck river. 25th Division

review by Gen'l Buckner. 29th, Orders to move countermanded. 30th, out on review. Orders to drill every day.

December.

Dec. 3. Orders to move, but countermanded. 5th. Left this morning. Roads very slippery. Travelled 8 miles. 6th, Heavy frost last night. Travelled 16 miles. Camped on creek. 9th. Moved camp in turnpike. We have a nice camp in the grove near the college. 10th, Went out on a reconnoissance [sic] beyond Tryune [sic] near Franklin. Cavalry had a skirmish with advance guard of Rosecran's army. 11th. Returned to camp today. 12th, Review by General Buckner. 13th. Out on review by General Buckner. His farewell address was read and he took leave of the Division. He is going to Mobile. We disliked to part with him. 14th. Capt. left to go to Mississippi after conscripts. 15th, Orders to move. Brig. Gen'l Cleburn promoted to Div. Commander. 16th. Brigade inspected by Gen'ls [sic] Cleburn [sic] and Liddell. Major Ball appointed Chief of Artillery. 25th. Gen'l Liddell gave a Christmas dinner to his brigade. All passed off well. Appropriate speeches were made, and Gen. Liddell upon being called on, replied that he would speak to them on the battle field. 26th. Left College Grove for Murfreesboro. Enemy advancing in force.

28th. Arrived at Murfreesboro and went into line of battle 2 miles beyond town. Lt. Shannon in command of Company. Capt. Swett and Lt. Oslin both absent. 29th. Troops are being concentrated here expecting a battle at any moment. 30th, Still in line of battle. We can see the Yankee skirmishers. 30th. Heavy skirmishing in front, in center today. Our brigade moved from the right to the left. Raining. 31st. Cleburn's [sic] Division was ordered forward at day light this morning. Driving in their skirmishers, we advanced rapidly on their line of battle and drove them before, although they fought pretty desperately. The firing on both sides was heavy and the loss considerable. By 1 o'clock we had driven in their right wing and completely turned it. We were on the extreme left, nothing but cavalry on our left. Early in the engagement, Corporal M. Green was struck on the leg with a cannon ball and died at 12 M. Our brigade captured six pieces of cannon and fought gallantly. After we had driven the enemy about 5 miles, Johnson's Brigade of Tennesseans was repulsed, causing our whole Division to fall back and giving the enemy a chance to recover and collect their scattered columns and make a stand and make ready for our coming. Our 2nd piece became disabled from a misfitting ball, but they procured a "James Ragle" (Yankee gun) in its stead. The 1st piece was rendered unfit for us by a friction primer breaking in the touch hole. The rest of battery was sent to support Wheeler's cavalry who were attempting to go to enemy's rear, but Division having fallen back, they did not carry out their intention and we went back to the Brigade. Stopped for the night near the pike. It is the general belief that Rosecran [sic] is retreating to Nashville. Thus far we are victorious over the Yankees, but reinforcements can easily [sic] be brought up from Nashville as they have a pike all the way.

January

January 1st. Had a brush with enemy's cavalry and made them leave for safer quarters. Then tried their artillery but they proved too much for us and we were compelled to leave them.

2nd. Still in line of battle, everything quiet. Raining all day.

3rd. No fighting on the left today. Gen'l [sic] Breckenridge's Division charged the enemy on the right but was repulsed with heavy loss on his side. Gen'l [sic] Wheeler's cavalry has captured a good many of their wagons and a great number of prisoners. Raining this evening.

4th. We retreated from Murfreesboro last night about 12 o'clock, and started in the rain for Manchester s[sic]. It seemed as if the flood gates of heaven were opened and we poor mortals would be drowned. We took from the field a 12 lb. rifle gun and a 10 pound parrot gun captured from the Yankees. Old Rosecrans does not follow us. Both armies are pretty badly used up and totally unfit for marching or fighting. Camped 5 miles of Manchester [sic]. We have been in line of battle seven days and nights with no shelter but the deep blue vault of heaven, and from that constantly came rain which came near drowning us. Tired. Tired. No one can have any conception of the hardships and

privations which necessarily attend a soldier's life, until he has formed an idea from experience. "O, when will this cruel war be over".

5th. Arrived at Manchester at 10 o'clock A. M. Remained here all day. Cooked 2 days rations. 6th, Left, and reached our old camp ground at Estill Springs at 5 o'clock P. M. 7th. Moved camp and went to Battalion of Artillery. Still marching orders. 8th, Gen'l [sic] Liddell having ordered to the front with his brigade, we started this morning for Wartrace. Travelled 16 miles and camped 8 miles from Wartrace near Roseville. 9th, Arrived at Wartrace this morning and camped 1 mile of depot. 12th, Capt. Swett returned from Vicksburg today. No recruits for company. 16th. Received a detail of 12 men from Brig to fill up company. Rest of Hardee's corps at Tullahoma, and Polk's corps at Shelbyville. We are in advance of our corps. 19th. Paid 4 months wages at \$11.00 instead of \$12.00. 24th. Fourth detachment ordered to prepare for marching by morning. 25th, Horses went by land, cannon and cannoneers went on cars to Normandy station, seven miles below here. Slept near depot in an old open shop. 26th. Were treated to a good breakfast which was thankfully received as we had no rations. Cannoneers and piece arrived about 10 A. M. Hitched up to the piece and put it in a beautiful position on top of a hill which commands the surrounding country. Raining this evening. 27th. Snowing hard this morning. It becomes my sad duty to make a memorandum of an accident which is horrible to think about. An oak tree fell across the tarpaulin tent in which was Lieutenant Haven one corporal, and four privates. They ran out but unfortunately, Lt. Haven ran under the tree which crushed him badly, breaking off his skull, mashing his left shoulder and breaking his left leg. It was an awful sight to behold. He died instantly. Corporal Goodman was hurt by a piece of a limb sticking in his leg. Several others slightly hurt. I had just left the tent when the awful accident occurred. We had to dig Lieutenant's remains out from under the tree, as it was too large to cut easily. Sent one of our number to convey the sad intelligence to Capt. Swett. (Lt. Haven's brother-in-law) and Lt. Shannon, and Dr. Burchett came down about 2 A.M. We had to wash Lt. Haven's brains and put them back and tie a handkerchief on his head to keep them in. Such a sight as I witnessed tonight, I never have nor never wish to behold again. Happened about six o'clock P.M. May God protect her who by this sad accident is deprived of a kind husband, and God pity and protect the fatherless babes. 28th. Mustered in today. Capt. Swett asked permission to send Lt. Haven's remains home, but did not obtain it. 29th. Lt. Haven was buried near Wartrace today. Corpl. Goodman was sent to Wartrace. 30th. Heard heavy cannonading.

February

February 1st. Signed pay roll today. 2nd. Harnessed and hitched and went to depot to await the arrival of the train which was to leave us a 12 pound rifle gun. Train did not come. Returned to camp. 4th. Got our new piece today. 7th. Lt. Oslin returned to company today. 8th. Resolutions in regard to Lt. Haven's death were drawn up and sent to company today for their adoption and approval. 9th. Voted for 3d Lt. to fill vacancy occasioned by the death of Lt. Haven. Sgt. McDonald having received majority of votes was declared elected. 11th. Resolutions in regard to Lt. Haven' were adopted and published in Vicksburg Whig. 15th. Lt. McDonald, Sargt. [sic] Stricker, and Corpl. Mann arrived today. Resolution in regard to the death of all our members were passed by company and submitted to us for approval. They are to be published in Vicksburg papers.

March

March 1st. Mr. Payne preached at church here today. 4th, Went to Wartrace today and returned on 6th. March 6th, 13th and 15th Arkansas Regiments assigned to this Brigade. March 9th and 10th, Raining. March 8th. Heard cannonading in direction of Shelbyville. 14th, Cars run off track below here and Captain Swett and Gen'l [sic] Hardee who was on them came to our camp. 16th, Visited Dr. W[missing] today. First time have eaten out of camp since left Vicksburg. 20th, Building a shed for horses today. 21st. Received letter from father. 22d. Visited Wartrace. 24th, Returned to Normandy.

27th. Fight at Deer Creek Miss. Yankees repulsed. 8th. Capt. Swett moved his Headquarters to Tullahoma. Has command of the Battalion of Artillery in Maj. Hotchkiss.

April

April 3d. Second piece went to Tullahoma and stopped here all night on their way back to Camp. 4th. Second piece returned to camp at Wartrace. 13th. General Van Dorn attacked the enemy at Franklin but was repulsed. All of Capt. Freeman's battery were captured but one piece and Capt. Freeman was murdered after he was a prisoner. This battery was formerly in our battalion. 21st. At Wartrace. Second piece had target practice. Maj. Graves (Breckenridge's Division) Lt. Oslin, Corpls. [sic] Wahl and Peeler, tried their skill. Lt. Oslin best. April 24th. Gen'l [sic] Hardee's corps which was passing Normandy for some days arrived at Wartrace today. Hardee made his Headquarters at Mr. Erwin. 24th. Detachment left Normandy today and camped near Wartrace for the night, but was afterward ordered to report to Bellbuckle [sic] with company. Travelling all night, reached company at 1 o'clock A.M. Had marching orders, rest of detachments were to supply us with rations as we had none. 26th. Orders to march countermanded. 27th. At Bellbuckle. [sic] Soldier's religious meetings held every night. Superintended by chaplains and ministers. A great work of grace was going on. Many professed faith in Saviour. [sic] Among them two men from our battery's details, - from 2nd and 6th Arkansas Regiments. Jas. D. Wilson and Sullivan. I labored with Jimmie as I called him, and G. Montjoy labored with Mr. Sullivan. April 30th. Meetings still in operation. Dr. Pettway of Johnson's Brigade, an able minister, visited us often. Our Brigade has no Chaplain.

May

May 1st. Today I formed resolutions to do better. Since Oct. 4th, 1862, I have led a life, entirely contrary to the principles of our holy religion, and to the teachings of God's holy word. I wandered from the paths of rectitude "cast off fear and restrained prayer". But by the grace of God, I have at last recovered and am arousing from my wickedness. I resolved by the grace of God to lead a better life and if possible to atone for the past. A year spent in wickedness. May God forgive me for the past and give me grace for the future.

May 3d. I joined Soldier's Christian Association of Liddell's Brigade. This Association was organized at Wartrace, Tenn. in April, and was organized for the purpose of maintaining a strict Christian life and for moral and religious excellence. The pledge is a solemn one.

9th. Left Bell Buckle for Wartrace, being relieved by Darden's Battery. We came here to get new guns. 11th. Received news of the death of Stonewall (T. J.) Jackson from the wounds received at Chancellorsville and pneumonia. This noble Christian was wounded by his own men in mistake at night when the enemy were advancing. He and staff went out "to the front" and as the men did not know it, and supposed they were enemies, fired on them, wounding him.

13th. Troops leaving for Vicksburg. Yankees coming in rear have invested the place. Horses are pastured at Mr. Buchanans. [sic] 23d. Received two Napoleon Guns. They were assigned to 1st and 3rd Detachments.

June

June 2nd. Lt. Oslin left on furlough. Received 20 horses yesterday. 4th. Orders to cook two days rations. But as we were ordered off immediately we could not cook any. Arrived near Fairfield about 2 A. M. We cooked rations. Raining all the time. Most of us remained up all night. Went within ten miles of Murfreesboro and went into a line of battle. Our (Liddell's) Brigade went within two miles and had a skirmish with the enemy. Returned to Camp Boles near Fairfield. 6th. Receiving orders to report to our Brigade. Took up line of march for Bell Buckle where it is stationed. Arrived at dark and 1st Section ordered to go to Liberty Gap. 7th. 1st Section started early this morning for gap. 14th. The Yankees came down within four miles and then left again.

June 15. 2nd Section relieved 1st Section today, who returned to Bell Buckle. 17th. Corporal J. H. Wall, a brave soldier, and one of my old mess mates died at Bell Buckle today and was buried with

military honors. 20th. Lt. Oslin having resigned, an election was held. Votes as follows: Private H. N. Steele 42, Corpl. Jas. Ashton 19, and Sgt. Keiser 8. Private H. N. Steele having received majority of votes, was declared duly elected. Raining nearly all day. Yankees completely surprised us, and were skirmishing in sight before we were aware of their approach. Horses were in pasture. Most of men asleep as they could not stir on account of rain, and as they had a party at Bell Buckle a good many of the men were at this frolic, and it was as complete a surprise as our forces ever experienced. As I was not able to drive and they needed someone with the wagons, I volunteered to go with the wagon and so I did not participate in this affair. Returned to Camp and cooked rations. Raining. 25th. The battery went out again in the morning. I went with wagons to Wartrace. 26th. Returned to company, considering myself able for duty. Laid in position behind a hill all day. Infantry skirmishing all day. Churchill's and Wood's Brigade coming up took position. Returned to camp at night. 27th, Commencing falling back in the direction of Tullahoma. Rained all day. Crossed Duck river and waited until Cheatham's Division passed. Went five miles and camped. Dugger and Jones are missing. Deserted night of 26th. 28th, Arrived at Tullahoma at 12 M. today. Had heavy cavalry fighting in our rear. 29th, Tullahoma, 2 days rations on hand. Raining. 30th, Put battery on cars and took horses around by land. Arrived at Arizona Station. Harnessed and hitched up. 1st and 4th Sect. ordered to take position near Elk River. 1st was ordered back and 4th sent with 2nd. Were put in a position commanding Manchester road after some maneuvering. Our army commenced falling back in the night. Found several pieces of artillery here, but no men. Our Brigade is here.

July

July 1st. Our Brigade left and started for Dechard [sic]. Second and fourth piece and 8th Arkansas arrived at Brigade camp. They were preparing to fire the bridge when we left. July 2nd, Arrived at Dechard [sic]. Remained here about an hour and then proceeded on our way. Travelled about three miles. Unharnessed and watered horses, waiting for Stuart's Division to pass. Orders to ascend the mountain. Ascended the mountain and camped near University place.

3rd. Started about 10 A.M. and travelled 10 miles. 4th, Descended the mountain. 5th, Crossed Sequatchie River. Passed through Jasper. Crossed Raccoon ridge and camped 8 miles from Jasper. 6th, Travelled along the Tennessee river and crossed Tennessee river on Pontoon bridge at Kelly's Ferry. Went five miles. Camped at Wahatchie [sic] on Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad. Raining. Remained in camp today. Withers and Cheatham's Division passed on train bound for Chattanooga. 8th. Cooked rations.

9th. Moved battery up to Station and put it on cars. Took horses around by land. Passed through Chattanooga. Heard of surrender of Vicksburg. Started for Chickamauga and swimming river with horses, arrived there in the evening. This is 12 miles from Chattanooga on Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad. 10th, waited all day for the battery which arrived at 2 P.M. Went to camp near Station.

15th, Heard of the surrender of Port Hudson on the 9th.

16th. Commenced bombarding the city of Charleston.

July 10th. Organized pray meeting in the battery.

July 17th. Gen'l [sic] Hardee left us to take command of Mississippi Army. 18th, Sunday, attended Prayer Meeting at 11 o'clock A.M. We had a glorious meeting, although few in number. Five professors. We experienced the promise, "Where two or three meet together in my name, I will be with them." I led in prayer and have not made such an earnest sincere petition to God with so much Christian spirit for many a day. Every one seemed to be deeply impressed with the solemnity of the occasion and as each led in prayer, it seemed they prayed with more earnestness and seemed to feel a deep interest in the welfare of our own souls and those of our relatives and friends. Each made his request which was that we should pray for them and absent and loved ones out of the arc of safety. None more felt God's love manifested in their hearts than did God's humble ambassador. At night two of our company asked an interest in our prayers, they were both sinners against God, and in the

broad road that leads to death. "O thou who hearest prayers listen to our feeble petitions in their behalf and convert them from the error of their ways and make them heirs of immortality." Attended Divine services at Brigade encampment. Bro. Moore's text, 1 Cor. 13:22. Excellent sermon. 19th. Attended services at 11 o'clock A.M. at same place. Rev. Caywood's text, St. John 3:11. Meeting (Prayer) attended at night. As Gen'l [sic] Hardee has left us, Lt. Gen'l [sic] D.H. Hill has been assigned to duty as our corps commander.

July 20th. Heard of Gen. John H. Morgan's raid into Indiana.

22d and 23d Unwell. Did not perform any duty, but took no medicine. 24th. Reported for duty. 26th, Remained in camp all day. General policing all day by orders from Headquarters. Almighty God, though I am not accountable for this great sin, yet it was with reluctance that I performed the work assigned me. May our rulers learn to reverence thy holy day and never order any unnecessary work to be done on this day, is the earnest prayer of the author. Heard of the capture of Morgan and men. Nine escaped.

27th, 13th Ark. Regt. moved near us. 28th, At night attended prayer meeting at 2d Ark. Regt. about two miles from here. Led in exercises. 29th, Visited 8th Ark. Regt. to see J.P. Rogers. 30th, Raining today. 31st, Made some improvements in our church which we built when we first arrived, so that more could be accommodated. This camp church consisted of seats made of poles, and a stand for leader and place for lights, out in the grove accessible to camp. As I had not heard from Bro. William since Dec. 31st, date of last letter, I wrote to Capt. Moore of his company and enclosed him a letter to Bro. William. Parson Benedict preached for us tonight.

August

August 1st. Raining. 2nd, Parson Benedict, an Episcopalian minister preached for us at 4 o'clock P.M. Receiving orders to report to Battalion at Tyners Station. Left at 7 P.M. August 5th, Orders from Gen'l [sic] Hill to give a furlough to one man out of every twenty for ten days. Nine of W.L.A. drew for them. 6th, Swett's and Douglass' Batteries had target practice, distance of 1200 yards, for the purpose of trying our guns. Neither hit the target though a few good line shots were made. 7th, Lt. Shannon left for Atlanta to get new wheels for our battery. 9th, Inspection of Camp and knapsacks by Major Hotchkiss. Attended preaching at 4 o'clock P.M. by Rev. Worley.

August 10th. Are pasturing our horses here. Rumors of Gen'l [sic] Morgan's capture in Indiana by state forces. 12th. Received letter from Brother William. 13th, Out on review. General Cleburn, [sic] Inspector. Fired at target one round to the gun. 2nd and 4th pieces hit the target. Douglas Battery hit it once. Rev. Mr. Colwell, Presbyterian minister and missionary to C.S.A. delivered an excellent discourse tonight from John 1:46. 14th, Nineteenth birthday. Almighty God, I thank thee that thou hast spared my life this long. May I live more devoted to thy cause and to my country. Strengthen me and may I be firm in my resolutions. May all that I aim at be my country's, my God's, and truth. Albert Grammer.

15th. George Van Horn formerly a detail to Battery, and from 7th Ark. Regt. was transferred to it, reported to company today.

16th. Sunday. Rev. Mr. Colwell preached from 1 Sam. at 11 o'clock A.M.

17th. Received letter from Brother. 18th, Moved camps near Graysville and camped 1 mile of town. 19th, At Graysville, Gen. Hill issued an address to his troops calling upon them in an eloquent manner to observe the morrow and to attend Divine services. This officer is a Christian and while we were at Tyners Station he and staff attended our little camp church. 20th, Left Graysville and reached Harrison near Tennessee river, 1 mile from it. 22d, Shelling by Yankee sharp shooters on the other side of river. Yankees shelled Chattanooga a few days ago. Heard cannonading today. Gen'l [sic] Liddell has command of a division consisting of his and Walthall's brigades and are reserve of army. 25th, Attended church at Harrison. Rev. Dr. Noll of Ala., Presbyterian, preached from Luke 7:8. On 26th, his text was Matt. 7:2. 27th, Went into regular camp. Enemy shelled the corn fields where our men were gathering corn. Calvert's battery left today for their Brigade. As they were passing along

banks of Tennessee river, they were fired on by a Federal Battery and two wounded. One since has died. One other had legs shot off, and killed some horses. 28th, Douglass Battery left for their Brigade, leaving us alone. 29th, A detail of 20 men mounted to report to Major and fix a place for battery, and after dark another order came for a detail of 30 men. Went down River near Semples battery and commenced throwing up breastworks. First time we had to do anything of the kind.

Worked until day light.

30th. They detailed 30 more tonight. I was detailed this time.

September

Sept. 2d. Dr. Noll left us today. While with us he held several a series of meetings, preaching every night by which many were spiritually benefitted. Several conversions. Some six or seven baptized by immersion. Rev. Daniel, of 33 Ala. (Chaplain) preached tonight.

3d. Moved and camped about two miles from Harrison. Orders from Gen'l [sic] Bragg transferring us to Liddell's Brigade, our old Brigade. Cheers were given.

4th Arrived at camp about two miles from Chicamauga [sic] near 8th Arkansas Regiment. Attended preaching at 30th Miss. Regiment. Dr. Cummins' text, Matt. 26, Value of soul. Remained all night with J.P. Rogers. 5th. Attended services, Dr Stacy's text Matt. 16:26. 6th, Head Catholic Priest speak

from " He that heareth them heareth me, and he that despiseth them despiseth me" and took occasion to prove that the Protestant way was wrong and the Catholic right, and spoke exceedingly bitterly against Protestants. Most of troops going to Chattanooga as Rosecrans has appeared near that place. While here was paid four months wages and commutation for last year. On 5th received orders to cook 3 days rations immediately. 7th. Left about 7 p.m. and reached Ringgold about sun up on 8th. Army retreating, leaving here at 5 p.m. camped in an old corn field. Plenty of horse feed. 9th, Travelled 17 miles and reached Fayette about 5 o'clock P.M. We are attached to Walker's corps.

10th, Moved camps to a spring about 1/2 mile. 11th, Left camp at 6 o'clock A.M. and travelled 4 miles and went into line of battle near McLemore's Cove. Pretty heavy fighting with Siegle [sic] (Yankee)

corps. Returned to camp about dark and camped in old corn field. 12th, Returned to our old camp at 2 o'clock P.M., left and travelled 12 miles and formed line of battle on 13th. Forrest scouting reports no Yankees. Returned to old camp. 15th, Remained in camp, cooked three days rations. 17th, Left camp and travelled 10 miles. Heard that Longstreets [sic] corps from Va. had arrived at Ringgold.

18th, Travelled 5 miles and formed line of battle. 4th. Gun has broken wheel and 2nd caisson sent back with one as 4th caisson wheel would not suit. Our Battery was engaged and fired about 30 rounds. The Yankee cavalry were driven across the Chicamauga [sic] and we crossed, Infantry wading the stream. Camped about two miles from creek.

19th, This morning the enemy attempted to regain the ford and fought Forrest's cavalry very stubbornly. Our Brigade was sent to his relief, and soon was engaged with the Yankees and drove them from before them, capturing several pieces of artillery and prisoners, but were compelled to retreat as they were flanked by the enemy, "cutting them up badly". Our battery fired a few rounds. Here A.G. Marble was wounded in the groin. We were repulsed several times today as our corps commander allowed us to be flanked every time we became engaged with the Yanks. Our Brigade was repulsed several times today with some loss. Gen'l [sic] Cleburn's [sic] Division came to our rescue late in the evening and charging the enemy drove them from their breast-works. Gen. Walker is our corps commander. A. Murphy was wounded in the knee late in evening. Regular lead driver of 4th piece was sick and one who was put to drive in his place was also sick and I volunteered to drive after our Brigade had been flanked the first time. Our Battery was engaged, when our Brigade charged the enemy, and fired in the dark. The Division captured a battery and here our boys supplied themselves with "crackers and bacon from Yanks", blankets, harness, et cetera. We fell back a short distance and bivouaced [sic] for the night. I captured considerable quantity of letter paper. F.B. Henry was injured slightly by a tree falling on him, which was torn down by the enemy's shell.

20th. Sunday, 2nd day of Chicamauga [sic] battle, left and went around to the left and was with our old Division. Gen. Hill commander of that part of the line of battle. Maneuvered around all day but was

not engaged till late in the evening, at 4 o'clock, P.M., according to orders, double quicked [sic] about one mile, formed position in an old orchard and was instantly engaged. Fired a few rounds which had good effect. Our infantry support on the left gave way and the Yanks charged us, compelling us to skedaddle in double quick. While in this hot position, we were objected to two flank fires from enemy's giant artillery. 1st piece was deserted by its drivers and left. The Yanks did not obtain possession of it. 2nd and 4th pieces succeeded in running the gauntlet of shell and small arms and reached rear in perfect safety. I and drivers of 4th piece, with limber of piece returned for our guns and succeeded in bringing them off and one piece of Fowler's Battery. Cheatham's Division succeeded in taking the enemy's stronghold this evening. Our loss is heavy but that of the enemy supposed to be greater than ours. Loss of Swett's Battery: Geo. Ban Horn, in leg, P. Mallon, right shoulder, J.J. Coble, back, J.L. Barfield foot, Lt. W.P. McDonald, leg, Sgt. L.H. White was injured by falling from his horse which was shot. R.A. Norris and C.K. Deterly killed and found near each other and were buried side by side. Norris was found tonight and buried and Deterly was found the next morning. We were informed by infirmiry corps that both were found together, but as Charlie was found dead, they left him and moved Bob, but he died in a half an hour. They were mess mates, members of the S.O.A., professors of religion, and fought side by side at the same piece, perishing as a sacrifice upon the alter of liberty. Some of our boys were captured but succeeded in escaping. Corpl. Ashton, W. Hoffman, Sgt. White, J.J. Coble, P. Mallon, and Lt. McDonald, were among the number, Lt. H. Shannon commanding Swett's Battery, Capt. C. Swett, acting Major of Battalion.

21st. After some fixing up and repairing damages, we went up to rest of battery which had gone out early to line of battle. Formed in the orchard from which we had to skedaddle yesterday. Remained here until 2 o'clock P.M., when we took up line of march for Chattanooga. Rosecrans [sic] army has retreated to that place, badly whipped. Stopped near Bird's Mills on Chickamauga creek.

22d. Remained here all day. Wagons came up.

23d Left camp early and crossed Missionary Ridge. Our line of battle at foot of mountain. The Brigade gave us one day's rations as ours had not come up.

24th. Enemy shelling from both forts. About 12 o'clock our line of skirmishers were advanced to feel the enemy. They fell back until we come in range of their two batteries, when they opened on them and we fell back to our position. Commenced building breast works today. Longstreet has Mount Look Out. Several of Volunteer Southrons, a company from Vicksburg, visited us today. 28th., Lt. McDonald who has his leg amputated on account of wound received during late battle died today. 29th, At 12 o'clock M. harnessed up, expecting to leave. Did not leave but unharnessed at 10 A.M. Orders to keep three days rations in haversacks.

October

October 1st. Commenced raining last night and rained all day. Major E.G. Marble who has a son and nephew in company, visited us today.

5th. Commenced shelling Chattanooga today from Ridge with our "big guns". Not much damage resulting. Shelled occasionally during the night.

7th. Lt. Gen'l [sic] Polk has been relieved of his command on account of disobedience of orders at Chickamauga. Gen'l [sic] Hindman is also under arrest. Forrest has resigned, so also Brig. Gen'l [sic] Wood.

Oct. 8th. Some cannonading from Ridge. Very few reaching their forts. Oct. 10th, Held an election today to fill vacancy occasioned by Lt. McDonald's death, resulting in the election of Corpl. Ashton. Votes as follows: Ashton 35, Scanlon 13. I voted for Ashton.

President Davis passed along the lines about 12 M. which occasioned much cheering as he passed the various regiments and companies that thus opposed the advance of Lincoln's hirelings.

Oct. 11th, Sunday. Attended preaching at Smith's Brigade.

Oct. 12th, Wrote to Mr. John Armstrong and enclosed him a letter for father, hearing that he would send any letters into Vicksburg for any of us.

Oct. 14th, Received letter from W.B. Grammer. Raining all day. Report that Gen'l [sic] Wheeler captured and burned all the stores at McMurville [sic], and also at Shelbyville, burned 1700 wagons and capturing 2000 prisoners and burning bridge over Stone [sic] River, - is now at Courtland Ala. Hurrah for him, whether it be true or not.

Oct 15th. Raining. Bridge over Chicamauga [sic] washed away. Ceased raining about sunset.

October 17. Gen'l [sic] Bragg relieved. Lt. Gen'l [sic] Hill of his command and ordered him to report to Richmond.

18th, Sunday and raining. Rain ceased before noon and was pleasant. 19th, S.C.A of W.L.A. met today and drafted resolutions in regard to the death of Bob Norris and Charlie Deterly and sent them to L.W. Neal, member of W.L.A. to have them published in Memphis appeal. James D. Wilson was elected on Committee in place of Deterly. A few appropriate remarks were made in regard to the death of our two members by the President (F.W. Williams) and G.A. Grammer. I was on the committee to draft resolutions and wrote them out and sent them to Mr. Neal on 20th. Was relieved from horses today. 21st, Thunder storms today. Great excitement about Confederate Navy. Capt. Swett still acting Major. Sgt. Keiser his Adjt.

22d, Shelling all day and some little during night. Attended prayer meeting. Rev. McGivitt exhorted on duty and efficacy of prayer. Mailed letter to Rev. A.W. Miller. 23rd, Raining all day and night. 24th, A portion of the army moving. Cheatham's corps is supposed to be moving. 25th, Cool weather. At 7 P.M., Rev. McGivitt of Smith's Brigade preached from Ps. 156:3.

Oct. 26th, Pleasant and warm today. Orders to build stables.

Oct 27th. Heavy cannonading on our left today. Commenced on sheds, cutting down and making board timber. Mailed letters to L.W. Neal, Atlanta, and H.C. Clarke, Augusta Ga. Oct. 28th, About 3 A.M. received orders for "Boots & Saddles". Harnessed and moved outside the breastworks and remained until daylight and then moved to the left. Longstreet's corps moved further to left and whole army changed position. Camped about 1/4 mile from old camp. Cannonading all day on left. Camped on side of Missionary Ridge and wood hard to obtain. 29th, Heavy shelling on the left all day. Some 23 Federals were captured by our cavalry passed today.

30th, Cold and drizzling rain today. Moved to the breastworks about 1/2 mile to the right and put the battery in position and took the caissons upon hill in rear of battery. Drivers ordered to sleep with horses and cannoneers with guns. 31st, Cold day. Shelling between our batteries and those of the enemy today.

November

November 1st. On detail to make a coal pit. Alas, the Sabbath is not regarded as it should be in the army.

November 2nd. Cannonading today. Gen'l [sic] Hardee, Breckenridge, and Longstreet and Coble passed along lines today. Boys commenced building stables. Every driver built his own stable. Enemy shelling our pickets. Wounded a few.

3rd. Enemy still shelling out pickets.

4th. Second and 4th pieces and caissons (rifle) went to Chickamauga today and had them exchanged, Two 12 lb. Napoleon pieces came back tonight. Considerable difficulty in our trip as the roads were blocked, portion of the army moved to Station to go to Knoxville. 2nd piece turned over as it came down the ridge. Mailed letter to Brother. 5th, Cannonading early. Corpl. Ashton and Priv. H.N Steele, Lts. [sic] elect, were examined today. Resolutions in regard to death of Norris and Deterly were published in yesterday's appeal. L.W. Neal who has his foot hurt by piece running over it and who went to Atlanta, returned today. 7th, A Brigade of Cheatham's Division passed us going to the left. All Longstreet's corps got off on cars today for Knoxville. Was assigned to post, No. 6 at 4th gun, by Corp'l [sic] C. Mann. 8th, Received a letter and 12 hymn books from Rev. A.W. Miller. Hymn books were given and sent free of charge. Attended meeting of S.C.A of W.L.A this evening. Resolutions of S.C. cost \$12.50 for publication and copies sent to family of deceased. I presented them with hymn books. Mailed letter to A.W. Miller.

10th. Sargt. [sic] Stricker of 4th Detachment resigned this morning. Inspection of harness by one of Breckenridge's staff. 11th, Our men commenced building a fort in front of our position. The Yanks threw into the camps of 2nd Tenn., (which is camped near us), a 10 lb. parrot shell.

12th. Had a quantity of orders read to us this morning. Corpl. J.N. Givin appointed Sergt. 4th Detachment. Orders for the company to select a man whom they thought best deserved a badge of honor for their conduct on field of battle and who had most distinguished himself in late battle. A majority was to select. No one selected. 5 votes were cast for Corpl. W. Hoffman and 5 votes for G.A. Grammer. I do not wish the badge, for I consider that I am rewarded enough by knowing that my comrades esteemed my valor and of performing my duty to my county. It was decided to let Lt. Shannon decide, as he knew best who deserved this mark of honor. George Van Horn returned to company today.

13th. Lt. Shannon at roll call this morning said that in awarding the badge, the company had designated "Young Grammer and Corpl. Hoffman" and as it was left to him to decide, he would decide in favor of Corpl. Hoffman. Employed my time in writing letters for some of Swett's Battery. Lieutenant Shannon told me privately the reasons he decided against me this morning. He said that as I was young, I would have a better chance to win honor for myself than did Hoffman, and said he had made honorable mention of me in his report to Brigade Head Quarters.

Sunday, 15th. Attended preaching at 3 P.M. Rev. Cherry preached from "Wisdom is better than weapons of war".

16th. Moved camp over the Ridge and camped about four miles from Chickamauga Station. 17th, Inspection of corps transportation. Heavy cannonading this morning. 18th, Inspection of battery by Capt. Douglas acting Major of Battalion. Capt. Swett left us.

19th. Received letters from Brother, and Rev. D.S. Snodgrass.

20th. Inspection of horses by Capt. Walker. Commenced shed for horses.

21st. Raining today. Pontoon Bridge floated away which was across Chickamauga creek. Out of rations.

22nd. Orders to have roll call at 2 o'clock p.m. and remain in camp all day. Ordered to pack knapsacks and be ready to leave by 2 o'clock p.m. At this hour, inspection of battery by Col. Hollingsworth. Left at 2 P.M. and reached station about sunset. Have orders to cook three days rations. Camped near railroad. Received letter from Brother, and Confederate States Almanac from A.C. Clarke. It is supposed that we are going to Knoxville to reinforce Longstreet. Received a detail of 12 men from Brigade, four men were assigned to 2nd Detachment, 5 to 3d, and 3 to 1st Detachment. 4th have a plenty at present. Remained up late cooking rations. Troops leaving all the time.

23d. Lt. Shannon assigned Jos. Ashton to duty as acting Lieut. Order to leave countermanded. Ordered back to Missionary Ridge. Fighting all day on Look_out [sic].

24th. Enemy shelling all day. Had a pretty sharp fight on Lookout about 10 o'clock P.M.

We heard the roaring of small arms and cannonading plainly. Ordered to take position. Crossing Knoxville R.R., we were endeavoring to reach top of Ridge, but the "Yanks" beat us to the top and we then recrossed the railroad and went in position on a hill, commanding a good deal of the railroad and country. Afterward crossed Chickamauga Creek and formed position on a hill commanding Railroad and the Bridge. Expected a cavalry raid in that direction. Burnt Railroad bridge tonight. Every cannoneer stood guard on hour apiece. I slept on wet blankets. Cool weather.

25th. Moved out early this morning and recrossing Chickamauga. Creek, moved around to the left and ascended the ridge, and went into position on top. Very soon became engaged. Enemy's Parrots battery shelled our position continually but inflicted but little damage. Our Infantry support consisted of a brigade of Texians [sic] and Arkansians, [sic] commanded by Gen'l [sic] Smith. This brave officer was wounded during the engagement and since died. Lt. Ashton was assigned to duty just half an hour before he was wounded. A shell struck him in the face, slightly wounding him and was wounded seriously in legs. Lt. Shannon was wounded in the shoulder but did not leave the field and when Lt. Ashton was wounded the second time, he again took command, and got up from where he was sitting and though he was very weak walked about cheering the boys and noticing the movements of the enemy. 2nd section ordered to report to Liddell's Brigade. Lt. Shannon and S. Rainey were wounded

while we were going off. Lt. Sanders of Douglas Texas Battery was put in command of our Section. Seven men were detailed temporarily to us. Corpl. Williams commanded 1st Section. The enemy charged the breastworks in front of us three different times, but were repulsed each time. The enemy took the left center about an hour before sun down, near Gen'l [sic] Bragg's Division. The tongue of 4th caisson was shot in two by a shell as it reached the piece bringing ammunition. About dark, left and marched to Chickamauga Station. Remained here all night. Preparations being made to evacuate, sending off everything. Soldiers ransacking things. Burnt up 2-32 lb. rifle siege pieces. 26th, Early commenced evacuating. Before leaving, buried our dead near Station which had been brought from the field in a wagon. Buried them about 200 yards of station under a pine tree. After they were put in the grave, Corpl. Williams led in prayer. How solemn the scene as we paid the last respects due our comrades who were sacrificed upon the altar of liberty. No fond and loved ones were there to weep o'er their dead loved ones. Nothing but a wide board with one name attached, (The others were laid upon them for fear otherwise some rude hand would take it away) marks the last resting place of these brave and heroic defenders of Southern soil. "How sleep the brave who sink to rest by all their country blest." Left and travelled ten miles and camped about one mile from Ringgold. The enemy closely pursuing us. Remained here about half the night and then crossed the creek and went up on hill and parked. Stayed here until morning.

27th. Travelled 15 miles and reached Dalton and parked about 3/4 mile from town. Gen'l [sic] Hardee with Cleburn's [sic] Division is covering our rear. Yankees were badly whipped by them at Ringgold Gap, killing a good many and capturing 7 stands of colors, and several prisoners. Met Frank Hatch, an old Sunday School class mate.

On our retreat as we were leaving Ringgold, Yankees pursuing closely. Wagons were made ready to burn them should the enemy defeat Cleburn [sic] who was but one mile from us. It is said that Gen'l [sic] Hardee wished to burn his corps wagon, but "Pat" said "he could hold the enemy in check long enough for the wagon train to get out of the way".

28th. Started early, and travelled several miles and camped near a creek. Muddiest roads imaginable. Raining all morning. Ceased about noon. Camped about 2 o'clock p.m. 29th, Cool and windy today. About noon, received orders to return to Dalton. Started about 2 o'clock p.m. and camped two miles from Dalton. 30th, Cool and windy today. Started about 2 P.M. and arrived at Dalton, camped one mile from town with other artillery of Division.

December

December 1st. W.L. Fontaine shot himself tonight with a pistol. He died instantly.

December 2nd. Dress parade of battalion by Capt. Douglas. I am suffering from Neuralgia and rheumatism at this time. Corpl. F.W. Williams assigned to duty as acting Lieut. Lt. Doud of Semples battery has had command of battery since the morning of our retreat from Chickamauga Station. Lt. Sanders returned to his company. Received orders to report at Tunnel Hill. Left Dalton and reached station about dark and camped in battalion order. 4th. Sgt. R.S. Stout reduced to ranks on account of misconduct on the battle field, leaving his post. Received ammunition for battery today. Took two opium pills, first medicine I have taken for two years. I could not sleep. My head and ears pained me so. Should I not be thankful to God for his kindness toward me?

5th. Still here. Gen'l [sic] Bragg has resigned and retired from the service, and Gen'l [sic] Hardee is in command of army at present.

6th. G.G. Pegram received a sick furlough of thirty days.

7th. Longstreet cut off from us, is making his way in Virginia. S.H. Brown, an old member was conscripted and came to us today. Was discharged at [missing] and is now sick, and has since died.

Dec. 8th. Raining. Moved camps across railroad. Capt. Semple in command of battalion.

9th. Received letter from Brother Williams.

10th. A.G. Marble returned to us today in good health and looking better than usual. He reports Lt. Ashton to be dying when he left him. Lt. Dorcher and 42 men of Capt. Scott's Battery were assigned to duty in our battery and arrived today.

December 11th. Mailed letters to H.C. Clarke, and Brother. Inspection of battery by Capt. Semple. Corpl. Mann and Lewis applied for furloughs today.

December 12th. Corpls. [sic] Mann and Lewis received their furloughs today. Raining. Finished stables.

13th. Raining all day.

14th. Pleasant day. Major Hotchkiss in command of battalion. Commenced building stables.

15th. Obtained battery wagon from Ringgold which was left by some of our batterys [sic], Since taken from us. Capt. Swett returned to company. Official report of Ashton's death.

Dec. 16th. Lt. Shannon's wound is mortifying. Mann and Lewis went off this evening. Lt. Dorcher in command of W.L.A.

17th. Drizzling rain all day.

Dec. 18th. Cold and windy. Visited Dalton. Detail from brigade received since Chickamauga fight were ordered to their commands today and left us.

Dec. 19th. Private H.N. Steele assigned to duty as 2nd Lt. today. Received letters from Rev. A.W. Miller and D.S. Snodgrass. President Lincoln's amnesty proclamation is published in today's papers. Several horses have been stolen from us since we have been here.

21st. Several of our boys are making application for furloughs and most of them return approved. Several returned disapproved today because did not state reasons. J. Erwin, G. Montjoy, J.N. Givin, R.E. Charles and G.A. Grammer made application today. Burr Johnson left today for Mobile on twenty days furlough.

22nd. Received two months pay today and commutation.

23d. J.M. Wells left on 30 day furlough.

24th. J. Erwin and G. Montjoy received furloughs, but R.E. Charles, J.N. Givin and G.A. Grammer's furloughs were returned according to Gen'l [sic] Order No. 227.

Dec. 25th. Order No. 227 states that one man out of every 30 would be furloughed and allowed to remain home 10 days. Erwing and Montjoy left on furloughs.

26th. Poor Christmas. Bacon, Lard, Sugar, and whiskey issued to the troops today.

26th. Raining today. Had an election for 2nd Lt. to fill vacancy occurred by death of Lt. Ashton. Corpl. Williams received an unanimous vote. 52 votes. Rufus Raney received four days leave of absence to visit his brother at Atlanta who is said to be in a bad condition on account of his wound.

27th. John Aiken who was off on sick furlough on account of a cut thumb returned today. He reports J.J. Coble and L.H. Brown dead.

28th. Inspection of Camp by Major Hotchkiss.

29th. John Rapp visited us today.

30th. Joe Forebin and Corpl. Scanlan returned to company today.

31st. Company muster today. Raining all day. Corpl. Lewis returned to Company.

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JANUARY 1st. A happy welcome to the new year and a sad farewell to the old year. Jas. D. Wilson and John P. Lowe transferred to Battery today. Corpl. Scanlan left again on sick furlough. Sgt. Givin, Charles, and Grammer made application for furloughs.

2nd. Cold and windy. Received letter from F.R. Read.

3d. Lt. Williams assigned to duty as 2nd Lt. of Company.

4th. Raining today. Furloughs of Givin, Grammer, and Charles returned to know how many days required to make the trip. I carried them to Division Head Quarters.

5th, Cold but pleasant day. Capt. Swett left us for Atlanta. Lt. H.N. Steele commanding Battery.

6th. C. Mann returned to company today, and Lt. W.E. Oslin, brother of Lt. M Oslin visited us tonight.

7th. Sgt. Givin and R.E. Charles received furloughs today.

8th. Snow on the ground this morning. Inspection of horses by Major; Camp battalion searched by officer of day, accompanied by an old citizen who had lost 700 lb. of bacon. G.A. Grammer received furlough of 18 days.

9th. Pleasant day. Left camp and walked to Dalton. Here obtained pass port and transportation on 8 o'clock train. Left for Demopolis, Ala.

10th. Arrived at Atlanta at 5 A.M. and left at 8 A.M. reaching West Point at 2 P.M. at 2-3/4 P.M. left and reached Montgomery at 3 o'clock A.M.

11th. Eat at "Wayside Home". Drew two days rations of bacon and crackers. Visited Stonewall Hospital. Saw J. Myers and West Barefield of W.L.A. Took the boat for Selma at 4 P.M. and reached town at 12-1/2 P.M. Went to "Florence Hotel", and remained her till "car time".

12th. Went out to depot one mile from river and took train for Demopolis at 8 o'clock A.M. Reached Demopolis at 12 M. Ate dinner at "River Hotel" and walked out to Mr. Simnd mons, eight miles from town, muddy roads. Arrived at his planation about dark nearly "broke down". Mr. Snodgrass and family are boarding here and Miss F.C. Pope is also here.

13th. Unwell on account of loss of sleep and my long walk yesterday. 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25h, 26th. Here visiting Mr. Snodgrass and family. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are very kind to soldiers. Soldiers have been staying here all the time, wounded at Vicksburg and Jackson.

28th. Unwell, in bed, and severe pain in eyes.

29th. Arose from bed this morning. Pain in right eye. Severe.

30th. right eye still pains me severely.

31st. Beautiful day. Mrs. Simmons still sick.

February

February 1st. Beautiful day. Made preparations to leave, having sufficiently recovered for travelling. Packed up barrel of provisions.

2nd. Bid farewell to my friends and went to Demopolis. Expressed barrel to Atlanta and obtaining pass port and transportation left on train at 1-1/2 o'clock P.M. for Dalton. Reached Selma about 5 P.M. and took boat immediately, and arrived at Montgomery at 1 o'clock P.M. on 3d. Beautiful scenery along the river. Left at 12 P.M. train and reached West Point at 8 A.M. on 4th. Left about 9 A.M. and reached Atlanta at 3 o'clock P.M. Visited express office and Mr. J.J. Toon. Made arrangements with Mr. Toon to have my barrel sent to Dalton. Left at 7-1/2 o'clock P.M. and arrived at Dalton at 4 A.M.

5th. Slept in car shell until day light and then walked to Tunnel Hill. Battalion practiced target shooting today. Three shots only struck. Attended prayer meeting tonight. Jones and Maxey, blacksmiths, deserved [sic] while I was absent. None original members of company.

6th. Raining. Twenty men of "Scotts" Battery (with our company) re-enlisted for the war today.

7th. Lt. Shannon returned to company today. Roll call three times every day.

8th. Paid off two months wages. Sgt. Fowler and Corpl. Echols left this evening. Inspection of battery. Corpls. [sic] Mann and Hoffman had a private interview with Maj. Gen'l [sic] Pat Cleburn [sic] about condition of affairs and possibility of getting transfers to cavalry. He does not like cavalry and says they are a "nuisance to the country".

9th. Drew for five furloughs. Gussio, Morris, Bollin, C.M. Guidici, J.W. James drew the unlucky. Review of artillery at Tunnel Hill by Gen'l [sic] Johnston. Lt. Steele put under arrest by Major Hotchkiss. P. Gussio returned to company. 10th. P. Gussio left this morning on furlough. H.B. Lewis returned to company. Lt. Williams commanding Battery.

12th. News of the advance of the enemy from Vicksburg towards Jackson, Miss. A section of Calvert's Battery went to front and made a recounoisance [sic] in force. 13th, Drew new harness today. 14th, Raining all day. 15th, Raining all day. 16th, A.T. Grimes and E. Waters left on sick furlough of 30 days each. Mailed letter to Mrs. Simmons thanking her for her kindness to me while I remained at her house. Corpl. Hoffman returned as the Yankees were between him and his place of destination. Lt. Shannon's squad returned this morning, leaving him at Dalton. 18th, Lt. Shannon returned this morning. 19th, Dress parage. [sic] Major Hotchkiss made a few remarks urging upon the battalion the necessity of re-enlisting. 20th. Lt. Shannon and squad left today on foot. 21st. Attended

meeting of Association. Withdrew from brigade and are now an independent organization. Scott's Battery joined the Association. Nearly all of Capt. Keys and Semples battery have re-enlisted for the war. Our Division is leaving for Mississippi towns. Alabama brigade is only one left.

22d. Ed Waters returned to company. Furlough has not yet expired. About 2 P.M. received orders to report to Dalton immediately. Report that the enemy are advancing. Arrived at Dalton during night and camped in town. Had "boots and saddles" during the night but countermanded a few minutes afterwards.

23d. Harnessed up early this morning and then unharnessed afterwards and went up in town. Troops moved around considerable. No idea could be formed of our intentions. Moved out of town, and formed line of battle. Remained here all day. Enemy advancing. No rations cooked. Sent detail back to cook rations.

24th. Beautiful day. Hard fighting at Tunnel Hill. Cannonading plainly heard.

25th. We were aroused early this morning, and got ready for morning. Left at 4 A.M. and marched out some distance and formed a line of battle. A volunteer detail was made from Swett's Battery and Semples, to form a detachment in Capt. Keys battery. Four men from each. Only temporary. Pegram Aiken, Jeff Barrfield, and Stricker from W.L.A. Formed battery the second time, and we became engaged with a parrot battery, but as it was in a more elevated position, it made us "git". [sic] 2nd piece turning hook broke as we were going into action and had to retire from the field. 4th piece was disabled by a shell which struck it and then burst in the cheek of the piece. 2nd was fixed at shop and returned and I came with it. 4th piece sent to rear and thence to Dalton. 2nd piece did not fire a single round. Corpl. Allen of the 4th piece was slightly wounded, pieces of shell striking him in the breast and face. Our parrot battery silenced the Yankees parrot battery. We were under Gen. Stevenson during the engagement. He appears to be very watchful. Gen'l [sic] Henderson commanding corps visited us and shook hands with several of our boys. He remarked to Gen'l [sic] Stevenson that "we were his old comrades and all brave men".

26th. All quiet this morning in our front. The enemy have left. It is supposed they left last night at 10 o'clock. Still skirmishing at the gap on our left. Cleburne's Division have arrived. Smith's Texas Brigade drove the Yankees from a gap below, of which they had gotten possession. Wrote to Brother and Rev. D.S. Snodgrass. Forces fighting as yesterday, commanded by Gen'l [sic] Palmer.

28th. Passing through Dalton, camped 1/2 mile south of town. Old camps here. Tore them down and fixed up our cabins.

29th. Raining. Sherman who had advanced from Vicksburg as from Meridian retreated across Pearl River. Grierson was whipped by Forrest and could not make a junction with Sherman and their plans being frustrated they were compelled to retreat to Vicksburg. Troops from here to Polk are returning. Trains loaded with them are running continually.

MARCH 1864

1st. Raining. Burned one cabin and a carriage house yesterday because cases of small pox occupied them. 2nd, Building stables 3rd, Received letter from Rev. D.S. Snodgrass.

4th, Third year of Lincoln's administration.

5th. Review of all the artillery in the corps by Gen'l [sic] Hardee, and Maj. Smith commanded the regiment.

6th. Lt Shannon and squad returned today except Sgts. Rapp and White. They had walked all the way they said. 7th, Jas. Erwin and G.A. Grammer re-enlisted for the war at Major Hotchkiss' head quarters. In the evening Wooten re-enlisted. 8th, Men of W.L.A. reenlisted today. 9th, Jas. D. Wilson left on furlough. P.W. Casy returned today. 11th, Corpl. [sic] W. Hoffman left on furlough. 12th, Review of our artillery (corps) by Gen'l's [sic] Hardee and Pendleton of Va. army. Lt. Shannon assumed command of company tonight. 13th, Metzler and Keiser left on furlough. 14th, F. Gussio left on furlough for Mississippi. Peter Gussio returned to company today. 15th, Corpl. Echols returned today. 16th, Cold and windy today. Crayton left on furlough. Sgt. Fowler returned today bringing a recruit, and his brother, a youth of about 12 years. 19th, Out on review today. 20th, Ten men

reenlisted. S.C.A. of S. Battery organized today. A great revival is going on at the Methodist Church at Dalton. 21st, Cool and windy. 22d, Snowed last night, deep snow for the season. Great snowball fight with 38th Tenn. regiment which we whipped. We then went in "cohoot" [sic] with 38th Tenn. Regt., went down to Hoxten's battalion and fought for some time and they drove us to camp and then out of them. 23d. Sgt. Fowler left on 40 day furlough. 24th, Ten men reenlisted for the war. 25th, Ten men reenlisted for the war. Snow fell last night and afterwards it rained and melted it. 27th, Capt. Swett returned today. Minshell and Walsh left on furlough. 29th, Started out to drill ground but order being countermanded, returned to Camp. 30th, Out on regimental drill today. Received letter from Brother William. 31st, Received letter from Brother and from S.S. Sweet, Macon, Ga. stating that my article was received and published. Out on field. Preparing for sham fight.

APRIL 1864

1st. Grimes returned to company. Mailed letters to Rev. H.S. Kepler. Brother D.S. Snodgrass and F.R. Roach. 2nd. Built an arbor for prayer meetings. 3rd. Crayton returned today. 4th, Received 20 copies of Messenger today. 6th, Capt. Sweet has been appointed Inspector General of all artillery on Shoup's staff. 7th, Grand sham battle came off today between Bates, Cleburn's [sic] and Walker's and Cheatham's Divisions of Hardee's corps. Our side whipped. Bates [sic] Division captured. Splendid view of movements. Our Division withdrew from the field. Our battery fired six or seven rounds apiece. Vast number of spectators. Many of the fair sex were present to witness the spectacle and hear the noises of battle.

8th. Today is day appointed by President as a day of humiliation fasting and prayer. Raining. On guard today. Received letter from Brother and copies of "Army and Navy Herald" containing a communication from me in defense of artillery.

9th. Pleasant day. J.D. Wilson returned today. 10th, Sunday, meeting of S.C.A. this evening at night. I led in exercises and prayers were seemingly blessed by God's presence. Some six or seven manifested an interest in their welfare and asked our prayers in their behalf. Received letters from Rev. D.S. Snodgrass and T.R. Roach. 11th, Pleasant day. Cannonading heard in our front. F.B. Henry left on furlough. I sent letter by him to E. Grammer and D.S. Snodgrass. 12th, McTaggart and J. Ward of W.L.A. and J.H. Cookson of Scotts [sic] old battery joined the Navy and left us today. 13th, A called meeting of S.C.A. this evening was held. Received letter from Rev. S.M. Cherry and a lot of newspapers from Macon, Ga. 15th, Metzler returned today, bringing a recruit which he put in Capt. Key's Battery. At 2 o'clock P.M. attended services near camp. Rev. W.H. Robert preached a splendid sermon from 1 Tim. 1:15. Rev. A.S. Worrel concluded the services by a short exhortation and an invitation to mourners. Several came forward and Bro. Roberts made a sincere prayer for them. Some interest is manifested in our meetings.