

well considering how we are fixed on open flat cars, but we have tenth cloths stretched to protect us from the sun. Arrive at West Point 4:30 pm, change cars and after a stop or detention of one and a half hours, we all leave for Atlanta running very fast. Stopped at Grantsville and got supper (very good) at hotel for \$1.50. Return to cars and soon off again at a rapid rate. To sleep.

Atlanta

Wednesday, August 6th, 1862

Arrived here 10 (or 1) o'clock last night and at daylight on for Chattanooga. Meet with much kindness from the ladies, especially those of Marietta and Kingston. Stopped some time at Dalton and Ringold. At the farms I succeeded in getting some fried ham etc. to eat. On through ----, which was very dark. Stopped some time at Calvasa (a watering place). Quite a pretty little town being surrounded by mountains. Stopped for the night at Chickamauga, Tennessee, some 12 miles from Chattanooga. After unloading cars, we lay down under trees and soon to sleep. Don't like the looks of things, but hope we will soon be quartered at a more agreeable place.

Chickamauga, Tennessee

Thursday, August 7th

Nothing to be seen here but filth and soldiers. Wrote to Sister. Gave her a slight description of the place etc. This is quite a pretty country, being completely surrounded by mountains, some of which are visible to us. Can see the Lookout Mountain very

plainly. After dinner took walk to spring and drank of its cooling waters. Back and bought mellons from cars, but had hard work to get them. Had to buy ten dollars worth and was almost smashed to ---- but I succeeded at last. Not much news. Everything quiet. Troops are arriving by every train. No supper. To bed. Clear and pleasant.

Friday, August 8th

Had goos (goose?) For breakfast, which was very good. Took walk two hours for water. Got some that was splendid. Le---- and self out about two miles in country. Good a good dinner and cider for \$1.00. It was truly a treat. On our way, passed ---- a small mountain. Had a fine view of the country. Back to camp just in time to move off with company. Fall in to march off 3 o'clock pm. Very hot and dusty. Quite a tiresome march. 6 o'clock, we all arrive at our new campground near Tinersville (?) about one and a half miles from Eastern Railroad. Feel very much fatigued and soaking with perspiration. Bowen suffered much from same. To sleep.

((The references here and in ensuing entries to Tinersville or Tiners are actually referring to a place named Tyner.))

Camp near Tiners (?)

Saturday, August 9th

Up early and to railroad for our camp utensils, which we had to bring ourselves. Back, Dr. G (?) and I out in country about two miles and go breakfast and back to camp. Washed clothes. Did very well.

12 o'clock, Le---, Cooper, F.L.Mc and self out again in country. Stopped at Wards (three miles). Got a good dinner and fine water. After dinner, we resumed our walk and on to my friends (the cider man). Got a plenty of cider and on way back to camp, about four or five miles. Got back by dark, very tired ----. Cider and dinner pass me well ---- walk. Cook and washed.

Tiners Station (Eastern Railroad)

Sunday, August 10th

Up early, clear and pleasant. We are here blessed with a good campground and fine water. Inspection again as usual. Bought a few peaches. Slight rain. Put up tents. Various reports still going the rounds. Took a little walk and viewed the Lookout Mountain. No ----. Nothing else of interest today.

Monday, August 11th, 1862

Up early. FL Mc and self out about two miles and got breakfast and back to camp. Swap stories (?); yellow jack stings me (while swapping) on the ear. Cleaned gun. Very hot. Dress parade this evening. This camp is known as Camp Gladden.

Tuesday, August 12th

Clear and pleasant. Orders to wash clothes without soap. This another very unreasonable request or order, but I will not obey. Rain. Another Bull Pen (this is the name we give to the camp where all the sick are sent). Dress parade and a perfect ---- in marching off from the field. We are doing very well now.

Wednesday, August 13th

Le---, McCann (?), McNally, Alexander and self out in country, over mountains and various houses in search of eatables. At last we come up with a good dinner at quite a poor looking place. We ate very heartily, then stopped at another house and get peaches. Very hot walk back to camp. Bowen sick again. On dress parade today we walked to the foot of the White- (?) Mountains.

Thursday, August 14th

Drills commence again this morning. Not having exercised in the same since we left Mississippi, but it appears to be a military requirement in order to afford the soldier exercise and the officials amusement. Bowen still sick. Nothing today of importance save another drill this evening and dress parade. Bought peaches.

Friday, August 15th

Drill, moved tents on line. Le--- teased in consequence of sugar being hid. Little cloudy but pleasant. This climate agrees with me finally, and I feel very hearty, for which I am truly thankful to a kind Providence and hope the blessing of Him may continue with me and mine. Bought coffee from ---- ----. Bowen still sick and feeble.

Saturday, August 16th

Drill as usual occupies some of our time. Ate quite a hearty breakfast. Had coffee which acted like a charm. Made some exertion to have Bowen discharged today, but know not as yet how I have succeeded. His health is very bad. Am satisfied he will never be able

to stand the exposure of camp. Sweep streets. Some ---- in camp today about a move. Two days rations to be cooked. No drill this evening nor dress parade. Had uniform washed. Was much amused at hospital today to see Blakely and others put under arrest for being absent, they being sick and ---- for treatment. To bed. Clear and cool. The nights are quite cool.

Sunday, August 17th

Quite cool for this time of year. Wrote to Sister. Inspection this morning. Nothing to do today. Consequently in camp all day. 6 o'clock, roll call and marched up to headquarters to hear orders read, but amounts to nothing of consequence.

Monday, August 18th, 1862

Drill, on guard but fortunately for me was excused. To and from hospital (Bull Pen) often, Bowen being there. Orders to have rations in haversacks. Very busy. No drill this evening, but dress parade. The rumor is very current that we return to S.C. but I know that is false. No such good luck. Up til very late tonight cooking rations.

Tuesday, August 19th

Oversleep myself this morning. Consequently, must be on the spade (?) (that is fatigue duty for those who miss roll call). No orders yet to move. Assisted Bowen to move to division hospital about one half mile nearer the railroad. Quite a large camp, all sick soldiers. Received letters from Liz. Bayonet (?) drill this evening. Troops are moving away continually and no doubt we

will soon be off. But as yet, I know not to what point we are destined.

Camp "Gladden", Tinersville, Tenn.

Wednesday, August 20th

Not off yet. Drill this morning. Exchanged gun with Bowen and cleaned the same. Received letter from Sister dated 6th. Up to hospital to see Bowen. Got back and the company was on the field, but I fell in and drilled. To sleep in tent tonight as it looks like rain. We are bound for a long march soon, I think, perhaps to meet the enemy, there being none about here.

Thursday, August 21st

No move (?) yet. Drill. Up to see Bowen at hospital and back. Bought peaches after dinner. Up again to see Bowen. The captain (Weston) with me. Bowen is improving a little, I think, but he will not be able to go with us on the march. Borrowed ten (10) dollars from John Holmes and loaned Le---- \$5.00. Nothing else of interest today.

Friday, August 22nd

Up early this morning. All ready for the march at last. 9:30 a.m., take up the line of march. Passed by hospital camps where Bowen and a good many of our boys are left. Very hot. Stopped at a large spring, visited a cave. Quite a curiosity. Passed through a little town (Harrison), very old and deserted-looking place. On to Tennessee River and crossed in flats. Rain. On about two miles and stop on top of a large hill, and down again for our things. Hard work climbing this hill. To sleep in rain and wet clothes.

Saturday, August 23rd

Up but still feel very disagreeable from last night's repose in wet clothes. Find ourselves on a bee's nest or something of the kind. Have had hard work bringing our things up this hill. Walked to a spring about one and a half miles up the river. No water nearer except the river water, and I will not drink that if I can do better. To the spring twice today. Water very cool and good, but hard work to get it owing to the crowd. A large portion of the army is here. ---- this evening and in washing. Bought shirt, paid \$5.00. Back to camp and up hill again. Clearing up - --- which commences at top of hill and runs to the bottom. Colonel's quarters at base of hill.

Camp near Harrison Ferry, Tennessee

Sunday, August 24th

Quite pleasant today and fire (?) finally (Thank God for his goodness). Detailed to break corn in field near by. Hot work but have to do it. Having nothing to eat, the corn has been purchased for our use. Quite a fine field. Would make at least 50 bushels to the acre. Wrote to Sister. Nothing to eat but ---- ears green corn. This is what I call hard times. To spring this evening for a cool drink of water. Rain and wet, but was sufficiently refreshed from the good water. (---- appears)

Monday, August 25th, 1862

To river for water. We use the same for cooking. Ate some bread and to river again. Took a good bath. Then on to spring and back to our high hill. Ate dinner and to river.

Bought peaches. Back, dress parade in street this evening. Spring and back after dark.

Tuesday, August 26th

Up early and to river for water. F.L. Mc and others waded river and when they returned, brought us a supply of milk, of which I drank a quantity. Read letter from Sister. Wrote to Bowen, expect to send letter by Ben Lee, who is here on a visit to his son. Cooper arrived from Tiners hospital. Brought me a letter from Bowen, he being about the same. After parade, Cooper, Singletary and self to spring and back. Ate supper. Give letter to J.P. Richardson for Bowen, which he will send off by sick men going to hospital.

Wednesday, August 27th

Up 4:30 a.m. Cleaned gun and ready for guard morning, being on guard today. Took smoke. On guard but exempt by reason of clean gun. To river and took a swim, which I do every day now, being so near the river, only about one half mile. Bought a few peaches. Inspection this evening. Dress parade, and to spring. Read note from Bowen. Getting out four days rations. Will soon leave here.

Thursday, August 28th, 1862

Wrote note to Bowen by J.S. June, who is to be sent back to sick camp, he having "jaundice". Down to river and took a bath. This is the best place for bathing I ever saw, but the water runs very rapidly. Bought some cider. Ate dinner and again to river and a crowd of us in swimming. Heard from Bowen through ----, who has just arrived from sick camp. Nothing today of

importance, but still have the awful hills to encounter. Cartridges inspected today by Lt. Johnson.

((The following is from the second of WJC's Civil War diaries. It spans the period March 30, 1862 to October 12, 1862. He had copied parts of his first diary and this one into a larger Day Book after the war. The transcription picks up his second diary at the point where he stopped copying entries into the Day Book.))

Camp near Harrison's Ferry

Friday, August 29, 1862

Up 4:30, feel finely. Eat. Somebody, _____ me and _____ risk a walk over the opposite hill and down about a half mile to a spring drank water and returned up hill and to camp. Our surgeons are too smart, compelling sick men to do duty. Report of a steel-clad fleet off the mouth of the Mississippi. Good news, if so. Into river, swimming; received note from Bowen; answer it by Newman.

Saturday, August 30, 1862

Up 4:00, ready to start on the march. Started at 6:15, but did not get under headway until 9:30. Quite warm. Stopped at Fine Spring. Arrived at our stopping place, 3:00. Stopped in rain, in rain quite hard. Got wet. To a large spring, cold as ice. Dried out and to sleep on wet grass.

In woods and on the road Tennessee

Sunday, August 31, 1862

Up 3:00, ready for another start. Feel finely considering wet clothes, etc. 5:00am on the march again. Pass through some very pretty country, very mountainous and quite a long and hot march of about 18 miles. 5:00pm, stopped for the night at Smith crossroads, pretty place. On detail. Had apples on road. Cooked and soon to sleep, feeling quite tired and sore.

Monday, September 1, 1862

Ready for another start. Up 4:00 and left out. Cloudy and little rain. Returned note to sister and put it in office. Did not get off. Up on adjoining hill, good view of valley and out to McDonalds and got supplies and on the way back picket stopped us but General Duncan came by and let us pass. But reproved us for being out. To bed, 10:00.

Smith's Crossroads, Tennessee

Tuesday, September 2, 1862

Up 3:00, and left quarter past 5:00. Up the rugged heights of the mountain 3 miles (Waldrons Ridge). Up 8 miles on top and 3 down. Very hard march. Quite a novel sight to me. Got to Pikesville, 16 miles, 4:00. But here we lay up for the night. To spring, 1-1/2 miles. This is a beautiful valley (Chickquatchie) got a little milk for JPG. 24 of our men on picket. To sleep, but quite cool.

Wednesday, September 3, 1862

Up 5:00, clear and cold. Very cool this morning, but feeling well. Will _____, _____ at _____ I hear. 8:00, we have but progressed slowly, crossing the Cumberland Mountains. Did not get well off to marching well 'til 4:00. Then we passed through at a rapid rate. Stopped about 11 miles about 8:00 and to sleep. And up at 11:00 to get our things. Hard work this. Cooked rations.

Cumberland Mountains, Tennessee

Thursday, September 4, 1862

Up 4:00 and off at 6:30. Feel sore and fatigued. Traveled well but very warm. Descended the mountain and stopped at creek, 2:30. Washed feet and cool off, but will soon move off. We have traveled at least 20 miles on the mountain. On 3 miles past them, making our march today at least 15 miles. Stopped on hillside of a creek and soon to sleep. Cool and clear.

Friday, September 5, 1862

Up 6:00, eat a snack, the last we have and off again at 7:00 toward Sparta. Pass through the town of Sparta and on 3 miles and rested then we took all knapsacks and burnt them and our bundles on our backs. Cooked and at 5:30 we changed our route and marched 11 miles in the _____, but stopped at creek near Bunker Hill, 12:30. Very tired and asleep having marched 22 miles today.

Camp near Bunker Hill, Tennessee

Saturday, September 6, 1862

Up, but feel tired. Tim _____ and self out to a house across creek and got a good breakfast and back. Six of us over again and got dinner. Back to camp. Tim and I out about 3 miles, up creek to get _____, but failed. Stopped at spring house and drank milk. On to camp. Get supper on the way. To sleep, 9:00.

Sunday, September 7, 1862

Up 3:00. Took things to wagon. Ready for another march. Feel quite stiff. Left at 5:00. On road for Gainsboro. Fine country. Quite warm. Stopped often. 15 miles at fine spring, we all stopped for the night. Got here at 2:00. Washed and eat and on brigade guard and to cow pen to guard it. Sleep very well. Saw two of Waters men gagged and tied to cannons.

McClermand Killed

Monday, September 8, 1862

Feel very well, considering on guard all night. Ate breakfast. Will be rear guard today. Regiment moves off at 8:30. We all left 9:30. Quite a dusty time. Passed through Gainsboro, ancient looking town. Had quite a hard time being rear guard, over mountains and down to Cumberland River. Hard march of 18 miles. Stopped at river, 12:00. Washed and to sleep. (McClermand killed.)

((This is a reference to a Confederate general being killed in fighting elsewhere.))

Tuesday, September 9, 1862

Up 5:30, feel very well. Quite a pretty place here. Left 9:30 waded the Cumberland River. Progress slow. Long rest; on ahead and got water wagon (detainers?). Marche (sic) 'til 11:00 then stopped at Centerville, 16 miles today. Very tired. Lost bayonet on road.

Centerville, Tennessee

Wednesday, September 10, 1862

Up at 6:00. Ready for another start. Left at 7:00. At 7:30, crossed the line into Kentucky. On to and through Tomkinsville. Stopped about 1 mile north of the town. Marched 9 miles today. Here we will cook rations. To spring and washed. Feel better. Cooked and to creek and washed again and to bed.

Thursday, September 11, 1862

Up at 5:00, ate and on the march again. At 6:00, passed through Tomkinsville and on the road for Glasgow in pursuit of the enemy who are reported to be near. Very hot today. Marched about 15 miles and stopped for the night. Got here at 3:00, ate, to a small spring, quite a pretty place. This is a Union settlement. To sleep quite early. (Bought a pair of shoes from a negro for \$5. 12th X.)

Road to Glasgow, Kentucky

Friday, September 12, 1862

Rain this morning. On the march, again, at 7:00. Pass through Glasgow about 2:00. Very pretty place, quite a town. Received the applause of the fair. Turned to the right. Stopped and back out about 2 ½ miles.

Stopped. The enemy are quite near. Cooked and at 11:00 we left to see the enemy. Marched all night. Hard and tiresome. Marched about 23 miles today.

Saturday, September 13, 1862

In sight of railroad. Sleep a little in ranks on my gun. Cloudy and cool. Waiting for the enemy who are expected to pass on cars. In the woods and to sleep again until 12:00. Feel quite hungry and fatigued but nothing to eat. Cooked, took a walk. Got fine peaches and apples and back and ate cooked supper and to sleep. ----- Railroad cars captured-----

Nashville Railroad, Kentucky

Sunday, September 14, 1862

Up 6:00, clear and pleasant. Feel very well. Had a dream about _____. 11:00, Dr. Judy and L. Mims and self in field under shade tree stipped and washed our clothes. This is truly novel and quite hard to me to be compelled to violate the holy Sabbath by washing our clothes. But it is now 3 weeks since I had on any clean clothes. So, I was compelled to do as I have, this being the first opportunity. Back to camp and ate dinner. Saw Yankee prisoner. Got requisition for bayonet. Bought peaches. Heard that General Chalmers had a fight with the enemy. Thus passed the Sabbath.

Nashville Railroad, Kentucky

Monday, September 15, 1862

Up 6:30, clear and pleasant. Ate breakfast of fritters. Walked to spring, about 2 miles. Fine ater. Back, ate eggs. Orders to leave

here at 4:00pm. Cloudy and light rain. We all march off at 4:00. Marched 5 miles. Stopped at Cave City for the night. General Chalmers (foiled) in his attacked (sic) at Green River.

(In the following, WJC tells of being shot, but not hurt.)

Tuesday, September 16, 1862

Up 3:00. 4:00, we leave for Green River for a fight. Our advance commenced firing about 10:00. We in sight of fort and fortifications. 11:00, hard work and very hot. I was struck by a spent ball in the arm, but fortunately it took no effect. The fort has not yet been taken. Baltimore ours. Sleep on our guns, 12:00.

((The meaning of the reference to Baltimore is unclear.))

((Entries for September 17, 18 and 19 are missing.))

Munfordsville, Kentucky

Saturday, September 20, 1862

Up 6:00. Clear and pleasant. Cool. Not off yet. Divided rations of fritters. Amused at lice. Packed things and regiment took arms and to hill near river. Stacked arms and down hill and by squads of 12, assisted wagons up the hill. This is fatigue duty by the whole sale. Got through and returned to our camp ground ready to march. Wagons off, but we remain. Took nap, left at 4:00pm on road for Louisville. Marched 16 miles and at 12:30 stopped to sleep.

Sunday, September 21, 1862

Up 5:30. On the march, again. Took wrong road and returned 5 miles out of the way. But took right-hand road and moved toward Eliz. City. Tired and sore. 3 hours rest. 6 or 7 miles. Train of wagons. Passing them very dusty. Marched 9 miles. Stopped for the night at a little town. To creek for water. Sleep in fields.

Hodgenville, Kentucky

Monday, September 22, 1862

Up 4:00. Cool. Yankees have evacuated Eliz. City, so I hear. Ready for another start. Hard march through valley exposed to the heat of mid-day sun. Passed through New Haven at dark. Several of us fell out and stopped for the night. Marched 19 miles. Very tired. To sleep, side of road.

Tuesday, September 23, 1862

Up 5:00 and off to overtake the regiment. Up with them at 8:00. Very tired. Yesterday and this morning, 23 miles. Stopped and cooked. Detailed to put up the lines. Very hot. 1:30 off again. Pass through Bardstown, quite a pretty town. Secession to the core. Marched about 8 miles and stopped for the night. This is a beautiful country. Fine roads, etc. Report says that the enemy are flying before us.

Camp near Bardstown, Kentucky

Saturday, September 27, 1862

Up, cloudy and like rain. Out in country and got a fine dinner at a Mr. Crawfords. Lt. Easterling and Lt. Richardson with us. Little

rain, back to camp. JPG and Dr. J arrested by guard and brought in for being out without permit. Dress parade. Nothing else of interest today. Ate and to bed. Cloudy but pleasant.

Sunday, September 28, 1862

Up, little cloudy. Find that I am quite lousy. Put on clean clothes. Expect to leave here today as another brigade has come to our relief. Left this camp at 10:00. Passed through Bardstown again and turn southeast. Stopped about 4 miles from town, making 11 miles today. Warm. Detailed to dig sinks. Report that this is for winter quarters. Feel badly - ate and to bed on to sleep under trees. Quite a pretty forest.

Camp SE Bardstown, Ky

Monday, Sept. 29, 1862

Up. Pleasant. To creek and washed. This will be a nice place to camp. Will soon clean up, etc. Cleaned up streets and have our camp properly arranged, etc. Little rain this evening.

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1862

Up. Clear and pleasant. Sweep streets. Nothing to eat. John Holmes and Sam Guild in guard house for disobedience. Cleaned up gun. Wrote to sister and all the boys writing home. Scarce times with us in way of something to eat. Get not one half enough to eat. Inspection and dress parade.

Tobacco out. Find it hard to get along without it.

Camp near Bardstown, Ky

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1862

Nothing to eat but a few hard bread for the company. Half of one to the man. Mims and I out to two houses but got nothing.

Ate rations. Bought pumpkins and had quite a heart supper.

Thursday, Oct. 2, 1862

Up and wrote to Sister to send by Capt. Weston, who goes home today on furlough, he being quite feeble and unwell. Drills commence today. Out on battalion drill, the sick compelled to drill.

Rations of husk. Judge and I ate fried husk for dinner. This is hard living. No drill this evening.

Cooking rations. Expect to move. Rain tonight. Various reports.

Friday, Oct. 3rd, 1862

Cooked and divided rations. Hard times having only 8 biscuits for the day. Report that Buell has resigned. Cloudy and unsettled. This evening up to Brigade camp for beef rations, the finest I ever saw. Dress parade. Ate beef and got our fill. To sleep. Rations again. To leave in morning.

((This is a reference to the commander of the Union forces then facing the Confederates, Gen. Don Carlos Buell. He had nearly been relieved of command at the end of September, in Louisville. He ultimately was relieved of command on October 23.))

Saturday, Oct. 4th, 1862

Up 3 o'clock. Marched off at 6 on road for Springfield. Feel very badly on the march. Almost gave out. Rain. Stopped 2 miles from Spfield. Marched today 14 miles. Passed through two small towns, Fredrickstown. Dr. G. in guard house for pumpkins. Cooked and ate pumpkins and to sleep. Little rain.

Camp near Springfield, Ky

Sunday, Oct. 5th, 1862

Up 2:30 on regimental rear guard. Left at 4 o'clock. Own things all left. Wagons gone ahead.

Passed through Springfield at day brake (sic). Quite a pretty town. On through E. Texas, quite a little old place. Feel very sore. On through Perryville and stopped on east side having marched 21 miles by 3 o'clock. Ladies pop through camp. To spring. On guard acting as sergeant.

Monday, Oct. 6th, 1862

Up all night. Ate breakfast and returned from guard and ready to start off again at 8 o'clock. Very hard march. The roads are the best I ever saw, but too hard for feet. On to and through Harrodsburg. Quite a town, and on 6 miles beyond. Nearly give out. Head ache, very tired, etc. The hardest march. Saw Gen. Kirby Smith. 16 miles today. On creek. Sick.

Bridge on road, Ky

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1862

Up 6 o'clock. Feel better. Rested tolerable

well. To spring. Good water. Off again at 7 o'clock, we having taken wrong road, back to the turnpike, on to little town ----- and thru to left. Marched about 5 miles today and stopped. This is a beautiful country. On hill and rested till dark. Cooked rations, 114 biscuits in 2 hours. 11 o'clock, we leave. On road all night. Stop 5:15. Sleep.

Wednesday, Oct 8, 1862

10 o'clock. We arise and hear the firing ahead. Expect soon to be engaged. Move off 12. Stop in shadow. Co. A as skirmishers, but nothing to do. Lay down till dark. Back to Regiment and soon to sleep. Col. Alston wounded. Have not yet come up with the enemy. Pickets fight.

Near to the enemy, Ky

Thursday, Oct. 9th, 1862

Up 3 o'clock and off in pursuit of enemy at 4:30. 2 or 3 prisoners taken yesterday. See some of them. Pickets fight again. We skirmish, neighborhood (of) road. Firing continues. 12 o'clock we turn to left and on way back to camp we left Tuesday. Very tired and worn out. To camp (at) dark. To sleep and up 12 to cook rations. Report that McClellan's army is — — victorious. We have him stopped.

((This appears to be a reference to Union General George McClellan and events in Virginia. It is unclear to which event WJC was referring.))

Oct. 10th

Left at 10 o'clock for Harrodsburg. Stopped

in town a short time. Rain. Got wet. Cold. Formed line of battle, the army south of town. Rain and cold. Very wet. No fight yet. Made shelters of hay, etc. Off to sleep.

Saturday, Oct. 11th, 1862

Cloud, cold and disagreeable. 8 o'clock returned through Harrodsburg and east course. Expect to meet the enemy today. Marched fast. Very cold and disagreeable. Passed through a deep valley and across the branch of Sicks (?) river. Quite a curious and romantic place. Marched about 12 miles and stop for night.

Windy and cold.

Sunday, Oct. 12th, 1862

Windy and disagreeable. No enemy yet. Truly God has been merciful to us all. Nothing to eat. Up to house and got rations of whiskey. The Gen and all hands full. We are all full of whiskey. FL sick from effects of same. Lay up all day. Wagons arrive and we soon cook rations and eat our fill of fritters. Build shelter and to sleep.

((The following is the third of WJC's Civil War diaries, from Oct. 13, 1862 through the end of his service, Feb. 26, 1863:))

Retreat from Ky

Camp, 12 miles east Harrodsburg, Ky

Monday, Oct. 13th, 1862

Up 3 o'clock cooking rations for a move. Cloudy and disagreeable. Off 8 o'clock. Marched very hard and fast. Passed through

Lancaster and on till 10 o'clock at night, then stopped, having marched about 16 miles.

Oct. 14th

Up 4:30. Off at 5:30. Passed through Crab Orchard, a watering place, on our way to Cumberland Gap. Distance 105 miles to be made in four days. Very tired of marching. Stopped at sun set about 3 miles from Mt. Vernon. Camped on hill in woods. Nothing to eat. Judge procured flour and meat, and we cooked and ate. To sleep.

Oct. 15th

Up 4 o'clock. Off at 5. Marched briskly. Passed through Mt. Vernon and on very bad roads, hilly and crooked. Nothing to eat. Stopped 3:30. Marched 13 miles today. Stopped at Rock Castle River. Had raw beef and nothing else to eat. Consequently had to sleep on an empty stomach. This is truly a retreat.

Rock Castle River, Ky

Oct. 16th

Up 6 and off. Nothing to eat. Marched 5 miles and stopped. Cold and disagreeable. Very rough roads. Hilly country and very poor. Bridge to be repaired. On to river and stopped. The enemy are close behind us. Nothing to eat. Sam Nesmith gave me a piece of cheese which was very acceptable. Beef and parched corn cooked by fire. Today about 6 miles.

Oct. 17th

Up 6 o'clock. Off 9:30. Co. A and B rear

guard of the division. The enemy advancing on us rapidly. About 4 miles and back to give the yanks fight at the creek. Co. A and B skirmished up hill and remained till after dark. Then we drew off and marched about 2 miles. Got a few cooked rations but not enough to satisfy. The first since Monday. Had some hot firing on our left but we came out right. To sleep 2 miles from river.

2 miles from river

Saturday, Oct. 18th, 1862

Up 5 and off at 8. We have been protecting the rear but relieved this morning by a portion of Gen. Smith's command. Nothing to eat yet. We have really been starving for 3 days. Passed through London, quite an old looking town. Today about 18 miles. Stopped at creek. Got rations - beef and half pound flour. Up till 12 o'clock cooking. To creek and washed faced and hands. First time for more than a week. Cooked bread on top of old lantern.

((Gen. Smith is Edmund Kirby Smith, who led a force separate from the one WJC was in.))

Oct. 19th

Up first and off at 6 o'clock for the Cumberland River. The country is becoming very mountainous. Passed through Barberville (sic) and on about 1 mile and stopped on the Cumberland River. Marched 15 miles today. Up till 2 o'clock grating and cooking corn bread and other rations, then to sleep. Had coffee, etc.

Oct. 20th

Up 5 and off at 7. Rear guard today of the division. Marched hard, crossed Cumberland River and to camp midst of mountains. Today 18 miles. On guard all night. Heavy frost. Sleep in it.

Camp in mountains, Ky

Tuesday, Oct. 21st

Up and off. Very white frost. Hard march. Rear guard. Passed through the Cumberland Gap. Saw the corner stone of Ky, Tn and Va. A magnificent-looking place. Passed into Tenn. at 4 o'clock and on to camp after dark and to sleep. Windy. Marched about 7 miles today.

Camp near Gap, Tenn.

Oct. 22

Up 6 o'clock. Cool and windy. Again on the march bound for Knoxville. Crossed the Howell River. Passed through town (Tezewell) (sic). Amused at a man in garden; was shot at by the owner and he ran out - rapidly. Very hard day's march. Very tired. Camped at dark. 19 miles. Very troublesome getting wood. Rations of corn, 2 ears to the man. Hard times. To sleep. Up 1 o'clock and eat supper - stewed beef and corn.

Tenn.

Thursday, Oct. 23rd, 1862

Up 6 o'clock. Clear and cold. Off again Waded across the Clinch River. Very cold and rocky. On and over the worst road I ever saw. Passed through a little town

(Maynardville) and on to camp 4:15.
Marched 14 miles today. Detailed to butcher
beef. Saw 3 shot. Feel very badly. Cooked
rations and to sleep. Judge came up with
pork, etc.

Oct. 24th

Had good cup coffee. Cool. On the march
again. Feel very badly. The ---- carries my
gun and helps me on. Get apples. Marched
15 miles. Stopped 9 miles from Knoxville
and camped in a very pretty place. Drank
sage tea and to bed. Feel quite sick.

Camp 9 miles from Knoxville, Tn

Saturday, Oct. 25th, 1862

Up 7. Feel better today. We stay here today.
Eat breakfast, put on clean clothes. The lice
is awful. I never saw the like before in my
life. Hope it will soon be better. Wrote to
Sister. Hear guns firing in direction of
Knoxville. Col. Presley's arrived with letters
from Sister, T and B. (on 18th and 25th ?).
Feel badly. To sleep but sick all night.
Tobacco.

Oct. 26th

Quite a large snow, and in all of it. Feel quite
sick. Very disagreeable all day. Rec'd letter
from Sister. Old date. Some of the boys
arrived from Tyrins (?); Small and others.
This is truly disagreeable weather to be out
and sick. Snow all day, and it continues hard
at night. The smoke and snow is enough to
kill us; in all of it and no way o get out. Tried
to sleep but so wet that I could not. This is
hard times.

Monday, Oct. 27th, 1862

— — ---- . Everything white and cold, but
hope it will clear up. I feel better. The supply
of rations is better. Get a piece of beef,
coffee, rice, sugar, etc. Nothing today of
interest. Still here awaiting orders, but where
to from here I know not. Storm tonight.
Coffee and to bed. Cold and clear.

Oct. 28th, 1862

Up. Clear and cold. Rest well last night. Go
out to discharge gun. Nothing to do all day.
Detyens (?) discharged and will soon head
for home. Ate dinner with Sam Nesmith.
Feel quite poorly.

No knowing yet where we will go. Great
excitement in camp about a man from each
Co. going home for clothing. To bed feeling
badly.

Wednesday, Oct. 29th, 1862

Cool. Ate breakfast with S. Nesmith. Honey,
etc. Wrote to G, and Dr. wrote too. Lieut.
White is to go home. Sent letter by Jim
Detyens. ---- again. I hear that we are to go
to Murfreesborough (sic). Nothing of
interest today. Drawing a few pieces of
clothing. I got 1 shirt — —.

Oct. 30th

Clear and pleasant. Cooked fritters. Drew for
overcoats, blanket and socks, but I got none
of them. Over to see S. Nesmith. Ate apples.
Over to see boxcar (?). Bought pipe 29
cents. Ate soup at Lucus S. Fixed pipe and
took smoke. To spring. D. and I got few
heads of cabbage Making pot soup, 3 days

rations. Feel quite sick. F. and I cooked. Sick all night.

Oct. 31st

Up 4:30. Feel very sick. Up to Dr. Permit to ride. Off at 6 o'clock for Knoxville. Wagon bit rough. Rode Sam Nesmith's horse. Got to Knoxville 9:30. Quite a busy looking town. Very pretty. Took cars and off 1:30. Very crowded and I sick all day and night. Dreadful time with me. Got to Chattanooga little before day.

M and G RR, Chattanooga

Nov. 1st, 1862

5 o'clock. Feel badly. June and Rob Mc — — . Clearing cars and off 9 o'clock. To river, bridges burnt. Cross on steam boat two rivers. Took all day. It is now near dark and not over the last river yet. Very sick. After dark, get over and on hill. Camped for night, but very sick.

River

Nov. 2nd

Feel very sick. Take a little medicine. Can't eat. I, —, — and others start back to hospital at Chattanooga. John Mims helped me very much. Crossed the rivers and up to boxcar and sleep in it till midnight.

Nov. 3rd

Still waiting for cars. 3:30 leave and get to Chattanooga 6:30. ----, self up to Crutchfield house, Hosp. ; ---- to house — to room and to sleep. Fever and bad night.

Ford Hosp, Chattanooga

Nov. 4th

Feel quite weak. — ---- ----. Beef to eat. Real steaks. In bed all day and night. Took pills. Fever all night.

Nov. 5

Cloudy. Feel very weak. Mims (?) and others from Reg't. No money and no friends. In house all day. It is truly distressing to see the suffering at these hospitals.

Nov. 6

Out with permit to see paymaster, but did not. Feel very weak. Nothing of interest today.

Nov. 7th

Cloudy and like snow. Feel better, thank God. Town and got coal and had fire. Hard fare. No money yet.

Nov. 8th

Out. In town to P.O. and back. Sent off to camp (of)? Direction. Got in mess (?) with Sgt. Huckleby, — S.C. Reg't. Hope to fare better. Wrote to Sister this morning. Out with Huckleby and ate potatoes he brought me. — Quite a friendly ----.

Nov. 9th

— . Rather cool. Borrowed blankets, too. Good breakfast. Sunny, cold. In camp all day. Thus passes the Sabbath. Nothing of interest today.

((The following page is obscured, so that more words than usual are unreadable.))

Camp -----

Mon. Nov. 10th 1862

Wrote to Sister. Then ---- between — for —, but feel badly from ----- . Still, I eat (?) with ----. ----- remain ----- . Big rain. Quite a downpour. ---- confusion, but ---- —; off to sleep.

Nov. 11th

— and high ----; very sunny; ----- rations ---- - evening (?) rations again; ----- this morning. I had bread and meat; ---- 4:30; ---- ----- .

Wednesday, Nov. 12th

---- cars and off for Reg't; arrived at 10; ---- fast again and — ----; cloudy and little rain; - --- and over ---- all night rain and — crawl — ---- house and sleep with wet blankets.

Nov. 13th

Feeling badly from last night exposure. — — ---- draw rations, flour and bacon and finished (?) whiskey -----; biscuit, borrowed \$10 from — —, smoked; got up on top of cars; very cold and disagreeable ride; got to Deckers (sic) and I stopped, ate soup and (sleep?) By fire in ----. Gen'l Bragg and staff also to ---- ---- passes at Bragg's front.

Deckers (sic) ----- RR

Friday Nov. 14th

---- —; ate breakfast; very ---- today for —. Bit — — — quite briskly (?); ate dinner ---- a good fire — and — expense(?) ---- is — —; took cars at dark for Tullahoma ----

cramped very much. Get Tullahoma about 9 o'clk PM; sleep by a — fire all night.

((Note: next page is a compilation of miles during this part of his journey. Then, there appears the following entry, added the following year in this diary:))

Sep. 4th 1863

Oh, for faith and grace to sustain me and keep me from sin. May I be guarded against my visiting (?) sin.)

((Note: Next page returns to events of November 1862; Begins with a few lines in ink, then returns to pencil. Throughout this section of the diary, there are occasional lines in ink.))

Tullahoma, Tenn.

Saturday, Nov. 15th, 1862

Off for reg't.; find the boys all well; on sick list; nothing of interest today, but feel -----

(From this point in the entry of the 15th, through the entries of the 16th and 17th, the writing is faded to the point of being un-readable.)

Tuesday, Nov. 18th, 1862

On sick list again; took pills; ate very heartily (?); wrote to sister; cloudy and cool.

Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 1862

Still on sick list; cloudy; Judge and ----- in country; rain; ate a hearty supper of homony (sic) and to sleep.

Thursday, Nov. 20th, 1862

Cloudy; off sick list; ate a hearty breakfast of hominy and -----; pay roles (sic) made out and signed; dress parade; bought pork and ate tripe; rations to cook and orders to move; received 2 months pay, 22 dollars.

Friday, Nov. 21, 1862

Sick sent off; Bush paying off and rec'g pay; over to 19th reg't. and payed Huckabee; rations cooked and ready to leave in morning.

Saturday, Nov. 22nd, 1862

Up 6 o'clock; Sam Nesmith takes my gun and bundle; assists me very much; off about 8 o'clock; very tired and passed through Manchester and camped 1 mile n of town; marched 12 miles today; cooked supper homony (sic) etc; very good; feel badly

Manchester, Tenn.

Sunday, Nov. 23, 1862

Up 6 o'clock; cooked hominy; rode Sam Nesmith's horse which helped me very much; stopped on road and got a fine dinner at camp of meat and postatoes; ----- and cost nothing; got to camp sunset after a march of 17 miles; ate supper and ----- today; very cold.

Monday, Nov. 24, 1862

Up 5; very cold; off again on Sam's horse; stopped and got breakfast for 50 cents; on and passed through Murfreesboro and camped 2 miles SW (?) after a march of 15 miles; take ----- to sleep on; soon to rest; feel badly.

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1862

Up 5 o'clock; over with A.J. --- to Mr. Hicks and got breakfast. very good fare. ----- to camp which ----- back to Hicks and got dinner; back and soon to bed. Cloudy and little snow.

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1862

Cloudy and little snow; over to Hicks for breakfast, but could not get in, so I returned and ate ----- etc. Judge and I for dinner; stopped at an old man's but the dinner was not very good, but cost nothing. Back to camp and ate supper. ---- por and biscuits. back up ---- -----; cold.

Camp near Murfreesboro, Tenn

Thursday, Nov. 27th, 1862

Up 4 o'clock; clear and cold; over to Mr. Hicks and got breakfast; back to camp; hear heavy firing towards Nashville; wrote to sister; looks like snow; dress parade; ate supper and to bed; orders to cook rations.

Sam Nesmith loaned me horse and books.

Friday, Nov. 28th, 1862

Up daylight; clear and pleasant. Dr. Graham to Murfreesboro to be examined for Ast. surgeon. Nothing of importance today; Dr. Graham (?) and has been accepted by the board as Ast. Surgeon. Mr. Graham arrives after supper; sit up very late talking, but glad to see him.

((Mr. Graham is apparently a visitor from home.))

Sunday, Nov. 30th

Up 5:30; Cloudy; We all are cooking for our --- things from home; Lieut. White arrived and ----- on inspection and after opened our goods from home; all of which were (very?) acceptable; Judge and I to creek and --- washed and put on clean clothes; feel like a new man. Ate a very hearty meal for dinner, butter, hominy, ham and --- cake from --- and --- things, all of which highly appreciate. Sgt. ---- over to see me to say ----- Wrote to sister; hear from Bowen through Sister; Mr. G. over to Hicks; Bread and gravie (?) from Mr. Graham; to sleep; rain

Mon. Dec. 1st, 1862

Had quite a wet night; ate --- ---- good breakfast; still cloudy and disagreeable. Hear firing again today. Dr. G has been assigned to duty in 28th Ala. Reg't, but has not left as yet. Bought stamps, \$5 worth.

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 1862

Good breakfast; wrote to Theo and Bowen; up with Dr. to sutler's and saw him buy a Confederate suit; bought smoking tobacco; ate dinner. Dr. G off to his position; rec'd 50 dollars off Judge for Bowen; cloudy and disagreeable; put up tent for ----- 7, 8 and 9. Little rain.

Wednesday, Dec. 3d, 1862

Up cloudy and cold; sent to town to guard a prisoner to court; March off without breakfast; got back 12 o'clock; busy getting things ready for Mr. G. to carry home; excused from drill, saw Dr. G; nothing else today of importance to bed; clear and cold.

Thursday, Dec. 4th, 1862

Up 4 o'clock; Mr. Graham leaves for home; over to Mr. Hicks and get breakfast and milk; saw Col. Presley about doing guard duty. Clear and cold; ate dinner and on drill and dress parade.

Friday, Dec. 5th, 1862

Up; cloudy, cold, sleet, snow and very disagreeable; continues snowing very hard and quite cold; over to Hicks and got some lard and back; the most of the reg't with Col. M. P. and staff engaged in; snow falling but too cold for me; so I stay by fire.

Up after midnight and see moon in eclipse; must have been total.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Saturday, Dec. 6th, 1862

Clear and cold; the ground very white with snow; over to see Huckabee again; back; got salt today; been without it for several days; Sam Nesmith to sleep with us tonight

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1862

Clear and very cold; snow still on the ground; nothing to do. Dr. G over to see us and ate dinner; I bought a piece of pork for \$5.00; after dinner took walk with Dr. and back; nothing of importance has transpired today.

Camp near Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Monday, Dec. 8th, 1862

Clear and cold; this is truly cold country; Judge and others washing; ate dinner; wrote

to Liz; broke up wood; out on drill, but too boggy so we returned; bought apples, dried, to make tarts; after supper bought 4 ducks for 4 dollars (?)

Tuesday, Dec. 9th, 1862

Clear and cold. Busy making tarts and cooking ducks for dinner; sent invitation to Dr. G to come to dinner; Dr. over and we enjoyed a hearty meal; ate too much but it was good. hear that a good many prisoners have been captured; still cold; made cup of tea; talked and to bed; clear and cold; Ogburn from hospital; Argument about Dalton and Ringold with Lt. Mc -----

Wednesday, Dec. 10th, 1862

Clear and cold; feel quite hearty and enjoy my meals; weigh 130 lbs.; ate dinner; washed haversack for Judge; put on clean clothes and mended some; had dress parade; duck grease working us all; to bed; clear and cool; S. Nesmith to sleep with us.

Thursday, Dec. 11th, 1862

Clear and cold; read newspaper; ate breakfast and out on drill; very boggy ----
---- drilling. Wrote to HDL ; bought meal for dinner and ate heartily; dress parade; clear and cold; (to auction in 19th reg't)

Friday, Dec. 12th, 1862

On drill quite early; clearing; ate rations; Dr. G over to dinner; he, Dr. G, has been transferred to Gen. --- Brig.; walked with him and loaned him 50 dollars; on dress parade; amused at Lieut. White working puzzle that takes --- very ----

Saturday, Dec. 13th, 1862

Cloudy, windy and warm; on drill; guns are to be cleaned for inspection and review. Off at 10 or 11 o'clock and on to field beyond Murfreesboro about 4 miles and was reviewed by President Davis, Bragg and other Genls; our division alone was reviewed; liked the ---- ----- very much; took cold today; very tired, returned and got to camp about sunset very hungry; some cooked rice and meat and ate quite heartily. This had truly been a day of interest, having seen the President of the Confederate States; to bed, clear and warm.

Sunday, Dec. 14th, 1862

Cloudy and warm; windy; ate a very hearty breakfast; had cup of tea; Dr. G with us for dinner; had rice and beef and milk; up to Headquarters and heard a fine (sermon)? from a Mr. Porter --- ----- liked it very much. Wrote to sister; very windy; Stacy in much pain with his leg; Windy and stormy.

Monday, Dec. 15th, 1862

Cloudy and windy; on drill; finished and wrote to Sister; still continues very windy; rain and very disagreeable; Stacy ---- ----- suffering with pain in leg; get Murfreesboro paper and sent it home; to sleep in Miss. 5th tent; very windy, cold and rainy.

Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 1862

Clear and cold and windy; bought dried apples for pies; assisting to make out pay rolls. Dr. C stopped to see us; he has (billet?) in house; no dinner and on drill and dress parade; ate dinner and supper at dark; windy and cool. Report that we are to be put in

Horton's (?) Corps; to sleep; clear, windy and cold

Wednesday, Dec. 17th 1862

Clear and cold; ate breakfast; fresh hominy, etc; drill, windy, nothing to do today, but very -----; Stacy still sick; can't use his legs; dress parade

Thursday, Dec. 18th, 1862

Clear and cool; no drill this morning; pleasant; ate hearty dinner; weighed 139; bought pork \$8.25; drill, paper (Charleston); Stacy still sick; nothing else today of importance

Friday, Dec. 19th 1862

Clear and pleasant; busy making ---- biscuits; was compelled to ---- a ----- from man of 28th Ala. Reg't shot for deserting; rec'd letter from HDL; this man that was shot ----- die ----- fired at him, poor fellow. It was a cruel thing; dress parade; ate supper ----- but clear and cold

Saturday, Dec. 20th 1862

Clear and pleasant; two years today since the secession of So. Ca. ; on guard; Reg't, Co., draw haversacks; ate hearty dinner; report that enemy are evacuating Nashville; hear that Capt. Weston is elected Lt. Governor of So. Ca.; talk of peace, etc., nothing of importance today; supper of fritters and pork; On post and off 11:30 and to sleep; up and on again til 5:30, then to sleep; Clear and pleasant. ---- and ----- Emanuel (?)

Saturday Dec. 21st 1862

Clear and pleasant; returned from guard

9:30; washed and put on clean clothes; rec'd letter from Bowen; wrote to HDL and Bowen; Nothing today interest; thus passed the Sabbath

Monday Dec. 22nd 1862

Clear and pleasant; general inspection of guns, knapsacks, etc. of the Brigade; rec'd letter from Sister dated 15th; all well, thank God; heard from Charleston paper ----- of peace; wrote to Sister; dress parade; headache; weigh 141; nothing of interest today; weather warmer and looks little like rain

Tuesday, Dec. 23rd 1862

Up early; little cloudy; ate hearty and took walk; read papers and rec'd pay 2 mths. and bounty 72 dollars; ate dinner; before dinner out and took walk ---- soon got tired and quit; drill and dress parade; Gen'l Anderson takes command of this brigade tomorrow; consolidation of Reg'ts

Wednesday, Dec. 24th 1862

Cloudy and raining. Gen'l Anderson takes command today; Stacy better; walks about etc. Dr. G to see us; his brigade is 19 Miss.; to drill and dress parade; footrace between Judge and others; Judge rec'd today orders from Gen. Headquarters detailing me for extra duty ; boiling apples; rec'd 2 mths pay, 22 dollars

Thursday, Dec. 25th 1862

Clear and pleasant; this the final (?) Christmas for me in the Army and appears to be a dull one; Ate breakfast and reported to Capt. Barth at headquarters to write for him;

wrote all day; back to dinner and back again to writing; very busy -- What a Christmas! -- back to the co. ; writing orders to have 2 men shot tomorrow; back for supper; racing between their Col. Stoll and privates; but I did not see it.

Friday Dec. 26th 1862

Cloudy and like rain; writing all day in office; rain; two men shot but I did not, writing the same; Charleston paper; very busy all day; hear some heavy firing; to supper and to bed; cloudy and like more rain

Saturday, Dec. 27th 1862

Cloudy and rainy; over to the ---- ----- for breakfast; wrote hard til 2 o'clock then reported back to me co. in consequence of the Gen'l being sent off to take charge of another Corps. The enemy reported as advancing heavily; rations cooked; ready for a start; cold and rainy; clears off and cold; to bed; ----- and John Morris off, on guard

Sunday Dec. 28th 1862

Clear and cold; off to barber (?) and get gun, etc; about 9 o'clock we all left camp and formed line of battle in front; awaiting the enemy; ----- and be into it; cooking fires and to sleep; up 12 o'clock and to camp for knapsacks; quite a bad walk; back and to sleep (?) ; about 2 or 3 o'clock it mists

Line of battle,

Dec. 29th

Clear and pleasant; still in line; everything ready for a retreat if necessary; Dr. G to see us; about 1 o'clock pickets commence to

fight; we soon out and engaged the enemy; quite a hot fight between co. ---- and cavalry; Tim Harrison killed; out all night; very cold and disagreeable

Tuesday, Dec. 30th 1862

Our lines attacked about 9 o'clock; fight heavily all day; we have had a hard time of it; almost a continuous fight for 24 hours; near dark firing very hot; to sleep (?); up all -----

Wednesday, Dec. 31st 1862

Again does the battle rage; hot and heavy; but I can't see any advantage on either side yet; the 18th Reg't called on to advance and charge a battery. We repulsed the enemy but they came again; and I was wounded; shot through the right eye; I soon get off to the rear to hospital; very painful; (last sentence unreadable)

Murfreesboro, Hospital

Thursday, Jan. 1st 1863

Thank God I feel better; truly hope my wound ----- not ----- (fatal?) wound etc; and about 1 o'clock good many of us sent to Chattanooga on cars all night.

Friday, Jan. 2nd 1863

Still on the road for Chattanooga; cars ran off and killed some of the wounded; very tired; we --- get to Chattanooga about ----- have fruit and get supper from ----- (?); Judge with me; Colledge hospital; wound --- -----

Saturday, Jan. 3 1863

At Chattanooga; 3 o'clock pm; rain all day; ---- again; feel badly from clouded blood; at Kingston 3 or 4; house ---- ; we take a small --- ---- ----. Get here Rome about dark; Up to hospital; wound ---- ; --- ---- milk and ginger cider (?); warm and cloudy

Sunday, Jan. 4th 1863

Rain last night but clear, etc; wrote note to Sister; head and eye feel badly; in hospital all day; very dull and tiresome; thus passes the Holy Sabbath

Hospital, Rome, GA 1863

Mon. Jan. 5

Feel about the same; eye very sore and such a crowd that we all can't receive proper treatment (?); nothing of interest today; wound dressed tonight; feel little better; morphine (?)

Tuesday, Jan. 6th 1863

Hot ---- ----; had --- ---; eye washed; hope soon go home; nothing today; very tired of this hospital; had --- --- ; eye today as well as could be expected

Wednesday, Jan. 7

--- pleasant; feel better; --- and ----; --- and down on it but back soon; nothing today; bowels not aching; no suffering

Thursday, Jan. 8th 1863

Cloudy and cool; my eye doing well; Judge off for home; he in quite a fever about it; ate quite hearty but in house; a --- downpour tonight.

Friday, Jan. 9th 1863

----; feel better; eye dropped; down on street but soon back to room; dinner hot eggs and butter; ate quite a hearty supper; cloudy and like rain; no furlough yet; to bed late

Saturday, Jany 10th 1862

Raining; eat breakfast; feel better, but the day is disagreeable; in ---; ate ham; Dr. dressed my eye; thinks it doing well

Sunday Jany. 11th 1863

Clear and plst; down on st.; back and put on clean clothes; feel better; quite a pleasant day; thus passes the Sabbath

Monday, Jany 12th 1863

Clear and ---; to office; letter for ----; walked about a good deal; feel better; bought eggs. I heard that Bowen and --- are ---. took ride ; Sgt. and I in country and back; paid 25 dollars for a buggy and horse

Tuesday Jan. 13 1863

Clear and cold; --- on st.; walked about; Saw John Holmes; bought eggs; wrote Sister and A.J. Mc; no furlough (yet?); nothing of interest today

Wednesday, Jany 14th 1863

Cloudy and ---; walked about; Sam --- still quite sick; I feel quite well for which I feel truly thankful; to see John Holmes; to bed early; very restless

Thursday, Jany 15th 1863

Cloudy, windy and disagreeable; took walk; spoke to Dr. McDonal about transfers; hope

to get one; nothing today; still lying about hospital and very tired of it; rainy and cold

Friday, Jany. 16th

Cloudy and cold; T.A. Matthews got back; nothing to do; very tired of this hospital. T.A. Matthews to Reg't; Clearing off; walked to depot and back; cold

Saturday Jany 18th 1863

Acted very imprudently today by lying in sun; gave me chill; on Tuesday, the ----- appears and I am sent to another room; very ill for a week or two

(Here, there is a gap in the entries of nearly a month; they resume with this:)

Thank God I am getting better; Theodore came for me but I am too feeble to leave yet.

Feb 15th

Took walk; feel much better; at dinner at Mr. Attaway's; fine dinner too; Mrs. Hughes trying to get me a furlough; I truly hope he may succeed.

Feb. 16th

Wrote to Col. Presley asking his influence to get me away from here; weather very disagreeable

17th

Rain and still continues disagreeable; feel very tired but much better

Feb. 19th

Still disagreeable; wrote to Bowen; moved

downstairs; looks like it may clear off; feel much better, Thank God

Feb. 20th

Letter from sister; clear and pleasant; ate dinner at Mr. Attaway's and back; walked about, etc.

Feb. 21st

Cloudy and cold; breakfast at Mr. A's; hear that board meet here on Monday

22nd

To M.E. Church; heard the Rev'd Mr. Peirce; fine sermon, Phil. 3 chapter; breakfast, dinner and supper at Mr. A's; to Bapt. Church tonight, Rev. Mr. Green; cold and chilly; letter from Col. Presley

Feb. 23

No board today

Feb. 26

Rec'd letter from A.J.; before board and examined; got furlough and will head home this evening, God willing

((This concludes the Civil War diaries of William John Clarkson.))

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