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Biography/History Soldier from Ionia County, Michigan, who served in Co. D, 9th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War.

Summary Diary, Jan. 1862-Apr. 1863, and miscellaneous papers relating to his military service; also an address to the Grange, ca. 1870.

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[illegible] tardily. If he dies from will be appear before [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on his soul. This is a pleasant [illegible] play.

Feb 24th

Battalion drill this afternoon.

Feb 25th

Attended the funeral of Solimon Sutton this forenoon. This makes the fifth recent that I have had charge of [illegible] came into the service. Battalion drill this afternoon.

Feb 26th

Drill both this forenoon and afternoon.

Feb 28th

Today is monthly inspection and [illegible] for pay. Got through about noon. Went to town this afternoon and got my boots fixed. It cost [illegible] five cents.

March 1st 1862

Stormy today. The Adjutant sent [illegible] to help compare [illegible] [illegible] this forenoon. Had eggs for dinner. Went to town this afternoon to draw rations, [illegible] a dull and dismal day.

Sun March 2nd

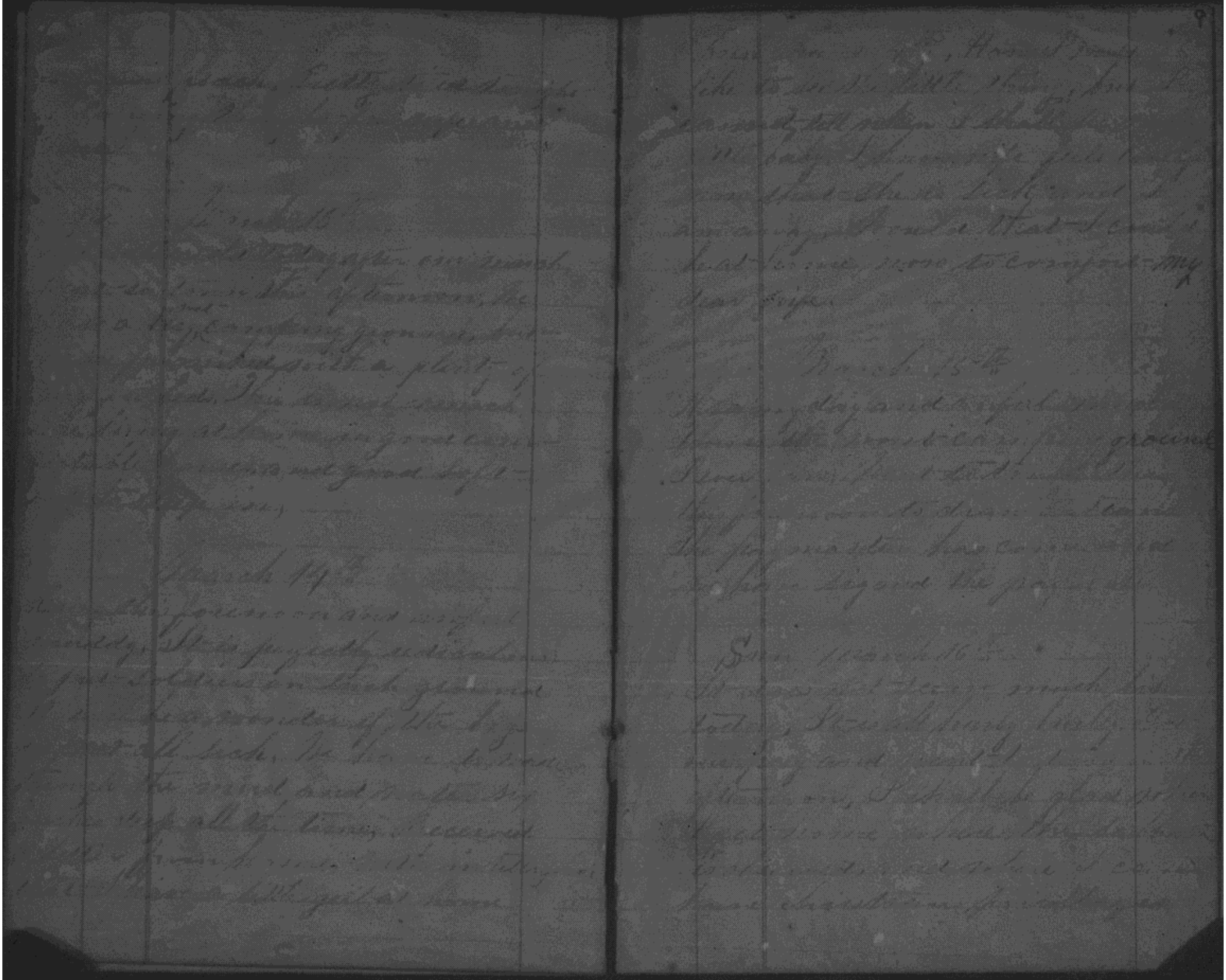
Rainy all day, so we have been in the tent all day. It does not [illegible] much like Sunday here.

March 3rd

Rather cold. Went down to [illegible] with Lieut Wallace this afternoon and went to see the boys in the Hospital. They are all doing well.

March 4th

Rouge quite hard last night. Went down to the Hospital this forenoon. Deep parade at two o'clock. Got orders to be ready to march on short notice.



March 31st

Started this morning for Murfreesboro. This is a [illegible] country [illegible] the planters are just planting corn and cotton. The farms and dwellings look much better than [illegible] Kentucky. Passed the hospital for the insane, [illegible] miles from Nashville. It is a [illegible] building. Camped thirteen miles out from Nashville.

Wed March 30th

Resumed our march this morning at half past seven o'clock. Passed through a small village called [illegible], this is a fine country. We passed several cotton plantations. Saw a few cotton bales. How I would like to enjoy a quiet Sabbath at home. May the Lord permit me to return to my dear family.

March 31st

Marched about four miles, forded

a small creek, and went into camp. This is a very nice camping ground.

April 1st 1862

Marched two or three miles, through Murfreesboro and camped in Leech door yard. A very nice camping ground. His name is Avant. He is a very popular and influential man, but his door yard makes a good camp for Union Soldiers.

April 2nd

Company and battalion drill. Major Fox took a lot of Secesh clothing, and took the owner prisoner.

April 3rd

Company drill this forenoon. The Colonel took a mail carrier and the mail, and three horses and a buggy. The mail contained a considerable information that is of value to us.

April 4th 1863

Rainy today. No drill, went to town this afternoon. The people here are nearly all Secesh,

April 5th

Went after wood this forenoon. This afternoon went after cedar boughs to sleep on. The weather [illegible] quite warm,

Sun April 6th

Rather more quiet today than [illegible], There is but very little [illegible] for the Sabbath in the army,

April 7th

[illegible] to town this afternoon,

April 9th

Rainy today,

April 10th

[illegible] excitement over the battle at Littleburg landing, he [illegible] many of the particulars of the battle [illegible]

Sun April 13th 1863

Rather quiet today, [illegible] meeting

April 14th

Drew a new Coat and cap,

April 17th

Stayed at the Eatters most of the afternoon, helping him in the Shop,

April 18th

Laid awake a good share of the night, and talked with Josias Clark,

Sun April ~~19~~th 20th

Rainy today, Made calculations on going to meeting, but it is too rainy, Very quiet today, I long to be at home, where I can enjoy my Sabbaths, with my dear family and friends,

Sat April 19th

Rainy today, Sat up with William Barnard last night,

I hope that I shall never be obliged to go to the hospital under the care of the Surgeon,

April 21st 1862

Rainy again today, rather a dismal time,

April 28th

Pleasant today, One of Company [illegible] his thumb of last night; Col Duffield received orders to concentrate his his brigade at [illegible] and march immediately to Corinth,

April 22nd

Pleasant today, [illegible] the Sutlers [illegible] today, [illegible] of importance, [illegible] very easy [illegible] and [illegible] very lazy,

April 24th

Pleasant today, The orders to march [illegible] countermanded, [illegible] [illegible] headach this after-

It did seem as though it would [illegible] I think I drank a little too much [illegible] which caused my head to ache,

April 25th 1862

Feel better this morning, I [illegible] being sick, the most of anything for the army is a poor [illegible] for a sick man,

April 26th

We have given up marching right away, and I am willing to stay here for a while yet, I am not at all anxious for a fight, and in fact I hope we never shall go into a battle but if it is necessary that we shall have the enemy, I am ready I shall try and do my duty,

Sun April 27th

A pleasant day, Attended meeting at the baptist Church this [illegible]

Sunday May 4th 1862

line of battle, and every man expecting a fight, [illegible] the word came that it was a false alarm, So take it all around we have had quite a time since yesterday morning, I would like to have attended church today,

May 5th

Rain today, Had a good night [illegible] the alarm last night, [illegible] the news that our [illegible] had routed Morgan [illegible] and taken two hundred prisoners,

May 6th

Pleasant again today. Have been drilling, We had orders last night about midnight to put on our cartridge boxes, and be ready to turn out at a moments warning as there was quite a force marching against us, but there was no demonstration

May 7th 1862

The prisoners from Lebanon went through town this afternoon, We all marched down and saw them, They are a solid looking lot of fellows, They have gone to Nashville,

May 8th 1862

Pleasant and warm today, Battalion drill this afternoon, Got a letter from wife this evening, How I would like to be at home,

May 9th 1862

Pleasant and warm again today Cyl Duffield left here to take his post in Louisville, He is to take command of all the troops in Kentucky, All were sorry to see him leave,

May 10th 1862

The weather is getting pretty warm to drill, Edgar

Newman and myself went down town and got our likenesses taken, I wonder what wife will say to it, We got very good pictures,

Sun May 11th 1862

Attended meeting at the Methodist church, Listened to a very good sermon, Wanted to go again this afternoon but could not get out of camp,

May 12th 1862

Battalion drill this afternoon, The Minnesota regiment moved over where the Brigade teams were, The weather is getting pretty warm,

May 13th 1862

Very warm, We searched the town this afternoon, Found a good many guns, revolvers, and some large knives,

Wed May 14th 1862

very warm, regular drill, today, We do not get in from drill and dress parade till after dark, Then we have to get and eat our supper,

May 15th 1862

Pleasant and warm, Drill as usual today, Helped carry Sergeant Fowle to the hospital this evening, He is a pretty sick boy,

May 16th 1862

Am on sergeant of the picket on the salem pike, Had a very good time, Have not been on guard before since last winter

May 17th 1862

Got in from picket about eleven oclock, Stoped in town and got some lemonade and a pie, Fared pretty well while we were out,

Sun May 18th 1862,
Attended meeting at the Presbyterian Church, They have an organ and very good singing
Went over to the depot this afternoon,

May 19th 1862
Sergeant of the picket on the Manchester pike, Had a good time, Had biscuit and butter and strawberries and milk for supper, and strawberries in the morning for breakfast, It was a rare feast,

May 20th 1862
Rainy this forenoon, Got in from picket about ten oclock Drilled a little while this afternoon, Got a letter from wife,

May 21st 1862
Wrote to wife this forenoon, Drilled a little while this afternoon, in the bayonet exercise,

Thurs May 22nd 1862
Sergeant of the picket today, on the Shelbyville pike, We are out three miles from camp, saw a field of young cotton today for the first time, It has very much the appearance of buckwheat when it first springs out of the ground,

May 23rd 1862
Got in from picket about eleven oclock, Had a very good time, No dress parde today, The report is that the regiment is under arrest, for tearing down a board fence to get boards to make bunks,

May 24th 1862
Quite cool today, Helped the Sutler this afternoon, J C Blanchard and his father came today, Governor Johnson speaks in town today, Some excitement, Soldiers are not allowed to attend.

Sunday May 25th 1862

Attended meeting at the Presbyterian church Saw Governor in camp just as we started for church and after church went over to the depot and heard him speak a few minutes The Minnesouta third and our regiment escorted him to the cars,

May 26th 1862.

Went after wood this forenoon, Was quite sick this afternoon with a colic or a touch of the colera morbus, Till about nine oclock, The doctor gave me two dose of medicine, and doctor Blanchard gave me a dose of morphine in the evening,

May 27th 1862

Do not feel very well today, Have been doing nothing,

May 28th 1862

Got orders this afternoon to march

to Fayetteville tomorrow morning, We are to take no tents, and carry as few things as possible,

Thurs May 29th 1862

Left camp this morning between six and seven oclock Took the cars and came to Shelbyville, Got dinner and marched five miles and bivouaced for the night,

May 30th 1862

Resumed our march this morning, Came about fifteen miles and bivouaced for the night, We have passed through some very nice country, and saw some very fine plantations

May 31st 1862

Marched six miles to this place, (Fayetteville) I understand that there are to be ten thousand troops here today Two regiments came in and Camped

near us. We are bivouaced on the bank of elk river.

Sun June 1st 1862

Went this afternoon and took a walk with Clark and Simpson. Went about a ~~mil~~ mile from camp, Bought some chickens for dinner. It does not seem much like Sunday.

June 2nd 1862

Left camp about daylight, this morning and marched thirty four miles to Tullahoma, Got through about ten oclock. I tired out and waited till the wagon came up, and got on and rode about three miles to camp. We passed through a very rough country today. The road wound around between hills, and we had to cross streams every little ways.

June 3rd 1862

Started this morning for Winchester, a distance of fifteen miles,

Got through about five oclock 11
Got orders to go to Chattanooga,
Marched three miles from town,
and went into camp.

June 4th 1862

Climbed the mountain and arrived at the top a about two oclock, When the sky was clear and the Sun shone hot and it was very dusty traveling, About four oclock there came up a cloud from the west and the rain began to pour down in torrents, and the roar of the thunder was heavy and the flash of the lightning was sharp. We had no coats nor oil cloths and the rain was cold, and we were completely soaked and we had to wade in the water over shoe most of the way. It rained till ~~[illegible]~~ nearly dark The harder it rained the faster we marched, We marched till after dark, when we stoped, and build fires in the wood, for the night.

Thurs June 5th 1862

Started on our march again about eleven oclock this forenoon, The reason of our not starting earlyer was on account of the wagon train not all coming up till this forenoon, Passed down the east side of the mountain into Sweeden Cove in Sequacha valley, Passed over the ground where General Negley had a skirmish yesterday, We stoped and ate dinner by the side of a beautiful blue spring, The waters of which are very pure and cold, This is the largest and best spring of water I ever saw,

June 6th 1862

Nearly tired out tonight, Marched till half past nine oclock, When we got our supper and were ready to sleep it was about midnight, Charles Decker was shot tonight in a quarrel with a cavalry man, He probably will not live,

Sat June 7th 1862 95

Climbed the mountain this morning and crossed, and descended into the Tennessee valley to within three miles of Chattanooga, Another late march and we did not get our knapsacks till one oclock Gen Negley has been shelling the town today

Sun June 8th 1862

We started out this morning and marched to the river and halted in the woods behind a hill, Our canon commenced shelling the town again, Company A went out as skirmishers, but could not draw a fire from the enemy, We formed in line of battle, marched up in front of the town, and fired a volley into the town, and then marched back to where we staid all night, and ate dinner,

Marched back to the top of the mountain and camped for the night, Pretty tired tonight.

Mon June 9th 1862

Last night was a very cold night. We had all the fresh beef we wanted to eat, Crossed this ridge of the mountain today and camped in the valley about two miles from the place where we camped when we went the other way. Went into camp in pretty good season,

Tues June 10th 1862

Climbed the mountain this morning and marched as far as Altamont, Late when we went into camp. And I am very tired,

Wed June 11th 1862

Camped tonight within three miles of Manchester, I was glad when we got of the mountain, Tired as usual,

Thurs June 12th 1862

Commenced our march at five oclock this morning, Our regiment parted with the other regiments three miles this side of Manchester, Camped one mile from beach grove,

Friday June 13th 1862

Marched early this morning, ate dinner four miles from Murfreesboro, Got to camp early in the afternoon, The band came out about half a mile and met us, and played for us to march into camp, The old band sounds good, We are glad to get back again,

Sat June 14th 1862

It seems good to be in camp again, Went to town and to the hospital this afternoon, Had quite a time,

Sun June 15th 1862

In camp all day, Rather lonesome,

Tues June 17th 1862
Moved our camp to the opposite side of the town, and got our pay, Got our tents pitched and we are all ready to live again,

Sun June 22nd 1862
Stayed at the Sutlers all day and wrote a letter to wife, Am nearly sick with the diarrhea,

Mon June 28th 1862
Worked in the Sutlers Shop today, feel quite bad,

Sun June 29th 1862
Went to the hospital and staid with Kiley Griffin most of the day, Got orders on dress parade to go to Tullahoma

Mon June 30th 1862
General inspection and muster for pay Started for Tullahoma in the cars about two o'clock, Got here just at sundown, Have not got our tents up tonight

Tuesday July 1st 1862
On camp guard today is sergeant of the guard, Am feeling pretty well now.

Wed July 2nd 1862
Have been working round the tent this forenoon, Went black berrying this afternoon, Got supper at at a private house, dress parade this evening,

Friday July 4th 1862
Am on picket guard today, on the Chattanooga railroad, Bought supper at a private house,

Sat July 5th 1862
Had a good dinner, of chickens, potatoes, and blackberries

Sun July 6th 1862
On camp guard today, I would like to have attended meeting today,

Mon July 7th 1862
Worked police this afternoon,

Tues July 8th 1862
We were ordered this afternoon to get ready for a march, We got ready and started about six

18 oclock, Went six miles and Stoped for Supper

Wed July 9th 1862

Traveled last night till one oclock, and came to Hillsborough Sixteen miles from Tullahoma, Staid at this place till about six oclock, then Started back, Came nine miles and camped for the night, The object of our Scout was to rout a band of rebels at Hillsborough,

Thurs July 10th 1862

Started early this morning and got to camp about nine oclock this morning, Went and had a good bathe, The roads were very dusty and we were very dirty,

Friday July 11th 1862,

Am Sergeant of the guard today,

Sun July 13th 1862

Went up the M S Minnville railroad, two miles after blackberries, We have heard canonading in the direction of Murfreesboro today

Mon July 14th 1862

We hear this evening that there was a fight at Murfreesboro yesterday, and that the six companies that were left at Murfreesboro, and the third Minnesota are all killed or taken prisoners, We are waiting very impatiently to hear the particulars,

Tues July 15th 1862

Went to Wartrace in the night last night on the cars, and marched back today, Had a heavy Shower of rain and hail this afternoon, and we all got Soaking wet, Nearly night when we got back,

Wed July 16th 1862

We are Stationed to ~~Sp~~ Support a battery, There is a large force concentrating here, Sergeant of the guard last night, The boys got the tents last night,

Friday July 18th 1862
Went seven or eight miles toward Wartrace after forage, with our company,

Sat July 19th 1862
Went out with a party foraging Got hay and flour, Got back just before dark,

Sun July 20th 1862,
Am sergeant of the guard today, I should like to attend meeting sundays instead of guarding, but they are taking the churches for hospital,

Tues July 22nd 1862
Started at daylight this morning for Winchester to guard a battery, a distance of sixteen miles, Got there about two o'clock, Went two miles and a half farther to the depot, to wait for the train to take us back to Tullahoma

Wed July 25th 1862
No train came so we started

back on foot this morning after we got our breakfast, Came to Elk river bridge and staid there three or four hours, Got back about sun down, There came up a heavy shower of rain and we all got wet, and I a pretty tired,

Thurs July 24th 1862
Feel rather dull today, Went to the creek this forenoon and had a wash, Went to town this afternoon,

Sat July 26th 1862
We came to Manchester today, Rode in the wagons, got here about the midle of the afternoon, We are in a grove near town,

Sun July 27th 1862
~~I was on guard~~, We are on the fair ground, inside of the inclosure, The weather is very warm, I am on guard tonight,