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Respectfully Yours
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"Though many a gifted mind we meet,
And fairest forms we see,
To live with them is far less sweet
Than to remember thee."

FRIDAY, DEC. 26, 1862.

Camp Hamilton
Cloudy, calm, and warm. We were ordered to march at six o'clock this morning, but our regiment being on picket we did not get off until 8 a.m. We, the guard, were dismissed before starting. We came out the Wilson pike three miles south of Brentwood where took a cross road leading on to the Nolensville pike. The road was very bad after leaving the pike. The teams stalled frequently. We were train guard and only came three miles from the pike where we bivouacked. Evening Cloudy, calm, and cool and raining

SATURDAY, DEC. 27, 1862.

Bivouacking on a cross road between the Wilson and Nolensville pikes. The road was jammed with stuck teams and we did not leave until one o'clock p.m. We got along very slowly. It rained very hard at times and we were dripping wet. The train divided taking different roads. We came together on the Nolensville pike. We encamped at 3.40 p.m near Nolensville. Evening - Cloudy calm and raining - We heard the booming of cannon nearly all day.

SUNDAY, DEC. 28, 1862.

Bivouacking near Nolensville, Tenn. Clear, calm, and cool. We dried our clothes and blankets by the fire. About nine o'clock we started across to the Murfreesboro pike. Companies D & G were left as a rear guard on account of mud and bad roads. We did not reach the pike until about six o'clock - the distance being only [illegible] miles. We bivouacked at night 4 miles east of Lavergne, Evening - Clear, calm and cool.

MONDAY, DEC. 29, 1862.

Bivouacking on Murfreesboro pike 4 miles east of Lavergne. We packed up - left knapsacks & blankets in the wagons and made a reconnoissance along Stone River. Commenced shelling the woods at 9 a.m. Our regiment was detailed to support the battery. We crossed the river about 2½ o'clock p.m. and came down the pike to within three miles of Murfreesboro. We bivouacked in a field. Kept up fires all night. Evening - Cloudy, cold, raining, and very disagreeable.

TUESDAY, DEC. 30, 1862.

Bivouacking before Murfreesboro, Tenn. Cloudy, calm, and raining. We marched out early in the morning. Our Division (Negley's 8th) was placed on the right of the centre corps. Skirmishing began about daybreak and continued throughout the day. The heaviest fighting was on our right under Gen. McCook. Private Jas Myers of Co. H was killed. Sergt. Thomas Co. "B" and Sergt. Hall Co. "G" were wounded. Firing ceased only at dark. Our regiment was placed on picket until after midnight when we were relieved. Evening clear, calm, and cold

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 62.

Battle field before Murfreesboro, Tenn. Clear, calm and cold. [illegible] the right of our corps. The skirmishing began with the dawn of day. The fight soon became general along the whole right and centre. Our Brigade went into the fight at 9 a.m. We held our position until 3 p.m. when finding that the right wing had been driven back and ourselves outflanked we commenced to fall back. We fell back about a miles and formed a second line. In the evening the rebels attacked the right of our line and were driven back, losing nearly all the ground they had gained in the afternoon. Our regiment lost in killed, wounded and missing about 200. Jeremiah Cook, Jacob Staff, A.B. Mike, & Isaac Kiew wounded. Slept on field. Evening clear, calm, and cold!!

ALMANAC FOR 1863.

NOVEMBER.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 3d. 10h. 38m. M.
New Moon, 11d. 3h. 3m. M.
First Quarter, 17d. 10h. 9m. A.
Full Moon, 25d. 4h. 5m. M.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon rises h m	High Water h m
1	Su	6 30 R	9 49	3 1
2	Mo	4 56 S	10 46	3 46
3	Tu	6 32 R	11 43	4 34
4	We	4 53 S	morn	5 25
5	Th	6 35 R	0 41	6 18
6	Fr	4 51 S	1 39	7 10
7	Sa	6 37 R	2 38	8 1
8	Su	4 49 S	3 40	8 51
9	Mo	6 39 R	4 45	9 39
10	Tu	4 47 S	5 52	10 29
11	We	6 42 R	sets	11 17
12	Th	4 45 S	5 50	.....
13	Fr	6 44 R	6 55	0 29
14	Sa	4 43 S	8 2	1 21
15	Su	6 46 R	9 13	2 13
16	Mo	4 42 S	10 23	3 5
17	Tu	6 49 R	11 33	4 0
18	We	4 40 S	morn	4 58
19	Th	6 51 R	0 42	6 0
20	Fr	4 39 S	1 48	6 58
21	Sa	6 54 R	2 55	7 57
22	Su	4 38 S	4 1	8 52
23	Mo	6 56 R	5 6	9 44
24	Tu	4 37 S	6 10	10 33
25	We	6 58 R	rises	11 20
26	Th	4 36 S	5 48	.....
27	Fr	7 0 R	6 42	0 23
28	Sa	4 35 S	7 38	1 7
29	Su	7 2 R	8 35	1 50
30	Mo	4 34 S	9 33	2 31
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DECEMBER.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 3d. 7h. 18m. M.
New Moon, 10d. 3h. 27m. A.
First Quarter, 17d. 6h. 50m. M.
Full Moon, 24d. 9h. 34m. A.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon rises h m	High Water h m
1	Tu	7 4 R	10 39	3 12
2	We	4 33 S	11 28	3 54
3	Th	7 6 R	morn	4 38
4	Fr	4 33 S	0 26	5 28
5	Sa	7 8 R	1 25	6 20
6	Su	4 33 S	2 27	7 15
7	Mo	7 10 R	3 31	8 12
8	Tu	4 33 S	4 37	9 8
9	We	7 12 R	5 43	10 4
10	Th	4 33 S	6 49	10 59
11	Fr	7 14 R	sets	11 51
12	Sa	4 33 S	6 56	0 16
13	Su	7 15 R	8 9	1 9
14	Mo	4 34 S	9 22	2 0
15	Tu	7 17 R	10 33	2 50
16	We	4 34 S	11 42	3 40
17	Th	7 18 R	morn	4 34
18	Fr	4 35 S	0 49	5 30
19	Sa	7 20 R	1 54	6 29
20	Su	4 36 S	2 58	7 28
21	Mo	7 21 R	4 1	8 26
22	Tu	4 37 S	5 0	9 20
23	We	7 22 R	5 56	10 11
24	Th	4 38 S	6 46	10 59
25	Fr	7 22 R	rises	11 40
26	Sa	4 39 S	6 26	0 1
27	Su	7 23 R	7 22	0 42
28	Mo	4 40 S	8 19	1 21
29	Tu	7 24 R	9 17	1 59
30	We	4 42 S	10 15	2 37
31	Th	7 24 R	11 13	3 16

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1863.

Battlefield, Stone River, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Clear, calm, and cool. Our Brigade is in the reserve today. We bivouacked on the field in the rear of the centre.

About three o'clock p.m. we were double-quicked to the right to repel an anticipated attack, but the enemy did not come. Towards evening we were moved up the pike about 1½ miles up the pike and formed a line on the crest of a hill in a cornfield. Companies "I" and "D" were placed on picket. Evening clear, calm and cold.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1863.

Battlefield of Stone River, Tenn.
On picket — Clear, calm and quite cold. We were relieved about 8 a.m. and moved across the pike and stacked arms in double column. We were out of rations and drew some flour and bacon about noon. We began to bake in pans, on boards and in the ashes, but before we had finished while some was yet dough and some but half baked, we were called to arms and marched to the left of centre. About 3 o'clock p.m. Gen Breckinridge attacked us. They drove Palmer and Vancleve and came to within 50 yards of where our regiment lay. We rose and delivered our fire which caused the enemy to retreat in confusion. We drove them about a mile when darkness ended the contest. Our regiment captured a Streamer from the 4th Florida and the flag of the 26th Tennessee. Lieut. Holstead, Sergt Latshaw, and Nathan Kiern were killed

Firing ceased at dark — our regiment remained on the front

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1863.

Battlefield, Stone River, Tenn.
Cloudy, calm, and raining and very muddy. Our regiment lay on the front of left centre all day. We were called "to arms" at day-break, but no fight ensued. About 9 o'clock at night the 3d Ohio, 88th Ind., 1st and 2d Middle Tennessee attacked the rebels and drove them out of their first line of intrenchments, but running out of ammunition they forced to abandon them and fall back on the old line. I am quite unwell. I remained with the company during the day, but at night I slept by a fire in an old house near-by. Evening: Cloudy calm, cool and raining

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1863.

Battlefield, Stone River, Tenn.
Clear, calm, cool and pleasant.
Our regiment still lies on the front of the left centre. Firing has ceased and every thing indicates a cessation of hostilities. I am quite unwell. I strolled over a portion of the battle field. It is a sickening sight to see the mangled bodies of friend and foe strewn thickly over the field. The ground is covered with broken ordnance, dead animals, shot, shell, and fragments of wagons, arms &c. About 4 o'clock p.m. our division moved out and occupied the breastworks evacuated by the enemy and we again bivouacked on the front. Evening — Clear, calm, cool.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1863.

Battlefield of Stone River
Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
Clear, calm, cool and pleasant. Our regiment is on the front occupying the rifle pits evacuated by the enemy. The army was put in motion at sunrise. Negley took the advance our regiment in front. We advanced slowly and threw forward skirmishers. The bridge having been burned we effected a crossing for the infantry by throwing poles across from pier to pier. The cavalry and artillery forded. We reached Murfreesboro at 9-45 a.m. Our regiment was the first infantry to enter the town. We commenced provost duty immediately. Col. Sirfell was made Provost Marshal. We quartered in store rooms and other suitable [illegible] Evening — clear calm cool.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1863.

Murfreesboro.
Cloudy, calm, and cool.
I remained in my quarters all day.
We spent the day in cleaning up our persons, clothes, and quarters.
Our regiment is provost guards - we are patrolling the town.
Col. William Sirwell of the 7th Pennsylvania is Provost Marshal.
Evening - Clear, calm, and cool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1863.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Clear, calm, cool and pleasant. I mailed letter to Brother. A detail of the 6th East Tennessee regiment was forced into our quarters today by an officious Medical Director. Lieut. C. H. McCormick called to-day. He gave the captain and I each a painted blanket.
Evening - Clear, calm, and pleasant.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1863.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Cloudy, calm and cool.
I mailed letter to M. Brac Keirn and I visited the Battlefield of Stone River. We found five dead rebels yet unburied. The trees, bushes, &c. all indicate how fiercely the battle raged. The ground is strewn with dead horses, broken arms, shot, shell, &c. The artillery has cut off large trees.
There was dress parade this evening for the first time since leaving Camp Hamilton. Evening Cloudy, calm, and cool - spitting a little snow.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1863.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Clear, calm, and cool.
We received a small mail. Our regiment is still on duty as provost guards.
Nothing of any interest occurred to-day.
This place has few attractions at present. Time flies slowly as there is nothing to break the monotony of the never changing routine of events. Evening Cloudy calm cool and raining.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1863.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Cloudy, calm, cool and raining. Col. Sirwell assumed temporarily the Command of our 2d Brigade in the absence of Col. John T. Miller. Maj. Connaffon Commands the regiment.
We had no dress parade on account of mud.
I received two newspapers from Serg. H. C. Broughler.
Evening: Clear, calm and pleasant

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 1863.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Clear, calm and cool.
Lieut. McCormick called below to see us. -- Our trunks, tents, trunks, knapsacks &c arrived from Nashville and we were glad to get them so that we can clean up, change clothes &c. I was detailed in the evening to take charge of a "Guard of Honor" and the remains of Gen. Hill who was killed in the battle of Stone River and temporarily interred at this place by the rebels into whose hands he had fallen.
Evening: Clear calm and cool.