

Fredrick Goddard Diary

Cover page of Diary [illegible]

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Monday Aug 25th 1862

Left the station for Chicago at 3 arrived safe and sound at 6 marched from the State street to our camp ground at cottage grove found the tents all pitched Slept on hay with blankets over us.

Tuesday Aug 26th, 1862

Spent the time in fixing our tents and fireplaces B Bartholomew is co cook

Wednesday Aug 27th

To day [sic] we were examined by the U.S. Surgeon 5 of our co were rejected. I was pronounced sound.

Thursday Aug 28th 62

To day [sic] we drew our overcoats blouse coats pants shirts drawers stockings shoes knapsacks and were sworn into service.

Friday Aug 29th 1862

We drew our dress coats and drilled we have got a nice level drill ground 4 of our boys went home on a furlough to day [sic] Had a prayer meeting this evening Went to the Lake.

Saturday Aug 30th 62

Stood guard to day [sic] for the first time. We read a chapter in testament evry [sic] morning and evening. Went into Mr [sic] Merleys [sic] tent to prayers to day [sic].

Sunday Aug 31th 62

Review in the afternoon there were 6 reg and 1 Batl [sic] of 6 guns. It dont [sic] seem much like Sunday

Monday Sept 1st

drills

Tuesday Sept 2d

drills

Wednesday Sept 3d 62

We have drilled as usual. visited Douglas grave washed our clothes at the lake

Thursday Sept 4th 1862

To day [sic] has been one of great note and importance. We are on the cars bound for Dixie Land got marching orders at one In half an hour the tents were all down we recd [sic] our caps canteens [illegible letters crossed out] Just previous to starting quite a number of friends were here from Bristol to see us off.

Friday Sept 5th 1862

We are riding along and enjoying ourselves first rate we get all of the apples an [sic] peaches we want had break fast [sic] of crackers and meat

Saturday Sept 6th 62

The same old story to day [sic] I am getting tired of riding The folks along the road treat us very well

Sunday Sept 7th 62

The fore part of to day [sic] we went very slow but got to Jeffersonville after dark crossed the Ohio on a ferry marched through Louisville 5 miles and laid down on the ground

Monday Sept 8th 62

We drill eight hours a day it is quite warm and drill is hard.

Tuesday Sept 9th 1862

I stood guard to day [sic] for the first time in old Ky I tried to get picture taken but did not succeed.

Wednesday Sept 10th 62

While on dress parade We received orders to pack our knapsacks and be ready to leave in 30 minutes In 30 min we were on the march with 50 round of cartridges in our cartridge boxes and 4 days rations in haversack

Thursday Sept 11th 62

We are lying on the bank of the Ohio waiting for ferry boats to take us across

Friday Sept 12th 1862

We are at Jeffersonville and at camp Holt. After we crossed the Ohio we were loaded into some old coal cars and kept waiting all of the forenoon It rained one hour and gave us a thorough drenching

Saturday Sept 13th 1862

We are waiting at camp Holt waiting for our tents and provisions to come up it rained all night we lay on the ground

Sunday Sept 14th 1862

We are are back at our old Camp (Camp Manchester) and have got our tents all pitched and are writing letters. We expect to leave again tomorrow

Monday Sept 15th 1862

To day [sic] we have done the tallest marching we have ever done. we marched 18 miles it was very warm quite a number of the boys were sun struck. I am on guard to night [sic] it dont [sic] seem as if I could stand guard I am so very tired

Tuesday Sept 16th

We are resting to day [sic] and have got orders to move by daylight I am sick and cannot go I understand they have gone out digging rifle pits.

Wednesday Sept 17th 1862

The boys come back and have gone again to day [sic] I am not well

Thursday Sept 18th 1862

The boys are resting and are going to march South tomorrow I am not able to go but will stand guard and let someone else go that is able.

Friday Sept 19th 1862

The boys have gone and I am on guard it is very lonesome here to day [sic] the tents are left standing and they will be back.

Saturday Sept 20th [no entry just a line]

Sunday Sept 21st

The 36th Ill are encamped and I am going to try and go over and see them They are three miles.

Monday Sept 22d 1862

I have been over to the 36th I found lots of boys I knew had a good visit and staid [sic] all night with [illegible] Cornell Orton Barnes went with me

Tuesday Sept 23d 1862

We were woke up in the morning about thre [sic] and ordered to be in readiness to march at daylight I was ready at the time and though I did not feel quite well I thought I would try it we marched out in front to our rifle pits and pitched our tents. I stood it much better than I expected.

Wednesday Sept 24th 62

The city is in great excitement. The women and children have been ordered across the river. We expect a big fight soon for General Bragg is marching on the city with a large force I am on guard our muskets are loaded so let him come.

Thursday Sept 25th 62

Major General Buell and his advance guard entered the city to day [sic]. Our regiment were reviewed by Major General Nelson in the trenches I was on guard at the time. Wrote two letters We have orders to be ready to move in a minutes [sic] warning. Have got our canteens filled with water [illegible] will probably leave toni[cut off] Commenced mess cooking to day [sic] 4 messes 20 in a mess Silas paqe [sic] is our cook mess No 3

Friday Sept 26th 1862

We were ordered out on picket at 8 Oclock [sic] this morning. It was the first time I was ever out on picket I was stationed as a reserve guard I liked it very much. I had a bully good time took dinner with a union Dutchman.

Saturday Sept 27th 62

We were relieved about 8 Oclock [sic] last night and marched for home but when we go there there was no home there for our tents were all pulled down and we were ordered to march on we marched about 4 miles found our tents. We pitched them and by the time it was done the mud was shoe deep. For it had rained all the time we were on the march and while we were pitching our tents we were wet to our hides and passed a very uncomfortable night.

Sunday Sept 28th 1862

To day [sic] we have had to clean our guns they were very rusty and it took us all of the forenoon. This afternoon I have been to church Divine services were held in a nice [illegible word crossed out] Locust grove about 60 rods distant. We had a good sermon it was delivered by our chaplains. It was the first sermon I ever heard from him. The text was the fourth verse of the eighth psalm "What is man that though art mindful of him and son of man that though visited him." The boys all went over to the 36th [crossed out] 36.

Monday Sept 29th 1862

We are under a different Brigadier I understand and we only drill 4 hours a day We have been out and drilled this morning (we can drill much better than we could a month ago) Major General Nelson was shot to day [sic] by Brigd. [sic] General Davis they had an affray on the street and [illegible letter crossed out] Nelson struck Davis and called him a liar when Davis produced a revolver and shot him.

Tuesday Sept 30th 1862

We received orders to march this morning at 8 Oclock [sic] and one or two Companies struck their tents When the orders were countermanded and they had to pitch their tents again and we went and drilled This forenoon Capt [sic] Hobbs of the Thirty sixth drilled us.

I wrote a letter and went down to the Ohio river and took a bath and washed my shirt and stockings

We expect to go out on picket to morrow [sic]

Wednesday Oct 1st 1862

This morning we received orders to get into line we were in line by nine and off, as we supposed to do picket duty but to night [sic] shows us our mistake as we have marched all day We are very tired we have suffered some for want of water and from the heat. We have marched 15 miles.

Thursday Oct 2

Arose this morning stiff and sore got breakfast of hard bread and [illegible] and we started on the march and reached shelbyville [sic] at sundown it was very warm in the forenoon but rained in the afternoon came 17 miles

Friday Oct 3d 1862

We are lying in camp in Shelbyville our covering at night is our blankets and our bed is the ground our food is hard bread coffee and bacon We are in the 6th Brigd [sic] 2d Division under general Gibson

Saturday Oct 4th

To day [sic] we received some mess pans to do our cooking We are divided into small messes of 6 in a mess. Our Comp [sic] have been ordered out to guard a amunition [sic] train I am going.

Sunday Oct 5th 1862

Have been on guard all night Kehler and I killed a hog last night and we have a plenty of fresh meat quite a number of the boys went to church in town to day [sic] I could not go for I was on guard. We releived [sic] this afternoon and were marched back to camp we expect to march tomorrow morning I coaxed a couple of negro boys to run away and now they are in camp and are going along with us they were owned by a couple of secesh.

Monday Oct 6th 1862

Started on our march toward Frankfort this morning halted about 2 and started on toward Frankfort marched until near dark and halted and got super [sic] 9 miles from Frankfort started and got to Frankfort in the night

Tuesday Oct 7th

We are lying in Camp at Frankfort. We do not have any thing to do except cook and eat. Joseph Haigh who was left sick at Louisville arrived to day [sic] We march at one Oclock [sic] to night [sic]

Wednesday Oct 8th 62

Started on our march toward Lawrenceburg at one got there at 11 and found the enemy an [sic] some force our Cavalry mad [sic] a dash at them but were refused with some loss our Artillery opened on them and drove them off the 89 were then drawn up in line of battle to support the artillerry [sic] the 32 were thrown out as skirmishers but could not find the enemy we then continued our march to war Salt river reached there at dark. have marched 33 miles to day [sic].

Thursday Oct 9th 1862

Arose and got breakfast Heavy Cannonadeing [sic] to our right. We have had quite a heavy skirmish all of the forenoon and have drove the rebels back Our loss 9 killed 15 wounded

Friday Oct 10th

Continued our march toward Perryville. It has been raining and is quite cool we did not get into until 11 O'clock [sic] it was very dark and we had a very hard time getting through the woods It has been raining all day

Saturday Oct 11th 1862

Have marched all day through a very nice Country We are drawing near to the battle field of Perryville every [sic] house and barn for miles around here is one complete Hospital the houses are all filled with wounded soldiers We Camped after dark right on the battlefield the smell from dead men and horses is awful General McCook made a speech to us to night [sic].

Sunday Oct 12th 1862

This morning I have walked over the battle field and have seen sights that I do hope I will never see again the ground is covered with dead rebels and with the graves of our own brave boys. We continued our march and passed through Perryville this morning about 10 o'clock [sic] the town is one complete hospital the houses are full of bullet holes

Monday Oct 13th 1862

~~[crossed out: Continued our march and passed through]~~ Have been lying in camp at a big spring We have had nothing to do but eat and sleep. I bought a can of pickles I drew fresh beef crackers Coffee and sugar

Tuesday Oct 14th

Continued our march and passed through Danville about four O'clock [sic]. We halted and rested in the streets it is a very nice place marched 4 miles and camped for the night

Wednesday Oct 15th 1862

To day [sic] we have marched about 15 miles and are encamped 2 miles from Crab Orchard. We have traveled over a very nice tract of country but the citizens appear to be mostly secessionists no Union sentiment manifest

Thursday Oct 16th

I dont [sic] know what is a going to hapen [sic] we did not receive the usual orders to prepare for a march and we have washed our clothes and I have written 5 letters It seems quite odd to not be on the move. We are in Camp in an old potato field we had potatoes and beef soup for dinner

Friday Oct 17th 1862

Today we have been lying in camp our time has been spent in writing letters and in cooking Richard Field and I went and got some corn and made a grater out of an old tin plate and had mush for super [sic] It was nice for a change.

Saturday Oct 18th 1862

We were ordered to get ready to march in the morning but have not moved yet W. C. Gilliam and myself went out into the country and got some Sorgum [sic] molasses it first rate on hard bread We drew our rations to day [sic] it consisted of hard bread sugar Coffee and beef

Sunday Oct 19th 1862

Arose this morning went down and washed at the creek and got ready for Church Went to Church and heard a good sermon by our Chaplain the text was from Luke 15 chapter 17 verse he presented each one with a verse of scripture printed on a card after service. One of our mess is on the sick list it is Richard Field. Our sutler arrived to day [sic] from Louisville with a new suply [sic] of goods he has set up his tent and gone to selling just as if it were not the Sabbath. There is no respect for the Sabbath in the army.

Monday Oct 20th 1862

Tonight finds me about 6 miles from Danville out in the woods seated around the Camp fire writing in my diary. We started this morning from Crab Orchard at half past 7 Oclock [sic] and have marched 21 miles to day [sic] we are going back on the same road that we came out on. What we are going back for I dont [sic] know but the Camp rumor is that we are going into winter quarters at Lebanon Junction. While I write the boys are pounding Coffee and cooking bacon for super [sic]. (Ho Hum I am tired.)

Tuesday Oct 21st 1862

Our Colonel had to give up his sword this morning because he let the boys take a couple of hay stacks for beds (Oh that guarding secesh property would cease) We started at eight this morning and marched to Danville and halted 2 hours for dinner We then marched 6 miles farther and halted for the night. got our supper of bacon hard bread and Coffee. Laid down on the ground and slept well. We carry a haversack with two days rations Cartridge Box with 40 rounds of Cartridge blanket Canteen and Gun.

Wednesday Oct 22nd 62

Arose at 4 Oclock [sic] went and got some rails and water made a fire cooked some coffee ate breakfast and started on our march with the sun only half an hour high. got to

Perryville at 9 O'clock [sic]. marched until after dark and halted on the bank of a nice stream about 10 miles from Lebanon cooked supper and drew our rations they consisted this time in Coffee and 5 hard Crackers. We have passed through a very mountainous country today. Perryville is one complete Hospital.

Thursday Oct 23rd 1862

Arose this morning at four O'clock [sic] got breakfast of hard bread and Coffee and were off toward Lebanon by sunrise the night was very cold and frosty and we did not sleep much but set up around the fires We miss our tents very much we forded the [blank] river at 8 O'clock [sic] We passed though Bradfordville 11 O'clock [sic] to day [sic] It was burned 2 weeks ago by the rebels on account of its being (as the inhabitants say) a Union Town. We have marched about 20 miles to day [sic].

Friday Oct 24th 1862

Slept very cold last night. Crackers and Coffee for breakfast. We are on half rations only four Crackers being allowed for two days. Started on our march at 10 O'clock [sic] to day [sic] we have proceeded about a mile from Camp when the reg was halted and 7 men on horse back came along all armed with whips hunting for a negro boy they saw the boy in the ranks and swore at him and ordered him to come and go back to his master but he did not choose to go and the boys did not choose to let him. The men tried hard to get him but the boys threatened to shoot them if they did not leave and after a good many hard words the negro drivers were bluffed off and sent home minus the nigger. The boy was well scared but is in camp with us to night [sic]. We marched until near dark and halted in a nice meadow [sic] for the night. The Country through which he have passed this afternoon is very hilly. marched about 12 miles to day [sic].

Saturday Oct 25th 1862

Tonight I am situated in more comfortable quarters than we have been in some time before. Last night after we had gone to bed our waggons [sic] came and brought our tents and knapsacks and to day [sic] has been spent in pitching our tents and fixing up our quarters generally. it has been raining and snowing all of the afternoon and our tents feel quite comfortable. We have got our [crossed out] a fine fire in our tent and are enjoying ourselves finely. Richard Field went to the hospital today.

Sunday Oct 26th 1862

Slept first rate last night we had our tents to sleep in arose at 6 cooked our breakfast of beef soup and coffee had [illegible word crossed out] inspection of arms and cartridge boxes at 9 this morning. Went to writing letters wrote one to mother and had commenced one to my Sister when we were ordered out on picket and I had to put up

my writing and go. The snow is about three inch deep on the ground. [crossed out: We [illegible] on green river at 2 O'clock [sic] to day [sic]. We are 105 miles from Nashville to night [sic] marched 15 miles]

Monday Oct 27th 1862

We were called in from picket at an early hour this morning and were ordered to get ready to move the tents were struck and packed into the waggons [sic] the knapsacks were put into the waggons [sic] and an we were orderd [sic] to get into line when we were drawing up into line the Colonel rode along the line with his sword hanging by his side the men cheered him and he returned the compliment by a wave of the hat. We crossed Green river at 2 O'clock [sic] to day [sic]. We have marched 18 miles through a very nice country.

Tuesday Oct 28th 1862

Slept in our tents last night the night was cold and frosty Arose and cooked a breakfast of salt pork and coffee marched at 8 O'clock [sic] crossed the Little Barren river at 11 O'clock [sic] halted at 12 and made coffee marched until near sundown and halted in a meadow near a nice spring for the night. the land belonged to an old secesh and the way we Confiscated the rail fence and hay was not very slow. Generl [sic] Gibson told the boys to take any thing they wanted. Traveled through [rest of entry illegible]

Wednesday Oct 29th 1862

Arose at 5 cooked breakfast of beef Soup and hard crackers started at 7 and marched until 12 and halted half an hour for dinner and then marched until dark and halted for the night within a few rods of a rail road. the first rail road I have seen since We left Louisville. It done the boys good to see a train of cars go along and they cheered lustily the first train that went along was loaded with troops drew rations of beef and crackers. Went and got some straw for a bed. Silas is not very well. Marched 20 miles

Thursday Oct 30th 1862

Started at 8 this morning and marched only eight miles and halted for the rest of the day and night. We pitched our tents and then I went down to the pond and washed some clothes and took a bath the Country through which we have passed has been quite level for KY.

Friday Oct 31st 1862

Arose at four cooked our breakfast of bacon and coffee and got ready to march struck our tents and were off by 7 O'clock [sic] marched till noon and halted half an hour for Coffee continued our march and crossed the Green river at Bowling Green at 2 O'clock

[sic] on a Pontoon bridge the old bridge was burned by the Rebels some time ago marched through the town to the tunes of Dixie and Yankee Doodle. We marched 4 miles further and halted and pitched our tents 20 miles to day [sic]

Saturday Nov 1st 1862

Slept until after sunrise got up and cooked our breakfast. Were told we would not move to day [sic] cleaned up my gun and went to writing letters. Were mustered in for our pay this afternoon.

There is a nice stream close to Camp where we get our water it is called the lost river. It comes out of the hill and runs perhaps 100 yds and then disappears into a cave. It is a great curiosity

Sunday Nov 2d 1862

Some of the boys from the Thirty Sixth were here today. Silas and I went down and washed and boiled our clothes at this creek. Wrote two letters this afternoon one to Cousin James and one to Sister Hattie.

We got some straw and we can sleep much warmer now. The nights are quite cool and frosty. [The word John and other letters are written after this entry.]

Monday Nov 3d 1862

Am not very well to day [sic] have got a touch of the ague. We received orders to have battallion [sic] drill at two O'clock [sic] Squad drill in the morning and Company drill in the forenoon.

The boys are cutting and drawing wood it looks as if we were going to stay here for a spell. We have drawn rations of Sugar Coffee hard bread and Bacon [Josephine Says is written at the end of this entry.]

Tuesday Nov 4th 1862

This morning we were called up very early this morning and ordered to get ready to march by 6 O'clock [sic] Before sunrise we were on the march toward Nashville. We passed through Franklin at 2 O'clock [sic] marched nearly up [crossed out] until dark and halted for the night near a very nice stream We have marched for 9 hours and have come 23 miles. Went and got some straw for a bed. The country has been quite level through which we have passed.

Wednesday Nov 5th 62

Started before daylight this morning and have marched all day and have come 22 miles. I was not very well and did not march in the ranks. I had my blanket and Cartridge box carried on the 60 waggons [sic]. Silas is not very well and so we have got a pass to go on ahead we went ahead of our regt [sic] until noon and then stopped to rest and the whole Brigade passed us. Went to a union mans [sic] house and got some dinner
Crossed the State line at 8 this morning level Country

Thursday Nov 6th 1862

This morning we were told by the Colonel that we would not move to day [sic] except to Just change Camp. We are going to stay here for the present and guard the hospital and pike. We moved our Camp about 80 rods to day [sic] we are close to a nice spring called Tyres spring. As soon as we got our tents pitched we were ordered out on a foraging [sic] expedition we went about 2 miles and came to a grist mill we entered it and confiscated a big waggon [sic] load of meal and flour I made out to get some shorts potatoes turnips and a few Onions. General McCook told us we might take anything in 15 miles of here this is a strong secession county.

Friday Nov 7th 1862

To day [sic] has been spent in fixing up our quarters and in getting wood it has snowed a very little today cooked some dried peaches and pan cakes [sic] for super [sic].

Silas has gone to take care of the quarter master who is quite sick. Each Camp had a fresh hog given to them to day [sic].

Saturday Nov 8th 1862

We were ordered out on picket this morning I am stationed on the reserve and have only had to stand picket one hour in the day and one in the night some of the boys killed a nice veal calf to day [sic] and gave us a nice piece. It is fine meat. We live much better since we came into Camp than we did on the march. We have all of the fresh meat that we want flour corn meal and a few dried peaches.

Sunday Nov 9th 1862

To day [sic] we have [crossed out] were releived [sic] from picket and came into Camp at 9 Oclock [sic] the boys were loaded with fresh pork veal apples potatoes and chickens also some dried fruit. We cleaned up around camp and the boys went to church. I did not go to church but go Super [sic] for the rest of the boys.

Monday Nov 10th 62

Arose this morning went and got water for breakfast cooked breakfast of veal soup and pancakes as soon as got through eating (before we had time to wash the dishes) we were ordered out on picket I am stationed on the reserve again. (had rather be on a different post) The Lieutenant and part of the men are [crossed out] built a shanty up in the woods and we can have a more comfortable place to sleep after this.

Tuesday Nov 11th 1862

We were releived [sic] this morning about 9 Oclock [sic] and returned to camp I gathered some chestnuts and took them in with me they are quite plenty around here as soon as we got back I took all of my dirty shirts and went down to the spring built a fire heat some water and washed them and boiled them.

We drew [sic] rations of sugar Coffee Bacon hard bread rice beans and apples today the boys got the apples on a foraging expedition.

Wednesday Nov 12th 1862

Arose this morning and found it raining. Went out on picket right after breakfast. It has rained incessantly all day we are pretty well wet. I was not on the reserve to day [sic] but was stationed in a very deep ravine (The Major says it is the most dangerous and most important post on the whole line of pickets) I went to a house about a quarter of a mile from where we were standing and got two haversacks filled with green apples the owner of the property was a private in John Morgans [sic] guerrilles [sic] band the woman and two daughters were all secesh and said they would rather die on the gallows than ever come under the government of the U S of A again.

Thursday Nov 13 62

Were releived [sic] this morning went to camp washed up cooked some rice made some little bags to carry salt and sugar in hemmed a towel and fussed a boht [sic] until super [sic] time then got super [sic] and went to bed. drew rations of crackers coffee and sugar.

Friday Nov 14th 1862

Went on picket again and have had to stand half of the time. I was for 6 hours in the night they have gone into another arrangement and make a regular detail of 100 men each day this will make picket duty much tighter. The boys in camp commenced drilling to day [sic]. I found a good butcher knife to day [sic] in the woods. It is just the thing that I need to cup up meat with. Drew rations of sweet potatoes, crackers and sugar.

Saturday Nov 15th 1862

relieved [sic] at 9 this morning came to camp and washed up and got some breakfast borrowed a book and went to reading.

Joseph and Ben Haigh brought in a quarter of veal and some dried apples this morning the Colonel saw them bringing it in and had them arrested and sentenced to carry the meat for 4 hours on their shoulders in front of his headquarters he relieved [sic] them in one hour. Went out on battallion [sic] drill at 2.

Sunday Nov 16th 1862

Arose this morning got breakfast and then washed up and got ready for church. When we were ordered out on battallion [sic] drill We drilled in the manual of arms and then had a sham fight we charged bayonets on a double quick the Camp were deployed as skirmishers and we had a great time generally. While we were drilling General Rosseau and Staff came along our Colonel ordered us to a front and present arms some companies turned their back to him He brought us marching orders.

Monday Nov 17th 1862

We struck tents this morning at day-light and started on our march toward Nashville. It rained all of yesterday afternoon and all of last night and this morning it is very muddy we have passed through 2 towns to day [sic] they were entirely desserted [sic] and partly burned. The name of the last place was Goodrichville the first place did not have any one in it and I could not find out is [sic] name The country has been very rough and mountainous we have marched 12 miles to day [sic] in the mud.

Tuesday Nov 18th 1862

Struck tents before daylight and were off for the Capitol It rained all of last night and drowned some of the boys out of their beds and they had to dig around their tents in the middle of the night and in the mud to keep the rain from running under their tents. Our tents happened to be on a nole [sic] and the water did not trouble us. We crossed the Cumberland river at half past 10 on a pontoon bridge and marched through Nashville the rebel capital at 11 Oclock [sic]. It is awful muddy we marched 6 miles beyond Nashville and joined our brigade. We are the extreme advance A private in Co G shot his hand off to day [sic].

Wednesday Nov 19th 1862

Arose and got breakfast of hard bread bacon and Coffee. Had inspection of arms and Catridge [sic] boxes at 9 this morning by the Brigade inspector [sic]. We are lying in camp at the asylum 6 miles from Nashville. Our brigade have had 2 skirmishes with the enemy since they left us at Tyrees Springs. We heard heavy cannonadeing [sic] this morning in our front. It is raining quite hard to day [sic]. Had to drill this afternoon. We

drew over shirts to day [sic] Also drew rations of hard bread potatoes coffee and sugar.[Last line is illegible]

Thursday Nov 20th 1862

Arose and went and fetched water for breakfast got breakfast of sweet potatoes hard bread Coffee and beef. Had Co drill at 9 this morning Went out on picket at three The whole Reg went out We went about 3 miles from Camp I am on the reserve.

Friday Nov 21st 1862

This morning We were taken from the reserve and placed on picket to relieve Co E. Our reg were releived [sic] by the 49 Ohio at three this afternoon. I am not very well. Two of our boys came from the Hospital [rest of entry is illegible]

Saturday Nov 22d 1862

Had a very sick night last night but feel better to day [sic]. I have not drilled any to day [sic]. The rest have drilled as usual I staid [sic] in Camp. Drew rations of Coffee sugar hard bread and bacon.

Sunday Nov 23d 1862

Had breakfast of USA rations at six this morning Had orders to prepare to go out on Division review at half past 9. We were reviewed by Gen Sill and Brig Gen Gibson and Staff and then we were marched in review in line of Battle. After this we were drawn up in line and Gen Gibson made an address to each of the regiments sepperately [sic]. We then went to our quarters. Went to Church at 2 this afternoon Text "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world.

Monday Nov 24th 1862

Had breakfast of U.S.A. rations at six went on Co. drill at 9. Washed my clothes one shirt one pair drawers one pair stockings. Capt [sic] Hobbs of the 36th and Chaplain were here on a visit. Had Battallion [sic] drill from 2 until sun down had super [sic] of Cabbage hard bread coffee and pork.

Tuesday Nov 25th 1862

Am not well to day [sic] The boys have gone out on picket I did not go. I feel quite miserable.

Wednesday Nov 26th 62

The boys returned from picket to day [sic]. I do not feel any better. I have got the Jaundice I have no appetite to eat. We drew rations of Beef hard bread Coffee and sugar.

Thursday Nov 27th 62

Had breakfast of beef soup hard bread and Coffee Co drill at 9 this morning I did not go out. The boys had just came in from drill and stacked their guns and gone to getting dinner When they were ordered to fall in and went off on a double quick report of a fight.

Friday Nov 28th 1862

The boys came back without seeing the secesh the alarm was on account of our advance having a skirmish with the enemy they were ordered out to be in supporting distance in case they were needed but the secesh "skedaddled." Orders came to be ready to march at day light to morrow [sic] morning and evry [sic] one is making the nessessary [sic] preparations I bought a duck and am going to cook it to carry along and cut it cold on the march I paid 40 cts [sic] We carry our Knapsacks.

Saturday Nov 29th 1862

We were ready to march at daylight but did not start until about 10 I had my Knapsack carried on the waggon [sic] Had Duck soup for breakfast it was nice. We have only marched 3 miles and have camped in a nice piece of timber. We have to carry our water about a half mile. General Willich joined us yesterday and reviewed our Regiment he is a German. I feel some better Drew rations of Hard bread Coffee sugar and pork.

Sunday Nov 30th 1862

This morning Orderly Beeman came around before we were up and told us that we would march at half past 7 with nothing but our overcoats canteens and haversacks The boys went at the appointed hour I do not feel as well to day [sic] and have not went with them. 5 Oclock [sic] The boys have come in and have had a skirmish with the rebels Co. A did the most of the fighting Co H did not

Monday Dec 1st 1862

Nothing of importance has occurred to day [sic] I do not get much better. Perry Sage in the next tent was taken verry [sic] sick to day [sic] I am taking medicine for the jaunders [sic]. Two months ago to day [sic] We left Louisville.

Tuesday Dec 2d 1862

We are lying in Camp and do nothing but have Co drill and cook and eat our rations.

Wednesday 3d 62

Thursday Dec 4th 1862

The boys came in from picket to day [sic] had a vegetable [sic] soup for [illegible word crossed out] super [sic].

Friday Dec 5th 1862

Saturday Dec 6th 1862

We have roll call four times a day now. A long forage train went out to day [sic] and were attacked [sic] by the rebels they took 7 of our waggons [sic] kill one man and wounded a number more We were ordered under arms and went on a double quick about ½ mile when the order came about face forward march and we came back to camp

Sunday Dec 7th 1862

Inspection of arms at 9 preaching at 2. Orders came to have three days rations cooked and in our haversacks reddy [sic] to march in morning

Monday Dec 8th 1862

We have been expecting and waiting for orders to fall in but no orders have come to move yet and I guess we will not go to day [sic]. We each had a pair of mittens presented to us by the ladies of Chicago they are knit with one finger in them so we can handle the gun almost as well as thoug [sic] we were barehanded and much better on a cold morning I baked a batch of biscuit to day [sic] they are quite good.

Tuesday Dec 9th 62

We were ordered to be ready to march at day light but we are now out on picket we are stationed on the reserve. General Willich came out here and said he was afraid we would be attacked [sic] and told us we must hold our post

Wednesday Dec 10th We were releived [sic] at sundown to day [sic] and started for camp but they had moved Camp one mile farther back We shelled three [illegible] of corn and took it in in our blankets

Thursday Dec 11th 62

We were ordered to [crossed out] last night to be ready to march at day light. We were off before daylight this morning we went after forage and collected 100 waggon [sic] loads and brought it off without firing a gun we went in sight of the rebels [sic] picket

lines General Willich was with us the rebels sent in a flag of truce to our General on business. Joe Haigh of our mess staid [sic] behind and took our corn to mill

Friday Dec 12th 1862

We are lying in Camp to day [sic]. Ben and myself chopped some logs and got Taylor Stewart to haul [sic] them up for us with the Co mules. We got up a nice pile of wood had Co drill twice to day [sic].

Saturday Dec 13th 62

Had orders to pack up and be ready to move at a moments [sic] warning orders came to strike tents at 9 O'clock [sic] we did so and marched about 80 rods and pitched them We did it to get a healthier Camp

Sunday Dec 14th 1862

Arose at 5 stood in line of battle 15 min got breakfast and went down to the creek and washed 2 shirts 1 pair of drawers one pair of socks 1 handkerchief [sic] 1 towel Came back and got dinner of pancakes and [crossed out] molasses coffee and bacon wrote a letter to S.H. Green. Our Chaplain has gone to Chicago and so we did not have any preaching some of the thirty sixth were here to day [sic].

Monday Dec 15th 1862

I have been out on a foraging [sic] expedition and have had a tough time of it. It rained very hard and gave us a pretty thorough soaking we collected about 150 waggons [sic] full We got back about 2 O'clock [sic] I got a mess of Crisp potatoes We took the forage from a secesh he had two boys in the rebel army We were within 3 miles of the rebel Camp. A few shots were fired.

Tuesday Dec 16th 62

Arose at 4 stood in line 15 min got breakfast of potatoes meat crackers and Coffee. The boys drilled this morning but I staid [sic] and cooked some beans. I drilled at 2 P.M.

Wednesday Dec 17th 62

Went out on picket at 6 this morning have stood two hours on and 4 off our post is near the pike Two Co of the 4th Mch [sic] Cavalry were Captured here the other day They expect an attack daily

Thursday Dec 18th 62

We were relieved [sic] by the Louisville Legions quite early this morning No alarm last night except one of our Cavalry videtts [sic] fired at a horse that came along the road on the run he halted him twice and fired drilled at 2

Friday Dec 19th 1862

Arose at 5 stood in line as usual got breakfast of USA rations drilled 2 hours this forenoon and 2 this afternoon We will have Brigade drill to morrow [sic] our reg were never drilled so and will play fool

Saturday Dec 20th 62

Had Brigade drill to day [sic] General Willich Commanded in person we had 2 sham battles. We drilled 4 hrs [sic] and done first rate so the General said. We had Battallion [sic] drill at two P.M.

Sunday Dec 21st 1862

Got breakfast of USA rations went and washed my clothes at the creek one shirt one pr drawers one pr socks one towel one Handk [sic] No preaching to day [sic] The weather is fine more like spring than like winter

Monday Dec 22d 62

Arose at 5 stood in line of battle got breakfast of USA rations. Was detailed to go to the woods and chop for our Co 3 other boys went with me we chopped four loads of wood it made me very tired.

Tuesday Dec 23rd 1862

Went out on Brigade drill at eight and drilled until noon we had a number of battles (Sham ones of course) Willich drilled us. Had Co drill from 2 until sundown We are learning the skirmish drill. recd [sic] orders Drew shelter tents to day [sic]

Wednesday Dec 24th 62

While we were standing in line of battle the Adjutant came along and told us to have 3 days cooked rations in our haversacks and be ready to march at day light. We struck tents soon after daylight packed them on the waggons [sic] and sent them back to Nashville we took up our line of march toward Nolansville [sic] went about 1 mile whe [sic] the orders were countermanded the waggons [sic] came back and so did we in about an hour the waggons [sic] started again and again they came back we pitched tents are [rest of entry illegible]

Thursday Dec 25th 62

Went out on a foraging expedition we went about 10 miles to collect our forage we did considerable fighting with the Texan rangers The firing lasted all day I made out to Capture an old hen and about a peck of Irish potatoes we are agoing [sic] to have our Christmas dinner to morrow [sic] instead of having it to day [sic] General Willich was out with us we got our waggons [sic] well loaded. March to morrow [sic] morning

Friday Dec 26th 1862

I set up last night and cooked my Chicken and we had it for our breakfast we had Irish potatoes also. We struck tents at daylight this morning and took up our line of march towards Nolansville. [sic] We have had to fight our way the cannons have been booming nearly all of the time. it has rained constantly all day and is very muddy We passed through Nolansville [sic] soon after dark and pitched our shelter tents the other side of town.

Saturday Dec 27th 1862

Started on our march at 9 this morning. Have been fighting all day We passed through Triune this evening and are in camp on the other side of town

Sunday Dec 28th 1862

Our Brigade were ordered out on reconnoissance [sic] this morning General Willich went with us we went out about 5 miles did not see any thing of the enemy. Returned to camp and drew our rations of crackers bacon sugar

Monday Dec 29th 1862

Started on a different road toward Murfreesborough [sic]. Marched until 10 OClock [sic] at night. Went into camp are not allowed any campfires have marched through a very rough country to day [sic] and through some cedar groves.

Tuesday Dec 30th 1862

Started on toward Murfreesborough [sic] and have been fighting nearly half of the time Co B of our regiment were all taken prisoners to day [sic].

Wednesday Dec 31st 62

Arose and done up our things and got ready to march when they commenced firing in our front we were ordered into line I took my place and was immediatly shot in the side I went and got behind a tree when I was struck by another ball in the left leg I was soon after struck by a grape shot it was spent and did me no harm except to bruise me slightly.

Thursday Jan 1st 1863

I am still on the field and am suffering much from my wounds. The Lord is with me.

Friday Jan 2d 1863

Was taken off of the field last night after dark and carried to an old stable. I am in the hands of the rebels my wounds have not been dressed.

Saturday Jan 3d 1863

Had my wounds dressed by a rebel surgeon it is quite cold and I suffer very much.

Sunday Jan 4th 1863

Was moved to Murfreesborough [sic] in an army waggon [sic] to day [sic]. The roads were very rough. I jolted my leg very bad. I am under the care of one of our Surgeons I have to lay on a very hard bed.

Monday Jan 5th

Our forces occupied the place at 9 this morning the rebels skedaddled yesterday.

Tuesday Jan 6th 63

Have lain all day on the floor. I enjoy my mind well.

Wednesday Jan 7th 63

Henry Haigh was here to see me to day [sic] he told me his Bro Joseph was taken prisoner. I learned that my Capt [sic] was killed The Lord is with me I feel his presense [sic] with me continually my wound was dressed

Thursday Jan 8th 63

They have been removing the wounded of other Divisions to more comfortable quarters. But there dont [sic] seem to be any provision made for ours and we are still on the hard floor. The Lord is with me

Friday Jan 9th 1863

Breakfast of Coffee biskuit [sic] and Bacon. Five more boys left here to day [sic] The Lord is very near to me I feel his prsence [sic] constantly.

Saturday Jan 10th 63

Had my wounds dressed this morning. Slept very well last night had a good bed of straw to lay on The Sanitary Commission from Chicago reached here to day [sic] one of them by the name of [illegible] visited us this evening I feel the presence of the Lord constantly with me. Towns Description Louisville Situated on the Ohio river on a very nice level piece of ground the streets are all paved buildings mostly brick and stone and handsomely built a good well of good water on nearly every corner Inhabitants mostly loyal.

Sunday Jan 11th 63

Slept quite well last night. Had my wounds dressed this morning The day has seemed like a very long one. Spent my time in reading and in prayer.

Monday Jan 12th 63

Two of the boys from my Co were here to see me to day [sic] I enjoyed the visit first rate. The time seems very long to me lying on my back The lord is with me

Tuesday Jan 13th 1863

Ben Haigh from my mess was here to see me and brought me my Knapsack he staid [sic] with me until after noon I dressed my own wound to day [sic] and wrote a letter to Uncle Chaney I feel the pres [sic] of the [illegible]

Wednesday Jan 14th 63

Wrote a letter to sister Hattie to day [sic] Got some ticks to lay on and they are much more comfortable.

Thursday Jan 15th 63

Wrote a letter to Uncle Ezra to day [sic] Spent the rest of my time in reading and in prayer.

Friday Jan 16th 1863

The Sanitary Commission brought in some soup and soft crackers for our dinner and some apple sauce for our super [sic] they also gave us some tracts to read God is with me.

Saturday Jan 17th 63

Wrote a letter to my friend S. A. Green. I read my Testament. The Sanitary Commission brought in some corn starch pudding for dinner apple sauce for our [illegible word crossed out] breakfast.

Sunday Jan 18th 63

My Lieut [sic] and a couple of our boys came in to see me to day [sic] they forgot my descriptive list but promised to send it in to morrow [sic] Reuben Willett starts for home to morrow [sic] he takes home the body of our Captain. Sunday had dinner served in our room by Woody

Monday Jan 19th 1863

The Sanitary Commission brought in some Arrowroot for our dinner and some apple sauce for our breakfast The head man of the Sanitary Commission starts for home to morrow [sic].

Tuesday Jan 20th 63

Nothing new has occurred [sic] to day [sic] the S Commission brought in some corn Starch for our dinner our Surgeon is sick with a fever and another one dressed our wounds to day [sic] they say my wounds look very well

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Nothing has occurred new to day [sic] our Dr is sick and I have to dress my own wounds

Thursday Jan 22d 63

Major General Thomas came to see us to day [sic] Doctor Boyle dressed the worst wound to day [sic] and we have to do the best we can I dress my wounds

Friday Jan 23d 1863

Drew a blanket to day [sic] [illegible line] to throw [illegible] away The S Commission gave us soup for dinners and applesauce for super [sic]

Saturday Jan 24th 63

Our doctor came around this morning and looked at our wounds and has had us removed to a much better place We are in Hospital No 5 We have comfortable bunks and every thing pleasant

Sunday Jan 25th 1863

To day has [sic] passed off the same as any week day I have spent the time in reading and [illegible]

Monday Jan 26th 63

Bread and Coffee for breakfast Beef soup bean soup beef and bread for dinner bread applesauce and coffee

Tuesday Jan 27th 1863

The same old story to today [sic] they have brought in 9 more wounded men to it H Law had his leg re amputated this afternoon Have to dress my own wounds yet Our Surgeon does nothing but put on style.

Wednesday Jan 28th

Four weeks ago today I was wounded my wound still run very freely.

Thursday Jan 29th 63

Lieutenant Harkness and N. Young were here to see me and brought me my descriptive list. Was moved up stairs.

Friday Jan 30th 1863

Ben Haigh and Tom Britton were here to see me to day [sic] I had a good visit with them Only got two meals to day[sic] Dont [sic] get half enough to eat My wounds are doing well.

Saturday Jan 31st 63

One month ago this morning since I was wounded and my wound runs yet. I hope to go home soon Bread and coffee for breakfast bean soup and bread for dinner apple sauce Molasses and bread for super [sic] Elder Haigh was here to see me. the lord is with me

Sunday Feb 1st 1863

Wrote letters to Uncle Chaney and to Uncle Ezra Had a nice pamphlet given to me by the S Commission to read spent my time in reading writing and in prayer. I have to dress my own wounds yet.

Monday Feb 2d 63

Barney Wheeler of Co E thirty sixth was in here to day [sic] I had quite a visit Bread Coffee and beef for breakfast Bean soup Bread and beef for dinner Bread Apple sauce and tea for super [sic]

Tuesday Feb 3d 1863

Doctor Tuttle and the quarter master of our Reg were in here to day [sic] It seemed good to me to see them. Got some papers to read can read my Testament to pass away time

Wednesday Feb 4th 63

John Sherwin from my Co was in here to see me and brought me some papers to read an [sic] some hard bread Mr [sic] Howard was in from Bristol it did seem good to see some one from Bristol he starts for home on Monday

Thursday Feb 5th 1863

Have not felt very well to day [sic] have got a cold Coffee bread and beef for breakfast potatoe [sic] soup and Bread for dinner tea and bread for super. My wounds still runs very freely but my leg is very weak drew a pair of crutches.

Friday Feb 6th 1863

A citizen from Ill was in here to day [sic] and took the names of all the wound Ill boys and gave each one a little money he gave me 2 dollars [rest of entry illegible]

Final page has names and dates and scribbles on it.