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Memoranda, Dates and things worth remembering.

Diary commencing Dec. 13th 1862.

Saturday.

A very pleasant day. Last nights [sic] wind quieted to a gentle breeze, sun shining as warm as on a summers [sic] day Leave the Commissary Department to day and return to the company as Orderly. The 20. Ky got marching orders to report immediately to Bowling Green. They report present but 297 privates and Non commissioned officers and are sent to Kentucky to recruit. Take dinner with Charley Nobb. Roast Beef and Oyster Soup. being extra bill of fare Take my place in Mess No 2 as of old. In the evening with Duff arrange the Roll for daily use. Hear to day of the fight at Fredericksburg and at night the rumor that Morgan is captured Night very warm for winter. Sleeping mess 2, Geo Hunt and Foreman having a noisy and laughing time

Sunday, Dec 14

Waked very early with orders to get ready for picket. Move out about 8 o'clock [sic] just as the 20. Ky move toward Nashville on their way to Bowling Green The boys feel the parting and the scene will long be remembered by all. On picket between the Stone [sic] River and Lebanon pikes. our [sic] company and Co. I on reserve and bivouack [sic] in a beautiful hollow. Scarcely no duty and as the day becomes tolerably pleasant we have a good time at leisure Read Paul Jones by Dumas a well told story of the author saying in an introduction that the reading of Coopers Pilot caused him to write this. Paul represented as an illegitimate [sic] child of noble parents [sic] born in France, giving the latter part of his life as History records it. Read also J.H. Siddons's Recollections of a life, in Harpers [sic] Monthly, in which he speaks of his personal acquaintance with "Englands [sic] Great" Says Wellington denies ever having said, "Up Guards and at em [sic]" but merely "Get the line advance" Learn many curious and interesting facts. Of Mrs [sic] Siddons and the Kimbles, Of Dickens as an actor. Of Lady Byrons [sic] respect for her husband's talents of McCauley in [illegible] etc., etc. Night warm and cloudy with appearance of rain but is pleasant for sleep. Rest quiet, no disturbance along our line, but learn that regiments in camp were in line of battle

Monday Dec. 15

Relieved [sic] early by the 9th Ind. Find an acquaintance of Botkins named Violet in the regiment. Commences raining before we get to camp and continues all day increasing towards evening tis a storm of sound and rain. Tents leak and comfort is a scarce article. Received several Republics of Dec 10th containing my "Visit to the Hermitage" and one for Link of Sept. 19. directed to McMinnville [illegible name] returns from Louisville in good health. After dark make out the morning reports and get the hang of the house. Read at night Cobbs [sic] "Smugler [sic] of [2 illegible words]" a tale in his usual style. It made the dismal hours of the stormy evening pleasant and I thank him. Sleep very well – night grows cold with high winds and rain ceases

Tuesday Dec. 16

Waked very early by the Sergt. [sic] Major calling for five men to go foraging. Me Jean and Burkheart detailed for the service. Do not return to bed but build a fire out side. Morning clear and cold and windy. 8 men detailed for guard – 3 Brigade – 3 for Headquarters – 1 reg. – 1 police Jonah Keaton is to day transferred to Mendenhalls [sic] regular artillery at his own request Buy of Robt Lee a hat = \$3.00 a cord or band – 50 cts [sic] – and a pair of socks – 75 cts. [sic] Our mess build a fire place or furnace in our tent Then clean up and things look better. Over to see Daniels and Roberts. Learn that Capt [sic] Robinson will pay my extra pay himself. Return to Rob's the saddle borrowed in Nov Mail to Link a Republic and a News Bill Shultz now on the Pioneer Corps, in camp. Commence a letter to George in the afternoon but do not finish till after night. Dress Parade and drill in the evening. Feel awkward in my new position but get along better than I expected Night very cool but the tent comfortable.

Wednesday Dec 17.

Morning clear, cool and frosty. Reveille about day light. Buy today "One in a thousand" by James Write a letter to Louisa and receive one from Addison - Jones stating that he is at home on sick furlough – that his sister Louisa is to be married and that he soon expects to return to his regiment Dress Parade and drill in the evening - After dark over to Brigade Commissary and get 3 lbs [sic] candles. Read to day a pleasant story by Clara Augusta "Winifred Winthrop" and at night in the same volume a most excellent tale, "The Child of the Prairie" by Rose Kennedy, lively in style and good in plot. Seldom am I better pleased by any novelist. Learn by the Nashville Union that Wm. H. Polk, youngest full brother of the president died at the St Cloud Hotel on the night of the 15th. A native of South Carolina, a prominent leader in politics, a brilliant statesman, an eloquent Orator. Never shall I forget his thrilling eloquence before the 1st Union convention here last Spring – Old men shed tears and my heart still owns the thrills. Night clear and cool. Read till late and sleep well

Thursday Dec. 18

Clear and comparatively pleasant. Draw last night a new Overcoat and return to Charley Robb the one he loaned me in Nov. Company drill in the fore noon. Write to Addison Jones and Nat Hoblitt. Buy of the Sutler a can of butter 2 lbs. for \$1.95. Drill in the Company streets [sic] in stead [sic] of Battalion on account of the mud. Frank Abbott returns from Louisville in good health. Stafford from the Pioneer Corps in camp. Not well and not pleased with his new place. Dress Parade in the evening After night Pfister and I over to the 81st and have a pleasant time. Commence reading the One in a thousand and like it very well

Friday Dec. 19

A very pleasant day. Waked at 3 oclock [sic] and ordered to form in line of battle. Stack arms and return to our tents but soon get notice to get ready for Brigade inspection at 11 oclock [sic]. Boys take much pains in preparing and present afine [sic] appearance in full equipments [sic] The inspector an artillery Officer, very particular, very tiresome standing so long with knapsacks on. While on inspection Mack Young and Jake Henkle make their appearance. After inspection have a long talk with them and altogether a pleasant time. Represent Tulley and Simmons as well. Allington is Chaplain of the 94, Ohio but not as popular as he was with the friends of Temperance as any orator.

Saturday Dec. 20

A beautiful and sunshiny day. Again awake early and ordered to prepare to go on a forging expedition at day light. Proceed as far as the pike, stack arms and are surprised to see the wagons back and the expedition changing to reconortiering [sic] in forces. See for the first time Genl. Palmer a very plain looking man with heavy but well trimmed whiskers of brown. See also Genl Crittenden a more stylish man with black whiskers. Our division moves out the [illegible] pike and then by a cross road to the pike that joins the Lebanon pike and proceed to Stewarts ferry or ford on Stone [sic] River then by a cross road on to the Lebanon road. The boys have to wade the river and experience

much from the ice cold water. The 10th brigade takes to return on a rocky Mile without crossing. Our Brigade move just to the Hermitage and after resting some hours proceed on a mile or two farther, the cavalry going as far as Silver springs without discovering the enemy. About sundown turn back and commence a rapid march for camp. Have much difficulty in crossing Stone [sic] river and Mill Creek, have to wade the latter and cross the other on a [illegible] of rails. Reach camp tired weak and foot sore about 9½ o'clock [sic] and find a kettle of coffee ready for us by a good fire. Almost too tired to sleep but succeed in so doing without much effort. Receive a letter from Sukie and two Republics.

Sunday Dec 21

Morning warm and pleasant as in Spring time. Sleep till aroused by the unwelcome intelligence that we must go on picket. Boys many of them so sore that they can hardly walk and are slow to get ready. Move out to where we were before but are to day on out post Our company line extending from the new graded to the Lebanon Pike. The day warm throughout but sky becomes cloudy and threatens rain but only a few drops fall Some discrepancy [sic] in passes causes many persons to be stopped, detained or turned back. One Citizen with his daughter a very beautiful and interesting girl, having passed out yesterday and wishing to return to his home in the city finds the new order forbids. He remains while Duff goes to the reserve to see the Officer of the day, but has to turn back, much to the discomforture [sic] of the young lady. An Old Gentleman going in with a load of corn to town is detained all night. Takes things tolerably calmly and during the night learn much about the country and early settlement from him He repeats the old story of Jackson taking another's wife by force. The men living at the junction of the Stone [sic] and Cumberland and the Old gentleman declares that the marks of the pistol ball can still be seen on the door of the scene of the quarrel. He states that the first home built by Jackson on the site of the Hermitage was burnt. Also that by the extravagance of the adopted son a part of the estate had to be sold and was purchased by the State. His true name is Donnelson being one of twin sons of a sister of Jacksons [sic] wife. Duff and I sleep till 2 o'clock [sic] at night Guthrie and Miller relieving the guard the after part of the night damp and somewhat cool and still we have a comfortable time chatting and talking over old times. Read to day the "Golden Belt" a tale of the times of Columbus, rather overstrained and [illegible] in Style.

Monday Dec. 22.

Day throughout resembles yesterday in regard to weather. Several persons turned back. Relieved about 9 o'clock [sic] by the 9th Ind. Our pretty Girl and her father return to see the commander of the Picket and we leave them waiting his decision. The main part of the regiment already in camp and we march alone Gregg returns for his overcoat left by mistake. Receive a letter from George and one from Bob Dorsey written at Louisville in September. Receive also the News of the [illegible] No Drill but Dress Parade in the evening, Capt. Mitchell commanding the regiment The remainder of the brigade with parts of the 10th and 19th out foraging to day, passing through Nashville. Over to see Roberts and have a lively time. At night – presented by Lieut. [illegible] with

the two columns of Hardees [sic] Tactics. Perrinn and Newcome at our tent and not read much.

Tuesday Dec. 23

Day throughout warm and pleasant. Wash day for the regiment and no drill but parade in the evening New order for all men to have overcoats, which causes much commotion among the boys as they cannot carry them. Write a letter to Sukie eight closely written pages. Study the tactics some during the day and at night read Buy a can of butter and some beef in anticipation of a foraging expedition tomorrow and receive a due bill and a three dollar bill in change. Night cloudy with appearance of rain. Sam Robb returned yesterday from Cincinnati.

Wednesday Dec 24

Waked very early and ordered to move at daylight with three days rations in haversacks. Morning rainy but pack up and get ready to strike tents, but do not move at all. After much hesitation the boys all take overcoats. The cause of our being ordered to keep in readiness [illegible] is the evacuation of Murfreesboro by the rebels and the throwing of their full force to our flanks towards Clarks [missing text] James, a good story in James [sic] usual learned and elegant style. The close is too abrupt – we do not learn enough of the child of the Robber Gray A thoughtless omission Langford starts for home with the child but when he gets there hes [sic] not with him. Why this omission so strange in an author usually so careful. At night boys rather [illegible]. Night pleasant but cloudy. Receive orders to be ready for Grand guard early in the morning of the morrow

Friday Dec. 26.

A cold rainy and disagreeable day but one long to be remembered by our Brigade. The army of the Cumberland commences to day the long expected forward movement. Our brigade leaves tents and baggage and moves early out the Murfreesboro Road March rapidly until we pass the Asylum Mtn near the out post picket - rest in line about an hour or until the cavalry of Willich 3rd Ky. and 7th Penn. pass us, the rain in the [illegible] becoming steady and continuing so nearly all day. Our company is deployed as skirmishers to protect the left flank and march as such through the field and have indeed a most wearisome task. Near Lavergne [sic] a spirited skirmish commences continuing from noon until dark and partaking of the nature of a Genl engagement. About a mile from the village the rebels opened a battery upon us, [illegible] for the [illegible] good [illegible], planting shell in our midst every volley. The boys do some tall duty [illegible] but remain in plase [sic] and obey orders. [2 illegible words] noble coolness. From this point march in line of battle and succeed in driving the enemy back to Lavergne [sic] although the ground was warmly contested. The most difficult point was a corn field in which rebel skirmisher were deployed but this was carried by a charge at double quick. This closed the field on the left with the exception of a few shots from our battery. On the right the [illegible number] Ky [rest of entry on that page is too faint to read] Our regiment was detailed for picket and after dark march next to the line gained by the charge along a good sized stream Our Co with company I. being on the

outpost [illegible] line left. Scarcely were we posted when cavalry were found but a few paces from our out post. They [illegible] similarly and many supposed that they were our own cavalry. They were allowed [illegible] a messenger went to Head Quarters, to remain near. They attempted to move off without answering the challenge [sic]. The clear voice of Capt. Hogan rang out The [illegible] firing five rifles belched forth. Our lines repaired and there was a confused rush of our own force to the Co. Reserve and of galloping horses. Frank Hodgkins was found to be somewhat severely wounded in the head but quick as thought Co. I poured a volley into the cavalry formation and sent them hurrying away over the fields [2 illegible lines of text] and the rest of the night passed in comfortable quiet. Slept some better in spite of the rain [2 illegible lines of text] The campfires of our own army plainly visible and noisy with busy preparation but not a fire is seen in the rebel camp though we are nearer it than our own. The dull rattle of wheels and the triumph of cavalry seem to warm us to look out for the morrow All day heavy cannonading has been heard far on our right telling us McCook is at work [illegible] might much better than expected.

Saturday Dec. 27

Before daylight fix up a rail fence and form a line behind it. Got interrupted however and eat our breakfast in place having built fires a short time before. An occasional shot from the rebel line tells of their presense [sic] as well as the smoke from their fire. Our cannon in position early and blazing away. Genl Palmer visits the out post early and takes observation. The morning very hazy and hard to see their movements. Woods [sic] Division in attempting to move forward meets with energetic opposition and a serious skirmish ensues. About noon resupplied with cartridges and ordered to fall back to our regiment and with it join the line now moving steadily and briskly forward, stretching further than the eye can reach either way and presenting a grand and imposing spectacle. Pass through the now deserted and nearly destroyed village of Lavergne [sic] and halt a few moments. A storm gathers and a steady rain commences and continues till nearly night. Our force divides at the junction of the two pikes we continuing direct and the 19th Brigade taking to the left and as they proceed have some spirited skirmishing and Artillery firing. The boys in excellent spirits in spite of the rain. The route a lonely one, be in through deserted camps and not a single house being inhabited, many of them burnt in part, riddled by cannon shot or dilapidated by soldiers. Stop just before sunset to camp for the night. The rain ceases the sun bursts from the clouds and a beautiful rainbow arches the eastern sky as we turn from the road and cheer upon cheer swells from the long line at the [2 illegible words]. The lightning of spirited flashes, like thunders [3 illegible words] and the cloud becomes light. In a remarkably [2 illegible words] we range over [3 illegible words] groves of large trees [illegible] fences to disappear doubled quick and have much fun in so doing. Our company [illegible] a huge long fire along a big hickory log [illegible rest of line] and spend the night tolerably comfortable. I receive a letter from father and mother written the 21st. Good news from home. In a tree near us is a shell buried in a tree, ends reversed Night becomes clear and full of soft beautiful moon light

Sunday Dec. 28

A most beautiful day made doubly pleasant by contrast with yesterday. Remain in camp all day though waked early by reveille. The rebels just beyond the stream in our front, skirmishing going on all day. The bridge built by them still remains as they were hurried in their retreat too much to burn it yesterday. Camp quiet as if no rebels were near. The 14. Ohio camped near having come yesterday from Nolinsville [sic]. Over to see Dave Perkins and find him well. Genl Rosecrans passes in the afternoon to the front. Read to day Bill Bidson a tale by Ellis in complete and not as well told as Keith Jones seems to be no aim, no object and little power. Receive notice to prepare for picket but before we get ready the order is countermanded. A rebel regiment cut off from their main force and part of them forced to surrender. Train going back to Nashville for provision. Night clear and not very cool. Cut down a hickory tree and have another huge fire. During the night several divisions, among them Rosecrans, take positions near us. The 3rd Ky. Cav. pass out and return. The boys gathering around our fire at a halt. Higgins returns to the company from Nashville, Tenn to say that we are now 1st Brigade 2nd Division. Left wing Army of the Cumberland [illegible] calls in the evening

Monday Dec. 29.

Morning clear and sunshiny with bracing air. Reveille early and troops moving by day light Wm. H. Shultz unexpectedly makes his appearance in camp [illegible] from Nashville. Two large squads of prisoners passing under guard to the rear. Draw Rations of meat and just before noon the army moves forward in line of battle, regiments formed in double column at half distance. The day a beautiful one but the march through the fields and wood extremely tiresome. Heavy skirmishing all the time in front with artillery. Cross the stream five miles from Murfreesboro with out serious opposition from the enemy but still with some difficulty as the ford was rapid. The scene of the crossing briskly picturesque and some what amusing, many of the troops crossing on a [illegible] dam the others wading. Stop for the night in a beautiful grove of cedars, the orders at first being to stop for only an hour. Roberts comes and remains with us all night. The night rainy but the many fires make it comfortable.

Tuesday Dec. 30.

Morning damp and cool. Arranged early in line of battle, the 1st and 90th being a reserve for the 31st and 2nd. Artillery firing all day and some heavy skirmishing but we do not materially change position. The rebels seemed to be reserving their fire and merely feeling our lines. At night could make but small fires as the rebels were throwing shell among us. Have to get up many times to warm but still rest well. Night tolerably pleasant and quiet along the lines

Wednesday Dec. 31.

Pleasant but tolerably cool and one long to be remembered by our whole army. In the morning an order from Genl Rosecrans read before the regiments complementing [sic] them for yesterdays [sic] work and advising them as to days [sic] battle. The battle commenced early on the right extending gradually towards us the right seeming to give

way until the firing sounded in our rear. Then came the attack on our front. The rebel artillery throwing shot and grape and their infantry advancing nervously. They were [illegible] and repulsed by the 2nd and 31st. They held their position until (our two regiments) out of ammunition and turn our regiment and the 90th advanced to relieve them. Our regiment advanced rapidly and when arriving at the fence charged double quick through the field up to the rebel line. Their advance retreating and their battery in part whirling away. The enemy soon appeared in strong force their flags and lines visible on all sides. They advanced slowly and firmly in front and passed rapidly to our left flank. Our regiment fell back quickly to the fence and poured in a heavy fire until almost completely out flanked, then retired in order to where the reserve should have been formed but here all was of confusion. One of Negleys [sic] brigade having broken in the [illegible] and pursued by the enemy had run to our reserve mingling and almost destroying our lines. The 90. gave way on our right and left us open to cross fire from the enemys [sic] flank we did not hear the order to retreat until almost isolated from our brigade and then fell back double quick to the confused and mixed up line, which now was partly formed. But after firing one or two vollies the retreat became general, the enemy appearing on the right as well as the left. Some of Negleys [sic] artillery having been left among the trees an effort was made to rally and save but was only in part successful as the companies were so separated by straglers [sic] that commands could not be heard or promptly obeyed. From here the line retired slowly and in tolerable order returning the fire of the enemy and superintending the [illegible] task of getting the gun carriages through the thick growth of cedars. Col Enyart file to rear and kept a part of the regiment firing regularly. But his utmost efforts could not stop the line and some of the caissons had to be left. One driver in Artillery displayed the greatest coolness and bravery managing the six horses that the [illegible] had deserted most admirably. Capt [sic] Parker stopped with the deserted Caisson de [illegible 2 lines due to page being turned over and faint writing]. The rebel fire told on us severely. Charley Rice was severely wounded, perhaps killed in the cornfield, Crouse, Croak and Foreman badly wound at the fence. [2 illegible names] Black, and Pfister coming through the grove. [2 illegible names] received straight wounds and nearly every man had his clothes or haversack cut by balls. The wounded were calm not one complaining. Quigley was carried to a wagon by Clayton Hay having made [illegible] way out of the rebel line. The majority of the others being left on the field, some carried to a hospital that fell into the hands of the rebels. Major Hadlocks Capt [sic] Joneses [sic] and Col Spencers [sic] horses were shot. Lieut. Faran wounded or taken prisoner. [illegible name] is missing. The regiment had [illegible number] killed, 143 wounded and [illegible] as many are missing. The enemy continued [illegible] until we reached the new formed line of Negley [rest of page is too faint to be read legibly] rally around the colors soiled and riddled by shot. From here we marched to a commanding point on the railroad where there had been a struggle all day for mastery. Here the splendor of battle lay spread out on the sordid plain before us, and Rosecrans came to cheer us. We took position along the Pike on the left of Rosseau, joining the 94th Ohio. Here I saw Tully, Jake Heinkle and John Simmond dirty and begrimed [sic] with powder but safe and well Hack [illegible]

they reported sick and left behind. The battle continued till night we changing position several times but taking no immediate part in this engagement. The enemy were successfully repulsed at every point and at dark all became quiet. We were moved to the rear and allowed to build fires and spend the night far more comfortable than we anticipated. The feeling in battle with me was calm determination. The [illegible] and repulsiveness of the battle did not effect [sic] me as I supposed. There came a desire to do my best and to this every other feeling gave way before our vigorous assault leaving a battery and several regimental colors in our possession. Another division now came up and formed quickly in line. Some adjutant [illegible] one of the large rebel standard galloped along the lines, prisoners were hurried in [illegible] to our rear, Cheer upon cheer rolled in thunders along our lines. Palmer, his voice hoarse with exertion thundered "forward Reserve" and as the fresh unbroken columns raised as if from the earth and rushed forward with the almost interminable line of artillery, the battle field presented one of those sublime and terrible scenes that we cannot deem real until we see. [illegible] one of those battles that surpass the most [illegible] descriptions that we read in the works of brilliant authors One that can not be described and one that is seen but once in a life time. The regiment advanced in line [illegible] a mile [illegible] over open ground as the [illegible] of the reserve. A [illegible] from us drew the fire of a rebel battery, and for half an hour it poured into us a steady fire – we immediately laying close to the ground They had our range exactly and done the best shooting we saw by artillery. The shot and shell striking and bursting directly over and among us throwing mud all over us powder in our eyes and [illegible] us, but our boys remaining perfectly quiet and displaying the greatest coolness in avoiding the shot, strange to say. Not a man was lost but one of the stragglers from some regiment passing in our rear was struck down by a shot and [rest of page illegible] The boys all starting with the cry "You are right in [illegible] Genl" he coolly replied Lie still. You are [illegible] two or three Brigadier Genls. The battery continued firing till after dark, the shells passing like meteors through the darkened sky. We [2 illegible words] and [illegible] Genl Cruft who ordered us to take our old position saying that we had done nobly. The [illegible] was certain and far and the worries then [illegible] for us in the [rest of page is illegible] [Top half of next page too faint to clearly read] Every body from [2 illegible words] were in excellent humor and the general opinion was that the rebels were completely defeated. Negleys [sic] division took position near us as before and as firing continued in front [2 illegible words] [illegible] our artillery shelling the woods they were soon repulsed We were ordered to move but after getting ready this was countermanded. The night proved to be a rainy one and we could not sleep [illegible] comfort but Stanleys [sic] Staff and after [illegible] interrupted us very much by pulling down our works [rest of page too faint to read]

Thursday Jan. 1st

Rainy, disagreeable day. Remain stationary all day. Lines quiet with the exception of Pickets firing. Pioneers busy building bridges and digging rifle pits. A long line of breast works erected along the brow of the hill in front of us and the artillery arranged in line.

Quigley and Meredith join the company coming from Nashville. The body of a man shot by [2 illegible words] for running yesterday remains near us all day unburied. None of dead buried except [illegible name] buried by friends. Draw rations for two days in the evening. Negleys [sic] division having flour have a vexatious time in getting it cooked. Just after dark rapid firing, rifle and artillery is heard to the right continuing for a long time Hear that the 1st and 2nd East Tennessee Regiments having arrived with Gene Morgans [sic] command to night were trying their hand on driving Rebels [2 illegible words] successful in part the artillery had joined them [2 illegible lines of text] one of the most unagreeable is ever passed sleep is almost impossible. Troops and artillery moving, nearly all night to the right from the left, Davis and Hoods [sic] Division. About three oclock [sic] the clouds break away the moon shines bright and the rain continuing we have that rare and peculiar fenomenan [sic] a rainbow by moonlight it being of a light yellowish moon like color

Sunday Jan. 4th

Morning cold but the rain ceases and once more we have sunshine. The troops all firing off guns but the lines [illegible]. About noon it was discovered that the rebels had abandoned their advance line and also their first and second lines of intrenchments and the general opinion was that Murfreesboro was evacuated. Squads were sent out to bury our dead and see about our wounded. They [illegible] that rebel had still unburied but laid in piles and covered with blankets. Our dead [rest of page is too faint to be legible] Croak was also found there The other boys could not be heard from, were not dead not on the field nor in the hospitals. Soon after noon our troops commenced moving toward town marching to music along the pike. [illegible] after I heard that Rosseau's division had taken possession of the place. The [illegible line of text] instruments left quarter master and commissary store in large quantities. It is almost impossible to describe the feeling of relaxation experienced by the army where the rebel lines were withdrawn Bugles sounded, men cheered drums beat and the army was itself again. Remain during the night at the same place. Night cool but full of cheerful moonshine.

Monday Jan 5.

A very pleasant day. Our men busy burying the dead and hunting up the wounded. Black found upon the field dead. Duff and [illegible name] and Fey go to bring him he had been carried up to near their intrenchments while living perhaps His pockets were rifled and the buttons cut from his clothes and his socks pulled off. Our forces beyond Murfreesboro and our wounded men taken into town. [rest of page is too faint to transcribe legibly] camp to the railroad camping near Davis division in a pretty grove. See Roberts and have a good time with him. Build a fire and have a pleasant time until about midnight when it commences raining with thunder and lightning and spoils our sleep some The [illegible] Ky, receives much credit for the charge made by them in which they advanced nearer the Rebel intrenchments than any other of our forces. If our right had held firm the rifle pits would have been of no use for they fronted the wrong way Heavy artillery firing heard today beyond Murfreesboro showing that Rosecran [sic]

has engaged the enemys [sic] rear. The rebels [sic] main force said to have moved toward Shelbyville.

Tuesday Jan 6.

Rain ceases in the morning and the day turns out pleasant Finish and mail my letter home. 7 pages double lined In the forenoon a detail sent to bury the dead but soon retires reporting the task completed. In the afternoon over to Davis Division. Learn that Clay was taken prisoner at Nolinsville [sic] paroled and sent to Springfield Illinoise [sic]. That Kirkman has been transferred to the Pioneer Corps as Captain. Koykendall was out on picket so I did not get to see any of him. Hear to day from our boys in Murfreesboro - All there and doing as well as expected except Pfister who being but slightly wounded was sent to Vicksburg for exchange. They took with them all their men and our wounded that could travel, leaving surgeons to attend to the others. Night clear but very cool Sleep almost impossible though we have a huge fire. Have a pleasant talk with Roberts to day

Wednesday Jan 7.

Day pleasant throughout Move about nine oclock [sic] toward Murfreesboro, passing through the field of battle and have a better view of the different positions than before and understand several things before mysterious. The right flank on the 91st when to [illegible] swung round like a door on hinges until it faced almost to the rear, at least parallel with the pike far on our left. This left the right completely exposed and the other two brigades of our division leaving their place in line on the left before us explains why we came so near being surrounded We were the last troops to be withdrawn and the charge being made by us made it still more difficult to clear the rebel lines We pass the grave yards of many of the regiments. The men buried in many cases where they fell Hundreds of horses mangled by shot still strewed the field. In One place four horses lay piled together killed by the explosion of a caison [sic] Crossed the stream on the Nolinsville [sic] Pike. The rebel intrenchments insignificant not constructed half as well as our own. Our rifle pits nearest were strong and protected against cross fire. The companies equalized and march through town by companies presenting a splendid appearance The town seemingly deserted by citizens but nearly every suitable house filled with wounded principally rebel who exhibit much curiosity as we pass. Rebel Surgeons in splendid uniform, gray, [illegible] perfectly. It [illegible] many the cases. Go about three miles on the McMinnville road and camp in wood lot Genl Palmer making his head quarters near. Before we get supper eat have to go on picket leaving men to bring our rations to us. In passing out meet Genl Rosecrans moving in who with smiles speaks to the men, asks of their welfare and saying that he is glad to see them so well. Our company [illegible] near the ridge and have a tolerable time. What appears to be a large straw pile on our reserve turns out to be a huge pile of corn concealed. The boys come out with the [illegible] bringing a canteen of whiskey for each company, giving each man a moderate dram. A remarkable meteor makes a beautiful appearance in the early part of the evening A bright blaze passing through the sky leaving for a minute or

more a luminous streak marking its path. Night very cool especially the forepart clear and cold as an icicle The after part cloudy and not as cool.

Thursday Jan. 8

Day tolerably pleasant. The evening becoming stormy. Our wagons come out and get the corn much to the sorrow of the owners. Relieved about 4 oclock [sic] by the [illegible] Ill. All numbering only 134 men. [2 illegible words] and have a vexatious time in getting our haversacks and in putting up tents The majority of the boys got their things safe and we certainly enjoy the sleep in tents and under blankets Blacks [sic] knapsack cannot be found but find his pocket bible and a volume of poems. Receive yesterday a letter from Maria Soules and Republics of the 23 and 29. Night cloudy with a mixture of snow and rain.

Friday Jan 9.

Day very pleasant. Ed Fey sent to Murfreesboro to take care of our wounded taking with him blankets and knapsacks. Our company strike tents and move to the right of the regiment, Co G. taking our place. Late in the afternoon the division moves back about a mile camping in a beautiful grove and in line. Pitch tents and get things fixed when we receive orders to be ready to move to Reedyville at eight in the morning The 90 Ohio being away at Nashville as train guard and our brigade wagons away after provisions, the order is countermanded the 19 brigade taking our places. Commence a letter to the News. Light raining but warm. [rest of daily entry too faint to be read]

Saturday Jan 10

A very pleasant day. Camp being arranged and cleaned Busily writing all day. Finish writing my letter to the News giving account of the 31st. Camp quiet and not much of interest transpiring.

Sunday Jan 11.

Day very pleasant. Clean up have company inspection and then spend the time in writing another article to the News describing the battle of Friday and more fully that of the 31st. receive a letter from Matt Hoblett stating that Rob [illegible] is discharged and Uncle Abe. Over to Commissary and get 3 lbs [sic] candles. Got to bed [illegible line of text]

Monday Jan 12.

[illegible] and balmy as Spring. A large [illegible] is [illegible] from Nashville just might bring my clothes grub and papers Have a great time reading W.D.B's account in the Commercial of the 8th of the different battles here. Before we finish reading it ordered to fall in for a forage expedition. Start about 10 oclock [sic] go through Murfreesboro and six miles out the Nolinsville [sic] Pike to Wilkinsons Cross Road. Murfreesboro not very pleasant looking. Has all the gloom of a hospital. Rebel nurses and Surgeons kiting around with considerable style and some young ladies visiting the wounded Rebs. Get a better view of the battle than before. See plainly Negleys [sic] position and how fearfully near we were all the time to the Rebs on the Right. See where McCook fought before

the rebel breastworks and trace his advance and retreat by the marks of carnage. Hundreds of horses, half decaying lie thickly over the field for two and three miles back. Every house along the road sports the red flag, and contains some of our own or the rebel wounded. The pike at the cross roads comes to an abrupt ending. At the house here are some of our wounded and there we get a lot of guns and sabres [sic]. Have a quick march home not getting into camp till long after dark [illegible] very tired and sore. [illegible line of text] Received to day a letter from Angie.

Tuesday Jan 13.

A warm and pleasant day. Busy making out monthly reports. Afternoon appointed adjutant of our regiment. Col Enyart leaves for home Gum Blankets issued to the troops. Skirmish drill in the forenoon and Dress Parade in the evening.

Wednesday Jan 14

Rainy and unpleasant. Fix up the company books and write a letter for George Hunt. Near evening Rain increases to a storm. Go on picket at 4 o'clock [sic] to the right of the Lebanon pike, the rain making every thing disagreeable. Station our reserve in a Stable, fix beds of cornblades and build fires in the stable. Rain steady early and dismal all night and the scene, horses, cows and men in one stable, and the dim line of sentinel fires, a good picture for Leslie D. not sleep any till nearly 3 o'clock [sic]. Then pile in among the blades and have a good sleep. Cobaugh and Adam have a disgraceful fight in the morning

Thursday Jan 15

Rain still continues, the air getting colder and the rain changing to snow in the afternoon. Sleep nearly all the forenoon and in the afternoon read the "Bandits of the Osage" by Bennett not as well told as [illegible name]. Relieved about 4 o'clock [sic] by the 36. In and return to camp to find the camp in part overflowed. Find the Lieuts [sic] stove in our tent and a good fire and are soon comfortable. The boys have a jolly time. Snedeker and Guthrie staying with us. Night very cold but sleep comfortably.

Friday Jan 16.

Day one of the coldest of the season. Commence a letter to day to the Republic. In the evening Dress Parade not with standing the cold. At night over to see Daniels, sign the proper papers and receive [illegible number] from as pay for extra duty in the Commissary. Buy a sum of butter and have a good supper. Night very cold.

Saturday Jan 17.

Clear and all of sunshine but cold. Finish my letter to the Republic. Make out a descriptive roll for [2 illegible names] [illegible name] in camp. He is regularly detailed by Rosecrans as nurse in the hospital at Murfreesboro. About 8 o'clock [sic] receive orders to move but after getting ready the order is countermanded till tomorrow morning. Write a letter to George in the evening. The Stove moved out to day [last line on page is illegible] quite comfortable

Sunday Jan 18

Day tolerably cold but clear and beautiful. Move about 9 o'clock [sic] from camp and out the McMinnville road 6 miles to Hickory Creek. A wagon to each company, knapsack and baggage hauled and all in all the trip a pleasant one. The scenery magnificently grand the hills and distant mountains half covered with snow dancing off the sunshine. Still sporting the evergreen trees were hailed as old acquaintances and each heart thrilled with joy. We camped along a beautiful cedar clad ridge extending along the creek a good camp and a strong military position. Before our wagons get up our regiment [sic] go on picket leaving a detail to put up the tents. Go but a short distance out the road our company being stationed on it. Eat dinner in this out post and, spend the afternoon very pleasantly. Night very cold and allowed no fires. Impossible to be comfortable except by walking about. Keep moving about till after mid night then lay down with Duff on some rails and manage to sleep a little. One of the more miserable nights I ever spent.

Monday Jan. 19.

Awake long before day boys all tramping around to keep warm. Ordered to be under arms and to have a report sent in by 6 o'clock [sic]. About daybreak go to the reserve make the report and Miller takes it to camp. Return to the outpost but am ordered to camp to make another report. Get to camp about nine o'clock [sic], make the report fix a bed of cedar boughs, take a good wash then a sound nap. The boys relieved at one o'clock [sic] and come in with haversacks full of fresh meat. Afternoon and evening becomes rainy. Commence a letter to Angie. Hear to day that Bishop died yesterday and that Flanagan is not expected to live.

Tuesday Jan 20

A damp cold disagreeable day. Just after guard [illegible] our company ordered as a train guard to Murfreesboro. The train in charge of Roberts and the boys ride in the cars. Do not go to the town but to the division commissary at our old camp. After loading the wagons we return to the pike and remain with the 72. In on picket. All well in the afternoon. A part of the regiment [sic] on guard duty the other patrols the roads between town and our camp, the road also well protected by cavalry. Have a rough ride to camp getting there before dark. Finish my letter.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Day damp and cloudy. Details from the companies busy building breastworks, a complete line around the whole camp. Write a letter to Matt Hoblett and receive letters from Annie, Addison and Lucretia Jones. A train of 30 wagons said to have been captured by the rebels on the Liberty Pike. Our regiment at last well supplied with Oil Blankets and socks.

Thursday Jan 22.

A very pleasant day. Reveille before day and much earlier than usual. The regiment formed in line of battle standing till after daybreak. Stack arms on the color line and

return to quarters. Busy all the forenoon making out an annual report of Casualties. Our regiment on picket at five o'clock [sic] - our company posted to the right of where we were before, our reserve on the creek and our other posts along the lane. Not allowed fires and the night being cold and frosty do not experience much comfort. Much more comfortable than when last on picket. While nearly all are listening to a tale of somnambulism, Welch and Coyle raise a row and exchange remarks about their bed. Sleep with Duff on some rails and have a tolerably good nap

Friday Jan 23.

Morning cold but the day becomes warm and balmy as spring. The birds sing and flutter about among scarcely moving branches of the green [illegible], the water in the stream dwindled mysteriously to a rill runs largely borrowing jewels from the nursery of the summer bright suns, nature seems dreaming a bright luxurious dream of a lazy splendor and the boys loll round in listless [illegible], half asleep - a dream existancy [sic] a time for [illegible] No fires allowed night or day and this day [2 illegible words] The stream "Cripple Creek" last night full and rolling is this morning almost dry the water running beneath the rocks. Relieved at 2 o'clock [sic] by the 90th and go direct to camp along the stream. The Camp [illegible] upon the cliff nestling almost unseen among the clustering [illegible] with the long chorus line of breast works with cannon [illegible] over them, all looking [illegible] when the silver [rest of page is illegible] give it to Perrine to mail. The 10th Brigade passes camp just before dark, moving it is said on Woodbury. The rumor that we move [illegible] assumes shape and becomes a certainty about midnight as rations are drawn and issued about one o'clock [sic]. Many interruptions to sound sleep. The night warm and cloudy. Receive to day letters from John Lewis and Rice Lewis

Saturday Jan 24

Reveille very early but no definite order to move. After some time find that we are to go at five o'clock [sic] on a reconnoissance [sic] to move up to support the other brigades already ahead. Just about daybreak our regiment the 2nd and 31st with two sections of the battery move toward Reedyville [sic]. The morning very warm close and cloudy, a damp misty rain soon commencing March steadily without resting beyond the camp of the 19th at Reedyville [sic], the boys welcoming many old well remembered scenes of hearty fun or misery. The camp of the 19th well arranged for defense - the battery fortifications crowning the hill on the slope of which the camp rests commanding every approach. Move two miles beyond Reedyville [sic] and our brigade and artillery thrown into position along the ridge that borders the stream down this valley of which is country road to protect the rear of the Brigade in advance who are already engaged. The rebel cavalry this morning made a dash at our pickets at Reedyville [sic] and where we rest is a rebel camp of some Georgia Regiment. Genl Wheeler was seen here yesterday and three cavalry regiments are supposed to be near Woodbury Half our company in charge of the [illegible] thrown out as Picket We remain in position till two o'clock [sic], the rain increasing very fast and the majority of the officers taking shelter in a church or school house near. The Brigade then marches quickly with out rest to camp, the rain beating

steadily upon us all the time. Never did we think of sweet home with more welcome satisfaction than when our beautiful camp rose to view and we were within the sheltering tents. Eat a good supper dry our selves then pile into blankets and sleep off fatigue. The other brigades have quite a skirmish with the cav. killing several among them a Colonel 8 or 10 of our men severely wounded. Night continues rainy.

Sunday Jan 25

Sleep till very late and feel not much the worse for wear. Company inspection as usual. Make out Links [sic] Descriptive Roll and commence a letter to him. Snediker unwell and despondent. Day partially clouded and very warm. Rebel Cavalry said to have been inside our pickets last night and near our picket line to day Night pleasant. Write till late and sleep well.

Monday Jan. 26

Reveille early Roll call and to bed again. Commence writing after guard mound and am interrupted by the bugle sounding the assembly for the regiment to go a foraging. Ride in the wagons and go a south westerly direction through the woods about three miles. The roughest ride I ever experienced. Soon load the wagons at different farms The corn and blades while the boys strip the farms of [illegible]. [illegible] in a man [illegible] that disgusts me. No [illegible] hard to request and people generally too much frightened to say much. Return to camp about 2 oclock [sic]. Finish and mail my letter to Link. This morning a brigade of cavalry passes coming from toward Reedyville [sic]. Rumors in camp that we move back to Murfreesboro tomorrow or soon. Night disagreeable and rainy

Tuesday Jan 27

Waked early by reveille to find a storm of rain and snow throwing a dismal gloom over every thing but [illegible line of text] form in line of battle. The line formed in the dim light Capt [sic] Mitchell acting as commander of the regiment. Mail in camp but no letters from home Fey receives several papers they are eagerly grabbed for and contents greedily devoured. Go on picket at 12 oclock [sic] taking our old post by the creek The day and night cold with a steady driving snow. By fires our reserve post makes it bearible [sic] however and we do not suffer very much at [illegible] not experiencing onus [illegible]. Papers received in camp to day containing full reports of our engagements on Stone [sic] River and boys were pleased to find the country rightly appreciating the battle.

Wednesday Jan. 28

Day stormy but not so much so as yesterday. Relieved at 2 oclock [sic] and return to camp to find a mail awaiting us Receive two Republics containing my "double column of half distance letter" to Father and Mother published with all its errors caused by haste and in all its formative style and with many mistakes in printing, many of the names spelled wrong and regiment wrongly named. A [2 illegible words] cant [sic] understand why it was published. Resolve to be like one outside the company [illegible] papers.

Procure at night a New York Tribune of Jan 13 and read Pantmukeys [sic] excellent account of the battle [illegible] Murfreesboro. Impartial dignified and more truthful than others, it well merits reading. Thos, Farrer, Carr and Stone return from the Con. Camp and report for duty. A report in camp that our Brigade is to be mounted on mules. Yesterday get my boots mended by a shoemaker, pay to him one dollar. Night very cold but not cloudy or stormy

Thursday Jan 29

Reveille about daylight. Morning clear but very cold. Write a letter to E.E.H.I. Do not have breakfast till after guard mount then have a good one. Read to day the rebels [sic] account of the battle of Murfreesboro as published in the N.Y. Tribune of the 15. Many [illegible] and errors in it but generally respectful in its tone. At night read W.D.B. many letters in the Commercial of the 23rd particularizing the record of our division Brigade and regiment, and more justice done to all participants in the battle See a notice to day of the death of Sheridan Knowles. Irish Author and actor. The report seems to grow credence that our brigade will be mounted on mules Night pleasant for winter.

Friday Jan 30

Reveille very early and the regt [sic] in line of battle. Morning clear cool and brasing [sic] Make out the regular monthly report in [illegible] it before noon The 3rd Ky go a foraging and our regiment go in position at five oclock [sic] in their stead Our company taking the old post on that creek. The day is pleasant and sunshiny and we have a comfortable time. Read in the afternoon "Glanmore" a very [illegible] tale by [illegible name] and [illegible] the [illegible] a tale of the Great Rebellion by Dr [sic] Robinson. The latter an excellent tale [illegible] – Bulls Run – Charleston well sustained. After dark signal lights are discovered on the top of the high hill in front developing gradually into a brilliant display. Our own signal corps at work. Night beautiful moon light and not very cold Sleep with Duff at his post comfortably part of the night Receive to day Republics of [illegible] 12 and 16. Learn that Col Kinsinner is supposed to be dead – killed at Cricks [illegible]. Miller receives a box of nice things from Charleston and we have Stewed [illegible] for supper [2 illegible words] Capt [sic] Hogan acting as Major of the Regt.

Saturday Jan 31

Awake very early Morning cloudy. Read in the forenoon Florist Rose by Bennett. A well told tale but cannot like it as well as Lena Leoti. Genl Palmer promoted to Major Genl and going home on short leave of absence. Genl Cruft commands the Division and Dederick the Brigade. Relieved at 2 oclock [sic] by the 2nd Ky. Afternoon becomes cloudy and rainy. Companies A. and K. are sent on duty to the hill where the Signal Corps is operating to remain two days.

Sunday Feb 1st

Day tolerably pleasant with [illegible] clouds. Turn out for roll call under arms after daylight. [rest of page is too faint to be legible] as published in the Republic. Receive a package of Republics Jan 27, and a Copy of the News of the 24 [illegible]. [illegible] my

second [illegible]. Lawrance [sic] made Lieut [sic] of company F and Sergt [sic] [illegible] of Co. K promoted to Sergt [sic] Major. Night clear and cool

Monday Feb 2nd

Awake early have roll call and break ranks when we find that we must form in line of battle. After General mounting the [illegible] returned to their companies and the regiment goes a foraging down the course of the stream. Rosecrans orders No 80 read before starting and the expedition conducted accordingly. Roll call just before leaving the picket line and the troops stationed [illegible rest of sentence]. Our co horses being with the wagons nearest camp returns to camp before noon. Write to father and mother. George Hunt [illegible line of text] and we have chicken and noodles for supper. The [illegible line of text] and [illegible] considerably. Night cool with clear sky.

Tuesday Jan 3.

Out early and form line of battle. Morning very cold and frosty. Commence finishing up the new descriptive [rest of page is illegible due to faintness of text]

## Second Diary

January 1863

1.

Thursday. Morning very cold. Scarce recovered from the fatigue of yesterdays [sic] battle. Waked at 3 oclock [sic] our brigade standing 2 hours picket on the outpost. Rebel fires in plain view. Return to our bivouac, cook breakfast and then change position. The lines to day tolerably quiet but one attack made on the center and this promptly repelled by our artillery. Kill some hogs and have a New Years [sic] Dinner. At night build large fires – are comfortable but cannot sleep well. More skirmishing to night than last night.

2.

Friday. Waked at 5 oclock [sic] and breakfast without interruption Relieved by the 2nd and 90th, return to the rear near the Stream Build a line of Breast-Works. Our division on reserve. About noon reinforced by Negley. About 3 oclock [sic] a terrific attack made by the enemy in full force on our left. Our line at first crushed back but reinforced by Davis and Wood hurls the rebels back in a route [sic] complete. The engagement continues till after dark surpassing in grandeur all that I had ever imagined. Night full of misty rain.

3.

Saturday. A rainy disagreeable day. Remain stationary the lines quiet till night. The rebels making a sortie are repelled by the East Tennesseans and a battery. Bong and Quigley come from Nashville. Night very disagreeable. Troops moving all night from the left to the right. About 8 oclock [sic] the clouds break away, the moon shines and we have the rare phenummon [sic] A rainbow at night. A good omen

4.

Sunday. Morning cold but the rain ceases and once more we have sunshine. About noon tis found that the rebels have abandoned their advance lines Squads sent to bury the dead find all unburied but all the wounded removed. The rebel dead collected but ours still as they were shot down. Nine of our regiment buried. Lieut [sic] Faran and Croak found in a hospital near each severely wounded Our troops on the right find Murfreesboro evacuated.

5.

Monday. Very pleasant. Black found near the rebel breast works dead. Duff, [illegible name] and Toy sent to bury him. He had been carried from where he fell to this place. Pockets were rifled, buttons cut from his coat, boots pulled off. Our advance moves beyond Murfreesboro. The town one grand hospital for wounded of both armies. Rebels move toward Shelbyville. Our division moves to the railroad camping near Davis. Commence a letter to Father and Mother

6.

Tuesday. Last night rainy but to day turns out pleasant. Finish burying the dead. Mail my letter. 7 pages double line. Our wounded all but Pfister in the hospitals at Murfreesboro. He sent to Vicksburg as a prisoner. Visit Davis Division. Learn that Clay was taken prisoner at Nolinsville. [sic] Kirkman in the Pioneer Corps Night very cold. Rebel Surgeons left in charge at Murfreesboro

7.

Wednesday. Day pleasant throughout. About 9 oclock [sic] m[cut off] from camp, cross the River on the Nolinsville [sic] Pike, equa[cut off] the companies, march in style through town and about [cut off] miles out the McMinnville Road. The town apparently deso[cut off] by citizens but nearly every house filled with wounded. Re[cut off] surgeons in tasty uniforms of grey move about with our o[cut off] in blue giving comfort. Our regiment without supper s[cut off] on picket. Meet Genl Rosecrans who talks to us as if we were h[cut off] dren. A remarkable meteor, very brilliant, passes through the c[cut off]

8.

Thursday. Day tolerably pleasant, evening becoming stormy. Relieved about 4 oclock [sic] by the 110, Ill. Having 137 men. Hurry to camp and have a vexatious time finding our knapsacks and putting up tents. Majority of the [cut off] find their things safe. Blacks [sic] knapsack cannot be found Sleep for the first time since leaving Nashville in our [cut off] and enjoy it hugely. Recd. yesterday a letter from Ma[cut off] Jones and 2 Republics, Dec. 28 and 29. The corn concealed in [cut off] pile of straw to day brought into camp.

9.

Friday. Very pleasant. Ed Fer sent to town to nurse our wounded. Our Co. changed to the right of the regt. Afternoon our Division moves back about a mile camping in a beautiful grove. Receive orders for our brigade to move to Reedyville at Daylight in the

morning. Our wagons all being at Nashville for provisions the order is countermanded the [illegible] our place. Commence a letter to the News.

10.

Saturday. A beautiful day. Our camp being arranged Col. Hazen Brigade moves to Reedyville. Finish my letter to the News, describing the battle of the 31st. Blacks [sic] Pocket Bible and his Poems found and treasured up. Our wounded, Crouse, Croak, Foreman, Bishop, Rice (each in the thigh) Flanigan (through his body) doing tolerably well. Hodgkins wounded at Lavergne [sic] was afterwards taken prisoner and paroled. Can hear nothing of Capt [sic] Baker. Manyon with his company.

11.

Sunday. Another beautiful day. Quarters policed and men dress for company inspection. Write another letter to the News, describing the battle of the 2nd and more fully that of the 31st. Receive a letter from Matt Hoblitt stating that Uncle Abe is sick and that Bob Dorsey is discharged. At night a large train arrives from Nashville bringing clothes, grub and papers. The Commercial of the 8th with W.D.B.'s account of the battle of Stone [sic] River is highly prized [sic].

12.

Monday. Warm and balmy as Spring. Start about 10 o'clock [sic], go through Murfreesboro and about 6 miles out the Nolinsville [sic] Pike to Wilkinson's Cross Roads after forage. Every house along the road a hospital. Have a good view of the battle field. Trace the line of McCooks [sic] advance and retreat for miles by marks of courage Hundreds of soldiers [sic] graves, dead horses, etc. line the road for miles

13.

Tuesday. Warm and pleasant. Did not return from our trip yesterday till after dark, tired and hungry. Received Yesterday a letter from Angie. To day make out a report for Dec. Atkinson Lieut. Co. G appointed Adjutant. Col. Enyart leaves for home. Gum blankets issued to our brigade. Skirmish drill in forenoon Many persons visiting the battle field yesterday seeking friends. The forests splintered, houses burned, fences destroyed earth torn up make the scene repulsive.

14.

Wednesday. Rainy and disagreeable. Write a letter for Geo. Hunt. Toward evening the rain increases to a storm. Go on Picket at 4 o'clock [sic] to the right of the Lebanon Pike. On account of the rain station our reserve in an old stable. Rains steadily, drearily and dismally all night. Horses, cows and soldiers in one stable. A good picture for Leslie. Do not sleep any till nearly morning Men pile in among some corn blades and have a good nap. Have a big fire in the stable but cant [sic] keep dry

15.

Thursday. Rain still continues, the air getting colder and the rain changing to Snow. Afternoon. Sleep nearly all the forenoon. In the afternoon read the "Bands of the Osage"

by Bennett. Not as well told as [illegible name] but a good tale. Relieved at 4 o'clock [sic] by 36 Ind and return to camp to find it in part overflowed. The [illegible] Stove in our tent, they stay awhile with us and all are comfortable.

16.

Friday. Day one of the coldest of the season. Commence a letter to the Republic. In the evening Dress Parade in spite of the cold. At night over to see Daniels, sign the proper papers and receive of him \$15.20 pay for extra duty in the Commissary. Buy a can of butter and have a most excellent supper. Night very cold. The rebel ladies visit and comfort the rebel wounded in town but not a smile or word for our poor boys.

17.

Saturday. Clear and full of sunshine but cold. Finish my letter to the Republic. Burkhart in camp giving notice that he is on detached duty at the hospital by order of Rosecrans. About 3 o'clock [sic] receive orders to move but after getting ready the order is countermanded till tomorrow morning. Write a letter to George in the evening. Stove moved out to day and the tent not quite so comfortable.

18.

Sunday. Day tolerably cold but clear and beautiful. Move at 9 o'clock [sic] from camp. 6 miles out the McMinnville Road to Cripple Creek camping on a beautiful cedar clad ridge. Before our wagons our regt. sent on picket leaving men to pitch tents and take care of knapsacks. Pleasant little night. No fires are allowed and we suffer from cold. Sleep impossible. Keep moving to keep warm.

19.

Monday. Awake long before daylight, the boys tr[cut off]ing around furiously to keep warm. Slept last night with Duff on outpost. Go early to the reserve and send a report to camp. Ordered to camp to make the tri monthly report. get to camp about 9 o'clock [sic]. make [cut off] report, fix a bed of cedar boughs and take a nap. The boys relieved at 1 o'clock [sic]. Hear to day that Bisk died yesterday at Div. Hosp. Flanagan very bad. Commence a letter to Angie.

20

Tuesday. A damp cold disagreeable day. Our company go early as a train guard to Div. Commissary. The train in charge of Roberts. After loading the wag[cut off] return to the pike where a part of the 72. Ind is on P[cut off]. A part of the regt [sic] on guard, the other part on duty as a patrol between our camp and town. Have a rough ride to camp arriving before dark. The road are patrolled by cavalry. Finish my letter to Angie.

21.

Wednesday. Damp and cloudy. Details from the companies building breastworks, a complete line around the camp. Write a letter to Matt Hoblitt and receive letters from Annie, Lucretia and Addison Jo[cut off]. A train of 30 wagons said to have been captured.

by the rebels on the Liberty Pike. Our regiment at last supplied with oil blankets and socks

22.

Thursday. A very pleasant day. Reveille early and the regiment formed in line of battle. Busy all day making out an annual report of Casualties. Our regiment on picket at 2 oclock [sic]. Our company posted to the right of where it was before, reserve on the creek – 2 posts along the lane. Night cold and frosty and no fires allowed. Not very comfortable but Duff and I pile down on some rails and manage to get some sleep.

23.

Friday. Morning cool but the day becomes a bright luxurious dream of lazy splendor. The stream last night full and rolling is this morning almost dry, the water running beneath the rocks. Relieved at 2 oclock [sic] by the 90. Write a letter to Maria Jones. The 10th Brigade passes camp in the evening toward Woodbury. Rations drawn at midnight ready to move. Receive letters from John Tivish and Rice Lewis.

24.

Saturday. Reveille very early but no definite order to move. About day break the 1st, 2nd and 31st with two sections of the battery move quickly 4 miles beyond Reedyville [sic] as support to the 10. And 19. Brigade moving on Woodbury. Our forces admirably disposed to resist attacks from the rear. Rains nearly all day. The expedition successful and we return to camp very tired

25.

Sunday. Tolerably pleasant. Sleep till late. Company inspection at 10 oclock [sic]. Write a letter to Fink sending him a descriptive roll. Rebel cavalry said to have been inside our Picket line last night. The two advance brigades yesterday had quite a skirmish with the rebel Cavalry under Wheeler. Killing several among them a Rebel Colonel. 8 or 10 of our men severely wounded. The 19. brigade camped on the hill to the left of Reedyville [sic]. Camp well fortified.

26.

Monday. Pleasant full of sunshine. Reveille early. Roll call and to bed again. About 9 oclock [sic] start on a foraging expedition, going up the creek valley, riding in the wagons, going through dense Cedar forests and over the roughest roads I ever saw Wagons soon loaded at the different farms, the boys stripping the farmers of chickens and geese in a manner extremely disgusting. This morning a Brigade of Cav. passes camp coming from toward Reedyville [sic].

27.

Tuesday. Waked early by reveille to find a storm of rain and Snow making every thing gloomy. Lines of Battle formed Capt [sic] Mitchell commanding. On Picket at 2 oclock [sic] taking our old post by the creek. Day and night cold with a steady driving snow.

Build big fires but can hardly keep comfortable. Papers received in camp giving full particulars of the Battle of Stone [sic] River

28.

Wednesday. Cold and Stormy. Relieved at 2 o'clock [sic] return to camp and find a mail awaiting us. Receive 2 Republics containing my "double column at half distance letter" written to my parents. Many mistakes in it and much provoked at it being published. Read in the N.Y. Tribune. Jan 13. Pontmoreys [sic] excellent description of the Battles before Murfreesboro. Thos Faerar Carr and Stone return from conv. camp at Nashville. Reported that our brigade is to be mounted on mules.

29.

Thursday. Clear but cool. Write a letter to E.E.H. Read to day the rebel accounts of the battles of Stone [sic] River. Exaggerated but respectful in its tone. (Published in the N.Y. Tribune of the 15) At night read W.D.B. many letters in the Commercial of the 23rd particularizing in regard to our division, brigade and regiment. Justice done to all participants. See a notice to day of the death of Sheridan Knowles – Irish Author and actor

30.

Friday. Pleasant and sunshiny. In line of battle early. Make out the regular Monthly Report. The 2nd Ky. Go foraging and we on Picket in their place. At our old Post. Night beautiful moonlight. Signal lights discovered on "Pilot-Knob" in high hill in front developing gradually into a brilliant display. Hear that Col Kersher was made prisoner at Vicksburg.

31.

Saturday. Morning cloudy – Afternoon rainy. Hogan acting Major. Miller receives a box of [cut off] from Charleston. Much spoiled but we have [cut off] cherries for supper on Picket. Genl [sic] Palmer le[cut off] for home. Genl [sic] Cruft commanding the Div[cut off] Col Sedgwick the Brigade. Companies A.K. [cut off] to Pilot-Knob as guard for the Signal Corps. The Knob a permanent station. Relieved at [cut off] o'clock [sic] by the 2nd Ky. Read yesterday "Glenmore" a very tame tale by Parke Clinton "Scatto the Scout" by Dr. Robinson. The latte[cut off] excellent tale – Lacule- Bulls Run. Scene [cut off] riny. Characters well sustained. Read [illegible] Bennetts [sic] Forest Rose. A well told tale b[cut off] cannot like it as well as Lerr Leoli. Rec[cut off] Republics of the 12. And 15 (yesterday) At the Batt[cut off] Stone [sic] River Dec 31. our division was one of the Left our Brigade joining Negley on the right. When the [illegible] wing swung back we by remaining in position were exposed to double fire and almost crushed. Onset made by the rebels. Col Enyart behaved n[cut off] and the regiment though meeting with severe [cut off] (30 percent lost) was soon formed on the new [cut off] Black (corpl [sic] and color guard) killed outright. [cut off] has since died. Quigley and Manyon recove[cut off] from [illegible] wounds. Rice, Crouse, Croak, Tarim and Flanagan still suffering. Pfister still a prison[cut off]

February

1.

Sunday. Tolerably pleasant with the sky cloudy. Turn out for roll call under arms after day light. No inspection. Write a letter to Rice Lewis sending him my letter as published in the Republic. Receive a package of Republics date Jan 23 and a News of the 24, containing my 2nd Letter describing the battle. Lawrence made 2nd Lieut [sic] in Co F. Sergt [sic] Head of Co H promoted to Sergt [sic] Major. Night clear and cold

2.

Monday. Pleasant. Awake early, have roll call – break ranks, then ordered to form line of battle. Guard mounted, then dismissed. The regiment starts down the creek valley after forage, going but a short distance. The expedition in accordance with Genl orders no 30. Frequent Roll calls – no pillaging allowed Our co. returns to camp before noon. Have chicken noodle soup for supper. Old Horse cook

3.

Tuesday. Morning cold and frosty. Col. Enyart and Lou Hanke arrive in camp. Lou, 2nd Lieut [sic] in Co. H. – Enyart commands the Brigade. [illegible] 2 Co's of the 90 on Picket taking a post on the left Write yesterday to Father and Mother. Read the Iron Cross, a good tale by Cobb. Also the Milliner Apprentice. Rather a dismal picture of life.

4.

Wednesday. Forenoon pleasant – but the sky becoming clouded and a cold sleety snow falling in the evening. Artillery firing heard to right all day. Relieved by the 2nd at 2 oclock [sic]. [illegible] Huff in camp. Read "The Sword" Maker of the San[cut off] by Robinson. Good in plot, easy and graceful in style. Noticeable features – Twin brothers as spies – The peculiar concealing of the spy by the Young lady. Gutton receives a sword present from his Old Colonel.

5.

Thursday. A gloomy stormy morning. Up [illegible] Reveille but do not awake the boys till day light Some trouble in getting in line. Company well supplied with socks. George Hunt goes to Town to see Phil and Charley, and returns with a detail as Div. Teamster. Lou Houke presented with a splendid Silver fife by Genl Smith To night he gives us a tune. Night clear but very cold. Fort Donelson attacked on the 3rd by Reb[cut off]

6.

Friday. Morning Stingingly cold. In line of battle early but some stack arms break rank Geo. Hunt reports to Q.M. Shoemaker. Many rather Grapevinish [sic] rumors in camp. Longer without letters from home than ever before. Republics of Jan 30. Report the marriage of Genl McCook to Miss Philips of Dayton. Busy with the Descriptive Book

7.

Saturday. Very pleasant. Relieve the 31. Ind on Picket. Heavy Artillery firing to the right all day. Signal Corps telegraph, "Rebel cavalry near" Keep a sharp lookout having but

little fire and that well shaded. Stand a relief from 8 to 10. Foxes around us by scores making the grove noisy, with their barking and squalling. The surface rocky with fissures. Good hiding places for them. Hear that the rebs were repulsed at Fort Donelson.

8.

Sunday. Pleasant with sky partially clouded. Awaked by Reveille in camp and by Cobaugh talking. Finish reading the "Mysteries and Miseries of San Francisco." A poor excuse for a tale. Without plot, style or connection it is ridiculous [sic]. Read "Jenny Diver the Female Highwayman" a good tale of "Yellow back" strife. Some good sense. Have a good time at night reproducing Old stories. Night very warm for the season.

9.

Monday. Day pleasant. Night rainy. Reveille late At 9 o'clock [sic] start a foraging winding miles into the country to the right of the Reedyville Road. Forage scarce. Rebels near. Reported at Bradyville. The country wild looking. People peculiar no intelligent men no pretty women. Mrs [sic] Hunt in Nashville. Another pleasant time with stories. Rec. Republics of 2nd.

10.

Tuesday. Very pleasant. Reveille early and line [cut off] battle. Make out New Descriptive Rolls for Link, [cut off] Hodgkins and others. Snediker resolves to make [cut off] effort not to have Foremans [sic] Pay stopped. Robert and Daniels leave the Commissary here for a po[cut off] in Nashville. At night reproduce for the ben[cut off] of the boys "Elsie Venner" by Holmes and have good time. The expedition yesterday very ord[cut off] no pillaging allowed. Night inclined to be rai[cut off]

11.

Wednesday. Warm, cloudy but pleasant. At last a [cut off]ter from home written by Angie on the 1st. A bright [cut off] of sunshine across a lonely path. Learn that my first le[cut off] after the battle was well received. That Maj. Hunt had it [cut off]lished. Receive my first letter to the News printed in g[cut off] style. Harry Whitaker sick – Eugene Funston dischar[cut off] In Picket at 2 o'clock [sic]. Read "The Insurgent" a [cut off] of "Art and Heart" by Ben Perley Poore, a good tale b[cut off] a little with the heroics. Several men arrested.

12.

Thursday. Warm with misty rain at times. [cut off] "McLellans [sic] Spy" pretending to be a true narration [cut off] the adventures of Pauline Dumishe daughter of a [cut off] Nobleman, who officiated as Spy for McLellan [sic]. [cut off]duce at night the "Lady of the Lake." Commence reading the "Man with five wives" by Dumus [cut off]sonal tale strange as the character of the author

13.

Friday. Warm and balmy as Spring. Write a letter to Angie and send a Descriptive Roll to Link. Learn by Republic of the 5th that Link is at home. May he enjoy his visit. Read Frank Leslie's [illegible] Tale "The man overboard" by A.F. Banks. Odd and attractive it tears its way to the heart. We love and acknowledge the power of Genius Learn that the 45. Ohio is at Danville Ky. in charge of a battery.

14.

Saturday. Warm and clouded sky. Brigade Inspector takes the names of Officers not in line. Couriers fired on last night between here and town. Lou Snediker and Guthrie give Hogan a burlesque serenade last night Receive a kind letter from Suki and Republics containing Robbs [sic] Poem on the Death of Black. Write to Genl. Rosecrans in the Foreman case. Happy indeed are we to night Pledge ourselves to meet two years from to night if alive and well and compare notes

15.

Sunday. Last night and this morning rainy. Finish the "Man with five wives" – Dont [sic] like the stories but like the book because tis so rich in personal reminiscence of cotemperaries [sic]. On picket at 2 oclock [sic] Commence Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" the book of the time. After dark receive letters from Father and Mother – answer to mine describing the battle

16.

Monday. A rainy day. Several union families move inside our lines with our forage train intending to go north. One man carries his furniture 5 miles Finish "Fantine" and commence "Cosette". How quick we bow to Genius, read slow so not to lose a single word of his eloquent flow. The thoughts and theories of the Au[cut off] almost God like. Spell bound by his description of Water[cut off] and the Child Cosette. Her fancies, actions and fears so natural that our own childhood comes before us.

17.

Tuesday. Rainy and disagreeable. Details busy felling trees and paving the streets. Receive a letter from Uncl [sic] Abe. He and Aunt Martha at Galatin. Bob Dorse[cut off] reported well. Write a letter to Suki. Receive a letter from Link written at home. A hasty affair but satisfactory. Learn that he returns on the 12, brining Webster with him. Waked about Midnight by the water surrounding us. Have a semi-comic tableau. Read aloud for the boys Hugo's "Waterloo"

18.

Wednesday. Damp and dreary. Streets finished. Write to Uncle Abe. Learn by Republics of the 11. that Nicholas Longworth died on the 10th. Finish Cosette yesterday. The authors [sic] religious views as connected with the Convent indeed sublime. Commence Marius: A new picture of misery but still the same master hand prints. Have no candle at night and relate reminiscences of former life

19.

Thursday. Very pleasant. On Picket at 2 o'clock [sic] Receive letters from George Botkin and Lewis Walker. Botkin at Bowling Green. Finish the Book Marius and commence St. Denis. The long arguments in Marius lead us at times to think that the Author has forgotten his story. But the quick joining of parts, the flinging wide as it were, the doors of the drama, the orchestration of sublimity and heroism in the last scene prove us wrong

20.

Friday. The pleasantest day of the season. Genl [sic] Wood now commanding our corps visits camp attended by Genl Cruft and others. Receive letters from father and mother, from Maria Jones and from David Peoples. Finish "Les Miserables" and feel that mingling of reverential joy and sorrow that come over me when I had read the last Chapter of Elsie Venner. Excellent indeed is Hugo in "Les Miserables"

21.

Saturday. Disagreeable and rainy. No Reveille at Hd [sic] Qrs [sic] and none in the regiment till long after daylight. No line of battle formed but merely roll call. Write a letter to father and mother and receive Republics of the 16. At night have quite a time narrating my adventure after robbers some years ago in the house of Genl Denvers [sic] father, near Wilmington, Ohio

22.

Sunday. The great day passed quietly in camp Reveille early and line of Battle. Co. Inspection at ten o'clock [sic] and for once no other duty in camp. Write a letter to George. At 4 o'clock [sic] the companies formed and Genl Rosecran's [sic] Anniversary order read. At sunset our battery fires a national salute of 34 guns, that echoes to the thunders from Murfreesboro. Never did Old Nature strike "sundown" in a grander Swell. Rehearse at night the story of Cosette.

23.

Monday. Last night rather cold, mud freezing Remain up till long after bed time. This morning damp and cloudy, afternoon clear and pleasant, night cold and frosty. Our regiment again on picket, the 2nd on a foraging expedition Nothing important occurring. Passers by give some trouble. The country people come as usual to trade pies, biscuit etc. for coffee. Read a bound volume of Petersons Magazine. A shot fired on Millers Post.

24

Tuesday. My Birth Day. Beautiful and full of sunshine. Go early to Millers Post and learn the shot was accidental. Have a hearty laugh at his discomfiture. Camp very quiet, seeming like some monster, lazy and half asleep. Night full of dim and gentle moonlight. Dim as the past is growing, uncertain as the future now. I am satisfied with life

25.

Wednesday. A disagreeable day – rain commences about noon. The regiment paid for 2 months by Maj. Griffin. Pay Guthrie the one dollar borrowed and receive three dollars of Duff. Write a letter to Link and receive one from Louisa written Jan. 2[illegible]. Old but full of sunshine. The chain is now complete The links missplaced [sic] but all are here. At night relate the Story, “The Unionists [sic] Daughter.” Night very stormy and the tents leak like riddles.

26.

Thursday. Reveille early – No line of battle but ordered to be ready to go a foraging at 8 oclock [sic]. Rain still continues. The streams all rushing torrents and the order is countermanded. Guthrie goes to Murfreesboro and I complete another pay roll. Right or wrong I write some verses half serious and half comic. At night relate a tale of my own, one of my Ideal Dreams, “The Forest Queen” or “Three in one.” Pay \$7.50 for pair of boot

27.

Friday. A beautiful day. Our regiment on picket at 8 oclock [sic]. Under direction of Brigade Engineer an old stable fixed up as a rallying point for the pickets. Read in Leslie, “[illegible] the Prize Story and well pleased with its lofty human nature Read the particulars of Tom Thumbs [sic] marriage Feb 10, at Grace Church New York to Lavina [sic] Warren the “Little Queen of Beauty” Hadlock returns to camp

28.

Saturday. Rainy and disagreeable. Relieved at 8 oclock [sic] and return to camp and get ready for Genl Muster at 10 oclock [sic]. Mustered by Lieut [sic] Tooley, Brigade Inspector, the muster coinciding with the morning report. At night sleepy and tired and to bed early. At the marriage of Charles S. Stratton, Commodore [illegible] and the Brides [sic] Dwarf sister were the attendants. The wedding in grand style. The event of the season.

29.

There happens to be no 29th this year so I appropriate the space for the benefit of February, generally. I cannot leave Hugo’s Les Miserables that has given me so much knowledge, and made pleasant the gloomy days of this month. I have at last learned to love a Frenchman, have at last found one that has talent without infidelity, that can talk with out sneering, write without being flippant nor obscene The characters Jean Pal Jean and Cosette are so well drawn, drink so deep of nature, great and true that we almost worship the hand that painted and in so doing bow to the hand that shows the road to religious duty – to Heaven. “The Battle of Waterloo”, “The meditations on the Convent” “The Sewers of Paris,” “The Barricades of Paris” – “The different revolutions” Are such essays deep and powerful, embracing scientific research, great learning and important political views.

## MARCH

1.

Sunday. Line of battle early and inspection of arms in compliance with Genl Woods [sic] late order. Company inspection at Ten oclock [sic]. Write a letter to Louisa and receive Republics of the 25: containing the proceedings of the convention of the 23rd at Springfield. At night relate the story of the "Prize Poem" and commence telling the boys my "Life Dream" a fancy of my own, A regular Castle in Air, A novel for my own taste and benefit

2.

Monday. Sky clear but air cold. Go at 8 oclock [sic] about [illegible number] miles west of camp after forage. Our Company thrown out as flankers on the right. While the wagons are loading write in "Hiawatha" the commencement of the "Wizzard [sic] Minstrels". Return to camp before noon. Receive letters from Mat Hoblitt and from George. At night continue my "Life Dreams" but am interrupted and have to stop to make a morning report for the Inspector

3.

Tuesday. A mixture of sunshine and shadow. On Picket at 8 oclock [sic]. About 10 oclock [sic] a large body of troops passes our lines. Reynolds [sic] Division. Read to day Charles Levers [sic] "Horace Templeton, an autobiographical tale abounding in personal reminiscences. Similar to Dumas' "Five Wives." Receive letters from Abe and Rice Lewis. Newcome and Smith visit our post and we have a rich time.

4.

Wednesday. Day and night extremely beautiful. Relieved at 8 oclock [sic] and return to camp to commence working on Reports and drawing clothes. Work all the forenoon and sleep all the afternoon. At night in our mess have a pleasant time. Without interruption I continue my Story and have the boys much interested., all loving the heroine "Helen Woodward" and excited much about Professor Bingham [illegible] Shultz in camp for his final papers.

5.

Thursday. A beautiful day. Finish the Pay Rolls and copy the Wizzard [sic] and Minstrels. Receive letters from Rice Lewis and George. Unwell afternoon and sleep of [sic] my ill feeling. At night still continue my Story [illegible line of text] see the use to which I can put any day dreams, my ideal creations. Make them live to give others joy About midnight receive notice that we move with one days rations at 5 oclock [sic] in the morning

6.

Friday. A rainy day. Reveille at 4 oclock [sic]. The 1st and 2nd Ky. move at day light to Reedyville occupying the camp of the 19. Brigade while it joins Reynolds in a move on Woodbury. We bivouac without shelter and remain rendered miserable by the cold rain

until the troops return about dark, then march rapidly to camp finding our tent clean and warmed up [rest of entry illegible]

7.

Saturday. Damp and cloudy. On Picket and comfortable in the well arranged shelter. Read "Better for Worse" a love story from "Temple Bar." by Charlotte Bronte. Like the book very much. A young girl, passable in looks, visits the Picket posts to trade Butter, Milk, Eggs, etc. for Coffee and sugar. These women dare all for these luxuries. Night a stormy one, a regular thundergust. [sic] Receive Yesterday Republics of the 2nd.

8

Sunday. Tolerably pleasant. Received yesterday letters from Angie and Sukie, cheerful and chatty in style, the best that I have received from them Mother sends an appropriate Birth Day present. Answer Angies [sic] letter but do not mail the answer as I wish to send the Wizzard [sic] Minstrels. Irving Fuller arrives from Louisville Well and hearty the same old Irv. Hear to day of the defeat of our troops at Franklin Tenn. Boys very indignant

9.

Monday. Very pleasant. About 9 o'clock [sic] ordered to strike tents the baggage loaded in wagons and we rest in line with 3 days rations, ready to move. Companies A. and K. come down from the Knob but do not move. At night they return and tents are pitched but wagons are not unloaded. Night rather Stormy. Read Madge Wylde a pretty little story of some [illegible] See the letters from Link in the Democrat.

10.

Tuesday. Rainy and disagreeable. Reveille Pack knapsacks ready to move. The cause of the commotion. The advance of the Rebels in force [cut off] as Woodbury. Their camp fires last night almost innumerable. Finish my letter to Angie, complete the Legend but neglecting to put it in the same envelope. Read "Sybil Chase" a tale of not much [cut off] [illegible line of text] At night continue my story leaving the heroine a captive in Mexico

11.

Wednesday. Morning cold. Day clear with much [cut off] On Picket. Visited again by the Girl who as supposes is in quite a quandary about Guthrie appr[cut off]ing some milk, she intended for Snediker. [cut off] much talk Duff and I get the milk and enjoy [cut off] at dinner. Received yesterday a letter from [illegible 3 words]. Read [2 illegible words] The Maid [illegible] a pleasant little tale of the revolution, a [cut off] in good sense sparkling with genial sentiment

12.

Thursday. Pleasant. Relieved early. Receive a [cut off] from Link giving full particulars. Webster [cut off] Provost Marshals [sic] Office at Clarkesville. Write [cut off] to Rice Lewis, Lewis Walker, David Peoples, Mat [name cut off] and Maria Jones. Receive notice of Mahoney's Disc[cut off] at Galatin by order to Genl. Ward. Again at the [cut off]

commencing by reading a letter from the Prof[cut off] [illegible] some errors. Boys rather surprised

13.

Friday. Pleasant. Perrine left yesterday for Nashville. Write letters to Uncle Abe and Mary Hazzards. Receive Republics of the 6. and 9. the first containing a letter from Link T. Buchanan. Read the Cincinnati Post arrives in camp Finish my tale, leaving the Professor without his right arm at Washington in Government Service. Adda with him, Harry and Minnie married on the Prairie "Go for the time Bright Ideal" Others have learned to love.

14.

Saturday. The most beautiful day of the season. The first brigade at this camp for need to hear a speech from the [2 illegible words]. The Brigade formed by regiments enmasse [sic] in square. Genl Cruft makes an introductory speech and then Read without dismounting [2 lines illegible] Write letter to Link and receive letters from Father, Mother and Asa Starbuck

15.

Sunday. Warm and pleasant. On Picket. Have quite a flare up in the question of insulting women Read the Massasoits Daughter an Indian tale full of [2 illegible words] and quick combinations by Duganne. Read also "Florida or the Iron Will" by [illegible] Dennison. Rather a remarkable tale the hero a poet, the heroine a Clairvoyant. The Brigade reviewed by Genl. Cruft. Have a splendid view

16.

Monday. Morning foggy but the day pleasant. Last night Wright visits the pickets bringing the report that we hear from a negro this morning that the rebel cavalry is at Halls Mills 3 miles down the creek from camp. Relieved early return and thoroughly police camp. Newsome returned yesterday. Skirmish drill in the afternoon. Commence a letter to Sukie. Turn out at Retreat for Inspection by order of Genl Wood.

17.

Tuesday. Very warm. Line of Battle promptly form [illegible] daylight. Perrine on Detached Duty, make out Descriptive Roll. Finish my letter to Sukie. Afternoon Brigade Drill. Genl Cruft Instructor. [illegible] new, quite an interesting affair. The boys well pleased. Eggs selling in the shops for 50 cts [sic] [illegible], Butter 50 cts [sic] per pound. The Massasoits [sic] Daughter has all of Dugannes [sic] energy but there is too much acquiescence in superlilious [sic] ideas.

18.

Wednesday. Very pleasant. Cloudy in the afternoon [3 illegible words]. Skirmish Drill in the forenoon brigade drill afternoon. More success than yesterday. [3 illegible words] for in [illegible] my Legend today. Receive Republics of Jan 9. [rest of entry illegible]

19.

Thursday. Warm and pleasant. Learn that Rosecrans is a native of Delaware Co. Ohio Was made Brigd. [sic] Genl in the Regular Army soon after entering the service On picket having a quiet. pleasant time. Read "Saul Sabberday" or the "Idiot Spy" by Ned Buntline a lively and exciting tale of the Revolution. Read also "The Wreck of the Albion" a sea tale by J.O. Warner. Geo. Hunt visits the line. Have a good view of the Brigade on drill, Col. Enyart presiding

20.

Friday. Pleasant but cloudy. Write a long letter to Father and Mother. Brigade Drill at 2 oclock [sic] – a pleasant and interesting time. At the Brigade commissary in the evening to get 3 lbs. candies. At night commence an original tale "Fidelich Gordie" or "Second Love" a tale of Eastern Ky. connected in plot and character with the "Dream." An ideal adventure among real mountains. The heroine a farmers [sic] daughter

21.

Saturday. Pleasant but sky clouded. Duff and I go to town to visit Foreman and Rice, find them weak but in tolerable spirits. Visit the 3rd Ohio working 4 hours a day on the fortifications near Stone [sic] River the strongest that I have ever seen. Coffee, the only one of my acquaintances left. Miss the train and have to walk into camp. Genl. Inspection during the day and Brigade Dress Parade.

22.

Monday. Warm with sky clouded. Genl Cruft and Fairbanks left for home yesterday. Received yesterday a letter from Louisa. Line of Battle early Co. Inspection at 9 oclock [sic]. Write a letter to Asa Starbuck. Brigade Dress Parade at 3 oclock [sic] Splendid affair, Col. Enyart presiding. Day quiet and peaceful, a real sabbath. Buy yesterday The Mohicans of Paris by Dumas, May Middleton by Reynolds, and Sylvester Sounds by Cockton.

23.

Monday. Warm, threatening rain. Receive a letter from Link written at Nashville. On Picket at [cut off] oclock [sic]. Have a quiet time although tis reported that the rebels are advancing along the entire line. Link encloses his Photograph. Read "Sybil [illegible]" or [illegible] of Virtue – A good tale. Authors [sic] name not given. Commence "May Middleton the story of a fortune" a thoroughly English Tale easy natural and forcible in Style

24.

Tuesday. A gloomy rainy day. Write a letter to Louisa. Go out to drill in the afternoon but rain prevents. Duff sent to Murfreesboro guarding prisoners to Hd. Qrs. Reports the 10th Brigade moved near there. On the 22nd loan Quigley 5 dollars. Reynolds talks to you like a first class conversationalist not for effect but to make you understand. Commence tonight Sylvester Sound the Somnambulist.

25.

[first line of entry too faint to be legible] night clear and frosty. About 11 o'clock [sic] our Co. and Co. G go to Murfreesboro as Train Guard. Rather a disagreeable time. Get back and have the wagons unloaded before Sundown. At night a courier past [sic] between here and Murfreesboro 2 miles from camp – captured by rebel cavalry. One man mortally wounded left for dead. Receive Republics of Feb. 20. containing Links [sic] letter from Louisville

26.

Thursday. A pleasant day. Write a letter to Link The man wounded last night dies to day. No drill in the forenoon. Battalion drill afternoon Get rather mixed upon maneuvering. Rations of Whiskey issued this evening. At night make out the Monthly Report. Sylvester Sound a rare book. The subject well handled. The path off from the common track. Ludicrous oddities, new characters, new objects present themselves because of this

27.

Friday. Chilly and cloudy – Night rainy. Pickets of the 9. Brigade driven in by rebels this morning – 9 wounded – 2 killed. The 10. Brigade moves up to within 2 miles of camp camping with Shelter tents. On Picket as attack expected on our lines. Receive letters from Angie and Hattie. [illegible name] and I routed from our beds by the rain.

28.

Saturday. Gloomy, damp and chilly. Relieved by the 2nd. Finish the “Mohicans of Paris” a strange [illegible] an introduction to a series of novels. Char[illegible] introduced but the drama not produced. The [illegible] volume “The Horrors of Paris or the Flower of the [illegible]”. Receive a letter from Webster dated at Clarke[illegible]. Much improved in style. Receive Republics of [illegible] 20. and March 26. At night read the “Divorced [illegible]” a tale in L.S. Arthurs [sic] best style.

29.

Sunday. Clear and cold. Inspection at 10. o'clock [sic]. Write a letter to the Republic and receive Republics of [illegible]. [illegible name] detailed as Regt Carpenter. At night commence “The Gentleman of the Old School” by James About 9 o'clock [sic] the rebels after firing on a courier make a dash on our outpost on the Pike but receiving a volley scatter in the woods. About 90 in number and pass around from the right. No confusion [cut off] camp but Col. Enyart quickly visits the line.

30.

Monday. Cold and disagreeable. Night rainy. Line of Battle early, quarters policed. Company drill. Afternoon Battalion Drill one hour and one Hours Good [illegible] the right wing against the left, each partly gaining one game, the left first. Receive a letter from Uncle Abe at Galatin. Boys all well. The Signal Corps telegraphs that 2 companies of rebel cavalry were last night at Halls Mills.

31.

Tuesday. The coldest day of the season. Full of sunshine but a real winters [sic] wind blowing Line of battle early but quickly dismissed. Neither Guthrie nor Snediker out. On Picket at 8 oclock [sic], too cold to have a very pleasant time as no fires were allowed. Finish reading The Gentleman of the Old School. Extremely well pleased. Everything seems to assume a beautiful form when James pleases to touch.

Commence "Philip Augustus" a historical novel by the same author. Night one of beautiful moonlight but stingingly cold. Maj. Hadlock Capt. Mitchell and Capt [sic] Free make rather an informal visit to the Pickets. Results very nearly troublesome, them refusing to halt when ordered G.P.R. James in Philip Augustus gives a brilliant picture of noted characters of that age the whole strength of the romance laying in the second marriage of King Philip and his own view of the death of Prince Arthur, having King John of England murder him. The book does not end satisfactorially [sic] – too abrupt. Reynolds' "May Middleton" is a creation that every one must love. A character with natural goodness and natural faults. Then the use of mystery, the fortune telling, is so well explained it adds much to the interest of the story and conveys an important lesson.

APRIL.

1.

Wednesday. Very pleasant. Answer Angies [sic] letter. Drill and Foot Ball in the afternoon. Night one of beautiful moonlight. 1st Ky. 39 Ind. 90 Ohio and Battery [illegible] at 11 oclock [sic] to Reedyville [sic], join the 19. Brigade in a move to Woodbury. The 9th Ind and the 1st Ky gaining the rear by a mountain road to the left. The 6th Ky. and the 41. Ohio [illegible] the right the 31. Ind. 90. Ohio and 110. Ill with the Battery and cavalry moving direct. March very rapidly, without rest. Wade streams, through fields, over fences, climb mountains.

2.

Thursday. About 4 oclock [sic] exhausted with climbing mountains discover picket fires of the enemy. The [illegible] soon captured some of the cavalry escaping. Move rapidly then to the Pike 6 miles beyond Woodbury, the right and center having arrived before us and having driven the rebels from position capturing 30 prisoners, [illegible number] wagons with provisions and many [illegible]. Rest till 1 oclock [sic] and then return to Reedyville [sic]. Remain here with many of the regiment. A few reach Cripple Creek having marched with but one rest more than 40 miles

3.

Friday. Sleep last night in Readys Barn having a sweet sleep. Move to camp early. Yesterdays [sic] march the hardest of our life and hundreds still behind. Those in camp too stiff and sore to move about. Receive letters from Sukie, Matt Hoblitt and Alice [illegible name]. The rebels at Woodbury commanded by Col. South. Yesterday as well as today very pleasant.

4.

Saturday. Pleasant. Regiment on Picket relieving the 90. Ohio. The 2nd Ky and 31. Ind joining in another expedition on Woodbury, the rebels having returned. The 10th brigade and Stanleys [sic] Cavalry passing last night for that purpose. Finish reading Philip Augustus. Read the "Nobleman's Daughter" a pleasant tale by [illegible name] Norton. Much power and intellect displayed. Read also "The Yankee Middy" a rather dish watery tale by William Robinson.

5.

Sunday. Clear and pleasant. Relieved by the 90. Ohio. Charley [illegible name] returned yesterday evening. Learn Maj Philip Foreman died last Sunday at 7 o'clock [sic]. Charley Rice very low. Company inspection at one o'clock [sic]. Wrote a letter to Webster Sign the pay rolls for four months. Renovate our tent and take Charley Myers in our tent Receive a letter from Asa Starbuck. The 2nd Ky. and 31. Ind at Woodbury

6.

Monday. Very pleasant. Again on Picket Having a pleasant time. George Botkin return from Bowling Green in good health. [illegible line of text] and several short articles by different authors The regiment at Woodbury send in for 5 days rations. Night very beautiful and cool.

7.

Tuesday. Another pleasant day. Relieved by the 10. Write a letter to the Republic. The regiment paid by Maj. Griffin for 4 months. I receive \$16.40. The 31 Ind and 2nd Ky return to camp about noon. They went 8 miles beyond Woodbury. Report Reynolds moved infantry and Stanleys [sic] brigade of cavalry as having entered McMinnville. Geo. Hunt reports the arrest of Spy at Murfreesboro who, trying to escape was bayoneted by the guard

8.

Wednesday. Clear and pleasant. Sleep interrupted last night by calling for details No line of battle in our regiment. Another list of absentees called for. Write a long letter to Sukie. A new flag received, a present from the Ladies of Cincinnati. John Himes returns coming from Nashville. In poor health and looking very bad. Cavalry passing coming from toward Woodbury.

9.

Thursday. Clear and warm. Send by express [2 illegible words] \$50.00 for myself, 40 dollars for [illegible] and [illegible] dollars for Shultz. On Picket at the river. A pleasant time. Read the Female Bluebeard by a Eugene Sue an excellent story, having for its hero "James, Duke of Monmouth." Receive a letter from [last line of entry illegible]

10.

Friday. Warm and pleasant. Have quite a time last night keeping the picket line clear Read yesterday, "The Lake Bravo or the Empress of the Isles" a clever little tale of the

Cannadian [sic] Rebellion of 1837, by Ned Clewline. Write a letter to Abe. Receive one from Father and Mother. No drill but camp thoroughly policed. Learn of the death of the 2 McDaniel Boys, Baker, Wright and Nash Harris all Clarke County Soldiers

11.

Saturday. Warm and sultry – night rainy Line of battle before Reveille. Genl Muster by Inspector Tooley at 8 oclock [sic]. Write letter to Mat Hoblett and Alice Arnold. Hear that the rebels captured the express train between Murfreesboro and Nashville getting much money. At night receive orders to pack up the baggage ready to send to Murfreesboro and to be ready to move with 3 days rations.

12.

Sunday. Damp and cloudy. Sleep last night with Gum Blankets and overcoats leaving the knapsacks packed. Flanagan discharged March 26. Write to Father and Mother. [illegible] had [illegible number] dollars on the captured train. Flags presented at 4 oclock [sic] to the 1st Ky and 2nd Ky, by Genl Cruft. A grand parade of the entire brigade. Enyart makes a first rate speech

13.

Monday. A pleasant day but night rainy Yesterday a descent made on gambling institutions. On Picket this morning going prepared to move. A pleasant time. Commence a letter to the Republic. Commence reading "Sketches in the South of France" by "Dumas." T.G. Williams under the name of Randolph receives more than a dozen letters in answer to an advertisement in the Chicago Tribune. Hear in the evening that Charleston has fallen

14.

Tuesday. Morning damp and cloudy. Not relieved till nearly nine oclock [sic]. Receive notice of the discharge on Surgeon Certificate of Wm. Jones at Louisville March 26, by order of Col. Monday. Finish my letter, prevented from writing others by the rain. The picket now ordered to take knapsacks with them. Another descent made on Gambling establishments. Night disagreeably rainy. Much interested in Dumas' reminiscences.

15.

Wednesday. A damp and rainy day. Roll call under arms but no line of Battle. Write letters to Maria Jones and Asa Starbuck and receive an excellent letter from Mary Hazzard. Learn that Geo A. Lawrence the author of Guy Livingstone. Barren [illegible] was arrested at Washington on the 8th in attempting to get to Richmond. Learn Henry Oren is dead.

16.

Thursday. Forenoon cloudy. Afternoon clear and warm. Write to Mary Hazard. Our company relieve Co. P of the 31st Ind on Picket that they may attend the funeral of funeral of Lieut. Pike. Remain only a few hours. Guthrie at town and Snediker unwell. Learn that The Fellows Wifes maiden name was Marcy. "Curren Bell, Charlotte Bronte."

Guthrie reports Charley Rice much better. At night read "Mary Moreland" an excellent tale by [illegible]

17.

Friday. Warm and pleasant. On Picket having a pleasant time. Last night rebels at Halls Mills and a squad passes very near our line capturing a negro [sic] and horse belonging to camp. Read to day "Richelieu" by James an excellent Historical Tale. Hero [illegible] Claude de Blenau, heroine Pauline Beaumont. Commence "Orley Farm" by Anthony Trollope who seems to aim to be commonplace.

18.

Saturday. Day very warm. At night a [illegible] shower. Relieved early and return to camp, police the quarters, [2 illegible words] Rebs and travel the streets. Write to the Republic and receive a letter from Uncle Abe. Crouse returns from Nashville looking remarkably well [rest of entry illegible]

19.

Sunday. Morning damp and cloudy. Do not hear the bugle and do not wake till one in daylight. No reveille, no line of battle no [illegible] call. Afternoon clear and warm. Company inspection at 10 oclock [sic]. Dress Parade in the evening. Sergt [sic] Johns ordered to his company. Interested much in "Orley Farm" The characters, Madaline Staveley and Felix Graham beautifully rendered. All with love

20

Monday. Beautiful but warm. Finish Orley Farm before Guard mount. An interesting tale but cannot like the Authors [sic] Style. Too much of slang about his method of expression. Company all on duty. A part of the regt [sic] on a scout. A large body troops pass to the front. Infantry Brigade from Rossau [sic], one from Reynolds and one from Wood – Artillery 4 batteries, Cavalry, one Brigade besides some mounted infantry. Rec. a letter from Lewis

21.

Tuesday. A pleasant day. Lamme starts for home I send my Diaries and watch giving him 5 dollars to have it repaired and purchase some books. On Picket having a pleasant time. Read Catholina or The Niche in the wall a tolerable tale by Dr Robinson. Grow interested in The Sketches [illegible] France. receive letters from Louisa and L. Walker

22.

Wednesday. Last night rainy. See a Republic to day containing my letter of the 7th. Louisa gives the particulars of the death of Harry Whitaker at Lexington Ky. Buried at home. The announcement has made me gloomy all day. All the boys busy building arbors and beautifying camp. Duff and I commence one. At night write a letter to Louisa. The day and night pleasant

23

Thursday. Warm and pleasant. Write to Hattie, to Addie and at night to Rice Lewis. Again at work at the arbor Abbott completes his – the finest in the Brigade. Genl Cruft and Col. Enyart to look at it. Hundreds come to admire. Gregg at town. Reports Charley Rice worse Dress parade in the afternoon. Several shots fired on picket. No alarm in camp.

24.

Friday. Warm and pleasant. An old order to wake the men half an hour before line of battle issued but not complied with. At work all day, policing camp and building Arbors. Genl Cruft visits our quarters twice with Col Enyart. Receive Republics of the 20 and several copies of the Weekly Bulletin edited by H.

25.

Saturday. A beautiful day. Lieut [sic] Guthrie and Sergt [sic] Abbott start early for Cincinnati on a recruiting expedition. Quarters thoroughly policed early before going on picket. Generals Crittenden, Davis and Staff visit camp and with Genl Cruft visit our quarters. Two squads of women come to trade. They gossip about the report that Breckenridge had shot Bragg at Chattanooga. Guthrie returns to camp.

26.

Sunday. Morning warm and sultry. Commence yesterday Nicholas Nickelby by Dickens. [illegible name] returns to the company. Received yesterday a letter from Webster. A teamster accidentally killed yesterday and buried to day. Make out the discharge papers of Crouse Myers and Hines. The McMinnville expedition successful – John Morgans [sic] wife a prisoner or within our lines. Provisions and trains captured.

27.

Monday. Warm and sultry. Night rainy. Finish Nicholas Nickelby – like it very well. Duff receives a box of provisions from home. Detained so long on the way that the things are nearly all spoiled. Make out to day, List of Absentees and Monthly Return Abbott returns to camp. Write to Webster. Dress Parade in the evening. Duffs [sic] Box was first sent to Reedyville.

28.

Tuesday. Mingled sunshine and shower. Sibleys taken down and shelter tents put up. Ride early to the Knob with Sam Robb and truly enjoy the splendid view of Sublime scenery. Murfreesboro and the smoke from the rebel camp near Shelbyville visible with the naked eye. With the glass see Triune 26 miles distant. Two rain storms pass over the mountains in dark sublimity. Receive a letter from Abe. A copy of the News. Write to the Republic

29.

Wednesday. A real April Day. Full of showers. On Picket having a good time. Read "Biddy Woodhull" a pleasant common place story by Ingraham and "The Adventures of

a Gentleman” one of Bulwers [sic] earliest novels – Like the Authors [sic] way of talking. Receive No. 3 of the Bulletin. The Rebels reported advancing in force. Cornelius Dorin and Horatio Farrar return to the company from Nashville. Night rainy

30.

Thursday. A warm day. Not relieved till after 10 o'clock [sic] on account of Muster in camp. Our co mustered at 1 o'clock [sic]. Receive a letter from Father and Mother. Cobough in Hospital. Make out Descriptive Rolls for Cobough, Crouse and Meyer Dress Parade afternoon. Guthrie and Abbott have to await leave of absence from the War Dept.

MAY

1.

Friday. A very pleasant day. Write a letter to Father and Mother. Pay 2 dollars for a Lithograph of the Field of Stone [sic] River, to be sent home from Cincinnati. Sketched by Mathews of the 31st Ohio. Sick sent to Murfreesboro to day – Cobough and Meyer from our company. Brigade Drill at 3 o'clock [sic]. Quarters thoroughly policed. Lieuts. [sic] Berry and Jones Signal Officers on the Knob. Lieut. Fitch Signal Officer here. More Shelter Tents furnished, Unbleached Linen

2.

Saturday. Warm and sultry. Night showery. Write a letter from Abe, to him I mean and receive one from Matt Hoblitt. Receive Republics of the 24. and 27, the first containing a notice of the death of Harry Whitaker, the other my letter of Apr 18. Sackwell relieved from the Commissary the Q.M. of the 90. taking his place. Brigade Dress Parade in the evening. A reading room and Bulletin board erected at Hd. Qrs. At night Pickets disturbed

3.

Sunday. Very warm. On Picket having a pleasant time. Read the “Curse of Clifton” by Mrs [sic] Southworth. Interesting as all her works are. The character of Kate Kavanagh admirably and powerfully drawn Read also “Marry [illegible] Pachu of many tales” a collection of rather peculiar but well told fancies. Author of Gala Days in the Atlantic Gail Hamilton

4.

[page turned off and first words covered up] very warm. Afternoon rainy, 3 [word covered up] of Stokes Tenn. Cavalry camp near us yesterday. The Brigade reviewed by Genl Cruft yesterday afternoon. Receive to day letters from Angie and from Uncle G.W. Watson of Co. K. 79. [cut off] Much surprised – the first that I have heard from him for years. Did not know that he was in the army. Rumored to day that we are to go to Lebanon. Severe Thunder Showers at night.

5.

Tuesday. Warm but air pure. Write letters to Watson and Mat Hoblitt. Receive Republic of the 29th. Brigade Drill from 3 till 5. A very good time. In the morning the 23rd Ky move out of our lines, going to Readyville to relieve the 110. Ill. Stop for a rest near our camp and the officers escorted by Col Enyart visit the most attractive portion Rumors reach us of Hookers [sic] success in the east

6.

Wednesday. A clod dreary day – a misty driving rain being almost constant. Write out a furlough for Crouse. Receive Republic of the 1st noticing the death of Klinefelter. Q.M. of the [cut off] Read Robert Oaklands a novel by Leigh Ritch Much strength of thought, an elevated style, a [illegible] like plot make it very attractive

7.

Thursday. Dreary, cold, rainy and gloomy. Picket early. Read “No Name” by Wilkie Collins remarkable production – novel in style, novel plot novel in character – A work of genius – a [illegible] than novel. An argument – a lesson. The book [illegible] in scenes – between the scenes – letters explaining [illegible] Collins one of the Douglas Jerrold Club. Lamme returns to camp. Receive letters from Louisa, Hattie, Addie and Webster. My Diaries safe at home

8.

Friday. Clear and pleasant. Relieved at the usual time. Lamme returns my watch in running order. While talking with him discover an old friend Wm Goings in the person of one Co. K. 90. Ohio. So near him for so long a time and no acquaintance. Tis one of the strangest streaks of fortune. Receive a letter from Maria Jones. Maria Ellis married to a Mr. Ellison. Write [illegible] letter to Angie. Brigade Drill – double quick to day

9.

Saturday. Warm and very pleasant. Complete the arrangement of my new roll book. Write a letter in the evening to Webster. Receive the Bulletin of the 2nd containing a tribute to Harrys [sic] Work and memory Also Republic of the 4th containing the funeral ceremonies of Klinefelter. Dress Parade in the evening Quarters policed. Camp excited over rumors from the east

[Note: Pages in between these dates are missing.]

JUNE.

1.

Monday. A cool pleasant day. Write a letter to Father and Mother sending a daguerreotype taken to day by an artist in camp. Deliver to Crouse some packages that he is to leave at home Joseph Croak returns to the Co. from Camp Dennison. Brings a letter from A. Strickel stating that he is discharged on account of an ulcer on the leg. Brigade Drill, Dress Parade afternoon and inspection of Retreat.

2.

Tuesday. Cool and showery. Extra guards 10 from each company called for. Much dissatisfaction among the officers and they visit Palmer in a body to enter complaint. Crouse starts for home. Company Drill in the forenoon. Division Drill afternoon Genl Palmer superintending. Have rather a pleasant time with maneuverings and cavalry charges. Receive letters from Uncle Abe and Maria Jones. Learn that Harrison Hoblitt died May 23rd.

3.

Wednesday. Pleasant with pure air. Division Drill again in the afternoon. Practice against the cavalry and the maneuvers to change front rapidly. Genl Palmer in his glory. Receive a letter from Webster at Clarkesville. Receive orders in the evening to be ready to march with 3 days rations in haversacks and 4 days sugar, coffee and bread in knapsacks

4.

Thursday. Very pleasant – night rainy. Nearly all the regiment on duty but guards and pickets released to go a scouting. Our regiment numbering 110 men moves about 4 miles from camp, taking position at the grave yard of the Ewery settlement as a support to our cavalry scouting beyond. But few rebels seen and we return to camp about 12 oclock [sic], send out pickets and have all attend division drill. Receive a letter from Father and Mother. Heavy Artillery firing to the right all day. McCook hotly engaged.

5.

Friday. Cloudy with rain. The grave yard visited yesterday very ancient and primitive graves dating back as far as 1801. The greater part marked with rough stone without inscription. Write to day a long letter to father and mother. Division drill afternoon, maneuvering as in actual battle. Hear that the rebels were refused yesterday by McCook The Reedyville [sic] Pickets attacked this morning. “[illegible] Vernon” now a correspondent of the Chattanooga Rebel.

6.

Saturday. Clear and pleasant. Write a letter to Webster and receive one from Huldah Howell. No drill but quarters thoroughly policed. Dress Parade in the afternoon. The attack on Franklin on the 4th represented as quite serious but the rebels finally repulsed. Valandigham [sic] still at Shelbyville, the guest of Genl. Bragg. Receive Republic of June 1, reporting Capt [sic] Mitchell as killed.

7.

Sunday. A pleasant day but night rainy. Spend my leisure time in writing to the Republic and reading Pick wick Papers. The work grows interesting and shouldnt [sic] wonder if we dont [sic] think Dickens a pretty good kind of a fellow by the time we get through. Receive a letter from Rice Lewis. The two Brigades reviewed by Genl. Palmer, the affair being a splendid one, terminating pleasantly.

8.

Monday. Very pleasant. Finish my letter to the Republic – well pleased. The regiments drilled in Battalion Drill under the direction of Genl Palmer. Pfister and Hodgkins return to the company. Their experience quite interesting Near the Ewerys [sic] residence is a large venerable tree used for 50 years as a place for holding elections for public meetings, for church service etc. A rebel flag was taken from this primitive Town Hall.

9.

Tuesday. A pleasant day. Items from the Loungette Blanchard Gerrold son of Douglas Jerrold editor of Lloyds Penny Paper. George Augustus Sala editor of the magazine "Temple Bar" and of the Daily Telegraph Division Drill, Genl Cruft superintending. Write to Uncle Abe. Finish Pickwick Papers and like the termination. Dickens wrestles long but comes out best

10.

Wednesday. Warm and showery. Duff sick. Purchase Bulwers [sic] "Zanoni" and "Eugene Aram." In reading Hawthornes [sic] visit to Leigh Ritchie learn that Mrs [sic] Lewis is the Authoress of "Adam Bede", "Riomola" etc. That she with her husband lives retired. Dickens in Pickwick after venting all his spleen comes out in real good humor and leaves the reader wishing the book was longer. Clay Hays [sic] Discharge papers made out. Receive republic of the 4th. Our regiment drilled by Genl Palmer in person, afternoon.

11.

Thursday. Warm and showery. Receive a letter from Louisa with [illegible] copies of "Wizard Minstrels" printed in a very creditable style. Receive a nicely decorated co. partnership letter from the four Jones sisters, Louisa, Maria, Lucretia and Annie. Receive also Republics of the 5th. The men on the old original Muster Roll to be accounted for. Hear that Tom Fuller has been arrested as a deserter. George Hunt in camp. Write a letter for him to his mother.

12.

Friday. Clear and Warm. Purchase "The Monk" by M.G. Lewis. There is pleasure in possessing the works of good authors. Write a long letter to the Jones Sisters but do not finish it. Division Drill afternoon. A man in the 2nd Ky committed suicide at night by shooting himself. The two rebel officers who were arrested at Franklin as Spies have been executed – others to day

13.

Clear and very warm. Saturday. Finish my letter to the Joneses. Receive letters from Angeline at Columbus and from Eliza Bell. Quarters thoroughly policed No drill but dress parade in the evening. The man who shot himself last night buried to day. Johnson selected as Generals [sic] Orderly. The Rebel spies hung at Franklin were Col Lawrence Williams Orlin, Chief of Artillery and Genl Dunlop

14.

Sunday. Very warm with a heavy shower in the evening. Write a letter to Louisa and receive letters none, but Republics of the 8. and 10. The different Brigades reviewed by their respective commanders in the afternoon. Tom Fuller and several others of the regiment returned under guard. Tom as well as the others in rather low spirits. Daily duty men required to be present at inspection

15.

Monday. Clear and very warm. Finish reading Bulwers [sic] Eugene Aram. Rather a peculiar work with a strange philosophy. The principal character is a criminal in high life. The style inclined toward the dramatical. The character "Madaline Lester" superbly drawn. Bill Shultz in camp Division Drill afternoon.

16.

Tuesday. Clear and warm. Receive letters from Abe and from Mary Hazard. The 79. Ohio at Lavergne [sic] in the 2nd Brigade of the Reserve Army Corp Aunt Martha with Abe and the boys represented [illegible] Mary Hazard teaching at [illegible]. Battalion Drill afternoon terminating with company drill But few papers arrive in camp on account of the price being reduced to 5 cts. [sic] The Legend of Barbara Maxwell in the "Bivouac" worthy its name

17.

Wednesday. Warm and Sultry. Rain at night. Squad Drill from 10 to 11 oclock [sic]. Have a very good time. Receive Republic of the 12. Afternoon Battalion Drill, and then the companies drilled by the Sergeants under the supervision of the Genl. Inspection in the evening. Learn that Capt [sic] Stacy of the 2nd Ky has been dishonorably discharged for forgery and Capt [sic] Brown for Swindling. Commence a letter to Rice Lewis

18.

Thursday. Warm and rainy. Very heavy shower afternoon. Squad drill in forenoon but no drill afternoon on account of rain. Receive letters from Father and Mother and from Asa Starbuck. Finish my letter to Rice Lewis. Two Spies or rather 2 murderers hung in Murfreesboro to day. 2nd Ky on a scout to day to Bradyville

19.

Friday. More pleasant than yesterday. The cavalry yesterday captured a lot of rebel soldiers hoeing corn, 4 men from each company being detailed daily for that purpose. Squad Drill forenoon, Brigade Drill ending with company drill afternoon. Receive the Bulletin of the 18. and commence an answer to Angies [sic] letter. The report in regard to Capt [sic] Stacy incorrect. He is at Nashville awaiting orders

20.

Saturday. [sic] A warm pleasant day. Quarters policed and Dress Parade in the evening. Finish my letter to Angie and receive Republics of the 15. Read in part "The Bivouac" by Col. W.H. Maxwell, scenes related to the Peninsular Campaign under Welington.

Soldier adventures, Legends, Camp scenes, description of battles etc. make it particularly interesting to this Soldier.

21.

Sunday. Very pleasant, night cool. Inspection at 10. o'clock [sic] and arms stacked on the color line to be examined by the General. Write letters to Uncle Abe and to Eliza Bell sending Eliza my miniature and a copy of the Bulletin. Review afternoon, a good time At night Pickets strengthened – attack expected

22.

Monday. Very warm afternoon. Another deserter returned to day. Belongs to Co A. Our regiment on in line picket. Arms stacked in the color line and ordered to sleep with clothes on. Write to Father and Mother. At night the sentence of the man under arrest as a deserter from Co. P. arrives confirmed. To be shot on the morrow. The guards strengthened and his quarters changed. Is very much agitated.

23.

Tuesday. Clear and pleasant. John Shotzman Co. P. shot in the presence of the entire command at three o'clock [sic] for desertion. The two Brigades formed in two lines, three sides of a square The prisoner marched around between the 2 lines, each band playing the dead march. He was calm but dejected and the scene was most impressive. Scanlon and Kenser from our Co. detailed as part of the squad to execute. Receive orders to move

24.

Wednesday. Rains steady all day. Strike tents and move toward Bradyville about 7½ o'clock [sic]. The other brigades and Woods [sic] Division joining us on the pike. Also Turchins [sic] command of cavalry. Skirmishing in front the greater part of the time. 1 man killed and 1 wounded. Camp in Dug Hollow about 4 o'clock [sic] 1½ miles beyond Bradyville a small village. Rains all night.

25.

Thursday. Another rainy day. Received last night letters from Sukie, Lyaurzus Wilcox, and from Webster Two Packages of the Bulletin one containing the Legend More comfortable than we expected. Our regiment in the rear of the Brigade. Start about 8 o'clock [sic]. Move about 3 miles through a gorge like valley, then ascend a high ridge and move 3 miles farther the division holding in good position for the teams. The hills prevent them reaching us and we remain all night. Unwell

26.

Friday. Very heavy rain all day. Numerous details sent back to help the Wagons up the hill. Our teams only reach us in the evening. The other Brigades still behind the troops camped here. Turchin with his mounted troops occupies the railroad crossing 3 miles in advance. For 3 days constant and heavy artillery firing has been heard to the right.

Reported to night that the rebels have been driven from several points – From Beech Grove routed

27.

Saturday. Not as much rain as yesterday. Move forward from Hollow Springs about 2 o'clock [sic] to within 4 miles of Manchester. The country wild, unsettled, a series of forest swamps, road very bad, streams frequent. Turchin occupied yesterday Cross roads instead of Railroad crossing. Have to carry knapsacks and the march a very fatiguing one.

28.

Sunday. Forenoon rainy – Afternoon pleasant Train does not get up till this morning. Cook 3 days rations, pack the knapsacks in the wagons and about noon move forward to near Manchester camping on an old camp ground near Duck River. Genl Thomas already here. Rosseau reported in Tallahoma. Receive letters from Louisa Link and Hulduh Howell. Link discharged June 21. Huldah sends an Ambrotype. Answer Louisas [sic] letter

29.

Monday. Heavy rain all day. Remain in camp all day or till evening. Knapsacks and baggage and half the wagons turned over to be sent to Murfreesboro. Move in the evening across Duck River and a short distance beyond Manchester camping near the fortifications of the grand rebel camp. Troops camped every where, our advance (Rosseau) 8 miles to the front The Pioneers with pontoons ready for the move.

30.

Tuesday. Warm and Showery. Remain in camp all day. Manchester a pleasantly located and rather pretty little place. Make out muster rolls and company mustered. Write a letter to Sukie. Wood moves into camp within sight of us. Camp presenting a splendid appearance. Dress Parade in the evening

JULY.

1.

Wednesday. A very warm day. Write a letter to Mary Hazard but do not mail it. Strike tents and move from camp without wagons carrying picks, axes and spades about 11 o'clock [sic]. Move along a by road through a long stretch of unbroken forests first in a southerly direction then almost camp directly east. The day very hot. Many men sun struck all fatigued – overheated. March 8 miles.

2.

Thursday. More pleasant than yesterday. Last night Lieut [sic] Morris of the 31. Ohio and Lieut [sic] Wilson of the 94, both now in the Pioneer Corps, visit our camp. Start this morning about 9 o'clock [sic] and by easy marches move forward 5 miles camping near some excellent Springs at a somewhat noted Tanyard the rebels holding it until last

night. Huckle Berries in luxurious profusion, young porkers in abundance and beef plentiful.

3.

Friday. Move early to cross Elk River. Some reach the main road. A very heavy shower wets us through and make the road almost a runny Stream. Impossible to cross the river and turn back camping nearer the main road than before. The boys go hugely into bumming and much fun arises from it.

4.

Saturday. Showery. Remain camped in the woods. A supply train arrives and also the regimental Wagons come up about noon Receive a letter from Abe and Republics of the 24 of June. Mail my letter to Mary Hazard and write to Link and Webster. Dress Parade in the evening. Receive Republic of the 25. Hear again of the fall of Vicksburg and of Meade succeeding Hooker.

5.

Sunday. Another warm showery day. Write letters to Matt Hoblitt, Huldah Howell and Rice Lewis. Still remain in the woods. Lonesome and not much news. Hear that Lee has been defeated near Gettysburg, Penn. Wood said to be at Pelham 9 miles in advance of us. Our cavalry pressing the rebels warmly to the mountains. Rations (half) issued and whiskey issued to the men at night.

6.

Monday. Forenoon rainy Afternoon clear and warm. Receive republics of June 27. and 29. and a letter from Maria Jones. Write to Father and Mother. Camp quiet. Receive late papers giving news from the East. Account of the occupation of Tullahoma and Shelbyville. Genl Crittendens [sic] Hd [sic] Qrs [sic] here 2 miles from Elk River

7.

Tuesday. A rainy day. During the day national salutes fired at Tullahoma and the different Hd. Qrs. Learn that Lee has been defeated, one of his corps, (Genl Hills, 26000 strong) captured and over 100 pieces of artillery. The Battle fought on the 4th. Hear also the fate of Vicksburg the assault made on the same day. Great enthusiasm in camp. Squads allowed outside to gather berries. Have suppers that a king might envy

8.

Wednesday. Rain in the morning but the day warm with a clear sky and pure air. Start early and move for Manchester by the Hillsboro route. The roads almost entirely overflowed and the march one continual wader. The streams high and in fording them get wet to the middle. The mud frequently knee deep for great distances Many swamps passed through. Reach Manchester about 3 o'clock [sic] distance 15 miles. Hillsboro a small place.

9.

Thursday. A pleasant day. Camp policed and partly arranged. One of Vanclevess [sic] Brigades leaves for McMinnville to join the others there. Men behind yesterday put on extra duty to day. The first train comes up from Tullahoma. Finish reading to day "A Life for a Life" by the author of "John Halifax, gentleman." A peculiar, but powerful tale

10.

Pleasant Friday for once. Busy all day arranging camp. Company nearly all on duty. Receive a letter from Faran stating that he is at Redoubt Johnson, Fort Rosecrans Murfreesboro Wishes his descriptive Roll. Receive to days [sic] Nashville Union. Pemberton surrendered Vicksburg with 12,000 duty men and 6,000 sick and con[cut off] Morgan reported in Indiana. Grant made Major Genl in the Regular Army. Meade Brigadier Genl.

11.

Saturday. Pleasant, warm, sky partially clouded. Camp well arranged and policed. Commence the Pay Rolls. A train loaded with rations comes up from Tullahoma. Col. Enyart Provost Marshal of this district. On the 9th receive in part our knapsacks and Baggage. The property of the Division mixed in confusion and many lose their knapsacks. Snediker all his baggage, My knapsack O.K. The property to be accounted for.

12.

Sunday. Warm and cloudy. Rain afternoon and evening. Busy all day with the Pay Rolls. Write to Faran sending him his descriptive Roll Dress Parade in the evening. Our camp now in excellent condition. Water privileges good a large stream and excellent springs near. Crouse now returned and with the Sutler.

13.

Monday. Warm and rainy. Write to day to Link, to the Bulletin and to the Republic. Louisville Papers of the 6th speak of the 20. Ky being captured by Morgan. Generals Crittenden and Rosecrans visit the camps. Half rations Still issued much to the dissatisfaction of the men. Commence reading Scotts [sic] "Kenilworth" a tale of Queen Elizabeths [sic] time. This place said to be 18 miles from Altamont about the same to McMinnville

14.

Tuesday. Warm and pleasant. Write to Uncle Abe and to Father and Mother. Receive letters from Angie, from Father and Mother and from Rice Lewis. Nashville Papers of the 12. received giving particulars of the fall of Vicksburg. Grant has a personal interview with Pemberton [sic] and arranges the terms of the surrender. The prisoners paroled. Genl Gordon Granger placed in command of the Cumberland District – All of the Dpt [sic] north of Duck River.

15.

Wednesday. Warm, smoky and cloudy. Write to Angie. Receive Bulletins of the [illegible number] and 11th. News of the 9th to Capt [sic] Hunt. Details made from each company made to cut railroad ties. Morgan said to be in Ohio near Miamisville [sic]. Port Hudson captured with 7000 priseners [sic].

16.

Thursday. A pleasant day. Leave camp at 7 o'clock [sic] on a forage expedition, the men riding in the wagons. Go toward the mountains within 8 miles of McMinnville, turning then toward Altamont on our old route of last Summer. At the foot of the mountains turn again toward Manchester taking the Hickory Creek Road. Camp for the night at Davis and [illegible] Store. Country near the mountains, rich rolling land, well settled. Crops of corn good – Wheat on shuck plenty

17.

Friday. Hazy and pleasant. Saw more Black berries yesterday than ever before in one days [sic] journey. The boys pillage extensively in spite of guards and this morning all well laden with chickens, fresh meat, potatoes, onions etc. Cut a field of oats, bind it and have the wagons loaded by noon. About 1 o'clock [sic] march for camp taking it by regular stages and make the 14 miles easy reaching Manchester about sun down. Road good. Receive a letter from Louisa and Republics

18.

Saturday. Clear and pleasant. Do not feel yesterdays [sic] march much this morning. Finish the pay rolls ready for signing. Pay master ready to pay. Receive a letter from Faran acknowledging receipt of his Descriptive Roll. Shultz in Co. G. 2nd Battalion Conv. Camp. Crook and Fuller sent to Louisville, Harrar to Nashville. Receive Republics

19.

Sunday. Warm and sultry. The usual policing and inspection. Write to the Bulletin and to Webster. Receive Republic of the 15. giving accounts of the turn out of the Militia. Bully for Old Clarke. Afternoon the motions of Review went through with [illegible], all in bad humor. Pay Rolls of the regiment refused by the inspector on account of assumed errors.

20.

Monday. Very warm. New Pay Rolls made out. 2nd Ky paid for 4 months. Write a letter to Genl Rosecrans for Lamme and Mitchell in reference to the money lost on April 10th. Louisville papers of the 19. recd. Report Wolford after Morgan. If so tis Diamond cut diamond. Finish reading "Kenilworth". A brilliant picture of the customs of Queen Elizabeths [sic] Time. The Earl of Leicester and his unfortunate countess the principal characters

21.

Tuesday. Pleasant. Two Daguerrean establishments commence operations near us. Many women from the country visit them. Col Cahill arrives in camp on a visit. Lieut [sic] Snediker placed under arrest for refusing to act as Officer of the Guard. Lieut [sic] Brown commanding the company Sir Walter Raleigh plays a conspicuous part in "Kenilworth"

22.

Wednesday. Very warm with pleasant breeze. write to the Republic, to Maria Jones and to Farran. Receive Republic of the 17. and News of the 14. Gov. Lod sends half the militia home again. The turn out general in Clarke County. Judge White, Nichols, etc. among the volunteers. Morgan reported captured with Col. Duke and nearly all his force by Genl Shackelford. Morgan after the agreement to Surrender escapes with a small force

23.

Thursday. Very warm. Companies and quarters inspected by the Major. Write a letter to Lycurgus Milcoton. Send Charles Meyers [sic] Descriptive Roll to Lieut [sic] John T. Thornton at Tullahoma – old acquaintance of the 19. Ill. McLeun arrested in town. Read "The Monk" by M.G. Lewis a tale of monastic cruelties. A peculiar and startling delineation of unholy passion. Can see the lessons the author intends to convey but cannot admire the manner.

24.

Friday. Very warm. Pay Rolls signed. Brigade Guard posted instead of regimental. Receive letters from Father and Mother and from Matt Hoblitt. Write to E.E.H. Many rebel deserters come inside our lines to take the oath. Report a cavalry expedition fitting out at Chattanooga for the invasion of Kentucky. Bulletins of the 18. received.

25.

Saturday. A very warm day. Rain at night Finish reading the novel "Zanoni" by Bulwer A tale of the theories and mysteries of the Rosicrusian [sic] showing [sic] their grandeur and at last their fallacy. "Immortal life more easily attained through temporal [illegible] than by their sacrifices." The characters "Zanoni" and Viola superbly drawn. Regt [sic] paid in part for 4 mon [sic] this Owing to error do not receive my money. Receive Republics of the 20. containing my letter of the 13.

26.

Sunday. Warm but pleasant. Rain at night Major Knop finishes paying the regiment. Some mistake made again with our Rolls and have to make out a new one. The paymaster a cheeky, clever old gentleman. Perrine arrives from Murfreesboro bring news received by telegraph of Morgans [sic] Capture. Commence a letter to Father and Mother. At Tullahoma a scene to day. Two daughters of a Tennessean killed at Stone [sic] River forwarded to Nashville by his soldiers.

27.

Monday. A pleasant day. Write a long letter to Father and mother. Receive a letter from Webster and one from Abe. Get Fathers [sic] and Mothers [sic] miniatures put in a case. And get my own miniature taken. Genl Palmer has a great time trying to get a little girls [sic] picture taken. Send home Ten Dollars.

28.

Tuesday. Warm and pleasant. McAuvy and Burkhart return from Murfreesboro. John P. Crittenden died at Frankfort Ky on the 26. His illness occasions the absence of our Corps Commander. The death of Maj. McCook occasions the absence of Genl McCook also. The capture of morgan [sic] near New Lisbon confirmed. Himself, Staff and entire force taken. Our regiment finish cutting ties.

29.

Wednesday. Warm and pleasant. General Muster at 10 oclock [sic], Inspection I mean. Adjt [sic] Winedell inspecting officer. Write a letter to Matt Hoblitt. Receive Bulletins of the 25, containg [sic] my two letters and the news of May 29. Considerable of a row in town – prime mover Whiskey. Col. Enyart at home. Hear that he is ordered to report at Washington and that Col Cahill goes to Europe. McReaddy [sic] the English Painter dead

30.

Thursday. Forenoon warm. Afternoon cold and heavy rain with some hail. Evening cold. After much examination get my money. 80 dollars of Brown the Paymasters [sic] assistant. Commence a letter to the Bulletin See at Hd. Qrs. a petition from the citizens of this county to be treated as loyal.

31.

Friday. Clear and pleasant. Write letters to Webster, to the Bulletin and to Asa Starbuck. Receive letters from Angie and from Molfrey. More trouble in camp caused by Whiskey. Lieutenants Brown and McKee under arrest. Lieut [sic] Farren [illegible] assigned to the command of our company. Receive a letter from Thornton apologizing for the insolence of his clerk. At night trouble in Co. A. and fun in Co. C. The picture galleries closed by order.

The novel "A life for a life" read the fore part of the month, as different from others [sic] tales, so much of simplicity in its narration (Being told by letters coming alternately from the Hero and the heroine titled – this story – Her Story – a mans [sic] view and a womans [sic] of each event) a plot without effort these peculiarities stick it to memory like the image of a natural frank and open hearted friend holds there its sway. In "Kenilworth" Sir Walter Raleigh is introduced as the most successful young gallant at Elizabeths [sic] Court. The Queens [sic] character well drawn. The character "Amy" the countess indeed a beautiful one. If Scott had said his all against Leicester or Dudley he could not make him more hated.

AUGUST.

1.

Saturday. Very warm with cool rain in the evening. The monthly inspection at 10 o'clock [sic] Wrote to Thornton and to the Republic. Over to town in the morning. The streets and business places thronged with citizens, principally women. Not much attention paid to fashion. See but one or two ladies tastefully dressed. Read yesterday and today, "Rogers [sic] Pleasures of Memory" and Campbells [sic] Pleasures of Hope.

2.

Sunday. Very warm and Sultry. Guns of the regiment stacked in line and quarters inspected by Col Sedgwick. Write letters to the 79th and to Angie. Brigade received in the evening by Generals Cruft and Hazen. Send ten dollars home in Angies [sic] letter. Read in part McHenry's [sic] Pleasures of Friendship. Col Rippees [sic] Wife and other northern ladies in camp.

3.

Monday. Warm and Sultry. Read Popes [sic] Life the "Rape of the Lock" and a part of the Iliad [sic]. Read Harpers [sic] Monthly and also the Weekly. Receive letters from Addison Jones and from Huldah Howell. Learn from a Review that Dinah Maria Millock (Miss) is author of John Halifax Gentleman. Town crowded by hundreds of citizens intelligent well to do farmers.

4.

Tuesday. Very warm. Col. Enyart and Guthrie arrive on the train from Cincinnati. Col. Enyart faints from heat and takes convulsions. Revived and taken to Mengles [sic] Quarters. Many convalescents arrive from Murfreesboro among them Shultz [sic] and Sullivan. Write a letter to the Republic and receive Republics of the 27. July. Sprecher comes up on the train. Regiments ordered to draw 10 days rations.

5.

Wednesday. Forenoon very warm. After noon a severe thunder shower cools the air. Write letters for Loy to Isaac Betts and friends in Cincinnati. Write to Addison Jones. Read during the day 4 books of the Iliad. 10 days rations issued to the different companies. Train does not arrive till late bringing but little mail. Camp overflowed in spite of ditches and much fun in spite of [illegible]

6.

Thursday. Very warm. Receive letters from Louisa, Mary and from E.E.H. Explanatory and satisfactory, the last Carr [sic] returns from Tullahoma. Capt [sic] Baker commands at Dress Parade. At night a fire in Co A. A great rumpus and little damage.

7.

Friday. Warm with pleasant breeze. Write a letter to Louisa sending home Ten dollars. Give my gun a general overhauling. This takes up the day. Again receive orders to have 10 days rations packed ready to move. Rumored that our line is to be extended to the

left, our division moving to McMinnville A wounded soldier in camp exhibiting view of noted places, battles etc. 50. cts. [sic] a peep.

8.

Saturday. Very warm. Regular tri monthly inspection at 10 oclock [sic]. Every thing in good order Write a letter, a long one, to E.H. Receive Bulletins of the 1st. Late at night receive orders to move on the morrow at day light with two days ration. Our company and Co A. to go as train guard to Tullahoma. Do not get to sleep much on account of the boys having a romp.

9.

Sunday. Warm with pleasant breeze. Start early as rear guard to a train of 200 wagons loaded with ammuniton reaching Tullahoma about 3 oclock [sic] P.M. Quarted [sic] in an [illegible] house allowed freedom till morning. Visit Matson and Stilwell finding the former recovering from sickness. A great fire at night. Much excitement and alarm.

10.

Monday. Warmer than yesterday. Start about 4 oclock [sic] from Tullahoma, march 6 miles, stop for breakfast then by easy marches reach camp before noon. The house burned last night a rebel hospital supposed to have been fired by an incendiary Women frightened, men working in confusion and rogues stealing with impunity. Tullahoma not as large nor as pretty a place as Manchester

11.

Tuesday. Warm with pleasant breeze. Clothing issued to the companies, some trouble arising. Read to do Mrs [sic] Greys [sic] "Flirt" a plain naturally told tale of English fashionable life. Read also Bennetts [sic] "Rosalie Dupont" one of his series of attractive Revolutionary tales. Receive Republics of the 3rd. The outer line of fortifications at Tullahoma about a mile from town and the main work

12.

Wednesday. Very warm. Write letters to Huddah, [illegible name] and to Aunt Maria Matsen. Receive a letter from Lycurzus Wilcox. Johnson sent back sick. Train does not arrive till late. Trouble in Co "A." Read to day Mrs [sic] Greys [sic] "The Duke and the Cousin" a remarkably good tale – one of the best.

13.

Thursday. Weather about the same as yesterday Receive a letter from Maria Jones. Much whiskey in camp and much confusion confuzzled in consequence Co. K. dutch [sic] as [illegible] and drunk as Bachus take Holland several times. Reread in part the Duke and the Cousin admiring the manly dignity of the duke, the noble womanly frankness of Blanche the touching simplicity and beauty of Evelyn

14.

Friday. Forenoon warm with violent rain afternoon Sam Robb receives a commission as 2nd Lieut [sic] in Co B but is not sworn in. Read "Annette or The Lady of Pearls" a tale

by Alexander Dumas the younger, a tale french [sic] in morals and in scene but well told and for a good object – proof that illegitimate love can not bring true happiness.

15.

Saturday. Pleasant and showery. Regular Tri monthly inspection at 2 oclock [sic]. Receive letters from Father and Mother with Postage Stamps inclosed [sic]. Get my watch fixed at C. Ohio, paying \$1.50 for a main spring. Genl Crittenden returned. Receive orders late at night to be ready to move at day light.

16.

Sunday. Morning pleasant but long steady rain during the day till near night. After much confusion leave camp about 8 oclock [sic] the different brigades marching in order as numbered, our regt. in the rear of our Brigade Take the Hickory Creek Road, striking the Hillsboro route and camping at the settlement at Woolins Store, known as Vidalia or Viola. Knapsacks carried and the march very fatiguing [sic].

17.

Monday. Pleasant with light shower. Move from camp about 9 oclock [sic] toward the mountains. March 12 miles and camp on Cotton Creek near Irving College an old primitive establishment now almost in ruins Road rough, water scarce and march very exhausting. Genl Crittenden joins us. Col Enyart and Crouse severely injured yesterday. Country to day vallies [sic] of rich farming land

18.

Tuesday. Pleasant. Leave camp at College Creek early, march toward Dunlap fording Collins River, moving by easy marches up its beautiful, rich valley some 6 miles then climb a steep mountain, camp for dinner at the summit, move about 2 miles farther along the ridge and camp for the night – 11 miles.

19.

Wednesday. Pleasant. Leave camp just after daylight, march along the mountain ridge road good for 15 miles then commences the abrupt descent of the mountain to Sequatchie valley, 3 miles of pricipitous [sic] plunges and cliffs Camp at Dunlap a small village, county seat of Sequatchie County. Wilder in before us having a skirmish, capturing some 20 prisoners March to day very exhausting. Crittendens [sic] Hd [sic] Qrs [sic] here

20.

Thursday. Pleasant. Remain at Dunlap all day. Wagons and Gun Carriages badly broken coming down the mountain. Wilder moves forward He just got in yesterday in time to save some union [sic] scouts about to be hung by rebel guard The village here a modern affair but the settlement and [sic] old one. 28 miles from Chattanooga. Crittenden has with him his little boy, who sports the generals [sic] insignia.

21.

Friday. Pleasant. Still at Dunlap. Many people, intelligent and well dressed visit camp. Quite refreshing to hear Union sentiments freely spoken and to be welcomed by the people. Write a letter home to Father, Mother and Mary but do not mail it. Genl Palmer with Wilders [sic] advance at Harrison's landing outside Chat

22.

Saturday. Warm, threatening rain. Genl Palmer returns from the front. Rebels reported evacuating. Many people in camp Mountaineers report Cartis [sic] near Knoxville and Burnside at Sparta. A report also that Davis Division is on the mountain Roasting ears hauled in and issued out Roll call every two hours. Read Mrs [sic] Greys [sic] "Passion and Principle" a good tale.

23.

Sunday. Warm but pleasant. Inspection at 10 o'clock [sic]. Detail sent for potatoes. News from Wilder indicate a strong rebel force at Chattanooga. He attacked at 3 different points but had to retire. Forage teams come in well loaded. Rebels in east Tennessee seem to have anticipated the present movement. Read to day "The Pride of life" by Lady Scott a tale similar to Better for worse

24.

Monday. Warm, threatening rain. Camp policed and rearranged in form. A large mail arrives bringing to me letters from Angie, Webster, Rice Lewis, and Asa Starbuck. Write immediately to Angie mailing my other letters home with A. A Tenn Regt. being recruited here. Commence reading Counterparts by Miss Shephard.

25.

Tuesday. Cloudy and warm. Companies inspected by Winedele, Brigade Inspector. Potatoes brought in and issued to the companies Carson the Guerrilla shot by citizens at McMinnville. The Union men in the mountains very bitter almost blood thirsty. Refugees from the rebel lines being organized into regiments or sent north. Hundreds have reported here. Commence the "Counterparts" well pleased

26.

Wednesday. Clear and Pleasant, night very cold. Quarters well policed. Seanlin sent to Post Hospital. T.G. Williams ordered to the company. Hear that Forts Sumpter [sic] and Wagner have been taken by our troops. Finish reading Elizabeth Sheppards [sic] "Counterparts" a peculiarly brilliant tale but not a pleasant one More like a flash of lightning than the radiance of the sun but still no one regrets.

27.

Thursday. Clear and pleasant. Write letters to Webster and the Bulletin. Genl Hazen reports the fall of Charleston and a Union victory on the Potomac. Wilder took yesterday a large rebel forage party, who declared their intention to drive into our lines. Read Eva St Clair and other short tales by James. Pleasant as usual.

28.

Friday. Clear and pleasant. Make out the monthly return. Write to the Republic Read "Agness Grey" a plain quiet tale by Charlotte Bronte. No effort made to be brilliant but much to appear commonplace. Quite an excitement in camp some bummers reporting rebel cavalry as having chased them and captured some of the boys The "Rebels" prove to be our own mountain scouts.

29.

Saturday. Clear and pleasant night very cool. Our regiment move camp to get more room. Co. K. takes the right of the regt [sic] and we take their place 3rd in line. Ground very dirty and much trouble to clean A large mail arrives and is distributed late at night. Receive a letter from Louisa and Bulletins of the 15 and 22. Also one Republic. Duff and I get our knapsacks.

30.

Sunday. Clear and pleasant. Much Policing done. Take to wagon loads of dirt from our street. Company inspection at 10. oclock [sic] and Dress Parade in the evening. Hear that Capt [sic] Hunt is under arrest. Supply train arrives. Attend church in the forenoon. A large audience, Ladies, civilians and Soldiers.

31.

Monday. Clear and pleasant. Regular muster day and regiment mustered by Lieut [sic] Winchell. Write a letter to Louisa but do not mail it. Ditch our street and police. At night receive orders to move at 6 oclock [sic] in the morning. Wood camped in the valley 6 miles below.

Our corps flag, red white and blue three stripes with large black stars the same in number as the number of the division, with the number of the Brigade marked in white upon each star Thomas [sic] corps flag Blue arranged the same in regard to stars and figures. McCooks [sic] flag red

Learn from Frank Leslie that the author of "Romola," "Adam Bede" etc. is Miss Evans, writing under the nom de plume of George Elliott. Instead of being the wife of M.G. Lewis, she is his "Misstress [sic]" and for this reason they live retired, visited by Robert Browning and Leigh Hunt. Lewis fist married a Miss Jervis traded wives with Thornton Hunt, then deserted by her, he "lives and loves" with Miss Evans. This bit of gossip known, all can better understand why he wrote the "Mink". The Flag of the Reserve Corps a painted one half red and half blue with white crescents and numbers instead of stars. Our Corps. Hd. Qr. Flag Three Stripes, Red, White and Blue, a spread eagle with the No. 21. marked on it

SEPTEMBER.

1.

Tuesday. Clear and pleasant. Leave camp early moving down the valley. A good level road but very dusty. Pass Woods [sic] vacated camp and Wilders [sic] Transportation

about 6 miles from Dunlap. Wood arrived yesterday. March regularly with regular rests, stopping an hour at most and marching till near sundown making 22 miles, camping on [blank] Creek 5 miles from Jasper. All fatigued but come into camp, music playing

2.

Wednesday. Clear and pleasant. In camp all day in Little Sequatchie. Visit a large cave extending far into the mountain, chambers large, following the course of a subterranean stream. Hundreds of soldiers with torches flit like ghosts lighting up its gloomy sublimity. Water and air inside very cool. The valley here widens and mountains lessen.

Commence reading Dumas "Louisa"

3.

Thursday. Pleasant. Move about 10 o'clock [sic] through Jasper [sic], cross the Sequatchie about a mile from town, stop in a beautifully shaded bottom and rest 2 hours. Move to the Tennessee and rest till 11 o'clock [sic] then cross the river on flat boats and camp at Shellmound Station. Sleep in quarters occupied by Reynolds, march 12 miles

4.

Friday. Pleasant. Camped in Tenn within sight of Georgia and Alabama. Vancleve [sic] and Negley cross the river. Meet Riley of the 17 Ohio and then visit Brannons [sic] Division and see the Boys in the 81. Ohio. See Lieut [sic] Thatcher just returned from Wilmington. Visit the large Salt Petra [sic] cave extending in different veins far into the mountain. This mine worked by the rebels and a point in their line of occupation. Mail my letter to Louisa.

5.

Saturday. Pleasant. Pleasant at night. Write a letter to Father and Mother and commence one to Maria Jones. Receive letters from Aunt Maria Maxsen and from Matt Hoblitt. Move in the evening 8 or 10 miles up the River Road toward Chattanooga. Wood in advance. Road very rough and have a miserable time stumbling along in the dark. Pass the ruins of the R.R. Bridge destroyed by the rebels across a gorge.

6.

Sunday. Pleasant. Move early 6 or 8 miles in a southerly direction toward Trenton Georgia. Camp 15 miles from Trenton near Brannons [sic] Division which came over the mountain near the great Coal mine. See the boys of the 31. meet Billy Clark and learn that Tim Clark is in Co. B. 24. Ohio Country rough and thinly settled.

7.

Monday. Pleasant. Still at Camp Lookout. genl Rosecrans visits the different camps. His Hd. Qrs. at Trenton. Our Signal Corps in attempting to take position on the mountain in the advance are fired upon by the rebs with Mountain Howitzers. The 81. and 90 go to the rescue. The Rebel signal station on the same mountain in plain view of camp. See Tom Clarke and [2 illegible words] Mail letters to Father and Mother and Maria Jones

8

Tuesday. Pleasant. Five companies of the 1st Ky move at 2 o'clock [sic] as Train Guard, crossing the Tennessee and camping at Bridgeport. No town here and but few regiments stationed at the place. Pioneers and Engineers busily at work on fortifications and flat boats. The Bridge not all destroyed. An island at the crossing. River in 2 channels running nearly south. On our way down visit Nickajack cave again. At night visit Lieut. Kirkman

9.

Wednesday. Warm. Move early to Stevenson (12 miles) load the wagons and camp for the night. Meet unexpectedly the Port [illegible] Boys in the 40. Ohio and have a pleasant time. Stevenson a tolerable village now delapidated [sic] but full of army business. Troops pouring in all day. Grangers [sic] Corps the 1st Alabama (colored) stationed here.

10.

Thursday. Warm but pleasant breeze. March early from Stevenson. The road filled with moving troops and wagons and move rapidly having a vexatious time in passing them. The 40. Ohio on the move with all their brigades preceded by the Regulars. Succeed in crossing at Bridgeport by 11. o'clock [sic] and after resting march rapidly to Shellmound. At night a large branch of a tree comes near killing some of [cut off]

11.

Friday. Pleasant. March early from Shellmound to Camp Lookout reaching it about 1 o'clock [sic] and finding it deserted. Chattanooga evacuated on the 8th and our Division in pursuit of the enemy 20 or 30 miles in advance. Nickajack cave at Shellmound said to have been explored for 25 miles the seat of a desperate Indian [sic] fight. Meet many paroled rebels returning. Rumored that 4 rebel regiments, 2 Ky. 2 Tenn. came into our lines.

12.

Saturday. Warm. March at 4 o'clock [sic]. road for about 10 miles good. Wagons cross Lookout mountain, we go round by the railroad, rest at the Iron works, then on reaching Chattanooga about 2 o'clock [sic]. The town of considerable size, buildings good but scattered, no fortifications scarcely Wagners [sic] Brigade here. All our baggage here

13.

Sunday. Warm and clear. Start early with the train back to Stevenson having in charge 500 prisoners, principally rebel deserters belonging to Tenn. regiments. Many of these meet friends along the road. Every house full of people. The prisoners intelligent and inclined to be social so we have a pleasant time. Go the River Road and camp 8 miles from Shellmound at our old place. Meet the 40. Ohio going the front. 21st Ky. camped here

14.

Monday. Clear and warm. Move early, crossing at Bridgeport about noon and reaching Stevenson about 5 o'clock [sic]. Turn the prisoners over to the Provost Marshal and camp for the night on our old ground. Distance from here to Chattanooga, by rail 38 miles, by river road 43 miles, by the Wills Valley route 50 miles – the latter the best. Cumberland Gap surrendered unconditionally. Rebels said to be at Winchester – 500 cavalry burning all things.

15.

Tuesday. Pleasant. Afternoon threatening rain. Load the wagons and rest in camp. The negro [sic] regt [sic] camped near and some disturbance. The 3rd Ohio here with but 2 Com. officers. See Coffee – John Simmons in the Hospital. Hard Naster. 28. Ky arrives from Clarksville. Troops of the reserve moving forward briskly. Write a letter to Father and Mother

16.

Wednesday. Pleasant. March from Stevenson to Shellmound, 16 miles by rail, 20 miles by the road. Our company rear guard and there having been rain we have a pleasant time free from dust. Some families, owning property in Chattanooga, some artists and Sutlers moving with us. Meet here a train loaded with prisoners – Thomas Corps – Meet Harry Frank here

17.

Thursday. Pleasant. March from Shellmound to a stream within 12 miles of Chattanooga coming the Wills Valley route. Distance 18 miles. Duff sick with a sore hand George unwell. A negro [sic] killed yesterday or the day before by one of Co A. and he now a prisoner at Stevenson. Night very cold with a sprinkle of rain. At Whiteside 8 miles from Shellmound visit a cave said to have been a haunt of John A. Muriel

18.

Friday. Very cold with sky clouded. Reach the Pickets at Chattanooga about noon but do not camp till 3 o'clock [sic] Gene Wagoner still here. Lieut [sic] Snediker very sick with inflammatory [sic] rheumatism left at Col. Parris, 9 miles from town. Like Chattanooga better this visit than before. Think it one of the prettiest towns in the South. Meet here Henry Barlow now a Lieut [sic] and in 1st Bat. Pioneer Corps Co A.

19.

Saturday. Day pleasant night very cool. A terrific battle progressing in front, the rebels reinforced by Longstreet. Remain in town drawing clothing and rations till 2 o'clock [sic]. March as train guard to the front make 14 miles by midnight and rest till morning. Pass on the way our division Hospital filled with wounded among them Captains Bodine and Stacy of the 2nd Ky. Our Division suffered severely being in the thickest of the fight. The rebels from the east advanced with the battle cry "Longstreet" some made prisoners 2 hours after arrival

20.

Sunday. Clear and pleasant night cold. A memorable and sorrowful day. Leave our camp early, march along the entire line of battle, passing with the train at one time in front of the skirmishers and of Wilders [sic] advance. Heavy firing soon commences a heavy force thrown against our division. The ground a series of rolling hills, abounding in strong positions but scarce of water. Return to the rear company first at Rossville then coming to Chattanooga. The road a moving mass of wagons, wounded men, stragglers [sic] and injured artillery.

21.

Monday. Clear and pleasant. Trains crossing the river all night. We cross with the train early this morning, camping near the river. 1235 rebels principally Louisianians and Texans sent to Bridgeport. Porter of Co A. found among them. Burnside reported as making a junction. Heavy fighting in front but our Brigade not particularly engaged Many wounded come in. Write to Father and Mother.

22.

Tuesday. Clear and pleasant. Move to the shade on the hill. Some severe fighting in front. Rosecrans reduces his lines coming nearer town his right resting on Lookout the left on the river above us. The rebels make an attempt to cross the river at the ford above. Wilder and a part of the reserve on this side. Bragg reports severe loss to himself, says he has taken 25 pieces of artillery and 2500 prisoners. One of our regiments taken and retaken during the night

23.

Wednesday. Clear and pleasant. Afternoon cross the river and join the regiment in first line of intrenchments known as Fort Palmer. The rebels occupy Missionary Ridge, the two armies in plain view of each other. Rosecrans lines well posted, several lines of breastworks joining the Forts erected by the rebels. Our Division on the right of our corps joining Rosseau. On the 19. our regt [sic] lost 28 killed and wounded out of 110 men. Genl Rosecrans visits the lines cheered uproariously

24.

Thursday. Clear and pleasant. Waked early by sound of artillery on the right. Still working on intrenchment. Rebels appear occasionally on the ridge. About 4 oclock [sic] P.M. Hazens [sic] brigade supported by others from the right make a demonstration against the rebels. A brilliant movement every motion observable. About 10 oclock [sic] at night the rebels make an attack on our picket lines. Considerable fighting for 2 hours. All quiet then till morning.

25.

Friday. Clear and pleasant. Lines tolerably quiet. The rebels gain a position on Lookout and for the first time use artillery but with little effect Still working on intrenchments a traverse section being erected. In the morning early waked by the bands playing the national airs. At night the band of the 84. Ill. goes to the advance post and plays Yankee

Doodle etc. for the benefit of rebels darting round in numerable fires on the ridge. Write to Angie.

26.

Saturday. Clear and pleasant. Line of battle in the trenches at 4 o'clock [sic]. Some spirited picket firing along the line about daylight. At night visit the 94 Ohio, finding only Haughey of my acquaintances. Addison Jones reported killed. Shot through the head. Tulley McKinney missing. Capt [sic] Wade visits us. Commence a letter to the Republic describing the late battles.

27.

Sunday. Clear and pleasant. Again a picket skirmish in front about daylight. Company inspection. Visit the 81. Ohio. Capt [sic] Wade had one man killed, 11 wounded and 3 missing. At night our company on picket. Stand 6 hour reliefs, deployed as skirmishers lying on the ground. Equidistant from both camps. Music, cheers and work of [illegible] hearable

28.

Monday. Clear and pleasant. Last nights [sic] work paralyzes us still so long in the cool air. The rebel pickets very near – sometimes slipping up within a few yards. No interruption on our front – but firing to the right at the bridge Reveille in our camp at 7 o'clock [sic], in the rebel not till 5. Again their bands both brass and field discourse music Ours playing the national airs, theirs Dixie, Bonnie Blue Flag Nellie More etc. Yankee Doodle and Dixie received with uproarious cheers. Relieved at 9.

29.

Tuesday. Clear and pleasant. Lines quiet to day. Picket of our Division all taken from our Brigade, one company from the regiment every 12 hours. Pickets agree not to fire except in case of formal advance. Meet half way and exchange papers – theirs as late as the 27. Their camp and works becoming visible as they cut down trees. The beautiful house in front torn down to day. Baggage removed to camp

30.

Wednesday. Cloudy towards evening becoming rainy. Write a letter to the Republic. Camp again arranged, all have tents, get our knapsacks and again at home. Our wounded being brought into our own lines. Regular monthly reports made to day. Buy Harper for September.

OCTOBER.

1.

A rainy dreary Thursday. Cold rain all day and the greater part of the night. Cannot write so spend the time in reading from Harper and Ballou. In the morning early receive letters from Father, Mother, Louisa, Huldah Howell and Mary Hazard. Papers Republics of the 16. 21. and 23 and Bulletins of the 14 containing Links [sic] Valedictory. Dr. Sprague at Home.

2.

Friday. Clear and pleasant. Busy all day at company business. Rebel movements plainly discernible to day. Some change real or effected taking place. 16 regiments of infantry 8 batteries of artillery and a wagon train move along the ridge toward our right. Some think the move all for bunkum to deceive. Rebel cavalry cross the river above moving on the Pikeville route. Guerillas destroy about 50 wagons

3.

Saturday. Clear and pleasant with bracing breeze. Write letters to Louisa and Sukie Capt [sic] Lamme arrives in camp coming from Springfield. An assault expected this morning and all troops under arms early. Make out Descriptive Roll for Tom Fuller.

4.

Sunday. Clear but the wind blows a perfect hurricane. Impossible to write so spend the time reading Aurora Floyd and rumberling about the works. Have a splendid view of pickets changing papers from Fort Wood. Visit also Fort Negley and Brannons [sic] Division. The writer of the letter in the Gazette said to be Wm. S. Furay. Rumored that our cavalry have routed the rebels.

5.

Monday. Clear but cold. Write a long letter to the Republic in reply to "G.S." in the Gazette About noon the rebels commence shelling our camp, continuing a desultory firing till night from a Thirty two pounder in front of Negley and to our left and from several batteries on Lookout. Shells planted in our midst but not much damage done. During the night several shells came whistling around us.

6.

Tuesday. Rainy and cold. A dreary, dismal day. Write a letter to Father and mother I mistake the day was clear until evening The night was stormy. Hear to day that our corps and McCooks [sic] are to be concentrated and called the 4th under command of Gordon Granger The lines quiet to day not a shot being fired

7.

Wednesday. Forenoon rainy afternoon clear cold and windy. Finish reading Aurora Floyd and read the War Path, 2nd Series. Miss Bradin story is rather a peculiar one, a dashing girls [sic] history told in dashing style. The enemy try to place and work an advance battery but are dislodged by our guns. Jake Henkle visits us in the evening. Tulley not heard from yet.

8.

Thursday. Clear and pleasant. Do not wake this morning till after daylight. Write an article to the Republic, "Camp fire [illegible]" Find in the Commercial of Sept 30. a bitter editorial condemning Shanks and Furay, a bully thing. Just the words we would say. Hit him again. At 4 oclock [sic] go on picket to the right of where we were before. Have fire at the reserve and the men only stand 2 hour relief

9.

Friday. Morning foggy, day becoming clear and pleasant. Rebels very quiet both last night and to day. Refuse to exchange papers in the morning but afterwards a Lieut [sic] (rebel) offers exchange and King meets him giving the Press of 2nd for the Rebel of the 8th. Several shots fired from our forts both to day and yesterday

10.

Saturday. Pleasant. A sorrowful day for the 21st Army Corps. Genl Thos. G. Crittenden to day bids each regiment a formal and impressive Farewell. Attended by his subordinate he rode from regiment to regiment formed to receive him and his "Good Bye" will long [cut off] recollected as the most impressive spectacle of the [cut off] The 11th and 12th Army Corps said to be at Bridgeport, two regiments across the river.

11.

Sunday. Pleasant. Write a letter to the Republic and receive the paper of the 28. Mack Young visits me and we have a good time. Perrine reported as taken prisoner with all the P.M. papers at McMinnville during Wheelers [sic] late raid. A rebel shell fired the other day, was this morning carelessly kicked into a fire and exploded killing the Sergt [sic] Major of the 38. Ind and wounding several negroes. Dress Parade and Crittendens [sic] farewell order

12.

Monday. Day pleasant but night ra[cut off] Finish my letter to the Republic. Sockwell Beohler relieved from duty in the C.S. and Q.M. Dept by Regular Officers. Unexpectedly [cur off] David Perkins in the morning and have [cut off] Union Loss at Chickamauga 1800 killed 2500 prisoners, 8700 wounded

13.

Tuesday. A rainy disagreeable day throughout Election Day with all its home gloominess and energetic work. Votes in our regiment all for Brough (140) but 5 valandingham [sic] vote given in our Brigade and these in the 90. Ohio 19 votes polled in our company for Governor. Snediker, Gregg and Bodkin, Judges. Busbey and Pfister Clerks. Much enthusiasm among Ohio Troops.

14.

Wednesday. Rainy, cold and disagreeable. Send off Election Returns and receive letters from E.E.H. and from Aunt Dorcus T. Henkle Aunt resides at Des Moines City. Rebel papers received speak well of our army and specially of Crittendens [sic] Corps. Seem to think Rosecrans has the advantage in position and the battle as naught to them without Chattanooga. Read Miss Braddons [sic] "Captain of the Vulture"

15.

Thursday. Rainy, cold and disagreeable. News received of the election of Brough and the Ohio regiments cheering enthusiastically and uproariously. Working parties still at

work in spite of the rain. Hear that Wheeler has been defeated by Crook at Shelbyville and that Guerillas are in Ky again.

16.

Friday. A clearing up day. Tolerably pleasant. Reread D'Peruelis [illegible] and find it more interesting now than before. Commence a letter to E.E.H. Last night Rebels floated a raft down against the pontoons injuring them much. Rebels have moved from valley farther up the ridge, their tents showing almost as plain as our own. Learn that Col. McCook commanded the Cav. Expedition that routed the rebs in sequatchie [sic] valley

17.

Saturday. Very pleasant – morning foggy. At town early purchase a coat and shirt paying \$11.56 for the one and \$4.00 for the other Finish my letter and receive Republic of the 5. Purchase Harpers Weekly and find a article speaking on W.F.C. Shanks as equal to Ruesel or Napier as a correspondent – Pshaw. At night Ohio Regiments cheering uproariously Brough announced to have 80,000 majority.

18.

Sunday. Forenoon rainy, afternoon pleasant Fix up our tent during the shower. Rumored in camp that the rebels were attacked and badly beaten at Running Water Bridge. 800 killed and the rebels driven 7 miles. Commence a letter to Father and Mother. Jake Henkle visits me in the evening. Dress Parade at 5 o'clock [sic].

19.

Monday. Very pleasant. Finish my letter home and write a letter for Duff. At town and catch my first glimpse of the "Annals of the Army of the Cumberland" a very superior book. Neither Crittendens [sic] nor Grangers [sic] photographs given because they would not have them so used. The author said to be Judge Fitch. Receive a letter from Maria Jones. See Haughey at night, nothing from [illegible]

20

Tuesday. Very pleasant. Rumored this morning that Genl Rosecrans is relieved from command with orders to report at Cincinnati. Genl Thomas taking his place here and Genl Grant commanding the new Dpt [sic] of the West. Write to Rice Lewis and Asa Starbuck. Troops changing position. Willich coming to Wood. Rumored in the evening that Forrest surrendered his entire command to Genl Mitchell at Muscle Shoals this morning at 8 o'clock [sic].

21.

Wednesday. Forenoon warm and Showery. The 101st Ohio, 81st Ind 38th and 21st Ill. join our Brigade. [illegible name] of Co D. reported missing. Write a letter to Aunt Dorcas. Company on Picket at 4 o'clock [sic] taking position further to the right than before. Rebels plainly in view, exposing themselves with more carelessness than usual. Night becomes clear

22.

Thursday. Very pleasant. The rebel pickets standing in groups around fires or walking about. Ours still stationed as skirmishers but standing up or lolling carelessly about. Receive a letter from Angie and Republic of the 9. Our position changed still further to the right and just afternoon relieved and go to camp. Cincinnati Papers of the 15 recd. A mistake about Forrest being captured. Dress parade and Grants [sic] order [illegible]

23

Friday. Rainy, cold and disagreeable. Commence a letter to Angie but too cold to write with ease. The order read last night was that relieving Rosecrans, announcing Genl Thomas as his successor and Genl Grant as commander of the Division of the Mississippi. Last night a shell fired into the rebel lines from Fort Wood every half hour.

24.

Saturday. Rainy, slightly cold and disagreeable. Finish my letter to Angie and receive letters from Father and Mother dated the 5. and Republics of the 12. and 14. In the latter my letter of Sept. 30. At night receive orders to be ready to move at 2 o'clock [sic] in the morning. Draw rations and pack up. Ordered to leave Tents standing

25.

Sunday. Cloudy and cool. Leave camp at 3 o'clock [sic], cross the river, move first down the Stevenson Road, then come back and take the Shellmound Road – very muddy and have a hard time ascending the mountain Walnut Ridge. Reach the top, camp unfavorably and our Regiment sent back to help the wagons up the mountain. Have a very unpleasant time working in mud knee deep until dark. Camp (our regiment) on the Ridge 7 miles from Chattanooga

26.

Monday. Clear and pleasant afternoon. Move forward about 4 miles to where the Brigade was camped, draw full rations rest till noon, move forward about 5 miles farther with the Brigade and rest an hour waiting on the 3rd Brigade, then move along the ridge gradually nearing and sloping toward the Sequatchie at last moving along it down the river making about 4 miles, camping on the ridge in advance of Gross.

27.

Tuesday. Cool and pleasant. Start from camp about 9 o'clock [sic], move down the ridge parallel with the Sequatchie descending about sunset through Kilners Gap into the valley and camp for the night making 15 miles. The afternoons [sic] march was very fatiguing being a series of ups and downs and turns along a stream

28.

Wednesday. Forenoon rainy afternoon pleasant Reveille at 3 o'clock [sic]. Start from camp at 6, move for a time over the muddiest of roads along the river bank then on an excellent road to Rankins ferry on the Tennessee some 4 miles above Shellmound. About 5 o'clock [sic] the 1st Ky and 90. Ohio move rapidly down the river cross at

Shellmound and camp on our old stumping ground. Genl Hooker passed up the river to day with 2 Divisions and we come to protect the pontoons here

29.

Thursday. A very pleasant day. The boys make a descent on Beef, Pork etc. and camp suffers an inundation of good things. Last night Lieut [sic] Wilson of the Pioneer Corps visits us. To day camp moved and arranged under the direction of Genl Morton. Our company on picket in the evening. During the night the remainder of our Brigade crosses over and camps. Picket reinforced. Commences Raining latter part of the night

30.

Friday. Rainy, cold and disagreeable. One of Slocums [sic] Brigades, 5th, 7th and 66th Ohio and 20th Penn pass up toward Whiteside. Also Gross's Brigade of our Division move the same way. Rain continues at night and with wet blankets and but hastily constructed board shelters we pass a most miserable night

31.

Saturday. Forenoon cloudy and cool. Afternoon pleasant. Camp again rearranged and preparations made to erect permanent quarters. The Station House completely torn down for brick. The pontoons moved above our regiment on detail carrying and cutting rails for wood for the Steam boat. The boat made her first passage from Bridgeport to Rankins Ferry on Thursday and on Friday the Paint Cloud came down from Chattanooga. The Boat to day tows the pontoons up in addition to a load of rations. A wagon today arrived from Chattanooga making the trip on this side. A large mail arrives bringing me letters from Father, Mother and Link and Six Republics in two of which are my letters of the 5th and "Camp Fire Gas" In spite of the fatigue of the last march I read and enjoyed hugely the tale of "Rutledge. A beautiful picture of a capricious [sic] natural acting woman told with charming careless elegance. The authors [sic] name is not given but we guess Fanny Fern.

NOVEMBER.

1.

Sunday. Very pleasant. Write a letter to Father and Mother and receive Republics of the 26 containing my Crittenden letter. Boys to day busy fixing up quarters, tearing down houses in the neighborhood for boards and timbers. About 3 o'clock [sic] the 2nd Ky leaves and moves up Nickajack cave, rumor says to guard the pass that has been guarded by Hookers [sic] men. Rumored that we move to Bridgeport

2.

Monday. Pleasant. Genl Cruft arrives early and remains sometime [sic] at Brigade Hd. Qrs. A part of the brigade leaves for Bridgeport after noon. Whitakers [sic] brigade arrives in the evening coming from Browns Ferry 6 miles below Chattanooga. pontoons floated down from Chattanooga now form a bridge there. Hazen and Hooker having cleared in part Lookout Mountain and wagons come from the ferry down this side.

3.

Tuesday. Morning warm and cloudy. Afternoon warm with sunshine. Have a good time last night with the boys of the 40. Ohio. Move early for Bridgeport making the trip quick by marching on the railroad and camping south of the river on a very nice place. Duff and others raft our lumber down.

4.

Wednesday. A very pleasant day. Busy building our quarters, three tents going in one. The 123rd New York here guarding pontoons. The Officers of the eastern regiments put on considerable style much to our boys [sic] aggravation [sic]. Sutler stores and army supplies in abundance here. Heavy Fatigue parties sent out to blockade the roads below on the river and to fix bridges above.

5.

Thursday. Rainy and warm. Still busy fixing the quarters. Details for Fatigue duty return having thoroughly blockaded the river road about two miles below camp. Five days full rations drawn. The 23rd New York move to the North side of the river. An old Locomotive found in the coal mines above today gives its first life returning snort.

6.

Friday. Very pleasant. Write to the Republic and receive Republics of the 7. and 30, the former having in it my Chicamauga [sic] letter. Geo. Randolph and Eugene Funston of the 66. Ohio visit me. Gene the same old boy. The 2nd Ky. and 101. Ohio move to the hill up the river. Stine returns from Chattanooga

7.

Saturday. Very pleasant. Write a letter to [cut off] Jones, make out Reports and commence on the Pay Rolls, working without reference to books. Men busy making boards to [cut off] shelters. The teams start for Chattanooga for the Baggage. Cough returned on 6th reports to the Surgeon in charge at Bridgeport. Dorin returns to the company. Hazen originally Colonel of the 41. Ohio.

8.

Sunday. Clear but very cold. Finish the Pay Rolls. At last supplied with Shoes. Working Par[cut off] at the fortification. Rumored today that Hooker had retreated 4 miles. Proves to be all fudge. Reported also that Negley is to command our Division and that we are transferred to the 14. Army Rather [illegible]. The trains were turned from this side of the River and sent up on the other side. Grant originally Col of the 21st Ill.

9.

Monday. Clear but cool. Every body busy getting out clapboards to build houses and the day in getting timber across swamp. Cincinnati Louisville and Nashville Papers arrive daily. Houses are tumbling [cut off] as if by magic and we will soon be comfortable in spite of difficulties

10.

Tuesday. Clear but cool. Receive a letter from Louisa. Learn from it that Tulley McKinney was taken prisoner at Chicamauga [sic] and is now at Richmond. Flave White married lately Miss Sallie [illegible] Over in town and have a chat with Tunston. The Q.M's of Hookers [sic] Corps still quartered here. Details working on the railroad. Carry stone and build a chimney. Are comfortable at night in spite of the cold.

11.

Wednesday. Clear and more pleasant than yesterday. Our baggage arrives from Chattanooga, Schultz and Higgins returning. Learn from Schultz that Nelse Bell and other Clarke county boys had arrived as recruits for Co. G. 94. Ohio. Tunston and Randolph leave for the front. Visit us in the evening. At night finish our house and commence a letter to Louisa.

12.

Thursday. Clear and pleasant. Regiment goes to Shellmound as Train Guard. Snediker and I remain in camp to fix up Pay Rolls. Work on them all day, putting in form the clothing account for settlement Make out monthly Return. At night finish my letter to Louisa.

13.

Friday. Warm and pleasant. Finish the Pay Rolls, wash all of my clothes and post up the clothing book. Receive letters from Father and Mother and from Sukie. Receive another Republic of Oct. 19. Col Enyart and Capt [sic] Hogan arrive in the evening bringing with them the splendid fife presented to [illegible] Rourke.

14.

Saturday. Warm and cloudy with rain at times. Clothing account altered on the Pay Rolls. 2nd Ky being paid to day by Maj Knap. Republics of the 9. received. In the evening commence a letter to Sukie Boys to day discover wild Turkeys [sic] in the woods and feast on Beechnuts and persimmons A part of Shermans [sic] Corps arrives and camps on the north side of the river.

15.

Sunday. Warm, clear and pleasant. Brigade reviewed to day by Genl Cruft, Col Enyart commanding Brigade. Finish my letter to Sukie and write to Mary Hazard. The new regiments in our Brigade not posted on our plan of reviews, Appear as for Genl Inspection with full equipments [sic].

16.

Monday. Pleasant. The greater part of the company on Picket. Wm Newcome arrives coming from Nashville. The Locomotive with one car attached making two regular trips per day as far up as Running Water, transporting lumber for the Bridge there. Heavy canonading [sic] heard up the river very rapid about 9 oclock [sic]. In the evening commence a letter to Father. To day have a great time after Beech nuts

17.

Tuesday. Very pleasant. Finish my letter to Father and Mother. Shermans [sic] troops commence crossing the River early. Seem to be rather out of humor and some of them pretty much how come you so. Our Boys and them have a lively time with hard hits and sharp replies. Genl Palmer to day passes to the front. Genl Stanley it is reported takes command of our Division. 31. Ind. paid to day.

18.

Wednesday. Very pleasant. Shermans [sic] troops still crossing. His command is rumored is near 40,000 strong. Rumors of one corps crossing near Stevenson. Write a letter to the Republic. Heavy details working on the Railroad on the north side. Sutler shops all cleaned out by the new arrivals. Turn my new coat over to Snediker

19.

Thursday. Warm and pleasant. Shermans [sic] troops still pour across the River. Rumors afloat that the Brigades of our Division move in the morning Order countermanded at night. Rosecran [sic] takes command of the District of the Cumberland in the place of Granger, Genl Johnson (R.W.) taking command of his division. Finish and mail my letter to the Republic and receive Republics of the 13 containing and [sic] excellent letter from B.T.T.

20.

Friday. Another pleasant day. Camp policed, pay rolls signed and things arranged generally. Shermans [sic] troops still crossing. They have cleaned out every thing in shape of Sutler Shop and Bakery here. Read during the day and evening Reeds [sic] Poems "House by the Sea" and the New Pastoral in part Enjoy the latter very. Read aloud for the boys [sic] benefit and have a good time.

21.

Saturday. Warm and rainy. Company paid by Maj. Knap up to Oct 31, 1863. Clothing acct settled. To day commence a descriptive letter to the Republic. At night Chuckuluck [sic] and whiskey cause considerable hubbub in camp. Continue the new Pastoral. Receive to day \$68.82. Clothing acct \$3.18

22.

Sunday. Warm and pleasant. Waked early to make details for a fatigue duty. Receive a letter from Aunt Dorcas and the Republic of the 16 containing my letter of the 6th. Finish and mail my letter to Republic. Buy a pair of Boots of Huff paying \$11.00 Orders come to recruit for the veteran service. Genl Cruft and Staff leave for Whiteside. The Genl to take command of a scout

23.

Sunday. Warm and cloudy. Some rain at night. Company on picket early just above the 2nd Ky. camp on the hill, our line extending to the river. Have a quiet time. Finish the volume of Reads [sic] Poems well pleased with all. Learn that our favorite "B.T.T." is

Benjamin T. Taylor of the Chicago Journal. His sketches of army life are certainly excellent, the best of the time. Maj. Baldwin returned.

24

Tuesday. Warm, damp and almost rainy. Relieved [sic] by the 90. Ohio. Feel unwell and keep still all day. Some of the "Shoulder Straps" "pretty much how you come so." The Dutch full of ear splitting music at night. Micheal Newman of Co. H. shot by Frank Hallack who was on guard at a sutler shop.

25.

Wednesday. Very pleasant. Waked twice during the night to make details for guard. Much excitement caused by whiskey and the shooting of Newman. The guards severely blamed for shooting. Newman buried to day in camp with military honors. Indian remains found in digging near the fortifications to day Four well preserved human skeletons, skeleton of a dog and [illegible] and tablets with inscriptions

26.

Thursday. Very pleasant. Over to town early and see some 1400 rebels, prisoners taken at Lookout Mountain, start on the cars for Nashville Surprised and taken in a combined attack on Tuesday. Rumors of hard fighting at Chattanooga all three of the grand divisions participating. Lookout Peak, Mission Ridge taken by assault report says with 10,000 prisoners. The Dunbar sidewheeler comes down.

27.

Friday. Very pleasant. Rumors reach us that Ringgold is occupied by our forces, that the rebels have been routed, that Breckenridges [sic] son and his Chief of Staff were captured and that Grant was confident of forcing Bragg to another disastrous battle. Buy to day Thomas Bulscimbe a novel by Smith. The Officers (except ours) on a big drunk