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Daniel J. Prickitt, the son of Japheth L. and Phoebe Borton Prickitt was born near Lumberton, Clinton County, Ohio, on August 15, 1840. In 1845 the family moved to Lucas County, Ohio, near the present day Fayette, Fulton County, Ohio. Japheth farmed here until 1850 when he again moved, this time to the Village of West Unity, Williams County, Ohio. At West Unity he was a druggist and later operated a saw mill. In 1866 father Japheth purchased and moved to a small farm northeast of West Unity, Brady Township, Williams County, Ohio.

Daniel, the eldest of nine children, was educated in the common schools of Fulton and Williams Counties and attended the Reading Valley Seminary.

At the age of sixteen Daniel was teaching school in Springfield Township, Williams County, Ohio and later taught school near Palmyra, Missouri.

In August of 1861 Daniel and brother James enlisted in Company H, Third Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. During October of 1862 Daniel and brother James, were captured near Bardstown, Kentucky. They were paroled, exchanged and returned to Company H and served with that unit until discharged in August of 1865.

On release from the army Daniel returned home where in October he married Lydia G. Borton, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail W. Borton, of Fulton County, Ohio.

Daniel and Lydia lived, farmed and eventually became owners of father Benjamin Borton's Fulton County farm. Daniel and Lydia were the parents of eight children of which two died in infancy.

Lydia died in 1922 and Daniel in 1927. Both are buried in the Friends Cemetery, Brady Township, Williams County, Ohio.

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Daniel kept diaries of his military life and most of what he penned has survived. The diaries are in the possession of his great-granddaughter, Donna Myers Buehrer.

The following is from Daniel's diaries, unchanged, except for punctuation.

M. had resigned on account of ill health. He procured a pass for me and wanted my assistance in getting a "contraband" across the river, which is contrary to the law. I did a little figuring but Maxwell succeeded in getting him, John Hill of Verville, near McMinnville, Tenn., across and was off for home with "his man" at 2 P.M. Poor meals and card playing the rage.

Sunday, Feb 8, 1863 - Day cool but weather became milder as we neared Nashville. We were up at 4 and breakfasted at 5 A.M. and were in line and got our rations of bread. Waited two hours for the train. We had passenger coaches & drovers cars. Gen. Alex. McCook, Gen. T.J. Wood & staff were on train. The bridge & trestle work destroyed by Morgan on his raid in Dec. were nearly repaired. We made good time. Stockades & block houses for defense of the R.R. & Stations are being built. Arr'd at Nashville at dark, 9 1/2 hours from L. Quartered at Convalescent Barracks in the unfinished "Zollicofer House", that hostelry so well known to the "boys" of the Army of the Cumberland. Bread, beef & coffee the "menu." No lack of air - if laden with offensive smells.

Feb 9, 1863 - A little rain - cloudy and indications of more rain. Breakfast at 5. Our baggage carried below in anticipation of a trip to Murfreesboro, but we failed to get off, so we carried luggage back upstairs. After much trouble I secured a pass - went to the Capitol - delivered a letter to Jacob Good, brother to our townsman. H.J. is of the 11th Ind. Battery on Capitol Hill. Saw a number of 38th O.V.I. For trivial offences the authorities deal out severe punishments. Card playing the amusement of the men of taste - whether the play is for money or amusement.

Feb 10, 1863 - Rained before daylight and hard. Breakfast at 5 - packed our "kits" at 6 - rations distributed - roll called of those going to Murfreesboro and at daylight we started - went in wagon and tho we had a turnpike so many wagons and the artillery had cut the road badly and it was almost impassable in places. Not the good road it was last fall when we started in the race with Bragg for Louisville. In places Negroes were mending road with rails!! Did not suppose there were any rails left. Commenced to rain at 4 P.M. We went into bivouac at LaVergne. 15 of us slept in a haymow. Ate supper at the battery.

Feb 11, 1863 - Morn cloudy - clear by 9 - day sunny and warm. Breakfast of hardtack and soft bread - not enough of either. Travelled about 7 mi and waited for the pontoon train. While waiting a detachment of 3rd O.V.C. came along guarding the ammunition train - we got into wagons and were soon in camp passing over the battlefield of "Stone River." All the evidences of battle, fences gone, houses burned or filled with the wounded. Graves of the slain of both armies, trees marked or cut by shot & shell. Evidences of spring, frogs croaking and spring birds vocal. Passed the camp of 38th O.V.I. & delivered letters and in camp of 3rd O.V.C. at 9:30 A.M.

Feb 12, 1863 - Morn cool but pleasant. Rain fell at 2 P.M. and sprinkled till 5 P.M. - then cleared. Spent A.M. reading, etc. P.M. Barker and Ely came from Gen. Woods Hd. Qrs. I accompanied Barker back. Went to Gen. Haskels Qrs. and saw A.R. Anderson - went back to Gen. Woods for supper. Ely & Whitman sang a few songs for our delectation. Cars came in from N. bringing mail. Had Ely write to P.M. Harris to send my box by Express to Gen. Wood's Hd. Qrs. Blackbirds singing.

Feb 13, 1863 - Cloudy A.M. - Clear P.M. warm. Tea for breakfast! Alliger & I went over to 72nd Ind. Mtd. Infy. Saw Sergt. Eli Anderson whom I had not seen for more than 2 years. Drew arms and put them in order. Rec'd a letter from Uncle Josiah Prickitt. Talk of being paid in a few days. Cars running regularly - foraging and picketing keep the Co. busy. Commissaries issuing full rations. Time speeds on.

Feb 14, 1863 - Cloudy A.M. - raining after 2 P.M. Up at 4:30. I was detailed in charge of 10 men for foraging. Had charge of six men and three wagons. 4th O.V.C. and a Tenn. Regt. of Cavalry as escort for the train. Crossed Stone River toward N., then 3 miles beyond turned left and went 3 miles over a rough road - loaded wagons with corn & oats (sheaf). Boys cleaned the meat out of one smoke house and cupboard, carried off books, clothing and many articles of no use to them. This is vandalism, but what can I do if the officers do not care. On our return met Wilder's Brig. of Mtd. Infy. with his Jackass Battery - but little skirmishing - drove very fast. 'Twas 8 P.M. when we got into camp.

Feb 15, 1863 - Morn fine and day sunny and warm. Rec'd arms - I took my carbine apart and gave it a thorough cleaning. Rec'd a letter from R.A. Clifton. Lieut. Hansey came from Readyville for rations. He is in command of Co. "F" with credit. Archer, our former Orderly Sergt. is promoted to Lieut. and very pompous - as usual.

Feb 16, 1863 - Rained from 11 A.M. till after dark. Up at 4:30. 19 dismounted men in wagons and rest of Co. for guard went out on Bradyville Pike 8 1/2 miles and to right 3 mi. and loaded 8 wagons with forage, chickens, geese. Orderly Sergt. Garfield, & 3 or 4 others went to a mill and secured sausage, hams, meal, butter and paid for them - - - in broken bank bills. That's mean robbery. The 4th O.V.C. and others went further on with wagons. We got back to camp at 4 P.M. Lieut. Hansey & all or nearly all of mess 2 got pretty drunk & noisy.

Feb 17, 1863 - Raining all night and raining yet and rained slowly till 11 P.M. Cloudy rest of day. Eight of "H" went on picket. I as Sergt of the guard. Had my rubber blanket stolen from my saddle after I had saddled my horse. Bill Misel refused to go - wanted his horse shod. Archer compromised by letting Misel take his horse. We picketed the Woodbury Pike. Had charge of 3rd Relief. At 5 P.M. 3rd Relief went on duty, we then fell back 1 1/2 miles to where the reserve was and the reserve fell back proportionally. Made my headquarters at the school house. Saw red birds. Much travel on this road.

Feb 18, 1863 - Rained hard all night and lightly at times all day. Got a wetting while posting "relief" at 5 A.M. - needed my stolen rubber. After breakfast advanced pickets to the "posts" we occupied yesterday. Posted relief at 10. Were relieved at 11. Wrote letters after return to camp. Talk of our Brigade having a "Barbecue" on the 22d in honor of Washington's Birth Day! A scout and foraging expedition of three days duration is to start tomorrow morning. Men to carry 100 rounds of ammunition - so we got our arms ready for "business" of course.

Feb 19, 1863 - Morn cloudy - cleared by 10 with high wind and the sun fast drying the water out of the soil. The expedition off early. Sergt. Frager

and I left in charge of things and to take rations to our pickets who were not relieved. Our colored cook is thinking of going home - his idea of camp life does not fit - come up to his ideal - he is disappointed. Took rations to pickets - received the mail - repaired coat. We made a side walk in front of our tent, "its great."

Feb 20, 1863 - Sky clear so of course the sun shone and a strong north wind blew & the moisture disappearing. Dealt our rations and Lyman Alliger took them to the pickets. We leveled the ground in front of tents and cleared up generally - ready for the celebration. The "refreshments" to consist of Roast Ox - which the commissary is to furnish - beer and cigars which the Officers are to furnish - and prospect of pay in a day or two. Won't there be a jolly time? The forage wagons came in but the cavalry are still out.

Feb 21, 1863 - Morn clear but rain began to fall by 10 A.M. accompanied by heavy thunder - rest of day rain, rain, rain - and so chilly. Boys came in from scout at 4 P.M.. Had a rousing fight - chased the "Johnnies" 12 miles - captured a few. Not much else. Ragan (H.W.), Misel, Rogers & Scannel bringing in captured horses. Had not come in at 9 P.M.

Feb 22, 1863 - Sunday and Washington's Birthday. Cloudy and cold - sun shone a little toward eve. My horse went on picket. Went to Gen. T.J. Woods Hd. Qrs. While there Ely (C.W.) came from town (Murfreeseboro) brought my box which I opened and gave Ely, Alliger & Anderson the things sent for them from "home." Dined with the escort. Carried box to Co. "H's" quarters on horseback and distributed the remainder of things sent other boys - which was very satisfactory to the men who were so fortunate to get anything. The Co. "H" boys, Ragan, Scannel, Rogers and Misel are not in yet. Probably captured or killed.

Feb 23, 1863 - Fair morn - fine day, though cool. Promise of pay today. Maybe that is why we did not celebrate, everybody, officers and privates, "short." Men detailed or volunteered to go out for chickens, geese, etc. Will buy, beg, borrow or steal them - must get them somehow. Geo. W. cannot be honored without such tomorrow. Ground policed. "H" Company planted Cedars in front of quarters for decoration. The beef was killed & "spited" and the roasting commenced P.M. Tables were made, etc., etc. This is to be "The Time" of our soldier life. The poultry was brought in by the foragers - divided among the messes - cleaned - cooked - I helped cut and haul our mess (6) a load of wood.

Feb 24, 1863 - Day pleasant if not very bright. Dress Parade at 7 A.M. Horses & ground cleaned. Men & tents too - all cleaned & dressed in our soldier best as in orders read at Parade. At 11 assembled and received the guests of honor. Five of us "H" boys set our ("H's") table. 2nd Battalion relieved from picket. Dinner delayed on account of the non-arrival of cars fetching in the "and so forth," beer, etc., from Nashville. Speeches by Gen. Stanley, Chief of Cav., Gen J.A. Ganfield, Chief of Staff to General Rosecranz, Col. Paramore of 3rd O.V.C., Col or Gen. Wagner of Brigade in Wood's Div. After the toasts dinner served - guests getting the best of course. If the Generals & Officers crush the rebellion, what will the privates do. At dark the beer and cigars came. 4th U.S.Cav. Regular Band, mostly German, on hand and made the music and the beer fly till the "we wee Gina hours ayont the twal" and many became gloriously happy. So glad George

Washington was born and they had the happy privilege of celebrating his birthday. They were noisy about it too. 3rd went on picket relieved the 4th O. Cav. I had charge of one relief. We drew in our pickets. Our reserve at Infty reserve.

Feb 25, 1863 - Night cloudless but cool, rain began to fall at 10:45. Jim Bump shot his horse while on the most important outpost. Horse kept champ-ing the bit and made Jim angry and he swore he would shoot him if he did not stop - he did not stop so Jim grabbed his carbine by the stock, which was under his overcoat, and gave his horse a poke in the side. The hammer caught on his overcoat and gun was discharged and horse died in a minute. We were expecting an attack so wanted quietness. I was with the post at the time. Bump feels "awful" - loved his horse too. Moved pickets to the front and the usual place at daylight. I had charge of the pickets while Lt. Lykins went to the house not far off and talked to the women. Had to examine passes & detain passengers or send them to camp. Relieved at 11 in time to escape the heavy rainfall which continued till 8:30 P.M. and after. Pay rolls are being made out.

Feb 26, 1863 - Rained hard all night - stopped at 4 P.M. R.R. washed out between here and W. so no mail today. Purchased a fine ladies work box of Fennimore and fitted a key to it. Drew a rubber blanket (Poncho). Pay rolls signed by the men in camp. Co. drew 15 horses - recruited or convalescent. I decided not to take another horse - make my old one do. It seems difficult to get ones due without compromising his dignity and I won't do that to curry favor with the officers or any man. If I do not deserve a favor I won't beg one.

Feb 27, 1863 - Morn and day only partially clear but cool. I assisted in making out the pay rolls. Part of Co. went to Readyville to take horses to the 2nd Batt. of 3rd O.V.C. Paymaster did not get around. Pay rolls are not correct. Orders came for a 3 days scout and rations issued at 9 P.M. Much drinking and noise.

Feb 28, 1863 - Reveille at 3 A.M. Day cloudy and began to rain at 4 P.M. Preparation for scout. At 5 A.M. the orders came relieving us from scout or forage duty. Visited 38th O.V.I. acquaintances. Paymaster came and we got the "Greenbacks" - so did the sutler get some - from the boys who patronized him. Required some figuring to get rolls right. Boys sent home a goodly share of their pay. Our clothing accounts were settled to Jan 1st, 1863.

Sunday, Mar 1, 1863 - Rained quite hard during the night, day sunny & cool but mud drying fast. Reveille at 3. Everyone ordered out with 3 days rations for a scout. I started but horse lacked a shoe and the road so rough had to return. Had mine & "Si" Frager's horses shod. Archer took the boys money to Ohio State Agent who receipted for it and will send it to Ohio and to the proper recipient. Quite a force went out to Bradyville, feeling for the enemy and something may be doing.

Mar 2, 1863 - Day cool bright. The forage wagons and men with them came in without forage. None at Bradyville, too many of the enemy for safety. 3rd & 4th O.V.C. captured 58 rebel cavalry and came to camp about 12 M. Wrote a letter home sending O.S. Agent's receipt for James', Hartman's, Ander-

son's & my money. Went to town and got receipts for Coslet's and Bricker's money. Stopped to the 38 O.V.I. boys. The result of scout, 100 prisoners, a lot of horses. 2 men of 3rd O.V. Cav. wounded.

Mar 3, 1863 - Day - A.M. cloudy & cool - P.M. some sun - sun set clear. 3rd on picket. I had charge of 2nd relief. Gen. Reynold's Div. went on an expedition toward Woodbury - Mtd. Infty a part of the force - also battery of field artillery to wake up the Johnnies. They are getting troublesome to the pickets. 38th O.V.I. went out and brought in lumber. Pickets scouting out beyond the outside videttes - rather dangerous business and I think the Officer of the Guard might be called to account for allowing it to be practiced without instructions from "the powers that be."

Mar 4, 1863 - Night the coldest I have experienced since in Tenn. Snow fell by spells for an hour after daylight. Sky clear by 9 - day cold & freezing. I could not sleep so kept up fire - put relief on at 1 A.M. and still kept up fire till 4 P.M. Regt. gone on a 5 days scout. Archer brought out the relieving pickets about 12 M. The 2nd Batt. of Regt. came in from Readyville to get their pay. Henry, our cook, wanted a pass but Gen. Rosecranz refused to sign it because not in form.

Mar 5, 1863 - Night cold & ground frozen. Sky clouded. Ordered on picket under Lieut. Hall "Our Lunatic" as the boys call him, took charge. Relieved pickets at 11 A.M. S. Hamlin & I scouted a little on our own responsibility and succeeded in finding some eggs but no milk, of a Mr. Marks and wife, old people, of whom we got dinner and 2 dozen eggs for about 12 cents worth of our coffee but worth the price to them "Of Dixie." Seth & I pitched our shelter tent, "dog-pup" tents as they call them. One forming the roof and sides, the other the gables or ends and they equal a "Sibley" for convenience but no so roomy. The farmers in neighborhood are on small farms and not well to do.

Mar 6, 1863 - Rained at intervals since morn & much wind. Two of Co. "M's" men, who were on "vidette post" on our extreme right, fired on the relief pickets and in came the four men and "we 'uns" on reserve got up and out in line as we could - some of us ought to have been "cashiered" for sleeping without our pants and coats on. Lieut. Hall ran off with 5 or 6 men - but quiet was restored and all ended well. There was an attack of the picket posts anticipated. The pickets are doing double duty now since the command is out on the scout and videttes undoubtedly were drowsy and as the relief, instead of going across the field, went along the timber coming from a new direction and they fired on them without challenging. Relieved at 11:30 and the Infty. pickets for some pretext kept us in suspense until we were completely wetted. Infty. pickets & reserve a mile nearer camp than we. Rec'd. a Palmyra, Mo. paper - sympathizes with the southern cause. 19th Ill., Gen. Turchiner's Regiment, was stationed there and from Hannibal on west, guarding Han. & St. Jo. R.R. Maj Seidell's breech loading cannon on exhibition - looks as tho it might do. Scouting party not in - had fight.

Mar 7, 1863 - Rained hard accompanied by wind, thunder and lightning. We were on picket again, Archer Comd'g. This rainy weather is monotonous. Nothing unusual, but at 11 P.M. rain fell in torrents and the lightning so vivid I could scarcely see to place my relief on their posts. I played a small game of "guards" for amusement and think but little of it and know

less. I have been feasting on black walnut that remain under the trees. They are in fine condition.

Mar 8, 1863 - Sunday - As intimated rain began falling at 11 P.M. yesterday and continued into this day - eve clear & cool. We were relieved by Lieut. Isabel and men. Spent the day in writing. Jo. Berry and I making out Pay Rolls for Co. "H" for the months of Jan. & Feby. - Day gloomy.

Mar 9, 1863 - Rain began to fall before 1 A.M. Day fine. Eve do. Jo. Berry & I at our pay rolls again. Our Col. detailed Berry & I of "H," Bassett of "B" & Lewis of "L" to help the 1st Middle Tenn. Cavalry make out their pay rolls. We got over and to work about 11 A.M. Berry & I got Co. "G's" rolls 3/4 done by sundown and in good shape. Pay master very particular. We have no trouble with our rolls. The Tenn. boys were much discouraged in attempts to make rolls.

Mar 10, 1863 - Began raining about noon and rained rest of day. On picket again under Lieut. Hall "The Lunatic." He went to town to be mustered and paid leaving pickets in my charge till 3 P.M. Moved the reserve back to school house this evening. Lieut. H. did not move back till 9 or 10 P.M. Visiting at Mr. Prathers - could have been easily captured.

Mar 11, 1863 - Rain ceased at 1 A.M. and became hazy and there was a dense fog. Day fine but cool after 7 A.M. Were relieved by Lt. Archer and men. Wrote letters - S.L. Seward, R.A. Clifton, E.P. Clifton, Frank Mattern of 38th, Co. "K" & A.R. Anderson from wagon camp to see us. Picketing "pleasanter" than scouting this rainy weather - if we are on every day. Scouting party not in.

Mar 12, 1863 - Day fine & night cool. On picket under Lieut. Isabel. I had charge of our relief but had to stand at road much of time. We have some of the meanest men on picket. When off duty, they run thru the country insulting women and stealing & Maj. Howland is Officer of the Day. We have a number of "Supernumeraries" but they play off and others have their duty to do.

Mar 13, 1863 - Day fine and a fierce wind fast drying the mud. We were not relieved at usual time so I went to camp about 1:30 P.M.. Infantry pickets not inclined to let me in. Col. Murray told me the 4 O.V.C. would take our place but they did not relieve us till dark. I had to stand at the road at the reserve to examine passes, etc. Rec'd. 2 or 3 letters from home. News good. Reported the boys are at Shelbyville, Tenn.

Mar 14, 1863 - Day fine. 3rd Battalion drew new everything, clothing in abundance, new Suiders (carbines), new horns (bugles), etc. New orders and a general "spread." Put a new thumb piece "push pin" to a watch. The Regt. came in about 4 P.M. Wrote two letters this A.M. and a long one this eve., missing roll call, and may be on extra duty to pay for it.

Mar 15, 1863 - Sunday - A.M. fair, P.M. cloudy. I attended to roll call & stable duty in due season this morning. They are becoming very strict. Capt. Adams appointed to see that the horses are fed & curried in due time. The 4th Regular Cav. had dress parade & inspection by Gen. Stanley. I took five men and went outside the lines and hauled in two six mule loads of

rails. It looks hard but suppose they call it fair. I played a few games of draw poker - I don't believe I am quite possessed.

Mar 16, 1863 - Day bright and sunny - spring like - night "lovely." This morning Col. Murray came along the lines swearing in his scotch brogue about the men not currying the horses - when 1/2 the men have no currying tools. Detachments from 4 Co's went on picket, each detachment forming a relief. I was in charge of 2nd relief, on at 9 A.M., stand 3 hrs, on 2 times in 24 hrs. The Officer of the Day came around and found us all straight. The men did not straggle as they do sometimes. There was much travelling on the road. Some officers "slightly tight."

Mar 17, 1863 - Day a very warm one. Farmers plowing - saw some planting potatoes. In the woods saw wild flowers, *Ditaria Laciniata* "Dutchman's Breeches" in bloom. We were not relieved this A.M. so had to put my relief on extra. Cause - Gen. Rosecrans had Grand Review of the Army so we were not relieved till near dark. Men wandering around in the country. Wm. Munday had his leg broken, both bones, horse fell and caught his leg between carbine & ground - not much wonder it is broken.

Mar 18, 1863 - Night warm and showed signs of rain. The Regt. drilled with carbine on foot this forenoon. 40 men of the 1st Batt. went to Nashville for horses. Lieut. Archer in Command. They took their pistols & carbines, saddles, etc. Went in the cars. Drill this afternoon on horseback with sabre - made some charges very well. Things are getting quite "regular." The rebels are re-enforcing & making demonstrations.

Mar 19, 1863 - Day fine. Nothing of great importance going on. Drilled this forenoon on foot with sabre. Mustered at 11 A.M. Water calls at 8 & 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. The Regt. drilled mounted with carbines. Every time they made a charge the men set off a yell. There is a Court Martial convened but who is to be tried not made known. Provost Marshall arrested all Negroes without certificates of employment. I got one for Henry and Alick our company cooks.

Mar 20, 1863 - Day cloudy & eve promises rain. Drill this forenoon on foot with carbine. We had a good time drilling the skirmish drill. P.M. ordered out mounted with two days rations. 3rd & 4th & Batt of 10th O.V.C., 1st Tenn. & 4th Mich. Cav. out on the Las Cassas Pike. Within a mile of Milton found Brigade of Inftry. had whipped Morgan's Div. Cav. by hard fighting. 12 killed & 32 wounded on our side. Rebs losses unknown. After much hesitation we got back into camp and horses fed by 9 P.M.

Mar 21, 1863 - Day cloudy - eve sky partially clear. Reveille at daylight and broke up camp and by 8 or 9 were in the saddle - 3rd O. & 4th Mich on the Auburn Road - "B" & "H" of the 3rd in advance. "L" & "M" as "flankers. Only saw 6 "Johnnies" - gave chase for 5 miles - 1 1/2 miles beyond Auburn with no success but a few shots fired. Having no orders we returned to the morning camp. Ambulances were loaded with wounded and without anything unusual occurring returned to camp at Murfreesboro at dark.

Mar 22, 1863 - Sunday - Day cloudy - indications of rain. Dress parade at 10 A.M. Wrote three letters - one after night in the Lieutenant's tent. Lights must be out in Company tents at Taps but not necessarily in officers

quarters. So I had all the time to write I wanted. Wonderful - no drill today.

Mar 23, 1863 - Cloudy morn - rained at intervals all day. Co's "B," "H" & "L" furnished pickets. Carbine drill A.M. - Sabre drill mounted P.M. till rain drove us in. Capt. Skinner went home on 20 days leave of absence. Col. Long of 4th O.V.C. drilling his officers - ours need it too. Our Quartermaster is "stocking up" with new shelter tents, rubber and sleeping blankets socks, pants, blouses, etc. All are needed. Read one of Beecher's Sermons. Too little of such literature read, not exciting enough.

Mar 24, 1863 - A.M. cloudy - raining P.M. and evening. Procured a pass for team & men but guards would not let us out. Enemy must be active. Barnes & I cut a load of wood P.M. Skirmish and carbine drill A.M. Notwithstanding men went to N. after horses. There will be little gain as we are using up many by the hard service.

Mar 25, 1863 - Morning cloudy but the balance of day fine. Sabre drill on Co. grounds A.M. Mounted drill in various movements - also with the sabre at a halt. Col. commended our proficiency. Lieut. Haines in command of guard & wagons brought in loads of rails, each team 2 loads. Deloise (?) Ashley of Co. "I" died of wounds received at Bradyville, Tenn.

Mar 26, 1863 - Temporarily cloudy and a few flakes of snow fell after sunrise - balance of day fine. Mud sticks to horses. 11 A.M. Regiment paraded armed with pistols to escort body of Ashley to R.R. Sta. Order of March, 15th Regulars Band, Ambulance with body and brother Augustine Ashley, Pallbearers with white ribbons on right arm, 4 on each side of Ambulance Corp & 8 men with carbines reversed. Co. "I," Co's. "B," "H," "L," "K," & "C." Band played battle pieces, marches - very fine, never heard better. Washed horses feet. We drew hay for our horses - suppose mules had some too.

Mar 27, 1863 - Morn fine but rained after 2 P.M. 80 men detailed to go out with wagons for forage. As I did not like a ride in the wagon J.T. Barnes volunteered to go in my place if I would care for his horse. Of course I would. Lieut. S.J. Hansey captured while out patrolling in the front at Readyville. Elias Frager & I went over to the 10th O.V.C near town. I saw no one I knew in the 10th. The fortifications at M. seem very strong. The "horse line" back to better quarters. The wagon train went to Nashville.

Mar 28, 1863 - Wind blew hard and rain fell in torrents in night. A.M. cloudy - P.M. beautiful. Sabre drill A.M. Washed and anointed Barne's horses' feet. Frager & I cut an Elm into wood. "Horse line" cleaned up and refuse hauled away. Pitching quoits & horseshoes the amusement now. A list of wants or needs of each man of the Co. made out.

Mar 29, 1863 - Sunday - High wind all night and today cold from North. Inspection of arms at 10. Col. scolded - arms not in order. Boys made him so today. Wrote letters, played cards, rumors of the capture of wagon train on Nashville Pike. Co. "H" had 6 for pickets, 4 for horse guard, 2 for Provost duty. Rec'd. letter from home country.

Mar 30, 1863 - Day cloudy, snowed some and rained at 5 P.M. Roll call at 3 A.M. Horses saddled, a precaution I suppose, as we usually saddle at 11

A.M. Drill on horseback, charging the exercise, to use up our horses I presume. We have 43 or 44 horses for 55 men. Wagons got back from Nashville but the guards were left in N. for some purpose.

Mar 31, 1863 - Day sunny, windy & cool. Nothing of importance stirred the air in our quarters - other than dismounted drill A.M. Sergt. Frager drilled Co. P.M. D. Weitz & I got passes & went to Wood's Hd. Qrs. to see Barker and Alliger. Met Gen. Rosecranz Staff, with escort, going to review the Mtd. Infy. Brig. "Widders" Brigade - 17th & 72nd Ind - 98th & 123rd Ill.

Apr 1, 1863 - Bright morn and day. Ice 1 1/4 in. Orders for policing our grounds so no drill. Col. cross and so had his troubles - but everything in camp made "spick & span." At noon orders came to draw 5 days rations and 60 rounds of ammunition per man and everything is in order for a scout. Not feeling well this evening.

Apr 2, 1863 - A sunny day but a brisk, cool wind was very disagreeable. I was in much pain having a severe attack of diarrhea - so I lay in bed as much as possible. Command out on scout at 6 A.M. Pitching horseshoes main occupation now.

Apr 3, 1863 - Day sunny but a little breezy. I lay in bed quite all day - nothing of importance doing in camp. The Infantry "Grand Guard" are building a strong defence at their reserve opposite our camp.

Apr 4, 1863 - Day fine tho breezy. I am feeling much better. Rec'd. two letters from two cousins, one of which I answered. Also rec'd. one from a neighbor. These letters are appreciated by one and others, while some care not and write not. Reported that Morgan & McMinnville captured.

Apr 5, 1863 - Easter Sunday - Day fine, evening promises rain. No "Easter Eggs" for us but our Fathers, Mothers, brothers, sisters & sweethearts will remember us as they partake the good things. Rec'd. an amusing letter from E.P. Clifton. Answered it & L.G. Borton's by writing till 10 P.M. I feel much better tho I do not venture to eat much.

Apr 6, 1863 - Morn cool - day fine. Helped to make descriptive list of Co. "H." The Regt. came in quite elated with the success of their scout, having driven Morgan's men off Snow Hill with some loss to him - capturing some of his men & horses. Regt scoured the country and brought in about 50 men and 150 horses & mules. Charleston, S.C. & Mobile, Ala. reported captured. We had roll call once more.

Apr 7, 1863 - Day fine and night cool. Reveille at 4:30. Co. "H" went on picket. I felt able for duty again so went out with the boys in charge of 2nd relief. I stood at the road to examine passes, etc. I wandered in the woods gathering anemones. Violets, Red Bud, Trilliums, Dandelions & others I do not know the names of. 2 Batteries of Artillery of Palmer's Div., escorted by a company of Infantry and one of Cavalry, came from the front having been within 10 miles of McMinnville. Did not move our pickets back tonight.

Apr 8, 1863 - Day fine - evening promises rain. Did not sleep much as my

relief went on at 2 A.M. and came off at 6. Nothing of importance transpired during the night excepting the firing of a few shots on the roads. The Officer of the Day accompanied the relieving pickets. I walked part way to camp - my horse lame. Barnes & others came in from Nashville bringing new teams, wagons & loads. Orders received for a 5 days scout and rations prepared. Our horses about used up.

Apr 9, 1863 - Day hazy and promising rain. Reveille at 4. Regt. went out on scout, 3 days rations in haversacks and 2 in wagons. Detailed with 6 men for Provost Duty. Divided them into 3 reliefs of 2 men each. 2 prisoners, Sullivan of "G" for horse stealing, Kennedy of "M" for desertion. I let them go where they pleased but they stayed near the guard house. The 3rd time the reliefs went out they stood 4 hours which gives more time for sleep. Time moves swiftly. Almost three years since this cruel war begun.

Apr 10, 1863 - Day fine - looks like rain. I hurried the Sergt. Major and got relieved at 8 A.M. Nothing of importance, only ordinary round of duties. Made out Guard Report. Wrote a letter to A.J. Hadeen (Elijah H.?) of Palmyra, Mo. Wm. C. Rings went to Regt. Hospital day before yesterday - very sick with Typhoid Fever.

Apr 11, 1863 - Promising morning - rained this eve but quit at 10 P.M. Co. "H" furnished a few men for picket. Rec'd. 3 letters late this P.M. The train on the Nashville & Murfreesboro (Nashville & Chattanooga) R.R. was captured last night & 2 or 3 trains on the L. & N. R.R. I reckon an attempt to make "Rosy" retreat. Wm. Rings is failing fast - is listless. I answered 2 letters by 11 P.M. Rings died at 0:30 this P.M. I sat up with his corpse and waited on the sick who are much neglected. Brannan relieved me at one A.M. Rings' friends have determined to send his body home.

Apr 12, 1863 - Sunday - Rained some this morning but cleared off by 7 A.M. Balance of day fine. C.W. Ely and others went to town and secured a rough coffin and will send the body of Rings home to West Unity, O. We boxed his effects, I put in the letters I had rec'd. and marked the box to send it north. Boys from various Hd. Qrs. escorts came over.

Apr 13, 1863 - Day fine - raining at 11 P.M. Grounds policed and dirt and refuse hauled off. Boys wrote letters. Ely, Coslet & others went to town and procured a metal lined coffin and put Rings body in and sent it home. Many others were refused transportation. Telegraphed and sent box of his effects, also Alleman of "H" detailed to drive team at Stanley's Hd. Qrs.

Apr 14, 1863 - Rained hard in night - cleared by 8 or 9 - but raining again at 3:30 P.M. Reg't. came in off scout about 10 A.M. and furnished pickets. Signed pay rolls and got pay this P.M. - two months. Capt. E.M. Colver home - that is back from "Leave of Absence." Privates & non coms get furloughs - see. Capt. C.W. Skinner of "H" is promoted to Major and applies for more time.

Apr 15, 1863 - Morn rainy and rained or sprinkled till 8 P.M. by spells. "H" on picket again. Six of "H" who were out yesterday went in for pay and came back. We put up our "pup tents". Not so much travel on this road - enemy too much awake. Boys got a lot of eggs so we were well fed. My 2nd relief went on duty at 1 A.M. I don't remember ever seeing it darker than

from that time till daylight. Infty. had reveille at 1 A.M. tonight.

Apr 16, 1863 - Day clear after A.M. and warm. Cavalry up at 3:30 & prepared for a 6 day scout but orders soon countermanded & Co. "H" relieved from picket duty. Co. "M" drew clothing. Some men went to M. and got their pictures taken paying 4 times Louisville prices. Scouts went past our pickets this A.M. Regt. mustered this A.M. Muster rolls made. Paid our cooks - each man 50 cents.

Apr 17, 1863 - Morn & day fine. Carbine drill this A.M. No letters of my own to answer so I wrote one for Chris. Funkhouser. Read "Phrenological Journal & Life Illustrated." Order for scout of 5 days with 3 days rations in haversack & 2 in wagons. Money plenty & boys, some of them, playing cards for money. Archer going to Nashville tomorrow. Men sending money home by draft.

Apr 18, 1863 - Day warm and clear but signs of rain after 9. Up at 4 and everything ready for a scout and horses saddled till noon. Rec'd. letter from R.A. Clifton which I answered. Berry Weitz & I sent for "Phrenological & Almanac" for 1 year.

Apr 19, 1863 - Sunday - Rained a little about 2 A.M. Commenced at 11 and rained till 2 P.M. - cleared off at 2 A.M. A detail of from 10 to 15 men from each Co. except "B" & "H" took their arms, saddles, etc., and 3 days rations and at 3:30 A.M. boarded the cars for Nashville. At 6 A.M. 10 men of "B" and 15 of "H" under Lieut. O.M. Brown reported at Stanley's Hd. Qrs. and after a long wait were sent back to the corral of "Supernumerary's" - broken down horses. Boys saddled the best, each man having 4 horses, & reported at Stanley's Hd. Qrs. at 11 A.M. We were detailed to go to Louisville. "B" & "H" took 3rd O. & 2nd Tenn. horses. We moved to Stone River and waited for 7th Pa. Cav. Then waited at Wilson's Creek and 2 hrs at La-Vergne. 'Twas 8 P.M. when 7th Pa. overtook us and it was 2 A.M. the 20th when we got to Gov't Corral at Nashville. A few horses had to be abandoned along the road. My 4 "got there." Statesman refused to lead one horse & did not. We made our beds on some plank by the Gov't Storehouse and were soon asleep.

Apr 20, 1863 - Day fine. We lay till quite late. Bought eatables for breakfast at the grocery. Bought bread & milk for my breakfast. Carried our saddles, etc., to the Catholic Church. The officials did not get around to business till late in P.M. Saddles were taken to L. & M. R.R. Sta. Boys prepared rations of eatables - some of whiskey - my rations consisted of 2 loaves of bread and a pint of molasses, price 35 cents. At 5 P.M. boarded the train for Louisville. Crossed the river to Edgefield, our car was a horse car, plenty of straw for bedding. Off at 7:30 P.M. at a fair rate of speed. Stopped 50 min. at Bowling Green, Ky. Men who had whiskey wanted more whiskey or water and made night hideous with their ravings at stations. Not much chance for sleep - 400 Cavalry on train.

Apr 21, 1863 - Morn fine - rained after 1:30 P.M. We tarried quite awhile at Cave City. Season later the further north, some had corn planted, others plowing. Arr'd at L. at 4 P.M. Carried saddles, etc. to depot then to "a special" which took us out to "Park Barracks" - a large brick building - some benevolent institution used as a hospital - I believe. Had to pitch

tents in rain - of course. Hamlin & I put up my shelter. Boys put floors in tents. Barracks two miles from L. Went to bed some earlier than last night.

Apr 22, 1863 - Morn foggy - after while clear than rain after 4 P.M. Procured a kettle & "mess pan." Cleaned them and after a time had breakfast. I acted as Commissary Sergt. - drew & divided rations for 3rd O.V.C. - 79 men - one man detailed for guard. No passes to be had - want to get the men in hand first. Especially H. Hartman who has not reported yet. Maybe don't know where we are as he was not with us when we left the depot at L. Inspection of arms and 4 roll calls - some gone to the theatre.

Apr 23, 1863 - Rained a little before noon - cool & cloudy after. Secured passes for six men but could not get one for myself so remained in camp - 1 on guard. Called roll at noon - found many off on passes. Cleaning arms the go. Peddlers plenty, whether they make anything or not. Some drunkenness. Subscription "was on" for to buy a "Dress Sabre" for Capt E.M. Culvers - one of the 7th Pa. Cav. arrested by the Infantry Guards & much ill feeling between Cav. & Inftry.

Apr 24, 1863 - Night cool - morn fine - day warm. Got passes for 3 of us. Went to L. Looked for Hartman but did not find him. Bought a gold pen, rubber holder, knife, fork, spoon, spy glass, a good one. Venande got cheated out of 6 or 7 dollars by trading a pistol for a "P.F." watch. Had his eye blacked before he got back to camp. Returned to camp at 5 P.M. No roll call and inspection at 6 P.M.

Apr 25, 1863 - Day fine - night cool - cool wind. Bartlett and Sexton of Co. "B" gone home on 10 days furlough. Peddlers numerous - 40 of them trying to get rich on 500 of us. But few passes issued today. I read "Yale College Scrapes." Some have gone to the theatre. Bunker off to Jeffersonville, Ind. for the night on a pass.

Apr 26, 1863 - Sunday - Night cool - day cloudy & pleasant. Bunker back by 6:30 A.M. Rumors of our moving out on Bardstown Pike 6 miles from L. 3 or 4 fights in camp. Geo. Kime arrested for "sitting on his beat" and using disrespectful language to Off. of Guard. I will have to beg or draw clothing to make a change.

Apr 27, 1863 - Morn fair - cloudy - P.M. signs of rain at dark. Secured a pass. Went to town and bought \$11.00 worth of stamps for Co. "H." Went to # 3 hospital on 6th Street and saw Wm. H. Hagar. He is sometimes known as Wm. H. Hagar. Bought for my own use a Bartlitt American watch for which I paid \$30.00 cash besides purchasing other needful articles. Returned to camp at 4 o'clock. There are orders to move camp. 300 horses came in from Cin. on the Steamer "Jacob Strader." It will be 2 or 3 weeks before we leave Louisville from present indications.

Apr 28, 1863 - Rained during the night & till 8 A.M., then rain & sunshine and rain this eve. Drew rations and did usual camp duties till noon then orders to "strike tents." Loaded our effects & camp equipage on wagons then a-foot or in wagons as chance or inclination suited. We went into camp, I should think in a N.E. course from "Park Barracks" 2 or 3 + miles, 4 miles from the city, 3/4 from a road in a pasture adjoining a wood. 3rd O.V.C.

line of tents next to the timber and near an excellent spring. A fine place for a camp. Pitched our tents - ditched them, i.e. dug a ditch around the tents so no water could stand in them. Seth Hamlin & I put up my "dog tent" making a wall of plank for it. I secured a "Bell" tent for our mess to sleep in.

Apr 29, 1863 - Day rain - and continues at bedtime. So we lay in our tents, sleeping, reading, writing and card playing. A detail sent to town brought out 10, six mule teams and 10 wagons for use of our detachment. Capt. Culver was severely if not fatally kicked on the right side of face and head. Major Skinner in L., would have come to camp if weather would have permitted. Detachment of 6th Ky. Cav., 9th Pa. and 2nd Mich. Cavy., came into camp here.

Apr 30, 1863 - Morn fine + day also. I got a pass good from 6 A.M. till 12 and went to L. & M. R.R. depot to see Maj. Skinner. Had but little time to talk as train was off on time. Gave him \$10.00 worth of postage stamps and packet of letters for Co. "H" at Murfreesboro. Visited R.R. machine shop. Went to Park Barracks for mail - none there. Post Office and stores closed in town - day to be observed by fasting and prayer. Capt. Culver much better. Had watch regulated. On my return to camp passed thru a fine and in places romantic country. Horses brought in by 4th U.S. Cav., 2nd & 3rd Tenn. Cavy. and 10 O.V. Cavy.

May 1, 1863 - Day fine. Rec'd. a letter from James. Sent pencil and money for repairs & paper for Sergt. Berry. Also got letter from Sergt. Frager. Sent letter to Co. requesting mail for us be sent to Louisville, also same request for "B" Co. News from Hooker's, Bank's, Grant's & Rosecranz's Armies cheering. Prospect for a lively fight at or near Murfreesboro before we get back "to take a hand."

May 2, 1863 - Day fine with signs of rain this evening. Sergt. Maloney sick and Prickitt acting Orderly Sergt. Detail of 10 men cleaned off grounds where horses are to be "lined up." Sutter moved in. Qrt. Master & Commissary arrangements rather extensive and "Style" is put on. Our officers mostly in the city. I climbed a tree and squinted around over the country. Washed my body & put on clean cloths which is much pleasanter than those who never bother or realize.

May 3, 1863 - Sunday - Morn cloudy, rained at times today. Nothing of importance took place today. Some card playing, novel reading, letter writing, & some few reading in the Bible. I intended to go to town to church but it rained occassionally and was unpromising so I did not go. I have the orderly business to attend to and there were so many details to make that it is hard work for me & the men. Yesterday there was a horse race at Wood Lawn Course & we furnished a patrol to pick up strays.

May 4, 1863 - Rained hard in the night. Day warm and appearance of rain. About 7 A.M. we put our saddles in wagons, got in ourselves & rode to the public stables & got 65 horses for the 3rd O.V.C. Got back about 1 P.M. Made a detail of 7 privates and a corporal for horse guard. There are some good horses but many have distemper & will die. The surgeon came out and took 4 men of the 3rd to hospitals in town. One man for patrol in town - came in late - 2 or 3 men picked up who were without passes.

May 5, 1863 - Rained during the night, unpromising day. Nothing exciting. Plenty of duty & details. Drew clothing - many stood in need of it. Still no mail - letters due someday. Many of the men are entirely out of money and consequently keep pretty straight. Hooker's movements are exciting some attention. Everyone is on the qui vive for news.

May 6, 1863 - Sunshine & clouds - cool last night with some rain and windy day. Dress parade at 8 A.M. The 4th Mich. left for Murfreesboro or the front with 600 horses on the cars. No mail comes to our detachment. Had 22 men on fatigue & extra duty, horse guard, camp guard and as teamsters. Many wish they were at Murfreesboro or the front instead of doing what they think is useless duty here.

May 7, 1863 - Night cool - day cool & cloudy. Dress parade at 8 o'clock. Our horses were inspected and the 2nd & 3rd Tenn. Cav'y. took the serviceable ones on the cars to Nashville. We are caring for about 30 unserviceable nags. We are to have no horses until the demand at Murfreesboro is supplied. We have no letters. I do not think that there is much done for us at the post office. Sergts. Sexton & Bartlett returned from furlough. Capt. Culver & Sergt. Burr gone home.

May 8, 1863 - Day fine. Dress parade as usual. "Bill" Venande much hurt because he had to go on guard every other day as others did. No mail for us as usual. The news of Hooker's retreat made many doubt our ability to do much toward crushing the rebellion - as to the campaign in Va. news of Grant's successes more assuring.

May 9, 1863 - Day fine with promises of rain this eve. News from Hooker's Army more cheering. A retreat to keep up the communications - high water compelled this movement. The 4th Mich. came back from Murfreesboro. Got pass and went to Park Barracks P.M. to the Post Office but it was closed and I could not get any news. News from Armies more cheering.

May 10, 1863 - Sunday - A beautiful day. No dress parade. Sergt. Lindsey of Y Co. "M" & I left camp about 8 A.M. & walked into the country to spend the day as we had in days past. When 3 miles from camp we inquired for a church and one being near at hand we went to it. I guess Episcopalian - Sermon by a Rev. Cox using Eph. 4-1-4, Deut. 28 & 1st of Acts, lesson 2nd Chapter of Collossians. After church we took dinner at a union mans home. This day reminds me of Sunday service in the country near Palmyra, Mo. in 1859 & 1860. The walk home through a pleasant little valley enjoyed. Capt. Flannagan brought a detachment of 3rd - 40 - from Murfreesboro, among them some of Co. "H."

May 11, 1863 - Day & eve fine. Dress parade at 8 A.M. as usual. Those who came in yesterday went in on the eatables. Music was the principal attraction. A fight took place. I received two letters & answered one. Many letters were written. Many passes were applied for but Major Matthews would only let 4 men from each detachment go at one time. Some of those who get passes, are not worthy of them, get drunk and carouse. The morals of the soldiers are subjected to many temptations and many are fast hastening to ruin.

May 12, 1863 - Morning fine. Dress parade at 8 A.M. More guards were put

on and very strict orders given & a patrol sent out. Capt. Flannigan came in and I suppose is in command of the detachment of 3rd, 117 men. Drew clothing & Capt. F. distributed it. Our "Little Fiddlers" gave us our rations of fine music. I procured a pass for Lambert & Miller and they went to the theatre. At retreat we had inspection and the Capt. put us thru in "style and flourish." The forage pile is a great place for card playing.

May 13, 1863 - Morn cloudy, a little rain, P.M. fine. No parade. I tried a few games of euchre. I might spend my time better in reading & writing but I am somewhat inclined to amusement & my weakness gives way under temptation. Roll call at noon. Those absent are not allowed passes. Boys are getting pictures taken & sending them home. There were a few letters for the Reg. I wrote a letter home - am anxious to receive my letters. Time and tide wait for no one. What will make up for lost time.

May 14, 1863 - A fine, warm day. Up early and carried water for breakfast. Dress parade as usual with the exception of the presence of some ladies this morning. There were "women" enough at all times from morning till eve. Some of them may be fine women but the character of many is questionable. Washed this afternoon and mended some. Read a little of the news. Nothing of much importance going on. In the afternoon there was scarcely an officer in camp capable of commanding the detachment. Some of the men got passes this afternoon till 12 M. tonight.

May 15, 1863 - Day fine - eve cool & hazy. Dress parade - reading of orders concerning order in camp. Rode Lieut. Brown's horse to town and got him shod on an order from Capt. Harris, Asst. Qr. Master. Shod at Govt. shop & 8th St. Foundry. Got my watch from jewelers - cost \$1.00 - all for trusting my business to others. Ought not to have paid anything. Bought paper, envelopes, diary, overalls, hymn book, etc. Back to camp by 5:50 P.M. The peddlers are becoming a pest, vile women are numerous, acting as peddlers and advertising their business at the same time. A few minutes observation will convince anyone of the low standard of morals among the soldiers. God's wrath is upon us for our disobedience.

May 16, 1863 - Morning beautiful, cool, with a westerly breeze. Dress parade. About 9 A.M. all peddlers were ordered out of camp and strong guard put on. Lieut. Lee of the 4th U.S. Cav'y. is Provost Marshal. Co's. "B," "H" & "L" are to take care of what horses are in camp half the day & Co's. "M," "K" & "G" the other half. A "horse" or high trestle is put up and delinquents tied up to it. They stand on tip toe. Three of 4th U.S. Cav. tied up to it all night. It's cruel punishment and I am sure no volunteers will be suffered to be so used by his comrades. Men of spirit are kicked & cuffed while those who will cringe and fawn on the officer are favored - not all, as some officers are men of correct principles - gentlemen always. Orders for inspection - the men cleaned their arms and put their things in order. Officers gone to town. I took a bath after tattoo.

May 17, 1863 - Sunday - Morn and day fine. Our Co. grounds are clean, arms in order and each Detachment inspected on it's own grounds. At 9 A.M. 15 or 20 of us under command of Lieut. O.M. Brown went out to attend "services" at the Christian Church 3 miles from camp. But as there was no services there we, by vote, decided to go to the Methodist 2 or 3 miles further off. Passed by Woodlawn Race Course in a beautiful country. Got to church

in time to hear a sermon by an Episcopalian - first ever heard - when 1/2 way home Brown, Baker & I broke ranks and after some trouble got some dinner at a German gardener's. Some very good gardens here. Into camp at three P.M.

May 18, 1863 - Night cool, N. wind and day sultry. Quarters carefully cleaned. At parade the inspection report of 3rd O.V.C. was not flattering. All peddlers driven from camp - but the woman who sells beer was not. Her business of more importance and more honorable than selling milk, eggs, apples, pies, vegetables, etc. These misguided "Sons of Thunder" let her sell beer. A pole was raised and a flag run up. I enlisted to fight under it but such leaders I despise. Nothing to do particularly, I read the Bible, slept & learned a hymn.

May 19, 1863 - Night pretty cool, morning hazy with dense atmosphere, day fine. Dress parade. Hats drawn from Q.M. depot. "Capt" Flannagan trying to have men "draw clothing." I will not draw more as I have mine at Murfreesboro. If he will get them I'll wear them. Card playing is the rage. No letters do I get. All peddlers ordered out early this morning, even the newsboys. Nothing of importance afloat, only the appearance of Maggie Mitchell on the horizon of the theatre going public. She plays in "Fanchon the Cricket."

May 20, 1863 - Night cool and day fine. I was out early. "Fixed up" the fireplace and got up the "dinner." 50 of the 3rd Ohio went to town after horses. I wrote a letter while they were gone. They got the horses and were stopped before they got 1/2 mile from the stables and took them back. Capt. Flannagan "treated" the boys and many of them got drunk and came in in miserable plight. No roll call at retreat as many were too drunk to account for themselves. "Alf" Stout & Bunker (H.H.) were soon asleep. C.W. Ely brought me a letter from home, it was sent from camp. About 60 of the 6th Ky. Cav. sent out to arrest some recruits for the Reb. Army who were assembled at Call River some 30 miles off.

May 21, 1863 - Morn fine. Day warm & sultry. Nothing much unusual. Trees were transplanted in front of our tents for shade. This evening the Provost Guard kept on the run - boys exploding metal carbine cartridges in the fire. Orders are "no firing in camp" hence the "D----d Volunteers "disobey" - don't like the overstrict Regulars - no orders - no firing.

May 22, 1863 - Warm day - dress parade as usual. Nothing of importance going on. I received a letter from homeland. The news was somewhat surprising. Many deaths have occurred among my acquaintances. Carried a letter to Jacobs of Co. "M" who is guarding a citizen's house. Read extracts from the Life of Nap. Bonaparte which were interesting. Jacob's father sent him papers to procure his discharge because of fraudulent enlistment and being a minor. Lieut. Brown rec'd "Letter Patent" for a furnace for heating tires for wagon wheels. It was eleven o'clock before I slept.

May 23, 1863 - Day fine so I washed a change of clothing. Had them dry by 3 P.M. Only iron cloths Army fashion. Sergt. Baker of "G," Corp. Brown of "M" & I went to town. Went to Hills Pen factory and exchanged pens. My watch gained 3 minutes in 8 1/2 days. Mrs. Gen. Stanley in camp when we had dress parade. Capt. Scott struck one of his men & inflicted a dangerous

wound - he left camp to avoid the vengeance of the men. Went to the Louisville Theatre to see Maggie Mitchell. The beautiful girl played in Margatha, "The Poultry Girl" and "Kate O'Sheol" - poor pieces well played. Did not get into camp until 2 A.M. Had dinner at an eating house.

May 24, 1863 - Sunday - Day fine. Did not get much rest after so late a bedtime. Had bread and milk for breakfast. The 1st, 3rd, 4th & 10th O.V. Cav. & 4th U.S. Cav. went to town in wagons after horses which came from Cin. on the U.S. mail boat Gen. Anderson and the "Bostonia." Each man took two horses to camp. The ride to camp was very disagreeable - so much dust from the limestone pike. Lieut. Brown furnished us many copies of the N.Y. Observer to read. I expected to go to church but could not.

May 25, 1863 - Day fine. Detailed as Sergt. of the horse guard. I had charge of 16 men and a Corporal. More horses were brought in. Some of them inspected & the 6th Ky. took them to the cars. The 3rd Ohio took a lot of condemned horses to the government stables but as it was after dark when they got there they would not receive them. The boys got back about 11:30 P.M. Mad of course. I got up and detailed the guard but the 1st Ohio put on the relief. Rec'd. a letter from James.

May 26, 1863 - Day fine - signs of rain. We were to go after horses - but did not go. This day passed away as many others. Nothing of importance. The 10th O.V.C. left for the front at 8 P.M. Orders for us to leave tomorrow. Lieut. Brown's wife is here sick. Will go home on tomorrow noon's mail boat. Lieut. B. bought him a Henry Rifle. Now the Rebs will suffer. News very good from Vicksburg.

May 27, 1863 - Rained at 3 P.M. Drew rations so we had three days on hand. The boys traded off the rice, beans and other things for eggs. Bunker & I put some shoulders on and boiled them to take along. The horses were inspected and everything put in order for marching. Tents, cooking utensils, etc., turned over to Q.M. Dept. Blankets rolled & strapped to saddles and at 4:20 P.M. we left camp. It was almost dark when got to the depot of L. & N. R.R. The horses were tied to the fence, unsaddled and the men got drunk - some of Co. "H" too, and a few of us to car 300 horses. Was 1 A.M. the 28th when we were done & Hamlin & I went into the cars with our things and soon slept. Bought \$4.00 worth of paper & envelopes.

May 28, 1863 - Day fine. Slept a little. The boys got their effects and themselves or their friends got them aboard. A guard was placed on the locomotive to keep the train from going before the men were on board. The train started at 20 minutes past 5 A.M. Some rode on top, others inside the freight cars. Arr'd. at Cave City at noon, Franklin 5 P.M., Nashville 11 P.M. The country was beautiful. The trees were beautifully green and all nature seemed gay. The men, or that portion of them who had been drunk, were very quiet sleeping off their fits of drunkenness. We got into Nashville and waited there awhile. It rained this evening.

May 29, 1863 - Morning rainy. We did not get into Murfreesboro until eight o'clock. The train stalled and they had to divide the train and take part at a time. The 1st Middle Tenn. got the horses we brought. Our saddles and men were taken to camp by the "supply" train while I was gone after water. I had to walk to camp through the rain. Found camp 3 miles from town and

1/2 mile from Stone River. The boys were glad to see us. Barker and I put up my "pup tent." I distributed the things I had got for the boys. James is in Ward "I" (Erysipelas Ward), Stone River Hospital with a sore leg caused by a bruise from horse falling on him. Drilling on horseback at 4 P.M. Men & horses making progress. Dress parade & inspection. It rained most of the day.

May 30, 1863 - Rained hard in the night and I got my bed clothing wet. Day sunshine and rain. Co. "H" furnished 15 men for pickets. We grazed our horses until 10 or 11 o'clock when a thunderstorm drove us in. I fixed our tent & tried to dry my bedding & cleaned my gun. Rec'd. a letter from home containing sad news as well as some good. Drew rations for six days. Dress parade this evening - a mere show & no effect.

May 31, 1863 - Sunday - Morning fine. Day often times promised rain. I received two letters from home, another from Frank Mattern. I answered fathers letter. I have no horse yet and there are none. The Co. took their horses out to graze. At 3 o'clock the Regts. went out on Brigade Inspection, wagons and all. Lt. Col. Murray was so drunk that he could scarcely maneuver the Regt. Had dress parade at almost 8 P.M. Col M. too drunk to stand still - too bad - drink has about ruined an able officer. Berry made some ink from chemicals I furnished - extract of Logwood & Bichromate Potash.

Jun 1, 1863 - We had drill with carbine & sabre on foot at 6 o'clock A.M. I wrote a letter to F. Mattern. Received a letter from John B. and answered it. The Co. grazed their horses. Drill on horseback. Col. Murray is under arrest. Lieut. Brown came from Louisville. Capt. Flannigan Com'dg. the 1st Batt. James came back to the Co. Dress parade as usual. Read Phrenological Journal. One of the best journals of reform. Day fine - promise of rain.

Jun 2, 1863 - Morning fine. Nothing of importance on the list. Fell in for drill but commenced to rain and we were dismissed. I received a letter from home and wrote one to E. Clifton. Brigade drill this afternoon and a poor thing it was. Leut. Col. Murray is under arrest for being drunk and there is no one else who understands fully how to maneuver the Regt. Day fine except a little while in the morning. There is some prospect of a movement soon. There are a number of Co. "H" who have no horses. I for one.

Jun 3, 1863 - Rained a considerable during the night. No drill this forenoon. John Scott of Co. "G" was killed by falling off a loaded wagon and striking his head on a stone & the hind wheel running over his head and neck. I wrote a letter to S.G.B. Drill this afternoon. Co. "I" went to town to play Provost Guard for a week and the Regt. will do no picket duty while they are in town. A petition was circulated to have Col. Murray reinstated to Com'd. the Regt. & it met with general favor. Dress reveille - Orders for three days rations. Day fine.

Jun 4, 1863 - Everything was in order for a scout by 6 A.M. About 3 A.M. Co. "B," 16 of Co. "H," a few from "L" and "M" went to Murfreesboro after horses. The Regt. started about 6 1/2 A.M., Maj. Howland Com'dg. Co. got 10 horses all cullings from Louisville - none shod. Co. "B", details from "H" & "M," went after the Regt. It drew 2 days rations of meat for 18 men.

Those who were left behind went out to graze. Day was cloudy, sprinkling once in awhile. Did not do much. Nothing of importance going on.

Jun 5, 1863 - Rained some during the night. I drew five days full rations except 140# hard bread for which I got a receipt. Lieut. Archer and others went up town to see a man hung for murder. He was tried by a military commission & hung by the Com'd of Gen. Rosecrans. He denied to the last. Rained occasionally. I had my animal shod before. James leg is getting worse and he has some fever. Yesterday there was some fighting on the Shelbyville Pike & at Franklin. Rained about nine o'clock. 4 of "H" and others went after horses about 9 P.M.

Jun 6, 1863 - There was a considerable rain last night. The horsemen came in about 3 A.M. Two of our men exchanged poor horses for good ones. Co. "K" came from Snow Hill to escort Gen. McCook in Co. "M." They started back this morning & were ordered to camp. James went to the hospital. He was taken to the field hospital. I put up his things. Grazed our horses this forenoon. Played several games of cards this afternoon. No credit to me if I did. Nothing of importance transpired. Day fine and warm. No letter for me. One came for James.

Jun 7, 1863 - Day fine. There was an assemblage of negroes at the nearest house and a sermon from a colored brother. Aside from this there was nothing to attract any particular attention. The regiment came in about 6 P.M. much pleased with their scout. They drove the Rebs from Smithville, captured a few. Amos of Co. "B" was mortally wounded. None of the Co. "H" hurt, though formed in the "fray." Venande & others did not like the way I dealt out the rations.

Jun 8, 1863 - Morning fine. I was detailed and acted as Sergeant of the Guard in charge of 16 men. I intended to go to the hospital to see James but must wait till tomorrow. Nothing of importance. I posted the guard. I did try to have the guards taken off but the Major could not see it. W. Scannell, H.W. Ragan & Wm. Misell arrived this evening. They looked fine - were gone 3 months and a half. Horse guards tonight. I remained up till 1 A.M. and posted the 2nd relief. Day fine. Co. "L" went on picket.

Jun 9, 1863 - I was relieved at 9 A.M. Made out a report of the guard for the Adjt. Read "Single Eye" a romance of the settlement of New England States during the King Phillip's War. After dinner went to the Field Hospital to see James. Found him a very little better. Nothing done for him for 24 hours after getting there. The diarrhea, fever & erysipelas working on him. He is in ward "I" - I think they will do well for the sick. I stopped at the government saw mill, one of Lane Bodley's, no equal to Blandy's. Afternoon cloudy. Morning fine.

Jun 10, 1863 - Morning fine. No drill this morning. Pastured our horses. No letter today. We had a pretty good drill on horseback. Movements were change of direction, change on the rear facing all directions. To form on the rear, faced to the rear, etc. At dress parade many orders were read. Adams Express Co. has decided to pay the money receipted for at Murfreesboro and captured on the 10th of April. Col. Paramore is relieved of his command & Long of the 4th Ohio Commands the Brig. Col. Murray's farewell address was good.

Jun 11, 1863 - Morning raining. We went out and drilled at 5 1/2 A.M. Some had no breakfast. I drilled 1 hour. The order is to drill at 5 1/2 A.M. for 3/4 hour then breakfast. We grazed our horses. It rained while out. The horses look well. (Unable to read remainder of page because ink bled through the page.)

Jun 12, 1863 - Up at 4 A.M. Breakfast at five and out on Battalion drill mounted. Drilled until 7 A.M. We went out to pasture. Drilled in afternoon on foot, Major Newland Commanding. We tried to perform a little skirmishing but the bugler was of no account and the Major did not understand his business. A thing which, among the many others, he does not know. Maj. Skinner has moved over - his health is poor. Lieut. Archer is unwell. Day fine & warm. There is no use talking we are sure to be regulars.

Jun 13, 1863 - Bugles are a terror to the soldier who needs sleep. Up at 4 o'clock and had breakfast at 4:50. Saddled the horses at 5 and on the road to Brigade drill ground. Col. Loring drilled us vigorously for about two hours. Legget's horse fell with him and cut his nose. After drill we went to graze across the river. I took Barker's horse and brought in some clover. Went to the hospital to see James - found him pretty sick, Payed him some little attention. We men cleaned our arms - we are for picket duty tomorrow. Day fine. No news of interest.

Jun 14, 1863 - The company grounds are cleaned ready for inspection. We were inspected on "Co. Parade Grounds" by Col. Paramore & Maj. Howland. The horses and horse equipment were put on our horses for inspection. At 8 we went out on picket. Chris Stinchcomb hauled our feed out for us. I took charge of the 2nd relief. Read Ballou & "History of the four Kings." Visited the patrol line, Capt. Gates went along. We stopped at Mr. Neopes. About 5:45 it commenced to rain and rained pretty hard for an hour. We fell back a mile & a half - the rebs could not take us handily. Day fine in the morning - rained in the evening.

Jun 15, 1863 - Night cool and clear. I put on the 2nd relief at 2 o'clock. Patrolled the flanks & front. At daylight I took off the pickets & put them on in front. I went off to the right and got some milk & my breakfast. Had a pleasant time. A school ma'am gave me a bouquet. We were a long time in getting back. The relief came out about 10 A.M. I posted the pickets for Capt. Flannigan. It was one o'clock before we got in. I rec'd. three letters from home or near there. At dress parade Sergt. Shepard was reduced to the ranks. He sat on the "horse" all afternoon. Day fine.

Jun 16, 1863 - Morning fine. I did not go out to drill as my horse is lame. I took her to the Doctor and he had her turned loose and she is gone and where will I find another? Dismounted drill - I did not go out and saved my feet which are a little sore. I received two letters from home. News from the East is important. Stirring events are expected. Day fine and very warm. Time and tide wait for no man and I want this war at an end.

Jun 17, 1863 - Morning aroused us and Col. Long had us a "long" time on brigade drill - which gave those that had no breakfast an appetite. We were out 2 1/2 or 3 hrs and were kept moving. Dismounted skirmish drill this afternoon. The men were careless and but little interested in the drill. News from Hooker's Army and the east is of a stirring nature. Pennsylvania

is in danger of an invasion, one of Lee's movements. Day fine. Wooden Horse, plenty of riders.

Jun 18, 1863 - Did not rain last night as we anticipated and hoped. In our saddles by 5 A.M. and on Brigade Drill Ground. Practiced as reserve and the 4th Ohio & 2nd Ky. formed line of battle & acted as skirmishers. The 10th O.V.C. moved to LaVergne, the 1st Ohio is to take it's place I believe. Dismounted drill after dinner. We drew a few horses. I heard from James - he is doing better. Orders read on dress parade. Corp. Wiseman reduced to the ranks by order of Col. Paramore. Rained a little after noon otherwise the day was warm. News stirring.

Jun 19, 1863 - Regimental drill this morning. I had my horse shod and after dinner and after the mail came in I went over to see James. Found him some better but gaining slowly. He does not receive the attention he should. I cut his hair, washed his neck and hands. Some books were given to him to read. I did not get back in time for afternoon drill. Day fine. Lieut. Archer went home on sick leave. Disease contracted while in Nashville in March. The fruits of sin. Consistency; thou are a jewel.

Jun 20, 1863 - Brigade drill this morning of 2 hrs time. Movements - passage of the line and skirmishing. Did not pasture our horses from some cause or other. One hundred men went out on patrol. Isaac Bricker & Major Skinner and one man from each Co. are going home recruiting. S.J. Hansey has resigned. Geo. Garfield went to Gen. Garfield & got an order for recruiting. The boys are writing letters to send home. I wrote a couple. Day fine. News scanty and of little interest.

Jun 21, 1863 - There was some sign of rain this morning. There was inspection at 9 o'clock. Co. "H" went on picket. Berry & I went to the Field Hospital to see James - found him much better. We returned about 1 A.M. Captain Skinner & others did not go as some of the detail had not come from Readyville. Lieut. Patterson, A.Q.M., an Ohioan and a gentleman from Mass. held service at 4 P.M. In the evening there was prayer meeting. A good attendance & much interest from white & black. Day more like the Christian Sabbath. Day fine.

Jun 22, 1863 - Morning fine. Regimental drill this morning. Nothing special today. News scanty. As our company was on picket we did not go on drill this morning. Skirmish drill this afternoon. Co's "B" & "H" did some nice skirmishing. After drill I went over to see James. Bought some lemon and made him some lemonade. There were but few sick in this ward (I) as they are being sent to Regts. & north. Nothing from home and why? Day fine - warm & very dry. Our camp is improving.

Jun 23, 1863 - Regimental drill at 5:30. Major Knowland Commanding movements in changing direction, fronts, etc. I was detailed Sergt. of the Camp Guard. 3 reliefs of 3 men each - had but little trouble finding the guards. About sundown I went over to see James as we were ordered to be ready to march early in the morning. J. was not so well. Took off 2 men of each relief. Preparations for marching, wagons loaded, rations prepared. I remained up until after 1 A.M. & went to bed rather sleepy. Day fine. Evening cloudy.

Jun 24, 1863 - Up at 3. Regiment up at 2 A.M. All things put in order for a move. Baggage sent to fortifications. Each man has 60 rounds of carbine cartridges & 40 of pistol. We started at 6 A.M. Our Regt. marched in the rear of 2nd Ky., left, in front. Marched through Readyville, turned to the right through a pretty rough country. We passed through corn and wheat fields - some wheat cut. We went into camp at Bradyville. Put up some tents & made some coffee. There are some in the mess who got all the coffee & sugar. Gen. Turchin is along & the 1st & 2nd Brigades & Crittenden's Corps. Rained pretty much all day.

Jun 25, 1863 - Rained pretty hard during the night. We got some corn from 2nd Batt. Saddled up and on the march by 7 A.M. Evidently Crittenden & Turchin are striking for the rear of Manchester. Passed the artillery of Palmer's Div. & our Brigade. Hard work for the artillery to climb the hill. We stopped at 1:30 P.M., made some coffee and then went into camp. Sent details for corn - 2nd detail got none, 1st got three sacks. I got up & helped to feed about 11 P.M. Col. Long captured a courier post & a few other bushwhacking kind killed. Brief but good supper. Rained all day.

Jun 26, 1863 - Rained hard awhile in the evening. We saddled and moved about two or three miles and formed line of battle and went into camp. One of the men went to the foot of the hill with forage sacks & details carried corn to camp. Some of the boys went out and killed a pig and we had a very good supper. I got but little though as I had the forage & rations to see to. There was heavy cannonading in the directions of Beech Grove, Hoovers & Guys Gaps every since we left Murfreesboro. Rained pretty much all day and we in camp in huckleberry brush & oak grubs.

Jun 27, 1863 - Up pretty early. Stayed around camp until after dinner. We then took the road to Pocahontas and the Brigade went into camp. Co's "L," "M," "E," "H," "K" went on picket. Co. "H" on Summitville Road. Capt. & men went out, got a beef & they killed & dressed it. "Niggers" boiled a kettle of it. Brannon & I went to camp and got some salt. I took eight men & got some corn at a citizens house - upstairs. They took our attentions kindly. Rained a little during the day and some at night. One of the Co's stole Gen. Turchin's coffee pot and one of his staff came out to search for it. Could not find it - of course not.

Jun 28, 1863 - Called in early - did not have time to feed nor get breakfast. We had to stand awhile as usual. We then started for Manchester. Roads were blocked with wagons & troops. I drew rations along the road from pity for the men. Mud road very bad - prisoners fixing them. Went into camp north of Manchester (1 mile) at 1 P.M. Wagons came up at 5 P.M. Drew corn and provisions, three days rations. Teams going to Murfreesboro in the morning. Fine water here. Arms cleaned and inspected. I aired all my cloths, etc. Rained in forenoon - afternoon fine. We leave early in the the morning.

Jun 29, 1863 - We stayed here all day expecting to go at any moment. Boys went out and drove in some sheep which were butchered. About one to a Co. Drew rations from commissary. Some teams went out after forage but we had none for supper. Barnes and Ely went into the country and got a coffee pot apiece. Our troops are occupying Manchester & Shelbyville and are concentrating here. Rained last night and pretty much all day. We have enough to eat, such as it is.

Jun 30, 1863 - Rained during the night. Teams went after rations to Murfreesboro. Groups moving to the front and concentrating. Wilder's Brigade came in off a scout to Deckered Station. Tore up and destroyed R.R. bridges & tanks and narrowly escaped capture. Col. Long & Col. Paramore had a difficulty concerning a horse. Co "K" fell into line with the Army and came near shooting Col. L. Col. P. is under arrest - as is Lieut. Brown of Co. "K" for mutiny. No feed since morning when we got a little. Day fine. Sprinkled a little. Newspapers devoid of news of importance.

Jul 1, 1863 - It rained last night. Got five ears of corn apiece for our horses. Tullahoma had to be evacuated and our men in possession. Mail - I received no letter, others were more fortunate. We had orders to be ready to march but did not. Our teams with rations did not come up. Some of the boys wrote letters, others read while some played cards. This has been the warmest day of the season. The whereabouts of Bragg is somewhat uncertain. Orders for an eight day scout.

Jul 2, 1863 - About 10 P.M. last night we had to saddle up and marched to Hillsborough and one mile beyond. Crittenden's Corps was there. Fed our horses and slept till sunrise. Marched to Morrison's Ford. The Confederate Cav., about 6000 strong, ready to receive us. 1st Batt, 3rd Ohio & 2 Co's dismounted and advanced to the river but could not dislodge them. A few shells did no good as their position was strong. We had one man killed from Co. "L." Lawrence, Barnes & Whitehead attempted to cross over & they withdrew their forces. Gen. Stanley came up & all his Cav. About 2 P.M. we mounted and crossed the Elk River. Skirmishing commenced and 3rd Ohio took the road & the right flank and drove them till sun down when the Rebs withdrew. Col. Webb, 4th Ala. mortally wounded - our losses nothing in the fight. They lost several men though, we could tell. Returned to the rear and went to bed supperless - no rations to be had. Day warm & sultry.

Jul 3, 1863 - We got a pretty good feed for our horses and a tolerable breakfast but no sugar for our coffee. We left camp at Elk River at seven o'clock and marched to Deckered Station and went into camp about twelve o'clock. The 1st & 3rd Ohio went out foraging under command of Col. Eggleston, 1st Ohio. We got about as much corn as we could carry and some meat. Capt. Gates and Miner and 4 or 6 others of us took an independent scout - got some meat, potatoes, etc. McCook's men fought at the ford and killed some of the Reb. Cav. Bragg left on the cars yesterday while we were fighting at Elk River. Rained at intervals all day.

Jul 4, 1863 - Morning promising. The Regiment went out foraging. Co's "H" & "B" went toward Elk River & crossed & went as far as Winchester Springs. Boys got or took towels, books, etc. I pity those who are so unfortunate as to possess anything that excites the cupidity of some men in the army. Captured a conscript at Elk River - Chrisman's Ford. Got a little meal of free hams. Fed our horses & bathed. Rambled over hills & forded creeks 5 or 6 times. Two mens horses fell at "Bueling Ford." Got five head of cattle but Capt. let them go. Came back through Winchester. Salutes fired. Commenced to rain about 11 P.M. - rained for one hour.

Jul 5, 1863 - Morning rainy. We had inspection of arms and ammunition. Some of the latter was spoiled. Our living is principally corn cakes, fresh meats and pork of doubtful quality. The 3rd Batt. went to Neagley's