

## H. J. Ring Memoir

### Inscription on Book

The Person who reads this Book will be careful and not Soil it for the owner is very choice of it and would not have it soiled for its Weight in gold So Dear friends do be careful

Sergt [sic] H J Ring

Company D 96 Ill Voll Infty [sic]

What is written in this book will not Interest no one but the owner it was all written in Tennessee and there is some of my Advintures [sic] which of went through in the army of the United States Some may think that there is some things that looks pretty large but it is the fact that they are all true

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### Preamble and Resolutions

Preamble and Resolutions as drafted by the Second Brigade General Baidis [sic] Division in camp near Nashville Tenn March 2 1863 Head Quarters 2d Brigade Gen Baidis [sic] Division camp near Nashville Tenn March 2d 1863 at a meeting of the field staff and line officers of this Brigad [sic] (composed of the 84th and 92d Ill 96th Ill and 115th Ill Regt of Infantry and the 9th ohio [sic] Battery held at Brigade Headquarters this day at 9 o clock [sic] A M Col Smith D Atkins was called to the Chair and Adjt [sic] [illegible letter] C Sawver appointed secretry [sic] the following preambles and Resolutions were read Separately [sic] Acted upon and Adopted with entire unanimity The same was read at the head of each Regt and the Battery this after noon [sic] at dress parade and acted upon by the Soldiers with the result certified to below

### Preamble and Resolutions

whereas we the officers and Soldiers of this command have in common with our comrades in arms cheerfully periled our lives and every earthy interest to save to our selves and to our prosperity a country and a government the same which in historic times were bought with Blood and established by that quality of wisdom which though human seems [illegible]: and

Whereas A number of intriguing demagogurs [sic] at home have recently by work and act sought to create disaffections among us Black the wheels of wise legislations excite discontent in the public mind and in every way to baffle all earnest efforts to conquer the

Rebels therefore Resolved that we hold in utter detestation that Clique of miscreants in the loyal states who order the garb of consumed loyalty use the stolen revenue of such treason to excite fully treason in their own communities who have no censures done for the officers of our government - no complaints none that energetic measures are employed to crack the Rebellion – no aspirations save to embarrass our Executive and Legislative Departments and engender [illegible] in our Armies – and no hopes save for and [sic] ignoble peace and the Substantial triumph of the Rebels that we regard them as enemies to our Country and mankind who to accomplish their hellish purpose would not hesitate to blot forever from the hopes of man the cherished thoughts of self government and that they merit the scorn of all loyal citizens and true hearted Soldiers combining as they do the deep guilt of the traitor with the essential meanness of the coward Resolved that despite the frenzid [sic] effects of our foes before us and the despicable intrigues of our other foes behind us we will abate not one jot of faith or hopes but believing the maintenance of our government is worth all the evil expended [sic] in its establishments we emphatically ensure all traitors at home that not untill [sic] we have [illegible] one a [2 illegible words] Struggle (if need be) will we cease this contest and not until we have experienced [sic] such Sufferings as were Bravely endured at valley [sic] Forge will we begin its murmur. By all the sacrifices already and hardships endured by us – by all the Sufferings of our comrades in Hospital and camp – by all the precious Blood which has encrimsoned our Eastern and Western waters – by all the hearths made desolate and heart strings rent as under be cause [sic] of this Wicked rebellion – we do Solemnly pledge our honor as Americans and Soldiers to see this contest through to a Successful [illegible] or guild of our lives a willing sacrifice to our cavalry [illegible] Resolved that we are willingly opposed to any armistice or cessations of Hostilities untill [sic] our glorious flag of thirty four stars waves triumphantly from the dome of every capitol in our land Resolved That we fully and unequivocally endorse the policy of our civil rulers in useing [sic] all necessary means to strike decisive blows at the unholy Rebellion and to bring the war to a speedy [illegible] and glorious termination so that traitors in the south may meet with deserved punishment and damnable traitors in the north may be brought to a terrible Justice that [illegible] be not created in vain Resolved That to the loyal millions who encourage us in our efforts who sympathize with us in our hard ships [sic] and who rejoice with us in the Sacrifices of our armies we tender such heartfelt gratitude as Soldiers facing [sic] a hostile foe only can feel

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Camp at Brentwood Ten April 6/63

Our camp is station on a nice piece of Ground in the woods right close to the Nashville and Franklin Rail Road we are a guarding the rail Road Bridge it is a Small Bridge but it is useful to our Troops while they are Station at franklin [sic] to carrie [sic] Provisions

to them and we are here to keep that Bridge the 19 Michigan was the Regt that was here to guard the Bridge before they was all taken Prisoners [sic] the 22 Wisconsin Regt was camp about a mile and a half from when the Rebels [sic] attacked them they took the 22 Wisconsin Regt was taken first and then they came down here and took the 19 Mich with out [sic] firing [sic] a Gun and then they set fire to all the tents and every thing else that our men had our Cavalry went to Reinforcements [sic] to our men but they was to [sic] late they was all gone they burnt the boys [sic] over coats and Blankets the 92d Regt Ill Voll and the 9th Ohio [sic] Battery and about five Hundred of the 6th Kentucky Cavalry is here with us we have been Building Fortifications here and we have got them most done Conoral [sic] Atkins acting Brigadiere [sic] Gen Said that he could hold this place now if fifteen Thousand Rebels [sic] should come up and Attack to day [sic] they have commenced Building a fort our cannons will be here tomorrow [sic] they are 36st Pounders A Sundry [sic] we was all [illegible] up in line of Battle in them for the Rebels [sic] drove in our Cavalry Pickets but the Rebels [sic] did not come near of the weather is Pleasant and warm through the day time but in the Evening they are cold so that we have to put on all of our cloths [sic] to keep warm yesterday [sic] went down to the cars to see Wm Warren A Greer M Brewster and Wallace Cahomberlin [sic] of they got their dis charge [sic] and was a going home our cavalry [illegible] in three Prisoners [sic] to day [sic] and one came in that had deserted from the Reble [sic] Army Brentwood is between Franklin and Nashville it is ten miles from Nashville and Eight miles from Franklin so if we are Attacked we can get Reinforcements [sic] in one hour and a half from eather [sic] place Conoral [sic] Atkins is our Brigade commander and General Baird is our Divission [sic] Commander the Regiments that belongs to our Brigade is the 96 Regt and the 92 Regt 105 Regiment Ill Voll and the 85 and 40 Ohio [sic] and the 9 Ohio [sic] Battery and the 6 Kentucky Cavalry we have not but one brigade in our Divission [sic] now for the first Brigade is all taken Prisoners [sic] three Regiments that belongs to this Brigade are back to Franklin there is thirty Thousand men Station there now it is Reported that the Rebels [sic] have fell back a cross [sic] Duck River but it is not beleived [sic] by our General the General opinion is that Piece [sic] will be declared by the first of July next

Camp at Franklin Ten April 9th 1863

yesterday [sic] morning our company went out on Picket we was station there at Brentwood about four o clock [sic] we had orders to come into camp and get Ready to march when we got there they had our tents down and ready to march we left camp at five o clock [sic] in the Evening and started for Franklin the 92 Ill Regt was with us and the 9th Ohio [sic] Battery we got in to camp at nine o clock [sic] in the night and put up our tents it was a warm and Pleasant day and a good time to march that is the way after we got things so that we can defend our selves [sic] first rate we have got to march one more day we would have the Entrenchments all done and every thing so

that we would be Ready for the Rebles [sic] to come but now if we have a fight we will have to fight in the open field we gave the fort up to Six Regiments that come up from Nashville and four Batteries the distance from Brentwood Station is Eight miles the country is Rough and Rocky but it is a great [illegible] country there is not many Apple trees but peach trees that you cant [sic] Rist [sic] I have not seen one apple tree since I have been in Tennessee and there is lots of Almonds trees the Major said this morning that we was a going to march to morrow [sic] morning for Culumbia [sic] Ten with one Hundred and fifty Thousand strong it is twenty five miles from Franklin and it lys [soc] on duck [sic] River it is Reported that the Rebles [sic] has two Hundred Thousand men there but not Generaly [sic] believe the Rebbs [sic] are about six miles from us now with a fource [sic] of twenty Thousand there is here now of union Soldiers sixty Thousand

Franklin Ten April 10th 1863

got up at [illegible] o clock [sic] and fell in line of Battle and stood till dy [sic] light and then we had to move our tents in line and dig ditches around them one foot deep and seven Inches wide so as to let the water run up when it dus [sic] Rain I have writtin [sic] to [sic] letters to day [sic] one to Sister and one to Laurie fix a gan [sic] Rock we did not get any mail to day [sic]

Franklin April 11th 1863

I went up to see the fort and when I got up there our Pickets was Attacked the 40th ohio [sic] was out on Picket they drawn themselves up in line of Battle and the Rebbs [sic] made a charge on them and drove them back I did not look at the fort long for I had to go back to the Regiment for they was drawn up in line of Battle we stood before our Quarters till four o clock [sic] and then we had orders to march and follow up the Rebbs [sic] which we did do we went out and followed the River down the name of the River is big Harpess [sic] we followed the River down five miles when we had a a [sic] Skirmish with the Rebles [sic] but drove them back then our company was thrown out as the Skirmishing company but the Rebles [sic] had retreated so that we did not see any more we was thrown out till Nine o clock [sic] and then we fell in line and march back to camp we got back to camp at one o clock [sic] and then we had to get Supper our cavalry captured one of the Rebbs [sic] Batteries and one hundred and fifty of their men and we did not have cavalry enough there so the Rebles [sic] Recaptured the holl [sic] thing a gain [sic] the Rebbs [sic] made some of the Boldest dashes that I evey [sic] heard of they come right in to town and a captain and three me [sic] come right under our fortifications and the men that was a guarding the pontoon Brige [sic] shot the three privates and took the captain a Prisener [sic] we kill twenty of their horses and when we Pass the Battle ground our men had counted one hundred and sixty six of dead Rebles [sic] and they had not counted all of them I have not heard how many more they found

after we left there we took twenty Prisoners [sic] and one was three and to [sic] Lieutenants [sic] we kill one major three captains and two lieutenants [sic] when we came back the dead Rebels [sic] was not picked up but was laying all along the road it look hard to see them lay there some was Shot through the head and some through the heart I have Just learn'd [sic] that we retook the Rebel [sic] Battery we lost ten men kill and four wounded they was out of the 40 Ohio [sic] one was and [sic] orderly sergt [sic] they was a fighting all along the to Murfreesboro yesterday [sic] the Divisions [sic] that was in this Battle was General Baird General Gilbert General Stanley and a Division [sic] of Cavalry and I believe that General Thuchins [sic] Division [sic] was there they [sic] Cavalry Just came in with the Rebel [sic] Battery and three hundred more of their men if we had went out two hours sooner we might of taken all of them but we could not move till we had orders yesterday was a Smoky day we could not see over a mile west up to the fortifications to day [sic] two Regiments and a Battery of six guns can hold it if there was a force [sic] of twenty Thousand come up to take it went down to the cars and see two Hundred Rebels [sic] Prisoners [sic] get on to go to Nashville to be kept in close confinement [sic] we had three lieut [sic] one captain one Major one [illegible] one Quartermaster and one pay master the Prisoners [sic] said that they thought that we had not but one Regiment here or they would not of Attacked us now they said that General Vandevne [sic] ran past as soon as we commenced firing [sic] our Shell the Prisoners [sic] are what we call the Texas Rangers and they are the best men that the Rebels [sic] have we took in all of the Rebels [sic] four Hundred they are a dirty set of men they was dress pretty well some of them said that they would fight us till they could not fight any more and some was tired of it

Camp at Franklin Ten April 1863

come of [sic] from Picket this morning from Colonel [sic] Atkins [sic] Head Quarters had a Good tent to stay in there was not much firing [sic] last night on Picket night before last the 78 Ill Regt went out on Picket and they had one man shot and one man Wounded it was so dark that they could not see ten feet ahead of them and they shot one of the Rebels [sic] Wednesday we went out on Picket our Regiment and we had one man in company H shot and one Wounded where our company was station was in and [sic] old house and the Rebels [sic] shot at us twice and the Ball came so near that it made us dodge it Rain all day and [illegible] all night and it was so dark that we could not see five feet before us we did not let our guns get out of our hands and we Just kept our Eyes and ears open we Expected [sic] that they would come and give us fight in the morning but it rain so that they did not come we was relieved at Eight o'clock [sic] in the morning yesterday [sic] some of our men had a fight with some of Vandune [sic] men and whip them out and took lots of Prisoners [sic] but we have not heard how many yesterday [sic] I got two letters one from Laurie and one from Sister answered one of them Colonel [sic] Atkins said this morning that we was a going to be

attacked and he was up at four o'clock [sic] but the secesh did not come to-day [sic] I wrote one letter to Sister and we got four months pay we drew [sic] fifty-two dollars I paid the Sutlers Eight dollars for a pair of boots that I got of him and I wish that he had them a gain [sic] for they was not worth three dollars went out on dress parade this evening no paper to-day [sic]

Camp at Franklin Ten April 18th 1863

we was call out this mornig at half past three o'clock [sic] in line of Battle for we did Expect [sic] and [sic] attack this morning for they come with a large force [sic] and fired at our Pickets but did not kill any nor Wound any of our men we could not tell whither [sic] we killed any of their men or not nor do I care we furnish [sic] Sixty men on the fortifications ten on guard [sic] ten to chop wood out of our Regiment to-day [sic] it has been the smallest detail that we have had since we have been here we hear by the papers that the General Vandone [sic] the Rebel General has had heavy Reinforcements [sic] and if that is so he will give us fight but if he will wait a few days we will be ready for him for we have commence some new fortifications and when we get them done he can come with two Hundred Thousand men and he can not take it I Bought to [sic] Bunches of Envelopes of the Sutlers and paid 40 cents a Bunch this afternoon I went over the other side of the Rail Road and seen the dog tents that we have got to have all that they are is to [sic] pieces of Cloth Button to gather [sic] and a Pole run through the middle of them to hold them up both ends is left open so that the wind and rain can blow in and they aint [sic] long enough but that our feet will be out of them and there aint [sic] but two [illegible] stay in them and we can not stand in one of them we have not got our yet and I hope that we wont [sic] get them when we mov [sic] [illegible] here got to take them on our backs with us all the tents that I evry [sic] will do them good the 115 ohio [sic] Regt have drawn them and one more Regt but I dont [sic] know what number the Regt is but they do swear about them like fun and say that they wont [sic] cary [sic] them a step nor do I blame them for I dont [sic] believe of makeing [sic] a mule of a man we have got to give up our Knapsacks and all most [sic] every other thing now we will begin to know what Soldiering is the captain told me to-day [sic] that our Regt was a going to be filled up with drafted men and I am glad of that for it is a getting reduced down a good eal [sic] the cavalry men came in to-day [sic] and reported that the Rebels have fall back to Chattanooga [sic] and that they went out as far as Spring hill and captured 40 of their tents but it is not entirly [sic] believe a woman and two boys [illegible] the same story this woman and her Sons came in for Protection her husband is the Reble [sic] army I should like to know why she did not go where her Husband was General Baird burnt two houses here this after noon [sic] and I wish that he would burn the holl [sic] town for it is the first place that the Rebel flag was set a flote [sic] in tennessee [sic] but they will [illegible] it nothing accused of any I sent home sixty two dollars to-day [sic]

Camp at Franklin Tennessee April 19th 1863

got up at four and fell in line of Battle but did not stay there long for it rain so that we could not I mix up a pan of dough for Bread clean up my gun [illegible] wrote two letters one to Laurie and one to Sister got one letter from Laurie and got two papers from home we did not have any Inspection this forenoon it rain so that we could not packed up my over coat to send home to make my load lighter for if we march it will make ten pounds difference and that is some thing when we are on a fource [sic] march all the boys are a sending their over coats home I heard this morning that we was not a going to leave here in three months and I have not got much hopes of that for they will send us of [sic] some where to Build fortifications for some other Regiments to come and take our place when we get them done that is the way that we have done most of the time

Camp at Franklin Tennessee Apr 20th/63

got up at four o clock [sic] and fell in line of Battle and there till day light and then got Breakfast and at six o clock [sic] we had a Regimentle [sic] muster to see how many we had in the Regiment so we could send the muster Rolls to Washington so that the President can send us some more men I have not heard how many men this Regiment can muster there has come and [sic] order that if the Regiments can not muster five Hundred and Eight that half of the Commission officers and half of the noncommission shall be mustered out of the Service the Colonal [sic] and Major shall be mustered out and that the Leiutenant [sic] Colonal [sic] and Adjutant shall take command of the Regiment that is the best thing that I have heard for Government wont [sic] bring Payings [sic] officers such big joy when they aint [sic] of any use in the army when it can be done with less of the officers yesterday was Sunday and General Granger Burnt four nice houses and Every thing that was in them it was a nice sight to see them all burnt together the men that own them is in the Rebel army yesterday I got a letter from Laurie and wrote two one to sister and one to Laurie and I got two papers from home to day [sic] the most of our Regiment went up to the fortifications to work I was Sergeant of the Fatigue Party that went up to fort to work we are a getting the fort almost done it will take us about ten days more and then we can put in two Regiments there and a Battery of six guns and then we can hold it if and [sic] army of twenty Thousand men come to take it there is four seige [sic] Guns in the fort now and there is five more a comeing [sic] to be put fort I heard this afternoon that General Baird told General Granger that if his command was always got to move to other places and Build fortifications for other Regiments to move in after we have got them done that he would Resign his position and his command but Gen Granger told him that we was to Build this fort and then his Brigade would stay and Gaurd [sic] it that we would not have to build any more that is the way that I like to hear the General Baird talk for we have built fortifications and when we get them done them [sic] we would have to give them up to

some one else we have Just heard from to two boys that we thought had deserted Just before we went on that trip to duck [sic] River but they did not desert they went one day to [sic] far from camp with out their arms that is their guns when some of the Rebels come on them and took them Priseners [sic] and sent them to Chattanoga [sic] and from there to Richmond and kept them in jail for a short time and then they Parall [sic] them and sent them to Camp Chase in ohio [sic] where they are to be exchange our Major got a letter from them to day [sic] and they say that they wants to get back to the Regiment it has been a warm day and a pleasant one we have got three forts here almost done the names of my relief to day [sic] are

H.R. Hughs Co J

O. morris [sic] Co J

J Farblinger Co J

C Newton Co J

A Brown Co J

A B Foster Co J

J N Johnson Co J

R McArnold Co J

D Crowley Co J

H Sevagood Co D

C Peppad Co J

G Eavens Co J

L Turner Co J

P Damphouse Co J

J Roth Co D

V S Reed Co D

W Davis Co D

C Devine Co D

W W Nellis Co D

F Peppard Co D

J [illegible] Co D

A Paddock Co D

A Fairer Co D

E Haggatt Co D

G Deodrick Co D

C Thayer Co D

W Croho Co D

F Werth Co D

S Troing Co D

we went out to work on the fort at seven o'clock [sic] and work till six o'clock [sic] at night we had two reliefs one Relief would work an hour and then the other would work for an hour we had to take our guns with us

Camp at Franklin Ten Apr 21st/63

got up at four and fell in line of Battle and staid [sic] there till after daylight and then we got Breakfast had some pan cakes and meat then I went over the other side of the Rail Road and got my likeness taken it cost me two Dollars and it a very good one Colonal [sic] Atkins said this morning that we would not have them Day tents I was over to the Regiments that have got them and they say that they aint [sic] worth a Cent and that they wont [sic] keep them but they will have to keep them if the General says so the Regiment that was out on Picket last night was fired into twice but no one was hurt the officers think that it was some of the town People the General had ought to burn the holl [sic] town down to Ashes and then there would not be a place for the secesh to secreet [sic] them selves which we know that they do a Sunday as one of our men was a ridding [sic] through town there was a woman shot at him but did not hit him

Camp at Franklin Ten Apr 22nd/63

got up at four and fell in to line of Battle and stacked our guns and then went and got our Breakfast and at five o'clock [sic] we had inspection of our guns we detailed out of our company three men to chop wood three men for camp gaurd [sic] six men for Picket and a corporal for Picket and fifteen men and a Sergt [sic] and Corporal for to work on the fortifications Sergt [sic] [illegible] and corp [sic] Thomson to work at the Fortifications yesterday we had to Detail Sergt [sic] Crinklollen Sergeant Fergeson Corporal Ellis Corporal Oharra Cap. Youngs Leiutenant [sic] Clarkson and Captain Bladgett that is to [sic] commission officers and five non commission officers an [sic] in one day we have to furnish more officers out of our company than any other company in the Regiment and it aint [sic] right for it fetches us on duty every day and I know that the

other Companies [illegible] furnish half as many as we do but there is one Consolation [sic] that we haint [sic] got to stay here all of our life if we had I would desert but the longer that I am in the army the beter [sic] that I like it I know that I would not be contented if I was to go home now if I live I am bound to see this war through and I think that I will for I never had better health in my life than I have had since I have been in the army here in the army a man cant call his soul his own it is wourth [sic] every thing for a man to be free when he wants to go any where he can go with out haveing [sic] to go and ask and [sic] officer if we can go but there is a good time a comeing [sic] as the Christians say yesterday one of the twenty second boys that was taken Prisener [sic] by the secesh at Brentwood came in to our lines he go a way [sic] from them at Columbu [sic] he was glad to get away from them he said the secesh march them from Breantwood [sic] to columbu [sic] with out Stopping to let them rest till they got there the distance from Breantwood [sic] to Columbu [sic] is thirty three miles he said that they mislaid him alittle [sic] while after he was gone and that he laid down beside of a log and the Rebele [sic] cavalry came clost [sic] to him but did not see him but he said that he would be Attack before he could get to our lines again but he was not he says that the other boys were in good spirits when he left them but since he left them they have all been parolled [sic] and sent at camp Chase ohio [sic] he says the Rebels [sic] fource [sic] is large he thinks that they have about sixty Thousand men and they are all mounted on horses he says that they have three Batteries of six guns each now all the fource [sic] that we have is about fifteen Thousand but the rebels can come here with one Hundred men and they cant [sic] take this place from us this morning our Cavalry had a skirmish with the Rebels but have not heard how they come out only that we lost some men how many I did not hear we got seven of the Rebels priseners [sic] and they say that we kill over a hundred of their men and wound over a hundred of them the Rebels have come here with a large fource [sic] we will see some hard fighting pretty hard one two [sic] but we are all anxious to whip them and have this Rebellion stop Colonal [sic] Clark said that need not have them day unless we wanted but I heard to night [sic] that have got to get them to morrow [sic] but the boys swear that they will burn them up when they get them the 92 Ill Regt went out on Picket to day [sic] and we have got to go on day after tomorrow and I will bet that it will rain for we have not been out yet but what it rained

Camp at Franklin Tennessee Apr 24/63

came of [sic] from gaurd [sic] at the Generals [sic] head Quarters this morning at Eight o clock [sic] yesterday I was detail as Sergeant of the gaurd [sic] and it came my luck to get on at the head Quarters yesterday morning we fell in line of Battle at four o clock [sic] and stood there till day light and then we got our Breakfast and then we mounted gaurd [sic] we furnish eighteen men for Picket gaurd [sic] four men for camp gaurd [sic]

and twenty men for fatigue and to work on the fortifications the names of my Gaurd [sic] is

C Devine Co D

H Worth Co D

Watson Davis Co D

E Thayer Co D

J Befry Co D

A Willit Co D

E Haggelle Co D

G. Deddrick Co D

V S Reed Co D

F Peppard Co D

A Fagrer Co D

G Show Co D

G Capenter Co D

W. Croke Co D

N. C Beecher Co D

L Turing Co D

J Twingdler Co D

D Manley Co D

the men was all from our company so we had some good times we had to sleep right out in the open air but it was a pleasant Evening and it was so warm that we did not want any thing over us yesterday our Cavalry captured six Wagons and teams of the Rebels and got some Priseners [sic] but I have not heard how many they was out after forage for their teams and they came to clost [sic] to our lines and the Cavalry had a little Skirmish with them but we have not heard how they came out I got two letters yesterday one from Laurie and one from J Drum he is in the 33th Wisconsin Regt and are station at memphis [sic] Ten yesterday we heard that miles [sic] Jones was dead but we are in hopes that it aint [sic] so this morning our Regiment went out on Picket the other side of Big Harpeth River and the Rest of the Regt in our Brigade have gone to work on the fortifications they are a pushing things right a long now and there is two

Regiments a chopping [sic] down trees so that we can have full [illegible] with our Big Guns our men fetch in four Rebels Prisoners [sic] this after noon that they got in the four [sic] noon they report that General Von Dorne is to attack this place in a couple of days they said that he would of attacked yesterday us but his Reinforcements did not come of [sic] in time but he is a makeing [sic] all the preperrations [sic] to give us a Brush after a while General Granger got Telegraph news to day [sic] from Murfreesboro that they got General Morgan a Prisoner [sic] and fifty of his men at Murfreesboro but it is not believed so here but we are all in hopes that it is so there is lots of Families been sent out of our lines for the past week and they have gone to Columbu [sic] where the Rebele [sic] fource [sic] is Sergeant [illegible] have Just come of [sic] from gaurd [sic] from the front and he says that the Rebels [sic] Pickets are in Sight of our not more than Eighty rods of each other they will keep a comeing [sic] closer when they will have to go back quicker than they come when them twenty four Pounders come after them they will think that the old fellow is after them himself I wrote two letters to day [sic] one to Sister and one to J Drum I help the Sutlers some this after noon it is reported in the papers that our men have taken the boat call the Queen of the West and a captain and Eighty men that is a good hall [sic] if it is true General Mitchell has issued and [sic] order for all the Citezens [sic] in side of his lines at Nashville to take the oath of Allegiance to the United States with in thirty six hours or leave the City and if they dont [sic] he will put them in clost [sic] confindment [sic] that is the way that I like to hear a General talk for it shows that he wants to see this thing close and returnd [sic] home to the Dear friends that he leves [sic] which we all do but we cant [sic] tell when this will be for I cant [sic] see that this war is any nearer to a close than it was a year ago nor it wont [sic] be as long as they keep paying the officers such big pay for they dont [sic] care a fig for the union but it is the almighty Dollar I wished that the President would cut their pay down half then this thing would come to a close they dont [sic] care for a private and how much they march or how hard for they dont [sic] get tired for they have a good horse to ride and they dont [sic] look to the health of the Soldiers they go in to a house and have every thing as they want it have two or three Niggers to wait on them all that a private gets is thirteen Dollars and have got to be out in the rain all night and day where they will set in the house the Generals I mean and drink their Champaign [sic] and Brandy and smoke their Cegars [sic] but there is one consolation [sic] we have not got to stay here for life time if we had to stay for life I know one that would desert and go where they could not find him and that one is Hen Ring but I will stay till my three years is out and then they wont [sic] git [sic] git [sic] me again eather [sic] but if we get in to a fight there will be some that wont [sic] never see home again but we all know that it was a dangerus [sic] place to be in but let it come we come here for to Die for our country if need be we did not come here to die in camp the boys dont [sic] have it hard enough on a march so they have got some tents for us to Carry [sic] when we march but if they git [sic] me to Cary [sic] one of them they will be smart for I have got and [sic]

Rubber Blanket and when we march I will make a house of that when we camp on a march for the Blanket is great as good as the tents are and there will three pounds carried for nothing it wont [sic] be six months before they will make us cary [sic] a mule and provisions the number that have been discharge is thirteen out of our Company up till now their names are there of these have applied for a discharge

W Warren

C Neal

W Nortin

J M Clark

W G Taylor

G A Greer

A R Drigloss

P P Mclindy

C E Hartnell

E Alexander

W W Chamberlin

A C Chandler

M R Brewster

the number that have died Sergt [sic] Montgomery Corp. J Thuman Private G Chope R Wilten miles [sic] James the number that have deserted is three Corp C Cracker L O [illegible letter] young [sic] C Spalding

the number that is sick at the hospitle [sic] is Six their names are

Corp H Turk

F Pollen

R L [illegible]

I S Richmond

C Hawkins

[illegible initial] Hanley

there is three on detached duty their names are M Blent A Denmick A Borny Blent and Denix in on the fuslieers [sic] A Borny is in the 9th ohio [sic] battery that is the holl [sic] number Absent from the company now but there will be some more before long the number of Corporals we have is Seven and their names are

B Oharra

J Quigley

H Tuck

J Thomsin

M Devlin

Wm McKey

I Young

and they are all new ones that is they have been appointed sence [sic] we have been down in Tennessee the number of Sergeants is five the names are J H Collier George Ferguson E [illegible] J Sinklatter H J Ring the names of our Company officers are Capt [sic] A J Blodgette Leiut [sic] W Hosting P Clarkson that constitutes the holl [sic] number of the officers up to the 24th April 1863 John Cullier is our Ordely [sic] Sergeant I have not got time to sit down all of the privates [sic] names now some companies have not got one Sergeant fit for duty now so it comes harder on the Sergeants in other companies we have our full number of officers and they are all well

Camp at Franklin Tennessee April 25/63

got up at five and got breakfast and then I was detail Sergt [sic] of the camp gaurd [sic] it was not my turn for I came of [sic] from gaurd [sic] yesterday morning at nine o clock [sic] and then to be detailed to day [sic] I went to the capt [sic] and he said that I need not go on to day [sic] so J Sinklatter took my place our Regiment come in from Picket at nine o clock [sic] they say that some of the 6th Kentucky Cavalry went up to the Rebels [sic] Pickets and Shook hands and talk with them for three hours if our General will allow that is a Rebel himself and as for the Kentucky Cavalry I believe that they are all rebels for their acts show it four Regiment of northern men are with ten Regiments of Kentuckys [sic] men for they always run when they get into a Battle I know that they did at this Skirmish that we had here the Regiment has gone out to Prctice [sic] target shooting that is hard when they have Just come of [sic] from picket and they have got to stay out two hours and when they come in they will have to clean their guns before they can lay down and sleep but what does our officers care they would not care if all the boys was on duty every day for they dont [sic] have to carry a gun nor do they have to handle the shovel or pick all day the Cavalry have just fetch in three more priseners

[sic] that they got out in front there was two come in to our lines and gave themselves up and took the oath of Allegiance and they wanted to go to Kentucky so our General gave them a pass and sent them there one of them was engage to be married to a union Girl and she told him to do that and then she would marry him after this war is over she lives in this place

Camp at Franklin Tennessee April 26/63

got up at four and fell in for roll call and then we had inspection of guns then we got ready for Inspections of our Guns and Knapsacks which came of [sic] at ten o'clock [sic] I drew [sic] one pair of pants one hat this morning and some feathers to put on the hat I was not a going to draw the trimmings to the hat but Colonal [sic] Clark said that we had to take them and put them on or elss [sic] he would put us under and [sic] arest [sic] that is the kind of officers that we have got they will make the boys pay for things that they can get a long with out who wants three or four pounds of Brass on their hats for the hats are heavy enough with out them I got a letter from Laurie and some papers from home it is a raining hard now nothing new in the papers to day [sic] in the after noon about three o'clock [sic] four Regiment of Cavalry has Just gone out to [sic] the the [sic] report is that the Rebels are Retreating but it is not believed but we will know when the Cavalry comes back we have heard some fireing [sic] out to the front a ready Colonal [sic] has Issued and [sic] order to day [sic] that the boys have got to stop a bakeing [sic] pan cakes and we have got to eat what the cooks cook and if we do we will all die before long for we cant [sic] live on beans soup and salt pork and hard bread all the time and we gits [sic] beans soup once a day and we do git [sic] tired of it all the time there aint [sic] a man in the Regt that likes Colonal [sic] Clark and lots swear if he takes us in to Battle that he never will come out a live [sic] I wish that Colonal [sic] Champion was here things would go diffen[illegible] he have gone home on a sick furlough Seven o'clock [sic] we have not heard from the Cavalry that went out to the front this after noon but have heard fireing [sic] in that direction they have not come in yet we have got two places fix in the fort fourty [sic] feet high that we can climb up and look for ten miles we can see the Rebels [sic] camp Just as [illegible] as though they was not five miles of [sic] it is a nice place to rest and see the fight when there is one the 40 ohio [sic] Regiment have been on Extra duty for Barking when they got them dog tents General Granger put them in for ten day to work on the fortification that is hard I kow [sic] one thing they will have to put our Regiment on duty when we get them tents for we will make more noise than the 40 did the General wants the work and he did not know how to get it unless he did that he has got all them men down on him

Camp at Franklin Tennessee Apr 27/63

got up at four and fell in line of Battle and staid [sic] till day light then our Regt started to chop down some timber but we had not got fourty [sic] rods from camp when we had

orders to go to the front and prepair [sic] for a fight for the Rebels was a marching on as with a big fource [sic] we marched to the front and the Secesh saw us a comeing [sic] with a large fource [sic] and they turn and run all of our Cavalry went out to the front and a Battery went with them and at four o clock [sic] they made a charge on the rebel Camp and found them to sleep all but two companies and they was a calling the roll our cavalry fired into them and the rebels all that could run but we got one Hundred and fifty of them and lots of their wagons and teams but our men did not have time to get the wagons and tents a way so they piled the wagons together and burnt them and also the tents it was and [sic] advanced gaurd [sic] of the Rebels that our men charge on we kill twenty of their men and wounded about thirty all that they wounded of our men was four and did not kill one of our men we took one Major one Colonal [sic] three captains and six Leiutenants [sic] that was a good hall [sic] before Breakfast we found on the Colonals [sic] person the holl [sic] disscrpsion [sic] of our forts and fortifications and just how we are camped and the man that gave them to the Reble [sic] Colonal [sic] was a man that does live in town but we cant [sic] find him now but he will be ketch [sic] after a while for the General have got some men to watch him and if he comes in town a gain he will be ketch [sic] and then he will be sent to Nashville for safe keeping that is the way that we like to see the General do it shows that he is bound to have the rebels all leave the town or be taken to Nashville and he have Issued and [sic] order that is any one is found a giveing [sic] Intelligence to the rebels or aiding them any way that he will burn the holl [sic] town down in less then ten hours after he finds it out and if the one is ketched [sic] he will treat him as a spy and his sentence will be death I gess [sic] that will put a stop to their damable [sic] [illegible] they have sent all the priseners [sic] to Nashville to day [sic] and there they will be kept in safe keeping for a spell Colonal [sic] Atkins Ishured [sic] and [sic] order to day [sic] that this Brigade shall get up at four o clock [sic] and fall in line of Battle and stand there till sun rise and that we shall not make a bit of noise while we are out there and that we shall not have any Revalee [sic] and we have got to Recontinue to do so every morning till we get further orders from him that is done so that the Rebels wont [sic] find us to sleep if they should make and [sic] attacked on us and I am glad of that for we dont [sic] want to be a sleep when they come most of the time we have slept to [sic] long in the morning it is reported that Van Dorne has been Reinforced by General price [sic] if that is so we will have some hard fighting before we whip Price but I believed that the report is not Generaly [sic] believed but we know that the rebels have got a much larger fource [sic] than we had when we got the other side of Big Harpeth River we was drawn up in line of Battle where we stood two hours and then we was ordered to march back to camp and leave our things and then report to General Bairds [sic] Head Quarters and get our axes and then go to cutting down the timber that was back of our camp which we did we commenced at ten o clock [sic] and Choped [sic] till five and then we went to camp and got our Supper and then we had to go out on dress parade we cut down ten acers [sic] of timber and it was

the best timber that I ever saw it laid so thick to gather that a man could not get through it there was one man there that had a tree fall on him but did not hurt him any for he fell down close [sic] to another log if he had not done that he would of been killed Instantly I was Sergeant of one of the Reliefs and the names was

W Doris Co D

V [illegible] Reed Co D

G Show Co D

A Stewart Co D

A Willet Co D

A Toppard Co D

A Fairer Co D

S Twing Co D

N Beecher Co D

D. Stewart Co D

G Smith Co D

C Devine Co D

G Carpeal Co D

B smith [sic] Co D

W McKay Co D

A youngs [sic] Co D

F Peppard Co D

C Thozre Co D

they was all of our company and I was glad of that I know one thing that the boys did not hurt themselves

Camp at Franklin Tennessee Apr 28/63

we got up at four o clock [sic] and fell in line of Battle and stood till the sun was up and then we had Battalion drill for one hour and then we got Breakfast and then the detail came for guard and for to work on the fortifications we had to take four out of our company for camp gaurd [sic] six for Picket and twenty four for work on the fortifications and what was left in camp had to police the Regamentle [sic] parade grounds and it

took [us crossed out] till three o'clock [sic] in the afternoon. Colonel [sic] Clark will have all the men work all the time or less he can't [sic] stand it. All the boys in the Regt have to be detailed every day. We have to work all the time here. The boys say that they did not enlist to work all the time. To night [sic] the boys did not get into camp a half and [sic] hour before dress parade and they had to go out in dress parade and then Colonel [sic] Clark wanted our officers to drill the boys in the Manual [sic] of arms but the officers told him that the men had worked hard enough to day [sic] and we did not have to drill and when I have been to work all day I won't [sic] drill nor go on dress parade. They can put me under and [sic] arrest [sic] first and then I went. We police all of five acres [sic] to day [sic] there has been some hard skirmishing nine miles from here but we have not heard the results. That is the report and there has been some guns heard that way. There was a private sentenced to be shot to day [sic] but he was reprieved and sentenced to prison [sic] for three years. The cause was that he tried to desert three times and go into the rebels but he was caught [sic] every time. Just before he had got to the Rebels [sic] lines it look hard to see one of our Soldiers sentenced to be shot but we have got to make and [sic] example of some of them before long and he knew what the penalty [sic] was before he went but I am glad that they sent him to prison [sic] in stead [sic] of shooting him for it will give him time to repent and returned to the army and I gess [sic] that before his time is out he will wish that he had staid [sic] with his Regiment. He belongs to the 115 Ohio [sic] Regt. That is the first one that I have heard of being sentenced to be shot or sentence to be in prison [sic]. I went over the other side of the rail road and got my likeness taken and paid three Dollars for it. We had orders from Colonel [sic] Atkins to day [sic] to turn over half of our teams and he said that we would have to march in a few days to Murfreesboro but it is not generally [sic] believed. There is nothing new in the papers to day [sic]. Corp Wm McKay was detail for Picket and Sergt [sic] Sinkletter for fatigue.

Camp at Franklin Ten April 29/63

got up at four and fell in line of battle and drill in the Manual [sic] of arms till day light then we had inspections of arms. Sergt [sic] Ferguson was detail as Sergt [sic] of camp guard. I wrote a letter to Laurie and I got one from sister. This afternoon we drew [sic] our dogs tents. There was four of us button together so that it makes all the room that we want. We can not stand up in them. When we are in them we have to sit down in them but they are better than nothing. We had a heavy rain after we got our up and they did shed the rain better than we thought [sic] they would. The names of them that is in this tent is Sergt [sic] Ferguson, Sergt [sic] [illegible], Sergt [sic] Ring and corpl [sic] Wm McKay. All good boys. The report have got around that we are nine months men gain but it is not believe.

Camp at Franklin Tennessee April 30th/63

got up at four and fell in line of Battle and stood there about and [sic] hour and then we had and [sic] drill for and [sic] hour and then we had Inspection of arms and then we got ready to be mustered for our pay we had to take our Knapsacks out on muster General Baird was here to see the inspection he spoke very high of our Regiment we had a Genral [sic] muster of all the Regiments that that [sic] is here went over to see the Cavalry they are camp in some wood and they are fine first rate but their horses are all poor and Broken down I wrote a letter to sister to day [sic] we had to furnish [sic] four men for Picket their names are W Davis A Fairer G shaw [sic] A Stewart and one Corporal his name is M Devlin and Lieutenant [sic] Clarkson but Clarkson has come into camp and General Granger has went over and taken his sword away from him but dont [sic] know what for

Camp at Franklin Tennessee may [sic] 1st/63

we got up at four and fell in line of Battle and staid [sic] there till day light and then we drilled one hour and then we had Inspections of our guns we did not make a detail of any men but to go out on Picket for we exspected [sic] and [sic] Attacked here to day [sic] so we wanted all then men here General VanDorne sent in a flag of trouth [sic] yesterday and told General Granger that he would give him till three o clock [sic] in the after noon to Surrender or less he would take the fort by fource [sic] but General Granger sent word back to him that he would not Surrender and that he was ready to fight him at any time I gess [sic] that the Rebel Van Dorn dont [sic] know how many of Illinois boys there is he [sic] if he did he would not of sent in here and want to have us to Surrender for he knows that the boys from Illinois never will Surrender when we are so well fix to defend our selves nor will we our cavalry went out at Eleven o clock [sic] last night and General Gilberts [sic] Divission [sic] went out to the front at two o clock [sic] in the night but the Rebels did not come to attack us our Cavalry made a charge on the Rebels at four o clock [sic] and mad [sic] them run for their lives if they had been and [sic] hour sooner we would of got a bout [sic] a Thousand of the Rebels we kill a number of the Rebels and wound about fifty of their men and took lots of them Priseners [sic] but I have not heard they did not kill any of our men but wound twenty five or thirty of them but not so but what they will all get well if our Cavalry had of attacked them and [sic] hour sooner they would of found them all to sleep they went out time enough to of attacked them and [sic] hour sooner and I dont [sic] see why they did not do it it is reported that we are to have a heavy Reinforcements here in a cuple [sic] of days and then we have got to move to the front and whip the Rebel Van Dorn out or less drive his holl [sic] fource [sic] back to Columbu [sic] and then we will have to fight him or less camp and build some more fortifications to hold them in check there for a while we furnished [sic] six men for Picket gaurd [sic] and one sergeant for camp gaurd [sic] the boys likes their dry tents better than they thought that they would and we have all the

room that we want and they are more healthy than those large one all the fult [sic] that we can find with them is we have got to dress our selves out of doors the Doctors says that there wont be half as many sick as there was in those large tents and I gess [sic] that it is so for we wont [sic] have to Breath [sic] the same air over so many times and if one of us are sick we wont [sic] be trouble half as much as we was in the large tents the nine months talk still keep a runing [sic] and some have gone as far as to bet twenty five Dollars that we will be discharged at the end of nine months I dont [sic] see what makes them think so for I cant [sic] see any Signs of it and I can not find out where the boys gets their news but I hope that it so for I have got sick of the Infantry if we are mustered out at the end of our nine months I will Enlist in the Artiliry [sic] or cavalry I think that I would enlist in the Cavalry for they do have a Skirmish with the Rebels every little while and they are on the move all the time when Infantry moves they have got to carry our Knapsacks and guns Blankets and every thing else that a Soldier have but we did not have enough to carry before so they had to give us some tents to carry or less go with out shelter the weight of one tent is five pounds and to [sic] men carries that one man takes two pounds and a half

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 2st [sic]/63

we got up at twelve o clock [sic] and fell in line of Battle and stood there till one o clock [sic] and then we went into our tents to sleep but we had to keep on our Cartridge boxes for we was liable to be call out at any moment the reason that we was called out was Captain Pollock was a going the grand rounds and he fetched in the news that the Rebels was between us and Brentwood with a large fource [sic] and that they was clost [sic] to our Pickets [sic] lines and that they was a making prerperations [sic] to attacked us at day light but they did not come then we slepted [sic] till after day light then I was detailed as Sergeant of the Fatigue men we went up on the hill where the Signal Corpse [sic] was and where they are now we had to go first to the Brigade head Quarters to Colonal [sic] Atkins then to the old fort and from there to where we worked if we had went right from our Camp we would of saved two miles Traval [sic] I dont [sic] see what we had to go that round about way the fort that we are a Building now is made of stone for we cant [sic] get dirt enough with out the stone it is a perfect bed of slate stone and we cant [sic] tell how deep it runs for we did not git [sic] half way to the Bottom of it all that we had to do was to run under a crow bar and it would come up in Big sheets the names of my relief is

Watson Donis Co D

B Smith Co D

G Smith Co D

A Paddock Co D

A Stewart Co D  
H Cevergood Co D  
F Potter Co B  
W Drenbor Co B  
D Hosly Co D  
J Vanpatten Co D  
G Paddock Co D  
E Thayer Co D  
R Stanley Co D  
J Farnsworth Co G  
A Bongs Co B  
W Brogan Co B  
A Farrier Co D  
T Twindles Co D  
C Webb Co D  
J [illegible] Co D  
G Thayer Co D  
W C Drewey Co G  
O Borren Co B  
C Fleck Co B

we commenced to work at ten o'clock [sic] and worked till four in the afternoon we let one relief work and and [sic] then we put on the other Relief and I know that my Relief did not hurt themselves with work to day [sic] and I think that the other Relief did not either [sic] we had about two thirds of the Regiment out to work to day [sic] the foraging [sic] teams started at [sic] this morning to get [sic] something for their teams but they had not gone three miles before they were driven in we could see the Rebels with the glasses three miles out and we seen them when they drove in our teams but the guards [sic] that was with the teams kept the Rebels back till our teams got back in to our lines again we had six teams taken by the Rebels yesterday on the Nashville pike while they were going to Nashville I believe that the teams were from the 84 Ind

Regt we sent six teams but I believed that they got through safe for the Leutenant [sic] that went with them have been heard from It was Telegraph here to day [sic] that General Hooker has crossed the Rappahonnock [sic] in three places and he will do something before long and it was Telegraph in here to day [sic] that General Marmadukes [sic] hull [sic] army has all been annihilated in Missouri and that we had taken him and all of his army but it is not believed that we have got him we hope that it is so but if all of to days [sic] news are true it will hurt the Rebels cause awfully we have Just received some sealed Orders there is something up but I hope that it aint [sic] to marched for we have got so that we can live now I Received two letters to day [sic] one from Sister I did not go out on dress Parade for my head Ache so that I did not feel like going out we got a paper from Chicago to [sic] dated April 30th and it says that General Hooker is on the move we had a Telegraph about Gen Banks but I did not hear what it was

Camp at Franklin Tennessee April [crossed out] May [illegible number]/63

we got up at three and fell in line of Battle but we did not stand there long for it rain so that we could not we Exspected [sic] and [sic] Attacked this morning for the Rebels have got between us and Brentwood so we exspected [sic] that the Rebels would attacked us at the front and rear both at wonce [sic] but they did not come we had Inspections of arms and had the Regulations read to us Mr [sic] George White arived [sic] here to day [sic] from lake Co it seems good to have some of our friends to come and see us he has a Son in Company C there has one Regiment of Cavalry Just gone out to see where the Rebels are and to see how large a fource [sic] they have if they can we did not git [sic] a daily to day [sic] I got two papers from home but they was late ones I wrote two letters to day [sic] one to my sister and one to H H Hewit at Al Paso [sic] Illinois

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 5st [sic]/63

we came of [sic] from Picket at nine o clock [sic] and got some things to eat it rained all night so what boys staid [sic] up to the old barn was as dry as could be but the company that fell back got as wet as could be at day light the Cavalry advanced out to their outter [sic] part and our company advanced to where I was station about seven the Rebels Came up to our cavalry Pickets and fired at them but as they came up our Pickets had some Reinforcements so our men made a charge on them and drove them back but the Rebels made another charge on our men and was drove back again we have not heard how the Skirmish resulted and we have not heard whither [sic] we had any men kill or not and there has been heard some more pretty hard fireing [sic] at the same place this after noon two regiments of cavalry have gone out there so we will hear from them pretty soon the fireing [sic] was not but a half a mile from our fort we all exspected [sic] that we would all have to fight and we may yet before night all the

Regiment was drawn up in line of Battle last night the men tried the new gun that they got in the fort they fired three shots and they threwed the shell four miles that is to [sic] of them the third went two miles and broke in the air and when the shell struck it struck with in five rods of company C post and if it had of Bursted [sic] it would of kill them all it is a thirty five pounder now we have four big guns in the fort and we are exspecting [sic] five more every day but when they will get here is more than we can tell W.W. Bingham started for home to day [sic] and more tickled man I never saw we see in the papers to day [sic] that General Hooker has got Fredericksburg but the loss was heavy on both sides we all know that he will do some thing if they will give him a chance

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 6th/63

we got up at three and fell in line of Battle and stood there about and [sic] hour then we went to our tents and got ready to go out on Picket our wholl [sic] Regiment went out on Picket this morning we started from camp at about Six o clock [sic] and relieved that other Regiment our company was stationed right in the Timber about one Hundred Rods from the Reserve in and [sic] old barn between the Reserve and us is all Prairie so if we should be Attacked we would be right in open fire of the Rebels while they would be in the Timber and behind trees last night our company fell back about half way to the Reserve but we had to leave four men and a Sargeant I was left there and W Davis A Fairer F Worth C Haggett and the Cavalry Pickets fell back with in ten Rods of us now that aint [sic] right to let the Cavalry fall back so clost [sic] to us for if the Rebels should mak [sic] a charge on us our Cavalry would be so clost [sic] to us and they would have to fall we all would of been taken Priseners [sic] before we could get back to the Reserve while the Cavalry would sweep right by us an [sic] then we would have to Surrender or less get kill the Rebels was seen in a large fource [sic] yesterday they advanced tords [sic] us but did not fire on us the big hill that our Cavalry Signal stands on in the day time was Surrounded last night by the Rebels for they thought that we kept our men there all night but when they got up to the top of the hill they found that they was [illegible] all that they found was the top of the hill we had a man station not but a little ways from there and he seen them but when they came down they went right to their own camp and one of the Rebels come with in two rods of one of our Pickets and the rebel did not see him if he had he was a gone up sucker and our Picket does not fire for he had no one to fall back on and the Rebels was to [sic] many for him

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 7th 1863

come of [sic] from gaurd [sic] at Eight o clock [sic] and then cleaned my gun yesterday I was detailed as Sergeant of the gaurd [sic] it was Camp gaurd [sic] I had to [sic] Corporals six men we have commenced a new way to stand Camp gaurd [sic] one Company stands one day and then another takes it so it fetches us on camp gaurd [sic] every tenth day and it is a better way to stand gaurd [sic] for we know where the boys

are when we let them go to their tents all the men that we had on a relief is to one before the Colonal [sic] tent and the other back where the horses are so that the Cavalry men would not steal them the other night one of the Cavalry men took our Majors [sic] horse but our Major went and found him in the morning Just as they was a going to Brand him and they was a going to cut of [sic] his main [sic] and tail so that the Major could not prove him it Commenced to rain before I went on gaurd [sic] and it rain Steady till I come of [sic] and it is a raining now I slep [sic] from Eleven o clock [sic] till morning I might of slep [sic] all night but I stood four hours for the Corporals so that they would sleep some it was awful dark and Cold so that we wanted our over Coats on but we did not have them for we have sent them all home the names of the gaurd [sic] is Sergt [sic] H J Ring Corp Wm McKay Corp C Ellies Privates A Rupdagon C Webb D Hosly G Paddock A Thorne G Smith and we was releived [sic] by Company F it is not hard work now to stand camp gaurd [sic] for we all can go to our tents but them that is on duty but our boys come on gaurd [sic] or on Fatigue every day yesterday our Regiment went and cut Timber all day in the rain they cut down one of the prettiest Groves that I Ever saw the Timber that was cut was on a Majors [sic] place he is in the Rebel army he is now at Fredericksburg to day [sic] the Regt was detailed to go and work on the fortifications but when they got over there the General Excused them for he did not want them to work when it rained the papers states that General Granger takes Command at Nashville to day [sic] he superseeds [sic] General Mitchell and General Michell [sic] takes the field yesterday General Gilberts [sic] Divission [sic] Cross the Harpeth River and camp the other side of town and his command has got to Cut down about ten Acers [sic] of timber there and we wont [sic] have to cross the river and stand Picket while he is there and we are all glad of that we got good news from General Hooker to day [sic] the papers report that he has taken at Fredericksburg ten Thousand Priseners [sic] and that he has got their Retreat to Richmond cut of [sic] we all are anxious to hear how he makes out there the papers Report that there is a heavy lost [sic] on both sides the Germans behaved bad there and they threw down their guns and ran

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 8th 1863

got up at three and fell in for roll call and then we formed a line of Battle and stood there till day light then we drilled one hour and then come the detailed for Picket we had to furnish ten privates one Sergeant and one corporal Sergeant Sinklatter went and then all the privates that was left in camp had to go on fatigue and one Sergeant sergeant [sic] Stonens went on fatigue the boys had to work on the fortifications on the big hill where the signal corps are the boys have to come on duty every day now and when they work all day they have got to git [sic] up at three and stand till day light and then drill one hour and then have to go to work Just as soon as they get their Breakfast the Colonal [sic] takes the night to drill the boys for he cant [sic] in the day time but the boys

swear that they wont [sic] stand it much longer they dont [sic] git [sic] time to wash their cloths [sic] Colonal [sic] Champion got back to the regiment yesterday he has been home on a Sick Leaved [sic] he does not look as well as he did when he left they think that he wont [sic] be able to take command again but we all hope that he will for we like him better than we do Colonal [sic] Clark for he look to the boys [sic] comfort and all that Colonal [sic] Clark cares for is to get the work out of the boys yesterday there was a fight at Brentwood where we was Stationed we heard the Cannonading as plain as though we was clost [sic] to it we have not heard how the Battle termenated [sic] one Regiment of Cavalry went out there from here but they have not got back and one Regiment has gone out to the front we are Exspectin [sic] a fight here every hour we have got our tent fix so that we are comfutble [sic] now we can stand up in it and we have built us a bed out of Boards and raised it one foot from the ground

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 9/63

got up at three and fell in line of Battle and stood there till day light and then we had to drill one hour then the detail came for guard we had to furnish ten men for Picket none for camp guard and all other men that was left in camp was detailed to work on the fortifications we got the news that General Hooker had to fall back this side of the river on Account of the River a rising so that he could not git [sic] his reinforcements a cross [sic] to help him we had five more guns come to day [sic] to put in the fort that will make Eight guns in it and we Exspect [sic] a lot more sence [sic] General Hooker has been defeated the boys are a getting dis curaged [sic] and think that this war wont [sic] never come to a closed got two letters from home and all are well it is reported that the Rebels are a falling back to Columbu [sic]

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 10, 1863

got up at four and fell in line of Battle and stood there till day light and then we had drill for one hour company drilled then we had to get ready for Inspection at ten o clock [sic] of guns got a Nashville union [sic] and it reports that our lost [sic] at Fredericksburg was ten Thousand and the Rebels lost [sic] was Eighteen Thousand and the paper starts [sic] that General Heinzlemon [sic] is a going to Superseed [sic] General Hooker that is the way when one General does a good deed he is sure to be Superseeded [sic] and it is reported that General Van Dorne was Shot at Spring hill a couple of days ago a man by the name of Dr [sic] Peters he shot him while he was in bed with his wife it comes from a true fource [sic] and it is believed we might as will [sic] shoot them that way as any other there is nothing new in to days [sic] paper I have just got to [sic] papers from home it was Telegraphed here this after noon that General Stoneman and General Sigel [sic] are in Richmond and have got men enough to hold it till they get some Reinforcements and it is said that they have got President Davis and all of his Cabonet [sic] but the [illegible] is not believed for that is much good news for once but if it is so

the war will soon draw to a close but if General Hooker is defeated the war will continue for one year to come the boys all think that they will have to stay for three years their time is out but I hope that we went home to stay that long but I am bound to see things through but two thirds of the boys would let the union go to the Devil if they could get home I have heard them say so but if they should go home they would want to be back in the army again before they had been home a month I know that I would

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 11th 1863

we got up at four and fell in line of Battle and stood there till about and [sic] hour and then we had Company drill for about and [sic] hour and at ten o'clock [sic] we had General Inspection and review one of General Bairds [sic] staf [sic] was preasant [sic] the papers confirm the news that the stripes and stars are afloat in Richmond and that General Hooker has crossed the River again with Twenty five Thousand fresh troops and it was Telegraphed here to day [sic] that General Stoneman was in Richmond and had men enough to hold the place till he could get some more Reinforcements and it is confirmed of General Van Dorns [sic] being [illegible] now if the [sic] are all true the war will soon be over and it was Telegraphed here to day [sic] that we have got the Rebel Jeff Davis but that aint [sic] Reliable nothing new from the front to day [sic] we have Just sent one company up to gaurd [sic] the fort

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 12th/63

got up at four and fell in line of Battle and stood there till half past four and then we had company drill for one hour and then we got ready to go and cut some timber down the Regiment all went out we cut down some Splendid Timber but it was on and [sic] a farm that belong to a rebel we cut down his apple trees and peach trees the trees hung full of fruit the peaches was as large as a Woll [sic] nut it was a pitty [sic] to cut them down but he had no need to be a rebel it was them that fetch us here to distroy [sic] their property but if he had been a union man we would of had to cut it down for it was in the way of the range of our big guns it is about a mile from the fort we cut down some trees that was six feet and five Inches through the largest trees that I ever saw I saw a negro woman that would mesure [sic] ten feet around the waist she beat every thing that I ever saw and to night [sic] there was a white woman come to see us on dress parade the first one sence [sic] we left Danville Kentucky it made the boys think of home once more the white woman are few and [illegible] here it was Telegraphed here last night after dark that General hooker [sic] had got to Richmond and that he had taken four Divissions [sic] two Hundred cars and two Thousand wagon loaded with amunition [sic] and Provisions [sic] and lots of guns camp stuff but it aint [sic] all believed here yet but we all pray that it is so when the news come the boys got out of their beds and Cheered the news but the papers did not give any account of it to day [sic] I am afraid that the boys cheered for nothing but hope not there aint [sic] nothing

new in the papers to day [sic] the weather to day [sic] has been awful warm and we was in the woods so we could not get any of the air I was Sergeant of the Second relief and the names of my relief is

Corp Wm McKay

Private A Fairer

D Thayer

J Rick

George Carpenter

E Thoyre

W Davis

F Worth

M Devilin

J Swindles

G Paddock

H Pepperd

G Shaw

E Haggett

A Paddock

J Vonpatten

A Stewart

H Webb

we did not work all day for one of General Bairds [sic] staff came out when we was to work and said that we had done so well that we need not work any more we quit at three o clock [sic] and came in camp and wash up and then got ready to go on dress parade the General said that he thought that the ohio [sic] boys could Cut down Timber first because they came from a Timbered country but he says that the Illinois boys will cut three trees to their one and it is so

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 13/1868

got up at four and fell in line of Battle and stood there about and [sic] hour and then we had company drill and drill about and [sic] hour and then we went in to camp and got

Breakfast and then the detail come for Picket guard we furnish six men for Picket and then the rest of the company went to work on the fortifications Corp Wm McKay was detail to go with them the boys come in every day now and will if there aint [sic] any attack here for when they get one hill fortified they put them on another one the holl [sic] fource [sic] that is here is surrounded by fortifications so if the Rebels should happen to come on us we all could get in them before there is much harm done and if we keep a fortifying as we have done there aint [sic] Rebels enough in Tennessee to take this place and I gess [sic] that the rebels that is in front of us think so to [sic] A Negro come in camp and said that General Van Dorne was shot for he was there when it was done he went on to tell how it was done he said that a sergen [sic] shot him for Violating the Seventh commandments with his wife he said that the Surgeon [sic] went to his tent and Inquired for Van Dorn [sic] and they told him that he was in the other tent and he walk up and shot him in the head and kill him and then got on a horse and came to their picket lines and showed his pass and they passed him out of the lines and came to our lines and he is there now it seems that Vandorne [sic] let him have a pass to go out side of the lines when he wanted to and his pass came handy for him when he came to the pickets of the rebels or less they would not of let him out there is one thing he wont be Ketsh [sic] within the Rebels [sic] lines after this we all wish that there was some more Sergeons [sic] in the Rebel army that would do the same thing that is the quickest way to kill of [sic] the Generals the paper stait [sic] to day [sic] that General Hooker has not cross the River again and that the stars and Stripes does not float in Richmond we all was a fraid [sic] that it would turn out so but we have got hopes that General Hooker will do some thing in a little while General Burnside is a doing some thing in Kentucky and we are glad of that General Banks is a Routing [sic] the rebels where ever he goes and so is the other Generals it seems that the holl [sic] army is on a move I see that lots of the boys have got the Gray back on them lots of them I have not found one on me sence [sic] I I [sic] have been in the service but I am afraid that I will if the boys keep a comeing [sic] in my tent

Preambles and Resolutions Continued

Preambles and Resolutions carried over from page four

Resolved That to Governor Tod of Ohio Governor Morton of Indiana and Governor Yates of Illinois we extend our hearty thanks for their ceaseless labors in behalf of the Soldiers from their respective States

Action of the Soldiers

Col L D Atkins Sir: The 84th Indiana Volunteers adopted the preamble and resolutions submitted to them this evening at dress parade unanimously [sic]

March 2. 1863 Samuel Orr Sergt [sic] Col Comdg [sic]

Col L.D. Atkins Sir: The Vote of the 96th Illinois Volunteer Infantry was given with out a single dissenting Voice in favor of the preamble and Resolutions

March 2. 1863 Thomas E Champion Col Comdg [sic] Regt

Col L D Atkins Sir: The Soldiers of the 92d Illinois Volunteers adopted the preamble and resolutions with enthusiastic unanimity [sic]

March 2. 1863 B F Shuts Leut [sic] Col Comdg [sic] Regt

Col L D Atkins Sir: The Vote upon the preamble and Resolutions by the men of the 115th Illinois infantry was unanimously [sic] in favor Excepting fourty [sic] six dissenting

March 2. 1863 Wm Kinnman Lt Col Comdg [sic]

Col L D Atkins Sir: the Vote of the 9th Ohio Battery on the preamble and Resolutions Submitted this Evening was entirely unanimous in the affirmative

March 2. 1863 H E Tallmadge 1st Leiut [sic] Comdg [sic] Battery

Smith D Atkins Chairman

J E Sowver Secretery [sic]

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 14th/1863

got up at four o clock [sic] and fell in line of Battle and stood there for and [sic] hour and then we had company drill for one hour then came the detail for Picket we had to furnish six men and a corporal corp [sic] Wm McKay went the rest of the boys had to go on fatigue and to work on the fortifications Sergt [sic] Sinklatter was the Sergt [sic] that on fatigue P P Molindy came from Nashville to day [sic] he has been there sick for a good while there is a man to be shot at Nashville to morrow [sic] at noon for deserting it was read on dress parade and we had another order read to night and there aint [sic] a man be Excuse nor leave the ranks while on drill what ever may be the case we hear to day [sic] of the death of Stonewall Jackson to day [sic] but am a fraid [sic] that it aint [sic] true the weather has been warm the Rebels have offered us fourty [sic] Priseners [sic] for that Dr [sic] Peters that shot the Rebel Van Dorn in Exchange for him and if our General should do that he had ought to of be shot to [sic] for he has taken the Oath of Allegiance and is willing to help surport [sic] the government of the united [sic] States and when he is willing to do that he had ought not to be given up to them they say that they will Shoot him if they do ever get him and they wont [sic] wait for a trial eather [sic] day before yesterday the Rebels with a Brigade came within sight of our cavalry Picket and Loaded up a large train of wagons with forage and returned back to their camp without any trouble from our men and the same night the Rebels made a dash on our picket and drove them in it seems that our men dont [sic] want to fight with them but let them get what they want to if they wont [sic] meadle [sic] with us

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 15th 1863

got up at four and fell in line of Battle and drill regamentle [sic] drill till six o clock [sic] then came the detail of guard we had to furnish [sic] five men for Picket and the Rest that was well had to go on fatigue and one Sergeant sergt [sic] Stevens [sic] went Sergt [sic] Ferguson has been appointed Hospitle [sic] Stewart [sic] he left the company this morning we all haited [sic] to have him leave but he will make a good man in the Hospitle [sic] and he will see to the boys that is sick out of this Company he was my bed fellow so I had to give him up and take another one I took J Quigley for he is a good fellow and trys [sic] to keep himself clean Sergeant Sinklatter wanted to come in with me but he wore his shirts to [sic] long to suit me for he wore them till they crawled of [sic] from him and after he took it of [sic] from him it all most [sic] crawled then so I made up my mind that I would not have him in my tent but he was bound to come in but I had the right to choose who I was a mind to two Regiments of Cavalry went out to the front at three o clock [sic] this morning with two days of cook Rations this noon there was and [sic] Ambulance come in from the front with a horse tied behind the wagon with and [sic] rider some of the boys said that there was a wounded man in it at three o clock [sic] the holl [sic] fource [sic] came in with lots of Rebels [sic] Horses and we have not heard whither [sic] they got any Priseners [sic] or not and have not heard whither [sic] they had a brush with the Rebels or not I went down to the river and had a good swim the water was cold but it done me more good than any thing else we had a Regamentle [sic] drill this after noon it was the Sick men drill or at least them that pretened [sic] to be sick we drill two hours and it will do the boys more good than any thing else the papers staits [sic] to day [sic] that General Hooker has not crossed the River again and that both armies hold the same posision [sic] as they did before this Battle and the paper states that General Hooker was under and [sic] [illegible] and the paper reports that Gen Hooker lost seventeen Thousand men in this late Battle and the Rebels lost Eighteen Thousand men but Hooker cut of [sic] all the Rebel communications to Richmond and the paper report that General Stoneman went with in one mile of Richmond City and captured a rebel Battery and that he mint [sic] of went clear in if he had a mind to but he was a fraid [sic] of being cut off from the main army and be taken all of them priseners [sic] and the paper says that General Grant has got Vicksburg Surrounded and hes [sic] got the Rebels [sic] Suplies [sic] all Cut of [sic] from [illegible] and we are in hopes that he will take the place pretty soon

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 16th 1863

got up at four o clock [sic] and fell in line of Battle and stood there about and [sic] hour and we got ready to go out on Picket we left camp at half past five our company stood in town this time I went with six men and Guarded the depot the names of my Guard is

W Davis

E Thayre

F Worth

E Haggatt

L Twing

J Daily

and Corporal Wm McKay I had one man on a relief the Captain with twenty men Staid [sic] to the Court house and guarded some priseners [sic] our Cavalry fetched in four rebels to day [sic] our General went out with a flag of Truce to the rebels and took a rebel Major to Exchange for one that they had of our but they did not Exchange for they fetch back the rebel Major did not hear what the reason was that they did not Exchange there was a few Shots fired last night but have not heard what it was for

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 17th 1863

our Regiment was relieved from Picket this morning at Seven o clock [sic] by and [sic] ohio [sic] Regt this morning there was a rebel come into our lines and gave himself up he says that the fource [sic] out at the [sic] is a drawing of to [sic] reinforce [sic] A General Neer [sic] Murfreesboro he fetched in a Splendid force with him he Said that he had got tired of fighting on the rebel side and he said that he was fource [sic] in the army and that he had been a watching his chance to git [sic] into our lines the papers State that the rebel General Mclen [sic] is dead our men had got him and tied him and left him a lone [sic] and he killed himself some say that is good news and the papers stait [sic] that they are a fightting [sic] at Vicksburg and our men was unsucessful [sic] but we are in hopes not and the papers stait [sic] that the rebels made a bold dash on Washington drove in our Pickets but a Bridge being burn up stoped [sic] them from comeing [sic] clost [sic] to washington [sic] yesterday the General had five nice Brick houses burn down in town they were large ones and they belong to rebels the furniture was in one of them and the General had five Familys [sic] Come town yesterday our Cavalry took them out side of the lines and let them go and there is three more got to go to day [sic] they that is left is a takeing [sic] the Oath of Allegiance there has one regiment of Cavalry Just gone out to the front we did not have any Inspection to day [sic] our Colonal [sic] got us Excused for to day [sic] so as to let the boys sleep that is the best Yet that he ever done to this Regiment before we have built up a Bake oven so we have baked bread three times a day the cooks make the bread and it is good we do not have to draw hard bread while we stay here there is nothing new in the papers to day [sic] I got three papers from home to day [sic] the boys has Just got lots of boards to raise their tents and to make a floor in them

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 18/63

we got up at half past three and fell in line of Battle stood there about and [sic] hour and then we had Regimental drill for and [sic] hour and then we had Regimintal [sic] drill for and [sic] hour and then went to camp and got Breakfast then I was detail as Sergeant of the police men to police the regimintal [sic] grounds the names of the men that I had is

Wm Nellis Co D

A Willett Co D

Wm Sills Co D

C Peppard Co D

W Cropo Co D

G [illegible] Co D

we furnished [sic] seven men for Camp gaurd [sic] and Sergeant Siemens Corp Thomson and fifteen men for to work on the fortifications then we had Company drill for one hour and a half this after noon we had regimentle [sic] drill for two hours Colonal [sic] Clark is bound to keep the boys on duty all the time we have got orders this after noon that when we marche [sic] all that we can carry is one Blanket and not a shirt but the one that we have on and what paper we take we will have to do up and put on our jackets the boys say that they dont [sic] care what they do with them if they will try and fetch this war to a close some of the boys are so sure that they are nine month men that they have bet twenty five dollars that we will be home in June I dont [sic] see what make them think so for I cant [sic] see any signs of it I wish that it was so there was a report in to days [sic] paper that a rebel General Surrendered all of his men to one of our Generals and has turn a union man and our folks has made him a Brigadier General of him but it is not believed true General Ward took command of the department at Nashville yesterday Instead of General Granger the paper reports that Banks have been drove back with some but there is nothing new in the papers to day [sic] the weather is pleasant and warm to day [sic] it is hot days and cold nights so that we have to put on all the Blankets that we have and some other Cloth [sic] heavy dews here Every night we have to put the lights out at Eight at night

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 19th 1863

got up at four and fell in line of Battle and drill and [sic] hour and a half then the detail come for gaurd [sic] we furnish for guard six and for fatigue was seven and a corp [sic] the Corporal was Ellis we had to drill two hours company drill and then we went and Shot at a Targett [sic] I hit it once this after noon we had Brigade drill from two o clock

[sic] till four and then we went to camp it was hot so that we could not drill us Just as we wanted to General Baird was present [sic] but did not drill us any Colonal [sic] Atkins Acting Brigadier General was the one that drill us we had a drill to [sic] in the Immanuel's [sic] of arms Colonal [sic] Champion took command of the regiment to day [sic] he has been sick so he had to give the command up to Leicut [sic] Colonal [sic] Clark for a spell nothing new in the papers to day [sic]

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 20th 1863

got up at half past three o'clock [sic] and fell in line of Battle and stood there till day light then we had company drill for and [sic] hour then come the detail for Pickett we furnish five men and a Sergeant I had to go I had to take nine men and a corporal and go up to the Signal corps and stand the names of the men are

A C Dollison Co A

A Brown Co B

D Nilson Co H

W G Gates Co A

C Wild Co B

J Adams Co H

P Hawks Co A

T F Bennett Co B

F Barley Co H

and Corporal J Vincent the boys out of our company went to another place so we could not be together a holl [sic] we was posted on the top of a big hill and we was in a nice shady place the Regiment had a General muster and Inspection yesterday to see how many men the regiment could muster fit for duty I have not heard how many that they could there was one man dropped [sic] down in the ranks in the 92 Ill Regiment last night

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 21st 1863

we was relieved this morning at Eight o'clock [sic] by the 40th Ohio boys nothing occurred [sic] last night of any importance the Signal corps was a telegraphing all night the signal men said that it was Telegraph to them that General Banks had got fort [sic] Hudson and that he was in the rear of Vicksburg the company have gone out on drill I wont [sic] have to drill till this after noon then we are to have Brigade drill the weather is awful hot here now yesterday the cavalry men turned their horses in a thirty Acre wheat fiel [sic] to let them eat it up it had commenced to head out and it stands as thick

on the ground as it can it seems a pitty [sic] to do it but it is Just what we must do to stop the Rebellion when that is all Trod down they have one Just as big as this one and we hall [sic] of [sic] all the rails to make fires of and any thing else I gess [sic] when the Rebels sees this place they will wished that they had staid [sic] in the union we went out on Brigade drill at one o clock [sic] and drilled till five General Baird drilled us to day [sic] the General gave us the praise for drilling the best it was a hot day so we Sweat our cloths [sic] all through we had to send out some more pickets this after noon company H went out and some more out of other companies the [sic] exspect [sic] and [sic] Attacked here in the morning there has been signs of it to day I Bought me and [sic] knife at the 84 ohio [sic] Regt and paid two dollars for it I apointed [sic] Fourth Sergeant to day [sic] and J Quigley was apointed [sic] fifth sergeant he is as good a fellow as we could git [sic] and he is allways [sic] ready to do his duty some of the boys are mad because he was apointed [sic] but the captain could not git [sic] a better man for it we have to be on duty all the time or on fatigue and every man have to go out or less he will be put under arest [sic] unless they have got and [sic] excuse from the Sergeant

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 22th [sic] /63

got up at four o clock [sic] and fell in line of Battle and drilled for one hour and a half then came the detail for fatigue we had to furnish seven men and a Sergeant I was detailed and the names of the men is

N C Beecher

P.P. Malindy

Viny Williams

J. Vonpatten

J Swindles

D Hosley

G Smith

they was on my relief and some more but I did not take their names there was fifty on my relief we went up to the Signal corps hill we cut limbs of [sic] from trees and sharpened the ends and draw them around the hill and made a sort of a fence with them with the sharp end sticking out we put them so clost [sic] together that there aint [sic] a man git [sic] through them and we have a rifle pit behind them so if the rebels should make a dash on the Signal corps we can kill Every man that comes near as one more day will finish the chopping [sic] around that hill they are a Blastting [sic] a water Tank in side of the fortifications on the hill so as to supply the men that is in it and they

have got a rail road from the Bottom to the top so as to draw things up the cars are drawn by horses for we never could get a wagon in the fort and it is all that a man wants to do to get to the top of the hill without any thing to carry and they are a going to build a shine house in the fort so that the Signal corps can work with out being seen last night we Exspected [sic] to be attacked for there was seen five Thousand rebels with in a half and [sic] mile of our picket lines and they was a showing signs of a Rush on us we had to send one company up to the fort and we had to double up our pickets all a round last night about Eleven o clock [sic] we had orders to march with ones [sic] day ration the cook was routed up and got the fire started and some of the companies had got out in line when the orders was countermanded and we was ordered back to bed the six Kentucky Cavalry went out some time in the night towards Brentwood when they come back they fetched in one Rebel Colonal [sic] one captain and one Major and three Leiut [sic] that they got between here and Brentwood when they first went out the Privates all got a way from them we are all surrounded by the rebels that was a good hall [sic] for one night work we had a great time here night before last one of our boys gave three cheers and said nine months men and it took like wild fire and went through the Brigade of all the cheers for about and [sic] hour I never heard all they boys are sure that they are nine months men two companies in the 92 Ill Regt have swore that they will stack arms and wont [sic] do a thing after the nine months is up

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 23d 1863

we got up at four o clock [sic] and fell in line of Battle and then we drilled for one hour and at nine o clock [sic] we went out and shot at A Targett [sic] one hundred and fifty yard I hit the board once I would of hit it more if I had of had my own gun I would of hit it more than once for it [2 illegible words] where I hold it I am a going to take it home with me when I go home we did not have any drill yesterday for it was Saturday so that day is left for us to clean up our guns and to do some washing and other things I help the Sutlers all the after noon we went up and guarded the fort to night our company and one company out of the 92 Ill Regt my relief was the 2st [sic] and the boy names are

Watson Donis

N C Beecher

[illegible initial] Farrir

V Webb

Wm Sabins

G Carpenter

C Webb

E Haggett

F Peppard

C Peppard

H Worth

G Shaw

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 24th 1863

we came of [sic] from the fort at six o clock [sic] this morning for there was some come to relieve us we had to get read [sic] for Regimentle [sic] Inspection and review it came of [sic] at nine o clock [sic] we had to go out with our Knapsacks on it was hard for us to go out for we did not get any sleep but there aint [sic] any rest for the Wicked and a Soldier aint [sic] a bit better than a dog but we wont [sic] have to stay here always the cavalry fetched in six Rebel Priseners [sic] this morning and a lot of horses they got them out toward Brentwood the papers staite [sic] that Gen Banks has got Vicksburg but it aint [sic] believed that papers stait [sic] there is three Hundred Thousand men to be mustered out of the service between this and the Seventeenth of June next if that is so we are to be mustered out by that time and I hope that we will be for I have got all that I want of Soldiering we have Just had a Brigade dress Parade four Regiments was present and Colonal [sic] Atkins had the command we had the biggest [sic] company that was out we had fifty four Privates and five Sergeants six corporals two Leiutenants [sic] one captain it seem good to see the big company a gain that order that we had read to us on dress parade the other night stait [sic] the boys they cant [sic] play up sick as much as they did before and I am glad of it for half of the company done all of the guard duty and done all of the work this after noon the Cavalry fetch in ten more priseners [sic] from the front one colonal [sic] with the priseners [sic] there is five Thousand rebels with in five miles of us and our officers wont [sic] let us go out there and drive them a way or take any of them weather hot

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 25th 1863

got up at four and fell in line of Battle had Battalion drill for one hour and then the detail come for picket we furnished six men and a corp [sic] corp [sic] Wm McKay went and we had to Furnish ten men for fatigue Sergeant Quigley was detail with them the papers stait [sic] that Gen Grant has taken Vicksburg and all of the big guns and the paper stait [sic] that south [sic] Carolina is a comeing [sic] back in the union we are glad to hear of that for she was the strongest Rebel state that there was if she does come back in the union there is hopes that the other ones will follow soon and this war will draw the war to a close soon I did not go out to shoot at the Target this fore noon for I had to do some mending Sergeant Cullin made the best shot to day [sic] there has

and [sic] order come to all of the Regiments here that we must take our Harvy [sic] sacks and Canteens out on drill the [illegible] it grows the more they make the boys carry and drill all the more we went out on Brigade drill at two o clock [sic] and drilled till four and then we got our Super [sic] and then we had to go on dress parade the weather was awful hot a person would sweat a standing still but Colonal [sic] Atkins kept us a going all the time he did not care how hot it was he could ride a hourse [sic] all the time but if they do keep the boys on duty so much all the time there will be lots of them sick for they can not stand the hot weather so much I bet with Wm Sabins a pair of boot worth six dollars that we would not be in the state of Illinois in six weeks and he bet a pair of boots that we would I would pay for one pair if it was so but I am afraid that we will [illegible] get there till the war is over

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 26th 1863

got up at four and fell in line of Battle and stood there about and [sic] half and [sic] hour then we went in our Quarters and got ready to go on Picket we went the other side of the town the holl [sic] Regiment went our company was on the reserve Wm Dorsy Leiut [sic] of Company F was put under and [sic] arest [sic] for fooling withe [sic] the boys the patroll [sic] officer put him under and [sic] arest [sic] after he put him under and [sic] arest [sic] the patroll [sic] officer went down town and got four cavalrymen to take him but the Leiut [sic] got the company out and charged Bayonetts [sic] on them and they could not get him and they had no right to take him but put him under and [sic] arest [sic] to day [sic] there was a family ordered out of the lines the cavalry fetch in six Rebels from the front the papers stait [sic] that General Grant has taken sixty pieces of Cannons and 9.500 Priseners [sic] at Vicksburg

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 27th 1863

came of [sic] from gaurd at nine o clock [sic] this morning nothing of any importance occured [sic] last night the family that was ordered out of our lines yesterday went this morning the pay master is here and is a going to pay us off [illegible] the report is in camp that General Grant has been drove back from Vicksburg but it is not believed the paper report that General has fell back to Washington that army there never will do any thing there they had ought to Exchange the troops send them Wisconsin troops there and send them up here for I know that we can take Richmond but the trouble is we have got to [sic] big and [sic] army there for one General to command for General Hooker at the fight at Frederickburg [sic] he did not have [illegible] of the army a fighting there last night there was three Regiments of Cavalry went out to the front and they have not returned yet yesterday on Brigade drill there was two men sun struck one just as soon as they got him to his tent died and the other one is not exspected [sic] to live till morning they both belongs to the 40th Ohio and if they keep up the drills and Double quick us as much as they have done there will be more of them sun Struck it rain a little

this after noon it rain so that we could not go out on Brigade drill and I was glad of it we did not have any dress parade to night for they have change it so we have dress parade in the morning and then we have company drill in the fore noon and in the after noon we have Brigade drill we have to go out on a Brigade drill at three o clock [sic] and drill for [illegible] to seven there has Just went out a regiment of Cavalry out to the front and we have sent out some more pickets it was Telegraph here to day [sic] that General Grant has been drove back but it is not believed

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 28th 1863

we got up at two o clock [sic] for we had orders to march and we had to fill our Havey [sic] sacks with two days rations and we was ordered not to carry any thing but our Havey [sic] sacks Canteen one Blanket and our gun for it was a fource [sic] march the Cavalry went out at to [sic] o clock [sic] this morning and have not got back the Colonal [sic] said that we was to of been attacked between this and to morrow [sic] night we are a waiting exspecting [sic] orders to start every moment we had dress parade at eight o clock [sic] this morning and company drill at nine and brigade drill at three and drill till seven that is to be the orders after this for our drills and dress parades I [sic] keeps us on the go all the time we git [sic] good news from General grants [sic] army and we hope that he will take or kill every man of them the Rebels told grant [sic] that they would Surrender if he would let them lay down their and march out but General told them no the papers staited [sic] to day [sic] that Grant has got Vicksburg the guard has Just back and gaged [sic] a Soldier from one of the cavalry regiments he was as drunk as he wanted to be he struck and [sic] captain from the 92nd Regt W W Bingham got back to the Regt to day [sic] from home he fetched me a pound of tobacco fine cut chewing and I was glad of it and the papers staited [sic] that General Bragg has ordered all the cavalry under General Wheeler to Report to Columbu [sic] with in five days and if that is so we will have some fighting here after a while we did not have any Brigade drill to day [sic] for it rain so that we could not the cavalry fetched in six priseners [sic] to day [sic] and the holl [sic] [illegible word crossed out] Cavalry fource [sic] is at the front we exspect [sic] to hear some fireing [sic] at that direction soon for the cavalry reports the Rebels are drawn up in line of Battle

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 29/63

got up at five and fell in line for roll Call we did not get in to line of Battle this morning for it rain so that they would not and they let us sleep and [sic] hour longer we had dress parade at eight o clock [sic] and was drove in by the rain before we got through I was detailed as Sergeant of the fatigue party to day [sic] the detail was ten men out of each company when we got over to Brigade Head Quarters they said that they did not want but twenty men so I did not have to go last night there was ten out of each company went over town and went to a show we had to give fifty cents to go in but we

was glad to go it was a pretty nice thing there was one girls danced on the stage she was the best Girl dancer that I ever saw the performance commence at eight and closed at eleven it made me a little home sick to think that I could not go when I wanted with me had and [sic] officer to go with us

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 30th 1863

got up at five and fell in for roll call we did not have to go out in line of Battle for it rain so that we could not do it we had to furnish the camp guard to day [sic] we had to furnish thirteen men and their names are

Sergt [sic] H J Ring

Corp O Youngs

corp [sic] E Haggett

Privates G Phayre

Prit [sic] J McCan

Prit [sic] J Rich

G Deidrick

Prit [sic] W Crupo

Prit [sic] A Stewart

G Carpenter

Prit [sic] A [illegible]

Prit [sic] F Worth

F Peppard he was the Colonal [sic] Ordely [sic] to do erunts [sic] for him we had to [illegible] dress parade after Gaurd [sic] mount I dont [sic] know what they will get up after a while we did not have a Brigade drill yesterday after noon for it rain all day to day [sic] has not any news only that grant [sic] keeps a gaining ground at Vicksburg we are all in hopes that he will Succeed there but am afraid that the Rebels will Git [sic] Reinforcements there and that Grant will have to fall back nothing new

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 31th [sic] 1863

Come of [sic] from guard at Seven Company J Relieved me made out the guard Report [illegible] had dress parade and Brigade Inspection but I did not go out to them for I was not oblidge [sic] to for I come of [sic] from guard I did not sleep a bit last night went out on dress parade Brigade dress parade the Cavalry had a little Skirmish with the rebels to day [sic] got some priseners [sic] we did not have a man kill wrote one

letter and got two papers from home the dispatched courier said to day [sic] that General Granger sent to General Rosecrans for ten Thousand reinforcements and General Rosecrans would not let him have them General Granger told Colonal [sic] Atkins when he got the nine months men out of the way that he would have men that would fight he think that nine mon [sic] wont [sic] fight

Camp at Franklin Tennessee June 1st 1863

got up at four o clock [sic] and had Inspection of arms then we had Company drill for one hour then guard mount and at Eight o clock [sic] we had dress parade we have not had no other drill this forenoon we had orders not to go away from camp for we are expecting [sic] to march every minute we have Just sent off the sick to Nashville we may have little fun here before long the Cavalry have had orders to cook them five days Ration and be ready to march at twelve o clock [sic] to night where to we do not know there is some thing up for we have not had any drill to day [sic] Captain Raiven and Leiut [sic] Sims is a going to nashville [sic] to take Charge of some Negros they go this after noon I would not have any thing to do with the black devils

Camp one mile from Triune Tennessee June 2/63

we got up at three and fell in line of Battle and stood there about and [sic] hour then we got ready to march we started about nine o clock [sic] for Triune where we was ordered to Report our Brigade and General Gilberts [sic] Divission [sic] all went the Distance from Franklin to Triune is nine miles but when we started we took the wrong road so Instead of marching nine miles we had to march twenty five before we got to Triune there was thirteen miles march for nothing it commenced raining Just as we started and rain hard for and [sic] hour then the sun came out and it was the Hottest [sic] day that we have had here the sun would fairly melt us we Struck the Shelbyville pike a bout [sic] noon and then the traversing was more easy we got to Triune about six o clock [sic] in the after noon and we exspected [sic] to camp there but we had to go another mile before we camped the boys was all tired out and could not of march much I gave out when we was with in half a mile of the camping ground we had not of march four miles before the boys began to throw all of their things away Knapsacks Blankets and every thing else all but a Rubber Blanket some had new pants and shirts and they throwed them away I come near of a throwing mine away but I thought that we did not have but nine miles to go and a Blanket would be good to sleep on at night but we kept a going and did not see Triune and I got mad and would not Throw mine away and that I would carry it till we camp if it kill me but when we start a gain [sic] every thing goes but a Rubber Blanket we would of all gone out before if Gen Baird had not of come up he ordered Col Atkins to stop the men and let them rest he said he did not want his men kill by marching them to death we had not left franklin [sic] to [sic] hours before the

Rebels attacked it we are camp on Stone [sic] River Battle ground I was detail  
Sergeant of the picket guard

Camp about one mile from Triune Tenn June 3/63

come of [sic] from guard at nine o clock [sic] it rain all night hard I had to go the grand  
Rounds with [sic] the captain three times last night to see that the boys did not get to  
sleep from one end of the guard to the other was two miles we went around three  
times and the captain was a going around again but I told him that the guard might go to  
[sic] far I should not go around again to night and then he said that he would not if I  
didnt [sic] we did not get but one hours [sic] sleep the camping ground is a level [sic]  
piece of ground and is covered with clover when I come in camp the boys ask me  
where my parol [sic] was I ask them what they ment [sic] they said that the Colonel  
[sic] of the 92 said that a Sergeant and one other man out of the 96 was taken prisener  
[sic] last night he come and told our officers of it and all believed it we did not see any  
signs of a rebel last night the fighting lasted last night till nine o clock [sic] in the  
evening at Franklin and commenced at five this morning and stoped [sic] at seven to  
night we had dress parade this morning at nine o clock [sic] but I did not go out on it  
we had orders not to leave the camp half and [sic] hour at a time for we was Exspected  
[sic] to have orders to march any moment I cut up my Knapsack and made a little bag  
to carry my shirt and papers in I am a comeing [sic] right down to a Soldiers [sic] life  
now care for nothing and [illegible] for nothing for my body and look out for number one  
I dont [sic] mean to kill myself by carring [sic] things any more there is twenty thousand  
men here now and they do still keep a comeing [sic] in and at a Bridge five mile from us  
at the front is fifteen thousand men that is a going with us when we go it is Reported  
that we are a going to Reinforce General Rosecrans and I hope that we are

Camp Near Triune Tennessee June 7/1863

got up at four and fell in line of Battle and stood there till five and then we had to git [sic]  
ready for Inspection and Regimentle [sic] review it is Reported here this morning that  
our men at Franklin Blowed [sic] up the forts there and that we have deserted the place  
and it is also reported that the Rail Road between Franklin and Nashville has been torn  
up for five miles by the Rebels but it is not Generaly [sic] believed the first Tennessee  
Cavalry went out a Scouting this morning and they had not gone half a mile from the  
pickets before they come upon the first Rebels Tennessee Cavalry camp they had a  
sharp Brush with them and half of our Cavalry got cut of [sic] and then we sent out  
some Reinforcements and whiped [sic] them we was drawn up in line of Battle all the  
after noon

Camp Near Triune Tennessee June 8th 1863

got up at four and fell in line of Battle and drill till six then we got our Breakfast and at Nine o'clock [sic] we had A Battallion [sic] drill for two hours and in the after noon we had Battallion [sic] drill for three hours had dress parade General Baird left our Brigade to day [sic] and takes command of General Gilberts [sic] Divission [sic] General Gilbert is under and [sic] arest [sic] for not sending some Reinforcements to General Colburn at that fight at Franklin and the fourth [sic] has left our Brigade and gone into Generals Bairds [sic] Divission [sic] what is left in our Brigade is all Illinois boys three Regiments General Baird told some of the boys that these three Regiments has pitch their tents for the last time Just as much as to say that we are nine months men I hope that we are for I have got tired of a Soldiering

Camp Near Triune Tennessee June 9th 1863

got up at four and the Regiment fell in line of Battle and drilled for two hours I did not go out for I did not feel very well and we had two hours drill after Breakfast Colonal [sic] Clark drilled us and the more that he drills us the more the boys haits [sic] him for he dont [sic] know as much as some of the privates and cant [sic] drill the Regt half as well this after noon we went out to have a Brigade drill but we had not been out but and [sic] half and [sic] hour before we was ordered in and fill our Haveysack [sic] and get ready to march at a moments [sic] notice our Cavalry Pickets was drove in this after noon and we can hear them a fighting [sic] about a mile of us they kill one of our picket to day [sic] and wounded one I exspect [sic] that we will have to go out after a while and see what the 96 can do

Camp at Triune Tenn June 10th/1863

got up at three and fell in line of Battle and drill for two hours and then we got Breakfast and at nine we had to go out on company drill and drilled till Eleven and then we got Diner [sic] and at one we had Battallion [sic] drill drilled till three we did not have any dress parade the 92 Ill Regt read and wrote in a dress parade against a by [sic] in that regiment the by [sic] has got to stand on a Barrell [sic] two hours with a Ball and Chain tied to his legs and then be drumed [sic] out of camp tomorrow for sleeping on his post on picket it is hard but we are in a Rebel country and Surrounded by the rebels and we dont [sic] know what moment that they will be on us he had ought to have known better to [sic] day we could hear the Bugles of the Rebels at the front as plain as we hear our own the Rebels have a large fource [sic] with in four miles of us they are a come in there from the front of Murfreesboro General Rosecrans sent word here not to go out and attack but hold them here till he come up in the rear and then attacked them at both sides our cavalry had a little brush with them to day [sic] we took ten priseners [sic] we lost nine yesterday at Franklin the Colonal [sic] commanding the fort there hung two Spies they came in camp dress in our uniform and said that they was from Gen

Rosecrans Army and was inspections of camp one had on the uniform as Colonel [sic] and the other Lieut [sic] Colonel [sic] but there was a Cavalry man that had seen them Both in the Rebel army so they [illegible] that they was Rebels and hang them

Camp at Triune Tennessee June 12/63

got up at two and fell in line of Battle and drilled for two hours after Breakfast the paymaster began to pay our Regt of [sic] he had not but paid of [sic] but to [sic] companies before we heard firing [sic] in the front and we was ordered out in line of Battle the Rebels drove in our pickets then we sent one company out as Skirmishes company A went I was a Standing on a hill and I see the rebels fire their Artillery [sic] for Action they fired at us then our Artillery [sic] commenced the third shot that we fired we disloge [sic] one of their guns which they had to leave they spiked it two of their shells struck in Gilberts [sic] tent they did not have a bit of powder in them the fight lasted till four o clock [sic] we had all of our things packed up and sent to the rear Two of the Rebel shells passed over our company and pretty low we took twenty priseners [sic] and had six men kill and one Lieut [sic] and had twenty Wounded we have not heard how many we kill of the Rebels when the firing [sic] first commenced W W Bingham and the other Sutlers [sic] Clerk ran for the entrenchments they never [sic] stop to pack up the things and the boys had all that they wanted there Mr [sic] Mason had gone to Nashville that was a good one on the Sutlers we expect [sic] to have a fight with them to morrow let them come we are ready for them it is reported in the papers that Vicksburg has Surrendered and we had taken twelve thousand priseners [sic]

Camp at Triune Tennessee June 13th 1863

got up at two o clock [sic] and fell in line of Battle and stood there about ten minuets [sic] and then we went back to bed our officers made a mistake and thought that it was four our company was detail to guard a wagon train in Nashville for supplies we had one Hundred and fourty [sic] wagons in the train and we took three priseners [sic] to Nashville that was taken the day before in a Skirmish we had the guard [illegible] all the way there we got into Nashville at two o clock [sic] we had the rest of the after noon to our selves I got me a pair of boots and paid six Dollars for them we camped about half of a mile from Nashville the report came there to day [sic] that they was a fighting at Triune and that it would not be safe for us to start with the teams

Camp at Triune Tennessee June 14/63

we started with the Train about nine o clock [sic] from Nashville we did not think that it was safe but we would run the of it we had to walk almost all the way back for the teams was loaded so heavy that they would not let us ride but we did some the distance from Triune to Nashville is twenty four miles it was the Hottest day that we have had here the teams was all loaded with forage for the teams we did not have any

trouble a comeing [sic] here we had two companies of Cavalry with us there was one man shot at Nashville a couple of days ago for Deserting it was true our boys here did have a little fight with the Rebels here day before yesterday I see one train of cars come into Nashville yesterday loaded with Wounded from Murfreesboro they have had a hard fight there

Camp at Triune Tennessee June 15/63

got up at four and fell in line of Battle drilled till five we have been frome [sic] the army corps of Kentucky to the army of the cumberland [sic]

Head Quarters Dept of the Cumberland

Murfreesboro June 8th 1863.

Special Feild [sic] Order No. 136.

3. The following troops are assigned to the command of Major General Gordon Granger, with the organization herein prescribed, and will be known as the "Reserve Corps."

First Division – Brig. Gen. A Baird. Commanding

1st brigade

40th Ohio Infty [sic]

84th Ind Infty [sic]

92d Ills Infty [sic]

96th Ills Infty [sic]

115th Ills Infty [sic]

18th Ohio Battery

Second Brigade

98th Ohio Infty. [sic]

113th Ohio Infty. [sic]

121st Ohio Infty. [sic]

78th Ills Infty. [sic]

Battery M

1st Ills. Artillery

3d Brigade.

33d Indiana Infty [sic]

85th Indiana Infty [sic]

22d Wisconsin Infty [sic]

19th Michigan Infty [sic]

9th Ohio Battery.

our marching is about over now if we are held as Reserve and I am glad of it I wonder what the boys think of the nine months now the 33d Indiana come into Nashville while we was there they have been Exchange in Nashville they are to Organized again and then come out where we are this order was was [sic] read on dress parade and there was and [sic] order read against J Guppy for sleeping on his post while on picket in Franklin he is to loose [sic] one months [sic] pay and he had ought to of be Glad to get of [sic] at that we did not have any drill to day [sic] for the officers went of [sic] a Scouting some where we had dress parade the report is that they are a drifting all our Illinois if that is so we will all be home in a few days but the boys all think that we will be mustered out before the first of July but I dont [sic]

Camp at Cleaveland [sic] Geo May 1st 1864

we was under orders to be ready to march at a minuets [sic] notice and we are a getting ready to march but where to we do not know but think to go a Scouting to be gone a few days

Cleaveland [sic] My [sic] 2/64

we have orders to pack all of our things and prepare for a long march we have sent everything back to Bridgeport it seems that we are a going to start on the spring campaign

On the March in Ten My [sic] 3/64

we left Cleaveland [sic] to day [sic] and where to go we do not know but think that it is to go to Blue Springs and fortify there our Hull [sic] Corpse [sic] (21) is a going with us

Camped at Red Clay Geo My [sic] 4/64

started about eight and march to within five miles of Dalton when we came upon the Rebels our Regt was wagon gaurd [sic] to day [sic] we did not have to go into the fight to day [sic] the hull [sic] army is on the move

Camped in the woods Geo May 5/64

fell in line of Battle and stood there till Eight in the morning and then we moved camp about fifty rods and made Breastworks our Cavalry had some hard fighting to day [sic] but we had no Infantry Engagement to day [sic]

Camped in the woods Geo may [sic] 6/64

laid in our Rifle pits [sic] all day in line of Battle some Cavalry fighting but there was not any Infantry engaged to day [sic] had Orders to be read [sic] to march at four O clock [sic] in the morning

Camped on Tunnell [sic] hill Geo may 7/64

we took tunnell [sic] hill about Eleven o clock [sic] to day [sic] our Regt was the first on the hill and we did not fire a gun our corps was a head of the hull [sic] army a mile Gen Whittaker is bound to like [sic] any thing that is in his way the holl [sic] army has Just come up

Tunnell [sic] Hill Geo My [sic] 8/64

we lay in line of Battle all day had some Skirmishing had three men wounded in our Brigade drove the Enemy three miles we get telegraph news that Grant whiped [sic] lee [sic] and drove him to Richmond our Brigade came back on tunnell [sic] hill and camped for the night

Camp at Pigeon [illegible] Geo May 9/64

our Brigade charged Rockface Ridge but we could not take it for the for the [sic] rocks was to [sic] high moved to the right and come on the rebels with a large fource [sic] fought them till Eight in the Evening had two men killed thirty wounded move out of our camp

Camped in the Woods Geo May 10/84

cleaned up our guns about ten o clock [sic] the Rebels commenced to shell our camp the fifty first ohio [sic] had three men wounded we had to move our camp to another place there was not fighting to day [sic] had orders

Camped on the Battle field geo may [sic] 11/64

there was sharp fighting to day [sic] on our Skirmish line to night we lay in camp till eight and then we relived the [illegible] army corps so that they could go to the right of us it is Exspected [sic] that the Rebels will Evacuate Dalton to night

Camp at Buzzard Rest Geo May 12/64

Built Rifle pits [sic] and laid in them till night the Rebels threw some shell in our lines but did not hurt any one there was not any shooting along the lines to day [sic]

Camped five miles from Dalton Geo May 13/64

we marched through Buzzard Rest at Eight o'clock [sic] the Rebels Evacuated last night passed through Dalton had a little fight the other side took some prisoners [sic] went on picket some say Johnson has got Eighty Thousand men

Camp in field Geo May 14/64

we marched within thirteen miles of Coosa River and then we came upon the Rebels we made some Rifle pits [sic] at two o'clock [sic] we made and [sic] advance we had to fight hard and then they flank our Regt and we had to break and run every [sic] man for himself

Camp in field Geo May 15/64

the Rebels evacuated the mountains last night we followed them to Rasacea [sic] then we had to rest for a half a day for the Bridge was burnt we camped five miles from Rasacea [sic] the Rebels was only three miles ahead of us

Camped in the field Geo May 16/64

Gen Hookers [sic] Corps (20) made and [sic] advance this morning and drove the Rebels back in their fortifications then he charged the fort three times before he took it he took four cannons and some prisoners [sic]

Camped in the field Geo May 17/64

we started at seven and we had not gone to [sic] miles before we came on the Rebels we drove them ten miles but we had to Skirmish all of the way we had some killed in the Brigade the 3d Div was a head of us took some prisoners [sic]

Calhoun Geo May 18/64

we did not march for two days for all of our army had to cross one Bridge there was fighting to day [sic] every town we go through there is not a family left they are told that we will kill them if they stay

camped at Kingston Geo May 19/64

we commenced to advance at seven our Brigade was ahead we find most gone a mile before we came on the Rebs we drove them seven miles after we passed Kingston we saw the lines of Battle of the Rebels we commenced to shell them they Broke line and [sic] run like sheep

Camp near Cassville Geo May 20/64

we laid in line of Battle all day we heard heavy fighting on our right and left we took one brigade of Rebs we have received orders for every man to draw shoes for we have got two week of hard marching where we are to go we cannot tell some seems to think it the rear of Atlanta

Camped at Cassville Geo May 21/64

we did not move to day [sic] had Inspection of Knapsacks and guns we did not hear any fireing [sic] along the lines to day [sic] we all think that we are a going in the Rear of Atlanta the Doctor tuld [sic] me that I could not go

Camped Near Cassville Geo My [sic] 22/64

had Inspection of guns and have not been around a bit to day [sic] for my Ankle was so sore that I could not walk and it has been a growing worse all day seen Leroy Emmons he is in the 139 NY the 20th Corps is a going with us

camped in the field Geo May 23/64

had Orders to march at twelve went seven mile put me in a Ambulance did not go into camp till ten in the Evening then we camped in a wheat field it was headed out nice we are within to [sic] miles of the Rebs

Camped in the Woods Geo May 24/64

we started at seven but I could not march for my Ankle was to [sic] sore we passed through some good country large wheat fields Distroyed [sic] it passed through a town not a family left in it gone with the Rebs

Camped in the woods Geo May 25/64

we started at seven and passed Racoon [sic] Mountain came up with our Brigade had to park our teams at the foot of the Mountain it was so dark that we could not keep up with the Brigade Hookers [sic] corps marched ahead of us to day [sic] had a fight [sic] about four o clock [sic] fought till dark

At the field Hospital Geo May 26/64

I was detailed to take charge of some guard at the field Hospital we had some wounded in our Div to day [sic] Hookers [sic] corps lost yesterday twelve Hundred Killed and Wounded we drove the Rebs three miles to day [sic]

At the field Hospital Geo May 27/64

I was up from Eleven till five in the morning there was not much fighting till five o'clock [sic] then it was hard for our men as they were advancing Gen Sherman sent in and [sic] order to put up tents enough to hold six Thousand Wounded men

At the field Hospital Geo May 28/64

our men made a charge on the Rebs [sic] lines and was Repulsed with a heavy loss [sic] at two o'clock [sic] the 3d Div of my corps Gen Wood made a charge and was Repulsed the (20) corps and the (44) was in the Center

At the field Hospital Geo May 29/64

there was Heavy firing [sic] all along our lines last night the rebs made a charge on our works and was Repulsed there was some hard fighting on our flanks the [illegible number] Ill Regt came in here today [sic] 900 Strong they all are sharp Shooters Hookers [sic] corps moved to the left today [sic] our corps is alone in the center

On the Road to Kingston Geo May 30/64

the Rebels made a charge on our works last night and was Repulsed twice there was fighting all night there was not but few of our Div hurt we got to Kingston and got on the cars for Chattanooga

Camped in a town Geo May 31/64

we started at four and was on the Road all day there was a few shots fired at us by Bush Whackers but no one hurt we passed through some fine country I saw more than three Hundred Acres of wheat in one place we met lots of troops a going to the front we camped Eight miles from Kingston there is one Thousand Wagons with us

On the cars Geo June 1<sup>st</sup>/1864

we got into Kingston at Eleven and then got on the cars for Chattanooga we have heard Heavy Cannonading all day to the front last night the Rebs made Eight charges on our lines and was Repulsed at Every turn we took 1,500 Prisoners [sic]

on the cars for Nashville June 2/64

we got into Chattanooga at ten O'clock [sic] got Dinner at the Soldiers [sic] home we met four trains a going to the front it Rained some today [sic]

On the Cars Ten June 3/64

we passed through Huntsville and Athens we passed through some fine Country big farms of Grain and fruit saw some Hundred [illegible] and [sic] lots of Negro troops

Hospital No 19 Branch 1st Nashville Ten June 4/64

we lay on the cars all night five miles from Franklin Ten for the train run of [sic] from the track and it was not got on till morning we passed through our old camping place got of [sic] from the cars at noon and went to the Hospital in Nashville they told us that we would have to be moved to Louisville tomorrow heavy fighting at the front

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 5/64

got up at five and had my ankle dresed [sic] and then I went down on the street I did not sleep much last night for my ankle paind me so we have good news from the front Gen Sherman have drove them out of their strong huld [sic] one Brigade left for the front

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 6/64

had my ankle dresed [sic] went down on the side walk and staid [sic] most all day there is lots of Business done in this place I walk a round on my foot to [sic] much to day [sic] it is worse we cant [sic] hear a word from Shermans [sic] army he wont [sic] allow [sic] a word to be printed

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 7/64

got up at five and had my foot dresed [sic] and then I was fine till noon I laid on my bunk all of the forenoon in the afternoon we had devine [sic] Service there was lots sent to Louisville to day [sic] we do not get all that we want to eat here

Hospital No 19 Nashville ten June 8/64

had my ankle dresed [sic] the Doctor told me that it would be a long time before I would be able to do Duty I saw Watson Davis to day [sic] he looks hard they did not send any to Louisville to day [sic] we heard that sherman [sic] was five miles from Atlanta we hope that it is so

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 9/64

had my ankle dresed [sic] got me some milk my ankle is so that I can walk some on it now we have got the news of Lincoln nomination for Prisdent [sic] and also that Gen Sherman has got Atlanta but it is not believed here

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 10/64

got my ankle dresed [sic] and then I went down and bought me some milk I got a pop and went through the city got a gold pen paid four Dollars and a half for it got a portfolio and some paper paid 75 cents for them

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 11/64

had my ankle dresed [sic] and then I wrote a letter home and one to Thomas Tullen went to the theatre [sic] Leiut [sic] Clarkson said that he could get me a detail here sent some to Louisville to day [sic] hear Nothing from Shermans [sic] army

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 12/64

got up at five and had my Ankle dres [sic] and then I had all day to myself for it is sundy [sic] we cant [sic] anything from Shermans [sic] army went to the theatre [sic] last night some wounded come in

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 13/64

got up at five and had my ankle dresed [sic] had my Breakfast Brought up to me this morning we have not heard a word from the front went down town some Sent to Louisville to day [sic]

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 14/64

did not sleep much last night for I was sick got my ankle dresed [sic] then I got a pased [sic] to go around the city went down to Smoky Roe no news from the front to day [sic]

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 15/64

got up at five and had my ankle dresed [sic] went down town we we [sic] have not Received any news from Gen Shermans [sic] army went to the theatre [sic] last night there was some of [sic] to Louisville to day [sic]

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 16/64

had my Ankle dresed [sic] and then I went down on the streets and staid [sic] all day saw John Swindlers an [sic] Ed Stearns no news from Shermans [sic] Army went to the Theatre [sic] last night

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 17/64

went down in the city and staid [sic] till noon got dinner and then I went and saw Capt [sic] Blo he Just come from home no news from Home

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 18/64

had my ankle dresed [sic] and then I went and saw Capt [sic] there was lots sent to Louisville to day [sic] no news from Shermans [sic] army

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 19/64

went down to the post office but there was nothing for me I did not go out much to day [sic] for I was sick nothing from Shermans [sic] army

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 20/64

went down to the city did not stay long for I was sick good news from Shermans [sic] army the Battle was on 16th captured 121 cannon and 1000 Priseners [sic]

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 21/64

got on the cars at four for Murfreesboro arived [sic] in Murfreesboro at twelve sent me to the Hospital I was not able to go to the convalescant [sic] camp

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten June 22/64

was call up at four for Breakfast did not see the Doctor to day [sic] my ankle is some better we did not git [sic] a paper to day [sic] they are a Exspecting [sic] the Rebels to make a Raid in this place every day

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten June 23/64

had a Blister put on my Back this after noon I went down to the city got a paper but there was nothing from shermans [sic] army

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten June 24/64

had a Blister put on my Back had my Back dresed [sic] no news from sherman [sic] went down to the city in the evening there was a dance but I did not attend it

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten June 25/64

got up and had my Blister dresed [sic] I did not sleep much last night had two letters from home one with ten Dollars in it nothing from Shermans [sic] army

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten June 26/64

I did not sleep much last night for my Back pained me so saw lots of Negroes Baptised [sic] nothing from Shermans [sic] army they will not send a man to the front

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten June 27/64

got up at five I feel some better went down to the city nothing from the front

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten June 28/64

we received some news that Gen Hooker was wounded and that we have gained ten miles on the Rebs

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten June 29/64

got a paper and it staited [sic] that the 21 Ky made a charge on the Rebel works and took some priseners [sic] and took two cannons they belong to the same Brigade that I do

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten June 30/64

had my Back dresed [sic] went down to the city and staid [sic] till the paper come in it staited [sic] that Gen Hooker died from the wound he received at taking [illegible] mountain the 22d of June

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten July 1/64

had my backed [sic] dresed [sic] and then I went down town the paper staited [sic] that Gen Hooker died from a wound received on the 26 of June Colonal [sic] Champion is wounded

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten

had my back dressed and then I went to the City and staid [sic] till I got a paper there was not any news in the paper from Shermans [sic] army we had a heavy rain here this after noon

Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten July 3/64

I told the doctor that I wanted to go up to the fourtress [sic] and stay but I did not find any one from the 96 Regt went down town and staid [sic] till dark nothing new in the paper to day [sic]

at Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 4th

went up to Rosecrans in the Invilid [sic] corps I am in Company N help build a houce [sic] to stay in there is twelve in our mess there is no news from Gen Shermans [sic] army

at fourtress [sic] Rosecrans Ten July 5

we worked on our house in the forenoon and then I went down town the Colonel wanted me to act as a wagon master but I didnt [sic] want to nothing from the front to day [sic]

Camp Rosecran [sic] Murfreesboro Ten July 6/64

went a fishing but did not have any luck I was detailed to do the writing for Leiut [sic] Mack wood [sic] fixed me a book

Camp Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 7/64

commenced to write at Eight and wrote all day I wrote the Mustered Rolls I am tired the papers report that our army hold Petersburg and the Rebs hold Harpers ferry [sic]

Camp Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 8/64

Signed fifty pay rolls for Leiut [sic] Mack Wood and then I made out a furlough f [sic] T B  
Tompson it Rains hard here to day [sic] Gen Sherman is a going to send all out of  
Kentucky that is not for the union

Camp Rosecrans Murfree [sic] Ten July 9/64

made out a lot more pay Rolls had to do some writing on a court marshall [sic] kept me  
buisy [sic] all day there is no news from Sherman

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 10/64

got up at four and cleaned out the office wrote some and went down town  
Murfreeboro is and [sic] awful dull place nothing new from Gen Sherman army

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreeboro [sic] Ten July 11/64

got up at four and cleaned out the office and then I made out some Clothing Receipts  
made out a furlough the paper Reports that the Rebs are within sixteen miles of  
Baltimore

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 12/64

wrote orders all day told Leiut [sic] that he must get some one else for I cant [sic] stand  
it to write so much there is nothing new to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 13/64

I was assigned as orderly Sergeant of Co F I did not want to write any longer for I had  
to stay there all of the time Leiut [sic] Bumpas commands the co now

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 14/64

call the Roll and then I made out the morning Report and made out a Register of the  
names wrote some orders I was buisy [sic] all day nothing from Gen Sherman army

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 15/64

Called the Roll and then I wrote all day making out Receipts and orders that the Leiut  
[sic] turned over to me the Rebles [sic] are a falling back from washington [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 16/64

Called the Roll and then I wrote all day had the Receipts to make of for to draw some a  
accutiments [sic] for co F nothing new form the army to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 17/64

Call the Roll and then I had to write about one hour and then I went down town the paper Reports that Gen Shermans [sic] army in Atlanta to day [sic] no news from Grant

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July 18/64

Called the Roll and then I went down to the Hospital to see if there was a letter for me but there was not nothing new

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 19/64

had roll call and then I wrote lots of orders in the order Book made out some Rations Reports nothing new from the front I have not felt well for a couple days

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July 20/64

had roll call went down town and staid [sic] part of the forenoon I could not sleep much last night for my back pained me so nothing new to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July 21/64

had roll call and then I made out Nine furlough and sent them of [sic] to be signed nothing new to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July 22/64

had roll call and then I wrote some orders for the boys [sic] discriptive [sic] Rolls went down town it is reported that the Reble [sic] Gen Forrist [sic] is a comeing [sic] here with his command

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July 23/64

had roll call and then I made out three clothing receipts and then went down town had Inspections of guns no news from Shermans [sic] army

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 24/64

had roll call and then I went down town and staid [sic] all day nothing new to day [sic] I did not have to write to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 25/64

had roll call and then I wrote some orders for the boys [sic] Discriptive [sic] Rolls Saw Gen McPhesons corps pass through here to day [sic] there was no new [sic] from the front

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 26/64

Called the roll and then I went down town we have not had any new [sic] from the front for three days done some writing to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 27/64

had roll call and then I write till noon and then I went down town sent two men to their Regt no news from the front to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 28/64

had roll call and then I write fifty orders for my men Discriptive [sic] Roll in my company Know [sic] news from the front got a letter from home

Fortress Rosecran [sic] Murfreesboro July 29/64

had roll call wrote two letters home wrote some orders then I went down town it is reported that our army is in atlanta [sic] hope it is to

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro July 30

had roll call and then I gave the boys some clothing and charged it on their descriptive Roll it took me most all day nothing new in the papers

Camp Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July 31/64

had roll call and then I was put on as officer of the guard we had Inspection of camp to day [sic] the report is that gen Grant is on the move last night our Calvaly [sic] fetch in three Rebs that they caught in two miles of here the Report says that there is a large fource [sic] clost [sic] here

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro July [sic] 1/64

had Guard Mount and then I went down town and staid [sic] most all day the paper had good news from both armies Gen Grant has blown up one of the Rebs [sic] forts at petersburg [sic]

Murfreesboro July [sic] 2/64

we had Inspection to see who was fit to send to the front send three men from my company I had to write most all day

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro July [sic] 3/64

had roll call and then I laid down and did not get up till roll call at night for I was sick nothing new to day [sic]

Murfreesboro July [sic] 4/64

had roll called and then I laid down for I did not feel well wrote some orders in the afternoon all the boys from my Regt that is here is ordered to the front but me

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July [sic] 5/64

had roll call and then sent lots of men to their Regts [sic] then I went down to the city and staid [sic] all day the 115 ohio [sic] Regt has orders to go to the front not seen a reb

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July [sic] 6/64

I had to make a recision [sic] for some gun had Inspection of guns to day [sic] nothing new from the front to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July [sic] 7/64

I went down to church to day [sic] in the city we have know [sic] news from the front to day [sic] our scouts come in to day [sic] with five Bush whackers to day [sic] got them in five miles of this place

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July [sic] 8/64

went down to the City and staid [sic] till noon and in the afternoon I had to write all of the afternoon in the order book nothing new to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecran [sic] Murfreesboro Ten July [sic] 9/64

I Laid down and slep [sic] till noon in the afternoon we had Battalion drill there is nothing new

Fortress Rosecran [sic] Ten July [sic] 10/64

went down to the City and staid till noon in the after noon I had to do some writing for the boys in the company nothing from the front to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July [sic] 11/64

I wrote till three this after noon and then we had Battalion drill till six oclock [sic] our coutts [sic] caught Some Bush whackers to day [sic] nothing new to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July [sic] 12/64

wrote for Some of the boys Discriptive [sic] Roll to day [sic] we have some news from Mobile nothing from the front

Fortress Rosecran [sic] July [sic] 13/64

I wrote till four and then we had Battalion drill till six there was lots of men sent to the front to day [sic] nothing new from sherman [sic]

Fortress Rosecran [sic] July [sic] 14/64

went to the city to church in the after noon I went to a Nigger [sic] Baptizing it beat any thing that I ever saw nothing new to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten July [sic] 15

I Laid down after roll call for I did not feel well to day [sic] sent for some Discriptive [sic] Roll to day [sic] no news

Fortress Rosecrans July [sic] 16/64

went down to the city and staid [sic] all day there was lots of men sent to their Regt to day [sic] had some Rain no news

Fortress Rosecrans July [sic] 17/64

had to do some writing to day [sic] went out side of the pickets [sic] line after some rebs caught two of them and broke up a fancy house

Fortress Rosecrans July [sic] 18/64

had roll Call and then I went down to the city they put a woman in Jail for killing a Black woman

Fortress Rosecran [sic] Ten aug [sic] 19/64

had roll call I had to do lots of writing it took me till about two a clock [sic] no new [sic] to day [sic] rained all day

Fortress Rosecrans Ten aug [sic] 20/64

maid [sic] out Some pay Roll for this month the Reble [sic] Gen Wheeler has crossed [sic] the Ten River

Fortress Rosecrans Ten aug [sic] 21/64

write a Letter home to day [sic] and then I went down to the city to church it rained here all night and till about noon to day [sic] nothing new from the frunt [sic]

[3 illegible words] Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten aug [sic] 22/64

went down to the city our Scoutts [sic] fetch in three Bush whackers to day [sic] orders come in to day [sic] for every man to be Sent to the frunt [sic] no other news

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten aug [sic] 23/64

I had to make out a roll of the company so they could tell who to Examine to send to the front [sic] orders for every man to go

Fortress Rosecrans Mur [sic] Ten aug [sic] 24/64

had Inspection of the Battalion to see who was fit for field duty the Doctor told me I was not so he makes me to stay

Fortress Rosecrans Ten aug [sic] 25/64

I gave out some clothing for the boys and then I went down town and bought some potatoes for the boys Sent fifty out of my Company to the front [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Ten aug [sic] 26

went down town and staid [sic] most all day when I got back found lots of orders to write which it took me till ten oclock [sic] at night to finish them

Fortress Rosecrans aug [sic] 27/64

went down town and staid [sic] till ten o clock [sic] and then I took charge of fourty [soc] men and went down to stone [sic] River and took charge of the stockade there

Stone [sic] River Stockade Ten aug [sic] 28/64

went out in the country and was on the old Battle ground went up to camp and there was lots of men Sent to the front [sic] our scoutts [sic] come in and reported that the Reble [sic] Gen Wheeler was within ten miles of Murfreesboro

Stone [sic] River Stockade Ten aug [sic] 29/64

there was some more men sent to the front [sic] to day [sic] I was Examined and was not fit for field Duty the Reble [sic] Gen Wheeler drove in our scoutts [sic] he is Seven miles from here

Fortress Rosecrans Ten aug [sic] 30

Made out a Muster Roll we are a getting Ready for wheeler [sic] he is Exspected [sic] here every hour all of the Government Stores has been fetched from Murfreesboro inside the fourtress [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Mur Ten aug [sic] 31

Took the company out in line of Battle at three oclock [sic] in the morning but the rebles [sic] did not come all of the Merchants fetched all of their goods in camp to day [sic] we had one Soldier Shot in the city last night by a citizen and one wounded wheelr [sic] is within six miles of us this morning

Fortress Rosecran [sic] Murfreesboro Ten Sept 1/64

got the company up at three this morning and stood in line of battle till six and then we had to keep on our things for we did not know how Soon wheelr [sic] would be here

Fortress Rosecran [sic] Ten Sept 2

got the company up at three and stood in line of Battle till Six the Rebles [sic] come in sight this morning and staid [sic] about two hours but was not near enough for us to fire at them

Fortress Rosecran [sic] Ten Sept 3/64

our Calvary [sic] had a brush with the Rebs this morning the Rebs tore up the R.R. Track between here and Nashville but we could not help it

Fortress Rosecran [sic] Ten Sept 4/64

heard the Rebles [sic] a fighting within three miles of here but it did not last Long the Report is that Gen Sherman has taken Atlanta Geo hope it is so

Fortress Rosecrans Ten Sept 5/64

our Cavalry had a Brush with wheeler [sic] this morning we are a driveing [sic] them fast we will have lots of his men we can not hear a word from the frunt [sic] for the road [illegible] cut

Fortress Rosecrans Ten Sept 6

I was put under arest [sic] this morning for a strikeing [sic] a man our Cavalry fetched in one hundred and fifty rebles [sic] to day [sic] the Report is that we have captured morgan [sic] and all of his men

Fortress Rosecrans Ten Sept 7/64

went and saw some priseners [sic] come in they was wheeler [sic] men the Capt [sic] Released me to day [sic] I knew that he could not do anything with me I will not have anything to do with the Company any more

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 8/64

went and seen the Rebs and then I helped write out some pay Rolls and then I went a fishing but didnt [sic] get any nothing new to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 9/64

made out Some pay Roll and then I went a fishing but did not get a fish there was not any papers Come in to day [sic] weather Hot

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 10/64

went and Saw some priseners [sic] and then I went down town and Staid [sic] all day the Rail Road is fixed So that train Run through to day [sic] nothing new

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 11/64

went on picket and had lots of fun there was lots of people come in on my post for to attend church it is Reported that there is a Large fource [sic] of Rebs near here

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 12/64

went down to the City and saw lots of boys that their time is out nothing new from the frunt [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten Sept 13/64

went down to the City and staid [sic] all day nothing new in the papers to day [sic] only that we have taken another line of work before petersburg [sic] and taken some priseners [sic] Nothing from Sherman

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 14/64

I went on picket to day [sic] had a good time it rained some to day [sic] very hot there was nothing from eather [sic] army to day [sic] was down to the City a while to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 15/64

came of [sic] from picket went down to the City a while made out some pay Rolls there was know [sic] news from Eather [sic] army to day [sic] weather cold

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 16/64

went down to stone [sic] River Block House for the Leiut [sic] to Sign some Receipts and then I went to the Hospital to See Leiut [sic] Mark Wood he is very sick nothing new in the papers to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 17/64

went down to the Block house and then I went to the post Quartermasters and turned over horse that I had to Ride a few days took his receipt for it

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 18/64

wrote a letter and then I went down town to church Know [sic] news in the papers the Report is that the Reb Gen Wheeler is comeing [sic] here a gain [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Mur Ten Sept 19/64

I went on picket to day [sic] I was on Woodburry [sic] pike there was lots of citizens come in our lines to day [sic] from McMinnville for fear of onath [sic] Rode [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 20/64

came of [sic] from picket had a good time but it was so cold that we could not sleep we are Expecting [sic] the paymaster here every day nothing new

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 21/64

went down to the city and staid [sic] all of the forenoon and then I went to camp there was a hard fight in the Shenedoho [sic] Valley we took 2500 priseners [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 22/64

had to help make out some new pay Rolls and then I went down town and Staid [sic] a while the pay master is a paying of [sic] the men at No 1 Hospital Nothing new

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 23/64

I was detailed for fortress guard had a good time the pay master is a paying of [sic] the boys that have got their Discriptive [sic] Rolls we got some good news from Gen Sheridans [sic] army took lots of Prisners [sic] an [sic] six cannon

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 24/64

went down town and heard C C Ellsworth make a speech for Lincoln and Johnson it was a good speech we took a Vote and Every man voted for Lincoln and Johnson

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesbor [sic] Ten Sept 25/64

went down to the City to church went home with a young Lady and took dinner with her and then I went up to camp the report is most of Sherman [sic] army has gone to grant [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Sep 26/64

went down to the City but did not Stay long for Gen Van Cleave [sic] got a Telegraph Dispatch that Gen Forrest was a making for this place as fast as he can the citizins [sic] are a comeing [sic] into camp fast

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 27/64

went down to the city and found every thing packed up the Gen is a haveing [sic] every thing brought inside of the fortress the Rebs are within twenty miles of here we have got Some Reinforcements [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 28/64

went down to the city and bought me a pair of Shoes had to pay five dollars for them we are Exspecting [sic] forrest [sic] here every minnit [sic] we had two men taken Prisners [sic] to day [sic] five miles from here

Fortress Rosecrans Sep 29/64

we got orders to be Ready to fall out at a moments [sic] Notice for the Rebs are within ten miles of here we received some Reenforcement [sic] to day [sic] from Nashville

Fortress Rosecrans Sept 30/64

there was three boys wounded out of the 115th ohio [sic] four miles from here Gen Forrest is on the Retreat for we are to [sic] hot for him here

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreeboro [sic] Ten Oct 1/64

there is some excitement here forrest [sic] was Seen four miles from here again some of his men came within two miles of here Gen Grant is on the move

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 2/64

I was detailed for picket I was Stationed on the woodbury [sic] pike had sixteen men out of the 174th ohio [sic] new Regt we was fired into twice had all I could do to keep the men on their post

murfreeboro [sic] Ten oct 2/64

there was lots of women at my picket post Said that they wished that Forrest would come in here and kill all of the blue yankeys [sic] I made them Stop Such talk where I was or I would shoot them one woman Said that She would not Stop and some of the boys got their guns and they would of shot her but she Kept Still

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 3/64

came of [sic] from picket I did not Sleep a bit last night for I had lots of men never stood picket before it is Reported that Grant holds Richmond forrest [sic] went into camp four miles from here

Oct 3/64

there was one guard Shot on the manchester [sic] pike last night by the Rebs and one wounded and three Killed on the Nashville pike by Bushwhackers Rebs kill and [sic] old man last night that was Eighty years old because his Son was a union Scout it is Reported that Gen Grant took four thousand prieners [sic] and fifty cannon with Richmond it is Reported that the Rebs Gen Forrest is a makeing [sic] for Nashville in hopes of takeing [sic] it

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 4/64

went down to the city but could not see anything for the citizen [sic] has left for the fortress it is Reported that the reb Gen Smith is within six miles of here with a large force [sic]

Oct 4/64

our Scouts went out to day [sic] and found to [sic] of our men that went out for apples yesterday [sic] they were taking [sic] prisoners [sic] and Shot Each had four ball holes through them they was thrown into a ditch and covered over with leaves it was and [sic] awful sight to See them they was burried [sic] to day [sic] at ten a clock [sic] the Gen Van Cleave [sic] offered two Hundred Dollars for the man that done it he was a Reb there was thirty home guards taken by the rebs to day [sic] and killed Seven miles from here all was from Ten

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 5/64

went down to the City today after a horse there is no one in the place they are all out in the fortress [sic] saw some rebs to day [sic] no news in the paper to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 6/64

went down to the city the town has got over his scare the Citizen [sic] have all gone back to town we did not get a paper to day [sic] Nothing new to day [sic]

Murfreesboro Ten Oct 7/64

went out a forageing [sic] with twenty two teams went five miles from here Saw a few Bush whackers but did not get a Shot at them Saw where two Soldiers was killed a Sundry [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 8/64

went down to the city and then I went out a Scouting with Mr Burgest to day [sic] but did not see any thing it has been very cold

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 9/64

went down to the city to church heard a good sermon there is nothing new to day [sic] the paper has not come for we do not get any mail till Nine this Evening

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 10/64

I was detailed to take charge of thirty men to guard Some Cattle to Tallahoma [sic] Ten we went fourteen miles the first day we had twelve hundred in the drove nothing was Seen on the Road to day [sic]

Fosterville Ten Oct 11/64

we started at daylight and marched fifteen miles we did not have any trouble with the cattle today we passed through some fine country to day [sic]

Wartrace Ten Oct 12/64

got into Tallahoma [sic] about noon to day [sic] and went and got our transportation back to Murfreesboro had to Stand guard all night nothing new to day [sic] in the papers

Murfrebo [sic] Ten Oct 12/64

when I got to Tallahoma [sic] I asked the Leiut [sic] that was in charge of the cattle if I was relived he said that I would have to go to Chatanooga [sic] and I was not to go only to Tallahoma [sic] I went up to the Colonel commanding the post and he told me that I was not ablidge [sic] to go and I got my transpotation [sic] and got relieved of the Leiut [sic] he was mad be cause [sic] I went to the Colonel and we had some words he was agoing to put me under and [sic] arest [sic] and I dared him to do it but he dare not do it for I had to [sic] much a gainst [sic] him he found that he could not Scare me

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten Oct 13/64

got on the cars at Eleven for Murfreesboro and arrived at five had a good time on the cars my feet was So Sore that I could not hardly walk it is Reported that hoods [sic] army is in the Rear of Sherman

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 14/64

I have not done ay [sic] thing to day [sic] bout [sic] read and sleep for I have got the Rheumatism so bad asleeping [sic] on the ground what caused it it is Reported that hood [sic] has Re captured [sic] [illegible] Gea

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 15/64

there is no News in the papers to day [sic] I have not left my tent but twice to day [sic] for the Rheumatism is so bad that I could not

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 16/64

went down to the city to church my rheumatism is not so bad to day [sic] we have not had any papers for two days there is lot of talk that the boys will have a chance to go home and vote

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 17/64

cut some wood for the Stove and then I laid down and slep [sic] till noon the rheumatism is worse on me to day [sic] it is reported that hood [sic] is in the rear of sherman [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 18/64

went down to the city and bought me some tobacco and then I Laid in my tent all day rheumatism is bad have not had any paper

Fortress Rosecrans Ten Oct 19/64

Laid in my tent all day with the Rheumatism we have not had any paper to day [sic] there is lots of Re cruits [sic] going to the frunt [sic] Every day

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 20/64

I was detailed for fortress guard to day [sic] had charge of fourty [sic] men the rheumatism is alful [sic] bad there was nothing new in the papers to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 21/64

came of [sic] from guard this morning wrote a letter and then I went and Saw the rail road [illegible] get a train of cars on the track that Ran of [sic] last night

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 22/64

wrote one letter and then I cut Some wood for the stove Gen Sheridan has won another Victory in the Valley he took three Thousand priseners [sic] an [sic] fourty [sic] Cannon and lots of wagons

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 23/64

cut some wood for the Stove and then I laid down and read I did not feel liked [sic] going to the city to church for I was to [sic] lame with the Rheumatism

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 24/64

went down to the city and Saw our Scoutts [sic] fetch in three Bushwhackers one of them helped kill Mr [sic] Bouget kill the leader of the band Nothing New

Murfreesboro Ten Oct 24/64

the Illinois boys are a going home to vote the officers came around and got the names of all the boys from Illinois and sent them down to the Hospital for them to make out our furlough we will be apt to Start tomorrow if they do get them made out soon enough webegone [sic] to think that we would not have a chance to go home there is ten out of the same company that I belong to that is a going home and all is a going to vote for

Lincoln and Johnson there will be about one hundred leave camp all a going to vole for Lincoln

Fortress Rosecrans Mur Ten Oct 25/64

went and saw their put the Engian [sic] on the track it was a nice job we have been waiting for orders to go home but they have not come yet some seems to think that we will not go till mondy [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 26/64

went down to the city and staid [sic] till noon cut some wood for the Stove nothing new in the papers from eather [sic] army

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 27/64

was detailed on fortress guard there was nothing new in the papers to day [sic] our scouts shot the bushwhacker Smith and his body will be fetched in camp to day [sic]

Fortress Rosecrans Oct 28/64

came of [sic] from guard help fixed [sic] the tent there was nothing new in the papers to day [sic] our scouts fetched in the body of Smith that was shot by them

Oct 28/64

some citizen went out to where the bushwhacker Smith live and four Soldiers with myself went with them and we laid in ambush for him we laid there about one hour when he come up to a citizens [sic] house and set fire to it and tole them if they tried to put it out he would Shoot them and as he spake [sic] he killed both of them and then he come towards us as he came Near enoughto [sic] to shoot we let him have it we put six bull [sic] holes through his body and one through his fore head and we killed one of his other men their bodies will be fetched into camp tomorrow

Nashville Ten Oct 29/64

got on the train at five and got into Nashville at Eight for home our furlough was made out in Murfreesboro for fifteen days no news

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro Ten Oct 29/64

went down to the city to hear a speech had not been there but a little while before there came orders for us to report back to camp for the orders has come for us to go home and that we would start about four aclock [sic] when our furlough was made out the medical Director did not have time to sign them before the trane [sic] started so we will not go before tomorrow then we will be home a Wednesday [sic] night our furlough is for fifteen days but I will bet that they will not get me back as soon as that for I will get it

Extended if I cant [sic] I cant [sic] stay home but Seven days I had as live as not go if I could not stay longer than that we have not heard any news from the front for three days but I think that Gen Sherman is a driving the Rebels before him

Nashville Ten Oct 30/64

we Staid [sic] in Nashville all day had a good time we was all anxious to get Started for home

Nashvill [sic] Ten Oct 31/64

we got on the train at Murfreesboro at Six and arrived in Nashvill [sic] at Eight there we had to lay over for the train to come and take us to Louisville Ky we went all over the City and had a good time while we were there we saw lots of the boys that I Knew the report is here that the Reble [sic] Gen Hood has got in the rear of Gen Sherman and that they are a fighting at Decater [sic] all [sic] and the report is that they will hold us here to see if we will not be wanted here I will bet there will be a fuss if they do try to keep us here for we are bound to go home now if [illegible] we have got our furlough and they can not keep us now we have not got to get any transportation to Louisville So we can go on any train

Louisville Ky Nov 1st/64

got on the train for Louisville and arrived in Louisville at one in the night went to a eatting [sic] Saloon and got something to eat and then went to the transpatation [sic] office

on the cars Ind Nov 2/64

got on the train at eight in the evening for Indi[illegible] arrived at that place at twelve there was a man Shot on the Stage for Speaking for the Rebels one of our men shot

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 3/64

left Chicago at ten and arrived in waukegan [sic] at twelve got a chance to ride home with [illegible name]

Antioch Ill Nov 4/64

went up to the city and saw the folk that I knew did not know more than half of them awful cold weather here

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 5/64

I could not Sleep much here on the bed I could Sleep better on the floor it is awful dull here there is nothing new here

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 6/64

went to church in the forenoon and I will not go any more it Rained most all day it is so cold that I Had to wear to [sic] coats

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 7/64

it Rained here all day snowed some it is awful cold here I had rather be at Murfreesboro while it is so cold Know [sic] news from the army

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 8/64

went down and Voted for Lincoln and Johnson Lincoln had 281 Votes and the copper Head man only had fifteen made one man leave town for talking against lincoln [sic]

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 9/64

went up to J [illegible name] to see them come back to the Village to hear the Election Returns but did not hear

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 10/64

went to a dance last night had a good time did not know hardly any one we got the Returns of Election and Lincoln was Re Elected [sic] great Rejoyeing [sic]

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 11/64

went down to the Store and Staid [sic] all day I have got tired of Staying here for there is no Excitement here and we cant [sic] here [sic] any news frome [sic] the army till it is [illegible]

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 12/64

the Doctor sent for and [sic] Extension of my furlough he thinks that I will get it weather awful cold

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 13/64

went up to a [illegible name] to see about my sheep to see if he wants to keep them I have got sixty I can sell them

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 12/64

went up to the grave yard to See my Bruthers [sic] grave stone it is very nice the weather was warm to day [sic] I have not felt well to day [sic] nothing new

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 15/64

went down and had dr [sic] Taylor Examine me for and [sic] Extension of my furlough it is Snowing here to day [sic] I do not feel as well as I did when I came home

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 16/64

went to a party and had a good time was up till three in the morning dont [sic] feel very well

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 17/64

it Snowed here all day and it was awful cold went up to Pikeville but did not see the men that I wanted to know [sic] news from the frunt [sic]

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 18/64

the weather was awful cold plaid [sic] a few games of cards we did not get any news from the seat of war this state went 35,000 for Lincoln

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 19/64

went down to Avon to See Some of the boys that I knew there Charles sammons [sic] came home to day [sic] he came from Chattanooga Ten nothing new to day [sic]

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 20/64

played cards most all day and did not get beat but once it was so cold that we could not run around we do not hear anything from the seat of war

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 21/64

the weather was cold Snowed Some went up to J [illegible name] liked to of froze to death we do not hear any news from the Seat of war

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 22/64

the weather was cold had to keep closted [sic] to a stove went to J H Sammans to a [2 illegible words] and danced till three in the morning had a good time

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 23/64

I did not get up till ten went to J H Sammans to a party Miss Ellthorpe envited [sic] me played a few games of cards the weather was awful cold

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 24/64

went down to S P Barnes to a party staid [sic] till a bout [sic] ten the weather was pretty warm to day [sic]

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 25/64

there was no paper come in here to day [sic] I have got tired of Staying here I Shall Start for the frunt [sic] in a few days no news to day [sic]

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 26/64

went down town and played a few games of cards and did not get beat once there is nothing new to day [sic] from the frunt [sic]

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 27/64

it Rained here all day got a letter from Mr [sic] Barnes read some in the books we did not get any paper to day [sic]

antioch [sic] Ill Nov 28/64

packed my things to Start back got warren [sic] williams [sic] to take me up to the rail road there is nothing new in the papers to day [sic]

Waukegan Ill Nov 29/64

started at nine to Salene Station to Report back from where I was furlough from got into waukegan [sic] at Seven in the Evening

Chicago Ill Nov 30/64

staid [sic] at W W Bingham's [sic] No 700 Ron street went to the theatre [sic] staid [sic] last night in Waukegan the paper Reports that Thomas and Hood are a fighting at Franklin

Chicago dec [sic] 1st 1864

staid [sic] to Mrs [sic] Elthorpe went to Wood thethre [sic] and Saw Jennie Heath She is a Splendid player Saw a large fire weather cold

on the cars dec [sic] 2d 1864

got on the cars at five thirty for Nashville on the [illegible] and fort wayne [sic] got into Indanaplis [sic] got on the cars for [illegible] had a good time weather cold

Louisvill [sic] Ky dec [sic] 3d 1864

got on the cars at Indinaplis [sic] arived [sic] in Louisville got my transpatation [sic] and then I went to the Soldiers home the army is a fighting at Nashville

Louisville Ky dec [sic] 4th 1864

got my Breakfast and went to the cars for Nashville but there was So many drafted men So that I could not go went all over Louisville nothing new

Nashville Ten dec [sic] 5th 1864

got on the cars at Seven and got to Nashville at Seven at Night we had a good time on the cars could not here [sic] any news from Nashvill [sic] got some Reenforcements from Memphis

Nashville Ten dec [sic] 6th 1864

got to Nashvill [sic] at Seven went and Saw watson [sic] Davis no fighting on the line to day [sic] weather cold Snow on the ground

Nashville Ten dec [sic] 7/64

went down to the Depot to see if there was a train a going to Murfreesboro but the Rebs hold the road went to the Regt

camp Near Nashville dec [sic] 8th 1864

got up at five for it was so cold that I could not sleep went on the Skermish [sic] line to get some fodder to lay on the Rebs drove in our Skermish [sic] line to day [sic]

Nashville Ten dec [sic] 9th 1864

wrote two letters home to day [sic] went down to the thethre [sic] it Snowed here all day weather cold

Nashville Ten dec [sic] 10th 1864

went down to the city and went to a circus in the Evening went to the theatre [sic] did not get to camp till one in the morning

Nashville dec [sic] 11th 1864

I was detailed for picket this morning but did not go till six this Evening there was not much fiering [sic] on eather [sic] Side to day [sic] we can See the Rebs plain from our Side

Nashville Ten dec [sic] 12th 1864

Came of [sic] from picket there was some Shooting on the line went down to the city and went to the theatre [sic] heard that the fourth corps was under marching orders

Nashvill [sic] dec [sic] 13th 1864

we are under marching orders the Report is that we are a going to Ky lots of fireing [sic] on the line to day [sic]

Nashville Ten dec [sic] 14th 1864

we received [sic] orders to march on the rebs at a moments [sic] notice we are packing  
Every thing to be ready for the march

camp on the Battle field Ten dec [sic] 15th 1864

we marched on the Rebs at Six our Brigade was on Reserve captured 33 cannon and  
fifteen Hundred priseners [sic] took two lines of the Rebs [sic] works

Camp on the Battle field Ten dec [sic] 16th 1864

Marched on the Rebs at Six but our Corps was on the Reserve for we done most of the  
fighting yesterday in the afternoon our Brigade charged the Rebs an [sic] took ten  
cannon and six Hundred priseners [sic]

Camp Franklin Ten dec [sic] 17th 1864

left the Battle field at seven and marched against the Rebs but the field back beyond  
[sic] franklin [sic] Built a Bridge a cross [sic] the Harpath River took some priseners  
[sic]

Eight miles from Columbus Ten dec [sic] 18th 1864

we left franklin [sic] at Seven and marched all day but did not have a fight to day [sic] for  
our cavalry drove them all day I never was so tired in all of my life

Duck River Ten dec [sic] 19th 1864

we Struck tents at ten and marched four miles the Rebs Cross Duck River last night  
we had to Build a Bridge a cross [sic] the River it has Rained every day Scense [sic] we  
Started

camped in the field dec [sic] 20th 1864

we pitch our and march three miles the calvary made a charge on the Rebs and drove  
them a cross [sic] duck [sic] River and took five cannon and five hundred priseners [sic]

camp in the field Ten dec [sic] 21st 1864

we did not march to day [sic] for our Pontoon train did not come up so we could not  
cross the river weather cold

camp in the field Ten dec [sic] 22d 1864

our pontoon train came up to day [sic] and we will soon have orders to march Snowed  
Some to day [sic] know [sic] news from the front

camped in the field Ten dec [sic] 23d 1864

we pitched tents at Eight and crossed the River passed through Columbus and went into camp at twelve for a little while move five miles our Regt had a Skirmish with the Rebs killed a Reb Captain

Camp in the field Ten dec [sic] 24th 1864

our Corps was in the Rear to day [sic] our Cavalry had a fight to day [sic] with the Rebs to day [sic] we passed through [illegible] we march fifteen miles this after noon

camp in the field Ten dec [sic] 25th 1864

we left camp at nine and marched till ten in the Evening our Cavalry had a fight with the Rebs and got whiped [sic] took lots of the Reb Morgan train we have not had nothing to eat but corn for two days

Camp in the field Ten dec [sic] 26th 1864

we did not leave camp to day [sic] for our Supply train did not come up till night and we could not go any further till they did come Calvary had a fight with the rebs but whiped [sic] them

Camp in the field Ten dec [sic] 27th 1864

we marched twelve miles to where our calvary was the Roads was awful bad so our teams could not keep up with us it is reported that Sherman has savanh [sic] with fifteen Thousand [illegible]

Camp in the field Ten dec [sic] 28th 1864

we got official Report from Sect Stanton that Gen Sherman captured with Savannah [sic] 150 Cannon 33 Boats of cotten [sic] 150 Engins [sic] 193 cars 800 priseners [sic] lots of other things

camp in the field Ten Dec 29th 1864

we did not move to day [sic] waiting for orders the Rebs have all crossed duck [sic] River and it is Reported that we are a going to Pulaska [sic] and go into winter Quarters

Camp in the field Ten dec [sic] 30th 1864

we moved at Seven in the Evening our Supply train came up to day [sic] with Rations Gen Sherman has whiped [sic] the Rebs in East Ten and took 33 Cannon rained some to day [sic]

Camp in the field Ten dec [sic] 31st 1864

we took the Atheans [sic] road and marched seventeen miles and went into camp  
snowed all night nothing new