

went over to the hospittle to see Mart. He was a gooddeel better. The report is that we are to have new guns.

April the 9th — Fill and me took a walk and we went up the high peak of Belmont. When we got back to camp we found that our new guns had come. They are Springfield rifles the latest patent. We went over to the hospittle and Mart was on the game. He is real smart but I think Ezry Warren is dying. I went to bed much fatigued. About four o'clock next morning the ward master come after some one to come help lay out Ezry for he was dead. E. S. Gray and one of the other boys went over to the hospittle with Mathue Warren the ward master. Fill got a letter from his wife and him and me got one together from A. B. and S. Slyter. Sam again said he was sorey but I have forgiven him. Next day we moved several of the boys that was sick. Edd. Willard was better. Sargt. Twitchell went to the hospittle sick and we missed him dreadfully.

Apr. 15th — I got a letter from my wife also a cople of papers. She wrote that she had moved up by the depoe. Next day I wrote a letter to Hatty and sent her a paper. I wrote one to Jonathon Baker my uncle. Wim. Scochenspargear come to camp. He had bin left back in Mich. on account of an axident of shooting one of his fingers off and he had the small pox while his finger was sore. We was glad to see him. He is pited very bad of the small pox but he is Billy yet.

April the 17th — There was three new recruits come to our Co. nainly Collins Concer and Smets. Henery Wooderd died. Next day I felt quite smart. Mart come over to the camp to see the boys. He will soon be well.

Apr. 19th — Early in the morning the news come that Jerome Allen was dead. It was hard to see so many boys die off by desease. Agt. Chadwick got back to camp from Mich whare he has bin recruiting. I got a letter from Deborah C. Gillaspie my brothers wife. I was very happy to hear from her. I answered her letter immediately. C. E. Graves had to be forst out on perade. It was fun to see him performe for he was as drunk as you can git and stand. Captis. Hoods and quartermaster Drakes wives was hear. It rained some in the evening. It rained all next day hard.

Apr. 21st — It raines very hard yet. When the Capt. marched the Co. in from dressperade he picked out 10 of us boys out of the ranks and told us that he wanted us to folow him. We told him we would folow him any whares he wished and do any thing he might ask of us. I could see that he was right angry about some thing. Sargt. Bennidick Patten, John Ryan, Carnet, and Collins and Peter Doll was a part of our croud. Sargst. Bennidick was boiling allso. We went over to the sutlers and there halted with our arms held by. Capt. Hood went in and comenced breaking and throwing out what whiskey he had. After we had done with him we went about 1/2 a mile to an oald Irishmans which was suspisioned. We searched his primaces but found none to speak of. He was almost scared to death. He amused us boys a gooddeel for he jumped when we waved our guns in the air. The mud is nee deep hear and he ended up neck

deep in it. We went about 2 1/2 miles further whare we found allmost 3 barrels of the oald stuff. We nocked in the heads and turned it out disregarding the entreyes of the women for women was all there was thare. The men had all vamoosed. We went on about a mile and a 1/2 further whare we found a cople more barrels and some half dosen women but no men. We surved it the same as the other. One woman went to snatch out a pitcher full and one of the boys hit her vesel and the contents went into the ladsy bosom. She screemed and yelled but the Capt. told her to be quiet and go. We then went about 3 miles in another direction whare we was directed by our last victims. We searched the house but found none. We cald for some thing to eat which we got in a hurry I tell you. We had bread buter and milk cream and all apple saus and chees aplenty.

It was now almost dark and we had some 6 miles to go to git to camp. We set off at once but before we got halfway to camp it was as dark as tar and as muddy as all git out. It was so dark that I mistook the ditch for the road and in I went face first. The boys thot it was funny but I was quite put out to be so clumsy. We got back to camp at 9 in the evening.

Next day I got a letter from my wife and one from Rachel and one from Hatty. I answered their letters and the rest part of the day I busyed myself acleaning the mud off my clothes. It was a gale I tell you sir. The boys that is in the hospittle the most of them is better but Harrison Autun is worse. I don't think that he will ever git well for he is very low and so is John Geary. Mart come back to camp to stay and I was glad to see him back in the tent agane. Twitchell is better but is not able to be back yet.

April the 23rd — When we was forming in for dressperade Adj. Chadwick come out of his quarters and told us that we had orders to move. The news was what we all wanted to hear. We are going to Nashville Tennessee.

April 24th — Capt. Hood sot me to pressing out some hats for the Co. that had bin boxed up. In the evening Sargt. Bennidick come and wanted me to set up with Ordly Bishop. He is hear in the hospittle very sick so I took my portfolio and went over to the hospittle. Underwood is hear sick allso.

Apr. 25th — We got orders to be redy to move next Monday morning. Next day I got a letter from my wife and Hatty. I rote an answer to them. Our hats was timed and give out to us agane. In the evening H. Spisters gave the alarm of fier which aroused the hole camp. It was the Lieutenants tent. The roof was all on fier but was soon extingushed. Next morning at role call I was detaled for guard and went on for the first time since I was sick. The boys are all out on weekley enspection it being Sondy so I am all alone writing.

Apr. 28th — We was cald up very early and comenced giting ready to move. By 6am we was on our way to the depoe whare we was soon halted. We had to sit hear and wait hear untill after 3

o'clock in the afternoon for the train that was to take us to Louisville. We was all night running to Louisville a distance of onley about 25 miles. We run off the track a cople of times and broke up one car so as to have to leave it on the side of the road on its side. The engineer was drunk and then some. He would run like all possessed and then the train would barely move along.

Apr. 29th — At 7am we left the cars and marched down thrue the city to the wharf whare our teams and bagege was put aboard of the steamer E. H. Fairchild. At 11 we was all ready and set to start. We onley a wated the return of Capt. Hood and a cople others that was updown. At length Capt. Hood come and we started. We crossed over and went down to New Albany Indiana. We are now under the comand of Stoughton Colonel May haveing resigned and Lieutenant Colonel Stoughton promoted in his stead. We stoped at New Albany an hour or so and Capt. Spencer and Charles Rice over took us they haveing bin left in Louisville. They crossed in a skiff roed by some darkays. We was soon on or way down the grate Ohio passing Cannelton and Hawesville opiset each other on the river. We stoped at Clarksville Tennessee and took on wood and coal. We then moved on down to Smithland the mouth of the Cumberland River. We stoped hear a few minuts took on a cople of officers for Nashville and was soon on our way steaming up the narrow but very deep Cumberland River. I did not feel very well. Next day I went on the upper deck and went to sleep and when I awoke I found the sun shineing full in my face. I arose and went down on quarterdeck. Mart saw me and my face being so red from the affects of the sun and sleep he thought I had bin drinking. I saw his mistake and caryed the joke on by playing up tite. He got Fill to help him to keep me from falling over bord. I told Fill how it was and he helped me with my fun. Mart eyed me very clost.

May the First On the Boat — When we arose we found the boat was laying up on account of the fog. The pilot could not see to run. At about 9am we was agane on our journey passing by Ft. Don-ilson and Red River Landing. The mouth of Red River we then passed. Next we went by Ft. Zollicofer and plowed our way on to Nashville. Just after we had gone to bed in the evening our Ajt. come into the cabin and told us that if it was daylight we could see Nashville. We soon herd the bell ring and the cald steam dog quit barking and the boat laid up and we went to sleep and slept soundly untill about 12 o'clock when there was a nois of some kind below that woke me and I could not git to sleep untill after 3 o'clock in the morning I was so excited and so was all the other boys now that we was really in the southland of the rebils.

May the 2d — Nashville Tennessee — About 8 o'clock we left the boat and marched down thrue the town to in front of the court house and up to headquarters whare there was a load of troops and citacens packed into the square. We listened to a short but snapy speech by Gen. Dumond. We herd him really burn the tail off the rebils and he did it good. We then marched back thrue town and

went some mile and a half out on the Murfreesboro Pike whare we camped in a small peace of woods whare there had bin a rebel camp on a farm belonging to a pardner of J. C. Breckonrige. His name was Bell of Tenn. We struck tents and soon found that we was clost to a noble spring and brook. We have got good quarters and a han-some camping ground. One litle English woman come into our camp with Tobacco cake and other comforts suitable for a soldier to sell us.

May the 4th — I having bin on guard the day before I went to bed rather early. After the bugle had blone for lights out the Capt. come to my tent and asked if all was asleep. I hapened to be awake. He told us that he wanted us to git up and pack our napsacks redy for a march and make as litle nois as possible about it. In ten min-uts we was in the ranks leaving the sick and one of the cooks and our tents on the ground. We was soon on our way to the Columbia Depoe which place we gamed by 12 o'clock at night. We halted un-sluing napsacks and piled down to awate orders. Next morning the teams brought our messchest and rations to us and by 5pm we was aboard the cars and on our way to Columbia. D. V. Denio was missing.

May the 5th — Just about 10pm we got to a snubing post. The bridge acrost Duck River was burned so we had to unload and march into town on foot. We left a guard with our rations and crost the river on a pontoon bridge which the Mich. 1st Reg. of Mechan-icks and Engeneers had built for us. At one a.m. we arived at the court house in Columbia whare we bunked down till morning whare we was caled out and marched about 2½ miles south of town whare we camped in a handsome shady grove but without any tents or food. In the afternoon our messchest and rations which we had left at the river come into camp having bin sent for by some post teams. Brig. Gen. Negley commands this post hear. He come to see us today.

May the 7th — Five of our Cos. went to Pulaski to guard a wagon train. I got a leter from my wife and one from Slagles folks. They wrote that my cosen Susan Finley had got a boy. My wife wrote about Capt. A. R. Wood of the Mich. 13th being shot by one of his men while on picket axidentalaly. I hope it wasnt Levie done it for we have had annuff disgrase in the family already what with Enochs bad way of doing. We expect an attacked hear by the rebel Morgan. But I took the shade of an cald narled oak tree for a tent and went to sleep and slept soundly.

May the 8th — When the pickets come in they brought in a negro that said he had bin the day before with Morgan and that he would have attacked us last night had the water not bin so hy that he could not cross the river. But let him come we are ready for him.

10 of May — The pickets brought in several white men supposed to belong to Morgans band. Colonel Stoughton took them to head-quarters. When the Colonel got back we got orders to git ready for a tramp. At about 8 o'clock in the evening we was drawn up in line stacked arms and lay down by our guns ready to be caled on any moment. At four the next morning we was caled out and we went

out about a half mile where we waited until 6am for the cavalry. We traveled all day thru a larg thick and wet swamp cutting our way thru the brush and wading in the water to our breasts. We at night returned to camp pushed without seeing any rebels at all except a couple of posoms. We shot them any way. When we got to camp our left wing had got back from Pulaski. I got a letter from Deborah C. Gillaspie my systerinlaw. At 5pm we got orders to move. Our teams and tents had come but was not put up on account of no time. At dark we was on the march towards our new camp picked out for us on a side hill whare thare was a batry of artillery. It was a handsome place over looking the town of Columbia. We bunked down for the night on the soft side of a rock. Next day we finley put up our tents. I wrote a letter to father. One of Co. H died in a fire of some kind or other.

May 12 — We all went down to the river to bathe and wash our clothes. Next day I got a letter from my wife and Hatty. In the evening a squad of Co. B that was out on a scout lost their way and come on to our pickets unaware and was fierd into, wounding one of the squad. The nois of the guns alarmed the hole camp. Co. I was on picket. Sargts. Juvenhill and McGuire who had fierd on the squad of Co. B that had bin out on scout come into camp and let us no what had caused the alarm. I tell you they was 2 mity shaky boys never haveing shot a body before they was really week in the nees and sick of heart. I could not help but think that I have never shot a body yet eather. I suppose that I will soon.

In the corse of two or three days we got orders to go to Pulaski to guard another train of wagons. We was most two days on the road. When we got thare we had a good time avisting with the girls employed at the coton factory. I found a woman by the name of Frsher. I had a long talk with her. We found some girls that was secesh to the backbone and we had some good times a ragging them about their cause. They got most mad and would not look at us all the time we was hear. We stayed hear about a week and then started back to Columbia which place we gained after two days very hard march. Mart and me went up to town and had our likeness taken and sent it to Deborah. J. Hocboom come back to camp haveing bin home on furlow. He brought me a letter and a package from my wife. She sent Hattys and Ellens likeness and a couple of pares of socks (coton). And a larg ginger cake and a half a pound of green tea. O how I longed to press the hand that had sent them to me.

About a week after this we our Co. went down to the river to take a bath. Theodore Landon caught the cramp and at the same time Wm. R. Mathues strangled and come very near drowning. By using evry effort we succeeded in saving boeth him and Landon from a watery grave. Had it not bin for me Mathues must shurley have drowned. We moved about ½ mile in a shady grove on the farm of the syster of General Zolacoffer the reb leader. Coe Holly and me and Mart went on guard down to the depoe. We had lots of fun with one darkey that caled his name Morgan. We scared him half to

death by saying we would sick the rebel Morgan on him and have him hall him down south agane. A chap by the name of Clark helped us play the game. I wrote a letter to my wife on the ---- of June. I sent my money home by express. I went down to the white house and I had lots of fun with some of the inmates thare. They made some enquires about a ciren Lieut. Baring the discription of one of my Lieuts. I did not tell them any thing about whare he was. In the corse of a few days I was a guard at the depoe again. While on duty the inmates of the White House emigrated to Nashville. Francis and Elizy hated to go and leave the boys but they was compelled to by the town marshal. I got a letter from my cosen John Gillaspie. I wrote one to him and one to Levie. I got one from D. N. Gage. We got orders to git ready to move. Governor Andy Johnson come to Columbia to make a speach. We expected oald Morgan in after the Gows head for he had made his threats but we was ready for him had he come.

We was caled out rather earlier one morning than comon and orderd to git ready to move at a moments warning. We marched down to the cars leaveing all our tents and camp equipege behind. We took the cars for Murfresboro whare we arived just night. I was put on Corp. of the guard. Capt. Bennet was officer of the day. Sargt. Palmer was officer of the guard. We had a cople prisensors. We stayed hear a cople days and then started on an expadition under Gen. Dumont. We went to Woodbery from thare to McMinville whare we arived just night very tired and foot sore. We rested hear a cople of days and on the third day we started very early in the morning for Pikeville. We traveled about 2½ miles whare we had to ford the river. When onst across we puled off our shoos wrang out our socks and resumed the march. We had with us 4 Regs. of Inf. the 69th and 74th Ohio and the 28th Ky. and our oan Reg. and 10 peses of artillery some 5 hundred cavalry. We went about 4 miles further whare we had to ford the river agane. Hear one Frank Jerome went to ride across the river on a pease of artillery. He slipt off over the front sight of the gun wounding himself very bad in the secrets. We went about one mile more whare we struck the foot of the mountain and we began to climb and we kept climbing all day. When night come we found our selves on a little level on the top of the mountain without any thing to eat and we had had no dinner and our train was so far behind that we new we could git nothing untill some time the next day. All we had for supper was some roasted sheep some of the boys shot without any salt. Thare was not near anuff to go around. We had to sleep without any blankets for our napsacks was back on the train. Next morning we started on about four or five miles whare we came to a halt. We turned on our heal and marched back untill we met our train. We got the news that the rebels had left Pikeville and so we was ordered back to Murfresboro. We took what rations we had on the wagons which was onley one days ration and then started for McMinville. We camped some 6 miles from McMinville near the river. Next morning we resumed

our march. When we got to McMinnville the General ordered the citizens of the village to bake 32 hundred pounds of bread by 4pm the following day or he would burn the town. The bread come by time so we had plenty to last untill we got to Woodbery whare we met a train of grub which was sent to our relief. We rested hear about 2 or 3 hours and then started on toward Murfreesboro. We marched all night and reached Murfreesboro just daybrake. We was very tierd.

William Autun went home on furlow. Lieutenant Falkner was sick. We stayed hear a few days and then we took the cars for Nashville whare we arived about 7pm. We went up to the convesant camp whare we stade untill morning when we went over on the farm of major Louis a confedrate. Hear we have a hansome camping ground and a noble spring and a nice little brook. I got a letter from my wife wrote one to her next day. Got one from John Gillaspie and one from Susan Finley. I wrote one to each of them.

One night while on Battalion drill one of the Co. D men by the name of Shippy while going thru the manuel of arms he fierd his gun killing the Colonels horse instantly dead. He did not no his gun was loaded.

In the corse of a day or so Maj. Doughtrys horse died of the bots.

June the 30th — Nashville Tenn. — Capt Hood with 20 of us as guards took charge of some of the men that was taken prisenor at Shiloh. We got aboard of the cars at the depoe with 700 of the prisensors and was soon on our way to Louisville. Lieutenant Hall was to start with 20 more guards and 700 more of the prisensors at 3pm. We arived at Louisville just day brake.

Next morning we marched our men thru the edge of town to Portland some 2 miles below Louisville whare the steamer Autocrat lay up a waiting for us. We got the men aboard and then went over acrost the street to the hotell and got a good warm breckfast. At about 11am Lieutenant Hall arived with the men in his charge. At 3pm we had all of our men aboard and by 5 pm we herd the bell ring for starting and the boat swung around and plowed its way down the Ohio.

July the 1st — It rained. We passed several small towns and we arived at Cairo about 10 o'clock in the evening of July 2nd. We did not land untill next morning for we was afraid of losing some in the dark. About 5am I stept on free soil for the first time in some 8 months. I went up to the Liberty House whare I had some refreshments and I enjoyed myself tiptop with the lady of the bar. She was a good and smart jolly woman. She said she loved all Union boys. At about 11am we marched the men down to the barax whare we turned them over to the man in charge there and we went back to the dock and took up our abode on the cold steamer to awate transportation. We drew rations and got evrything redy to start. That night C. Graves got tite. Our Capt. got clear put out with him for he is the one that always does it hard. The Capt. put him in charge over our rations with the warning that he would sufer gratefully if any

was gone. We rest of us went over to the Liberty House and Capt. Hood treated us all.

July the 4th — On the boat — At 9am we was all aboard of the Autocrat and asteaming our way up the Ohio. When we got to Paduca at the mouth of the Tenesee River we stoped hear. A steamer hospittle passed us hear. They fierd a salute and we answered it with our guns. That was our Independence Day celabration. There was a family got aboard hear. There was an oald man and his married son and 2 small boys. The oald woman and 2 girls about 16 and 18 years oald, the sons wife and one small child, the mother of which had 2 thumbs on each hand. One Dock Smets of our Co. and myself had lots of fun with the girls. Next morning we stoped at Evansville Indiana. One of the boatmen found Dock Smets asleep whare the girls had slept. He mistook him for one of the family so he awoke him and told him his family was all gone. He roused up and said he did not give a d-n. You can bet we had lots of fun with him about that.

July the 5th — Evansville — Some of our boys got most anfull drunk. William R. Mathues for one. By 11am we was agane on our way for Louisville which place we gained about noon on July 7th. We marched up to the barax whare we got our dinner then we went down to the depoe whare we stade untill morning.

July 8th. About 8am we got aboard of the cars and was soon on our way to Nashville which place we gained about 5pm.

July 10th — About 9 o'clock in the evening we started for Bowling Green which place we gained just daybrake. We was after oald Morgan now. We stade hear a cople of hours and then took the cars for Cave City whare we stade untill 11 o'clock that evening when we started on foot for Glasgow. We arived there at 7am. Hear some 40 of our men that had hid from Morgan came to us but Morgan and his band had fled from us.

July the 12th — We marched back to Cave City whare we got our breckfast and then took the cares for Green River at Munfordsville whare Morgan was expected to cross. We stayed hear untill the afternoon of the 13th when we started for Lebnon by rail but when we got to New Haven we learnt that the bridge was burnt and we could not git any further. But we learnt from Capt. Greene of the Bardstown Home Guards that the rebils had left Lebnon so we again took the cars July the 14th for Shepardsville whare we halted a few minnets then started on for Louisville which place we gained next day morning.

July 15 — We marched about 2 miles out of town on the Frankfort Pike near Butcher ville whare we camped in a nice oak grove. There was an anfull excitement amongst the people hear fearing an attack from Morgan. We was caled out on line on account of a false alarm. We was agane alarmed by some home guards cavletry riding up. We got our pay from the government next day morning after which we marched down to the fair ground whare we took the cars for Frankford the capital of Kentucky. We received many harty cheers as we passed thru Lagrange and Eminance. We arived at

Frankfort just night. We took up quarters in the ballroom of a public house. It rained not very hard but steady. We bunked down and slept very soundly until one o'clock when the well none sound of the bugle called us into line and we commenced a long and tedious march. Mart took sick and we had to leave him behind with some 25 or 30 others of our Reg. Co. E and I had come before we had.

July the 18th George Town Ky When we got to George Town Morgan had left but we began to see the affect of such a rebel passing thru the country. He took and allowed his men to take all that he wanted that belonged to a union man without recompence of any kind save curses from him and his men. We rested hear until one am next morning when we agane resumed our march towards Paris whare we hoped to find the old bandit and traitor but hear to we met with disappointment for he had plundered the town and gone. We bunked down hear and rested which we needed very much for we was very bone tired. Our force was about 3 thousand. One of the Cos. of the 28th Ky. Reg. was attached to ours for the time being.

July the 20th Paris Ky — We started about 11pm last night and marched on for Winchester. We took up our quarters in a church yard. Sargt. Twitchell and myself went down town and got our suppers and we got a larg basket of light biscuits for our men. H. Spristers and Dock Collins was tite. We stayed hear until about 9 o'clock pm when we got orders to git ready agane to resume our march. We went about a half mile whare we was brought to a halt and we was stoed away in wagons. We was some 10 in a wagon. When we was all loaded in our presed wagons we moved on ratle bang jolteit a whang over the pike towards the city of Richmond. It was very dark and rainy. There was one Co. of the 2d Battalion of the 19th Reg. of Reglars with us on this trip.

July 21st — When we got to Boonsfery we had to dismount from the wagons and crost on the fery boat. When we got on the bank after we had crost Gen. Smith ordered some of the 28 Ky Co. to roal away one of Morgans dead horses. One fellow an old boy-trotter he said he never done any work in America. We had lots of fun with him and the dead horse. Just then a few yards away the Reglar Capt. drew his revolver on one of the Co. F men. In an instant some half dosen of us boys was at a ready for the Capt. Had he of shot it probly would have bin his very last shot. On that you can depend. Gen. Smith hurried him of fast. We was soon loaded and on our way agane. We arrived at Richmond about 2 o'clock pm. We bought some \$700 worth of bred for our Co. and we bought some honey. I bought a fancy pipe. An imitation of an elaphant.

July the 22nd — We shipped aboard of wagons and started for Lexington Ky. We crossed the Kentucky River at Clays Fery and we passed old Henry Clays residence. We got to Lexington just dark. The Sargt. Major of the 55th Ind. Reg. Vols. tried to steal some feed and horses of us but we stood our post and told him and his major of that Reg. that he had not anuff men at all in his Reg. to take the horses but that he was very welcom to just try it. He backed

of in a hurry. Next evening we packed up and went down to the depoe whare we took the cars for Frankfort passing thru several small vilages. We got to Frankfort just day light on the morning of the 24th. We was soon agoing agane at lieining speed for Louisville. We stoped at Eminance whare I had a talk with the sweatheart of Jack Allen second in command of the rebel Morgans band. We got into Louisville just about 4pm. We found the rest of our boys hear.

July 25th — I went to town and saw the Provo Guards take several off to the work house but they would not trouble us Mich. 11th boys. I went over to my old friends Millers. I had a good viset. I found Libby very well and as chearful as a young woman could be. Sondy we agane took the cars for Nashville which place we gane just daybrake Mondy morning. We marched down thru town and halted about 80 rods on the other side of the Murfreesboro pike opset whare we was before. We camped hear but without any tents for all the boys we had left hear had gone bag and baggage to Bowling Green and had not got back yet. But next day our boys and tents come. We set up our tents and fixed up around camp. It was very warm. I got a letter from my wife and one from Deborah and I answered them boeth.

August the 4th Nashville Ky — I went on picket on the Lebanon pike. I was acting Corp. and I had command of one of the posts. Nels Engles was Sargt. of the main body of guards. I got acquainted with one Mrs. Frank Crow. I had seen her in Michigan. She had a young seecsh war widow by the name of Mrs. Bryant with her. We took a walk and I went a peace with them. Well I shall never forget the young companion of Mrs. Crow. She was the hardest woman to talk to that I ever met and we did not have much in common to say. She seamed all mad all the time. Thru the corce of the nite we saw a fier. It proved to be a house of illfame. When I got back to camp I found another letter from my wife. I wrote one to her. I got one from Hatty. She was out to Rome Station with her syster Slyers wife.

Aug 6th — I went on picket agane. I wrote a letter to Hatty and I gave her a good sheat of advice as requested by my wife concerning one D. Rapp that was trying to flater her.

August the 12th — In the morning I got a letter from John Gillaspie after which I went on picket agane on the Murfreesboro pike whare I drafted some noble melons for my dinner. Just dark as we was dividing up our guards into releafs we was startled by the approach of a body of armed men. It proved to be a Co. of the 79th Reg. of Pa. Vols coming to releave us. We went to camp whare we found that our Reg. was ordered to report at the Louisville depoe without baggage to go for Galatin. We packed our napsacks piled them away filled our haversacks with hard tacks and bacon. I put my wives with some other likenesses into my haversack and I also put in my watch and flute and we started for the depoe. At twelve at night we was all loaded on the cars and was soon on our way to Galatin which place we hoped to find Morgan. We arrived at Camp Creek Bridge 2 miles from Galatin. The bridge was burned so we

had to go on foot. We marched on towards town and when we got within about 1½ miles of town we got orders to do a double quick. When we got within ½ mile of town we got site of Morgans rear guards. We fiered on them killing 6. We took 5 priseners. We stayed in town until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon when we started back to the cars agane. Just as soon as we all got loaded on the cars a party of Morgans men fiered on the rear of our train killing one and a negro and wounding one of the railroad men. We run off our artillery and fiered on the rebils. We killed 25 of them and they took 2 of our men priseners. A few rounds from Capt. Bushs batry put the rebils to flite and we was soon on our way back to Nashville at liening pace.

August the 14th — We arrived just day brake. Next day I went on guard and I could hardly keep awake while on post.

August 15th — In the afternoon we agane started for Galatin. We marched down to the depoe whare we had to wait until dark when we got aboard of the cars and was soon agoing to Galatin. We got down thare just daybrake. It seamess that we always run by night when we could sleep and at day we do some thing else. I have not had a good nights sleep in so long I can not remember how it feels. We had but just got off the cars when we got orders agane to git aboard of the cars for Nashville. We got to the depoe at Nashville just about 9am. We marched down to colage hill whare we found what of the boys we had left behind with out tents and napsacks. We went to work and put up our tents and fixed up around camp quite comferatable. I got a leter from my brother and one from my wife. I wrote one to my wife.

August the 18th — I finally slept all night. Seamed good to have blankets and all also. I was detaled and went on guard. About 3pm Capt. sent for me to come to the Lieutenants tent whare he informed me I was promoted to Corp. Next day we moved our camp about a mile out on the Nolnville Pike near the camp of the 69th Ohio Volenteers.

August 20th — I went on Corp. of the Guard. I had charge of the first releaf. Sargt. Napin of Co. H was Sargt. of the guard. C. Graves was in the guard house agane and so was Steaven Warren of Co. H. Warren gave the guard the slip and got away. I took Lee Willcox and went after him and we found him hid in the brush. He did not want to return but I convinced him that if he did not it would go mighty hard with him. He finley beleved I was speaking the truth for he give up and came easy. Capt. Hood and Capt. Chamberlin told me that we was brought down to half rations for the cussed rebils had blockaded the river at Clarksville and cut off our communications by rail so we was in a prety criticle posison but Negley and his boys was good for it.

August the 21st — I was very sick and I went to the doctors. In the evening Co. I and our Co. and Cos. H E and G went up to colage hill to support a batry. Next day I was beter. I got a leter from Levie and wrote one to him. I begin to want to hear from my wife but our communications being cut we cant git any letters.

Aug. 24 — I went with the Co. in the evening to ^{colage} support the cold batry. We slept all night on our arms in the street. I tell you we begin to feel the affects of coming down on short rations. I fear it wont keep us honest. Next day Coe Holly and some of the boys went out foraging. Major Doughly resined and went home. The report is that Capt. Hood will be major of our Reg. O I would like to hear from home. I cant git a leter from my wife nor git one to her.

August the 28th — Capt. Hood with some 30 men went out on a scout. They captured about 2 barrels of horse shoes and some other iron which was hid away in an cold cellar. Next day it was affote that we had to move and that we are Brigaded. We have to fall out every morning at 3½ am and lay on our arms until day-brake. I packed my cold letters and a pair of sholder scales in with some things of Sargt. Twitchell and sent them home by one Mr. Leg that had his discharge and was going home. I wisht I could pack my self in that bag and go with them for to see my wife and friends. The boys that was detaled for mule drivers just come in with their wild mules. Evens was amongst them. Next day was one of fun to see the boys and negroes brake their mules. Such a rearing and jumping and pitching and kicking and throwing and tossing you never saw but one or two poor darkees was hurt prety bad but none of our boys thank goodness.

August the 31st — We got orders very early to start for Murfreesboro. We started about 5am. The 19th Ill. Reg. started with us. We got to Lavergne just night all wet for it had rained tremendously during the day. We set up our tents, ate our supper and bunked down for the night. Next morning at 3am that well none sound of Hugins bugle sounded for role call and we was soon in line. We stacked our arms ate our breckfast unstacked our arms and started on our march. It commenced raining about 9 and it rained about an hour or so. We marched on towards Murfreesboro which place we gained by 3pm much fatuged for we had marched for two days boeth days all wet. We put up our tents got into some dry clothes and was soon quite comferatable. We got our supper and then made down our bunks and went to sleep and soon slept soundly you can bet.

September the 2nd — We began very early to prepare for Gen. muster for today is muster day with our Reg. While I was cleaning my gun Coe Holly James Fischer and Billy Scochensporgear come to me and asked me to come with them after water for it was the order of the Colonel for us Corps. or one of the Sargts. to go with the boys when they wanted to go for water by squads. I did not want to go but I being a Corp. they threatened to report me if I did not go so I left my gun and went with them. We went down passing by the jale and up to the square and down about 20 rods to a handsome spring whare we filled our canteens with water and started back to finish gitng ready for muster. We got just to the corner of the square when we met the guards agane. The Corp arested James Fischer for not haveing any coat on. He said he had orders to arrest

every one that was with out their coats on. I tried to talk the Corp. out of it but in vain to get him to let Jim go to camp with the rest of us. Finley the Corp. said he would have to take the hole of us. Well said I if you have the write to take and arrest a squad of men going from giting water acting under orders of their Regimental officer also their Co. officers I suppose I must go with you. Hell said the Corp. roughly. I informed him very politely that I wore as many stripes as he did which he did not like but I did not care eather. Well he marched us down to the jale whare he handed us over to another young wet nose flirt of a Corp. of the guard acting as Sargt. And it was shure an act too. I told him my story and he told me he cared not for my blarney. I was by now some what angry but what could I do. We was unarmed hear and under guard. The bigotted worthies soon had the jale full of soldiers one drum major and his hole band one second Sargt. and a squad of the Ind. boys whose Lieut. come and told them to folow him. He told the rest of us that he would go and see the Provo Marshal and see if we had to be arrested and kept in confinement when we was sent on duty so off he went and we awated the results. It was now about the middle of the afternoon but we did not have to wait long for it was but a short time before the Provo come down to the jale. He released us all and then he turned to the two Corps. He bloed them hy and dry for aresting and shutting up men while on duty. And he done so to the accompaniment of the chears of all of us that had felt the result of their silly mistake. I found out by enquireing that these few worthies of guards belong to the 41st Ohio Vols. We bid them good afternoon and started for our Reg. with the full determination that if ever we git the opportunity to remember our captures we will whang them one or two. I tell you I was hurt for it was the first time I had ever had my liberty taken from me for even one single moment. When we got back to camp we found that the Reg. had bin mustered and we had bin reported absent with out leaf. I felt bad for I hated to be punished so bad innocently. The Capt. finley fixed it for us.

Next day we moved down on to the ground that the Mich. 9th was camped on when they was taken prisoners by the rebs. Some of our men went out a foraging. Buell with his force went thru on their way to try to head off cold Brag. His troops looked well. We expected an attack.

September the 4th — We fell in stacked arms and struck tents at 3am and as soon as we was all loaded we was on our way for Nashville agane. When we got to our cold camping ground at Laverigne we was tierd anuff to rest so we put up our tents and bunked down for the night. We had one killed and one badly wounded today by one of the mule teams giting scared by some loose horses which was runing away. Some of our boys went out and pressed some fowls into the cirvus of the 11th Mich. Reg. They was good companys at supper but I tell you hunger and half rations will caus a soldier to do many things he would not do was he at home in a land of freedom and plenty. The boys allso brought in a young

beef or veal. We had some of the spoils of the nights forage cooked for our breakfast and it was good and we had plenty for the hole Co. C for the first time for a long while.

September the 5th Laverigne Tenn. — We was on towards Nashville by 5am. We reached our cold camping ground just about 3pm at Nashville whare we stayed a few days. I was detaled Corp. of the picket guard and Lieutenant Keeler was the officer of the picket. We was stationed about 2 miles from camp on the Franklin pike. I herd that the 13th Michigan was hear. I would have given almost anything to have gone and seen my brother Levie for I had not seen him for some ---- years. His wives brother Mr. Whale Blackman has bin to see me several times but I must give up seeing Levie for tomorrow his Reg. starts with Buell for Louisville Ky. I hope he has pleasant and easy marching. We must stay hear and save cold Nashville. A. B. Smith and D. R. Rathbone was on my post with some of the 21st Reg. of Ind. Vols. We had lots of fun about my elaphant pipe for I went to laugh and dropped it and it broke the stem holder. We did not git releaved untill after dark and when we got back to our camp we found that our Reg. had moved so we bunked down for the night under some larg oaks. Next morning at day brake we started for our Reg. and well we might for we had had nothing to eat since noon yesterday save some veal that a couple of the Ohio boys had foraged for themselves and us. We marched out some 5 or 6 miles from town on the Harding pike to the residence of cold Gen. Harding the rebel whare we found our Reg. encamped in a handsome field. Our brigade is all hear but one Reg. of the 18th Ohio. We ate a harty breakfast for our boys had bin out foraging the day befor. So did not git to see Levie at all. I made down my bunk after breakfast then took a good smoke and dropped to sleep and was soon lost in pleasant dreams of home. I slept about an hour when the Capt. come and asked the boys if I was asleep. I awoke at the sound of his voice and in about five minnets I herd an awfull uprore at the guard lines. Presently whang whang whang went some seven or eight guns. In the direction of the uprore the sound of the 19th Ill. Reg. could be planely herd shouting Zouave Zouave Turchin Turchin at the top of their voices. The next thing I herd was the well none vois of Capt. Hood crying Mutiny in camp, fall in evry man of Co. C. come quick and in 3 minnets we to a man was in ranks. We was ordered to load which we done with all possible haste. We was marched whare the crowd was, then Lieutenant Colonel Eldridge gave orders for the crowd to go to their quarters. The onley answer he got was a cry of Give us Turchin Zouave. He told them he would give them hell if they would not dry up and go to their quarters. Co. C 11th Mich. Forward March cried Eldridge Right Wheal Forward March. This brought us in the rear of the howling Zouaves. We marched steadily on and they began to fall back for they saw we was fully determined to fier. Finley we got them all into their regimental lines. Colonel Stoughton being in command of the Brigade he ordered the hole Brigade out under arms except the 19th. They

was ordered out with out arms. They was formed into a square. Capt. Haden commanded them. We the rest of the Brigade formed a line on each side of them and little Stoughton in their center he adressed them for about a half hour giving them to understand that it was Wm. S. Stoughton that they was dealing with and that orders they must obey. They gave him 3 hearty cheers when they found that they had found an officer that they could not rule nor scare and they then said that they would gladly dy for him if that was his orders. He thanked them and dismissed them and we was marched back to our quarters whare we also was dismissed. I went in and lite my pipe agane. By the by we herd we was to move back to town agane for it is considered unsafe for our Brigade to stay hear. Next day we a squad of us went into the park and thare saw some of the butyfullest elk deer butefellow soforth. We had a good time but I was so tierd when we got back to camp I lay down in the shade and took a good nap. I then wrote a letter to Levie then went to bed to dream of my dear wife.

Next morning we found out that the firing yesterday just before the run in with the Zouaves was some of those 19th boys shooting some coons on the guard lines. We stayed hear but a few days when we got orders to move back to town so we puled up stakes and went back to Nashville. We camped in a butyfull garden right between the three forts viz Ft. Negley Ft. Confiscation and Ft. Andy Johnson. We have got a pleasant place hear. We had not bin hear but a few days when we Co. C and Co. ----- was ordered to sleep on our arms on the Ft. Andy Johnson each night. One night while on the fort D. V. Denio was on post as sentinal and we herd him cry Who comes thare Halt Halt. The newcomer was a deserter from the States prisen. We arested him and sent him back. All was quiet agane and we slept and dreamed on.

October the ----- Camp in the Garden Nashville — We was caled out nearly evry day on false alarms. Finley one day Ordly Benadick was out to the edge of our camp when whang whang went two guns out on No. 3 picket post. In come the pickets. Fall in Fall in was the cry in camp. we was soon in line awaiting orders. We lay in line untill about 3pm. Gen. Negley sent out a detachment to Laverigne whare he captured some 5 or 6 hundred rebils some artillery and some arms stores. We fair very hard. I feel so ancious to git a letter from home but I cannot at present so I must content myself. The Capt. come and told me one day if I would write a letter quick he would git it in and it would go thrue by a secret way to Louisville Ky. whare it would be mailed and sent on to my wife. I done so. He took it and I went to bed and slept beter for now my wife could stop freting about me and Mart.

October the ----- Finley we got orders to pull up stakes and move. We went about one forth of a mile down further into town on the Chadanuga railroad by the hy stone wall. We have a fine and pleasant camping ground hear. Our hole Brigade is hear. I went up to town and got in with some fems and had a good time. Went

whare C. Forbes and me got faned. We found a cool place near the bridge. I was running down very fast with the camp complaint. I am a mere skeliton. Medicen appears to do me no good atall. Nelson Pacerd was appointed assistant surjon general of our Reg. by Governor Blair of Michigan. He come and brought me a letter from my wife. He also brought her likeness and a letter from Hatty Frasher saying that she was married. He brought hers and Barberys picture too.

Camp by the Stone Wall on the Flat — Nashville Tenn. — Colonel Stanley of the 18th Ohio takes command of the Brigade. The news come that the mail could get thrue agane so I sot down and wrote a letter to my wife. Melvin Hazard and Nelson Bacon got strayed off from the forage train and Melvin got taken prisenor but Bacon got away but he did not git in to camp untill next day night. An expedition went out under Col. Miller to Laverigne capturing some 500 graybacks one major 9 line officers. We lost but a few men. We Co. C Co. H Co. I and Co. E was ordered on to Ft. Negley on quick time.

The 26th day of November — After the Cos. was gone I stayed in camp to see that evry thing was all loaded on the wagons. Mart come to me in the tent and told me thare was a man at the dore that wanted to see me. I told him to tell him that I was buisy and for him to come in. No said he come to the dore. I stepped to the dore of my tent and who should be thare and stand before me but my brother Levie. I tell you it was a happy meeting of three brothers in the arney that had not bin together for over 2 years. I shook his hand wormley and I then went to the Capt. and got excused from duty for the Reg. was ordered on review this afternoon. Mart done the same and we went to the tent and had a very good afternoons viset with our brother. At 5 o'clock pm Levie bid us goodby and parted from us but not with out a tear or two dampning the cheek of the hole 3 of us brothers. Next day I got a letter from Levie that he had written the day before he came to see us. I wrote a letter to my wife and got one from Hatty. I went down town and had a good visit with some of my acquaintances. I went down whare the Linsy gal lived and whare the man wanted to trade my gold pencil for some accomadation.

Dec the 1st — Ft. Negley Nashville — I went to doing duty days but was excused nights. I was not able to do duty nights. I have had the chronick diarea for allmost six months and it has run me down from one hundred and eighty seven to one hundred and forty one pounds. I am as weak as a teetotlers coffee. I went down to the doctors tent after some medicen and when I come back I found that our Co. had orders to move. The boys had the tents allmost down. It was Dec. the 3rd.

We went back into the garden agane whare I got a letter from my wife. I wrote one to her. Next day I got one from mother and father. I went uptown and got a cople guns repaired for the boys by order of Lieut. Col. Eldredge. We expect to git our pay soon. I hope we will for hundreds of our boys needs it in order to beter their diet so they may git well.

Dec. the 8th — Camp in the Garden in Nashville 2nd time — In the evening the paymaster come. We had allready sined the pay-roles and next day we got our pay. We was payed up to the 1st of Dec. 1862. We had to settle up for our clothing bill and some of the boys had run over so much that there was nothing due them atall. Some drew five dolars some 10 and 15 and so on. I drew over eight dolars on my bill. Morris Glavin had bin missing for a couple of role calls. Next day was a loud and joley day amongst the boys of the galant 11th Michigan. We got orders to pack our napsacks and git ready to move at a moments notice if caled upon. We packed our napsacks put two days rations in our haversacks. We had a fine time time eating an oister supper. In the evening I stole out of camp and went to see some of my friends in town I having the countessine. I found the ladies of my friend Miss ---- very agreeable.

Dec. the 11th Camp in the Garden 2nd time — At 3am I bid good by to my feamall friends and come back to camp agane. We ate our breckfast reapacked our napsacks fell out and stacked arms in front of our quarters. We huddled around in groups to talk over the signes of the times and await further notice. We did not have long to wate for soon that well none sound of the bugle told us to begin to strike our tents. Just as we got our tents down I got a letter from my wife in which she wrote that her mother was sick. It was bad news for me I tell you for I hate to hear that any of my friends are sick and me whare I cant git to see them. We soon had all our things loaded on the wagons and we started southward on the Franklin pike. Morris was mising yet. We left Russel and E. D. Ellis behind to go to the barax. We left a guard hear. We went about 5 miles out on the Franklin pike whare we found our division lay. We encamped hear in a scarring peace of timber. Capt. Hood was detaled out of our Reg. to take command of one of the Battalions of Pionears in Mortons Pionear Brigade. He took Dock Smets with him. Corp. Spirsters Private A. Allem and D. B. Watkins was also detaled a few days ago for pionears. Lieut. Sturgis of Co. A and Sargt. Heart of Co. D went allso. We have it very unhandy hear for we have to cary our water some $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. I begin to feel quite well agane and I do duity right along now. I wrote a letter to my wife.

Dec 13 — We had not bin hear but a few days when we was startled out and caled to arms on account of a heavy fiering on our front. It proved to be the pickets discharging their fire locks.

Dec the 15th — Camp Hamilton — We was routed out by 3am and ordered to stack arms. We got our breckfast and went about packing our sleeping utencils in our napsacks and filling our haver-sacks. Lieut. Falkner has command of our Co. now. He come and asked me if there was any of our boys that was not able to march. I told him that Coe Holly said he was not able to go so I took him (Coe) down to the docktors and he sent him with Charles Bascomb to the hospitle in Nashville. C. Graves went allso. Ed. Higans our cheaf bugler went to the hospitle with sore eyes. It had rained for several days and it stll continues to rain. The roads and fields are all-

most unwalkable especial whare the wagons or horses have bin. We got orders to pull down our tents which we done and loaded them on the wagons and was caled in ranks and we was soon on our way southward agane.

Canon on the Road — We kept on the Franklin pike about 2 or 3 miles when we bore off to the left toward Nolinville. We got to Nolinville just dark. It rained hard and long during the night. Some of the 19th Illinois Reg. presed a couple of barels of whiskey. They had a joley time of it I wager juging from the sound of them. Next morning we resumed our march toward Lavergne. Our advance kept up a brisk skermishing all yesterday afternoon. By 7 this morning it commenced agane and by ten oclock heavy cannonading could be distinkly herd in or on our front. At 5pm the cannonading ceased and we learned that they had had a very sharp engagement at Lavergne. Graham Louis Wheeler went back to Nashville. We reached the Murfreesboro pike just after dark 2 miles south of Lavergne whare we bunked down for the night on the coald and wet ground.

Camp near Murfreesboro pike — About 12 at night there was a call for guards. We had to send some 30 men back to Nolinville to guard the wagon train thru. Next morning we arose very lame and sore and with out any thing to eat. We wated untill about 11am when we got some fresh beef but we had no salt but we must eat so we roasted some without salt and ate it and caled it good anuff. During the afternoon our teams come and our cooks went to work and made some coffee fried some meat and the teams having a good supply of crackers along we got our fill agane and we built larg fiers of seesh rails which we gathered around to talk of the hard march we had had and the probel fight we would have with oald Bragg at Murfreesboro till night when we bunked down to sleep and dream of our homes. As I lay there I could not help but think that some who was in the talking tonight would not be able to talk ever agane maby in a few hours or days. It was a sad thought and I soon forgot it and went to sleep.

Dec. the ---- On the March — We arose very early dried our blankets for they was wet from the rain and heavy dew that had fallen during the night. We then got our breckfast and put a days rations in our haversacks and was soon ready to march. It was not long untill we got the order to fall in and we resumed our march. We went about 2 miles on the pike whare we took a cross road and some two or three miles to the right of the pike whare we agane took south. We saw hear some rebel cavelry. They was off quite a distance but Colonel Stoughton said he thought they looked like Wheelers gang. Hear we threw out skermishers in front. Our artillery fired on the rebils and they fled. From hear we had to keep a heavy line of skermishers in the advance all of the time. They kept up a fier with the advanced batrys. We marched with in 8 miles of Murfreesboro whare we agane turned and struck the pike. We marched within a short distance of Stone River whare we halted and

I saw Capt. McGlaffin of the 13th Reg. Mich. Vols. He belongs to Brigade Deer Gen. Woods staff. He ust to belong to my cold fire company in Sturgis. We left the pike hear and went into an cold field just at the right of the pike whare we stoped stacked arms by sticking our bayonets into the ground for it was raining and we done this the better to secure and keep dry the loads in our guns. We made some coffee in our cups and ate some bacon and hard tacks. A sharp skermish took place at the Stone River bridge between some of our men and a body of rebils that attempted to burn the bridge. Our men drove them back and held the bridge. We was gathered around our rail fiers in the rain some smoking and some trying to sleep.

Dec. the 30th — Tuesdays Fight at Stone River — Early on Tuesday morn we was caled out. We ate a few bites and with Gen. Negley at our head we marched about one half mile further to the right from whare we lay off the pike. We halted in column by Division right in front each Reg. by itself far anuff apart to just meet when deployed in line of batle. Our left Reg. clost anuff to meet Palmers Division and our right Reg. far anuff when deployed to cooperate with Sheridans Division. The 19th Ill. Reg. under Colonel Scott and one Reg. of Millers Brigade was immediately throne into the advance as skermishers. A like movement was exacuted thruout the hole line of batle of about 8 miles in length. We lay down not more than 15 minnets when our skermishers commenced a hot fier with the rebs.

Thus went the day — The spent balls commenced to drop amongst our ranks but did not hurt any one. Shortly after noon we was moved a short distance to the right whare our right rested on the Wilkinson pike. The barrers commenced carrying the dead and wounded by which increased evry hour. The 69th Ohio now took the front. Thare was four of our skermishers picked off from one post by the rebel sharp shooters. The sharp shooter finley got a ball from one of the 19th Ill. Reg. The sharp shooter had a telascoped sited gun. Hear we occupied a litle nole. Schulzes Dutch batery of Ohio belonging to our Brigade done excellent work sending their death missles to the rebel ranks. The batle rages perty sharp on our right and left. ----- Division made a bold dash up across a larg field on our right driving the rebils from a brick kiln in the feald near the woods.

Tuesdays fight continued — About 3pm our Reg. took the front. Cos. A F D and I was deployed and took the place of the skermishers of the 69th. The rest of us was held as a reserve for the skermishers. Now says our almost worshiped Colonel Stoughton we can try and see what the Mich. 11th can do. They did not shoot as much as the 19th Ill. 18th and 69th Ohio had but that they made evry shot count. Just as it began to git dark the barrers come in from the first line of skermishers with the corps of Lieut. Willson of Co. F a much loved and respected officer. Some of the boys went to work to build some fiers. The Colonel came and told us that he was

sorey that it was so but the orders was such that we could not have any fiers on the front for says he our position is a responsible one. He shoed much anciey about our comfort. We got a few tacks and lay down to rest and sleep.

December the 31st — Wednesdays fight Stone River. We arose just day light allmost froze to death and wet with the heavy dew. We was releaved by the 18th Reg. of the Ohio Vols. and we went about 40 rods to the rear of the line of batle and built up a larg fier of ceeder rails and we made some coffee rosted some bacon and eat some hard tacks but we did not have long to eat for before we got thruue eating our breckfast the well none call was herd Fall In Fall In. We was but a moment giting into line and ready to meet the rebils and we did not have long to wait. Our Colonel mounted his horse and adressed us thus Now my brave boys be cool and calm take good aim shoot low and be shure of your man Secrete yourselves and keep a good lookout for your colors and dont run untill I do. The boys told him they was with him and we was marched back to the front agane.

Wednesdays fight continued. We met the rebils and the fight commenced for certen. Boom Boom sounded the loud artillery Crack Crack and a rattle went the musketry Whew went the rebel shells over our heads Whirr Whirr come the rifle bullets now and then laying low one of our brave fellows. Hear on this nole Schulzes batery was badly cut to peases the rebils haveing hit and eather killed or wounded all but two horses and charging on the batery they had killed and wounded a good many of Shulzes men. The rebils kept coming and the 19th Ill. Reg. and ours charged on them poring a hole voley into them and then keeping up the fier we drove back a hole division of the gray backs. I noised that the rebils had driven the wright wing of our army clear back in the rear of us so as to give the rebils a raking fier across on us just moing our brave men down but our men stood the fier well and fought bravely under the destructive fier of three rebel baterys firing one from the front and one on eather flank. Brigadier Stanley and Gen. Negley seemed evry whare presant chearing and encouraging the men and Colonel Stoughton won from his men that esteem that will last while life lasts. But Colonel Cassilly of the 69th Ohio had indulged in the spirts of rye whiskey so much that he was of but little consequence on the field so he left it and Capt. Bingham took his place and lead the Reg. very well indeed. Young Scott proved himself to be a brave and noble Colonel as he led the Zouaves of the 19th Ill. Reg. Our wright wing is now back parilell with the Murreesboro and Nashville pike and Gen. Negley saw that it was unsafe to hold his position longer. He ordered a retreat which the boys did not like for they was unaware of the extent of the disaster on our right. Says Gen. Negley Boys you have the pluck I beleve you would be shot down before a man of you would retreat in disorder or retreat at all without an order. Hear Gen. Rousseaux rode up and said that a Reg. that was holding a point on our right was out of amantition and he

wanted somebody to take their place. Colonel Stoughton told him he would take it and hold it. Your a gentleman and By God you shall have it Take it and hold it says Gen. Rousseau. We was then marched about 35 rods down to whare lay the Reg. that was out of amantion. They looked rather tierd out and bloody as they went to fill their cartige boxes and we took their places. The rebils kept trying to drive this position but soon stoped during which time we was moved around to the left agane to the battery. Hear Colonel Stoughton lost his horse and Major Smith was wounded and Lieut. Falkner helped him off the field. Colonel Moody of the 74th Ohio marched his Reg. up in perfect order under a tremendous fier and commanded Halt Front Ready Fier poring a volay into the rebils. Now men says Negley we are in a tight place and must retreat but if you will folow me I will take you out. We are almost surrounded and we must cut our way out with fier if nessary. We commenced our retreat in perfect order loading and firing as we went thru the ceders which was very thick hear. Lieutenant Hall of Co. I was wounded and Lieutenant Flinn of Co. E was killed. The rebils had to open for us and we pored out but they folowed us so clost in the rear that they was poring a deadly fier into our ranks. We loaded fixed bayonets about faced and pored a very destructive fier sending many of the trators to their mother earth and putting the rest to a halt and we thus got out of the ceders very well but hear we had to cross a larg field to git to the railroad whare the rest of our right wing had fallen back to and formed in line. The rebils had a raking fier on us while crossing the field. Hear Juite King the Colonels ordly was shot. He was shot but he refused to leave the Colonels side untill ordered to do so.

Wednesdays fight concluded — We formed up when out to the railroad and charged back on the rebils driving them back across the field and into the ceders agane. It now being nearly dark our Division moved down by the side of the railroad and stacked arms. After a hard days fight we needed some refreshment and rest. The contest began to stop for the night. The firing of musketry has almost entirely stoped and the rore of cannon has began to gro more irregular and by the time it was fairley dark we could hear but now and then a cannon booming away sending forth its misels of terer and death. We ate a few bites and lay down to sleep. We found many of our brave fellows had fallen. Lieutenant Falkner has not bin herd of since he had left the field with Major Smith. Lieut. Howard haveing bin hit by a spent grape shot on the nee our Co. was left without a comisioned officer.

January the 1st 1863 — New Years Day at Stone River — New Years morn our Reg. arose and ate a few bites and was soon ready to enguage the rebils but today passed without much fighting. It was quiet all along our line except an acasional boom of artillery and a little light skermishing during the day but I cant say that our Reg. layed quiet for they was anxious to encounter the rebils. Never the less they new that oald Rosey new best how to conduct the battle

so they was resined to his will. Finley nite come on agane and no word from Lieutenant Falkner yet but Colonel Stoughton was all right with us yet. He is shure the colonel for us. All of the officers that is nessary in a fight is a good colonel and a good color barrer and a Sargt. If you have these and the right kind of boys you are all right. We made down our bunks such as they was and was soon dozing away in a slow drizing rain. It was quite cold and the boys begin to cough very bad indeed. We herd that Levie was wounded.

January the 2nd — Frydays fight at Stone River. Fryday morn our boys arose very lame sick and stiff from the affect of laying on the wet ground in the rain without any blankets or anything else. Our Division was moved to the left as reserve. The fighting commenced with a desperation. Gen. Rosecrans come to Gen. Negley and said Gen. save my left. I will save it says Negley and he then marched our division to the left and front whare orders to lay down was given. In the afternoon the rebils marched down in front of our Division to the river keeping up a tremendous fier which passed mostly over our men. Some of the rebils crost the river and got within a few yards of our division, when the men rose pored a deadly fier into the rebils causing them to about face and retire in a most confused manner our boys following them in hot haste yelling as they went crossing the river taking several rebel guns, 12 pounders and taking a good many priseners and then recrost the river bringing off the rebel cannon and the flag of the A Co. South Carolina Reg. Inf. The fighting of today was short but feare and which proved destructive to the rebils for it turned the tide of battle. Our men took another night of suffering from the enclenment of the wether which was still rainey and cold but our boys stood the hardships and exposter remarkable well. Lieutenant Howards nee was so that he is agane with the Co. but Lieutenant Falkner has not bin herd of yet. The boys made themselves some shelters of ceeder bowes. We have about all of the ground that we lost on Wednesday and some besides and we feel confidant that the victory is ours for the rebils dont fight as well as they did the first two days and the brave union boys fight far beter if possible. They are more determined than ever seeking revenge for their fallen comrades. It is dark now and all is quiet thruout the hole length of the line.

January the 3rd Saturdays fight at Stone River — Saturday our men was made aquainted with the fact that Bragg was giting faint hearted for in the evening Gen. Beatty charged on the rebils taking the first line of breastworks capturing a larg amount of priseners and then holding his ground. O how horable to hear the sound of booming cannon and the sharp cracking of the rifles in the night when you no that nearly evry shot is sending death or ruin to some poor human being. Our men are now more encouraged than ever. All night agane our men lay on the wet ground with just hard bread and bacon anuff to keep them from starving. The rebel Wheeler had made a cavelry charge near Lavergne capturing a train of wagons, burning about 100 wagons, destroying a great number of the staff

papers and taking prisoners of the teamsters. Soudy came and went with out much fighting. Lieutenant Falkner has got back to the Co. He was captured and passed himself off as a surjon to the rebs.

Jan the 5th Murfreesboro Rutlford County Tennessee — Mondy morning we lerned that Bragg had took to his heels and left during the night last night. Our troops marched thru Murfreesboro capturing a larg number of priseners that had stragled out as conscripts on purpose to give them selves up. Rosecrans formed his arney on the south east and south west side of town. Our Reg. with many others having lost their tents we as soon as they could be got to us we drew these miserable litle shelter tents and we got plenty to eat.

Jan the 8th — I wrote a letter to my wife and next day I wrote one to mother and I wrote one for Mart. I could not hear whare Levie was and I want to hear from him so bad. Colonel Stoughton was apointed Provo Marshall of Murfreesboro. We hate to have him leave us. In the evening we herd that maybe we could git to go with him as Provo Guards so as to be with our Colonel whom we all love. Capt. Oakes dont feel very well. I fear he will be very sick before too long.

January the 10th — Mart and me got a letter from mother and father and Henry. In the afternoon we got orders to pull up stakes and move into town for Colonel Stoughton had succseeded in giting us as Provo Guards for the town of Murfreesboro. We marched into town and took up our quarters in a larg store formerly used for a rebel commesary department. Next day we got some larg Sibley tents formerly belonging to the 69th Ohio Reg. so Co. H and our Co. put up our tents in the cort yard. The other Cos. took up quarters in buildings in diferent parts of the town. It comenced to rain very hard during the afternoon. I was on Corp. of the guards at the cort house and I had charge of a lot of priseners and straglers. It rained so hard that it overflowed the yard so that the boys had to leave the tents. They took up their quarters in alarg store which was a neat and comfortable place for a soldiers quarters.

January the 18th — I got a letter from mother stating that Mary Jane was married to Mr. Franklin Sprage on New Years 1863. I was disapointed when I herd the news but I was disapointed just as I wanted to be for Frank is a good fellow. I think he is, at least.

Jan 23rd. Capt. Fleming shot Colonel Stokes of the First Middle Tennessee Cavletry in an argument. If his Flemings storey is correct I have a gooddeed of simpathy for Capt. Fleming. I wrote a letter to Ellen and to my wife.

Jan the 25th — I got excused from duty on account of a very bad horseness. Evry man in our Reg. and all the others hear is sick with some thing or the other. I dont no when they all will git well or how. I got a letter from Deborah but still no word from or about Levie yet. I fear a full for him the way our wounded fare hear.

January the last — I was detaled Corp. of the burial guard. We buried 27 dead bodeys and one extra leg and three arms. The wounded men are dieing off very very fast now.

February the first — Murfreesboro opiset the cort House. It rained all day hard I tell you. I never have seen it rain so much and so long and so hard as it rains hear. But we fare well to what we would if we was out in camp for we have got good quarters and our duty is not hard for all the boys has to come on guard every other day. At least we go back to dry rooms when we are off duty for which we are thankful. Next day I got a letter from my wife and I wrote one to her. Nothing particular to do hear. I wrote a letter to Jack Lamb of the 19th Illinois. Mart got one from mother.

Feb 10th — I was agane of the buryal party. Buried 48 bodeys. The wounded dies very fast now but it seems there is more of the rebels that dies than of our men. We have some two thousand sick wounded and week in town yet of the rebels that the rebel Bragg could not git away with when he vannused the place. Next day it rained. I went on guard agane onley for a part of the day. I feel so anxious to hear from Levie my wounded brother.

February the 12th — Frederick A. March one of our new recruits died. He was a noble boy and much too young to die so far from home as he was. He was buried the next day. Mart has bin detaled phifer. I with a cople of guards took charge of some 34 priseners and refugees. I went down to Stone River crost myself and my men by means of a hand fery and when I got to the railroad I found that my men priseners was to unload the cars that had come thus far but could not run into town for the bridge is not done yet. Hear I saw my oald Capt. Hood. He was abossing the job of putting across one of the bridges for wagons. He was glad to see me and we had a good talk.

Feb. the 14th — I got another letter from my wife and next day I wrote one to her. I wrote one to Mr. Whale Blackman making enquires about Levie. O if onley I could hear from him for he is a brother that I love. What a difference between his conduct and that of Enoches. I find it hard to beleve that they both are brothers to me. Our first eighteen monthes are most gone and the war is not over yet. I begin to think for the first time may be we will have to stay our three years out yet.

Feb the 16th — The 21st Ohio Reg. releaved us on Provo duty while we had Brigade Review. Gen. Negley and Lieutenant Colonel Van Stratter the Division Inspector general reviewed us. The Gen. complimented our Reg. on the uniformity of our movements and the good condition of our arms. He also thanked us for our active role in the late battle.

Feb the 18th — I went on guard. I got a letter from my wife and I finley and thankfully got one from dear Levie. He thinks he is on the game. O how glade I was to hear from him. He is in the hospittle No. 14 in Nashville Tenn. I wrote a letter to my wife and one to Barbary.

Feb. 20th — E. S. Gray and L. Wheeler let three priseners git away from them while on guard at the jale. Colonel Stoughton had them boeth arrested. Our Co. moved back into our tents in the Cort House. Next day I got a letter from my wife wrieten the 15th. It

rained hard all day agane. I got a letter from Deborah with her likeness in it written Jan the 13th.

Feb. the 22 — Capt. Fleming calls for a new trial but I dont think he will git it. He has bin tried by a cort marshal and sentenced to be shot to death but Gen. Rosecrans has on account of Capt. Flemings good conduct hear to for remuniated the sentence to a dismissal. Wrote a letter to my wife and to Mrs. Harriet Lamb Jack Lambs wife. We had dresserade at 4pm and Capt. Childes had command of the Reg. at this time. Next day I got a letter from Levie and he is still on the game. We was all ordered to be in camp tomorrow for what we do not no.

Feb. 25th — We got our pay. We received 52 dollars for fore months pay. I sent 20 dollars to my wife loned 18 and kept the remainder myself. I would like to see all of my friends in Michigan and Indiana.

February the Last — I must now finish up this book. I have now bin a soldier just 18 monthes and four days. One half of the time I enlisted for but I am willing to quit soldiering as soon as our Union is restored but should it the south continue to defy the athoratsy of the United States I am willing to remain in the army for years yet. Thus endeth the first year and a half of my life as a soldier. My energy is with my country heart with my friends.

Ira M. B. Gillaspie

Co role of Co C Mich 11th Reg Vols on Jan the 1st 1862
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Capt Calvin Hood
1st Lieut M M Falkner
2nd Lieut Loren H Howard
1st Sargt Charles W Bishop died
2nd " James M Whalen promoted
3rd " Smith A Benadick
4th " Enos M Twitchell
5th " Hareson Graves discharged
1st Corp Jasper D Ladlow discharged
2nd Corp Melvin D Hazard
3rd " Cortland W Doughty discharged
4th " Martin W Gilbert died
5th " Alonzo H Merrick
6th " Luzerne G Brooks discharged
7th " John F Buishland
8th " Samuel L Graves discharged
Drummer Samuel Spalding
fifer Watts Sherman
Privets Hareson Auten died
Wm Auten
Albert S Allen detaled
Jerome Allen died
John A Angle died
Cyrus A Bowers
Warren F Barnes

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died

Nelson Bacon
Charles Bascom discharged
Charles E Barnes
Solomon Burchard
Luis Brown discharged
Andrew Bear
Wm F Y Bourns
Elisha L Beardsley died
George Chandler discharged
Wm G Champlin
Dwight V Denio
Peter Doyle
Leroy Dunning
Nelson B Engle
Elisha D Ellis
Charles V Forbs
James Fisher killed in battle
John Fisher
John B Farnaham died
Lorenzo H Griffith
Simeon B Gilkerson
Morris Glavin
Ira M B Gillaspie
Enoch has gone now
Charles F Graves
John A Geary
John Goodle died
Jacob Hackenburg
Samuel Heberlee discharged
Isac Hogaboom
Samuel Henderson
Coe Holly
Thomas D Harding discharged
John C Jordan
George Kline discharged
Theodore E. Landon
Dannil C Lenord killed in battle
Charles Lenord
Wm Lords
Perry Letson discharged
Wm R Mathues
Amos Mathues deserted
Henry Mathues died
Henry E Mead
George H Norton died
Jacob Neal
Carlos Plumb died
Benjamin F Potts died
Henry Patten
Wm Patten wounded
Phillip N Rarler

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