

## Risenar Etter Diary

September 1861

16 – McMinnville, Tennessee, Left this place [illegible] 0'clock A.M.

17 arrived at Chattanooga at night, leaving there early in the morning arrived at Bristol [sic] at sunset leaving in a few minutes for Linchburg. [sic] It was on this line of road that I met with the con[illegible]ble woman that ordered some solgers [sic] out of the passinger [sic] car into the [illegible] but I planly [sic] replide [sic] that I was a jentleman [sic] and would ride in the [illegible] the subject was dropt. [sic]

18-25 Arrived at Linchberg [sic] at 6 in the morning, we not mee[illegible] with the connexion [sic] lay oer [sic] next mornin [sic] 5 oclock [sic] taking the car arrived at Charlitsville [sic] at noon this I found to be a nice place there was a great many sick and wounded solgers [sic] here they was well treated. I only remained three hours at this place I met some of the prisoners that Savage regmant [sic] took on realley [sic] mountain. Left at 3 oclock [sic] arrived at Millbar at night gitting [sic] with a tran [sic] of goverment [sic] wagons going to Eodra went out 4 miles and camp [sic] and lay on the ground without any shelter leaving at sun up this morning. Come on to Bethalumn [sic] Springs I tasted of the water and found it as strong as the mineral. We eat some diner [sic] an [sic] traveled an [sic] arrived at warm springs late in the evening at this place I meet some of the boys Jeff Parks, B.J. Hill. I Modannel, A.P. Erls, W. Hennesee leaving this place an [sic] traveling 15 miles an [sic] camp [sic] on Isaacs River cooked and et [sic] our breakfast and left erly [sic] this morning traveled hard to day over rough road stept [sic] on top of Elk mountain I lay in a barnd [sic] at this place and eat some good peaches left erly [sic] arrived at huntersville [sic] at 10 A.M. I found some more of boys at this place. Left here this mornig [sic] found the regiment [sic] at Green Brier River this was happy to me and the It had been some 4 months sence [sic] I had seen them the boys was dirty though in fine helth [sic] an [sic] in fine spirits. It was late when I lay down to rest. I being wery [sic] lay down on the grass and went off in a sweet sleep waked up well rested with orders to cook three days rashens [sic] we set about cooking after that was done lay down to rest. Left green brier at one oclock [sic] traveled 18 miles incamp [sic] in an old field.

26 Took up march at day light traveled 17 miles it raining in the evening hard, struck camps at night we having no shelter faired [sic] very hard. It rained all night in torrents. I an [sic] Hayett fixed us a bed of rails and lay on them all night to keep up out of the water at daylight wake up our [illegible] rails beat by the heavy raines. [sic] After bein [sic] washed by rain I felt some wat [sic] worsted [sic] but Col. Savage seeing his men wet an [sic] kold [sic] give them a dram. It is still raining the world seems to be ful [sic] an [sic] raining over.

27 Left erly [sic] this morning to day we traveled through the town of Frankfort also Lewisburg and incamp [sic] in a barnd [sic] all of us were very wet ad chilled If I had not

found shelter I think I would er [sic] froze. I lay in the third story of the barnd [sic] I grabbed [sic] out me a hole in the oats slep [sic] al [sic] night by cloth being wet they smelt [sic] like spilt foder [sic].

28 Bilt [sic] us a fire an [sic] cooked one days rashens [sic] leaving at noon an [sic] came to Meadowbluf [sic].

29, 31 Took march 7 oclock [sic] traveled 16 miles a great part of the way through mud and water. We waded water rump deep. It was very cold my lages [sic] was as red as a doves when I got through at this place I stold [sic] some corn and eat it it was the sweetest food that I ever eat. We arrived on top of big Jewel mount at dark and was ordered to sleep with cartergage [sic] an [sic] muskets under my head. I was much worn out with hard marching and hunger and we had no tents to shelter us nothing to ly [sic] on but the wet ground. I lay myself down and waked up at day light in sight of the yankees [sic] they being top of one rig [sic] us on another still [missing]. Night has come again and I lade [sic] my self on my humble bed that I have construcked [sic] to day it three pol[~~text cut off~~] one each side of me a small one in the middle so as to swag a little, [~~text cut off~~] leaves on them and this furnished me with a place to rest. All is quite [sic] to night.

October

1-2 I have took a good luck at the yankes [sic] to day they plad [sic] yankey [sic] doodle to day. Nothing new, all is quiet.

3 Have been down in a holler [sic] today getting some chestnuts.

4 I am very hungry we have not had ful [sic] rashens [sic].

5 Nothing new. Yankees are still on the other side of the holer. [sic]

6 We have been in sight of the yankees [sic] one week no fight yet. The yankees [sic] left last night between midnight and day they took up right an [sic] went in dubel [sic] quick we took to wagons loading soap and cooking utensils an [sic] good many other things we followed them some 6 miles as the roads was so bad we could not follow them an [sic] we came back to Jewel and the yankees [sic] are gone

7 Nothing to do only to cut chestnut trees and eat chestnuts and kill hogs and eat them for we dont [sic] draw much to eat.

8 Washed my cloths [sic] to day the first time.

8 Clear today in the evening turned very cold.

10 Nothing new all quiet

11 Rained all day an [sic] night. it very bad about sleeping.

12 Orders to be redy [sic] to move it was to day that an old man came to hunting the boys that killed his sheep and wanted pay for them we plegd [sic] him so much that he

was glad to git [sic] off without money. Took up march 6 ½ oclock [sic] came 3 miles encampt [sic] at the foot of Jewel drill in the morning.

13 There was black possum red yellow and white hawes [sic] all at this place.

14 Nothing new

15 I went out and got some hawes [sic] say phesant [sic].

16 We made us a shelter today.

17 It rained most all day

18 Still at the foot of Jewel

19 The company drawed [sic] money for the month.

20 Prepare to march but did not on the account of rain an [sic] mud. The amount of money it took to pay the company was \$1960000. I was on gard [sic] last night and Poke Evans died while I was on gard. [sic]

21 Took up march this mornng [sic] at 9 oclock [sic]. Incampt [sic] at Meadow Bluf [sic] it was at this place that Bill got his cabage [sic] head and could not git [sic] to pay for it.

22 Took up march at 9 oclock [sic] encampt [sic] at Lewsberg 19 miles. It was at the place that Hall Barker threated [sic] to give me a whipping [sic] to he soon blod [sic] out as he comely does.

23 Took up march at 9 oclock [sic] encamped in an old field 15 miles. We had turnips and chicking [sic] and dumplins [sic] for super [sic].

24-25 Took up march this mornng [sic] at 9 oclock [sic] incamped [sic] at Millport. Next mornng [sic] Savage give the boys a lector [sic] concerning leaving ranks going to neighbors [sic] houses an [sic] plundering some looked down. Took up march this mornng [sic] at 9 oclock [sic] and stopt [sic] at greenbrier brig. [sic] We met B.I. Hill, Harve Rogers, Bill Chaistian encamped one mile from the brig. [sic]

26 At this place all day nothing to [illegible].

27 Took up at 1 oclock [sic] arrived at Huntersville at night we here git [sic] something to eat it was verry [sic] good as we have been out some two days.

28 At Huntersville very cold, heavy frost. We are on the green bank ro[~~text cut off~~]

29 Nothing to do all is quiet.

30 Nothing new we have made us a big fire.

November

1 All is quiet to day we are around our fire to night.

2 Nothing to do only to bild [sic] large fires and sleep before them.

3 Nothing new

4 Nothing new

5 Col. Parks came to us we cald [sic] him butcher.

6 Rained most all day very muddy. [sic]

7 No drill to day on account of mud.

8 Drill in the morning.

9-10 Brumbly regiment [sic] left for [illegible] captan [sic] Meadows left for milbar [sic] to git [sic] some clothing. I drawd [sic] one shirt. Lieutenant [sic] Woods left us to day.

11 Left Huntersville for Lewisberg. I having my ankle hurt went with the wagon. We broke down in the mud incamped [sic] in an old field 12 miles.

12 Took up march at 8 oclock [sic] I started with the wagon as I was lame. Tom Murry made me leave it an [sic] march in ranks. encamped in an old field twelve miles.

13 Took up march at 8 oclock [sic] A.M. It was to day that I allmost [sic] give out in my ankle. Encamped one mile from Frankford. Parson Brooks preached for us the ladies of the town came out to see us they sung some nice tunes for us. Our boys behaved nice the girles [sic] was very pritty [sic].

14 Took up march at 8 a.m. and encamped two miles from Lewisberg. It was at this place that I was on gard [sic] the wind blew and rained Waldo reported that his horses was stold [sic] I put on picket to wach [sic] for the thief tho [sic] did not ketch [sic] him it rained all night.

15 Took up march at 8 oclock [sic] an [sic] traveled through Lewisberg encamped three miles this side tho [sic] we was ordered to cross a stream of water which was very full and cold Savage would not cross his men over it as it was dangerous and there was nothing erggin [sic] this charge was a gainst [sic] in the tr[text cut off]

16 Still nere [sic] Lewisberg nothing new

17 Snow at night very cold

18 Still snowing the road is sheet over with ice very cold.

19 Our clothing came to us most all the boys have got something we are happy to night the boys have had a dram they well clothed and a happy set as you every [sic] sean [sic]. I received a letter from L.A.

20 All happy yet

21 It is raining to day

22 The jondice [sic] have broke out on me my skin is yellow as a pumpkin.

23 I still have no appetite [sic] to eat

24 It is very muddy to day I am still sick have not eat anything much

25 Nothing new to day

26 I have begun to eat some

27 Eain [sic] snow and ice

28 The ground is froze over with ice

29 Rain and mud to day

30 Still at this place I went to the river to day.

December

1 Took up march at 8 oclock [sic] a.m. today we crossed the river on horses the horses fel [sic] down and some of the boys was ducked [sic] clothes froze on them encamped on the side of the road.

2 Took up march at 8 oclock [sic] a.m. the roads very muddy [sic] to day traveled twelve miles pass Salt Sulphur Springs.

3-4 Took up march at day light encamped at the Sulphur Springs. I went back to help the wagons up the mountain the ground we had to unload somethings [sic] I was almost froze when I got to fire we burnt some rails [sic] belonging to Riner, paid 25 cents a peace [sic].

5 This morning there was a confusion about haling [sic] baggage we left at day light our company rier [sic] gard [sic] came through Peterstown. Col. Rutlege was taken sick I stopt [sic] to take care of him we stade [sic] with Schoomake and wife they was christian [sic] hearted people the wife was such a one as filles [sic] a house with peace and pleasure and make er [sic] mans [sic] life glide oer [sic] sorrow.

6 Still at Shoomakes, Col. not much better.

7 Col. is better this morning I put some fence that some wagoners [sic] throd [sic] down.

8-9 Took leve [sic] of the good man and woman this morning. Crossed New River stade [sic] all night with a man and his wife and baby. We join the regiment [sic] in the evan [sic] found well orders to go to Charleston S.C. orders to cook four days rashion [sic] in a big stire [sic]. Wil Etter git [sic] a discharg [sic].

10 We moved our baggage to the depptote [sic] it in the car I was bagage [sic] gard [sic] I left at 11 oclock [sic] for Linchberg. [sic]

11 We arrived at Linchberg [sic] at 2 oclock [sic] we here waited for the regmant [sic]. The boys come up at night G.H. got badly hert [sic] by the car running off.

12 I left with the baggage [sic] in the even [sic] arrived at Petersberg [sic] three a m I dont [sic] think I every [sic] sufered [sic] more with cold in my life the air was very cold. reshaped [sic] baggage [sic] and left here in the even [sic] passed the regmant [sic] at Weldon S.C. arrived Wilmington N.C.

15 Crossed cape fure [sic] river erley [sic] this morning loaded the lugage [sic]. Left Wilmington at 10 oclock [sic]. About 10 oclock [sic] in the night our engin [sic] cut loos [sic] and went on after water our car was left acros [sic] the track another engin [sic] was runin [sic] at ful [sic] speed and would a nocked [sic] us off but we roald [sic] the car out of the way. Arrived at Charleston 8 oclock [sic] P.M. encamped in the depot house.

16-18 Left Charleston late in the even [sic] camppt [sic] 3 miles from the city on the battle field of Camden the old diches [sic] is still visable [sic].

19 Left for Pocatolige half past 8 oclock [sic] arrived at Pocatoligo at midnight.

20 Still at the station

21 Nothing new to day

22 R.M. Safley, B.J. Hill discharged I wrote home to day and said I did not want no Jeff Davis at my house.

23 E.W. Safley, B.J. Hill started an [sic] me and Fuget Hayes sent 50.00 dollars home with the boys. Moved 3 miles incamped [sic] in an old field.

24 Drill in the morning. Thomas Brown got shot accidently by [illegible] in Yorks [sic] command.

25 Nothing new today.

26 Army regulations was red [sic] to the camp

27 Washed some today dug some in a well

28 Finished the well to day some of the boys put on extra duty for diging [sic] in the well an [sic] not drilling.

29 Drill in the morning and evening.

30 Drill in the morning and evening

31 Dres [sic] parade in the evening

January 1862

1 We was ordered to hold an election for Mager [sic] but did not have time to count out the vots [sic] we was order to go to gardners [sic] corners as they was fighting at that 10 mils [sic] from us. Arrived there after dark fighting had started we was place in an old field. I lay all night in line of battle without blankets. I was much child. [sic]

2 No yankes [sic] come and we was ordered to fall back one mile. I was vary [sic] hungry. Some boys give me some meat and bread. We got some sweet potatoes to eat.

3 Sent out some picket report no yankeys [sic]

4 We was cald [sic] in to line several times to day tho [sic] did not march.

5 Pickets report no yankes [sic]

6 Yankes [sic] stold [sic] 40 negros last night.

7 Went to pages [sic] point to releave [sic] Guniwine regiment [sic]. We are now in site [sic] of the yankeys [sic] nothing but broad river separating us. Capt. Dillard company went on picket down on the coast.

8 I am at the cowpens. I watched the yankes [sic] all day. Night has come and it is very dark The little animels [sic] is yelping and the sea birds are squeling [sic].

9 Releaved [sic] from my post come in to camps I lay down to sleep.

10 Dillards [sic] men killed two negers [sic] that was trying to git [sic] to the yankeys [sic].

11 I.G. Cunningham, Samuel Barker went to bery [sic] the negr [sic] that was killed. We was releaved [sic] by three companeys [sic] of Col. Fultans [sic] men. arrived at camp at night.

12 I red [sic] a leter [sic] from L.A. in this leter [sic] was the first time that L.A. rote [sic] to me of the little stranger at home.

13 Drill in the morning and evening.

14 Drill in the morning battalion in the evening.

15 Nothin [sic] new to day

16 Raining this morning no drill

17 Rain most all day rote [sic] a letter to father and Sary

18 James Hooney starts home today I sent some of my cloth [sic] and some cotton seed home.

19 Drill in the morning

20 Nothing new to day

21 H.M. Moffitt left for home to day. We went down to pages [sic] point on pickett [sic]. I an [sic] Fate, C.M., Gyp Parks, Chick Howe stood to gether [sic]. It was a stormy and raney [sic] night, one that will try the hart [sic] of a solger [sic]. I got very wet and cold. We could not have fire on pickett. [sic]

- 22 Came in to camp this morning. Dride [sic] myself and went to sleep.
- 23 rained all day and night all is wet.
- 24 Still raining. Order the election for Mager [sic]. I was on picket at confederate hill. I came mitenigh [sic] shooting a dog for a man tho [sic] discovered the mistake.
- 25 Hel [sic] the election elected Tip Falkner.
- 26 Nothing new to day all quiet
- 27 Nothing new today
- 28 All quiet to day nothing new.
- 29 Rain in the morning.
- 30 On picket to day some yankeys [sic] come almost in shooting range of me. Col. Savage under arrest. Mury come down and stade [sic] all night.
- 31 We was releved [sic] by Fultens [sic] men. Went to camp all tired.

February

- 1 All in camp to day resting – it is raining hard to day.
- 2 Still raining tho [sic] it is cold.
- 3 No drill this morning
- 4 Rain last night very gloomy this morning. I have red [sic] some to day.
- 5 Orders to be redy [sic] to march at a moment warning.
- 6 Moved our camping ground some two hundred yards.
- 7 I have red [sic] in fruments [sic] travls where they killed the little and eat [text cut off]
- 8 Rain most all day ever [sic] thing wet and nasty. very cold.
- 9 Still raining and cold.
- 10 Rain all night and keeps coming this morning went to Pages [sic] Point on pickett [sic].
- 11 It has clerd [sic] off the sun shines again.
- 12 [illegible] thing new to day.
- 13 Clear and quiet cold nothing new
- 14 I have red [sic] some in femants [sic] works.
- 15 Raining to day – fighting at Fort Donelson
- 16 Still fighting at fort [sic] Donelson, raining here, snowing at Ft. Donelson

17 Raining very cold – still fight at Donelson

18 Rained most all day Fort Donelson surrendered Buckener [sic] an [sic] most of his command prisoners of war. I received a letter from S.A. stateing [sic] both babes was sick.

19 Yankeys [sic] pickets fired on our pickets to day.

20 We was releved [sic] by Fultens [sic] men to day. returned to camp all tired

21 Rained most all day.

22 Heavy commanding to day orders to be redy [sic] to march at moments [sic] warning

23 Nothing new to day

24 We drawed [sic] money to day I sent some money home by Lieutenant Denton.

25 Nothing new to day.

26 Red [sic] most all day in the Bible.

27 Nothing new to day.

28 Red [sic] some more in the Bible. Cosin [sic] Will went to Coosewhatchee.

March

1 Clear to day. I got news that G.W. Rutlege was ded [sic].

2 We went down on picket to day. I went to Frashers [sic] point. I stad [sic] all night. I was almost froze it rained and snowed the wind was so cold that it numbed me all over while on picket. Fate bout [sic] a fat hen an [sic] we cooked an [sic] et [sic] her with orsters [sic].

3 Came off of pickett [sic] the boys fixt [sic] for me to come home and see all the folks.

4 Nothing new to day.

5 very cold to day.

6 Le Richey started home to day. I came up to camp to prepair [sic] for startin [sic] home.

8 Leave camps at 12 oclok [sic] went to Pocateligo. Left there at three PM. arrived at Savannah late in the even. [sic] I walked out through the city. I found it to be large city in time of peace a place of much business. Leaving at 10 oclock [sic] Pm. [sic] traveled all night.

9 We arrived at Makon [sic] at 3 oclock [sic] Pm. [sic] leaving here at night traveled all night.

10 Arrived at Atlanta late n the even. [sic] walked out through the town and back to the depot. Left at seven oclock [sic] came through Marieta [sic] arrived at Chattanooga.

11 Four oclock [sic] here I met Huston Northcut. Leaving at 7 arrived McMinnville at five pm. gitting [sic] gorse from Uncle Sockly came out home stoped [sic] at James Hills left letters and money. Also stopt [sic] at Miss Huges at midnight.

12 I arrived at my house my wife was comfortly [sic] situated in the bed. besid [sic] her lay my two little boys one two and a half years old the other I never had seen it being 3 monts [sic] old. It was a pleasant looking chap. My oldest child knew me that was beyon [sic] my prediction all so his dog that stays with him knew me. Eating breakfast went over to see my father, mother, brothers and sisters. It was a happy meeting with pa. I went to the cross roads distributed some letters all so I was at Thomas Cunninghams. I found Ann quite sick all glad to see me. I left and went to Carrol [illegible]. I found them all well and glad to see me would have me stay till super [sic] came back home at dark.

13 To day went and helpt [sic] father load some stock. Went to Henrys [sic] Miss R.M. McDanel came and stade [sic] all night with us.

14 Rain all day I stay all day with my wife and little boys. Dan Huges, Mary Vickers, Cousin Cristine, Cousin Lum all here to night Girls and boys take a game of snap.

15 Go up on the river to see Mr. Clendenen and Thomas Brown come back [text cut off]

16 Me and Lum go to see Polley Woodlee.

17 At home this morning a great many persons here to see me. Mrs. Parks Isac Rogers, old man Mitchel I fix up to start, leave at 12 oclock [sic]. Bill and Cousin Lum bring me to McMinnville.

18 I leve [sic] McMinnville at 9 oclock [sic] A.M. arrive at Tulahoma [sic] at 12 oclock [sic] arrive at Chattanooga 11 oclock [sic] Pm. [sic] Lay down in the depot house slep [sic] till 6 a.m.

19 Left Chattanooga at six am. [sic] arrived at Atlanta 4 oclock [sic] P.M. lay over all night.

20 Leaving Atlanta at six A.M. arrived at Macon at 12 oclock [sic] leaving at half past 12 arrived at Savannah 11 oclock [sic]. Pm. [sic] lay over all night.

21 Left Savannah at half past 5 A.M. I learned that the rement [sic] had gone to Bluffton to meet the reported command enemy. I arrived at grayhannill at 12 oclock [sic] and fixt [sic] to go to the rement [sic] but learned that the enemy had not landed and the regment [sic] was coming back to camps at night. Most all the boys came in much woren [sic] out many had their feet badly blistered they traveled some forty miles through deep sands.

22 All is quiet to day most all the boys are sleeping.

23 Colonel Savage took command of us to day after being under arrest some time. Some of the boys went to meeting I stad [sic] at camp and red [sic] some in the bible [sic].

24 Drill in the morning. Dress parade in the even [sic]. Savages was red [sic] on the field he was reprimanded and relst [sic].

25 Company drill in the morning. Battalioin in the evening.

26 Drill very hard the wether [sic] is very warm to day.

27 Skirmish drill in the morning. Battalioin in the evening.

28 Skirmish drill in the morning. Battalioin in the evening.

29 Company in the morning Battalioin in the evening.

30 Sundy [sic], some of the boys is gon [sic] to meeting. I have red [sic] in the Bible.

31 Nothing new to day.

April

1 Yankeys [sic] landed at Pages Point burned [missing] house. Orders to go there. Cooked 2 days rashens [sic] tho [sic] we did no went to the depot with G.W. he started home.

2 Company drill in the morning. Battalioin in the evening.

3 Company drill in the morning.

4 Drill in the morning and evening.

5 Drill again to day. Waldo left his post to day and got a buggy and run all over town. I was one of the police that went after him. Searching the town we caught him at midnight. We put him in the gard [sic] hous [sic]. I retired to rest after a hard walk.

6 Sunday the great battle commenst [sic] at Shiloh Tenn. Our men repulst [sic] them and drove them back to their gunboats. Many of our noble solgers [sic] fel [sic] to rise no more. Among them was the brave and gallient [sic] Albert Sidney Jonson [sic]. his place can not be filled with a better man. Captain Hamer also fel [sic] a victim of horror of war. He is to be lemented [sic] by those who love a friend of the South there was two little girls found dead in the yankey [sic] camps. Cousin Lum Etter was killed or taken prisoner in the battle. Burt Jones was killed our men captured a great many government stores many prisoners among them was preacher Curtis Proffitt who wonce [sic] preached in my neighborhood.

7 The yankeys [sic] was reinforced and fought desperately until 3 oclock [sic] Pm [sic]

8 Nothing new to day.

9 All quiet to day

10 Drill in morning orders to march at 3 o'clock [sic] a.m. to reinforced Beaugard [sic].

11 Went to the depot Sun. midnight left Grayhamhill at 4 o'clock [sic] PM arrived at Charleston 3 o'clock [sic] am.

12 I and [missing] made us a big fire lay down and never waked up until the regiment had gone and left us. We folowed [sic] on and slept in Charleston and got our breakfast found the boys at the depot fixing to start. Left Charleston at 10 o'clock [sic] and arrived at Augusta Ga. three o'clock [sic] AM.

13 Left Augusta at 8 o'clock [sic] am. arrived at Atlanta after dark.

14 Left Atlanta 4 o'clock [sic] am. went seventy five miles towards Chattanooga and turned back to go by the way of Mobile the yanks have got Huntersville Ala. We went 50 miles and turned back and came to Dalton Georgia.

15 Left Dalton and came to Atlanta at sunset leaving in about an hour for Westpoint Ga. We came 60 miles the train run off the track nine boxes turned over killed one man by the name of Green and wounded 25 more, killed seven horses. It is a wonder it did not kill all in the boxes.

16 Still waiting for the boxes to git [sic] redy [sic] to move. Got off at 8 o'clock [sic] A.M. Stopt [sic] at [missing] Georgia. I went up in town and got my diner [sic]. They would not charge me a cent and said they would never take money from a solger [sic]. She said that she had a son out and she would think hard of any person that would not give him something to eat when hungry. The ladies came down to the depot with nice flowers and gave them to the boys. A girl by the name of Ware give me a nice bunch of flowers. Arrived at West Point late in the evening expected to git [sic] something to eat but got nothing.

17 Left West Point 11 o'clock [sic] am. arrived at Montgomery Alabama half past 1 marched to the Boat landing got aboard of the boat and left for Mobile at sundown. The privates was not alloud [sic] to ride up in the cabin and I did not feel hapy [sic] and free lik [sic] I did when I rode on the broad Miss. with the ladies and et [sic] at the first table.

18 Pass Selma at daylight. Bill North got on at Selma he was wounded in the h[  
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19 Arrived at Mobile at sunup. Stade [sic] here all day and night. I went to the hospittle [sic] and say Asa Hill who was there wounded he was kindly treated by the good females of the city.

20 Still here rain most all day. Left Mobile 4 o'clock [sic] pm. stopt [sic] at same station and cooked 24 hours rashens [sic]. left at 3 o'clock [sic] PM. moving on to Corinth

21 We cross the missisipi [sic] valley.

22 The corn was ploud [sic] over once.

23 Got to Corinth at one oclock [sic] A.M. Stade [sic] in the cars till daylight. Cousin Will heard of us came to the cars hunting us. I saw him and knew him by favor. He told me that Lum was lost. I saw L.P. Carson and a great many old acquaintance. [sic] Went out encamped near town.

24 Dresparade [sic] this morning. I went and seed [sic] Ben Mires. He is wounded in the hip and I was glad to see him no wors [sic] than he was. He was glad to see me.

25 Rain all night I went over to Hills regment [sic] and saw the boys.

26 Clear this morning. nothing new.

27 Cousin Will came to see us to day.

28 I went to see Ben Mires again.

29 Orders to move. they did not as we got no wagons.

30 Moved 4 miles on the left wing of the armey [sic] in Pokes [sic] division.

May

1 Left this morning erley [sic] with two days rashens [sic] for a scout and to blockade the ford of Cipress [sic] creek. I traveled all day Tenn. soil among some of the finest timber and best of land after traveling hard to day we being very tired build us a fire and lay myself down to sleep. I having no cover and nothing but the Tenn. soil to sleep on rested well waked up in the morning in the land of my birth.

2 Left for camps 9 miles distant arrived at camp 10 oclock [sic] a.m.

3 We moved our tent some two hundred yards to a beter [sic] place.

4 I went picket out near the enemy. I was detailed to help the doctor take care of the wounded as they was fighting on the right wing of the armey [sic]. We expected to be attacked on the left. all quiet yet.

5 All the regment [sic] is on picket. Rain all night very hard. All is wet and cold, have no shelter.

6 All quiet to day with us.

7 Regment [sic] retern [sic] to camp orders to reorganize.

8 All is confused to day we have to elect officers or have them appointed. This was much against our feeling as we did not like to be compeled [sic] to do anything of the kind. We wished to return home when the present expected battle was fought and reinlist [sic] again as it suited us tho [sic] we was not allowed that privilege but few of our company votted [sic]. I never give a vote in the regment [sic] and I never will under no such a law. Cousin Will was elected Capt. H.L. Sims first lieu. I.M. Parks secon [sic], John H. Akeman third, Cousin Will and H.L. Sims resigned would not except [sic] the

place assigned [sic] them. I think the more of them for not excepting [sic] the office over us under the present circumstances.

9 Fighting the right wing Price and Vandorming killed and taken a good many prisoners and would a captured [sic] some more of the yankees if a deserter had not betrayed [sic] us.

10 All is quiet this morning.

11 Election to be held to fill the place of those who would not except [sic] the offices. I.M. Parks elected captain [sic] Cousin Will first lieu.

12 Orders to cook three days rations [sic] and be ready [sic] to march at a moments [sic] warning up most all night cooking.

13 All resting this enemy reported to be advancing on us. leave at one o'clock [sic] go and take our position in the ditches [sic].

14 Our men taken over hundred head of beef cattle from the yankees [sic]. heavy commanding [sic] to day.

15 I went 2 miles this morning after water and when obtained it was inferior drink there is no good water here. I and Cousin Will went to the 19 regiment [sic] to see Cousin Will. Ike Howard died and was buried [sic] he was a member of Yorks [sic] Company. Our men taken some more cattle [sic] from the yankees [sic].

16 Our regiment [sic] went on picket this morn. The pickets have been fighting some to day. Tom Murry was liberated to day tho [sic] we are not allowed [sic] the privilege [sic] to go home you see a great difference in the privilege of man kind. Our water very scarce here [sic] we have to pack it a long ways. the pickets have fought some to day.

17 We have been digging [sic] in a well. tho [sic] have found no water. the water is very bad. Our men have taken a few prisoners they say the yankees [sic] is advancing. We are ordered to hold an election for a lieutenant our time is out they will not let us go.

18 Our regiment [sic] went on picket we thought the yankees [sic] would attack us tho [sic] our wing had not fought none yet they have been fighting on the write [sic]. The enemy is advancing on us slowly and perhaps we will be engaged [sic] soon. Our regiment [sic] is in camps to night. Had an election and elected Lafayette Hayes secon [sic] lieutenant. Night some pickets have been firing all night. Our regiment [sic] is yet quiet and resting on our bed of earth.

19 Our regiment [sic] is ordered to be in readiness to march. There has been a few yankees [sic] brought in to day. Night has come our regiment [sic] has gone out on picket. It is a very bad night it is raining very hard and we have no shelter.

20 We are all ordered to be ready for a fight. Send off all of the baggage and some cooking utensils. Orders to cook 6 days rations [sic]. We expect an attack soon. There was some two hundred yankees [sic] killed to day an [sic] some taken prisoner.

21 We are all quiet yet. Orders to meet the enemy in morning. Col. Savage made a speach [sic] to us this evening it was animateing [sic] indeed.

22 We are now redy [sic] to be off for the deth [sic] strugel [sic]. I hope to get through safe we did not fight to day on the account of the wright [sic] wing of our army not being successful in gitting [sic] the artilery [sic] through the swamp. It is a raine [sic] night.

23 The pickets have been fighting we lost one man killed and some wounded rained all day and night.

24 The air is pleasant. The yankeys [sic] is reported to be advancing tho [sic] they come slow. The picket fired all night. no damage done. Some of our boys run away. Our new officers takes command of us to day. Our men capterd [sic] one battery and some 90 prisoners to day.

25 Our men taken more prisoners to day. I an [sic] Cousin Will orders come to go to the brestworks [sic]. Returned to campes [sic] in a short time again.

26 Orders come to go on picket. Went out to hold the yankes [sic] in check. No one of us killed to day.

27 Yankes [sic] comenced [sic] shelling us.

28 They run in our pickets they plade [sic] upon us all day with grape canester [sic] and ball. Steve Yates was show in the side. he died the next day. he was a good solger [sic] allso [sic] a man named grissem [sic] and Curley had their legs tore almost off with a grape shot. they died soon after they was hert [sic]. Three others was hert [sic] slitley [sic]. At sun set we came to camps. We are at rest to night for we are much worn out with fatigue and excitement.

29 We are ordered to be ready to march. all is quiet to day at night all are ordered to go to the brest [sic] works. We remained at the diches [sic] untill [sic] eleven oclock [sic] when all of the army had moved off. We withdru [sic] our solgers [sic] from the brestworks [sic] and slowly march off. marched four miles and stopt [sic].

30 At day light I went one mile and got me a good drink of water. it was very good as it was the first I had drank in the state.

June

1 All quiet with us tho [sic] nothing to eat. Some fighting above us today.

2 Still at Tuscumby R. one little beef without salt. Reported that the yan[~~text cut off~~] have us cut off. Ordered to march at 5 PM took up march at the hour, marched all night. I give out in my legs and could not walk. J.B. Ritchey walked and let me ride his horse. it was a great favor as the yankes [sic] was close.

3 We marched all night and next day still nothing to eat. Put up at night lay down to rest.

4 I waked up this morning somewhat rested tho [sic] sore and warty yet we are begin to git [sic] hungry as we have lived some 7 days on a days rashens [sic], save a little beef. We took up march in the morning and joined our Brigade. cooked rashens [sic] and eat plenty and fild [sic] up our gant [sic] stomachs. Night is here and I am permitted to lay down on my bed of erth [sic] without cover tho [sic] I sleep sweetly.

5 We are all quiet and resting from our tiresom [sic] march. Have plenty to eat.

6 Still at this place. all quiet. Yet some of the boys are sick James Green and A.J. More have gone to the hospitle. [sic]

7 Our regment [sic] goes on picket nothing strange has occured [sic] on picket.

8 Returned to our Brigade at Boldin. Yet at this place.

7 Took up march at 1 oclock [sic]. campt [sic] near Guntown. I an [sic] Cousin Will got permishan [sic] to go and stay with Cousin Rogers and family. We arrived there at dark. It had been some 13 years since I had seen Cousin Minervey. She looked familiar tho [sic] somewhat broken. They have a nice family and living in prosperity. We eat plenty and slep [sic] on a fether [sic] bed.

8 Left erly [sic] in the morning joined our regment [sic] 3 miles travel on the march came 8 miles camped near Saltillo at 12 oclock [sic]. have nothing as the wagons have gone ahead.

9 Wagons come back this morning orders to not leave camps. Still at this place. Same except Lamberth deserted.

10 Up this morning at day light marched 12 miles came to Tupelo about one oclock [sic] then marched 3 miles west of the place encamped near Bare creek. Water is bad at this place and scarce.

11 Wether [sic] is warm all resting.

12 I went to hunt me some water and found me a sane [sic]. came back and went a fishing tho [sic] we never caught many.

13 C.D. Carson came to see us to day he staid [sic] till late I was on gard [sic] today

14 Skirmish drill in the morning. We got some cooking utencils [sic] to day. Went to the creek and washed off.

15 H.R. Bess died to day. I went to dig his grave.

16 We went and bered [sic] Bess in a very desen [sic] maner [sic]. He had a coffin and nice cloth [sic]. I puled [sic] off my shirt and washed it, as I have no other in my possession. I have at this time one shirt, one pair of pants, one coat, no blanket. You see I don't have much trouble in caring [sic] my clothing.

17 Nothing new. Dresperade [sic].

- 18 Some rain this morning Drill to day.
- 19 It is clear and pleasant this morning. Drill today.
- 20 Company drill in the morning, Battalion in the evening.
- 21 Drill again
- 22 Orders to cook 6 days rations [sic].
- 23 Drill in morning
- 24 Went on picket on bare creek
- 25 I went out in the country and got some plums.
- 26 We was released from picket and came to camp.
- 27 Bilt [sic] us a shed to lie under. We are all under our great shed. The wether [sic] is oncomon [sic] hot. I have had a tooth [sic] broke off and my jaw paines [sic] me much.
- 28 Drill to day very hot to day. I am some better with my jaw.
- 29 Sunday clear and very warm. Drill in the even [sic]. An old man comes from our county and says the yankees [sic] was camped at McMinnville in rought [sic] to Chattanooga. He said that they was taking men, property and many deppredation [sic] upon our rights.
- 30 All of our brigade went out to be reviewed by Mager [sic] General Poke [sic] and by Brigader [sic] Donelson. It was so hot we allmost [sic] melted. We was inspected guns., canteens, knapsacks, clothing and all some of us was what we had on.
- July
- 1 Cloudy this morning. Some rain. My jaw has hert [sic] me all day and night. Battalion drill in the evening. News that they are fighting at Richmon [sic].
- 2 Battalion and company drill.
- 3 Wether [sic] very hot
- 4 We was expecting to here [sic] some cannon fire to day tho [sic] they was none.
- 5 News to day that our victory is compleat [sic] at Richmon [sic] over McClelen [sic] and his retreating army. Many canons [sic] have been fired in behalf of the news. I trust it is so.
- 6 Still after McClelen [sic] army. We went on picket again on Bare Creek. hot weth [sic]
- 7 Still on picket, all quiet.
- 8 We was releaved [sic] this morning by Col. Chester. Come to camp and washed.
- 9 Drill this morning. wether [sic] is very warm the night extremely hot.

10 Cloudy this morning and has rained some. Our regiment [sic] was inspected.

11 There was a man preached in our reg. to night. His name was Lane. He was a plane [sic] man also [sic] a soldier [sic]. His surmount [sic] was very good.

12 This is wash day. We have not much to wash. Drill in the evening.

13 Drill today

14 We have to clean up our camps, and all around the Regiment [sic]. I have been policeing [sic] this evening.

15 Dressparade [sic] in the evening. Orders red [sic] to men all in our Brigade over 35 and under 18 years of age and turn them loose [sic].

16 The men was sworn to day to give a statement of their age. 13 in this company loosed [sic].

17 It has rained a good rain after a drouth [sic] of near two months save a few tite [sic] sprinkles. Also the wether [sic] has been very hot. Mr. H.L. Hays has taken command of us as secon [sic] Lieu. [sic] Harve Buling died last night. He was orderly Sergeant [sic] in Cap. Vance Company.

18 I went to gard [sic] a cornfield to keep the boys from stealing the corn. There was some wimen [sic] come along and give me some apples. One of them had with her a little babe.

19 Brigader [sic] drill to day. General [sic] review in the evening.

20 Perry and Brown put on extry [sic] duty for not answering to their name.

21 Wether [sic] very hot. Ordered to cook 3 days rations and be redy [sic] to march erly [sic] tomorrow up most all night cooking.

22 At two am. all up we drawed a few cloth [sic] 6 pair of pants to the company a few shoes a few drawrs [sic]. I got one pair of pants. needed a shirt very much but they was none for me. At daylight loaded bagage [sic] and left for the depot. marched 4 miles and taken the cars at Tupelo. Left at 9 A.M. today. we crost [sic] Missisipi [sic] valley. It was in all its lovelyness [sic] the fields was beautiful covered with corn in ful [sic] roasting [sic] ears. In the evening the car made a halt near a peach orchard. Its fruit was tempting. I could not bare [sic] the temptation. I mounted the fence and filling my hat returned to car. Capt. Parks was arrested and most of companys [sic]. Stopt [sic] at station 219 miles from Mobile.

23 Today we traveled through some of the finest of country and some of the poorest [sic] of land. the country is very level. the poor part and thinly settled. It is a fine grazeing [sic] country. Timber is allmost [sic] universely long leaf pine, save the swamp the groth [sic] in it is maple. Willer [sic], oak, elm and sewat [sic] gum. We arrived at Mobile 9

P.M. marched off got aboard [sic] of a boat. Lay down and slep [sic] the remainder of the night. I rested myself upon the bow of the boat.

24 I woke up this morning somewhat rested. The boat is fixing to git [sic] off they cant [sic] carry us to Montgomery. We git [sic] aboard [sic] of another left [illegible] at 2 Pm. came across the bay 25 miles to the Rale [sic] Rode [sic] got aboard [sic] of the cars come through one corner of Florda [sic]. The section is mostly poor and pine We traveled in open boxes was much crowded. I could not sleep and had a good opportunity of seeing the country as I past [sic] along. We changed engines at Pollerd after leaving this we got down a mountain and dont [sic] think I ever saw a car run as fast. I think she run at the rate of sixty miles and [sic] hour. I was frightful to see the wheels jump. I felt uneasy the most of the rest of the boys knew nothing about it as they was sound asleep.

25 At daylight this morning we came in a nice country. The corn in places was very fine. arrived at Montgomery at 9 A.M. Come from one depot to the other. I went to the river and washed off. Left Montgomery at 2 PM. Some of the crops look fine some look bad. Arrived at West Point 9 P.M.

26 Left West Point between midnight and day. I lay on top of the car all night. Country is mostly poor. Arrived at Atlanta at 9 oclock [sic] in the morning. left there 2 P.M. Great rejoyosing [sic] on the way. The ladies was on all sides of the road chering [sic] us and gave us aples [sic] and many other things.

26 I was awake when I came through Dalton allso [sic] awake when I cam [sic] to Chattanooga.

27 Arrived at Chattanooga at 4 A.M. At day light went and took a good wash. Left town encamped on Chattanooga Creek. I went back in town bought one peck of irish [sic] potatoes give oner dollar for them.

28 Wash my shirt to day. I have no other to put on while it is drying.

29 R.W. Safley left for home this morning. Rob Bess and John are on extra duty for not being present when the role was cald [sic]. They knew nothing of the role calling.

30 I and Cousin Will got permission to go and see Aunt Poley and Cousin Caratin and Mrgret [sic]. They was very happy to see us Aunt put me in mind of old Miss Sterlens. Returned to our camps at sunset. This has b[text cut off] a day of recreation to us. We had aples [sic] peaches and a good diner [sic].

31 Made and eat a pit out of the aples [sic] that Aunt Polley give us. Gant Brown came to see us. Rain some to day.

August

1 James Hughs of Altamont came to see us and Old Phillip Hugh of Warren came to see us. Rained most al [sic] night.

2 Carol Parks and Marten Hays came to see us. They brought us fresh news form home. Good tideings [sic] to the boys in camps.

3 Sunday. Preaching in the regiment [sic]. John Akemon old man akeman and [illegible] Turner wifes come to see them. Allso [sic] David Safley came with them.

4 We lern [sic] that the enemy is at McMinville. Drill to day.

5 Move to a new camping place one mile and a half. News come that the yankes [sic] had advanced to the Cross Roads. I am on gard [sic] to day. A good many sitens [sic] come in to see us drill in the evening.

6 Drill to day.

7 We clean off a drill ground to day. a little rain, very warm.

8 Dresparade [sic] in the evening.

9 Went in town to day went to work at a slaughter pen. Tho [sic] did not work at it on the account of it being so nasty we was releaved [sic]. Went in a washing in Tennessee river. Returned to camps at dark.

10 Cousin Will and J.B. Rithcey went to Cravins to day some of our sitens [sic] started home to day. I went on Tallers Ridge and got some peaches Returned to camps and baked a pie. The country that I went over reminded me of the riges [sic] in Arkansas.

11 Drill in the morning. We have to cleen [sic] up our guns. Dresprade [sic] in evening. Some of Brusters [sic] men came in our camps to day Report many yankes [sic] in our country. They say they are laying wast [sic] all as they go.

12 I went on the mountain and got some peches [sic]. Baked a pie out of them it was extry [sic] good. Drill in the evening.

13 I was detaled [sic] to go to Chattanooga on fatigue duty. I loded [sic] suger [sic] and bred [sic] up most all day. Went in a washing in the river returned to camp

14 We turn up in our old gunes [sic] that we have had ever sence [sic] we have been in the servis [sic]. We get in place of them endfield [sic] Rifles. that had never been used any. The boys are proud of them.

15 Our wagons arrived her [sic] to day. Some sitense [sic] came in to see us. Had a peach pie for diner [sic]. dresprade [sic].

16 Orders come to us this morning at daylight to be redy [sic] to march at 8 A.M. Pack up our things. No trunks aloud [sic] to be hauld [sic] and onley [sic] one wagon to the one hundred men. We have to leve [sic] some of our blankets. Leve [sic] at 8 A.M. march to Chattanooga. Cross the river came out on this side 2 miles encamped. Got some peaches and made us a pie. Went and stade [sic] picket all night.

17 Came off of picket this morning at 8 a.m. I got some peaches made a pie for diner [sic] all quiet in camp. News came to me that all I had was destroyed [sic] by the yankes [sic]. We expect to find the country lade [sic] wast [sic].

18 Some young men brought in as prisoners. They were caught trying to shoot our picket. Orders to cook and be redy [sic] to march at daylight.

19 All up at 3 A.M. Drew some clothing, pants, shoos [sic] and drawers no shirts. Put on a peach pie tho [sic] did not have time to bake it. We left at 11 A.M. Came the Harrison road the country is full of riges [sic] and very rocky [sic] though there is some good lands an [sic] a creek. Came 12 miles encamp one mile from Harrison Ferry.

20 I wake up this morning very sore feet verry [sic] sore. Bake a good pie. We have the finest spring you ever seen. All resting come of the wagon brake [sic] down some of them have not yet arrived. I got my diner [sic]. I and the rest of the boys went to the river to wash off. I swam across and back agan [sic]. One of our men in the Brigade was shot on the wayside on the march suposed [sic] to be shot by a younion [sic] man. Some of our men went to look for him tho [sic] we have not found the thief.

21 Still at camps near Harrison Ferry. orders came to us after we had lade [sic] down to sleep to be redy [sic] to march at daylight.

22 All up at 4 A.M. giting [sic] something to eat and loading the wagons. L [text cut off] camps at 9 A.M. Came the Washington road. The country we came through to day is very broken and rocky [sic] and poor some of the hills are covered with white flint graveld [sic] timberd [sic] mostly post oak and blackjack. Took up camps near Waldens Rige [sic] I went out on picket at a bank near the top of the mountain. In the evening I went out on top of the mountain. I found nothing but one house inhabited by one woman and 4 little children, and one old man that was cripeld [sic] they was verry [sic] poor tho [sic] of union centiments [sic] I was sorry for them. All tho [sic] they was against us I wanted something to they said if they had it they would give it to me. I returned to picket post and stade [sic] all night it rained all night.

23 I was releaved [sic] on post at 8 A.M. Returned to camps. They was inspe[text cut off] arms I washed my shirt and pants without soap. Battalion in the evening Orders red [sic] to take two men from each company to go to the artilery [sic]. 15 men went out of our regiment [sic]. We drew ration to day after being without for 24 hours.

24 There was a man preached in the regiment [sic] by the name of Cross. He preached very well tho [sic] his [illegible] was most to [sic] fine to suit us. There was an old man came in from our country he reports the yankes [sic] leaving McMinnville. Weather warm and dry.

25 Drill this morning I did not go out I stade [sic] in camps to bake a pie out of some apples that we bout [sic]. everything we git [sic] is high this is a union settlement. It is the place where Colonel Clift made up his union Battalion. Some wimen [sic] came in

camps to day to hunt connection, though they looked as if they did not care who they found.

26 Still at this place. Drill morning and evening. Bill Hunley from McMinnville came in camps to day he says the yankees [sic] left Sunday in quick time.

27 [illegible] am detaled [sic] to go on picket. I have to go on Walden Ridge. I went out to a house I found an old man one women severel [sic] children. Her husband had went to the yankee [sic] army [sic]. She said he was ded [sic]. She said that she [text cut off] in favor of the South and done all she could to keep him with her tho [sic] [text cut off] her influence prevaled [sic] not. I could not help feeling sorry for this pore [sic] woman. She has 5 little children none able to help her. She was rased [sic] East Tenn. where our kindfolks lived.

28 Drill to day.

29 All up this morning cooking us a peach pie. I wash my shirt and p[text cut off] tho [sic] we have no soap to wash with. Samuel McCorkle is missing we think he gone home. Savage ses [sic] he will shoot him if he gits [sic] him. We are for bid to go in any cornfield or orcherd [sic] we pass by. All the fine peaches and not git [sic] any to eat.

30 Ordered to cook 2 days rations and be redy [sic] to march at 4 oclock [sic].

31 All up and redy [sic] to start at 3 A.M. Off on the march we take the m[text cut off] tain [sic] at daylight. It was very steep my knapsack is heavy and three days ration made me swet [sic] very much. There is a great deal of fine fruit on the mount tho [sic] we was not allowed to brake [sic] ranks to git [sic] water we allmost [sic] perist [sic] for water. We came over the mountain without water. Arrived on this side half past one P.M. encamped at Young James Roberts 4 miles bel[text cut off] Pikeville. C.M. Rutledge went to see some of his kin folks. The days [sic] march was some 19 miles.

September

1 All up half past 3 A.M. Pack up march at 4 A.M. came through Pikevi[text cut off] encamp at 11 A.M. the valley is a dark spot of the world the people are mostly union men.

2 Left Pikeville one hour by sun it being very hot our lods [sic] being hevly [sic] I was very wet with swet [sic] when I got at the top of the mountain traveled all night many of the men fell out not being able to keep up with us I never was much more worn out in my life. After moon down it [text cut off] so dark that I could not see the road we was halted at the top of the mountain and wated [sic] untill [sic] marched down encamp[ sic] on Cane Creek the day and nights [sic] march has been 30 miles.

3 At this place all day many ladies have come in to see us.

4 Left at 8 A.M. the rode [sic] has been lined with mothers, sisters. Many have prest [sic] their son to them a solger [sic] as when he was an infint [sic]. I have felt for them much. Encamped nere [sic] Sparta 11 miles march.

5 The camps have been full of wimen [sic] all day wives have come, brother sisters fathers have all come. Tho [sic] I see none of my folks.

6 Left Sparta at 6 oclock [sic] A.M. The rode [sic] was very dusty. Many came to see us travel 18 miles encamp on Kne [sic] branch. Father and Uncle came to see us. It was a hapy [sic] meeting.

7 Took up march at 4 A.M. Uncle and Father travel with us. I an [sic] Cousin Will go in the rear with our pas. They give us all the news of our country allso [sic] what the yankes [sic] done in that part. Encamped at Culblin R. I and Cosin [sic] Will started over the river to git [sic] feed for some horses. Cosin [sic] W. got throwed out in the river with his cloth [sic] on. I got the corn came back at dark.

8 All up at 2 A.M. I go on gard [sic]. father and uncle leve [sic] us for home. We leve [sic] camp at 10 a.m. encamp 6 p.m. I stand gard [sic] all night. I found a spring that turnes [sic] a mill then enters the erth [sic] again thirty paces from its head.

9 Up erly [sic] travel through the hills that are very rough. cross over them and then pass over a poor county. March hard all day encamped on Kentucky soil. At Tomkinsville [sic] after a march of 23 miles. I slep [sic] all night on my knap.

10 We are ordered to wash our cloth[illegible] this place.

11 Draw half ration. Leve [sic] at 10 a.m. we came through some fine country The crops very good encamped 12 miles from Tomkinsville [sic]. I went out to hunt something to eat I found nothing. They are only giving half ration

12 Start at 4 a.m. the crops are fine. We got to Galssgo [sic]. We are tired and hungry marched 18 miles.

13 All up erly [sic] in morning. orders to move orders was red [sic] to us of a man being shot for breaking in a hous [sic] near Pikesville and abusing the wimen [sic] with abusine [sic] language.

14 Some of our troops have captured some yankees [sic] at Mumfordville [sic] Ky. We leve [sic] camps came one mile encamped. I stand gard [sic] all night. We cook ration most all night.

15 Orders to leeve [sic] at half past 11 A.M. took up march at 12. Took the road to Mumfordville [sic] met old yankey [sic] Smith. He was arrested.

16 Took up march at daylight. We march hard all day until 10 oclock [sic] in night we gained our position. Capt. Low was killed as more men wound by some of our pickets accidently.

17 We moved at 2 A.M. Lay down and slept untill [sic] daylight. We got ord[illegible] to move back to Mumfordville [sic]. It comest [sic] raining we bilt [sic] us a large fire I slept sound all night tho [sic] it rained all night.

18 I waked up this mornig much rested after a good nights [sic] rest altho [sic] I lay in wet cloth [sic] all night there is a fine spring at this place.

19 Leave at daylight for Mumfordville [sic] as think Buel [sic] is coming that way arrive at 10 a.m. Drew two days rations cook them. Cousin Tom Miller come to see me to day orders to move

20 All up erley [sic] prepare to meet Buel [sic]. LEEVE [sic] at 5 P.M. travel in the direction of Louisville Ky. move in quick time march until midnight. March 25 miles encamp at Olin a little town.

21 Took up march at daylight. Came through a town named Hoggisville encamped at sunset 15 miles march. The lands are fine.

22 Took up march at 4 a.m. march very hard travel throg [sic] a beautiful valley that runs throught [sic] rough riges [sic]. We call it happy valley as the people look like they live without trouble here.

23 We have no rations. Stay at this place. Came through Barg [sic] town nothing to eat lay down to rest.

24 Up erley [sic] in the morning draw and cook rations. Som [sic] yankees [sic] passed us going home. They was paroled we have stoped [sic] at this place.

25 Nothing new to day. Still at Bargetown.

26 Dresparade [sic] orders red [sic] in the evening for inspection of arms and ol[  
off]

27 Inspection everything in good order. Orders to be redy [sic] to move.

28 Raining this morning. Cousin Will relest [sic] from under gard [sic]. Charley Rutledge has a very sore throt [sic].

29 Nothing new to day.

30 Drill in the morning.

October

1 Orders to move to a new camping ground.

2 Drill in morning. orders to move at a moments [sic] warnan [sic].

3 Orders to wash our cloth [sic].

4 Took march at 4 A.M. traveled through a good country.

July 1863

6 Left here at 2 P.M. Cross Colins River at sunsit [sic]. Went and stade [sic] all night with Will Medows.

7 Left here erly [sic] in the morning came to Eligh Martins. At that place I met the others then we came to the scoolhou[sic] near Losen Mills. There we stade [sic] all night.

8 All up erly [sic] in the morning expecting to cross Cumblin mount. Left at 12 oclock . came out on top of the mountain took camp near James Hill I went and stade [sic] all night at his house. I enjoyed a pleasant nights [sic] rest and a sweet convercesion [sic] with him and pleasant family.

9 I took leve [sic] of this pleasant family at day light and joined the other boys at Hanibal Greens. We eat our breakfas [sic] and took up our march across the mountain. On the mountain we fell in with Jacson Wright, Jack Teller and some others. Old Philip Hughs caught up with us. We camp at night at Sam Roberson.

10 Left Robersons erly [sic] in the morning. Came over Waldens Ridge. We met Caffey Cavelry [sic] coming back to Tenn. on a scout. We camped at Popes at this place I met up with Geo. Cane and I sold my bay mare to John Cunningham for two hund [sic]. Left Pops after breakfast. Came to Tenn.. River croost [sic] one hour by sun. I looked around in Chattanooga. I left that place come out in cerch [sic] for the reg. I found them at dark in the same camping ground that we left when we left this place for Ky. the fall previous. It was a happy meeting with me and the boys I had been away from the regiment sens [sic] 8th of Oct. 1862. I was wounded on that day and never had been able to be up with and I was very week [sic] when I came to them. At that time I felt very proud to meet my old friends a[text cut off] I had been away from camp life so long that all things seem new to me.

11 I secon [sic] time enterd [sic] upon this [illegible] struggle [sic] that has caus [sic] me so much sorrow and deth [sic] among all us boys is yet in good spirts [sic]. Though there is many that once was with me that is no more. They have gone by desese [sic]

February 1864

12 I am not well to day my wounds is hurting me.

13 All quiet with us the wether [sic] is very warm.

14 Nothing new

15 There came orders to cary [sic] stock off down soth [sic] to feed and paster [sic] them. I am orderd [sic] to take and [sic] ambulance and drive it. We are to leve [sic] here in a few days. We will go to Lafayette in Georgia some 30 miles from here.

16 We left Chattanooga for Lafayette Ga. the wether [sic] is very warm.

17 We arrived at Lafayette at night it is a very nice little town. The country is a very fine one. The people are very clever at this place I enjoyed my self fine. I got plenty of peaches and aples [sic] and the boys made a barbecue and a grate [sic] many of the ladies came out to see us eat diner [sic]. I found the people plane [sic] and social stade [sic] at this place some time untill [sic] the last of August then I was orderd [sic] up to Chattanooga I found the boys all doing tolerable well.

September 1864

1 Bill was taken sick very bad off.

2 All is quiet with us to day.

3 Bill is no better

4 Bill is getting worse I got permishion [sic] to take him up to Aunt Poley

5 I take Bill up on the mountain.

6 The yankees [sic] sheling [sic] Chattanooga. I went up to see Bill. We have orders to lode [sic] up the wagons.

7 We are orderd [sic] to be redy [sic] to leeve [sic] at a moment warning.

8 All up at daylight. We are gerd [sic] up and redy [sic] to start. We leve [sic] at 8 a.m. We move on very quiet. The roads are very dusty. We travel very slow. We came 12 miles encampd [sic] at Gordens Springs. On this march some of the boys left us. We march 13 miles encamped at Gordon Mill on Chickamauga creek.

9 All up erly [sic]. The Regt. went out on picket to crawfish spring. We are looking to pull back to LaFayette Go. in Walker county.

10 Orders to be redy [sic] to move at a moment warning. All have got every thing redy [sic] to start. We leve [sic] at 9 oclock [sic] P.M. we travel all night arrived at LaFayette at daylight encampd [sic]. distance 15 miles.

11 Moved one mile from town encamped. We are all resting. Cook ration.

12 We cook ration again to day.

13 Our army moved back to Rock Springs to meet the enemy. No fighting

14 We cook rations all day. I am very tired to night. The boys came in at night they are all covered with dust.

15 Cousin John and Augustus came to see me to day it is the first time I ever saw them. They are fine looking boys. Allso [sic] Cousin Tom Miller came to see us. Forest [sic] has been fighting he is wounded.

16 Move to another campe [sic] ground one mile. Cook rations.

17 Cook rations. The wagons leve [sic] at 5 p.m. travel over Tallors Ridge after night the roads are very rough. Mort Hays is very sick we hall [sic] him in the wagons.

18 Got to Gordons Springs at 2 oclock [sic] A.M. I am very much worn out we hit up and move 2 miles stop and cook rations.

19 The fight comest [sic] at daylight and rages with fury many of our men are killed. The yankes [sic] are hard to move at 10 oclock [sic] A.M. they are still hold their ground. 2

oclock [sic] P.M. yankees [sic] give way. We win posesion [sic] of the Battlefield on their left wing. Brigdier [sic] Gen. Smith was killed by the yankes [sic]. A great many of our men are killed. At night Buckiner [sic] charged there [sic] right wing and took their brestworks [sic] they was compelled to give up all of their ground and leve [sic] their ded [sic] and wounded in our hands. They lost a great many pieces of artillery. Capton [sic] J.M. Parks was mortle [sic] wounded. night has come and the battle has sesed [sic]. the wound to die and the wery [sic] to rest.

20 At daylight our men are roused from their humble rest to renew the bloody contest again. The fight comest [sic] at daylight. The yankes [sic] are falli[text cut off] back in great disorder there has been a great many yankes [sic] killed and wounded to day. The battle has been sevier [sic] all day. night has come once more and we have laid our wery [sic] frames down to rest to grieve and weep for lost friends that have fell to rise no more. O how we grieve for our friends. C.M. Rutledge is wounded. A good many others of the neighborho[text cut off] The yankes [sic] have fell back to Chattanooga.

21 Our men are much worn out we are in good spirits our vicktory [sic] is complet [sic] so far our men have followed them across Mishenary [sic] Ridge. Capt. J.M. Parks died to day. We have orders to move the wagons. We left at 10 a.m. came over the Ridge. The roads are very dusty. came through Ringo[text cut off] encampt [sic] at Greenville traveled 20 miles from where we started.

22 The yankees [sic] are in there [sic] brestwork [sic] at Chattanooga. Our men have move across mishenary [sic] ridge. There is some picket fighting. We have orders to move the wagons to shalow [sic] ford 6 miles from Chattanooga. Leeve [sic] at 10 a.m. travel 7 miles encamp at shallow ford.

23 All quiet to day cook rations.

24 Cook rations again to day. I received news to day that Captain J.M. Parks is ded [sic]. We mourn his loss and his place canot [sic] be fild [sic] with a better man. He given up his life for his country and died with a clear hope of that blest [sic] world of peace and blessing.

25 All is quiet with us to day.

26 Cook ration to day some commanding [sic] to day.

27 All is quiet in front our men are building brestworks [sic].

28 Some stir among our men to day.

29 The yankes [sic] come out of there [sic] brestworks [sic].

30 It has comest [sic] raining after a dry spell of some eight weeks. We are proud to see some rain after so much dry wether [sic]. Rain all day.

October

1 Still raining to day.

2 I go out to git [sic] come corn. I load 9 wagons return to camp at dark.

3 The regment [sic] came in off picket the regment [sic] has been on picket ever sense [sic] the Battle of Chickmauga [sic]. They have not had a chance to wash there [sic] cloth [sic] or a shirt.

4 I go upon Lookout Mount to see Aunt Polley and to take a look at the yankes [sic]. I have had an interesting view of them. I have seen all of there [sic] brestworks [sic]. I find them strongly fortified. I allso [sic] met with Uncle Will Shelley. It is the first time that I ever saw him. I find him a lively old coon. He looks quiet [sic] grey he is in the servis [sic].

5 All is quiet heavy frost this morning. Our men shell the yankees [sic] to day.

6 Heavy frost again

7 Comest [sic] raining slowly

8 Still raining

9 All quiet to day.

10 The regment [sic] came in off picket to wash there [sic] clothing.

11 Jef Davis came to this part of the armey [sic] to day.

12 We are all quiet I have red [sic] the book of Isaih [sic] most through to day as it is Sundy [sic]. Comest [sic] raining at night rained all night.

13 Still raining very hard.

14 Still raining the water is getting very high.

15 Still raining the roads allmost [sic] impassable. The bridge across the Chickamauga creek washed away to day. The regment [sic] is on one side and we are on another. We are orderd [sic] to load up the wagons the water is gitt[~~text cut off~~] almost up to our camps.

16 It seaced [sic] raining. We move one mile to another camp ground.

17 The morning is very nice and all is pleasant.

18 Comest [sic] raining again the rods [sic] is very muddy [sic].

19 Some frost this morning. There has been some wimen [sic] here hunting something to eat.

20 Some of the regment [sic] come in to wash. The Yankes [sic] have shelled the point of Lookout Mount.

21 Our men come in to wash to day.

22 Some shelling to day. I carred [sic] some clothing to the boys.

23 Comest [sic] raining. We got orders to be redy [sic] to move. We are all very busy cooking rations.

24 Orders come to send all the ambulances to Charleston Tenn.

25 The ambulance train left at daylight. The roads are very muddy [sic].

26 Some shelling today.

27 Some heavy fighting at the point of Lookout Mountain.

28 Orders come to load up the wagons to be redy [sic] to start at daylight.

29 Left Chickmauga [sic] at 4 oclock [sic] a.m. we had very good luck came 25 miles encamped at Cleveland Tenn.

30 Left at daylight. We came through a fine country arrived at Charleston seven a.m. This is the first time that I have been in camps with the boys since the Chickmauga [sic] fight.

31 All a doing well.

November

1 Nothing new today.

2 I went out to git [sic] some corn.

3 I stay in camps all day.

4 All quiet

5 I went out to git [sic] some hay

6 I left camps at daylight and went in cerch [sic] f corn. I got in amon [sic] the younion [sic] part of this country. I went in among the bushwhackers. The tories [sic] shot one of our men yesterdy [sic] and killed him.

7 All quiet to day.

8 Nothing new

9 Shelling at Chattanooga

10 I wash some cloth [sic] to day.

11 All quiet

12 The boys drill to day.

13 The water is very high

14 I go a foraging to day

15 Nothing new

16 All quiet

17 There has been heavy commanding [sic] to day.

18 All quiet to day

19 Orders to be redy [sic] to move in a few days.

20 All resting quiet

21 Nothing new

22 I returned from the Tanyard. I got very wet in my trip.

23 The waters are very high. Orders to load up the wagons and be redy [sic] to start.

24 Left at daylight travel very fast my wagons was very heavy loaded travel untill [sic] 9 oclock [sic] in the night. encamp near [missing] The yankes [sic] was in three miles of us tho [sic] we did not now it we lay down to rest as I was tired.

25 I was waked up at 2 oclock [sic] was ordered to leave the mules in the ut[text cut off] heat most all the boys did not believe the report to be true. We left at 3 a.m. taken a by road across an uncomon [sic] rough ridge At daylight we succeeded [sic] in crosing [sic] the rig [sic] and intersecting the mane [sic] road that leed [sic] fr[text cut off] Clevelin [sic] Tenn. to Ringold Ga. We came on quite fast in consideration th[text cut off] our lods [sic] was heavy and the mules was worn out. At sunup the yankes [sic] was reported near by At 8 oclock [sic] a.m. some of the wagons mired up in mud I being the rear wagons had to stop untill [sic] the wagon could be got out of t[text cut off] road. While some of the boys was at work gitting [sic] the wagon out of the [text cut off] the yankes [sic] come in ful [sic] sail sword in hand. We being but a few had no power against many and allso [sic] we was unarmed. Nothing but a hasty flight could save us from imediate [sic] captivity. I nearby made my escape to a pi[text cut off] thicket wher [sic] I lay in conselement [sic] untill [sic] they was gone. I saw them burn all the bagage [sic]. As soon as they lef [sic] I return to the place where the wagons was burned. I gathered up some fragmants [sic] of what they lef [sic] such as cooking utencils [sic]. This the day of the fight at Mishenary [sic] Ridge. This was a fatal battle to us our men was whiped [sic] from all there [sic] positi[text cut off] and our regt. was not in the regular ingagement [sic]. At night I took up lo[text cut off] with a man named Blackburn where the wagons was burned up.

26 Heavy frost and very cold. I am still at this place. I gathering up some of the scattering fragments. I stay all day. I have been treated with great kindness by the lady and jentleman [sic] and his family. If I was to go here by them I think I would stop one night with them. I left at dark traveled all night came up with the Hill regt. near Tusey Springs.

27 Daylight near Varnell Station 11 miles from Dalton Ga. I came on from Varnell Station in cerch [sic] of my command. I travel all day I found the regt [sic] at 9 oclock [sic]. I am much worn out as I have had no rest in several nights. I found most all the boys well tho [sic] like myself a good many of the boys have runaway [sic].

28 I lay and slep [sic] very sound last night tho [sic] it rained all night.

29 We are all quiet and resting

30 Nothing new

December 1863

1 All Quiet

2 News is that the yankees [sic] have fell back.

3 I went to Hills [sic] Regiment to git [sic] some thing that I left with them returned to Dalton at dark.

4 I went out to git [sic] something to eat I found nothing

5 I go out a gain [sic] to git [sic] some thing We got a fine muton [sic], paid ten dollars it was the cheapest artical [sic] we have bout [sic]. It was glorious meet [sic] to us we have been without some days.

6 All quiet to day

7 We have been building us a cabin to stay in have got it most done. git [sic] orders to leve [sic].

8 It is a raining this morning we don't have to move. We drew some meet [sic] after doing without more than a week some of the boys went to clean off a new camping ground.

9 Still raining some. We fix to move. The roads are very muddy [sic]. Comes [text cut off] building our cabin all buisey [sic].

10 We went to work erley [sic] in the morning. We have got our cabin up and coverd [sic] and redy [sic] to put the chimney to it.

11 Comest [sic] the chimney work all day hard. At night we have us a nice hous [sic] everything is complet [sic] everything looks nice. Our bed is composed of some chestnut [missing] that we have made we have raised it up off of the ground coverd [sic] it with sage grass. We have got a big fire took our seet [sic] before it and feel with great obligation to our Heavenly father for giving us the comfortable dweling [sic] that I now sit in. Those that enjoy the cabin with is Bill A D. Ware David Miller W.H. Russel.

12 We are all quiet and resting. We are not gitting [sic] much to eat

13 Clean up the camping ground

14 Very cold and heavy frost at night.

15 I heard from home and lern [sic] that Joseph Furn is kill. Ther [sic] was a man came through from our neighbourhood [sic] he was wounded in hellers rade [sic] and lef [sic] when he got well enough to travel he came out and wrote to us

16 All quiet

17 Nothing new

18 Nothing new

19 Wether [sic] very nice

20 We have got orders to build a mule shead [sic].

21 I went to get some bords [sic].

22 I am still getting [sic] bords [sic].

23 Still giting [sic] boards.

24 Rained all day did not work

25 This is Christmas the boys have got some whiskey and some are tite [sic] and others feel there [sic] liqor [sic]. It is very nice day. We have some potatoes for diner [sic]. There is much difference in Christmas here and home.

26 All quiet

27 Comest [sic] raining last night the wether [sic] is unpleasant.

28 Still raining we arenot [sic] giting [sic] much to eat.

29 It has quit raining the wether [sic] is very cold.

30 All quiet comest [sic] raining. We have got some more to eat to day.

31 Rain again.

January 1864

1 The wether [sic] is excessive cold. It has quit raining the ground is ve[text cut off] hard froze we are all shivering around the fire.

2 It is still very cold

3 We are gitting [sic] wood

4 Still raining some sleet and snow with it the wether [sic] is unpleasant

5 Still raining no meet [sic] to eat.

6 Snowed some very cold

7 All quiet

8 The wether [sic] is excessive cold

9 Nothing new

10 Wether [sic] cloudy

11 Wether [sic] very bad

12 Nothing new

13 Rain

14 We drew some little bacon one third of a pound to the man.

15 Rain to day all day.

16 Snowed to day weather very unpleasant

17 Cleer [sic] off tho [sic] cold and windy

18 The wether [sic] has moderated and tho [sic] very cold yet

19 Fayette Hays returned to the regt. he has been off on furlow [sic] down in Atlanta to see some of his kind folks.

20 I went to Dalton to fix up some papers concerning the wagons that [text cut off] enemy burned.

21 This is nice day beautiful day it looks like I ought to be at home at work I think I ought

22 I left camps this morning at daylight carred [sic] old man Northcutt to town allso [sic] to meet Mag. [sic] H.L. Elken to fix up an affidavit concerning the wagon that was burned by the enemy on the 25 day of November.

23 I took some corn to mill to get some meal.

24 This Sundy [sic] morning it is a nice day we have preaching Hary Russel is absence. We think him gone home.

25 It is still nice wether [sic] the boys have to drill

26 All quiet the wether [sic] quite warm

27 We have not had any meat in 4 days I think I ought to have some.

28 All quiet

29 They are cooking the barcue [sic] that we are to have to morrow [sic].

30 We are all fixing to go to the barbecue that has been prepared for We had a fine time a good dinner and good speaking. Night has come and we are full had plinty [sic] to eat.

31 Have meeting to day a very nice day.

February

1 We have orders to turn over some wagons comest [sic] raining.

2 Wether [sic] gloomy

3 All quiet

4 Went to Dalton to day

5 I went to the Government lot to day exchanged some muls [sic].

6 All quiet with us

7 Sundy [sic] the wether [sic] is good we have preching [sic]

8 Wether [sic] still good

9 I have been to the government lot to get some muls [sic] I return at dark.

10 I went to Mill to git [sic] some meal to eat

11 I left camps erly [sic] this morning to go in the country to try to get something. I crossed Conasaga river I found the country generuly [sic] poor and broken and the people corespond [sic] with the country. They are mostly union principle. I found nothing to eat after hunting all day. I did not see many men tho [sic] a good many wimin [sic].

12 I went to Dalton to fix up some affidavits for Capt. Lankford concerning the wagons that was burned.

13 Cousin Tom Miller some to see me to day he has made his escape from the yankees [sic] he jumped off the cars neat Lake Eriery [sic] Ohio and found his way out of the Northern states in to the Confederate stats [sic]. He has made a wounderful [sic] escape.

14 The 28 Regt. came to us they have been with Longstreet at Knoxville the wether [sic] is very warm.

15 Rain all day. Gorge came in off his scout.

16 It has cleard [sic] of [sic] and is very cold.

17 Last night was excessive cold

18 It is still very cold we got orders to move at 9 oclock [sic] we drew a little bacon to march in we think we are going to misasipy [sic].

19 I am low down in spirts [sic]. I don't [sic] think there ever was a move made th[text cut off] we dislike more in all the company. I lay myself down inn our cabin to sleep for the last time we think for ever which has shelter us a great many cold and gloomy nights.

20 We was orderd [sic] up at 4 oclock [sic] A.M. the regiment left at daylight for Dalton I am not orderd [sic] to leve [sic]. The boys are all gone and I am here yet

21 Still at this place

22 I am still at this place yet.

23 I was waked up at one oclock [sic] and orderd [sic] to gear up the wagons. in has and move to Dalton. Arrived at Dalton 4 A.M. unloaded the wagons and loaded up with comesaries [sic] left Dalton traveled all day encamped at Calhoun Ga. 25 miles from Dalton. I am not well. I got a fall of [sic] my horse and hurt me I am lame.

24 Up at daylight and gear up the stock. Expect to leve [sic] soon tho [sic] we stay at this place all day my side hurts me a good lot.

25 I sufferd [sic] a good lot from cold last night. I stay at this place all day untill [sic] night. I was orderd [sic] to take the Bregade [sic] Ambulances and go back to Dalton and go on front as they are fighting out nere [sic] Dalton. Got to Dalton 1 oclock [sic] rest until daylight.

26 At daylight I was orderd [sic] to take the ambulances and go up front to hall [sic] in the wounded men tho [sic] they never fight any more.

27 All quiet in front this morning.

28 Sundy [sic] morning we are all quiet to day and doing well.

29 I was releast [sic] from post duty at daylight I sent the ambulances to their regiments the regiment came up last night I got traspatations [sic] for the baggage and came out to the old camps in the same old huts that we left. C.M. Rutledge came in from the hospittle [sic] he has been at the hospittle [sic] ever sence [sic] we was at Mishinary [sic] Ridge. I found the boys in good spirits and glad to get back to the old camp ground.

March 1864

1 It is raining very hard and the wind blew very hard all night.

2 Capt. Ritchey came in with the horses last night all is quiet

3 Bill and Cousin James Etter came in from Est [sic] Tennessee. Bill has been off on furlow [sic] to see his kind folks. He found them all well save Uncle James he is not well. Aunt Lucy and Uncle henry [sic] is making sugar I wish I was with them.

4 All is quiet

5 Cousin Charles Shelley and Cousin Tom Miller came to see me to day. It is the first time that I saw Shelley he is a very good looking man. I drow [sic] me a pair of shoes.

6 It comest [sic] raining rain much

7 All quiet

8 The wether [sic] is bad

9 Nothing new

10 Rain to day

11 We drew a good many clothing to day

12 I founded 200 dollars of money

13 Sunday [sic] all quiet

14 All quiet

15 Nothing new

16 I went and got some seage [sic] grass to mak [sic] us a bed to ligh [sic] on.

17 All quiet

18 Nothing new

19 I left camps erly [sic] in the morning to go out on front and try to get Bob Craven and get some money that Uncle Henry had there tho [sic] I could not get through.

20 We have preching [sic] to day. Chaplin [sic] of the eight regt. preached a good surmon [sic] his tecks [sic] was in Romens [sic] by faith we have peace with god [sic].

21 All quiet in campts [sic] to day comest [sic] snowing at night, 3 inches deep.

22 This is a lively time with the boys what a time of snowballing they [text cut off]

23 Cheathams [sic] division has gone to snowball Walker division. They have up and down our division whip the Gubers grablers in their huts.

24 I tride [sic] again to get a pass to go to Cravens. I could not get it The 8 regt. and 16 regt. atacted [sic] 88 and 51 they got whip and they drove our boys in they tents.

25 We have meeting over night.

26 We had a good surmon [sic] at night Parson Bur preached.

27 Sundy [sic] preching [sic] to day we had a good meeting.

28 This is division drill. Charley Reed came in from McMinville [sic] He give us som [sic] news from that country.

29 All is quiet

30 We drew some cloth [sic] to day. They was sent to the destitute men of Wrights [sic] bregade [sic]. They was sent on by the ladies through charity. very cold at night and heavy frost.

31 The wether [sic] is still cold.

April

1 The wether [sic] is gloomy and some rain.

2 Heavy frost this morning

3 Heavy frost again. I and Cousin Bill Etter went to Stevens Div [sic] to day to see some of our kind folks we found the two Shelley boys and their father they was all doing well.

4 Wether [sic] is very bad rain all last night as has rained all day.

5 We are all quiet to day. I wash my cloth [sic] my jaw hurt me all night bad I did not sleep much. It is still cold.

6 This is a nice morning though quite cold. I think of being at home planting corn I have no chance to get out of this cruel worl [sic].

7 This is a gloomy morning. Our boys go to Dalton to fight a sham fight they have a great time of it. Our division fight Gen. Claborn [sic]. There is preching [sic] at night we have a good surmon [sic]. To morrow [sic] is a fast day

8 This is set apart for fasting and praying most of the boys are keeping the day we are willing to do anything t bring about peace. Most of the regiment goes out on picket.

9 All is quiet

10 We have meeting. Old Father McCrutcham preached for us an able and interesting surmon [sic].

11 All quiet we git [sic] some beaf [sic] to day.

12 This is the day to inspect the transportation of the armey [sic] they ha[~~text cut off~~] to appear on one field. The field was coverd [sic]. They parked them.

13 Beautiful morning, nothing new.

14 Cold and gloomy.

15 All quiet.

16 Gen. Cheatham has orderd [sic] some stock put up in our brig. to punish 3 men that desert in the 5th Tenn [sic] Regt. our men charge them at night and tore them down.

17 All quiet.

18 This is a beautiful day.

19 I go to Dalton comest [sic] raining at night.

20 Frost and cold this morning.

21 I lost my old horse to day.

22 I have hunted my horse all day tho [sic] dont [sic] find him. I think him gone I found him at night in Dalton.

23 The day is very warm and winds.

24 I left camps this morning to hunt some mules that strad [sic] of [sic] from us I hunted all day tho [sic] I found them not. I was in Dalton I herd [sic] that Bell and Mager [sic] Ritchey was capterd [sic]. I do not know it to be so. I am incline to think it is so.

25 I left camp this morning to hunt some mules that have got away from [text cut off] I found them in Dalton in the Government lot. I went and saw Cousin Charles Shelley and his brother. Allso [sic] went to see Cousin Tom Miller. I did not find him in camps. He was away.

26 We lost two mules last night. I have hunted all day but did not find them.

27 I leve [sic] camps again this morning to serch [sic] again for those mules. I [text cut off] not found or herd [sic] of them. I have traveld [sic] over some of the poorest coun[text cut off] I most ever seen.

28 I leve [sic] camp to go out on front and look for the mules. I cnanot he[text cut off] from them. Our cavelery [sic] and yankees had a fight this morning at day light

29 The yankees [sic] are advancing some to day. Some little skirmishing. A[text cut off] quiet at night. A very sad case occurd [sic] in Murrey Breg. [sic] whil [sic] at church a tree burn down and kill 10 men.

30 Yankes [sic] have fell back.

31 All quiet

May

1 All quiet

2 We have a good meeting in camps a good many have perfest [sic].

3 Meeting still going on.

4 I went out to hunt some mules.

5 I went to Stepens [sic] Div. to see Cousin George Shelley. All quiet.

6 Somest [sic] fighting come to day.

7 Yankes [sic] is advancing some.

8 The yankes [sic] charged our men. They was repullsed [sic] with much loss. We got orders to leve [sic] for the front. Left at dark traveled most all night

9 Our regt. went on top of stone mountain. I remaind [sic] with the wagons Heavy skirmishing all around the lines. Our Brigade have kept them back out of the gap all day.

10 I left craws valey [sic] this morning came to Tiltan traveled 11 miles. Heavy fighting at Mill creek gap yankes [sic] repulsed.

11 I am still at Tilton.

12 I left Tilton this morning and went to Dalton to carry cooking ves[text cut off] Arrived at Dalton at night the troops had left and came the sugar valey [sic] I traveled 25 mils [sic] found them at 3 oclock [sic].

13 Left at daylight came to Resacken [sic] 7 miles march our men formed line battle comenst [sic] skirmishing at 3 oclock [sic]. Our lines formed redy [sic] to meet the enemy at Resacken [sic].

14 Comenst [sic] fighting at daylight kept up a sharp shooting all day very little damage done to us. Cal Henten was killed.

15 Some fighting before day heavy fighting on our right. Walter Brig. sufer [sic] very much.

16 Still fighting all around the lines some of our Brig. was killed to day. We left Resacken [sic] in the night. All of us with drew our selves from the brestworks [sic] and marched all night. We are all very quiet and much worn out. encamped near Calhoun. We stade [sic] at that place and left at 2 oclock [sic] A.M.

17 Left Calhooun at daylight. Came 7 miles stoped [sic] near Adamsville. Our Division formed a line of battle and faught [sic] the yankes [sic]. 7 hours. We got sum [sic] men kild [sic] none of our Regt. Cousin Will was wounded but not serious. Left at dark and came to Kinkson.

18 All of our army is falling back. I came to Cartersville and brought the Colonel to the wagons he is quite sick.

19 All on the move to day.

20 Left Cartersville at 11 oclock [sic] came to Ackworth encampnt [sic] at night.

21 Left Ackworth 9 oclock [sic] a.m. came 4 miles encamped near big shanty some little fighting today.

22 Still at this place

23 Left at 11 oclock [sic] traveled 13 miles. We came through poor country.

24 Left at sun up came 9 miles encamped near Atlanta Ga. All is quiet

25 Left at sun up came 7 miles encamped near Atlanter [sic]. The country was very poor and fencing was most all throud [sic] down.

26 Still at this place nothing new with us.

27 Some little fighting

28 A heavy picketing some of our men was wound and one was killed.

29 The yankes [sic] assaulted our works last night at 9 oclock [sic] tho [sic] was repul[text cut off] with heavy loss. the fight continued most all night.

30 Capt. J.B. Ritchey came in from the front. He dont [sic] bring much new

31 We drew some soap today the first we have drawn in 4 weeks. I washe[text cut off] my shirt.

June

1 I left camps erly [sic] this morning to go to the front and stay with the ambulance train. I traveled 28 miles. I found the boys at 5 oclock [sic] in tolerable good helth [sic].

2 All quiet in our regt. some fighting on our left.

3 Our men have got their brestworks [sic] done.

4 We are under marching orders tho [sic] we dont [sic] move today.

5 We left camps at 5 P.M. came 8 miles. It rained all night and so dark you could not see to travel.

6 At daylight went out and formed a line of battle. I took an ambul[text cut off] and went after forage we broke down and I was up most all night.

7 I left to get the ambulance mended. I got it fixt [sic] at 9 ocl[text cut off]

8 I left the cooking detale [sic] at daylight came to the Brig.

9 We was order to move today moved a little came back to the [text cut off] place all quiet at night.

10 Nothing new

11 All quiet with us today. Orders to move we move 1 mile [illegible] very hard. we all got wet. the roads are very bad.

12 It rained all night. It is a desperat [sic] time. I ishude [sic] some [illegible] several men. It is still raining at night everything has been [illegible] days. Fifty years ago the battle of Waterloo was faught [sic] and we [illegible] skirmishing with an army that will number over 100000 men.

13 Still raining very hard. Some skirmishing today. The roads [illegible] almost impassable.

14 The rain has seased [sic] and the birds are on the wing. This [illegible] a day of solemn feeling with us as our old faithful general Polk was shot through the heart with shell. He and General Johnton [sic], Hardee [illegible] Jackson was upon pine mountain viewing the position of the enemy. The enemy fired some shots at the bunch of men

and unfortunately killed Polk. 2 o'clock [sic] we move out to pine mountain to support Bates Div. for [illegible] line of battle and built breastworks [sic].

15 Left Pine mountain 2 a.m. came one mile and formed a line [illegible]

16 Heavy skirmishing today some of our boys have been killed. [illegible] Lowery and Samuel Baker was killed in a skirmish. They are [illegible] will be felt as a soldier and to community.

17 We have been fighting some today and have moved our lines. [illegible] General Polk [sic] of Claiborne [sic] Div. was wounded today in the leg [sic].

18 Comes [sic] raining last night. I left the front this morning [illegible] to the wagon train. I traveled 17 miles. It rained day and night

19 Looks like it will keep on raining. It is a very gloomy [illegible] boys are exposed very much. Not much fighting today.

20 Still raining the roads are very muddy [sic].

21 Still wet and muddy [sic].

22 It has cleared [sic] off and looks very nice. Heavy skirmishing [illegible]

23 Holt's Corps was engaged [sic] on our left wing. Stephenson [illegible] very much the Yankees [sic] assaulted our works. They were repulsed [sic] [illegible] We captured thirteen pieces [sic] of artillery [sic]. Brown Brig. suffered [sic] [illegible] Many good men were killed.

24 Heavy skirmishing in front. Some of our Division was wounded and a few were killed. The weather [sic] is quiet [sic] warm.

25 Still skirmishing. The roads are settling [sic] very fast.

26 The weather [sic] is fine and beautiful.

27 There has been a good deal [sic] of fighting today. Cheatham and [illegible] give the Yankees [sic] a good whipping [sic].

28 Nothing new today. some fighting.

29 Very warm today.

30 Rained heavy today. The weather [sic] is very gloomy.

July

1 Some skirmishing today.

2 Our left wing fell back some today.

3 Our men left here after night.

- 4 Yankees came in to Marietta in high spirits.
- 5 Some skirmishing along the lines.
- 6 All quiet in front.
- 7 Nothing new today
- 8 Our men crossed the Chattahoochey [sic] river.
- 9 Nothing new today.
- 10 All quiet in front.
- 11 Rained very hard today.
- 12 Nothing new
- 13 Some skirmishing today
- 14 I have been sick all day.
- 15 Nothing strang [sic] this morning.
- 16 The army is maneaving [sic] and skirmishing all the time.
- 17 We are building brestworks [sic].
- 18 We move to Atlanta went out on Peachtree street. I am quite unwell I went to the Division hospital.
- 19 Not much fighting today.
- 20 Our command was formed in line of battle to attact [sic] the enemy. We lost very heavy in the attact [sic] some killed. There was a great many wound through the lungs and it thought to be mortly [sic] wounded. Liet. [sic] J.D. Brow[illegible] was wounded sevier [sic] in the grind many others was hurt.
- 21 We shift our line of battle move further on the right wing we are much worn out.
- 22 This has been a day of sorrow to many of the boys. We moved in the rear of the enemy attacked at 2 oclock [sic] PM. We killed and captured a gr[text cut off] many of them. tho [sic] we lost heavy. W.T. Hacket was mortly [sic] wounded Jack Agent allso [sic] Crundy Gibs was killed. I have not been well in some time. After the fight I went to hospitle [sic] at Macon Ga. The night was very coal [sic] for this seson [sic] of the year.
- 23 I arrived at Makon [sic] I found a great many wounded at that place.
- 24 I am very week [sic] with hurting in bowles [sic].
- 25 I am som [sic] beter [sic] I can git [sic] up and walk across the house.
- 26 I am still improving.

27 I went out in town

28 Lees [sic] Corps got into a hard fight the enemy was making a flank move on our right Lees [sic] Corps was orderd [sic] to check it they done so with heavy loss to us. Cousin Tom Miller was killed or captured.

29 Still picket fighting.

30 Nothing new

31 Still sharpshooting

August

1 Nothing new

2 A goodeal [sic] of sharpshooting

3 Nothing new

4 I am very unwell

5 My bowels pane [sic] me much

6 I dont [sic] feel so bad to day

7 The enemy are moving on our left.

8 I am no so well to day.

9 Still picket fighting

10 Nothing new

11 I feel some better

12 I am very week [sic]

13 I am dranged [sic] in my bowels.

14 It is a constant fight all the time day and night.

15 Nothing strange

16 I feel some better today

17 Nothing new

18 There is some men killed or wounded in our brigade every day.

19 I am getting some more [illegible] than I had a few days previous. I must here record one of the most hart [sic] rending of all my life. May God protect me from such an awful fate or ever seeing another such seen [sic]. The only brother that I had with me was shot by the inhuman enemy. He was on picket and was shot in the back of the head cutting his brains out. I could never discribe [sic] my feeling when I saw him. He was

sensible of everything. I went with him to the distribeting [sic] hospital. I begged the Dr. to let me go with him down soth [sic] to hospital. I could not git [sic] to go with him when I knew he could not live long.

20 I feel very lonely to day

21 My brother died. I hope he is at rest with his God.

22 Still picket fighting

23 Nothing new today

24 Yankees disappear from our front. our boys go into their brestworks [sic]

25 We leve [sic] Atlanta came 4 miles encamped at Poplar Springs.

26 We are still at this place.

27 Move to Est [sic] point. Build fortifications.

28 Our men went out on a scout

29 Left this place for Jonsbor [sic].

30 We stop and rest some

31 We come down to Jonesbor [sic] form a line of battle and attack the enemy at 2 oclock [sic] P.M. It was a hard fight. We drove them on the left tho [sic] could not move them on the right. many men were lost on both sides. night has come the wery [sic] has laid down to rest, the wounded to die.

September

1 This has been a day of distress. The enemy flanked us on our right and we have to move to keep them from gitting [sic] in our rear. We comest [sic] fighting at 3 oclock [sic]. Hardees [sic] Corps fought 3 hours after having a hard and severe fight the enemy flanked us on both sides. We left at 9 oclock [sic] p.m. came to Lovejoy Station 7 miles.

2 Formed a line of battle and fortifies the enemy moved up to us at 3

3 They are picket fighting.

4 Heavy commadering [sic], some few men killed

5 Joe Brown of 16 regt. was killed and Henry Paine of our company was mortale [sic] wounded.

6 Nothing strange.

7 The enemy leave our front.

8 We move back in direction of Atlanta 5 miles.

9 This is a beautiful morning. git [sic] orders to move up the cooking department with the Brigade.

10 It is the first time the cooking detale [sic] has been up in 4 months.

11 All quiet in camps have preaching.

12 I left camps and went to hunt something to eat. I went some 13 mile I found ½ bushel of potatoes. I paid 5 dollars for them. I stade [sic] all night with Cousin Charls [sic] Shelley. I found them well.

13 Nothing new today.

14 All quiet

15 There is much talk of consolidation. There is much dissatisfaction in the command.

16 I wash my cloth [sic]

17 Nothing new

18 Orders to march at 2 p.m. it rained most all day we did not move at the appointed time.

19 Up at 3 a.m. leave at 4 a.m. We travel very slow for some distance came through good country some very poor. Traveled all day. camped at midnight after a march of 20 miles.

20 We are all tired from our march. We are near Palmetto Station on Westpoint Raleorde [sic].

21 Move out and form in line of fight and fortify.

22 All quiet.

23 Nothing new

24 I went out and got some potatoes

25 I stay in all day and eat potatoes.

26 I go out to git [sic] some potatoes and boens [sic]. We are living very well.

27 All quiet and doing well. Cousin Will went to Stevens Div.

28 It is cloudy and looks like rain. Comenst [sic] raining at dark.

29 We are ordered to cook 2 days rations and leave.

30 Leave 8 A.M. traveld [sic] 15 miles. encamped near the Chattahoucha [sic] river

October

1 At this place I drew 10 pr. of shoes for 16 Tenn. regt. Took up march at 8 A.M. I had to march to day. Was so warm I could not hold up consequently I give out. Marched 14 miles encamped. We came through so[~~text cut off~~] good country. I drew two more pare [sic] of shoes.

2 Took up march at 6 a.m. I come ahead of the comand [sic]. I met up with Re[illegible] Williams he went to school at Irving College, Tenn. some ten years previ[~~text cut off~~] His fetures [sic] were quite natural. He informed me where many of my old acquaintances [sic] was.

3 Came 16 miles encamped late in the evening.

4 All the supervision officers was sent to rear.

5 I have not had the chance to record my march from the 4th up to Tuscumby [sic] Ala. We have been on a very active campagn [sic]. I have underwent many hard ships. My trip has been quite interesting. came over a varie[~~text cut off~~] of country. Some fine lands. some very pore [sic] the people allso [sic] very po[~~text cut off~~] They are in destitute circumstances. I dont [sic] see how they live espeshly [sic] those who are so very poor. I came to Jackonsville Ala. with the wagon train this place is in ten miles of the Blue mountains the rale [sic] rod [sic] came to Blew [sic] mountain and stops. I remained at this place some 8 days. We [~~text cut off~~] this place and rejoined our army at Gadsden Ala. This is a little town the Coosa river. It lies on the North side of the river. At this place we drew some clothing. At this place the wagon train was separated [sic] aga[~~text cut off~~] I came along with the baggage train. I had a quiet easy time. I rode mo[~~text cut off~~] all the way in a wagon. The country we came through the first two days a fine one. The people was living very well after the first two days march we came to Lincoln county Ala. It is a pore [sic] country and the citens [sic] are of union sentiments. We came through the town of Ashville and it semd [sic] to be a very unsound place. We now strike Blunt Mountain which is very steep and rough. It is Blount county, the native spot where our old friend Brad Robbers was brought up. At this place we remain one day and two nights. waiting for the sply [sic] train to cross. We had to role [sic] wagons up the mount. all night. I was much wore out when we got up the mountain. After crossing over the mountain we came through Blountsville the county sete [sic] of Blount county. We now come to Sand Mount a barren and very poor country. Nobody much lives on it. After we cross the mountain we come to some good country. traveled one day after crossing the mount encamped in pritty [sic] country. We allso [sic] found the people generoushearted [sic] and that has not been common where we have come from her [sic] to Tuscumby [sic] Ala. We travel through a beautiful spot of the world. You can cast your eyes around you as far as you can see lands are lying uncultivated, houses burned up negros all gone save some poor old crippled one who could not get away or the enemy would not have. Not enough of corn growing on these level and rich soils to [illegible] what few wimen [sic] and children from suffering. It is a sorrowful looking sene [sic] to look at. I hope the people may soon be at pea[~~text cut off~~] and cultivate there

[sic] land again. We joined our army again at Tuscumby [sic], a town on the Memphis and Charlston [sic] rale [sic] rod [sic], some fore [sic] miles from the river I think often f this desolated part of the country. I wonder how the p[text cut off] live in my country in Warren county. I arrived at this place the last day of October.

November

1 I found most all the boys well though very tired from hard marching and not much to eat. Jeremiah Hill and D.H. Lynn of 16th regt. is thou[text cut off] to be gone home.

2 All quiet in camp today.

3 We are looking for some clothing. They are much needed. The men are in destute [sic] circumstances many barefooted and have no pants.

4 I drew some clothing to day 19 pr. of shoes, 9 pr. of cotton pants 20 pr. of cotton socks. 31 jackets. the clothing is to be divided to 150 men and most ever man needs something very bad. I dont [sic] see how we are to get clothing this winter although we are in good spirit and yet look forward to the time our independence will be declard [sic] by many nations.

5 we are all quiet and resting today although the wether [sic] is very gloo[text cut off] and the rain falls quite hard and fast.

6 We drew some blankets and a few jackets. I got some 13 blankets, 4 jackets 1 pr. of socks. It is still raining. The watters [sic] are rising very fast the troops are on one side of the creek and I am on the other.

7 The pioneer company made a brig [sic] over the creek and the creek rose so fast that it washed away. The rodes [sic] is in bad order allmost [sic] impass[text cut off]

8 We have orders to be redy [sic] to move at moment warnen [sic]. I dont [sic] know where to.

9 The pioneer company made a brig [sic] over the creek the troops crost [sic] at night it rained very hard at night most all got quite wet. I did not git [sic] wet tho [sic] got muddy [sic] as I could get. left camps 9 oclock [sic] pm. came 2 mi

10 We are all quiet to day. It is still raining and looks like it [illegible] continue to rain.

11 We move at daylight in the direction of the river. come one mile encamp in one mile of the Tennessee river and expect to cross as soon as the pontoon bridge can be fixed across.

12 I went down to the river to see it. I found it quite flush. I walked across the river. The bridge is nearly redy [sic] to cross the wagons over. I return to camp and wash my cloth [sic]. My legs paned [sic] me much all text cut off]

13 Move to the river and stop some hour move over the bridge at noon the town of Florence is on both sides of the river. There was much rejoicing among the Tenn. boys.

They have land on the North side of the river. Came one mile from the river encamped in nice grove of lumber on cypress creek. The boys are much rejoiced [sic] at being on the North side of the Tenn. river.

14 Orders came to go and fortifie [sic] the town of Florence Ala. the day has been quiet [sic] pleasant. Tho [sic] looks like much rain at night, My lages [sic] hurt me much. I lay my self down at night. It rained last night most all night.

15 We drew some cloth [sic] last night. I drew a cotton par of pants. We not more than git [sic] enough to eat. Tho [sic] I have a pot of soap [sic] made out of a beef bone I am doing well today. There is a cold rain fell

16 We have not got anything to eat to day. I went 5 miles from camp hunting something to eat. I passed over some fine land as every [sic] I saw. It is a lovly [sic] country. all was desolated. I dont [sic] think I saw 15 acres corn cultivated on all that pass over most of the improvements burned d[text cut off] Oh what a pity such a country is lying wast [sic]. I visited one mans [sic] turnip patch. One among the finest I ever saw there was turnips that would weigh some 12 pounds. The jentleman [sic] that ond [sic] the place was by the name of Keef. He give away  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the patch to the solgers [sic]. I got one sack them and came back to the creek to cross on a raft after night I got very wet in the rain. I eat a piece of live [sic] and a small peace [sic] of cracker. lay myself down to rest.

17Cooked those turnips that I got yesterday. It was a splendid mess We cooked them with a beef tong [sic] an [sic] [sic] beef feet. It is the only time I have eat enough since I have been at this place. The wether [sic] is bad.

18 It rained all night without sesing [sic]. I did not git [sic] wet.

19 I left camps at daylight. packt [sic] one half bushel of corn some 4 miles but the gard [sic] would not let me go to mill. I came back to town and swap my corn for meal. I give two measures for one. I allso [sic] got my breakfast. return to camp wet and muddy [sic].

20 This is sundy [sic]. Still raining. I red [sic] some in the bible [sic]. Turned very cold in the night.

21 Left camp 8 a.m. I came on ahead to the place where I swaped [sic] some more corn for meal. I made the exchang [sic]. I allso [sic] got a good meals victuals. Chicken pie, irish [sic] potatoes preserves. It comest [sic] snowing erly [sic] in the morning. snowed very fast. The wind blew very hard it was very cold. I allmost [sic] froze. We came 12 miles. I dont [sic] think I ever seen the rods [sic] wers [sic] in my life.

22 Our command move back near Florence Ala. for the perpos [sic] of garden [sic] a splytrain [sic] they returned to camp on the same ground they did the night previous. I did not go It snowed very hard for some time. Last night was excesive [sic] cold. I slept very cold. The ground some 5 inches in the night. We had to ly [sic] in the open are [sic]. We left camp at daylight my berd [sic] froze on my face. We crossed the

Tennessee line at 8 a.m. we crost [sic] into some hilley [sic] country and some good lands to [illegible] very poor. Marched 21 miles camped at dark 8 miles from Wansbor [sic]. It is very cold night.

23 Marched very hard all day.

24 Marched at daylight. I came by Wansbor [sic] I found the cooking detail The brigad [sic] is 3 hours ahead of me. I overtake it at dark. I marched 20 miles. The yankees [sic] have torn up this country very much most all the people have gone away from home. A good many have gone to the yankees [sic].

25 We have done without something to eat 2 days. We drew ½ pound of flower [sic], one pound of beef. I am very hungry. Left at daylight.

26 Left at daylight. Marched very hard through a hilley [sic] country. Come through some of the prettiest country I ever saw. We travel through Mont Plesant passed General Piller home. He has one of the best farms in Murry county. It rained all day the pike was very muddy [sic]. encamped at ni[text cut off] one mile and a half of Collumby. The yankees [sic] are at this place. There has been some men wounded. We marched 20 miles. It is raining at night.

27 Most every person wet. Some of our men are out on picket. We remain until 3 oclock [sic] p.m. Howers Corps move in to our camps. We move 2 miles on the wright [sic] encamp. I went to the slaughter pen to get some beefs har[text cut off] and feet to cook. We eat all we can git [sic]. Yankees reported to be leaving

28 We are ordered to move at a moments [sic] warning. The teams have been geard [sic] up all day move at sunset.

29 Moved at daylight up Duck River some 2 miles and crossed, marched very hard all day over hills and hollows marched a round the enemy. We cane nigh cuting [sic] off the enemy. Tho [sic] we was one hour too late. We did not git [sic] posedion [sic] of the Nashville pike in time there was some fighting at Spring Hill allso [soc] some on the north side of Duck river opposite Collumby I don't think I ever seen a harder march than we made today. We marched 17 miles over a rough country with out any rode [sic] to march in. none of our boys was hurt today. I lay myself down at midnight to rest a little.

30 We move at sun up in pursuit of the enemy they must have been demorilized [sic]. The burn up wagon killed mules and destroyed much property. We marched very rapterly [sic]. Come in sight of the enemy 3 oclock [sic] p.m. formed line of battle moved on them met them one mile from town. The fight com[text cut off] one hour by sun. It was of the most desparat [sic] of the war. We found them strong works our men charged their works. they fought hand to hand. The enemy was verry [sic] stubborn [sic]. They nocked [sic] our men down with their guns. Our men cared [sic] the first two lines of works though they did not move them from third line. We fought most all night. At midnight the enemy comest [sic] retreating. They was persude [sic] very closely.

December 1864

1 Daylight has come. there is no enemy near us. We now look for ded [sic] and wounded which are many. Oh how bad I feel to look at my comrades to [text cut off] to peaces [sic] by those missels [sic] of deth [sic]. One of my old company was killed de [text cut off] a man whom we all loved, John Brown. He nobley [sic] fought for his country. must long be remembered by his old comrades. Our old regiment lost 15 m [text cut off] killed ded [sic]. Lt. Petter, Lt. Green, J.B. Womack, A.J. Kessey, June Dri [text cut off] Howerd Canterel, Wm. Willhte, Wm. Thomson, George Donnel, Aaron Pepper, C.M. Jordan, John Brown, Thomas Hooper, Samuel Lusk. We burry [sic] our ded [sic] t [text cut off] they are all beryed [sic] side by side and each grave marked. It is a horable [sic] thought to think of the many friends we have leve [sic] in the battle field. The enemys [sic] loss was very heavy. We killed a great many. The ground was covered with blew [sic] coats. We have got our men all buried. We now take a little rest as we have not taken any in two days and nights.

2 Leve [sic] Franklin 9 a.m. march hard all day, at night camp in site of capital of Tenn. I am very tired to night.

3 We dont [sic] git [sic] any bred [sic] to day. Move out to form a line of battle near the Murfreesbourgh [sic] pike. The yankees [sic] shell us.

4 Some picket fighting some very heavy shells. It is very cold. There is a large circle around the moon tonight.

5 All quiet today.

6 Wind blew very hard all day. also very cold.

7 Comest [sic] raining to turn in to a sleet and snow very cold. I am barefooted.

8 There is snow some 2 inches deep and the are [sic] is excesive [sic] cold.

9 It is still very cold. Some little snow. I almost froze last night

10 I went today to git [sic] some planks to build me a shell. We git [sic] orders to move at 2 p.m. The ground is froze and sheted [sic] over with ice. We ca [text cut off] where there not much would [sic]. I went to get some straw to ly [sic] on. I think the night is cold as I have seen in my life.

11 This is one of the coldest mornings I ever saw. We lay unpertected [sic] all night. I would have been sory [sic] for my dum [sic] bruts [sic] at home although I am out in it. It is cloudy and looks like snowing more.

12 Still very cold though it has cleard [sic] of [sic]. I went to the slaughter pen to get me some beef foot and head. we had a fine mess of beef head I relished fine. we dont [sic] git [sic] more than half rations.

13 It is still very cold. Looks like rain or snow. Comest [sic] raining at night tho [sic] very cold rain.

14 It rained all last night. This morning so foggy [sic] you could not see a man fifty yards. There was an old man from Warren county come in last night by the name of Pursen. He did not know anything about my folks.

15 Our command is ordered out in line of battle some heavy shelling an [sic] picket fighting. Our command was orderd [sic] to the left wing of our army. men was repulst [sic] on the left wing we got thare [sic] at dark. We did not do [text cut off] fighting tho [sic] we checked the move of the enemy. We fortified after dark.

16 Fight comest [sic] quiet [sic] heavy at daylight. Our comand [sic] held its position all day untill [sic] on [sic] hour by sun. at that time our lines for confused. Bates Div. lines give way our army become demoralized. The enemy cut off our Division and it had come out through the enemys [sic] lines. Most all the boys got out safe, not many captured.

16 It was raining hard and it was very muddy [sic]. we could not find any command together. I got to Franklin at sunup the 17th.

17 We are at Franklin at this place we draw something to eat as we are verry [sic] hungry. Leave Franklin at 10 oclock [sic] came 9 miles encamped

18 We move at daylight. came to Rulaford creek at this place we stop to fight the enemy. It rained all day.

19 It rained as hard as it can. The wind is very cold. At night we move across Duck river. encamped 1 ½ miles from Collumba.

20 I and some more of the boys got a pass t visit some of my folks. I left camps at 11 a.m. I eat super [sic] at a place 15 miles from Collumba.

21 Left erley [sic] in the morning came to Cornersville at that place we came the Petersburg rode [sic]. I stade [sic] with old man Willson a very fine fami[text cut off] At this place I slept on a fether [sic] bed The old woman give me a pare [sic] of socks. I taken leve [sic] of thes [sic] good people erley [sic] in the morning.

22 It snowed very hard and the ground was hard froze. My feet sufferd [sic] as I was barefooted. I slept at old man Counts to stay part of the night The night was very cold.

23 I left at 2 a.m. It was so cold I came nigh freexing. There was a jentleman [sic] Jack Reece. He came 10 miles I came through the woods. I stopt [sic] after dark with an old Acquaintance [sic] Ann Evens. She is marred [sic] to old man Dannel at this place. I got some person to pilet [sic] me over the rale [sic] rode [sic]. We crossed the rale [sic] rode [sic] at 12 oclock [sic]. I came to old man Bartens 10 miles from Chester.

24 I left Bartens at daylight came across to Davises on Hickry Creek. I give out in the night I could not come home until I rested. I stopt [sic] at old man McGenese to stay until the moon rose.

25 Left old man McGeehes at moon up come across the mountain by Carrol Parkes. I got home at 12 oclock [sic]. I found [illegible] well and doing well. I did not know that I had the youngest chile [sic] at home. I was very proud to git [sic] home once more after being away most 2 year. It is all that I can do to stand on my lages [sic].

26 I am at home this morning. It seem odd to be hear [sic] after being at camps so long as I have been I dont [sic] see how I am to leve [sic] home again I am so happy to find my folks all well.

27 I am very sore. My lages [sic] are swelled up and hurts me to walk.

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