

**William H. Tyner Book**

**Bought at Nashville, Tenn Dec 13th 1862**

**Company B 38th Reg't Ill Vois**

**Friday December 26th, 1862**

Left camp at seven ocl. marched out on the pike, it commenced raining early in the morning and rained very hard and was very muddy and slippery. Stopped raining about noon. Our advance, the first brigade, skirmished with enemy all morning. When about ten miles out we left the pike to the right - formed in line of battle, marched a short distance and met the enemies Cavalry and artillery. When on a knowl in (a) cedar thicket we halted and fired a few rounds at the Cavalry in a fields about half mile distant and soon routed them. We then advanced and formed in the same field and waited their demonstration. They planted a battery on the east side of the pike on a hill. We lay down and they fired on us a few rounds slightly wounding one man in company E. Col Carlin ordered the 38th Ill to charge and take the battery. As we advanced they fled over the hill. We marched up and rested a short time where they was stationed. We then marched forward by the right, passing companies to the front toward the Nolensville Pike. Was passing over a mound in corn field was fired in to by rebel battery stationed on pike and hill half mile in front of us. Was ordered by co in to line then to charge and take that battery. We marched down the hill through (a) valley, then left the pike. We opened fire on them, still advancing, our battery in our rear playing on the rebels. When within 150 yards of them the rebels skedaddled leaving one piece which we captured and (a) casion, three prisoners. We could not learn their loss. Ours was 14 killed, wounded. We followed one mile further. Halted rested a short time - all being very tired it being so very muddy. Returned to where the rebels was posted. Camped for night. McCooks corps coming in camping. Rainy.

**Saturday December 27th 1862**

Reveille - daylight. Rained in night, very cold. Formed line in valley - stacked arms - rested until noon. Troops passing all the time. Lee, Andrew, Bailey and the advance fighting all day the(y) capture(d) of one battery from enemy four miles distant. Our Division marched at noon four miles - raining all time - very muddy. Camped on hill. Company was detailed after night for picket on the road leading to Murfreesboro - all quiet.

**Sunday Dec 28th 1862**

Still on picket - all quiet in camp, drawing rations. Troop firing off and cleaning up their arms. Contraband said the enemy was evacuating the town. Bought some apples from Darkey. Was relieved at sundown. All in fine spirits. Very muddy. Relieved by Co 15<sup>th</sup> Wis.

### **Monday December 29th 1862**

Marched out at 7 on the road to Murfreesboro. Went over a mountain - could see a long ways. if it had been clear could of seen the town. It was a beautiful scenery. Marched through cedar forest to an open field. Stopped, rested, filled canteens. Was told that it was the only water for ten miles. Our next march was through thick cedar forest. Roads very rough for ten miles. Came to open fields four miles from the town. Our cavalry had skirmished with and drove in the rebel cavalry and pickets. The enemy was in ambush - our men lost a major and several privates. Formed line - rest about an hour then marched forward a mile in to the wood - camped. Was not allowed any fires until morning.

### **Tuesday December 30th 1862**

Rained little in the night. Formed line, 21st Ill, 15th Wis on the advance of our brigade, 38th Ill, 101 Ohio on the reserve. Marched forward in line of battle skirmishing all the time. Marched within half mile of rebels breastworks. 21st, 15th charged rebel battery - was repulsed. Lost good many men. Our battery playing on rebels silenced their battery. We was under heavy fire until dark. Daniel Martin, Jeff Green wounded by shell, several in reg't also. Lieut White took our co out to fire of guns. Fired in to secessh. They returned heavy fire and advanced no(ne) of our men hurt. The battery gave them some grape to settle them (?).

### **Wednesday December 31 1862**

Was in line before daylight. Moved up to where 15th Wis was stationed the day before. The rebels soon opened fire on us. James Smart was knocked down by a ball from (the) enemy. The battery moved back. We fell back to position occupied evening previous. Was ordered to get our knapsacks, part of boys did, so we fell back two hundred yards farther and to the left, the same before we halted. Fred Hollis was killed dead, John Thompson wounded was carried off the field. We halted - layed down - opened fire on the rebels. The rebels came up four deep opening galling fire on us. Our boys returning it with great success driving them back in front. They came up on flank - poured in cross fire driving back 101st Ohio. Then we was ordered to retreat - the rebels cross firing all the time. We retreated a crossed a cotton field. Good many was killed while crossing field. Baker and self got lost. Reg't in woods. Joined company guarding Rosecrans head quarter teams. The kept us running all the time to get out of rebel cavalry way. The(y) shelled us once we retreated a crossed the river to the pike, so our cavalry charge on the rebel cavalry twice and whip them. The rebels burned large [army] train on the Nashville Pike. Our men drove them back, they suprised Johnson (Gen. Richard W. Johnson) on the extreme right. Our men held them in check all around.

### **Thursday January 1, 1863**

Baker and self joined by daylight. Was in front lines. Lieut White took company, went on skirmish line. Co K went also. Our cavalry was in line on the advance. The enemy stationed battery in the woods 1/2 mile in front of our lines shelling our cavalry and driving them back. Their skirmishers advanced, we drove them back. They then advanced a column. Our men drove them back again. Continued skirmishing through out the day. Was relieved at dusk. Our skirmishers advanced - two companies of enemy throwed down their arms - came in to our lines shouting - New Years gifts to

our men, they was all drunk. Drewed a few crackers on line. All night without fires. Was skirmishing all (a)long lines at night.

#### **Friday January 2d 1863**

In line before daylight. Skirmishing commenced. Built fires. Company B and A went out on skirmish line firing at sharp shooters all day - none of our boys hurt. At 3 ocl PM heavy fighting commenced on the extreme left (by) the enemy. Our men drove the enemy and captured Washington Battery. Firing untill after night. It was complete victory. Was relieved after dark. Was ordered to join Regt on extreme left, crossed the river. On front lines building breast work all night. Not feeling well. Slept by fire. Rained in night. The reg't & Divis worked all night without fires. Very Cold.

#### **Saturday January 3d 1863**

Up before daylight. Finished work. All quiet except firing of Sharp Shooter at our men - killed several. Raining part of day. Gathered sticks & fodder to sleep on. Was permitted to build fires. Was enjoying our selves finly when sharp firing commenced on our right. Fires was all put out -expected to have fight. Raining nearly all night. At 2 ocl AM was ordered to be in line ready to march. Started at 3 ocl by left Flank to river. Mud knee deep. Waded the river. Marched on pike to rear. Camped. Built large fires warmed fine time. Stop raining. See Uncl(l)e Len was well (?)

#### **Sunday January 4th 1863**

Cleaned up, News came that enemy had evacuated. Great cheering in camp - all feeling better. Yates, Kite went to find our dead, wounded. Found H. C. Henry and David Hughes in hospital doing very well. See Jim Pence. Genl Palmers Divis. Camped by us. (lined out) Tran came in from Nashville with our baggage, Capt. Cole with them. Put up our tents in night, raining.

#### **Monday January 5th 1863**

All feeling better. Went with Lieut White and others to help bury our dead. Buried Fred Hollis & Henry Smidth. See H.C. Henry was feeling better. David Hughes was sent to Nashville. Buried reg't dead in wood(s) - thirty in all. Returned to camp. Cousin Richard was there to see me. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> (continued) Went over to his reg't 9th Ind with him - eat supper. Returned to camp. Our train came in with baggage 12ocl AM. Commenced raining. Put up tents. Capt came with them.

#### **Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup> 1863**

Nothing of importance going on. In the morning Cousin Richard came over to see me. Wrote letter to J Henry, one home . Rec'd orders to strike tents - march to new camp. Marched at 2 ocl PM to Murfreesboro - took pike leading to Shelbyville. Marched 3 miles - arrived in camp 10 ocl at night. Quite cold - very tired.

**Wednesday January 7th 1863**

Cleaned up camp. Put up tents. Capt McCracken came to see us from 98th Ill. All in good spirits. Went in country - several of us got corn fodder to sleep on. Had fine nights sleep. Weather fine. Water very scarce.

**Thursday January 8th 1863**

Campbell and self went over 98th lit to see the boys. All well and in fine spirits. Returned to camp at dark. All quiet. Rec'd letter from home.

**Friday January 9th 1863**

Cleaning up camp. All quiet in camp. Clear warm day. All fine spirits.

**Saturday January 10th 1863**

All quiet in camp. Fine day, in quarters all day. Wrote letter home.

**Sunday January 11th 1863**

Reveille 4 ocl. Was detailed to go with teams to Nashville. Started at 6 ocl AM. Arrived in city at six PM after 30 miles ride - roads muddy. A. Landreth and self eat supper with Secesh Lady. Was detailed for guard - up all night.

**Monday January 12th 1863**

On guard. Went up town. Dr. Sisson and self eat dinner, fine dinner. Most of Regt up town. Was relieved off guard dark. Humes, Campbell and self went up town. All quiet. Sleep fine by fire.

**Tuesday January 13th 1863**

Reveille early. Started for camp - daylight. Company A, B, C on rear guard. Walked 18 miles then got on waggons. Arrived in camp 7 ocl night - all right.

**Wednesday January 14th 1863**

In camp. Helped draw rations. Raining all day. In tent getting wet - not feeling very well.

**Thursday January 15th 1863**

Up early - the brigade was detailed for picket. Went out on Shelbyville Pike three miles. Our company on out post in old school house. Rained four noon, snowed, sleeted after. Very cold. Had fine fire. Had fine night rest. Rebel pickets in three miles.

**Friday January 16th 1863**

Was relieved 9 ocl AM. In tent ballance of day - very cold, had good fire, snowing. All quiet in camp.

**Saturday January 17th 1863**

In camp - nothing going on. Recd letter from home - one from Sussie. Wrote letter to Sussie, one home. Fine day - clear. Helped cut wood.

**Sunday January 18th**

Nothing going on in camp all day. Thawing - very muddy.

**Monday January 19th**

Cloudy. Teams started for Nashville after rations. All quiet in camp.

**Tuesday January 20th**

Raining. Company went foraging on Columbia Pike out five miles. Country rough, mostly woody. Recd letter from home - Date 5th.

**Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Plesant.

**Thursday January 22d**

Fine warm day. All quiet in camp. Recd letter from home.

**Friday January 23d**

Plesant. Helped get rails fire up (in) tent, warm.

**Saturday January 24th**

Reveille at 3 ocl AM. Was ordered to be ready to march with three rations in haversacks. Order countermanded. Another one day ration. Briggade out post duty three miles on Shelbyville Pike. Raining. Company on out post.

**Sunday January 25th 1863**

Was relieved at 6 ocl by 15th Ohio. Roads very muddy. Cloudy. All quiet in camp. Claypool very sick.

**Monday January 26th 1863**

Fine day. Rather muddy.

**Tuesday January 27th**

Raining all day. Recd orders to march with three days rations in haversacks on 28<sup>th</sup> inst. Orders countermanded. Recd letter from home date 20th.

**Wednesday January 28th**

Snowing, Very muddy - cold. Wrote letter home. Had dress parade. Col Carlins circular complimenting our briggade was read, wrote letter home.

the following was read.

Head Qtrs 2d Briggade 1st Division, January 27th 1863

Order{

The Col Comdg wishes to present to the Officers & men of this briggade some of the proofs of their heroic conduct during the eventful campaign beginning December 26th, 1862 and ending January 4th, 1863. From an authentic abstract of the losses of this entire army, it appears that the 21st Ill Vol lost more men in killed and wounded than any other reg't in this army. It lost more than many entire brigades equal to this in strength. Its loss in killed exceeded that of several large divisions which have claimed to have saved the day & the country. The 38th Ill Vols, excepting the 36th Ill Vols, lost more than any other Reg't in the whole Army out side of this briggade. The loss of officers & men Killed & wounded in 101st Ohio & 15th Wisconsin Vol was greater than any other regiment not in this briggade in proportion to their number engaged. The loss of this whole briggade in officers and men killed far exceeds that of any other briggade in the army with an equal number of Regiments. Not a Regimental Color was lost but all were brought off proudly flying in the face of the overwhelming force of the enemy. Not a gun or caisson of our batterys was lost. You held your position and fought till all our forces on our right had fallen back and till you were attacked on the right flank and rear, and till our left flank was almost turned. You again formed a line at the fence near our position which we held so long and held that till we were almost surrounded. You again formed a line after crossing two open fields at the fence in the edge of the timber east of Griscoms house (our hospital) and maintained your position till ordered to retreat. You retired slowly and deliberately till we reached the cedar grove near the Nashville Pike where you made a stand and delivered a destructive volly in to the enemy. You fought on the 31st till half our officers and men were killed or wounded or almost unavoidably seperated from their colors. On 2nd January when defeat seemed probable on our left across Stone River. The (??) Rosecrans sent for your commander and gave him these instructions. Take your command to the left and form it in to two lines and if you find our men driven back, let them press through your lines and when the enemy arrives near, give a whoop and a yell and go at them. This briggade had been reduced by hard fighting from 1900 to 700 men yet you marched again with firm hearts to the scene of conflict. But found that the enemy had already been defeated by our brother soldiers of the Union. You can boast of the exciting glory of charging the enemy on the right of Knob Gap, driving him from his position and capturing two of his

guns and six of his men. Though your praises may not be sounded in newspapers, you have won for your respective regiments and battery a fame that will never die. When the truth shall be known the 2nd briggade will be honored. And as long as you live you will be proud to remember your conduct at Perryville, Knob Gap and Stone River.

By order Col W. P. Carlin, Sam P. Voris Capt and AAAG

#### **Thursday January 29th**

Fine day. Muddy. All quiet on Cumberland.

#### **Friday January 30th**

Weather bad - cloudy rainy little. Recd order to work on breast work. Worked all day. At night Recd orders to march with three days rations in haversacks, two in wagons.

#### **Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>**

Reveille at 4 ocl. Started at 6 ocl on Salem Pike. Marched very fast. Raining. Road in bad condition. Country rocky, hilly. Marched 17 miles. Camped at Eagleville. Plenty Rebel cavalry had just left the place. Our cavalry captured six mule teams and hundred prisoners. Fine place to camp - plenty of rails to burn.

#### **Sunday February 1st**

Started 6 ocl on Nolensville Pike. Took road to Franklin - very rough over stony hills through cedar thickets. Raining all day. Marched 10 miles. Camped, our brigade in advance. Cavalry captured several prisoners. Very weary.

#### **Monday February 2d 1863**

Started at 7 ocl - our brigade in rear. Had creeks to wade, rough roads to travel and marched very fast. Arrived in half mile of Franklin - stacked arms - rested several hours. Crossed the Harper River on a few plank, the bridges all being burned. Marched through town. Camp two miles from city on Columbia Pike. The 38th on picket. Our company on the pike had plenty chicken, etc.

#### **Tuesday February 3d**

Very cold all night last - snowed and froze. Boys had plenty of chickens and fresh meat, etc. Mr. Harrison came to us while on picket. Invited us to go eat breakfast with him. A. A. Henry and self went, got splendid one. Was relieved by Co K 21st Ill. Camped in fine grove.

### **Wednesday February 4th**

Humes, Blair and self walked up town. See some secessh woman - snuff suckers - dirty practice. Snowing & freezing.

### **Thursday February 5th**

Snowed & rained all last night. Freeman, Smith, Yankee, and self went in country. Cavalry made us skedaddle back again. Very cold.

### **Friday February 6th**

Smith, Freeman, Yankee, self got a pass - went out foraging. Out on pike three miles bought chicken egg, butter, hams, etc. Got fine dinner. Returned to camp 3PM. Reg't had gone on picket. Secessh cavalry captured six of 2d Minn Battery. Co on picket west of camp.

### **Saturday February 7th**

McCann, self went to house see Gen Ben McCullas sister, full blooded Secessh. 21st Ill, 15th Wis, 101 Ohio went out on scout to Spring Hill. Discovered nothing. Relieved by Co 21st 8 ocl PM.

### **Sunday February 8th**

In camp. Weather fine.

### **Monday February 9th**

Raining. W Green & Culbertson detailed with Batty.

### **Tuesday February 10th**

Reg't on picket. Raining. Benefield & self in camp.

### **Wednesday February 11th**

Beautiful day. Reg't relieved off picket 3 ocl PM. in the evening about 5 ocl PM the Divis was ordered out in line. Troops formed in line on each side of the pike. One piece of artillery was drove up in the center. The object of this display was to witness the punishment of five soldiers belonging to Penn Cav & one to the 4th Regulars who had been committing various depredations in the vicinity of Franklin - some of which was arson larceny Rape, etc. The sentence adjudged by Gen Jeff C. Davis was that their heads be shaved & that each one receive fifty (50) lashes on the bare back with a raw hide and then be dismissed from the service by being drummed out of our Camp. One of the culprits turned states evidence. He got clear of the lashes. But had his head shaved and he had to whip the others. One recd a Bullet in the affray by the girls Father. He was wounded so badly that he escaped punishment. The four fellows were tied up to the wheel of the caisson after their heads was shaved and recd their punishment due their crimes. The first one yelled & screamed & prayed loudly. The second never uttered a groan. The third stood it

better than the first, But he whined considerable. Division now returned to camp. Prepared supper, retired to our humble cot of straw.

**Thursday February 12th 1863**

Was ordered to march at daylight crossed Harpeth River on road for Murfreesboro, way of Tryoon (Triune), turned east on pike five miles then turned north on road to Eagleville. Camped on same ground as previous. All very tired. Marched 26 miles.

**Friday February 13th**

Started for camp. Our Regt & Brigade in the advance. Arrived in camp 6 ocl PM. Marched 17 miles, road very muddy. Rec'd letters from Jennie, cousin Richard, H. C. Henry, eight from home.

**Saturday February 14th**

In camp. Recd letters from home, one from Sussie. Wrote letters to counsin Richard, Sussie, Raining, help get up wood, etc.

**Sunday February 15th**

Raining. Wrote letter to Chamberlain, one home.

**Monday February 16th**

Ordered to march on days rations, regiment rear of brigade on Salem Pike five miles. Turned to right on road leading west eight miles over rough and muddy roads. Found plenty of forage. Started back at 4 ocl PM. Raining, teams mired, etc. Arrived at camp at 10 ocl at night. All very much fatigued.

**Tuesday February 17th**

In quarters, raining. Wrote letter to Oscar.

**Wednesday February 18th**

Raining. Very disagreeable. Rec'd letter from home.

**Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup>**

Regiment on out post duty. In camp writing. Fine day, very muddy.

**Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>**

Regt came in at 10 ocl. Beautiful day.

**Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Raining. Recd letter from Richard, one from home.

**Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

In line at 4 ocl PM, eulogy of Gen Rosencrans to the Army on Washingtons birthday, a salute of 34 guns was fired from one battery in each Devision in the Army.

**Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Raining, all quiet.

**Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup>**

A Beautiful day. Uncle Lew Pennwell came to see me.

**Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Lew started for home. Helped get up fine lot of wood, commenced raining. Wrote letters mostly. We recd one from home.

**Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Raining. Wrote letter to cousin Louisa.

**Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Beautiful day.

**Saturday February 28**

Recd pay, musterd.

**Sunday March 1st**

Regiment on out post duty. In quarters. Recd letter from home. One from Simeon Wright. Wrote letter to same, Sussie, Charlie H.C Kay.

**Monday March 2d**

Regiment came off duty – 10 ocl. Capt started for home. Had an election for officers resulting as follows - Lieut White for Capt., A. L Walker for 1st Lieut., B.G. Humes 2d Lieut. Beautiful day.

**Tuesday March 3d**

Recd orders to march with two days rations. Beautiful day.

### **Wednesday March 4th**

Started at 6 ocl. Crossed Stone River on by road leading south east in country through fields & forest over rough and muddy roads some fifteen miles. Met few rebs – skirmish. Came to Shelbyville Pike 9 1/2 miles from camp. Captured three men seven horses & all the pickets and returned to camp safe before dark. Recd letter from home.

### **Thursday March 5th**

In camp. Received orders to [march] in morning with two days rations.

### **Friday March 6th**

Brigade started at 7 ocl. Our reg't in rear on Shelbyville Pike. Run in reb pickets 10 miles from camp. Had quite a skirmish. Co B was ordered to carry a dispatch to a brigade on the Middleton Road 12 miles from Shelbyville. Co had to go a by road to kee(p) the Rebes from gitting us caught up with brigade, as they was driving the Rebs out of the town. Had quite a little fight - our loss none - rebels 9 killed 9 wounded. A few houses was burned down. Our men fell back a mile or so. Camped in Cedar grove. Raining all day. Country perfectly deluged with mud. All very much fatigued. John Reel fell in reer, think taken prisoner.

### **Saturday March 7th 1863**

2 ocl AM was ordered to return to cam(p). Co was attached to 89th Ill reg't - Johnson div. Started without any breakfast on road for camp. Muddy. Every one out of humor. Raining. All together a fine prospect. Our road lay through corn fields, over fences, acrossed creeks, mud holes, etc., etc. Struck Salem Pike three miles from camp. Arrived safe at camp at 10 ocl AM. All with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Then came the pleasing cry *this way for your mail boys*. All then in good humor. Recd letter from home. One from Jennie. Recd orders to march with three days rations all ready, was ordered to be ready at moments warning.

### **Sunday March 8th**

In readiness in quarters. Wrote letter home to Jennie, cousin Will. Raining.

### **Monday March 9th**

Started on out post duty. Was ordered back to have three day rations to move at moments warning. Started at 10 ocl our brigade on advance, marched 12 miles. Camp near Varsalles on fine creek. Rained all night.

### **Tuesday March 10 1863**

Raining. Rec'd orders to march at 9 ocl. Turned to right - struck Eggleville Pike 4 miles from town. Roads very muddy. Halted at Eaglesville. Thought was going to camp. Carried up rails - built roaring fires. All preparing for a good nights rest, when the order "*fall in boys for Tryoon (Triune) tonight*" came round. Did not help to increase good humor. Our brigade in advance. The advance cavalry was fired

on by pickets thought to be rebel. After preparing for skirmish they turned out to be Union Picket to a brigade stationed at Tryoon. Arrived within two miles of the town. Camped 11 ocl at night. Muddy. Dark. All being tired. No wood - only green rails, all together making a hard time. After hard work got fire started. Prepared to rest for the night.

#### **Wednesday March 11th**

McCann & self went out in country - found nothing. Reg't went out on out Post duty. Co A, B on pike south of camp. Allowed no fires. Fine day.

#### **Thursday Mar 12th**

Beautiful day. Humes, McCann & self went out to plantation. Got dinner. Was relieved by Co of 25th Ill vols. Returned to camp. Drawed 1/2 days rations. Recd orders to be ready to march at daylight.

#### **Friday Mar 13th**

Started at 7 ocl on pike for Eaglesville. Arrived and camped at 11 ocl AM. Rebels reported near. Some persons burned a Union mans house. Was ordered to be in line ready for an attack - none occuring. Retired to bed.

#### **Saturday Mar 14th**

Gen Sheridan divis passed us on road to camp. We started 9 ocl for Varsailles. Arrived there and camped 3 ocl on old camp ground. Harmon Smidth came from camp with rations. Rec'd letter Sussie, Oscar, three from home.

#### **Sunday Mar 15th**

Started at 12 ocl on pike for camp. Arrived 4 ocl PM. All in fine spirits. Recd letter from home.

#### **Mar 16th**

In quarters writing letters to Oscar, Cousin Richard, Sussie and home.

#### **Tuesday March 17th 1863**

Company in ... Battalion after Major Alden returned from Illinois, Col Gilmer started for Illinois. Received letter from home.

#### **Wednesday Mar 18th**

Recd orders to march at 2 ocl PM with one days cooked rations. Recd two months pay before starting. Crossed the river. Took pike for Salem four miles from camp. 38th Ill went on picket. Co A & B on out post duty at 4 ocl PM. Recd letter from Martha Way.

#### **Thursday Mar 19th**

Was relieved off Picket by 21st Ill vols. Regt camped in fine woods 1/2 mile from Salem. All quiet on line. Few rebel cavalry seen.

#### **Friday Mar 20th**

Battalion drill at 2 ocl PM. Fine drill. Rebel Pickets in sight, fired on ours several times. Co A and B was ordered at 8 ocl PM night to go on out post duty 3/4 of a mile beyond Picket line on pike to catch some rebel if they can. Had been there same day. Nothing occurred to disturb our watchfull and vigilant pickets. Was on 2<sup>nd</sup> relief on extreme out post - expected to be attacked. The 3d Brigade came out & camped near us.

#### **Saturday Mar 21st**

Was ordered back to camp at 6 ocl AM. The enemy was in our rear btween us and camp. Heavy skirmishing by our cavalry. The enemy force was cavalry. It got to be most to(o) warm for them, they retreated. The 1st Brigade came at (up) during the night. Our divis was fully prepared to give them a warm reception. Stacked arms. Rested. Was ready to fall in at moments warning. All firing ceased. The enemy had retreated, loss not known. Recd letter from home. Fine day.

#### **Sunday Mar 22d**

Clo.. was detailed for a regimental guard. Wrote letter home. All quiet on picket line. Was relieved by Gen Johnsons division, camped within one mile of city on ground formerly occupied by Gen Rosecrans.

#### **Monday Mar 23d**

Relieved off guard 3 ocl AM. Helped pitch tents, clean up quarters, etc., etc. Leaned that Will Hord had died on 22d of typhoid fever.

#### **Tuesday Mar 24th**

Cleaning up quarters. Received letter from Richard. Wrote letter to him. Raining.

#### **Wednesday March 25th 1863**

Went over to Pioneer Brigade to see David Kershner, from their to 98th Ill, see the boys. All well. On returning, found they had received orders to march in morning with one day Ration. Raining.

#### **Thursday March 26th**

Went on out post duty on Shelbyville Pike one mile from camp.

**Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Was ordered to camp with a detail to clean up quarters for Gen Inspection. Regt was relieved, returned to camp 8 ocl AM. At 12 ocl PM marched to a field west of camp for Gen Review. Was reviewed by Gen Rosecrans. Raining slightly. All passed off finly.

**Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Wrote letter home.

**Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Company Inspection, very cold.

**Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Batallion drill. Recd letters from home. Wrote one to Simeon Wright.

**Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

On out Post duty on Shelbyville Pike. Received letter from home from Jennie.

**Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1863**

Was relieved off picket by 9th Regt Ky Vols. Wrote letter home - one to Jennie.

**Thursday April 2<sup>d</sup>**

Went in company with John Hollis, Wyatt Bailey a crossed the river to 73d Ind Vols. Lee, Uncle Lew Penwell, also an old school mate, Lieut John Munday. Went from their over the battlefield. Returned to camp by the way of the city fortifications. Rec'd letters from home.

**April 3<sup>d</sup>**

Drilling company and battalion.

**Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Was on fatigue working on magazine.

**Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Company inspection. Wrote letters home. Recd letter from home from Sussie.

**Monday April 6th**

On out post duty, Shelbyville Pike. Recd letters from cousin Clay Tyner, H.C. Henry from home. Wrote letter to same, to Oscar.

**Tuesday April 7th**

Was relieved at 8 ocl by 73d Ill Regt. Returned to camp. Recd letter from cousin Richard, one from brother Washington, H.C. Henry and Clay Tyner.

**Wednesday April 8th 1863**

Drilling battalion and company.

**Thursday April 9th**

Drilling. Received letters from home, Oscar. Wrote letter home, one to cousin Richard.

**Friday April 10th**

Went after cedars to put in camp.

**Saturday April 11th**

On brigade, guard. Sent for Webster's army, navy Dictionary.

**Sunday April 12th**

Relieved at 9 ocl. Went over to 51st Ill, see Bailey Boys. Recd letter from home. Wrote letter home.

**Monday April 13th**

On Picket on Shelbyville Pike.

**April 14th**

Was relieved by 27th Ill. Raining. Wrote letter to cousin Addie and Sussie.

**Wednesday April 15th**

Brigade ordered on five days picket on Salem Pike three miles from camp. 38th Regt on out post duty.

**Thursday April 16th**

Relieved by 21st Ill. Camped 1/2 mile in rear. Received two letters from home.

**Friday April 17th**

On out post duty on former station. Wrote letter home.

**Saturday April 18th 1863**

Relieved by 21st Regt Ill. Camped on former ground. Received letter from cousin Richard.

**Sunday April 19th**

On out post duty on former station.

**Monday April 20th**

Relieved at 11 ocl AM by 27th Ill Regt. Brigade returned to camp. Received letter from cousin Louisa.

**Tuesday April 21st**

Reed orders to march at moments warning with three days rations in haversacks. Received letter from home. Wrote letter home.

**Wednesday April 22d**

Orders countermanded. Regt on picket on Shelbyville Pike. Rec'd letter from Jennie. Wrote one to Jennie. Went hospital to see Ben Claypool.

**Thursday April 23d**

Regt returned to camp. Sent overcoat home. Wrote letter home.

**Friday April 24th**

Rumors of capture of McMinnville Tenn by our forces. Most of Company on fatigue. Beautifull weather.

**Saturday April 25th**

Cleaning up quarters, etc. Wrote letter to Richard.

**Sunday April 26th 1863**

Inspection, etc. Went over to 98th Ill and stayed all night with Friend Irwin.

**Monday April 27th**

Returned to camp via city. Majority of Co on fatigue.

**Tuesday April 28th**

On picket on former station, Shelbyville Pike.

**Wednesday April 29th**

Relieved at 8 ocl AM by 98th Ohio. Sibley tents turned over to Q.M. Roll of honor men ordered back to companies. Expressed money home. Weather fine.

**Thursday April 30th**

Gen enspection & muster. John Hollis & self went over to city. See the 98th Ill returning from a scout. Genl fast day. Attended divine service near Hd. Q. Recd letter from home from Washington. Wrote letter to Wm Pennwell. Beautifull day.

**Friday May 1st**

Detailed for Regt guard. Recd letter from Sussie. Wrote letter to Bro Washington & Louisa.

**Saturday May 2d**

Relieved at 8 ocl AM, J. Hughes & self went over the River. 73d Ind had gone to Nashville. Sadly dissapointed. Recd letter from Simeon Wright. Wrote letter to Simeon, one to Lew S. Pennwell.

**Sunday May 3d 1863**

On picket on former station. Shelbyville Pike. All quiet on lines. Recd letter from Lay Port Ind (La Porte).

**Monday May 4th**

Relieved by 88th Ill at 8 ocl, Wrote letter to Father, Mary, one to Sussie. Had likeness taken. Wrote letter to aunt Alvira.

**Tuesday May 5th**

Raining slightly. Wrote letter David, Dr. Baker. Capt White started home on leave of absence. Ben Claypool on a discharge.

**Wednesday May 6th**

Detailed for fatigue. Went over the river. Raining. Relieved at noon. Wrote letter to Miss Callie.

**Thursday May 7th**

Very disagreeable. Raining, cold. Recd letter from cousin Richard. Conflicting news from "Hooker".

**Friday May 8th**

Drilling. Muddy. Very disagreeable. News good from Hooker.

**Saturday May 9th**

Cleaning up quarters. Regt went (to) river, took a refreshing bathe.

**Sunday May 10th**

Inspection. Good news from Hooker & Grant.

**Monday May 11th**

Regt & brigade on picket on former Station. Reported capture of Richmond by Keyes, Grand Gulf & Fort Gibson by Grant.

**Tuesday May 12th**

Relieved at 9 ocl AM by 93d Ohio. Beautifull day. Wrote letter home.

**Wednesday May 13th**

Nothing of especial enterest going on.

**Thursday May 14th**

In woods cutting brush, poles, etc. for shades. 4 ocl PM received orders to be ready to march at 5 ocl PM with three days rations in haversacks. Started at 5 ocl PM on Shelbyville Pike expecting a little fight. Bivouac on Manchester Heights four miles from camp, two miles beyond picket lines. Company B on picket. Rebels reported advancing.

**Friday May 15th**

Night passed pleasantly away. No signs of enemy. Aproaches plainly seen from bivouac with naked eye, supposed to be pickets. Our advance night previous was for the purpose of establishing an advanced out post to be held by one brigade, to be relieved every five day or at the option of comdg gen. Fine shady forest. Time passed pleasantly away. Much better place than camp, both for health & comfort. Recd letter from W. N. Pennwell, one from H. C. Henry. Relieved off picket by Co. A.

**Saturday May 16th 1863**

Routine same as previous day. No demonstrations made by enemy of hostile character. Time passed of(f) pleasantly to all. 4 ocl PM a Family of Union Refugees was sent to our lines from Shelbyville by order of Gen Bragg. Said Family consisted of following persons; Two Elder Ladies, one young and handsome lady of about 18 summers, and three small children. The trio seemed well-pleased to get once more under the protection of the Stars & Stripes. Was sent to Murfreesboro. Weather exceedingly beautifull. Rec'd letter from Sussie.

**Sunday May 17th**

Relieved by 3d Brigade. Col. Hague of 15 Wisconsin. On returning found all quiet. Had general inspection. Wrote letter to W. N. Pennwell, one to cousin Richard.

**Monday May 18th**

Detailed to regimental guard. Very warm. Wrote letter to H. C. Henry, one home.

**Tuesday May 19th**

Relieved at 8 ocl AM. Brigade drill afternoon. Fine drill. Was very warm & dusty.

**Wednesday May 20th**

Brigade on advance picket on former station. Recd orders to be ready to march at any time.

**Thursday May 21st 1863**

Relieved at 8 ocl AM. Marching order countermanded. Rec'd orders to send all extra baggage to be sent to rear. Expressed a box for Henry Billingsley, an acquaintance came to see the Friends of company I(?) Weather pleasant.

**Friday May 22d**

Nothing occurring to break the monotony of camp life. Wrote letter to Sussie.

**Saturday May 23d**

Went in company with R J Gibson, James Campbell to 4<sup>th</sup> Ind cavalry to visit acquaintances. 4th regular cavalry attacked & captured 300 rebels cavalry at Middleton, on Road to Shelbyville. Wrote letter to Oscar.

### **Sunday May 24th**

Inspection, general; Rec'd news of the capture of a large amount of prisoners and cannon by "Grant" from the combined forces of Pemberton & Johnson. Victory said to be complete. Rec'd letter from Simeon Wright. Wrote letter to Miss Carrie. Weather beautiful.

### **Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Still better news from "Grant. Victory over Pemberton complete. He (Reb) retreated to Vicksburg closely pursued by Grant who has the former place closely invested. Wrote letter to J. H. Rankin, Simeon Wright.

### **Tuesday May 26th 1863**

Had an election of Non Com Officers, Resulted in Sergt, Blair for orderly, McCain Corp, Corp Bailey for Sergt, Privates Fields and Hill for Corporals. Nothing of interest going on.

### **Wednesday May 27th**

Policing & ornamenting quarters.

### **Thursday May 28th**

Brigade ordered on five day Picket on Shelbyville Pike. 21st Ill and 81st Ind went on advance post on Manchester Heights five miles from City. 38th Ill & 101st Ohio bivouaced on the bank of Stone River two miles in rear of out Post. In fine shady grove. Recd letter from cousin Richard.

### **Friday May 29th**

All quiet on lines. Raining. Capt White returned from home. Received letter from Louisa.

### **Saturday May 30th**

Raining. Received letter & tokens from home, letter from same. Wrote letter home to Bro Washington.

### **Sunday May 31st**

Had divine service by our new chaplain, a Mr. Brown of Springfield, Ills. Regt was pleased with him. Rec'd letter from Wm Pennwell. Wrote letter to Wm., one to Richard. Time passing off pleasantly to all.

### **Monday June 1st 1863**

A beautiful June day. Soldiers all enjoying the beauties of nature which was so gracefully displayed. All quiet in front. Raining slightly.

### **Tuesday June 2d**

Sergt Bailey & self returned to camp after numerous artids for Co. Great activity in camps. Rumored advance of Bragg. Recd letter from Callie. Raining slightly.

### **Wednesday June 3d**

Easy times picketing. No guarding to do. Roam when we pleased & all in fine health & spirits. Battalion drill, fine meadow for drilling ground. Rebels attacked & drive in Picket on Tulahoma Pike was driven back. Soon Regt'mts in readiness to move to front. Was ordered to have seven days rations in haversacks & knapsacks. Wrote letter to D.L. Tyner. 10 ocl PM all quiet.

### **Thursday June 4th**

10 ocl AM skirmishing commenced on our Post - Regt was ordered to move to the support of those on Post. Sharp cannonading took place. Rebs getting pretty close. 3d Brigade Col Hague Comdg came out and advanced on pike. Ours (Carlins) then was ordered to flank Rebs on their left. Made a detour through woods to right of pike, crossing small stream twice. Tracked not less than eight (8) miles. Found no rebels in force, had all "skedaddled". Came back on pike a few miles farther south then where first starting, 3rd brigade having drove the enemy that far. All skirmishing ocured toward enemy. Returned. Bivouaced near Heights. The rebels has been feeling all along our lines. Very heavy cannonading in direction of "Franklin". We lost one man killed, several wounded in 81st Ind. Rebel loss not ascertained. Recd letters from home, one from Sussie. Rainey.

### **Friday June 5th**

Rained quite hard all night last. Very disagreeable having no tents. In readiness to march at any time & no signs of enemy. Raining portion of day. Recd letter from Jennie, answered it.

### **Saturday June 6th**

Still in "Bivouac". Time passing pleasantly, all quiet. Family of Union Refugees from Shelbyville came through our lines with personal bagage. Fine day and good news from Grant had a tendancy to raise our drooping spirits after so long a tour of picketing. Recd letter from brother Oscar, Duck Landry, La, answered it.

### **Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Was relieved at 8 ocl by 3d Brigade. Returned to camp with a hearty good will. Found everything O.K. Heard fine sermon by chaplain. Cheering news from Grant, Hooker, Banks. Wrote letter home.

### **Monday June 8th**

Companies J, K, A & B Detailed for chain picket. Co B on station No 21 east side of river. Weather cool & cloudy. All quiet on lines.

**Tuesday June 9th 1863**

Relieved at 8 ocl A.M. by Co E 28<sup>th</sup> Ill. The 8th Regt returned from Nashville, joined our brigade. Fine Regt - 900 strong. The prisoners taken at Battle of Stone River returned today. A goodly number from this Regt. All exchanged in good health & fine spirits.

**Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>**

No further entries.

Sixtten days later William Tyner was wounded in battle at Liberty Gap Tennessee on June 26<sup>th</sup> and died of his wounds July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1863 in a field hospital in Murfreesboro, TN. He was 26 years old.