

David Christofer Shotts Diary, Discharge and Letter

Private Company A

18th Ohio Volunteer Infantry 1861-1864

Background Information

This is the of David Christofer Shotts whose residence was Ross County, Denver, Ohio at the time of his enlistment. His entire enlistment from July 29, 1861 to November 4, 1864 was as a Private in Company A of the 18th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

This typed form has been copied from David Shotts [sic] original field notes as well as from a handwritten book compiled from his field notes by David C. Shotts. The spelling of words, the punctuation as well as abbreviations are exactly as shown in the original field notes. The only copy of the original field notes is for the period of June 16, 1862 to May 1, 1863.

The copy of the original field notes, the hand written copy by David, an original letter by David and the original copy of the honorable discharge are in the possession of Mrs. Dale D. Davy. Mrs. Marilyn Davy is a grand daughter of David C. Shotts.

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David Christofer Shotts was born November 16, 1835 and died December 19, 1924 and is buried at the Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery in Ross County, Denver, Ohio.

1861

July

Monday July 29, 1861. On Monday evening July 29, 1861 I gave my name as a volunteer in the service of the United States under Captain H. R. Miller.

July 30 Tuesday. Today I was sworn into the service and as I was going to Frankfort to take the oath I was caught in a drenching rain. Though I tried to avoid it by retreating to shelter. I got back home at 9 o'clock P.M. This ended my first day soldering [sic].

July 31 Wednesday. Today I went Waverly Pike Co. O. got two volunteers and returned home.

August

Thursday Aug. 1. Today I visited my friends, bid them goodbye and went part of the way to Frankfort.

Friday August 2nd. Today arrived in Frankfort where I am now quartered awaiting marching orders. I have seen a small specimen of camp life, a bed of straw and cardplaying. Our bording [sic] is good. The citizens of Frankfort are friendly.

Saturday Aug. 3rd. Today the only thing taken place worth naming was we went to a flag raising, about a half mile from town, westward. Nearly 98 went in wagons, horses about gone up too. A large crowd was on hand and several vociferous speeches were made.

Sunday Aug. 4. Today we went to church twice – morn and eve - heard two good sermons. One by a methodist minister, the other by a presbyterian. We returned to camp retired to rest.

Monday Aug. 5. Nothing of interest took place today.

Tuesday Aug. 6. Today we expected to start for Columbus but the order was countermanded and we are compelled to wait further orders. The order was received with delight by the citizens but with disappointment by the soldiers.

Wednesday Aug. 7. I don't drill today - feet sore. The company paraded in uniform to let the people see how it looked. At night the company go to church to see the word presentation and hear a little speech from Professor Allen of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Thursday Aug 8. Today we went down to Chillicothe to a Union County convention. We are now in town. The streets are thronged with people. Today is hot, slight touches of sunstroke occur. We have just received a dispatch which assigns us to Col. Stanly's regiment and we are to leave Frankfort tomorrow at 11 o'clock. The boys are in bright spirits – don't know what the convention is doing. We go to Athens into camp to await further orders. The convention appears done all necessary business.

Friday Aug. 9. Today we pulled up stakes and started for camp at Athens. We took the cars at about 11 o'clock AM and run through without any delay, stopping at regular stations from Frankfort to Athens 60 miles. We are now at camp Wool at Athens. The 22nd regiment Ohio are here. They are a pretty hard looking set of men. One of the 22nd came down with us from Chillicothe. He was driven from the passenger car to the soldiers [sic] department on account of misbehavior. He didn't do much better with us. Knocked down the stove pipe, kicked a window out. Knocked some roof off with his musket and swore he belong to the bloody 22nd and that he was one of the bull dogs of Athens. Our barracks ate good. We think the best on the ground. We pitched in and got our first meal in camp, considering the experience we had we had it done pretty well. Part of our provisions were cooked.

Saturday Aug 10. Last night we stationed guards at the door of our barracks, we slept fine. Our bunks are about four feet from the ground. This morning we served breakfast

without much trouble. Our quarters inside presents the appearance of an open frame work strung full of dry goods. The boys are quite lonely. This part of the company came out in dress parade this evening.

Sunday Aug. 11. Today proceedings [sic] vary but little from former ones. About 70 of our boys attend church [sic] today in Athens. Capt. Miller preached at night to a large audience.

Monday Aug 12. Nothing of any great importance took place today except the arrival of a company for the 18th Ohio regiment under command of Capt.

Tuesday Aug 13. This morning we were sworn into the service of the United States. Two of our company refused to take the oath, reasons unknown.

Wednesday Aug. 14. Nothing of importance today. Capt. gone home.

Thursday Aug. 15. Nothing of interest today. A fight is reported to have taken place near Springfield, Mo. in which General Lyon was killed. Took place Aug. 14.

Friday Aug. 16. Nothing important today.

Saturday Aug 17. 22nd getting very uneasy, make many hard threats, tried to get up a mob tonight.

Sunday Aug 18. Went to Sunday school and to meeting. A soldier of the 22nd regiment died today.

Monday Aug 19. Today another of the 18th came into camp. Several escorted the remains of the dead soldier of the 22nd to depot.

Tuesday Aug. 20. The 22nd are being paid off today.

Thursday Aug. 21. The 22nd leave today for home. They are in high spirits.

Friday Aug. 22. Cloudy and raining.

Saturday Aug. 23. This evening a secesion [sic] prisoner was brought into camp, his lover visits him.

Sunday Aug. 24. Our prisoner's lover still comes to see him, brings him bread and dinner.

Monday Aug. 25. This morning our prisoner was released on taking the oath of allegiance.

Monday Aug. 26. Nothing of importance today.

Tuesday Aug. 27. Today our Major and two of Capt. Millers arrested a thief - stole a pistol - he was a soldier of Indiana from Terrehaut [sic] - had received an honorable discharge - was on his way home - three of took back to Parkersburg, Virginia. Our boys got muskets for drilling purposes.

Wednesday Aug 28. Nothing unusual except squad of 8 persons under care of Sargent [sic] Gregory and Lieutenant Haynes was sent to capture two barrels of whiskey, we accomplished our object, brought the whiskey to camp put it under guard for the night.

Thursday Aug. 29. This morning the whiskey was rolled on parade ground to shoot at made a target, they were riddled with balls. The proprietors came after it this morning but didn't get it. A squad of 4 was sent back last night to the bridge and captured a jug of old eye, or red eye. I was one of the number of the squad that captured the barrels.

Saturday Aug. 31. Nothing of note the past two days.

September

Sunday Sept. 1 - 2 and 3. Nothing interest under this date.

Monday Sept. 4. This morning the Capt. told us we would leave at noon for Portsmouth and St. Louis Mo. Didn't tell who we would go under as Col. but when we were just ready to start the order was changed. We wait further orders.

Thursday 5. This morning we were called into line and told to deliver our arms, camp utensils etc. to the quarter master, we done so and we were further told we would go to Cincinnati. We made the attempt. We went to the depot, but the authorities of the Rail Road persisted that we should not go on their Road, by this time the boys got very mad. We went under command of Lieutenant Haynes down the railroad with the idea that we would get on the cars and go on. The train came and passed on. Col. Stanly was on the cars with a squad of men, the train stopped let off the squad, they formed in front of us and Col. Stanly ordered us back to camp. Most of us came back, don't know what will come next.

Friday Sept. 6. To about noon our Lieutenant received orders from Miller to come on if it could be done peaceably, if not to stay. We met with resistance by the Col. and Railroad against us, we gave up the trip. Capt. Miller came to camp on the three o'clock train. Capt. says all will be right yet.

Saturday Sept. 7. This morning our officials told us we must be mustered into service or leave camp and go home. After considerable coaxing, swearing and lying every man went into service. It is very hot today.

Sunday Sept. 8. Went to Sabbath School and to church three times, religious service in camp today.

Monday Sept. 9. Nothing except the rules more ridgedly [sic] enforced.

Tuesday Sept. 10. Today another co. came into camp under command of Captain Tailor.

Wednesday 11. Today wet and rainy.

Thursday 12th, 13th and 14th. Nothing of interest under these dates.

Sunday Sept. 15. Went to Sunday School and meeting in Athens. Meeting in camp today

Monday 16. Today a company came into camp from Marietta under command of Jumper.

Tuesday Sept. 17. Today a squad or part of co. E came in.

Wednesday Sept. 18. Today a company came into camp from South Athens and Meigs County under command of Capt. Miles. The Col. in camp went out and met them and escorted them to camp.

Thursday 19. Nothing of interest today.

Friday Sept. 20. [blank]

Saturday Sept. 21. Today our camp was enlivened by the arrival of our uniforms equipment QC.

Sunday 22. Today we had two sermons preached in camp. Our regimental Chaplain preached for us.

Monday 23. Nothing important today.

Tuesday 24. Today brought in three Cos. or parts they not being filled. They are from Meigs and Galla County.

Wednesday 25. Nothing of interest today. Yesterday Co. A made a draw of government goods.

Thursday 26. Today was the President of the U. S. set apart as a day of fasting and prayer. It is being observed. Rain prevents afternoon service.

Friday Sept. 27. It continues to rain, tis very unpleasant.

Saturday 28. Today is clear and some eight or ten of us got aboard the cars, got furlows [sic] and started home. Arrived at Chillicothe at 12 o'clock AM. Went out home in a two horse wagon. Got home at dusk in the evening.

Sunday Sept. 29. Took dinner at home. Supper at L. J. Sayles.

Monday 30. Today I went to my Uncle Jacob Shotts. Took dinner there. Supper at Aunt Bishops.

October

Tuesday Oct. 1. To went back to the neighborhood of home.

Wednesday Oct. 2. Today I left home for camp, took the cars at noon in Chillicothe, arrived in camp about 4 o'clock found there had been some changing about while I was gone. Also the arms for Co.s [sic] A and B arrived and the boys were drilling in the manual of arms. Athens fair in progress.

Thursday 3. Today the Cos. in camp go to the fairgrounds give a grand military parade and seen a mill race.

Friday 4. Nothing of interest today except regimental parade.

Saturday Oct. 5. Today our regiment gave tour through town of Athens. Col. Stanly commanding. Just as we came back to camp a wedding took place. Capt. Miles officiated. Thursday while on the fair ground Major G was presented with a sword and a brace of pistols. The regiment was presented with a flag.

Sunday Oct 6. Nothing note rain prevented preaching.

Monday 7. Today a large number of soldiers went home to vote. We left Athens about 4 o'clock AM. Arrived in Chillicothe about noon. I went out to my Aunts, staid [sic] all night and from there went to the election.

Tuesday 8. Today I went to the precinct, voted the straight Union ticket. Walked about 9 and arrived Chillicothe took the cars about noon. arrived in camp about 5 PM, a fight took place caused difference of political opinion.

Wednesday Oct. 9. Today everyone is preparing to go to Camp Denison. We expect to go sometime tomorrow.

Thursday 10. This morning we left Camp Wool at 7 o'clock, arrived at Camp Denison at dark where we are now quartered.

Friday Oct. 11. Today our boys are bust [sic] fixing up their quarters. Our quarters are good.

Saturday Oct. 12. Nothing unusual. We live in good style. Another company came into our regiment today from Athens.

Sunday Oct. 13. Today two sermons. Prayer meeting at night.

Monday Oct. 14. Today our regiment under Col. Stanly visited part of the camp. Nothing more of importance.

Tuesday Oct. 15. Nothing of note today except payer meeting in Co. I.

Friday Oct. 18. Today private in Co. I was court martialed for going to sleep on guard. Sentance [sic] 5 days on bread and water.

Saturday 19. Today the 20th Ohio regiment went out of camp. Destination not known by me.

Sunday 20. Nothing unusal [sic] except our Chaplain formed a regimental union religious society.

Monday 21. Nothing of note today.

Tuesday 22. Today come soldiers came into the fifty fourth regiment numbering about 80.

Wednesday Oct. 23. Nothing important.

Thursday Oct. 24. Today we visited (as a regiment) the 48th regiment. General Wade gave us a short speech.

Friday 25. Today we visited the 52nd regiment twice and they visited us once. Menters Bank accompanied them.

Saturday 26. Today nothing of note. Tonight Menters Band (of the 52nd regt.) gave us a seranade [sic]. Saturday night we were called out and formed in line of battle. It was a sham battle.

Sunday Oct. 27. Preaching today by Rev. Murlick of Ci. conference. At night we went to Millsford to meeting. Capt. Miller preached.

Monday Oct. 28. Cool and frosty. This morning about three hundred carpenters came into camp. Are puting [sic] up winter quarters.

Tuesday Oct. 29. Nothing important. Seven corporals resigned. Moody gave a speech.

Wednesday Oct. 30. Nothing of interest.

Thursday Oct. 31. Today Co. A commenced skirmish drill and the regiment wagons arrived in camp, having gone yesterday after them. Tonight we were called out by the roll of the drum in line of battle.

November

Friday Nov. 1. Today we visited the 52nd Regt. No more of note.

Saturday Nov. 2. Cool and raining.

Sunday Nov. 3. One sermon today. Still cool and raining.

Monday Nov. 4. Gov. Denison wants to know how soon we will be ready to march. Considerable excitement in camp. Arms reported in camp.

Tuesday Nov. 5. Gov. Denison passed through camp today. Col. Stanly and regiment and other regiments paid him honors and we all received marching orders. The balance of the regiments received their arms.

Wednesday Nov. 6. This morning we were ready for the cars and off for Cin. again at 8 o'clock, arrived in Cin. about 9. Then we proceeded to the wharf and commenced getting ready for the trip to Louisville, Ky. We started about three o'clock We ate aboard the Jacob Strader. baggage and all with a few exceptions, after a pleasant run we arrived at Louisville about 2 o'clock at night. Remained on the boat all night.

Thursday Nov. 7. Today we moved out to Camp Ormsby near town (my first duty after landing in the enemies country was guarding). This evening we received our overcoats.

Friday 8. This morning we received marching orders. Now our tents are all torn down and ready for the wagons. We were under way by 11 o'clock marching in a southwesternly [sic] direction and encamped for the night. Raining tonight. No accidents occurred [sic] on the way. Weather pleasant.

Saturday Nov. 9. This morning it is raining (the first Ohio Regt. commanded by Col. Smith followed us and encamp [sic] with us). Yesterday Co. A of the 18th regt. Was placed in front of the battalion as skirmishers. We were under way by 8 o'clock this morning. We arrived at West Point about 3 o'clock. Co. A of the 18th regt. brought up the rear.

Sunday Nov. 10. This morning is clear and warm. One Semon today. Firing of canon [sic] is heard on every side. Tonight we are ordered to sleep on our arms. No alarm was given. About 5000 men are quartered here at West Point.

Monday Nov. 11. Today eleven of our boys (Co. A) were detailed to on an entrenchment. The 9 Mich., 31 Ind., 1st Ohio are quartered here, besides home guards and calvary.

Tuesday 12. Today I worked half a day falling trees before the fortification. Tonight we were called out by the roll of the drum four times but there was no eminent danger.

Wednesday 13. Nothing of importance took place today.

Thursday Nov. 14. Raining. We are under marching orders.

Friday the 15. This morning, with the 1st Ohio Regt. decamped for Elizabethtown, distance 23 miles. We started about 7 O'clock marched 15 miles and encamped for the night. Don't know that other regiments were following us. Two Calvary Cos. were with us as guards.

Saturday Nov. 16. This is my birthday. I am 26 years old. Quite cool last night. We started quite early this morning. The 1st Ohio regiment in the rear. We arrived in Elizabethtown about 10. This is the County Seat of Harden Co. We are encamped near the town. The 19th Ill. is here also. During our first days march from West Point to Elizabethtown we passed a valley called Red Hill.

Sunday Nov. 17. Nothing of importance today. Weather cool.

Monday 18. Today we through a general inspection and passed in review before General Buel [sic] and General Sheman. We had our full "armor" knapsacks and overcoats. This evening Lieutenant Col. Given arrived in camp.

Tuesday 19. Nothing of special Interest. Weather moderate.

Wednesday Nov. 20. Today is pleasant. A regiment past [sic] here today on the railroad. Don't know where they were going.

Thursday 21. This morning a regiment passed here going southward. Our regiment paraded in the streets of Elizabethtown and we were returning to camp, we met the 37th Ind. regt. going to the graveyard. One of their soldiers having dies of measles [sic]. The Calvary Company is under marching orders. They leave sometime tonight.

Friday Nov. 22. The Calvary left here last night, destination unknown. Tis raining this morning and getting cool.

Saturday Nov. 27 [sic]. Today is clear and cold. All are busy washing and cleaning up generally. No drill this morning. Battalion drill and dress parade this afternoon.

Sunday Nov. 24. Religious services in town today. Chaplain of the 18 Ohio preached in the morning. Chaplain of 39th Ind. baptised [sic] a number of the 31st. Ind. boys. The scene was affecting. In the afternoon, the Chaplain of the 37 Ind. preached to the 18th Ohio. Sosier is the Chaplain's name. Cold, stormy and snowing. We had dress parade.

Monday Nov. 25. Today I am helping to guard a bridge on the Louisville and Nashville railroad. We are on duty 24 hours. Weather has somewhat moderated.

Tuesday Nov. 26. Nothing important today. Regimental physician vaccinating today. This evening we went through the formula of a review and inspection.

Wednesday Nov. 27. Last night it rained. Not withstanding the enclemency [sic] of the weather, we had dress parade.

Thursday Nov. 28. Today is Thanksgiving Day and though tis raining, it is being observed. We attended church in town. Chaplin of the 31 Ind. preached in the M. E. church and after service baptised [sic] (by immersion) two soldiers of his regt. After we went to church held at a Presbyterian house. Rev. J. Dillon officiated. Cleared off beautifully this evening.

Friday Nov. 29. Rained last night and is still raining this morning. The rain last night was accompanied with heavy thunder. Hail is now falling. Tonight it snows.

Saturday 30. This morning we awakened and found the ground covered with snow. Today is tolerably pleasant and snow nearly all gone.

December

Sunday Dec. 1st. Rather pleasant today with scattering clouds sun shining at intervals. Went to church in the afternoon The Chaplin of the 31 Ind. preached and administered sacrement [sic], two or three of the soldiers joined the Regimental Church.

Monday Dec. 2nd. We surprised to find snow on the ground this morning and still snowing briskly, the snow about three inches deep.

Tuesday Dec. 3rd. Today is tolerably pleasant. Clear and bright The snow is melting. Ground duty, hunting rabbits and dress parade were the employment of the day.

Wednesday Dec. 4th. Last night the first Wisconsin Regt. came in and encamped to the southwest of us (they arrived about four o'clock last night). One of their men was accidentally shot yesterday morning near West Point, was buried at West Point this morning then went on to Camp Nevin. One of the 37th Ind. boys was buried today. He dies of typhoid fever and another one died today with measles [sic]. Today we are happily [sic] informed that the paymaster has arrived. Most of us signed the pay rolls.

Thursday 5th. Today the 18 Regt. is being paid off. We feel rich and friendly. One of sick boys left at Camp Denison is reported dead. Disease typhoid fever. Weather pleasant. Burial in the 37th Ind. today.

Friday Dec. 6. Weather fine, boys in fine spirits. Performed street fighting. Wagon master displeased.

Saturday Dec. 7th. Today I sent by express to Chillicothe or home \$30.00. A grand or close review was made yesterday of the 18th under the Secretary of Col. Turchin. It was announced that we are formed into a Brigade.

Sunday Dec. 8th. This morning we find ourselves under marching orders to start when ready. Religious service in town today. We are ordered to be ready by 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Dec. 9th. Slight sprinkle of rain this morning. We pulled stakes and set out for Camp Nolin, distant 9 miles. We were under way by 10 o'clock and arrived in Camp Nolin about 4 o'clock. We left about 60 of our men behind sick with nurses to take care of them. Captain Miller was one of the number. We are encamped on the left bank of Nolin Creek and a small distance from a little town named Nolin. This is the terminus of the West Point and Elizabethtown turnpike.

Tuesday Dec. 10th. This morning we struck and pitched tents moving about fifty yards. We cleared off the brush in camp when in the way. We are encamped in the woods. Several rabbits were caught today by our boys. Dress parade this evening.

Dec. the 11th. Nothing special today. Weather quite cool. Three of our boys were transferred to Company I.

Thursday Dec. 12th. Weather cold and frosty.

Friday Dec. 13th. All quiet in camp today. Nothing worthy of notice today.

Saturday Dec. 14th. Today is noted as wash day in camp.

Sunday Dec. 15th. General inspection this morning including all the raps and traps of the soldier. Religious service this afternoon. Quite a number joined the church tonight. A man was accidentally shot in the hand by a pistol.

Monday Dec. 16th. Nothing of importance today.

Tuesday Dec. 17th. Weather fine. This evening we received marching orders.

Wednesday Dec. 18th. We struck our tents this morning and moved out of camp before sunrise. We were delayed after getting [sic] on the main road until nine or ten o'clock. After this we moved on pretty rapidly. Our destination was southward crossing the Louisville and Nashville railroad several times. The country presents a peculiar form, undulating and of jago [sic] holes and timbered poorly with different kinds of oak. We moved fourteen miles to Bacon Creek and encamped for the night. We passed a small village or station on the railroad about halfway between Bacon Creek and Camp Nevin. We left Co. G at Camp Nevin, reports say to guard bridges. Eleven regiments accompanied us here. We are encamped near Bacon Creek Station and to the left of the railroad.

Thursday Dec. 19th. Today we are holding ourselves in readiness not knowing when we will march. We have Co. drill. Regiments are marching to and fro continually. Weather pleasant.

Friday Dec. 20th. This we struck our tents, was ready to march but to our dissatisfaction the order was countermanded and we pitched our tents immediately. Weather cool and pleasant.

Saturday Dec. 21st. Cool and cloudy. The 24 Ill. came into camp today. General Mitchal was in camp today.

Sunday Dec. 22nd. This morning it is raining.

Monday Dec. 23rd. Last night a snow fell half an inch deep, quite cool today. Some drilling done. All is gloomy.

Tuesday Dec. 24th. Today the weather is fine. Target shooting is done today. Cannon balls and shells are used. Firing of canon [sic] is heard direction of Green River, supposed to be shells from the noise made.

Wednesday Dec. 25th. This Christmas and through the kindness of General Mitchal we are released from all duty except guarding and "all hands" are allowed to go out of camp. I with several others visited a cave near camp. It is called Bacon's Cave. It extended through a hill to the distance of about 200 yds. The scenery inside is pretty good. It is on the left bank of Bacon Creek and about half a mile above the railroad. The weather is fine. No dress parade today this evening.

Thursday Dec. 26th. Weather warm and threatened rain.

Friday Dec. 27th. A half inch snow this morning. Quite cool. Part of the 13th regiment (Col. Smith) came in by railroad.

Saturday Dec. 28th. Cool morning, pleasant day. I mess had an oposim [sic] for dinner today. Fine feast that.

Sunday Dec. 29th. Religious service today at eleven o'clock. Gen. O. M. Mitchel was present and made some very pointed and well timed remarks exhorting us to be good

soldiers and good Christians The inspection today proved to be satisfactory to our authorities. On Saturday I took the mumps. Therefore I do but little duty.

Monday Dec. 30th. Today Company A is on picket duty. The weather is fine. A private of Co. I named William Martin died last night of fevers.

Tuesday Dec. 31st. This is the last day of the old year and it will be marked and remembered by the transactions of the day. One feature is the burial of a dead body of Co. I. A grand review of all the forces in this section is had today. Our pickets are behind time about ten hours.

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JANUARY 1st, 1862

Wednesday Jan. 1st. This is the first day of the new year 1862. We are excused from duty today but preparations are being made to move our camp. We move about one mile to the northwest. Weather cloudy but pleasant. Nothing of great notice is taking place today. Tonight the brass band of the 13th Ohio serenaded us.

Thursday Jan. 2nd. This morning at about five o'clock a private of Co. A dies, his remains will be sent home to Delaware, Ohio. The Company escorted the corps to the depot paying the last honors or respect to the departed soldier. Our regiment moved to a new camp today. Company A moved in the evening. Tis cloudy and rains lightly.

Friday Jan. 3rd. Last night it rained and sleeted. The trees are covered with ice.

Saturday Jan. 4th. Today it is cloudy. Last night it rained hard. Nothing of importance today.

Sunday Jan 5th. It still continues cloudy and raining. No service today.

Monday Jan 6th. Today Capt. Miller came into camp. Weather still cloudy.

Tuesday Jan. 7th. Captain Miller with a large of number of our sick is going to Louisville today. Weather mild and somewhat cleared up.

Wednesday Jan. 8th. Brigade drill today. Weather unpleasant. Day before yesterday our blacksmith was accidentally shot in the abdomen.

Thursday Jan. 9th. Warm and cloudy.

Friday Jan. 10th. Nothing of importance today.

Saturday Jan 11th. Weather rather pleasant.

Sunday Jan. 12th. Religious service today at 11 o'clock. Weather changeable, cloudy and raining.

Monday Jan. 13th. Today we are upon brigade drill. Air cool and weather cloudy. Snowing this evening.

Tuesday Jan 14th. This morning we have about a half inch snow and cloudy weather. Capt. Miller is in camp.

Wednesday Jan. 15th. Nothing unusual today.

Thursday Jan. 16th. Nothing of note and weather cloudy. Battallion [sic] drill.

Friday Jan 17th. Weather pleasant but cloudy. Regimental drill.

Saturday Jan 18th. Still it rains.

Sunday Jan 19th. Today is pleasant and we are hard at work ditching new quarters. War knows no sabbath.

Monday Jan. 20th. Last night rained and thundered very hard. A man of the 21 Ohio shot himself accidentally. Today we moved into our tents and upon the new camp grounds. One camp is now near the railroad and near Bacon Creek Station to the right of the railroad also to the right of Bacon Creek.

Tuesday Jan 21st. Yesterday and today we are making cordroy [sic] road from General Mitchels [sic] headquarters to the railroad station.

Wednesday Jan 22nd. Nothing special importance. Today weather cool and cloudy.

Thursday Jan. 22nd. Today the appearance of clearing off. Regimental drill at two o'clock.

Friday Jan 24th. Today is clear and the air cool. Ditching and wood chopping is going on.

Saturday Jan 25th. Today is occupied in continuing the work of fixing up our quarters. Weather clear and air cool.

Sunday Jan. 26th. Weather charming, clear and bright, morning frosty. Preaching at half past one o'clock. Cloudy this afternoon.

Monday Jan. 27th. Nothing of note today. Weather not very pleasant.

Tuesday Jan. 28th. Weather continues about the same. Nothing noteworthy today.

Wednesday Jan 29th. Weather cloudy. Snowed last night, some rain today.

Thursday Jan. 30th. and raining.

Friday Jan. 31st. Today is warm and the sun shines brightly. Co. A is on picket. This is the first time I've been on picket duty. About 35 of us are on picket. The weather has changed since morning. Tis raining this evening.

February

Saturday Febr. 1st. Today is interspersed with clouds and sunshine.

Sunday Febr. 2nd. Today is raining and we have no preaching. This evening tis raining and hailing.

Monday Febr. 3rd. Last night a private of Company E died. Weather cloudy. Rained and hailed last night.

Tuesday Febr. 4th. Last night our color bearer died in the hospital of fevers. He was a member of Company C. This morning Is cloudy. This afternoon clear and warm. Battalion drill this afternoon.

Wednesday Febr. 5th. Frosty this morning but the day is beautiful, we are reditching [sic] today. We had a sham battle this afternoon. The whole brigade participated.

Thursday Febr. 6th. Weather pretty fair. Nothing of special interest today. Rained extensively hard last night.

Friday Febr. 7th. Hailed last night. Weather cool, nothing important.

Saturday Febr. 8th. Cloudy and snowing today. We have a bayonet drill today by the 19th Ill. boys.

Sunday Febr. 9th. Mess No. 5 (ours) after the usual inspection had a sabbath school at one o'clock in the afternoon. The Sargent [sic] Major preached to the regiment. Our forces in Camp Jefferson received marching orders. Great excitement prevails. Cheer after cheer is continually filling the air all over camp. There is not much appearance of Sunday evening. Today the weather is pretty fine. We were not appraised of our orders after roll call and was then called up and formed in line of battle and by our Lieutenant Collsnet was informed of our orders and the duties before us. Camp fires soon began to light up all over camp.

Monday Febr. 10th. This morning the 18th with it's [sic] brother regiments (the 24 and 19 Ill. 37 Ind.) and the whole force at Camp Jefferson, except one company and the sick struck tents and marched for Green River. The 9th Brigade went before the 8th next and the 18th Ohio Regiment in front of our brigade.

Monday Febr. 10th. We got up at an early hour and started about 8 o'clock. The weather is fine and roads good and we travel fast but are delayed in crossing Green River bridge. Wagons, men and all cross upon the bridge. Most of us got across and encamped by 10 o'clock at night. Our regiment arrived upon the south side of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The distance from Camp Jefferson to this place is about 9 miles. Tis said that this camp was once the encampment of General Buckner.

Tuesday Febr. 11th. We get up this morning and find the ground covered with a half inch snow but it does not last long as the weather has made a change and has melted it. Weather partly cloudy with sunshine. We find that we are dose to the battle ground of Col. Williches [sic]. The bridge across Green River is a splended [sic] structure, is about 75 or 100 feet high and 1000 or 1200 feet long. It is composed of three piers, four spans one of wood trussels [sic], the other iron a self supporting (I mean the spans). One pier

was blown down by the secesh. Before this the bridge contained four piers and five spans. Munfordsville [sic] is the county seat of Hart county and is in sight of our camp on the opposite of the river. I think there are brigades on this side of the river with cavalry and field pieces. The formation of the Earth this side of the river is similar to the other side but the timber entirely different and much heavier. Beach sugar and other large timber abound. All quiet but a great many reports are afloat in camp.

Wednesday Febr. 12th. This is a fine morning and we are sorry our forces don't move forward. Captain Miller and a number of our sick returned last night. Nothing of special importance going on that I know of. We are engaged in ditching our camp today and a bake oven is being erected. Just after roll call were informed that we are under marching orders, are to be ready to move at short notice. Cheering and shouts of joy is heard all over camp. We are to take two days rations in our haversacks. The weather is clear and the moon shines bright and this with the camp fire and the tall timber and the bustle of men presents a fine picturesque scene.

Thursday Febr. 13th. This morning we struck tents and took the line of march by half past 6 o'clock. We are marching upon Bowling Green. We left the railroad to our left came to it at horse cave, here the road was blockaded by fallen timber and pools of water contained dead horses. At noon we arrived at Cave City. We marched 5 or 6 miles more and bivouacked for the night. The day was fine but few tents were pitched and it rained and snowed all night, the men sleeping under blankets and in the rain and snow.

Friday Febr. 14th. This morning is clear and resumed our march about half after 6 o'clock and leaving the Railroad to the left. The road was icy for a while and then got sloppy. We arrived at Bowling Green about four o'clock. The artillery and cavalry in front. The former threw a few shells out. We halted in front of the fortifications of General Buckner. The stars and stripes float over the breast works. I with quite a number volunteered to go two miles down the river after a flat boat. We were to bring it up to town to cross over but we could not do it on account of the swiftness of the current. The name of the river is Barron. Our brigade then came down and passed over on the boat. Marched up to town and took possession of the town without firing a shot. After leaving Green River the timber grew smaller with the formation of the country more level than upon the north side. The distance from Green River to Bowling Green is 42 miles and we marched it in 34 hours including all stopages [sic]. I know not to a demonstration that anyone was killed in throwing shot and shell into the town. Several horses struck and one locomotive.

Saturday Feb 15th. The weather continues cold. We find the town deserted, but few are left. Our cavalry bring in a Texan Ranger every few hours. Two Companies of our cavalry crossed the river this morning on the flat boats. Col. T. R. Stanley is provost martial.

Sunday Febr. 16th. Weather pleasant but a little cool. Last night three or four houses burnt down. We were called into line of battle. Bowling Green is the county seat of

Barren County. The citizens are returning home, since we came here some of the boys committed some very unbecoming acts by way of pillaging. When the rebels were scared out by our shots and shells, they set fire to the Depots, Bridges, Machine Shops, provision stores, pork and corn and all combustibles that they supposed would be of any use to us. No peaching today.

Monday Febr. 17th. Raining this morning and snow nearly all gone. The forces on this side of the river are quartered in deserted houses. Co. A is quartered in a Mr. Underwood's house. It was understood that we were under marching orders to move this morning but we have not gone. This afternoon preparations are being made to cross with the teams. This town is surrounded 7 or 11 fortifications. Two or three houses burnt down Saturday night.

Tuesday Feb. 18th. Large forces are crossing the river and moving south. The weather is pleasant. We are living on secesh provisions.

Wednesday Febr. 19th. This morning it is raining and getting quite muddy [sic]. Pillaging [sic] has been carried on to a considerable extent in this town. The 19th and 24th Ill have the blame.

Febr. 20th. Weather cloudy and cool. Our teams are crossing the river today.

Friday Febr. 21st. Weather pleasant. 9th and 17th Brigade have crossed the river.

Saturday Febr. 22nd. River to [sic] high to cross at the usual place. The ferry boat is moved down to the steamboat landing and the teams of the 8th Brigade are crossing. Today it rained hard. We are under marching orders but don't march on account of rain and other difficulties. Our teams have all crossed over but two.

Sunday Feb. 23rd. We have got but two mails since we left Green River. This morning we are ordered to march. The day is fine. We bid farewell to Bowling Green. Turned our faces toward Nashville. We started about 8 o'clock. About 4 or 5 miles from town we passed over a stream of water that runs mostly underground. It raises in a deep gully runs about 200 yds. and then pitches underground and disappears. We passed a town called Woodburn 13 miles from Bowling Green. Went out to Franklin the Co. seat of Simpson County and stoped [sic] for the night. The 19th Ill are not with us.

Monday Feb. 24th. This morning we moved out at 7 o'clock taking the Railroad 7 miles then took the Pike again. We passed the Kentucky and Tenn. line 6 miles from Franklin. Went one mile and passed through Mitchelville. Marched ten or twelve miles and pitched our tents for the night and for the first in the State of Tennessee [sic]. The road and weather is fine.

Tuesday Feb. 25th. This morning we started about 7 o'clock. Stoped [sic] for diner [sic] Tyler Springs. Resumed our march and halted for the night about 16 miles from Nashville after making some 21 miles.

Wednesday Feb. 26th. This morning we moved along, passed through a hilly but fertile country. Passed through Goodlettsville Davis County and after making some 13 miles we pitched our tents upon the farm of an old secessionist by the name of Brown who has two sons in the confederate army. We were disappointed in crossing the Cumberland and going into Nashville.

Thursday Feb. 27th. This morning we struck our tents and were ready to cross over to Nashville by 8 o'clock but we were detained until 12 o'clock at which time we began to move over. Arriving In Nashville we proceeded up the river and bivouacked for the night. Our teams did not cross. The 18th crossed on the steamboat Silvermoon. The old flag that used to wave upon the statehouse tower was taken from its place of security - a featherbed and replaced when the flotilla of steamboats coming up the river. Our gunboats lay out in the channel - the first have seen

Friday Feb. 28th. Today we are scarce of provisions but our wagons came across the river this evening. The weather is fine. The distance from Bowling Green to Nashville is 65 miles

March

Sat. March 1st. Nothing of special notice. Weather pleasant but slightly cloudy.

Sunday March 2nd. Today is pleasant. We have no religious service. We got the first mail since leaving Bowling Green and the hardships of soldiering vanished when the announcement "letters" was heard. On our march we pass Tyree Springs distant from Nashville 21½ miles. Rain this afternoon.

Mon. March 3rd. Nothing important.

Tues. March 4th. Today the weather is very changable [sic], rains wind blows hard clears off gets cloudy.

Wednes. March 5th. Today our regiment is out on picket. Weather unpleasant. Yesterday the 19th Ill. came into camp but they are not without tents and equipage.

Thurs. March 6th. This morning we got up and found a ½ inch snow had fallen last night and the weather is quite cool. We have plenty of provisions. Now the teams of the 18th came in this morning.

Friday March 7th. Today is clear. Nothing of special note.

Sat. March 8th. The weather is fine. We are to practice target shooting. Today the 18th was paid off. This being the second time we have been paid off since we are in the service. Report says that 12 of our wagons and teams have been captured. We are waiting the enemies [sic] advance. The teams were recaptured with the loss of one man killed, one wounded and 8 teams and drivers of the enemy taken and three horses and men of ours taken by the enemy. The weather continues pleasant.

Sunday March 9th. Weather pleasant. No religious service today or nothing of importance occurring [sic].

Mon. March 10th. Raining this morning. We are busy sending our money home and settling our dues.

Tues. March 11th. Today we are drilling. Brigade drill and dress parade this afternoon.

Wednes. March 12th. This morning a funeral procession passed our Camp in military order. Provision of various kinds came in for the 18 but it had been so long on the road that most of it had spoiled. Brigade drill and dress parade this afternoon. Capt. and Company officers board themselves.

Thurs. March 13th. This morning ten of our officers and privates start home as recruiting officers for the regt. Last night it rained and continues to rain today. This afternoon Cos. A and B went out on a scouting expedition. The object to trap some Texan Rangers and other rebels but the object was foiled by the interference of a flag of truce and the expedition returned about one o'clock at night. Captain Morgan and one of the rangers and a Col. of the rebels were bearers of the flag of truce and some other private persons were with them.

Friday March 14th. Morning clear. Afternoon it rains and continues until late at night. Our regiment except Cos. A and B started out on picket. A few minutes elapsed and they returned and again they start out in the afternoon. They have a wet time of it. We drew part of our clothing. The rain pours almost in torrents through our tents and we pass the night in a very moist state.

Saturday March 15th. Todays [sic] it continues to rain and is very disagreeable. Some of the 24th Ill boys were fired upon last night while on picket. Don't think any person was killed.

Sun. March 16th. Cloudy this morning. Continues to rain a little. No religious today. Dress parade in the afternoon with our new clothes on. Made a fine appearance. Col. Stanley Mathews of the 51 Ind is provost martial of Nashville Tennessee [sic].

Mon. March 17th. The weather is fine. From all appearances we will march tomorrow. A general inspection was had this afternoon and our sick are moved to Nashville.

Tuesday March 18th. We are to take up the line of march this morning at 7 o'clock. Clear and pleasant this morning. The 8 Brigade takes the rear of line. We strike tents and are out upon the road in time. Our regiment is divided, the right wing being detailed for wagon guards. One company to every 14 wagons. Some 15 miles from Nashville we pass a small town called Lavern [sic], one mile further and we take to the left leaving the strait [sic] forward road on account of the bridges being destroyed, we encamp for the night - have marched about 14 miles counting from Nashville.

Wednes. March 19th. This morning it commences to rain about 4½ o'clock and we start early and move on through a drenching rain until 9 o'clock at which time the rain

ceases. We have to go through ponds or wade through them. Some places we cannot get round and we wade through. Get our feet wet and this makes hard marching and sore feet. We have passed through some sections of country principally [sic] timbered with cedar. We passed over some three or four smartly sided [sic] streams of water. About half an hour after dark we arrived in Murfreesborough [sic], and passing through we encamp upon an old secesh camp. We traveled about 22 or 25 miles today making 35 to 40 miles in the two days marching.

Thursday March 20th. Today at two o'clock we marched about two miles further and encamped for a few days. We are encamped upon the premises of a secessionist. Our Brigade forms the advance of the camp. The weather has changed three times since morning.

Friday March 21st. The wind blows cold this morning and some 200 wagons start for Nashville for provisions.

Sat. March 22nd. This morning the right wing of our regiment went out on picket duty. The weather is cool and cloudy with rain at night.

Sunday March 23rd. This is a pleasant morning. We caught no confederates [sic] and were released about two o'clock this morning. The weather is cloudy this morning.

Mond. March 24th. This morning an officer of the 19th Ill regiment was buried today. He accidentally shot himself with a pistol, he was a Company officer. Tis snowing this morning. The left wing of our regiment goes on picket this morning. Tonight we collected at the Cols. quarters and congratulated him by three roaring cheers upon his being returned to the command of the regiment. The Col. responded by a very appropriate speech and the band of the 11th Ohio Cavalry serenaded him where upon several speeches [sic] and cheers were given. The provision train came back today.

Tues. March 25th. The weather is very pleasant today. The right wing goes on picket this morning. Some two or three fugitive slaves came to our lines today having run off from their master. About 8 o'clock tonight an old house in which our reserve stayed took fire and burned down. This evening an expedition consisting of the 24th Ill and 37th Ind regts. [sic] and some cavalry and three pieces of artillery [sic] went upon a search for the enemy. They carried four days rations.

Wedn. March 26th. The weather is good wind blowing hard. We are relieved 19th Ills. Several of our sick returned yesterday.

Thursday March 27th. The weather is clear warm and pleasant. A detail of some 10 or 12 from each Company was made and sent on picket. I was among the number.

Frid. March 28. The weather still remains pleasant. Our expedition has not been heard from yet. We have taken a prisoner or two along our line of pickets today.

Saturday March 29th. Today the weather is pleasant. The 18th has taken a contract to build a bridge, a RRoad [sic] bridge which was burned by the rebels and in this

connection part of us are made "sappers and miners" and I am on the list. We commenced business this morning. The expedition that left a day or two ago has returned. They went as far Shelbyville and the cavalry lost one man.

Sunday March 30th. Weather fine. No news worth record.

April

Apr 1st. Tuesday. Today is all fools [sic] day and the boys are up to the times. Weather good. Some of our cavalry moved down to Shelbyville yesterday.

Wednes. April 2nd. This morning it sprinkled rain but it soon gave way to nice weather. Our pickets brought in two reffugees [sic] negroes. two Irish prisoners and two soldiers from the rebel army.

Tues. April 3rd. Today is the warmest we have had. Several companies of cavalry start for Shelbyville. The 17th Brigade move to the advance today.

Frid. April 4th. Today we finish our contract of the bridge and we finished our duties at this camp by a dress parade this evening.

Sat. April the 5th. This morning we pulled stakes and started for Shelbyville. we [sic] made 15½ miles and encamped for the night. We struck tents in a drenching rain which lasted two hours.

Sun. April 6th. This morning we started early and as we were 7½ miles from Shelbyville and it a union town. General Mitchell ordered us to put on our dress suit to pass through the town also to pass in review before the General. We in passed in review upon the public square in Shelbyville before the General and staff and the 18th got the praises for the best appearance. We passed to southwest of the town and encamped. The distance between Murfreesborough [sic] and here is 25 miles. This is Bedford County.

Monday April 7th. Today is a fine spring day. Some of our boys are on picket duty, and we ditch and drill, and have dress parade. Duck Creek is the name of the creek passing our camp.

Tues. April 8th. This morning it is raining. Noon and we receive marching orders to start at three o'clock this afternoon We started at 3 o'clock for Fayetteville. We marched 7½ miles and encamped.

Wednes. April 9th. Last night it commenced raining and we were compelled to march through rain until about 10 o'clock. We made 7½ miles and reached Fayetteville (county seat of Lincoln County) about 4 o'clock and encamped south of Elk River. Country hilly and undulating and a rich healthy appearance. Quite cool at night.

Thursday April 10th. Weather quite cool. We took the line of march about 10 o'clock. We travel over mud road today and it is raining and the wind blowing. The country is hilly and well timbered. We cross the Alabama and Tennessee [sic] line about a half hour by sun. The country now diminishes to a common level. After traveling about 20 miles and

crossing a smartly sized stream taking off shoes and socks and breeches and wading over we encamped for the night.

Friday April 11th. This morning we started at 2½ o'clock and without knapsacks made a forced march upon Huntsville. We arrived at 15 minutes after sunup. Our advance captured upward of 300 secesh. We took possession of the and all the military stores. Our artillery fired upon and arrested two locomotives. One train which was in the act of running off. We took the town by surprise. We have in our possession 15 locomotives. The distance from Fayetteville [sic] to Huntsville 31 miles. Huntsville is the County Seat of Madison County.

Satur. April 12th. This morning the 18th with part of some other regiments under command of General Mitchel made an excursion up the Charleston and Memphis Railroad. Small squads were droped [sic] off at each station, and I with a squad of 11 stoped [sic] Larkinsville within 20 miles of Stevenson the extent of the excursion. At this place our forces burnt the bridge crossing a small creek. The expedition returned and arrived in camp on Sunday morning at sun up.

Sunday April 13th. This morning we took the train for Decatur [sic]. The 24th and 19th Ills. having gone down yesterday. We arrived about 11 o'clock and proceeded to the bridge at H Creek. Our forces arrived just in time to save this bridge from being burned. 12 o'clock we are awaiting further orders. Weather pleasant. A large amount of secesh stores captured.

Monday April 14th. Today an expedition started for Nashville via Columbia. Our Brigade is repairing bridges on the railroad between here and Tuscumbia. Our tents and equipage of our brigade were brought here today. Co. A goes on picket today. Decatur is in Morgan County 20 miles above the Muscle Shoals on the Tennessee [sic] River.

Tues. April 15th. Cloudy today. All quiet on picket line tonight. We have orders to take the cars tonight.

Wedne. April 16th. We took the cars for Tuscumbia about 11 o'clock last night, we left the cars this morning about 12 miles from Tuscumbia, and taking the line of march we arrived at Tuscumbia about an hour after dark. Our tents are left behind.

Thurs. April 17th. From Thursday until Sunday April 20th we have been bivouacking and scouting the country. Today is cool and raining.

Monday April 21st. Today is cold storming and raining. Nothing is doing today worth noting.

Tuesday April 22nd. Today we are ready to march at short notice to go to Decatur, but we are disappointed by the arrival of a gunboat and transport at Tuscumbia, we shift quarters to another farm house.

Wednes. April 23rd. Today the weather is fine. We received papers from home.

Thurs. April 24th. Today we get a mail and with it almost came the announcement to retreat as the enemy was advancing in force upon us.

Friday April 25th. Yesterday we fell back ten miles to Town Creek. This morning we follow up the railroad some five miles then turned our course to the south, made about 8 miles and stoped [sic] for the night. It rained day.

Sat. April 26th. It was our purpose to burn bridges, but as our Cavalry done it for us we turned back taking a northeast direction. About 12 o'clock we arrived at Courtling [sic], ten miles from where we turned back. Company E and K smelled powder yesterday. They were charged upon by rebel cavalry. Our force have destroyed numerous bridges to prevent the approach of the enemy. We are awaiting the arrival of a train to take us to Decatur. Several of the 19th Ills. were taken prisoners by secesh cavalry yesterday. We left Courtland about a half hour by sun. We stoped [sic] at Decatur.

Sun. April 27th. Today we are shiping [sic] our accourterments [sic] toward Huntsville, we have been ready to move all day but now we are destined to remain here.

Monday April 28th. We are still laying here expecting to move every hour. The Railroad bridge crossing the Tennessee [sic] River at Decatur was burned down yesterday. Yesterday and today our artillery threw some shells across the Tennessee [sic] River.

Tuesday April 29th. Today we got aboard [sic] the cars and moved off for Athens. Part of the regiment were left along the road to guard bridges. The weather is pleasant.

Wedn. April 30. Today our communication is reported cut off, and we surrounded by the enemy, but investigation proved the report false. We had packed up to leave but now we are all in camp again.

May

Thurs. May 1st. This morning our pickets were driven in by the enemy, and an advance is being made upon us and we beat a hearty retreat, leaving most all our camp equipage behind also a number of guns. Part of the 18th go by railroad, the rest go afoot. Two trains left Athens, one was loaded with provisions. The reble [sic] cavalry, after driving the guards away from the bridge crossing Limestone Creek and killing two men of Co. E 18th C regiment, cut the timbers of the bridge precipited [sic] the hindmost train into the Creek killing one man and wounding three or four. It was the provision train precipitated. Co's. E, F and a part of it was left behind to make our way out as best we could. We took the railroad and started for Huntsville. We proceeded to Madison Station and staid [sic] all night. We do not know where the rest of the 18th are. Co. F and part of Co. A was on the hindmost but got off at a station near Limestone Creek. Co. E was guarding bridges here.

Friday May 2nd. Cos. E, F and part A still remain at Madison Station. This being the advance post of pickets of Huntsville. A company of 33rd Ohio is posted here.

Sat. May 3rd. Today we hear that the regiment is again in Athens having driven the enemy back and recaptured all we lost. Weather pleasant.

Sun. May 4th. Today Captain Miller is at the head of Companies F and C and part of his own are out on the limit of the Companies here. He got here at sundown.

Mon. May 5th. Capt. Steadman and a part of his Company was taken prisoner in the fight of May 1st as our recruiting were coming back from home to Camp. They were attacked by Morgans [sic] Cavalry, made prisoners May the 1st. Today we started back for Athens. Staid [sic] all night at Moreville.

Tues. May 6th. This morning we move on to Athens and arrive in Athens at 3 o'clock. Weather good. All quiet at Athens.

Wednes. May 7th. Nothing special now all quiet.

Thursday May 8th. Nothing special today.

Friday May 9th. Today a Company of the 37th Ind. was taken prisoner by rebel cavalry at a bridge on the Decatur and Tennessee [sic] Railroad and killed 4 and wounded three, one of which has since died. We are all ready to leave, our wagons packed. The enemy is reported crossing Elk River. Tonight we lay on our arms.

Sat. May 10th. We keep in readiness for all that is out. Scouting is kept up continually.

Sunday May 11th. Today matters have assumed a more quiet attitude. Gen. Mitchel is here.

Mon. May 12th. Nothing special.

Tues. May 13th. Today a part of our Company with others start upon an expedition toward Florence.

Wedn. 14th. We made Elk River by sundown, we go 6 miles down the river this morning.

Thurs. May 15th. Nothing special.

Friday May 16th. General Negly [sic] threw a few shells across the Tennessee [sic] River yesterday at the enemy as he was on his way to Florence.

Sat. May 17th. All quiet today.

Sun. May 18th. We have preaching today by our Chaplain.

Mon. May 19th. Nothing special.

Tuesday May 20th. Nothing special.

Wednesday May 21st. Nothing special.

Thursday May 22nd. this [sic] morning 200 of the 18th go to Huntsville as guards to the wagon train.

Friday May 24th [sic]. We arrived last night at 8 o'clock. This morning we take the cars for Athens. Arrive at Athens at 10 o'clock.

Sat. May 24th. All quiet today.

Sun. May 25th. Preaching today by the Chaplain. This evening Company A, H and K are detailed as guards on the Railroad 10 miles north of Athens. We go on a train of cars.

Mon. May 26th. All quiet on the railroad.

Tuesday May 27th. We got a small mail yesterday. A quiet today

Wedn. May 28th. Nothing special.

Thurs. May 29th. Weather clear and hot. Tonight we are relieved by the 21st Ohio. We go to Athens tonight.

Friday May 30th. This morning we bid good bye to Athens and take the line for Fayetteville Tennessee [sic]. Our brigade went to Athens several days ago. We go 14 miles to Town Creek by dinner.

Sat. May 31st. Yesterday we made some 20 miles and bivouacked for the night. This morning we are off [sic] at 5 o'clock and arrive at Fayetteville by 4 o'clock. We laid by in the heat of the day. This evening an orderly Sergeant was drowned while bathing in Elk River.

June

Sun. June 1st. Today we had preaching by the 18th Ohio and 37th Ind. A member of the 9th Michigan was drowned. Sergeant of Company E not found yet.

Mon. June 2nd. Today an expedition started toward Chattanooga consisting of the 8th Brigade and some of Neglies [sic] Brigade and cavalry and artillery. We made 21 miles and bivouacked for the night near Salem [sic].

Tuesd. June 3rd. This morning we started at sunrise and passed through Winchester about 11 AM, made some 15 or 20 miles and stoped [sic] for the night.

Wednes June 4th. Today we crossed the Cumberland Mts. Gen. Neglies [sic] forces in the front had a brush with the enemy. Three of our cavalry were killed. Don't know the enemys [sic] loss.

Thursd. June 5th. Today we start at 8 o'clock. Yesterday we made some 15 or 16 miles. Today we made some 16 miles and encamped. We passed through Jasper about 2 o'clock.

Friday June 6th. Today we followed up the Sequacha Valley making 18 miles and bivouacked at the foot of Walden Ridge.

Satr. June 7th. This morning we ascent the mountains cross over and engage the enemy Chattanooga, the batt was opened by artillery and musket. The enemy returned the fire sharply. Our loss was one killed and seven wounded. Enemies [sic] loss not known. We marched 21 miles today.

Sund. June 8th. This morning firing commenced about 7 o'clock. Our artillery played upon the town. No reply by the enemy only by musket. We start back toward Fayetteville this morning. We made 21 miles and crossed Waldens ridge and encamped on the west side of the mountain.

Mond. June 9th. We move at 7 o'clock made 23 miles and encamped at Jasper, the county seat of Marion Co.

Tuesd. June 10th. Move at 10 o'clock, we go in direction of Huntsville down the Tennessee [sic] River made 14 miles and bivouacked for the night.

Wednesday June 11th. Today we passed through Stephenson. The 33 is there as out posts. We ferry across Crow Creek and encamp. We made 11 miles.

Thursday June 12th. We start at six o'clock, make 13 miles and encamp at Bellfount Ala. upon the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. June 10th we encamp in Alabama.

Friday June 13th. Our Brigade is still in camp, nothing of special interest today.

Saturd. June 14th. Today we learn that the prisoners of the 18th are released on parole, weather hot.

Sund. June 15th. This morning we take the train for Huntsville, arrive and take the line of march for Fayetteville. We go 8 miles and encamp.

Mond. June 16th. We take the line at six, rest four hours at noon and then push forward to camp at Fayetteville, a distance of 21 miles. We arrive at dark. Lieutenant Col. compliments us.

Mond. June 16th. Today we arrive in camp at Fayetteville, Tenn. after a march of 15 days.

Thurs. J. 17th. Letter writing is the principle [sic] order of the day.

Wednes. Jun. 18th. Today the 37th Ind. 24th and 19th Ill. leave for other parts.

Thurs. June 19th. This morning Cos. A and I were called out at 2 A.M. to look after some rebble [sic] cavalry reported in the vicinity. We scoured the country for 10 or 12 miles and scattered the enemy. Two deserters were picked up.

Friday June 20th. Today we move our ump. We take up our quarters in town.

Sat. 21st. Co. A on picket. Nothing unusual on picket line or in camp. Weather clear and warm.

Sunday June 22nd. This morning we received, we take the line at two PM. Make 9 miles and encamp. We go toward Hamptonville Ala.

Mon. June 23rd. This morning we are off at 6. Rest three or four hours at noon. An accidental shot proved fatal to the person of John Hartley of Co. H of our regiment. He was a teamster. We arrived at Huntsville at sundown. General Mitchall [sic] makes us a speech. He says the enemy that has run from us so long seems to dare to fight us at Chattanooga.

Tues. June 24th. This morning we take the cars for Stephenson, we arrive and encamp at sundown. Cloudy and some rain. Some of the 37th Ind. are at Stephenson [sic].

Wednes. June 25. We take the line of march and go in direction of Jasper. We make 12 miles by noon and encamp in the open field at foot of the Cumberland mountains. The 2nd Ohio is encamped to our left. Weather warm and some rain. Two shots were discharged at a train of cars across the Tenn.

Thurs. June 26th. This morning our Co. went down to the river to feel for the enemy. Couldn't draw them out.

Friday June 27th. Today we had a hard rain and wind. It blew most of our tents down. A flag of truce starts for Chattanooga.

Sat. June 28th. Rain today. Flag of truce returns. All quiet on the Tennessee [sic].

Sund. June 29th. Religious service this A.M. Nothing special today.

Mon. June 30th. Gen. Turchin arrived in camp this morning. Co. A goes on picket. Weather pleasant. We are posted along the river bank. The enemy on other side seldom show themselves but we are not allowed to shoot, though we are shot at. Col. Sills order.

July

Thurs. July 1st. Last night the enemy appeared to throw a strong picket. Tis thought they are diging [sic] rifle pits. This morning I took a bath and swim in the Tennessee [sic] river. The pickets converse with each other across the river.

Wednesday July 2nd. An expedition went to Bridgeport yesterday but returned today. They fired one shell at a Co. of secesh but the shell burst short of object. We move camp this afternoon We move into the woods toward the mountains.

Thursday July 3rd. Weather clear and pleasant. Firing is heard toward Bridgeport this morning. Cause unknown. Preparations are being made for a big dinner tomorrow in our Co. A.

Friday July 4th. Our regiment is still encamped in a cove of the Cumberland Mountains on the Tenn. River. This day observed by the hoisting of the Stars and Stripes and a national salute of 34 guns. Our Co. partook of a fine dinner for camp. It consisted of bread, mutton, chicken, black and huckle berries, potatoes and honey, mutton and chicken soup. Weather warm and clear. A secesh Lieut. Col. came over the river under a flag truce.

Sat. July 5th. About ten o'clock today our pickets beyond battle creek were fired upon which caused an alarm in camp. The battalion staked arms but all became quiet. One of the 4 Ky. cavalry was killed. Enemies [sic] loss unknown. This evening we received orders to march. We are to garrison and hold the towns of Talahoma [sic] and Cowen on the Chattanooga and Nashville Railroad. Tonight our artillery opened fire upon the enemy across the river. The roar of artillery was wild and terrific beyond description. Some 30 or 40 shells were fired. Don't think the enemy returned the fire. All soon became quiet again.

July 6th. We struck tents before six and loaded up and started out of camp, but just then we received orders to return to camp and await further orders. The day passed quietly. Our Co. go on picket. We fire a few volleys at the enemy at night. They were clearing the river bank of brush.

Mon. July 7th. Our forces are throwing up breast works for cannon.

Tues. July 8th. Heavy details are made to work on fortifications. All remains quiet in vicinity.

Wedne. July 9th. Entrenchments are still being thrown up by our men, and as near as can be observed the enemy are entrenching themselves. We drill in skirmish drill.

Thurs. July 10th. Have a fine shower of rain. We are preparing to move our camp.

Frid. July 11th. Owing to rain yesterday we did little toward the new camp. About 11½ last night by the report the enemy had crossed the river above our picket line and twas [sic] thought they would attack us soon. We were ordered to strike tents and move camp equipage as soon as possible. We did not get our camp cleared before daylight. We fell back about 1½ miles and pitched tents. Most of the night and for an hour or two in the morning it rained light and heavy showers. The report as to the enemy appears to have been false. As yet we have nothing confirmed as to last nights [sic] report.

Sat. July 12th. Nothing of special importance. At present there is a great cry for tobacco. There is but little in camp.

Sund. July 13th. Yesterday evening we received marching orders. We are to go to Cowen and Tallahoma [sic] upon the Chattanooga R.R. We struck tents and were off about 9 o'clock. Our line is up Sweedens Cove and over the Cumberland Mountains, five of the 24th Ills. go with us. We make 12 miles and encamp at Blue Springs at the foot of the mountains.

Mon. July 14th. Today we start early and cross the mountains and are met by a courier with orders to report as quick as possible at Dechard. We take supper at Cowen. We made 20 miles and after supper moved on to Dechard distance 6 miles. It is reported that our forces are whiped [sic] at Murfreesboro, by secesh cavalry. Heavy forces are being sent to Murfreesboro.

Tues. 15th. Our Co. was on picket night. Today noon we move for the bridge crossing Elk River. We arrive early. The distance from Dechard to this place 5 miles. This place is noted for once being a cotton manfactory [sic], and is called Elk Springs.

Wednes. July 16th. We begin fortifyng. A squad of our cavalry encounter the enemy so says report, and two of our men killed. We hear that Richmond ours. Weather cloudy. Enemy driven back from Murfreesboro.

Thurs. July 17th. Raied last night and continued till noon. Today we got a mail and our tents that was left behind at Cowen. It still continues to rain till night.

Friday July 18th. Light showers of rain. We are still working at the defences [sic] fortifying and falling timbers. We now have two pieces of artillery.

Saturday July 19th. Morning clear. We move our camp today. Our camp is now on the west side of the railroad.

Sund. July 20th. Rained last night. We have a new order to the effect that every man shall bathe himself in the river before breakfast. Inspection ordered this morning, but this was cut short by the long roll of drums. We were soon in line but the alarm proved false. Our Co. is on guard duty at the fort. Dress parade, a short exhortation and prayer by the Chaplain. No train today.

Monday July 21st. Since our arrival here we have been very short of rations. We shell corn take to mill grind and make mush. None have suffered for want of provisions, but we do not get half rations from Government. This evening a train arrives with some provisions.

Tuesd. July 22nd. Two trains pass here for Nashville. 5 Co. of the 24 Ills. go to Talahoma [sic]. We get a mail. Nothing of great importance occurred. Our Co. go on picket today.

Wednes. July 23rd. Rained last night and this P.M. Col. Stanley is called to Athens to answer charges.

Thurs. July 24th. Weather warm. We received orders to march this [illegible] Work was immediately suspended. We are to go six Cos. to Tallahoma [sic] the rest Cowen. We are aroused about ten and informed that we must move shortly. We strike tents are underway by 11 and at daybreak we arrived at Tallahoma [sic], a distance of about 12 miles.

Friday July 25th. This morning our regiment went into camp and our co. detailed as provost guards. Most all of the forces here started upon an expedition to McMimsville [sic]. Talahoma [sic] is a small place upon the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad. The town is fortified by rifle pits. Weather clear.

Sat. July 26th. We have no word from the expedition yet. Cloudy and light sprinking [sic]. Report says our expedition captured 1,000 bbls [sic] of flour, 900 bushels of wheat and a large quantity of pork. Tonight we put upon the alert by the report that the enemy had evaded Genl. Smith had flanked him and were coming down upon us.

Sund. July 27th. We slept undisturbed and all hands got up and in line at 3 o'clock to be ready for the enemy. Our Co. was detailed for provost guard but was soon attached to an expedition to go to Manchester. We went by rail. Were under way by 8½ and arrived a 9½ AM. We found our expedition at this place and the enemy reported near at hand, they having fired at our pickets this morning and presented quite a bold front but upon scouring the country no enemy was found. Our Co. was put up provost duty and we took up quarters at the Court House. Manchester is the county seat of Coffee County.

Mon. July 28th. We are placed upon reserve. picket [sic] last night. We move quarters to the depot this morning. It is 12 miles from here to Talahoma [sic]. A heavy force was thrown into town last night. The streets blockaded and preparations [sic] made to resist an attack. Our Co. acted as guard to the train running from here to Tallahoma [sic]. We return by rail to Tallahoma [sic] this morning. Stanley and Given are called to attend court martials.

Tues. July 29th. One year ago I enlisted. Capt. Miller is in command of the Cos. here. We received a mail today.

Wedne. July 30th. Today our Co. was placed on picket duty. It rains light showers this evening.

Thurs. July 31st. We got mail matter today. It rains by piece meal. Nothing stiring [sic] is transpiring of late. All quiet today.

August

Friday Aug. 1st. Weather pleasant.

Sat. Aug. 2nd. Our Co. goes on picket today. Buel [sic] telegraphs that 3,000 of the enemy crossed the river at or near Chattanooga. All quiet on the picket line.

Sunday Aug. 3rd. Slight rain last night. Weather pleasant. Geo. W. Roten of our Co. preached today.

Mon. Aug. 4th. Wind and rain last night. A detail of ten men from our Co. today for cutting [sic] telegraph poles. We went [illegible number] miles from camp without equipments [sic] notwithstanding we are required to sleep upon our arms and get up at 3 o'clock AM.

Tuesday Aug. 5th. Our Co. is provost guards. Capt. Stivers of Co. K is provost martial. Weather very warm.

Wednes. Aug. 6th. Nothing special.

Thurs. Aug. 7th. Weather warm. Day before yesterday Aug. 6 Col. McCook of the 9 Ohio while upon the march from Winchester and while riding in an ambulance was rushed upon by a band of guerrillas and brutally murdered. His remains passed through here on the cars today. Dress parade this evening.

Friday Aug. 8th. This afternoon we received orders to remove to Duck River 8 miles north of Tallahoma [sic]. We were under way at 3 o'clock PM, and arrived at 9 at night. A stalkade [sic] is being constructed at Duck River. About 100 negros are at work upon this stalkade [sic]. Last night one year ago was our first night in Camp Wool Athens Ohio.

Sat. Aug. 9th. Our Co. goes on picket. We get orders to march immediately to Manchester distance 14 miles. Only five Cos. of the regiment are here. The other five are moving on to Manchester where we expect to join them. Our Liut. [sic] Col. came to us today. We took the line of march about 5 PM and arrived at Manchester about 2½ AM. We found the rest of the regiment encamped in the fair grounds.

Sun. Aug. 10th. This morning we move our encampment. Our Co. took up quarters at the fort or redoubt. Co. G is quartered at the Court house. The rest of the Regiment are encamped near the Railroad Depot. We have no public service today.

Mon. Aug. 11th. About half of our Co. go on duty today. Weather warm. Col. Stanley rejoins the regt. this evening. We know but little about our enemies.

Tuesday Aug. 12th. All quiet today.

Wednesday Aug. 13th. Nothing special.

Thurs. Aug. 14th. Wagoner's Brigade moved toward McMimsville [sic].

Friday Aug. 15th. Gen. Woods [sic] division passing through here. The Gen. is here this morning. His forces encamped here.

Satur. Aug. 16th. Weather pleasant clear with light clouds. Nights extremely cold.

Sun. Aug. 17th. We have inspection of men and equipment and pass before Col. Stanley in review. Very cold last night. Sun hot today.

Mon. Aug. 18th. Today is apointed [sic] for general muster. Weather pleasant. A regimental court martial is being held and at present the charge prefered [sic] by Aaron Gregory against Captain Miller is being tried. Report says that some 20 bridges are destroyed between Nashville and Louisville. We have battalion drill and dress parade. An order is read declareing [sic] the issue of but half rations.

Tuesday 19. The court martial is still going on. A train comes through from Tallahoma [sic] but brings no mail for us.

Wednes. Aug. 20. Weather pleasant and warm. Our Co. goes on picket. I am detained in camp as a witness before the court martial. Quartermaster Van Vorhees has been appointed to a Colonelcy and will leave the regiment in a day or two and the officers will give a supper in honor of the Quartermaster.

Thurs. Aug. 21. The tribute of respect given in honor of Col. Van Vorhees turned out to be a big drunk and a knockdown. It was altogether disreputable to the good character of the 18th. Weather pleasant. Dress parade.

Friday Aug. 22. Today several of our Co. are ordered to be stationed at bridges upon this railroad. We repair to the depot and await the arrival of a train and while we are here about half the Co. get drunk and we have a high time. The train arrives but passes on and we remain. Col. Given arrives. We get a mail. The times look squally and the enemy will beat us if the wickedness of the army does not abate.

Sat. Aug. 23rd. We are still at the depot awaiting orders to move. Weather cloudy, light sprinkle of rain last night. The train arrived and we started (6 Cos. of the regt.) about 5 o'clock. Cos Vere dropd [sic] off at each bridge. Our Co. going furthest from Manchester to this place 14 miles.

Sun. Aug. 24th. This morning the plan for the stockade is laid out, and we pitch our tents. Fruit apples peaches and green corn are plenty. We had just settled ourselves comfortably when the train from McMimsville [sic] came down and we were ordered to strike tents and jump aboard the cars. It was evident a retreat was in progress. The train passed on picking up the Cos. till all were on board, and it was then found that the train was overloaded and some 200 of us walked 6 miles, the distance to Manchester. The Regiment stoped [sic] at Manchester.

Mon. Aug. 25th. We still remain at this place Manchester. Co. A goes on picket. The regiment drills. Weather warm.

Tues. Aug. 26. This morning we discharge our guns and have a short drill. This afternoon we pitch tents and prepare for staying awhile.

Wednes. Aug. 27th. This morning we are ordered back upon the railroad. We go by train and start about 8 o'clock. 6 Cos. go, the rest stay at Manchester. Our Co. with Co. I stoped [sic] at the same place that our Co. was when first upon the road. We go to work upon our stockade.

Thur. Aug. 28th. We are reinforced today by Co. D of the 9 Mich. Work upon the stockade progresses finely.

Friday Aug. 29. We finish the stockade about noon. Except some temporary finishings. We had just finished dinner and were lounging about camp when the enemy dismounted cavalry. Genl. Deforests [sic] command came dashing down upon us and

there was a rush for the fort. The enemy tried to get possession first but we were a little too quick. The firing was hot and deadly, but the engagement was short about 3 minutes length. We repulsed the enemy and gained a glorious victory. They left 9 dead and 6 six wounded on the field. They set a small bridge on fire about a quarter of a mile from here and we put it out after the fight.

Sat. Aug. 30. This morning we rebuild the bridge. Two physicians arived [sic] here from Manchester last night and two from McMisville [sic] this morning. A reble [sic] surgeon was sent back to look after the wounded left upon the field. Since the fight we have ascertained that among the killed was a Captain and a lieutenant, Captain Huston. The number killed dead and that has died of their wounds is 11 and some 30 wounded. Our loss was none killed and 9 wounded. 7 of Co. I 1 of Co. A 18 Ohio and 1 of Co. D 9 Mich. The train came up today and moved the wounded both ours and the enemies to Tallahoma. [sic] Co. I left by train today. Cannonading has been heard today. In the fight of Aug. 29th some 30 guns and 12 pistols were taken. 8 of the killed were buried today in one common grave and two were taken away by their friends.

Sun. Aug. 31st. Today is Sunday and It is very unlike the Sundays of home. We have no train up today. Four citizens, which we took prisoners shortly after the fight and which are strong secesh took the oath today. Weather pleasant.

September

Mon. Sept. 1st. Weather partly cloudy with light showers of rain. We are still strengthening our defences [sic]. This evening a train arrives and Co. D of the 9th Michigan leave for Tallahoma [sic]. Our equipments [sic] are also sent Manchester and we are ordered to march in the morning at 3 o'clock. We move to Co. E tonight.

Tue Sept. 2nd. This morning we are off at 3 AM. We arrive at Manchester about 7 AM, distance 12 miles. Gen. MCooks [sic] forces came in here today, they encamped for the night. Dress parade tonight and an order read that we are once more brigaded with the 6 brigade. Gen. Willicks [sic] command and is now composed of the 39 and 32 Ind. and 15 and 49 Ohio and our regiment.

Wednesday Sept. 3. Today we are upon the line for Murfreesboro. The column is composed of three brigades. The head of column moves out at daylight and the rear about 9 o'clock. Our rout [sic] is the Murfreesboro and Manchester pike. We make 13 miles and bivouack [sic] for the night in open field near a small stream.

Thurs. Sept. We are under way early and make 18 miles and encamp. The country through which we passed today and yesterday after dinner is hilly but seems to be rich. We passed through a cedar grove of several miles length P.M. this Since in camp we learn that Gen. Nelson's forces has been whiped [sic]and himelf [sic] killed at Lexington Ky. Weather clear sun hot air cool. We are encamped 3 miles from Murfreesboro near a spring of immense size. Dress parade tonight.

Friday Sept. 5th. We lay in camp today. Some however are moving on, don't know where.

Sat. Sept. 6th. We have battalion drill this morning and while out we receive orders to march. We made 7 miles and counter march $3\frac{1}{2}$ making $10\frac{1}{2}$ miles and encamped. The air in camp was filled with dust, water scarce.

Sun. Sept. 7th. This morning we off by times. The wagons going in advance of the men. Last night a soldier was killed at a private house and by way of retaliation the houses were all burned. We made 15 miles and stoped [sic] at Laverne [sic] for supper. Our regiment formed the rear guard to the column. We rest $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours and then move onward, we made 11 miles and encamped at $1\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. Enemies [sic] cavalry seen in our advance. Several houses and a saw and a grit mill were burned at Lavern [sic] last night.

Mon. Sept. 8th. The dust last night was most deseprate [sic] to travel in. Weather clear and warm. We move 2 or 3 miles nearer town and halt and await our turn to cross the river. We were mistaken in the idea of crossing the river. We were ordered to go into camp. We marched through town and encamped southwest of the city and near the fortifications. Our regiment is placed in a new brigade composed of the 69 Ohio 11 Michigan and the 19th Ills. We are under General Neglie [sic]. Mail today.

Tuesday Sept. 9th. We received orders to move camp last night, therefore today we moved and pitched tents near a state hospital and within the suburbs of the city. Regt. detachments and corps of different kinds are encamped all about us and this makes water very scarce.

Wednes. Sept. 10th. Today we have a fine shower of rain which was very exceptable [sic]. Cos. A and I go on picket today. All quiet on picket line. We are relieved this morning by the 74th Ohio Col. Moodys [sic] regiment. The weather is warm but pleasant. Fortifications are being constructed.

Thurs. Sept. 11th. Dress parade this evening and an order read informs us that we are the 29th Brigade Col. Stanley commanding. Heavy thunder showers.

Friday 12th. Very warm light clouds.

Sat. 13th. Cloudy and foggy this morning. Clear this afternoon. Cos. A and I accompany a train of foraging as guards. We went but three miles from the City and found plenty of corn hay and oats. Fruit and sweet potatoes were found in abundance.

Sunday Sept. 14th. Regiment inspection this morning at 9 o'clock preaching at 11 AM and prayer meeting at 7 PM. Dress parade.

Mon. Sept. 15th. Today our brigade is engaged in constructing a place of defence [sic] out of the old State hospital. Two forts are being built south of the City, upon elevated ground. While at other points all around the city the work of defence [sic] is going on.

Our source of supplies is cut off and we will soon have to submit upon the surrounding country.

Tuesday Sept. 16th. The work of defence [sic] still goes on. Yesterday two of the 19th was shot by a citizen. Today a citizen was found heavily armed and was put under custody.

Wednes. Sept. 17th. Nothing special today but the camp is full of wild rumors of various kinds.

Tuesday Sept. 18th. All remains quiet on the Cumberland today. Fortifying still goes on briskly.

Friday Sept. 19th. Nothing new. Co. A goes on picket today. We have cheering news from the east to the effect that Jackson is badly whiped [sic] by McClelan [sic].

Sat. Sept. 20th. So far as we know we have no communication with the outer world and we have nothing new in camp.

Sunday Sept. 21st. We have preaching at 11 o'clock and prayer meeting at 7 P.M. Dress parade.

Mon. Sept. 22d. A detachment of our brigade went foraging. We went 10 miles from the city, saw about 200 of the enemies [sic] Cavalry, captured one and wounded another.

Thursday Sept. 23rd. The enemies [sic] cavalry are encircled all about the city. They annoy us but little.

Wednes. Sept. 24th. From Sept. 24 until Sept. 25 nothing of special interest occurred [sic] except the cheering news from different parts of the army and the resignation of some of our officers attract some attention. Our first Lieutenant Felix McNeal resigned, Sept. 25th and Lieut. Haynes takes his place and Seargeant [sic] Davidson of Co. A (ours) is promoted to Second Lieutenant.

Sat. Sept. 27th. The work for the defence [sic] of the city still goes on rapidly. An alarm in camp called out several regts [sic] yesterday but the alarm was false one.

Sun. Sept. 28th. Chaplain of the 39 Ind. preaches for us today. Prayer meeting this evening, dress parade and regiments called out to be in readiness for the enemy but no enemy came.

Mon. Sept. 29h. Most of our Co. are on duty today. Provost guards, picket and fatigue.

Tues. Sept. 30th. Regimental drill this afternoon. Weather quite warm.

October

Wednes. Oct. 1st. Our regiment go with forage train as guards, we went down the river about 10 miles. The enemies [sic] cavalry were in the vacinity [sic] and our cavalry went in pursuit, dashed upon, surprised and routed them, killing 40 taking a number prisoner

and wounding 39. No loss on our side. We got quite a nice supply of forage and provisions, with arms and accouterments horses etc. The 19 Ills. went upon another expedition, in which case they routed some guerillas and took some prisoners and killed a captain.

Thurs. Oct. 2nd. Weather warm with some rain, nothing of special interest today. Drill by battalion and prayer meeting at night.

Friday Oct. 3rd. Rained this morning but clear this afternoon and quite warm. All quiet on the Cumberland.

Sat. Oct. 4th. A forageing [sic] expedition went out today. Nothing unusual took place. We brought in hay corn and a lot of cattle..

Sunday Oct. 5th. Preaching by chaplain of 11th Mich. At 10 A.M. and by chaplain of 19 Ills at 3 P.M. Sunday School at 2 P.M. Prayer meeting at night.

Monday Oct 6th. Quite cool last night, weather clear. Dress parade. Our regiment had orders to go picket but we joined an expediton to Laverne [sic].

Tuesday Oct. 7th. Last night at 8 o'clock we joined the expedition to Laverne [sic], distant 15 miles. The expedition consisted of some 6 or 8 regts. [sic], infantry, some cavalry and several pieces of artillery. We divided into two corps, one taking the Murfreesboro road, the other a road leading to the right. Thus throwing it beyond or in the rear or south of Laverne [sic]. Our regiment joined this latter corps. We arrived and engaged the enemy about sunrise. The fight lasted about 30 minutes. We routed the enemy completely, took their camp equipage, commissaries and stores of all kinds. The enemies [sic] loss was some 30 killed, 80 wounded and between 200 and 300 prisoners. Cols., Capts. [sic] and non commissioned officers were among the prisoners. Our loss was four killed and 7 wounded. We burned several cars. Among the captured property was one piece artillery, a quantity of small arms, horses, wagons and several flags. We returned and reached Nashville about 3 o'clock. We made a march of about 35 miles in less than 21 hours.

Wednes. Oct 8th. Today is occupied in resting from our hard march of yesterday. The weather is clear and warm. A supply train arrived from Louisville today.

Thursday Oct. 9th. Nothing special. Our regiment went as guards to forage train. We secured large amounts of hay, corn and wheat oats and cattle sheep and deer were killed, of which our Co. killed two. Weather cool with a drenching rain.

Oct..10th. The above remark should have been written on record for today.

Sat. Oct. 11th. Rained all night and is quite cool this morning. Forage train started out but retuned immediately, cause unknown.

Sund. Oct. 12th. Our regiment went on a forage expedition this morning. We returned by 1 o'clock P.M. A large amount of corn hay and oats were brought in. Religious service by Chaplain.

Mond. Oct. 13th. We have little duty today. Drill at 2½ P.M. Weather still quite cool.

Tuesday Oct. 14th. Today our regiment go on picket. Co. A occupy posts No. 1 and 2. A band of guerillas was seen in front of post No. 1 on Franklin Pike. Quite a number of buggies are going toward the city this morning. Weather cool and clear sun hot nights cold. Country hereabouts is rich, well timbered undulating and decorated with fine plantation houses. Our cavalry went in pursuit of the guerillas. They routed the gang and captured 13, none killed on either side. No disturbance on picket line today.

Wednes. Oct. 15th. We were relieved by the 21st Ohio. Clear and cold.

Thursday Oct. 16th. Our regiment went foraging today. 227 wagons were out, most of which were well filled. We returned by 2 o'clock.

Friday Oct. 17th. Nothing of special interest has occurred [sic] today. A foraging train went out and returned heavily loaded. At 9 o'clock P.M. we are ordered to hold ourselves in perfect readiness for an attack. The enemy being reported in force near town.

Sat. Oct. 18th. This morning we were called out early to meet any emergency but no attack was made except by some cavalry that dashed upon the picket line. We learn that no special damage was done on either side. The balance of the day passed off quietly.

Sunday Oct. 19th. Col. Granville Moody preached in Chattanooga Depot this morning. Preaching by Chaplains at different points. Dress parade at which General Neglie [sic] honored us with his presence and a word of eulogy. All quiet on the Cumberland.

Monday Oct. 20th. Nothing important [sic]. About 1 o'clock last night a party left camp commanded by Capt. Miller to look after some of the enemy who were encamped on the Gallatin Pike. The party routed the enemy, killing five and wounding several. Capturing some 15 among whom is a Col. Our loss was one killed and one wounded.

Tuesday Oct. 21. Today our regiment is on picket duty. We went on at 9 last night. It is reported that some 40 of our men was taken prisoner on picket line. Don't know what regiment they belong to. All quiet on our line.

Wednes. Oct. 22nd. We are relieved by the 21 Ohio. A large forage train went out last night and returned this evening. The train went some 18 miles. They got the wagons well filled.

Thurs. Oct. 23rd. Today several expeditions went in search of the enemy. Our regiment was among them and was under Col. Millers [sic] command. We made some 25 miles but found no enemy except a few scattering cavalry some of which were taken prisoner.

Friday Oct. 24th. Weather continues clear and cold at night. I am on camp guard today, the first since leaving Battle Creek. A member of Co. E died last night and was buried today.

Sat. Oct. 25th. Last night the weather grew very cold and continues to blow very cold and snows slightly. This evening it snows quite hard. We are ordered out on picket.

Sunday Oct. 26th. We are on picket duty having come out last night. The snow fell two inches deep. We are allowed to keep fires on post today. The snow disappears. Cloudy with a little sunshine.

Monday Oct. 27th. Clear last night and today. Hard frost this morning. Forage train went out this morning, 470 wagons.

Tuesday Oct. 28th. Clear weather. Forage train out today. Large quantities of provender and cattle procured.

Wednes. Oct. 29th. Our regt. was out today with forage train. We went 13 miles and got full loads of corn, hay, oats and blades, beside we got wheat, hogs and some cattle.

Thurs. Oct. 30th. Our Lieut. Col. Given with some convalescents started for home today. They were to go under a flag of truce. Forage train went out today. Weather pleasant with cool nights.

Friday Oct. 31st. Forage train went out this morning, secured large quantities of hay, corn, hogs, sheep and cattle. The enemy was in the vicinity but run away at the approach of our cavalry. The work for the defence [sic] of the city still goes on briskly.

November

Sat. Nov. 1st. Light clouds this morning but a pleasant day. Dress parade. This evening we went on picket.

Sund. Nov. 2nd. Our company relieved the 37 Ind. from picket this morning at 7 o'clock. A few shots were exchanged across the river last night by the pickets and the enemy. Nothing of special importance took place during our 36 hours on duty.

Mon. Nov. 3rd. Our regiment was relieved by the 21 Ohio this A.M. quite cool this morning, sun warm.

Tuesday Nov. 4th. Nothing of special importance occurred during the day. At night we are ordered under arms. The pickets were fired on at night.

Wednes. Nov. 5th. This morning our pickets were fired upon at an early hour before day and soon after the enemy brought up several pieces of artillery and fired on the pickets. Several picket posts were taken prisoner. About sunup a general attack was brought upon the south side of town but after an engagement of some 3 or 4 hours the enemy withdrew. Our forces followed and engaged the enemy about noon. The result of the engagement was about as follows, the enemy lost some 5 or 15 killed and some 15 or

thirty wounded and 23 prisoners. Our loss was some 5 or 10 wounded, 3 missing and none killed and thus the fight ended. Weather clear but pleasant but a furious storm of dust arose in the evening. The forces that made the attack this morning were commanded by General N. B. Forest [sic], we captured 55 head of cattle.

Tuesday Nov. 6th. All remain quiet today though we were called out by 3 o'clock A.M. We were very revived by the announcement of the near approach of some of Rosecrans's army. They encamped within 9 miles of here tonight.

Friday Nov. 7th. Today General McCook arrived here and visited our camp. He brought some commissary stores. Our regt. go on picket tonight. Weather cool and cloudy. General McCooks [sic] arrival was announced by a salute of 13 guns from St. Cloud hill this morning and as the General passed around the works of defence [sic] each gave a salute of welcome and honor.

Sat. Nov. 8th. Clear fine weather. We draw sugar, coffee, beans and rice. We begin to feel that we are living upon Uncle Sam again., feel rich.

Sunday Nov. 9th. A large supply train came in this evening and one started out this morning. Religious service by Chaplain this morning. Weather fine.

Mon. Nov. 10th. Another provision train arrived today. Nothing special transpired today. We received orders to march at a late hour but the order is countermanded.

Tuesday Nov. 11th. Louisville and Cincinnati papers sell at 20 to 25 cts [sic] per copy. Weather clear and Indian summer very smokey. All the forces under Gen. Neglie [sic] are inspected by Gen. Rosecrans and pass in review before him. Provision and transportation trains arrive and go out daily.

Wednesday Nov. 12th. We are overjoyed at the arrival of a mail. The first since we have arrived here over two months ago. Oh how glad we are to receive news from home and then how sad when we learn that some of our fellow soldiers have fallen victims to the fate of war. Rained last night and this morning.

Thurs. Nov. 13th. Some of the forces here supposed to be a division took the leave for parts unknown. Our regt. escorts a train on a forage tour. They encounter some guerillas and kill one. They got a large amount of hay and corn. Weather beautiful.

Friday Nov. 14th. Our regt. go on picket today. A very lamentable accident occurred [sic] today, the shooting of James Mowbry. The shot was accidental and in the hand cutting off two fingers. Mowbry is a private of our Co. and a good soldier. We receive another mail. General Rosecrans visits the picket lines and camps. Fine weather.

Saturday Nov. 15. Capt. Miller is in command of the Co. A large provision train arrived here today from Mitchelville [sic] distant from here 38 miles.

Sunday Nov. 16th. Today is my 27th birthday. Weather light cloudy. Religious services at several places and at different hours. A forage train went out and got a large amount of provender.

Mon. Nov. 17th. Our sutler has been absent for some time but is now here and will open tomorrow.

Tuesday Nov. 18th. We receive newspapers from home. Weather cloudy and rainy.

Wednes. Nov. 19th. Cloudy and raining. Forage train went out today. Rained a great portion of the day. Forage train returned with tolerable supply.

Thurs. Nov. 20th. Our regiment are on picket. Day before yesterday Nov. 18th 4 Cos. of our regiment move quarters to Ft. St. Cloud and will garrison the place a while.

Friday Nov. 21st. We are surprised to learn of the arrival of some of the heroes [sic] of Cumberland Gap. General Morgan's command; also Parson Brownlow. Brownlow will address the people tonight in the Methodist Church. Weather cloudy. Dress parade at 4 ½ P.M.

Sat. Nov. 22nd. Our regiment go foraging. Capt. Miller starts for home, goes from here on horseback. Forage is found in abundance.

Sund. Nov. 23rd. Preaching by Chaplin. Weather pleasant. I am placed on guard at private house today. Cause am doing half duty on account of sore eyes.

Mon. Nov. 24th. Nothing of special importance occurred [sic]. Our regiment are on picket. Lieutenant [sic] Col. Given returned today. The four Cos. that were garrisoning Fort St. Cloud have been ordered back to the regt.

Thurs. Nov. 27th. A call for volunteers in the regular service is being made and some of our regt. are volunteering.

Friday Nov. 28. Nothing of special importance.

Sat. Nov. 29th. Weather cool with light clouds and some sunshine.

Sund. Nov. 30th. Preaching by Chaplin. Rained last night and today.

December

Mon. Dec. 1. Nothing special. One a sergeant of E died of chronic diarrhoea [sic] and was buried today.

Tues. Dec. 2nd. All quiet on the Cumberland, business reviving.

Wednes. Dec. 3rd. Today the regt. is being paid off. We look for a big drunk. Several persons are here from Frankfort Ohio.

Thurs. Dec. 4th. Our Co. is paid, are paid for three months and squared up for the year. We were paid for our losses of May 1 at Athens Ala. The finest spirit prevails in camp. A

general settlement is taking place among the boys. Some of the boys find themselves in dept [sic] after paying clothing, suttlers [sic] and other bills. Sky clear, sun warm and the air cool.

Friday Dec. 5th. This morning snow is falling thick and fast, ceased snowing at 11 A.M. The presence of greenbacks in camp has revived the watch trade which had been carried on so extensively sometime ago, but for want of means had taken a stand still. An unusual amount of drunkenness prevails in all the camps as well as ours.

Sat. Dec. 6th. The boys at camp are taxed with an unusual amount of duty. Clear and cold.

Sunday Dec. 7th. Last night was the coldest we have had this season. Clear and cold.

Mon. Dec. 8th. Regt. on picket. We receive orders to be ready to move at a moments warning. Our visitors from Ross County left this morning. The sick are moved to the post hospital.

Tues. Dec. 9th. Two of our boys start for home, H. Grubb and S. Strampher.

Wednes. Dec. 10th. Today we pull stakes ad move to the country, five miles from the city. I join the regt. The Brigade all move together. We are upon the Franklin turnpike, five miles from the city south of the city. We form part of the outpost.

Thurs. Dec. 11th. A large expedition of cavalry, artillery and infantry went out today.

Friday Dec. 12th. Expedition returned bringing some 10 prisoners. They went as far as Franklin, had a skirmish with the enemies [sic] cavalry, drove them in all directions and returned without any loss on our part. Rosecran's [sic] headquarters are just in front of our camp. Enemy reported in force in and about Murfreesboro. Cloudy and sprinkling rain.

Sat. Dec. 13th. Our Co. went on picket last night, all quiet during the night. Clear and very windy.

Sun. Dec. 14th. An immense [sic] forage train went out toward Franklin, full wagons return. The enemies [sic] cavalry captured four of men, killed one and wounded 3 or 4 and took four horses. Preaching by Chaplin.

Mon. Dec. 15. Drilled a little. A dashing rain this P.M. with a strong western wind.

Tues. Dec. 15. [sic] Hard rain last night, clear this morning. An immense forage train is moving to the front. This looks very strange when it is reported that the enemy is menacing us and is in strong force in our front. Cavalry artillery and infantry escort the train. All quiet at 11.30 A.M. but 12 A.M. hark the clattering of the couriers [sic] horses [sic] hoofs tell us that all is not right, then the long roll is beating. We fall into line and off we go to look after the reported danger. Report says forage train is all captured. We go out some three miles and are ordered back. Some of the enemy was seen by our foragers and fired upon. That was the cause of us being called out, a strong force was

sent out but we are again in camp. Forage train returned with full loaded wagons. Dress parade this afternoon and the Martial band of the 19 Ills. played for us. They are excellent drummers. Some 6 or 8 months ago Cos. A and E sent for two fine drums. One to be presented to the Major drummer the other to Co. E's drummer and tonight the drums came to camp. They are splendid drums and cost about 70 dollars a piece, also three fifes were donated to the fifers, which cost 8 dollars a piece. We expect to have good music henceforth. "Music charms".

Wednes. Dec. 17th. Very cold last night. Clear today. A huxter [sic] was robbed [sic] by our regt. and tis hinted that it was done at the suggestion of the "powers that be". Bunk one gathered about two bushels hickory nuts, nuts are abundant. Bunk 2 has a refuge [sic] negro quartered with them. Quite lately I saw what I never expected to see in decent society that a negro and a white man playing cards together.

Thurs. Dec. 18th. Clear cold and frosty. Drill at 9 P.M. This morning we had brigade drill by Col. Stanly. This was the Cols. [sic] first effort and we are glad to say he adjusted himself admirably.

Fri. Dec. 19th. Last night Col. Given's wife arrived in camp. A happy meeting no doubt. This morning we were ordered to be ready to march within half an hour with three days rations in our haversacks. The idea of carrying three days rations to us was very inconsistent, before we were ready to take the line the order was countermanded. Cause of the order unknown to us. A forage train has passed out today. Brigade drill this afternoon. Dress parade and quite a number of orders read among which was the decision of a court martial held upon the charge of drunkenness preferred against several members of the regiment. The penalties were severe yet just, but the majority of the regt. denounced the act as it was punishing only a few out of many that was guilty of the same or worse offenses, among whom are several command officers. Forage train returned with safety having seen but few of the enemy and were out some 8 miles.

Sat. Dec. 20th. Our regt. goes on picket. Considerable firing on picket line. Cannonading heard during day and at night in direction of Murfreesboro, supposed 6-8 miles distant.

Sunday Dec. 21. We are relieved by the 37 Ind. All quiet on picket line. Capt. Miller arrived in camp last night, brought two recruits. At dress parade we were honored by the presence of Gen. Neglie [sic], and our regiment was presented with a new stand of colors by the government, upon which occasion Col. Given made some very appropriate remarks. Part of forage train returned safely, they having had a light skirmish, in which two of the enemy were killed, 3 or 4 taken prisoners and a few guns and horses taken. Our loss one wounded. Part of train is delayed and our regt. went out and met it returning safely and well loaded. Preaching by Chaplin.

Mon. Dec. 22nd. Regimental drill this morning. A lot of contrabands came in the morning. Forage train went out and returned unmolested with filled wagons.

Tues. Dec. 23rd. regimental drill this morning. Brigade this afternoon. An alarm was caused by the 19 Ills. firing off their guns when relieved on picket.

Wednes. Dec. 24th. Ordered up at 3½ A.M. supplied ourselves with three days rations, enemy reported threaten us. We are ordered to be ready for any emergency. Forage train going out, now returning. An expedition seemed to be going to the front, we join it and now we are under way. Neglies [sic] Div. is all out, the Gen. in command. We went about 6 miles, forage train followed and succeeded in getting forage. We saw but few of the enemy. Enemys [sic] and our cavalry had a light skirmish. We returned to camp about 6½ o'clock.

Thurs. Dec. 25th. Last night we were ordered to move at 6 this morning but the order was countermanded. This is Christmas Day and we are determined to have a good time. Weather cloudy. We spent last Christmas in Camp Jefferson, Bacon Creek, Ky. review was ordered. We reported at the place appointed for review, but before the performance commenced we were ordered back to camp. Tonight Bunk 1 and other bunks had oyster suppers. Christmas passed off rather dull. We are ordered to move at 6 in the morning.

Friday Dec. 26th. We are off this morning at an early hour. Our regiment taking the lead. Our route is southward. We take the Franklin Pike a few miles, turn to the left, form a junction with other forces and strike the pike at Nolinville [sic]. We bivouack [sic] for the night one mile south of Nolinville [sic]. Our wagons fail to come up. It rained during the day and part of the night making it one of the most disagreeable nights we have experienced since in the service. We had no blankets nor overcoats. McCook's forces engage the enemy at Nolinville [sic] and drive them back several miles, and took one piece of artillery, some prisoners, but further I know not. Considerable cannonading was done during the day. We made about 10 miles.

Sat. Dec. 27th. We countermarch one mile and then commence an oblique movement toward the Murfreesboro road. Our line of march lay via neighborhood roads over hills, rocks, and muddy valleys. Canonading [sic] is heard to our right and left. It rained hard and as fate had it we are in the rear today wading mud and water unequal to anything we have seen for a time. Rain, mud and cold wind altogether make it the most disagreeable march we have seen since in the service of Uncle Sam. We are long after dark getting to camp. Our wagons are not all up yet. Our (Co. A) team is one that is still behind and we pass the night without tents, blankets or overcoats, but it has ceased raining and cleared off. We make large fires, and of rails and brush make our beds and thus pass the night as best we can. We borrow coffee and other provisions from some of the Cos. as our wagon is behind. We are encamped near the Murfreesboro Road having made some 10 miles. Canonading [sic] is heard at intervals all day. Report has it that a number were killed on both sides. Soldiers are scattered from their Regts. [sic] and Cos. and many are quite lost, took wrong roads.

Sunday Dec. 28th. Hostilities seems to have ceased as it is Sunday or perhaps from some other cause. A little skirmishing goes on. Some of us go on picket. We are ordered to move this P.M. but didn't. Weather clear and pleasant. Our wagons have all come up, they had hard work to make the trip having to put 8 and 12 mules to a wagon to get up hills and through mud holes. Considerable amount of equipage was thrown away and numbers of wagons broken. The enemy appears to await our approach, a fight is expected tomorrow. Today has but little resemblance of Sunday at home.

Mon. Dec. 29th. Our Brigade moves to the front. Canonading [sic] commenced about 8 o'clock A.M., continued about 1½ hours when the enemy took to flight. Our wagons are loaded and ready to move, are awaiting orders. The success of these in front doubtless will govern the movement. General Rosecrans [sic] division came in last evening. Our wagons move out but are turned back and we remain all night. Enemy driven to Murfreesboro. Our Regiment are still in front. When the regiment left camp I was on picket and consequently was left behind.

Tues. Dec. 30th. Rained last night cloudy and rainy this morning. Heavy canonading [sic] this morning in front. Enemies [sic] cavalry reported hovering about our trains. Couriers report a train attacked between here and Laverne [sic]. Further information tells us that nine wagons were taken by the enemy and burned. Canonading [sic] is heard in the rear. Our position is growing unsafe and the train moves out at 3 P. M. The guards are formed into line and move forward one mile, then back again, and again forward one mile and halted and went on duty at a bridge 6 miles from the front. The night was cold and most of us were without blankets or overcoats, but little fighting was done today. Our regt. is said to be still in from skirmishing and several have been killed and wounded.

Wednes. Dec. 31st. We are still kept on duty as rear guards and guards at the bridge. Reports says we are beaten and a retreat will follow. McCooks [sic] right gave way early and the enemy followed up breach with a will. A great many stragglers [sic] and panic stricken soldiers are returning from the front with despair and defeat sadly pictured in every feature. They give a sad account of operations in front. This P.M. we start for the regiment. Many wounded are being cared for along the road. Enemies [sic] cavalry have taken several pieces of trains but in turn our cavalry retook them, some were burned. We find it difficult to find the Brigade or regiment. We arrive in front before the days [sic] fighting closes. The loss on both sides is thought to be considerable. We find the regiment. Three of our Co. have been killed and some 10 wounded and some missing. Lieut. McBlacker of Co. E was killed and several other officers wounded. Lieutenant Col. Given slightly wounded in the arm. We have our blankets and overcoats. The wounded are cared for, the dead go unburied. Clear cold and frosty.

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January

Thursday Jan. 1/1863. This is New Years [sic] Day and is spent by fighting instead of sporting. The ball is opened by musketry but as far as I know nothing of special importance has occurred [sic]. Quite a number of prisoners have been taken today, some gave themselves up.

Friday Jan. 2nd. Skirmishing along the line very brisk at times. Our division was thrown to the right but soon brought to the center. Enemy made a furious charge carrying our first line, but our division met the charge and turned the enemy and regained all the lost ground. This affair took place about 3 o'clock P.M. and closed at dark. The loss was heavy on both sides. Our Regt. lost several killed and quite a number wounded. Capts. [sic] Welch and Stevens [sic] were wounded. Col. Scott of the 19 Ills. was wounded.

Sat. Jan. 3rd. Picket firing commences early. Our artillery shelled a column of the enemy this morning. This afternoon our regiment went on picket. Rained very hard. Ambulances gather up dead and wounded under flag of truce. This evening about dark our forces engaged a force of the enemy in a skirt of woods. The firing lasted about 1½ hours and was very brisk. We succeeded in driving the enemy from the woods. Rained considerable during the night.

Sun. Jan. 4th. Clear this morning. Hostilities seems to have ceased, as there is but little firing on picket line. We discharge our guns and clean up. Enemy has evacuated and our lines are extended. The dead are being buried and a report of losses made out. A great many of the enemies [sic] dead lay upon the field.

Mond. Jan. 5th. This morning we move into Murfreesboro. Finish burying the dead. We wade Stone [sic] River knee deep. We find quite a number of our wounded in Murfreesboro – paroled [sic]. Expeditions are sent in different directions from the town to harass the retreating enemy. Report says a Brigade of the enemy were captured together with 101 wagons. Gen. Rosecrans visits our line and is cheered vociferously. Weather not very pleasant.

Tues. Jan. 6. We are very of rations, bitter complaints. Quartermaster neglects his duty, is said to be drunk. Our wagons arrive loaded with provisions having left Co. equipment at Nashville. We have to respect red tape before we can get provisions. We are without tents and draw those worthless shelter tents. The loss of our Co. is [sic] the skirmish of Tuesday (Dec. 30) and the two fights of Wednesday 31 and Friday Jan. 2nd.

Killed at Stone [sic] River Dec. 31, 1862 Co. A

John Mowbry

Marshall M. Blucher

James Hoddea

Ebenizer B. Fennimore

Royal S. Augustus

Killed at Stone [sic] River Jan. 2, 1863

Corp. Josiah Timmons

Wn. T. Speaker

Wounded

H. C. Roby - arm off

D. A. Woodland - thigh

W. A. Christian - shoulder

G. W. Coder - hand

R. M. Goff - arm

H. Purcell - breast

A. G. Mackerly - shoulder

Allen Reden - neck and head

E. E. Truitt - slightly in the thigh

E. A. Smith – big toe

Shocked by shell

R. W. Bigg

Thos. Goodman

Henry Hays

A. S Toops

N. Luteman

Prisoner. Brady Maddox

Lieut. Edward McCleran wounded in leg near the ankle

Henry Purcell died of his wound Jan. 7th.

Of the loss of the regiment Capt. Fenton Co. B was wounded and taken prisoner.

Capt. Welch Ross and Stivens were wounded

Augustant Venier wounded

Lieut. Col. Given slightly wounded

Capt. Taylor mortally wounded lived about four days

Lieut. McBlacker killed upon the field

The loss of the regt. in killed, wounded and missing is about 175. 29 killed and about 29 missing.

[image: inset of a map in a book that shows the area of the Battle of Stones River.]

Wednes. Jan. 7th. Nothing of special interest in motion. The wounded are being cared for and some prisoners are taken occasionally [sic]. Large foraces [sic] are marching to the front. We are encamped upon the Manchester road 1½ miles from town.

Thurs. Jan. 8th. We are pleased to learn that our wagons came up last night. We got some old tents and pitched them and then turn over the shelter tents. We now hope for some rest.

Friday Jan. 9th. A forage train went out 5 miles got plenty corn and jerked several hundred pounds pork from a planter.

Sat. Jan. 10th. Raining this morning. Small mail in camp.

Sunday Jan 11th. The day passed quietly without any religious service. Regiment escorted a forage train, forage plenty.

Satur. Jan. 17th. Since the 12th we have had some heavy rains which ended with a light snow. Large mails have been received. Several persons from Ross County were here looking after the boys of the county. Large numbers of northern physicians are here nursing and otherwise caring for our wounded. Weather clear and cold.

Tues. Jan. 20th. Cloudy and rainy. Capt. H. R. Miller has resigned and will go home in a few days. All our old officers will have left us then and we'll be upon a new footing.

Wednes. Jan. 21st. Capt. H. R. Miller started for home today. 34 wagons reported burned by the enemy while on a foraging expedition.

Sunday Jan. 25th. We have been engaged several days in preparing the mortal remains of some of our Ross Co. boys for transportation north to the family cemeteries of their friends. Our regiment was ordered on picket but for some unknown cause was sent back to camp. No religious service. Cloudy. Lieut. Davidson is in command of the company.

Thurs. Jan. 29th. Considerable rain has fallen lately. We were on picket day before yesterday. Weather very unpleasant. It having rained and snowed and the snow continues to fall and at intervals the wind blew hard. Very cold today with snow on the ground.

Sat. Jan. 31st. Vacancies having been made in the non commissioned staff of our company and Capt. Miller having left, Lieut. Davison wished the place filled and offered a corporalship to A. Gorrel and myself but both of us refused the appointment. This occurred [sic] about the 20 or 25th of Jan. M. Devine, R. Irvin, M. B. Miller were appointed. Weather pleasant. Mail in today.

February

Sund. Feb. 1st. Cloudy and raining. No religious service. Forage train out. Two more of the wounded of our Regt. have died. A force is reported gone to Shelbyville. Forage train returned with unloaded wagons, could find nothing. Major Grosvenor returned last night. Dress parade this P.M. upon which occasion Grovesnor made some very appropriate remarks. This was our first dress parade since the battle or since leaving Camp Hamilton one month ago. Mordica Bell came to the Co. having left us at Bacon Creek. Ky.

Mond. Feb. 2nd. We go on picket this morning. Weather pleasant but during the night it grew cloudy, cold and snowed. No enemy in our front.

Tuesday Feb. 3rd. We are relieved by the 21 Ohio. Weather bitter cold. Forage train was successful in procuring supplies yesterday. Our cavalry have successfully beaten the enemy and captured not a few lately.

Wednes. Feb. 4th. Our regt. worked on the fort today. Extensive earthworks are being thrown up on Stones River north of Murfreesboro. Canonading [sic] heard toward Shelbyville. Cause unknown.

Thurs. Feb. 5th. Forage train went out, a detail of our regt. formed part of the escort. Forage not plenty.

Friday Feb. 13th. We have just returned from a trip to Nashville. We started last evening and returned yesterday evening. We were one day going up and three days coming back. The roads were very badly cut up, some places almost impassable. The country between here and Nashville presents one waste desolate waste. The greater portions of buildings are burned and also fencing and all combustable [sic] matter nearly all consumed. Laveringe [sic] once a nice little village is almost extinct. Burned up mules and horses lay dead all along the road. Camps are established at several places and small forts are being thrown up. We took our muskets with us and exchanged them for Enfield rifles. The regiment is now well armed. Large reinforcements arrived at Nashville and quite a number of pontoons boats are being sent to this place having been shipped from points north to Nashville. Several members of our Company and of the regiment came to us and are now in camp. They had been taken prisoners by Morgan last May. Weather changable [sic] and rainy.

Sunday Feb. 15th. Yesterday we were on picket, rained a good portion of the time while on duty. Some deserters came in today from the rebel army. The mail is in regular running order at present.

Monday Feb. 16th. Inspection of equipage by C. Vonstrader General Neglie [sic]. Also inspection of our proficiency in drill. Cloudy and rainy.

Friday Feb. 20th. A forage expedition of two days duration left camp yesterday morning. A detail of our regt. accompanied the train. We took the Salem road and gradually bore south. We went about 15 miles. Found forage plenty, loaded, returned three miles and encamped for the night. Some of the enemies [sic] cavalry seen. Our artillery gave them a shell or two and dispersed them. The road was bad and having to drive some distance after dark several wagons stuck fast or was broken and were set on fire and left behind. This morning we struck our camp, arrived at noon. General Spars of east Tenn. was in command. This evening we were paid by government for four months, amounting to 53 dollars.

Sunday Feb. 22nd. Like many other Sundays, which we pass in camp, it is quite unlike Sundays at home, no religious services. But it is the birthday of the "father of our country" and in tones of thunder from the mouths of one hundred canons [sic] – we are reminded of gallant [sic] deeds and heroic struggles for national existence [sic]. The salute was fired at 6 o'clock P.M. The roar of canon [sic] was immense [sic] and perhaps productive of some good. Forage train went out yesterday and a heavy rain fell accompanied with cold wind. Today a cold northern wind prevails and cloudy.

Wednes. Feb. 25th. Day before yesterday we were called out for battalion drill, Major Grovesner in command and as the number out was quite small we were sent to quarters and a camp guard of sixty men was detailed with strict orders to arrest any member of the Regt. that might be found outside the lines and the guard was not allowed to pass anyone without a proper pass from the Major, but allowed to pass any from other commands having business or wishing to go to the sutlers of the regiment. The principle interpterion of this new flury [sic] was to prevent the boys from spending their money any place save at our own sutlers [sic] shop as the Major has a share in the shop. For soldiers to hold stocks in sutler shop is forbidden by the articles of war. Yesterday our regiment was on picket. Enemies [sic] cavalry dashed upon our cavalry videtts [sic] damage done, one horse wounded. Don't know the enemies [sic] loss. Heavy rain this P. M.

Sat. Feb. 28th. Part of our regiment was on picket yesterday. Enemies [sic] cavalry attaccted [sic] our vidette last night. We passed "general muster" today. Forage train went out three days ago, was surrounded by a sudden rise of water and cut off from camp three days. Weather changeable with rain.

March

Sunday March 1st. This morning we left camp with three days rations, and joining an expedition of cavalry, artillery and infantry, we took the line for Bradyville distant 15 miles. Some 500 wagons followed to procure forage. The cavalry encountered the enemies [sic] pickets, rushed forward to Bradyville. met the enemy with drawn swords,

routed them, capturing their camp and equipage, some horses and about [blank] prisoners including some officers. We bivouacked all night at Bradyville unmolested.

Mond. March 2nd. We were up early and about 8 o'clock A. M. we turned about for camp where we arrived at 3 o'clock P.M. The expedition was commanded by Genl. Stanley and Miller and upon the whole was a successful one. A few deserters came in desiring to take the oath of allegiance and become good union men.

Friday March 6th. Yesterday Col. Stanley and Given returned to camp for duty, having been home recruiting their health. Yesterday evening we were ordered to get ready for action immediately. The enemy had been making a demonstration in our front, but as yet no engagement has taken place.

Sat. March 7th. Several of the East Tenn regiments pulled stakes and took the line for parts unknown, perhaps for Ky. Our regt. is going through a general inspection by Col. Given. We are again living under the destestably [sic] suspensive order "to be ready to march with three days cooked rations".

Sunday March 8th. A detail from our regt. was on picket today. Heavy canonading [sic] to our right, lasted some 3 hours. 2 Cos. of 4th regulars taken prisoners today.

Tues. March 10th. Rained last night and today. Battalion drill this afternoon by Lieut. Col.

March 14th. Tuesday March 10th our Regt. with several others left camp about 5 o'clock P.M. We took the Salem Pike and supposed we were going on an expedition. We carried three days rations, but after reaching Salem we turned in for the night. Salem is five miles from Murfreesboro. The roads are exceedingly muddy and we traveled most of the way after dark. We often plunged into the mud knee deep. But after stopping we kindled a fire and made ourselves, apparently, comfortable. Instead of going on some expedition we remained at Salem until this morning when we returned to camp. At our place of bivouac we built small huts or sheds in which we lived comfortably. For erecting these huts we used rails and boards. The boards we knocked off of houses and fences and gum blankets. For fires we used rails, log cabins and any thing combustible, several log cabins were burned. No enemy was seen and of course nobody hurt. A short distance outside our picket line a gin house was burned. Supposed to have been done by the enemy. A force of our men were some four miles in front of us and the inference is that we were thrown out as a reserve and to keep open communications. What this force was sent out therefore is not known by me but no doubt it was to watch the "willy [sic] foe".

Tues. March 17th. Weather very fine. Ten of us were on picket yesterday. Many regiments are changing quarters.

Thurs. March 19th. Yesterday we had the pleasure of seeing Gen. Rosecrans and staff. Today we had batallion [sic] drill and dress parade.

Sat. March 21st. This morning the firing of musketry was heard at several places on our front principally on the right. A force of infantry was soon sent out and in a few minutes canonading [sic] was heard which continued at intervals until about 10 o'clock A.M. We now have reports that the enemy appeared in considerable force consisting principally of cavalry and a few pieces of artillery. We prepared ourselves for a general engagement or for any emergency but we were not called out and the excitement gradually wore away. The result seems to have fallen on our side as some 500 of the enemy were brought in as prisoners and some 200 wounded. Our loss being very light. Cpts. [sic] Ross and Welch returned for duty today. They have been home on furlough. While on the return here the train upon the L and N Railroad upon which they were riding was captured but before they were paroled [sic] a squad of our Ills. boys recaptured the train from the enemy and drove them off (the enemy).

Tues. March 24th. Gen. Negley returned to camp today or perhaps yesterday. He had been home on a visit. He wears the two stared [sic] shoulder straps which indicate a Major General. Sprinkles rain.

March 26th. Today we Negleys [sic] division was reviewed by Gen Rosecrans who was accompanied by Gen'ls. [sic] McCook, Thomas and many other officers of the field and line. Negley was present of course. We were reviewed outside the picket lines upon the right of the Bradyville pike. It is thought that the division made a good show. The Gen. pronounced us in good order. After the review the 19 Ills. made an exhibition in the bayonet exercise and we made a few maneuvers in battalion drill

Mond. March 30th. The past three days have been spent in cleaning off and moving upon a new camp. We moved yesterday. We are now nearer town than before. A detail was on picket yesterday. Several of the boys have built bake ovens and have gone into the bakery business It is a very lucrative business. One barrel realized 17 dollars and another brought 32 dollars clear of all expenses. In moving camp a change was made of the companies as to locations in the line. That is, the Senior officers were given such positions as is required by regulations. Co. C is now on the extreme left, Co. B on the right and we now occupy the place formerly held by Co. K which makes us the 8th Co. on the left flank of the regiment. John Goodwin of our Co., a teamster, is discharged and will leave for Ross County, his home, tomorrow.

Tues. March 31st. Clear, cold and windy and blustering March is going out with a vim. A detail of 10 on picket.

April

Wednes. April 1st. This is all fools [sic] day and the joke has been carried into effect with considerable hilarity. Dress parade at 5 o'clock P.M.

Tuesday April 2nd. The regiment goes on picket today. This is caused by two regiments of our Brigade having gone to Nashville. The 19 Ill. and the 69 Ohio went as escort to a supply train for hay.

Friday April 3rd. Weather cool, clear and windy.

Sund. April 5th. Our regiment was on picket yesterday and we go on tomorrow, our duty is becoming rather hard. Those regiments of our Brigade returned today. No religious service. Dress parade this 6½ P.M. This is Easter Sunday but we have no eggs.

Monday April 6th. We are on picket again today. The weather is pleasant.

Tues. April 7th. We are relieved by the 21 Ohio. Dress parade this evening at 5 o'clock.

Wednes. April 8th. A detail from the regiment to go on picket today.

Friday April 10th. A general muster has had today. The express train was captured by the enemy. It contained \$14,000 and the mail. We signed the pay rolls a day or two ago, expect to be paid soon.

Sunday April 12th. A detail was made from our regiment with a days rations to report at depot. The last week or two has been clear and dry and the past few days has been quite dusty, so much so that it is impossible to keep clean or when the wind blew to breathe fresh air. But last night we were blessed with a fine shower of rain. Gen. J. B. Turchin returned here for duty today. There was great joy in camp of the old 8th brigade upon his arrival.

Mond. April. 13th. We were paid by Government today for two months, \$26.00. Gen. Turchin paid us a visit today. He was received by three good hearty cheers.

Wednes. April 15th. We were on picket yesterday, all quiet on the line. Capt. A. Fenton of Co. B 18th Regt. died in hospital at Murfreesboro last night of wounds received in the fight of Stones River.

Friday April 17th. Co. drill in morning. Battalion drill in the afternoon and dress parade in the evening at which a sword was presented to Capt. Welch of Co. C through the hand of Major Grovesnor. It being a gift by the privates and non-commisioned [sic] officers of the Co.

Sund. April 19th. We attended preaching at the 69 Ohio today. Rained last night and today. Inspection this morning, regiment in good order.

Mond. April 20th. We are on picket today. Weather fine. We learned yesterday that D. A. Woodland is discharged from the service on account of disability. He was a member of our Co. was a fine young man, a good soldier and we deeply regret his loss. His absence makes a vacancey [sic] in the non-commisioned [sic] officers ranks and it was thought necessary to appoint some one to the office of Corporal and I was again solicited and urged to accept the office. This is the third time that I have been offered the office of Corporal but I still refused to accept.

Tues. April 21st. Weather pleasant. We have been in the habit of keeping fires and making coffee, cooking meat etc on picket lines at the reserve but at present we are allowed no fires and the boys are not at all pleased with it. Capt. Welch of Co. C is in

command of our Co. and the station which we are [illegible] have no special regards for him and this morning while being called out on post we were a little slow in getting in line and the Capt. talked quite short and as we moved out to post we raised a groan and yell of contempt, which did not agree with the captains [sic] idea of good order. So therefore he demanded our names and reported us to the Col. commanding (Col. Given). The final result is not known, we await our trials. There were 19 of us in the mess. Rained this P.M.

Wednes. Apr. 22nd. Major Grovesnor left for home yesterday, I know not the nature of his business. The Major was provost martial of our regiment and upon his leaving Capt. Welch of Co. C was appointed Major and provost martial. An order exists in our regt. prohibiting gambling, but some of the boys still persist in the habit and thereby two corporals of Co. H was caught playing, were arrested and tried before Capt. Welch and the sentence preferred [sic] reduced both to ranks and forfeited each one months pay. The order prohibiting gambling has long existed and has been disregarded by both officers and men nearly ever since it existed, and is known positively that many of our commissioned officers have played for money and in other ways have violated the order. But they were allowed to go unpunished, not even so much as reprimanded [sic]. The idea of inflicting so hard a punishment after disregarding the order is not in accordance with our ideas of justice and we denounce the course pursued. The Corporals above named were reprimanded [sic] this P.M. at dress parade, and the stripe of one cut off. Drill today.

Thurs. April 23rd. We have been preparing for several days for a grand review. Today we passed in review before Gen'ls. [sic] Negley, Reausean [sic], Turchin and Rosecrans was present. Also Gen. Reausean's [sic] daughter and other ladies also many other officers and soldiers. The review as seen by a fellow in line was a magnificent affair. Everything seemed to go off finely. Weather pleasant.

Friday April 24th. Brigade drill today by Col. Stanley. Capt. Welch commanded our Regt. Another member of our Regt. died last night, a member of Co. E.

Sun. April 25th. Preaching today by Chaplin [sic] of the 11th Michigan Regt. O. D. Wells of our Co. started home on a furlow [sic] of 20 days. Gen. Neglie [sic], staff and guards passed through our camp today.

Wednes. Apr. 29th. We were on picket last Monday, all was quiet on our line, but some firing was heard upon our right. Several reffugees [sic] came in, one black woman and six men, and two white men. They all claim to be runing [sic] off from southern despotism. They also report a large army in front of Tallahoma [sic] and Shelbyville also moving to our right. Weather light cloudy with light rain. Today we were very unexpectedly called into line and moved out toward the front upon the Manchester road. We did not learn the positive cause of the alarm but it was reported that large bodies of the enemy had been seen upon the Manchester road. At the present every thing has resumed its usual quiet. Rained considerable.

Thurs. Apr. 30th. Today is set apart by the President of the United States as a day of Thanksgiving but in most respects is not observed save however the dispensation [sic] of drill. We drew shelter tents today. They are made of linen. A general muster took place which is in accordance with May 1st 1863. Our Regt. is on picket today. I spend leisure [sic] hours in writing. Weather very pleasant. Major C. H. Grovenor [sic] returned to camp. Had been up to Ohio to purchase a horse for Gen. J. B. Turchin which was made a present to the honored and valient [sic] Gen'l. [sic] by the officers of the old 8th brigade at a cost of \$500. All quiet on our line today. A few shells were fired on our right, cause unknown. Today the Sibley tents were turned over and the shelter tents pitched in their stead. The Silbeys [sic] will be sent to Nashville. We consider the shelters a useless affair and doubtless many will be thrown away upon the first march.

May

May 2nd. The new lines of defense are in rapid progress. The signs of the times indicate active operations. A new Brigade is assigned to our division. We spent our May day on the picket lines yesterday and though the romance of this war is nearly out we had a smickering [sic] of romance notwithstanding.

Sunday May 3rd. No religious service today. Dress parade this P.M. Gen'l. [sic] Turchins [sic] new horse was presented to him today. Preaching and [illegible line of text] and profitable.

Tuesday May 5th. I am on brigade guard today. Rained last night is cloudy and sprinkles this morning. This is fine growing weather. The leaves of the forest are about half grown and pasture is good and furnishes much food for our convalescent horses and mules. Col. Stanley and Gen'ls. [sic] J. B. Turchin and Stanley (cavalry commander) passed before guard quarters this morning. I improve leasures [sic] hours in writing. The soldiers here have resorted to a great many ways to make money. Some sell tobacco, others paper, novels, lemonade, beer, oranges, cigars, apples, and many other articles. Green apples cost \$27.00 per barrel or five cents per piece.

Wednesday May 6th. Rained last night and this morning and has been cloudy most all day, and rained at intervals. Battalion drill this P.M. by Capt. McNeil of Co. E. The amendments of ball playings [sic] and horse runing [sic] is becoming quite frequent.

Thursday May 7th. Our Regt. on picket today. I started got sick and returned to camp had taken a pill which was the probable cause of geting [sic] sick. Quite cloudy and drizzling rains prevails most all day. It is also disagreeably cool. Reports from Hookers [sic] army are very conflicting sometimes favorable to the Federals and again against them. We wait patiently and hope for success to the cause of the union.

Friday May 8th. Still cloudy cold and disagreeable. Cleared off and became more clear in the afternoon. Dress parade this P.M. upon which occasion an order was read specifying the articles necessary upon a march and reducing baggage. This looks like active operations.

Sat. May 9th. Most of our Regt. work on fortifications on the Manchester road. The boys do not work so willingly now as they did soon after the fight of Stone [sic] River. The value and comfort of breast works are not as fresh upon the mind. We were in a state of anxious surprise all day in regard to the probable success or defeat of Hooker, but the arrival of the papers relieved us of further trouble, yet we realize but little real relief as the reports were adverse to the Federal arms [sic]. The papers were dropped [sic] like hot irons and melancholly [sic] gloom prevailed almost every where. The more hopeful, however, still assert that "all is right" yet. If Hooker is defeated it will secure our stay here awhile longer. Let us trust in God and do our whole duty and hope for the best. The weather is pleasant. All seems quiet in the front. Negley [sic] visited the fortifications.

Sund. May 10th. Preaching in camp by the Chaplin [sic] of 69th Ohio. The speaker expressed the belief that as soon as we as an army and nation properly humiliated ourselves and went to work in earnest, admitted [sic] an over ruling Providence that just as soon we would meet with success in putting [sic] down the rebellion. I have entertained the same opinion for more that [sic] a year. Inspection took place early in the morning. Rumors from the army of the Patomac [sic] are very conflicting and the most exaggerated [sic] reports are in circulation. Richmond taken by Gen'l. [sic] Hayes. At tattoo the excitement grew rather wild and a general yell was raised.

Mond. May 11th. Nothing stirring in camp, save the Col. was called upon to furnish three men (privates) for some special purpose. In filling the call one man reported to the Col. who was selected by officers of Co. and from the 10th reported three were selected by lottery. I happened to be one of the three. We go with arms, equipments [sic] and three days rations, doubtless we will be off soon. Weather clear and warm. We bid our Commanders farewell.

Friday May 15th. I resume my journal by saying we left camp about 4 o'clock P.M. last Monday. There were 8 of us. Three from our Regt. three 19th and two from the 69 Ohio. We were commanded by a Seargent of the 19th Ills., we took the Manchester road. Negley and Stanley both told us what our duty was, which was to penetrate the enemies [sic] country as far as possible, make all the discoveries we could, learn where the enemies [sic] pickets outpost camp was etc. We were to avoid all attacks posible, [sic] defend ourselves if attacked, choose our own ground to advance upon, but was to keep secreted as much as possible, and when we ascertained all we could of the enemies [sic] whereabouts, we were to return to camp. We passed outside our lines at dark, went into the woods, seperated [sic] into groups of two, threw off our traps, secreted ourselves and crawled in for the night. Some of our dreams were not very pleasant, as the falling of timber of old trees sounded like the belching of canon [sic] or the tipping of a rabbitt [sic] over the dry leaves was suddenly magnified into the dashing of a thousand horsemen, yet we slept very veil. Next morning (May 12) we began our operations by moving slowly forward. We went about 2 miles when by some misunderstanding two of our number were separated from the rest of us. We hunted but did not find them, we still moved custiously [sic] forward. We crossed the dry branch of

Stones River and here we questioned a black fellow whom we found plowing in the field and learned that the enemy were posted no great distance in the front and that they patrolled the woods and bypaths regularly. Our commander then deemed it necessary to turn back. We came to our videttes [sic], found them on the lookout passed in and soon the two missing came in having an [sic] old man, a farmer. He (the farmer) having passed so near them that they had to take him prisoner, as had he informed upon us, it would have cut our operations short. We had learned that a detachment of the enemy visited a house just in front of our lines, every day sometimes twice a day. We informed the Gen'l. [sic] of the fact and we were ordered to take them or in some way prevent them from returning to their camps. We laid our plans and struck out. But just as fortune would have it, we arrived just the same time they did and our plans of operation was frustrated. We could not get the position we wanted. There was ten of the enemy. As they turned to leave we ordered them to halt but as soon as they saw us they laid whip and were off in a moment. We fired four shots but none were unsaddled in our sight. We learned afterward that one of them got an arm broken. How true this report is we know not. We again returned to our lines and put up for the night. The second day May 13th we made a few reconnaissances [sic] but made no discoveries of importance. A negro woman came to the lines wishing to get in. She had been severely [sic] whiped [sic] by her master. Her husband is inside our lines, she says she is abused on that account. She was not allowed to enter our lines but permission has granted her by Gen'l. [sic] Negley. Tonight we sleep inside the lines. The third day (May 14th) we made a few detours to the front but ascertained nothing of special interest. Some of the enemy have been seen but they appear to be very sly. The fourth day (May 15th) we start back to camp, arrived at noon. Are out of rations and returned without the loss of any of the Company. The weather while out was very fine, rained once at night. The vegetable kingdom is in a fine stage of growth outside of our lines the farmers are farming to some extent. Probably no great distance to the front farming is pushed on extensively. Some little farming is done inside our lines, but I should think the prospect of securing a crop very doubtful, especially if the army should remain here. Some changes have taken place since our absence. Quarter master Rain was sent to his Co. cause, neglectance [sic] of duty and drunkenness Lieut. Cable takes his place. and I. H. Acton takes the place of Cable. As adjutant Cable and Roistan have gone home on furlow [sic].

Sat. May 16th. Our Regt. is on picket today. I am in camp nursing a sore leg. A bile is growing upon the left knee. Part of the Regt. worked upon the fortifications on the Manchester road yesterday. Weather clear and warm. Joseph Shotts a cousin of mine applied for a permit to visit his friends and relatives in this army. The permit was granted, came to the Regt. today and I forwarded it to him today.

Sund. May 17th. No inspection this morning. Regt. absent on picket Preaching at Gen'l. [sic] Neglie's [sic] quarters by a minister from Dayton, Ohio 10 ½ o'clock. Nothing exciting in camp. Weather fine. Dress parade in the evening. My sore knee seems to be growing better since morning.

Monday May 18th. O. D. Wells returned today. A kind of useless inspection was held today in which all clothing not drawn from Government was to have been thrown away. Brigade drill this P.M. My sore knee grew some what painful in the evening. I have taken cold. A couple of the boys got drunk on beer and ale. Our Lieutenant Davidson also was very tight most of the day. Government I think furnishes the best supply of provisions at this time than at any time since the service. We have had warm bread for several meals past. Also corn cake. Weather pleasant clear with a cool bracing atmosphere.

Tuesday May 19th. Part of the Regt. on detail, working on the Manchester defence [sic]. Thom. McFarlin formerly member of our Co. arrived in camp today. Lieut. still remains about half drunk.

Wednesday May 20th. The order of the morning is to wash dirty clothes. Preparations are being made to send all extra clothing to the rear, perhaps Nashville, to be safely kept and sent to us next fall. Some however are sending their extras home by express. The weather is quite clear and warm, nights cool. Considerable excitement in camp this morning grown from two causes. First we are under marching orders, second we are packing our extra baggage to be sent to the rear, don't know where. I packed away nothing but an old over coat. Sometime since money was made up to purchase and present to Col. Given and Maj. Grovenor [sic] each a sword by the men and officers of the 18th Ohio. The sword was purchased and this evening at roll call they were presented respectively by J. H. Acton Co. E to Col. Given and second by Doctor Mills to Maj. C. H. Grovenor [sic]. Each of the four made short speeches in which some very truthful remarks were made. We look upon the affair as one of the hapy [sic] little incidents peculiar to camp life. It was a respect truly merited by Col. Given and to some degree by Maj. Grovenor [sic]. Ret, was then served a drink of beer and we dispersed happy.

Mond. May 21st. Preparations are still being made to move the convalescent have just under gone examination by the surgeons. Some of them will be attached to the convalescent corps to be sent to garrison forts. Two of our Co. go, R. Connedy, M. Bell. Brigade drill this P.M. at 5 o'clock. I was not as my knee was not yet well. Every body seems to think we will move soon. A kind of panic took place yesterday among fruit dealers. The impression prevailed that army would move this morning and they became alarmed at the of failing to sell out stock and began to sell at reduced prices. Peddling ceased generally.

Mond. May 22nd. Nothing new seems to be transpiring. The regt. was drilled by Capt. Grovenor [sic] this afternoon. The drill ground was quite dusty and made drilling quite disagreeable. It is thought that cavalry expeditions have been sent out upon every road leading to the front and some brilliant exploits is reported having taken place. This perhaps will account for the recent stir and

preparations in camp. All seems to have again resumed the usual quiet. The weather is quite warm and roads very dry and dusty.

Sat. May 23rd. Nothing changed since yesterday unless if possible things are growing more quiet. Fighting [sic] in Grant army near Vicksburg reported in progress.

Sund. May 24th. Co. Inspection took place this morning at about 8 o'clock. After this Albert S. Toops and I visited the 36th Ills., Sheridan division to see a cousin of mine whom I had not seen for near 15 years. We found him on picket and enjoying good health. Preaching at Negleys [sic] quarters this morning. News from Grant army very encouraging. Hooker is reported falling back upon Washington. Weather very pleasant, clear and dusty. Dress parade in the evening.

Mond. May 25th. We are on picket today. Our Co. is in station No. 3 and commanded by Lieutenant Rain of Co. G who was never on picket before. Has acted as Quarter master and Commissariat [sic] ever since the regt. was formed until [sic] quite lately and was sent to his Co. for drunkenness. Tho. McFarlin formerly of our Co. starts today. No disturbance on picket line. Weather clear and warm.

Tuesday May 26th. We were relieved this morning by the 74th and a detail of the 21st Ohio. Col. Granville Moody of the 74th Ohio has resigned and gone home. He was not successful in securing the good will and respect of his Regt. and this is said to be the cause of his resignation, having bravery and ability was and still remain unquestioned. Water is getting [sic] short and the ground getting [sic] very dry. Rain is needed very much. We have good news from Grant. Dress parade this morning.

Wednes. May 27th. Slightly cloudy and some appearance of rain. No mail for our Co. today. We feel disappointed. Nothing encouraging from Grant today. The 2nd Kentucky battery which was encamped just in front of our left moved to some other camp this morning. Slightly cloudy and a light sprinkle of rain. This afternoon regimental drill at 5:30 P.M. by Capt. McElroy Co. K

Thurs. May 28th. We are again under marching orders, a great many troops are changing quarters. I have not learned where they are going. The 19th Ills. have been on a scout and returned yesterday. They report the enemy as menacing our front. They had one light engagement. I have not learned the result. Some appearance of rain.

Friday May 29th. Rained last night and all days at intervals. Monthly inspection took place at 3 P.M. by a Capt. of Stanleys [sic] staff. Drill by Col. Given just before sundown and bayonet exercise Maj. Grovenor. I and several of the boys

attended church up town this evening. The attendance was very large and remarkably orderly. Considerable interest seemed to be manifested.

Sat. May 30th. Rained last night and is raining this morning. Has all appearance of a gloomy day, had several hard thunder showers. Was ordered to go on review, fell stacked arms, went out but was soon ordered back on account of the rain. It has now cleared off but the prospects for more rain are good. Second Lieutenant Edward McLaren returned to camp this morning. He was wounded at Stones River in the ankle, went home on furlow [sic], but his leg is not well and it is feared will not get well soon.

Sun. May 31st. Inspection took place at about 8 o'clock. Was conducted by the Co. officers and lasted but a short time. I think religious services were held in several places today. Weather warm with a few light sprinkles of rain. Meeting up town at night. The sacrament of the Lords [sic] supper was administered also the ordinance of baptism [sic] was attended to. All was very quiet and seemed to be deeply interested. Dress parade by Maj. Grovenor this evening. News from Grant are not encouraging.

June

Mon. June 1st. Co. drill this morning. Rosecrans [sic] division was reviewed today and most of Negleys [sic] division were present as spectators. I had a picture taken this morning. The peculiarity [sic] of the affair was that I traded beans for it. The beans cost me \$1.00 and I got a picture worth 1.50 and 1.00 to boot. The weather is quite pleasant. Regt. drill this 5:30 P.M.

Tues 2nd. Co. drill this morning. Slight sprinkle of rain. Brigade drill at 3 P.M. by Col. Stanley, brigade out in full. Negley and Thomas were present during the drill. Quite a No. of us went to a meeting in town tonight. The house was full, quite a No. went to the altar [sic] for payer.

Wednes. 3rd. Hard rain and thunder storms passed over last night, cloudy this P.M. Review this P.M. We went out at one o'clock upon the Bradyville road. Was viewed by Gen. Neglie [sic] and a officer of the regulars. After arriving upon the view ground and before we passed in review our Regt. performed before a large concave of people, spectators. The skirmish drill and the 19th Ills. in the bayonet drill. I think not less than 300 officers were present as spectators, including Stanley and Turchin, also some citizens and a few ladies. I was at church tonight. The audience small. Some 7 or 8 Joined the church tonight.

Thurs. June 4th. Four years ago this morning a destructive frost prevailed in the north. I should not be surprised if considerable frost had fallen last night in the north. The air is cooler here this morning than usual. Our Regt. go on picket today. About 11 o'clock firing was heard upon the right of us and an occasional shot in our front. A short time and cannonading was heard which continued at intervals until sun

down. From the best information I could gather the enemy was of the opinion that a large portion of the army had been sent to Vickburg [sic] and they thought this a favorable opportunity to make an attempt to retake Murfreesboro.

Friday June 5th. We were relieved this morning by the 88th Ind. of Col. Baty's brigade. Heavy firing was heard in the direction of Franklin yesterday. Reports say that the place was attacked. We have no particulars of yesterdays [sic] engagement. Considerable firing was done on picket line last night. A tremendous thunder storm past [sic] over last night accompanied by heavy rain. Several of the boys say they were knocked down by the heavy outbursts of thunder. All is quiet on the line this morning save an occasional [sic] musket shot. Our Co. was on stations No. 1 and 2. Our Lieut. Col. (Jonah Given) is today a citizen. He having been discharged in presence of receiving the office of Colonel. He will take command of the 74th Ohio. Vice Granville Moody resigned. A kind of social gathering was held at the Cols. quarters last night by the officers of the Regt. Some speeches were made and no small amount of liquors were drank. Weather cloudy with some rain.

Sat. June 6th. Col. Given left us today and took command of the 74th Ohio. Capt. Welch has command this Regt. (ours). We regret very much the loss of Col. Given. He carries with him our heart felt thanks for the great service he has rendered us and our best wishes that success may always smile upon him and crown his efforts with honor. We were anxious that he should make a farewell address upon departing with us the regt. but in this we were disappointed. A large number of exchanged prisoners arrived in camp today. Among the number were several from our Regt. two of whom were from our Co., Wm. Christian and B. Maddox. Maj. C. H. Grovenor took command of the Regt. this evening. Doubtless our Regt. has seen its palmiest days and from the present we expect to see it descend from the high and honorable position which it once occupied, or which it now holds. We are sorry that we cannot repose that confidence in our officers necessary to secure good deportment and an efficient regt. Dress parade at 6 P.M.

Sund. June 7th. Regular inspection this morning at the usual hour. Religious service at different places in the forenoon. I attended church at Negley quarters at 3 P.M. Dress parade about 6 P.M. It is said that tomorrow we move and that a general movement of the army will take place. Stirring times are expected.

Mon. June 8th. All is quiet this morning. We have no sign of a forward movement but on the contrary we have orders to clear up the camp in the best of style and this morning we have a drill for one hour. The order refering[sic] to the proper hour for eating is being enforced ie. [sic] we are required to take meals at 6, 12, and 6 A.M., M. and P.M. Genl. Cooks [sic] division came in from Carthage yesterday. A great many of our Regt. and the 89th Ohio are well acquainted therefore as soon as it was found out that Crooks [sic] Division and the 89th were here a great no. of our Regt. and Co. went to visit them and in turn they came here. Dress parade this evening.

Tues. June 9th. Co. drill this morning. Some of the boys are using green apples, have them stewed for supper. Government furnishes a splendid supply of provisions. Some of the boys still bake biscuit and pies. Biscuit worth 20 cts. [sic] per dozen and pies 20 cts. [sic] per pie. All quiet at this time.

Wednes. June 10th. Heavy showers of rain. Seven promotions have taken place in our Regt. yesterday. Maj. C. K. Grovenor was promoted to Lieu. Col. He now wears the silver leaf and Capt. Welch Co. C was promoted to Maj. and first Lieutenant Cable Co. G (acting quartermaster) promoted to Capt. He then took command of his company and Lieut. Rain was reinstated to his old position as quartermaster. The Regt. is now pretty well officered and it is presumed is prepared for all that is out. Doubtless other Co. will take the lead and win all the laurels if we are so fortunate as to win any. Gen'l. [sic] Negley just now passed through camp taking observations and inspecting "Cooks [sic] quarters". The order requiring us to carry five days rations in our knapsacks when upon a march is suspended. A cousin of mine from Ross Co. Ohio (Joseph Shotts) arrived in camp today. He has several relatives and many friends in this army and has come to visit us. The Lieut. commanding our Co. (Davidson [sic]) is under the influence of liquor today. Brigade and Regt. drill this afternoon and while upon drill Lieut. Davidson committed several errors and for this was excused from further duty during drill by the Col. C. H. Grovenor. Clear and cloudy with light rain interspersed.

Thurs. June 11th. I spent most of the day runing [sic] through the camps with my cousin Joseph and others. We visited the 89th Ohio and found quite a No. of acquaintances. Lieut. Davidson offered us his resignation this morning. No doubt it will be accepted. Quite a no. of the Regt. are out a light this evening. Brigade drill this afternoon. Tonight the officers of the Regt. are holding a kind of social gathering or more properly are taking a big drunk over the promotions of Capt. Welch to Maj. and Maj. Grovenor to Lieut. Col. Political songs are sung and no small amount of small talk engaged in and various kind of drink furnished. Of course none but commissioned officers take part.

Friday June 12th. This morning our Regt. go on picket. We arrived on picket about 9:30 A.M. We relieve the 104th Ills. of Baty's Brigade, Division. The weather is fine and everything is quiet during the day. Our Co. is on station No. 1. A few shots were fired in the night.

Sat. June 13th. We were relieved by the 49th Ohio and others of the 1st. Brigade. I and three of my cousins visited the 26th Ohio this afternoon. The visit was a very pleasant one. The boys were well and seemed ready for any emergency. Some of the camps on the left were in splendid order and beautifully decorated with cedars. The 40th Ind made the best appearance and probably was in the best order.

Sund. June 14th. Last Friday some 15,000 soldiers collected together to see some person hung but nobody was hung and a great many persons disappointed. Today several of us with my cousin visited the battlefield. The following is an inscription written upon the headboard of the slain. Dedicated to the memories of Dennis Conway, Phillip S. Griffiths, James Henry and A. S. Sossa of Co. J 18th Regt. O. V. killed at the battle of Stones River Dec. 31, 1863.

Sleeping on a foreign shore

Rest, soldier rest, thy trials o'er

Thy comrades leave this token here

That some perchance, may drop a tear.

For those that braved so long the blast

And served their country to the last.

The battle field in a general way presents quite a different appearance to what it did last winter. Quite a number of bodies have been taken up, and many graves fenced in.

Mond. June 15th. Lieut. Davidson received his resignation papers today which were approved and he is now a citizen. Doubtless all hands are pleased and that no tears will be shed at his departure. Co. drill this A.M. and dress parade this P.M. Weather clear and warm. All very quiet. Inspection of arms by Capt. Hayden.

Tuesday June 16th. First Lieut. Pearly Brown of Co. H took command of our Co. This morning vice Lieut. Davidson resigned. No objection seemed to be made, to our commander we hope he will please us well. Battallion [sic] this P.M. We received orders to get ready for Corps drill at 3 P.M. We were marched out. We could not tell how many divisions were out but it is thought as many as three were preasant [sic]. We formed first line of fronting the east, the second the south and the third the east. We were out until [sic] sundown. The drill had the appearance of a march more than instruction and provoked some hard swearing. Thomas and Neglie [sic] were present.

Wednesday June 17th. Regimental drill this morning and drill of Division this P.M. Division drill is equally as hard as Corps drill and received a due proportion of swearing. Our cavalry reports the enemies [sic] cavalry in strong force in the direction Gallatin. Joseph Shotts, my cousin, started for home today. Took the 2 o'clock train. Weather warm and pleasant with some rain in a distance. Quartermaster Rain is again under arrest for drunkenness. We hope the Regt. and army generally will receive a full purging. Lieut. Davidson resigned, took the cars at 2 o'clock train for home. I think he leaves but few warm friends. Division drill by Neglie [sic], Thomas being present. Light showers of rain. The corps have been reinstated to their locations in line. Our Co. takes the right flank, occupies the old position.

Friday June 19th. I am On Regtl. [sic] guard today. Co. drill this A.M. and Division drill this P.M. Orderly Sergeant Brown is sick and Sergeant Roten is acting orderly. The boys still continue to take bread and pies. The weather is very nice. A party from our Regt. went foraging today to procure grass and clover for the horses and mules. All very quiet on our line today.

Sat. June 20th. Cloudy and threatens rain this morning. Division this P.M.

Sund. June 21st. Our Regt. go on picket today. Our Co. is posted at station No. 1 on our line. Each division pickets a specified portion of the line. Our right joins McCooks [sic] left, Davis's Division. Weather fine and all quiet on the line. I occupy leasur [sic] hours in letter writing.

Mond. June 22nd. We are relieved by the 74th Ohio. This morning Genl. Turchin and wife visited our post yesterday. Division drill this P.M. at 3 Oo'clock but our regt. is excused. We have inspection at 6.

Tuesday June 23rd. Cloudy and threatens rain. We are ordered to be ready to march tomorrow. Don't know where we go.

Wednes. June 24th. We were ordered to be ready to march this evening. We got up late and begin our preparations very leasurely [sic]. A train is heard moving upon our left but in our department the signs of a move are very meager until nine o'clock at which time we strike tents. A force of cavalry and artillery have just passed out on the Manchester road and followed by Crook's Brigade. It Is now raining and the prospects are good for a protracted effort. From all appearances a general forward movement of the army is in progress We take the line of march upon the Manchester road about 9½ o'clock. Beaty's Brigade is van of our Brigade. Our Regt. is in van of our Brigade, 3rd Brigade in the rear. About 10 o'clock cannonading is heard in McCooks [sic] front. All seems to be quiet in our front and on the left. It continues to rain all day. We moved a short distance to the left of the road and bivouacked in an open field for the night, distance about 9 miles. Genls. Thomas and Rosecrans passed us during the day. The boys gave them some hearty cheers.

Thurs. June 25th. Rained nearly all night. We were called up about midnight and ordered to be ready to move at a minites [sic] warning, but the order was soon countermanded and we ensconced beneath our gun blankets. It continues to rain pretty hard this morning. It is now 10 o'clock and we have not moved an inch. Firing is heard on the right. We are ordered to hold ourselves ready to move at short notice, our teams are parked a short distance in the rear. The pattering, trickling, penetrating, soiling rain still pours down upon us. Woeful night! We are closely shrouded by rubber blankets and present one vast motly [sic] group, however but little grumbling is heard. In fact a rather cheerful spirit prevails. We are strictly forbidden stragling [sic] or pilfering but some of the boys still persist in violating the order. Co. E's orderly Seargeant [sic] caught stragling [sic] and was by the proclamation of Col. Grovenor

reduced to ranks to date from yesterday. We take the line of march about 10 o'clock, We file right and move out upon the road, advance about 2 miles and halt on the right side of the road, about 1 o'clock go into camp, park the wagons and await for further orders upon the march. Our Regt. performs the part of wagon guard to ammunition train. Our division is kept on reserve. We are bivouacked near a farm house. The landlady which is a vile scoundrel and says we are thieves and expressed a desire for a pistol to show her spunk for killing some beef cattle. Heavy firing of musketry and artillery is heard in the front and on the right in the afternoon 4 o'clock P.M. about 30 ambulances and 20 prisoners passed to the rear. The prisoners say we will catch hell and that it will be no Stone [sic] River fight. Two of the main gaps approaching Manchester and Shelbyville are said to be in our possession. Report says our loss on the right, yesterday, was about 90 and 80 in our front. I have heard nothing of the results today. I go on picket tonight.

Friday June 26th. We left camp this A.M. about 8 o'clock and move up near the front. The roads are very badly cut up and muddy [sic]. Musketry firing goes on briskly with some artillery interspersed. All is quiet on the left. Every thing seems to be in good working order and the general impression is that the enemy will make a stand at this place, Hoovers Gap which 11 miles from Murfreesboro. The rain pours down in torrents this morning but at this writing, 11½ o'clock. it is clearing up. Just now musketry firing is very sharp. We are in possession of the Gap. Some small earth works were thrown up by the enemy commanding the Gap. They were very ingeniously constructed. The topography of this section of the country is that of rugged steeps, narrow defiles, high and peaked hills. Doubtless a better place for strategic movements could not be found. If the enemy fights here and we succeed in whipping [sic] them, which we intend to do, he will be thrown into a critical and dangerous situation. Now it is raining again. Beach Grove 2:30 P.M. We are now halted in a grove of the above name where we were once encamped over night while upon the retreat from below here and under Buell. The enemy fallen back and in direction of Martrace [sic] and we have left Hoovers Gap in the rear. We are encamped in the grove to the right of the road which has been shelled and leaves some prominent marks of the "measles of war". The country here is rich, is well located for cultivation, is undulating and in some parts is pierced with high round knobs [sic]. In passing along our lines it may be seen stretching over the hills and along the ravines like some huge anaconda and ever and anon seems to be stretching forth its fangs of death and destruction to the retreating foe. Our Co. is now thrown out on the picket or skirmish line but there is no enemy in close proximity. Some dozen of shots have been fired by artillery on the right and in sight of us. We have timed the report of the guns and found them to be 2-7/8 miles distant. 6 P.M. everything seems to be quiet and no firing is heard and ambulances and ordinance train is moving forward briskly. One Co. from each Regt. of our Brigade were out reconnoitering the front. They brought in several prisoners.

Sat. June 27th. The sun is now about half hour high and the first gun, artillery has just been fired. The firing is on the right where it was last heard last night. I suppose the enemies [sic] cavalry still makes their appearance in the woods. No rain last night but

the signs are good today. Baggage and supply trains are moving forward. Troops have also passed. One of the enemies [sic] horses lie near by having been gored through by one of our cannon balls. We are 13 miles from Manchester. Dismal hollow. 1 o'clock P.M. Our division moved westward at right angles to the road about three miles. Filed left moved over wood, field, hill and valley in search of a supposed enemy but found none. We then halted an hour, after which we moved eastward and struck the pike about 3 miles from where we encamped having made a circuitous route of about 6 miles. In that circuit we found the best cultivated portion of country we have seen. Wheat is good and the prospect for vegetables are good. After striking the pike, we move up dismal hollow where we are now halted. Gen. Rosecrans and staff have just now passed. He says if we have long legs we can eat supper in Manchester tonight. No firing has been heard since morning. Dismal hollow is the name of a long narrowly constructed hollow bordered by high bluff hills running 100 feet above the road which hides from view the surrounding country. It is very narrow and some three or four miles in length. It is thought the enemy would contest the occupation of this hollow but I have heard of no opposition yet. Every body seems to be in excellant [sic] spirits. The 15th Regt O.V. is just now passing. We had no knowledge of such a Regt. being in this department. A fine shower of rain is just now falling. It has been clear most of the day. We waded water half knee deep some 7 or 8 times

Sund. June 28th. Camp near Manchester Tenn. We move forward yesterday, arrive and passed through Manchester after dark. We hold peaceable possession. We traveled about 16 miles yesterday. The enemy is reported to be concentrating at Tullahoma and our advance is said to be within about four miles of the place. Weather slightly cloudy. Our Regt. is located south of Manchester upon the right bank of Duck River. We retreated from this place about 10 months ago. The times indicate a general forward movement. The observance of the Sabbath necessary notwithstanding [sic]. Afternoon as yet we remain where we stoped [sic] last night. Had a shower of rain this morning. Pitched tents on purpose of drying them. They were struck and packed while wet and were in danger of rotting. We are preparing ourselves with three days rations. Some of our teams are to be sent back to Murfreesboro for rations. We have not carried our knapsacks but one day since leaving Murfreesboro. Some of the forces still keep moving forward.

Mond. June 29th. We still lie here awaiting the order to move. Yesterday we received orders to send to Murfreesboro all baggage which we could not carry. We sent back most every thing but gum blankets, gun and equipments [sic]. We are now prepared to move with alacrity. Hard rain last night, clear and warm this morning. Several accidents occured [sic] yesterday from promiscuously firing off guns. Heavy cannonading in the direction of Tallahoma [sic]. A very heavy thunderstorm shower at 12 M. About 1 P.M. we move out, take the road toward Tallahoma [sic]. Another hard rain fell about 3 or 4 o'clock. The road is very muddy [sic] and badly cut up. The whole earth is flooded with water. A few shots are

heard on the right at 3 or 4 P.M. We are now at a halt but for what purpose I know not. A train left Manchester for Murfreesboro for provisions this morning. Pontoon boats are being brought forward.

Tues. June 30th. Bivouacked in front of the enemies [sic] lines last night after one of the wettest and muddiest marches we have experienced since leaving Murfreesboro. Roads were most impassable. We waded mud and water almost knee deep several times. We made some 7 or 8 miles which brought us in 5 or 6 miles of Tullahoma. A few shots were fired this morning. We are in close proximity to the enemies [sic] lines The whistle of locomotives are heard at Tullahoma. Weather clear, sun hot. Every body in fine spirits and full of confidence. I am on picket and a party of us have just returned from a reconnoissance [sic] of the front. A brisk skirmish was going on, on our right. No enemy near our front. It is late in the evening and most extremely pleasant. A shower or two of rain has passed round but we have escaped its penetrating influence. The sun is setting clear. There! our pickets are firing. Since morning we have changed our line and formed them in regular order. The front has been recoinoitered [sic] and but meager evidence of the enemy ascertained, but the cause of firing just now indicate an enemy near. Oh! we were mistaken, the firing was on the vidette line still farther in the front of our line. A few shots were fired during the night.

July

Wednes. July 1st. We were relieved picket and just as we were joining the Regt. we found it moving out. We moved out and halted a while. The movements of the army are very mysterious to "us privates" but I suppose the commanding Genl. is guided by the information received. The country here is very level and poorly watered, though at present water is plenty from the fall of heavy rains. It does seem that an over ruling Providence is dealing with special interest toward us in this particular. Genl. Beatys [sic] Brigade has gone to the front and cannonading is heard about two miles off. We are now moved to the front A dozen [sic] or more wounded and killed are passing in the rear and a large number have sunstroked [sic]. It is sulfuriously [sic] hot and mostly clear. Just as we approached the line some sharp firing ensued, but the enemy were repulsed and all is quiet at this writing. Our lines are now advancing. We change direction to the left oblique leaving Tullahoma to the right and rear. We are now moving to the right of the Elk River bridge. About 6 P.M. a sharp skirmish ensued between the enemy and our cavalry. 1 killed and several wounded and staff officer missing. Our Regt. was on the front at the line of the skirmish, after which we retired and bivouacked on the hill side near a farm house and creek for the night. Some 400 men were reported sunstroked [sic] today.

Thurs July 2nd. We move out at an early hour this morning. Genl. Thomas passed to the front. Report says we took possession of Tullahoma yesterday. The

enemy are upon the south side of the river (Elk). They burned all the bridges. We are now halted upon the banks of Elk River about two miles above the R. R. bridge. Cannonading is heard on our left. Supposed to be Crittenden. Some sharp firing took place this morning. Two divisions of the enemy are said to be on the opposite side of the river. The roads are so badly cut up that pontoons cannot come up. The foot bridge is not totally destroyed, will be repaired and we will cross on that. Pack mules are among the novelties of our train and a number have just passed loaded with picks, axes, shovels, spades etc. The enemy have disappeared on the other side of the river.

Friday July 3rd. We are still lying where we halted yesterday. We moved about 8 o'clock and crossed the river above the Railroad about 1 mile on the bridge above named. The bridge is a new one constructed by the enemy since our evacuation last fall. And in his retreat he tried to destroy it but did not succeed in making it wholly worthless. It was protected [sic] by two stalkades [sic] and earthworks. After leaving the river we took an easterly direction and at this writing we are halted in a barley field near a farm house. We are on the track of the enemy and not far behind them, so it is said. A skirmish took place yesterday and 12 or 15 of the enemies dead have been found upon the field since we came here.

Sat. July 4th. We spent the fourth of July last year at Battle Creek, Tenn. and we feasted highly on the best the country offered. Today we are feasting upon pork and crackers. Weather clear and warm. We remain where we halted last night awaiting orders to move. We moved only four or five miles yesterday. We now move out about 12 M. We go in the direction of the mountains, and after making an attempt to ascend the mountain we turn back and go into camp. The road up the mountain is said to be blockaded. Considerable rain the P.M. We have cheering news from official information that Lee had invaded Penn. and Md. and that Genl. Mead had attacked, whipped [sic] and routed the enemy. Upon this announcement we gave three long, loud and hearty cheers and in the divisions the report of this news was hailed by a salute of 35 guns, and in honor of the 4th of July

Sund. July the 5th. We lay quietly in camp today. Some heavy showers of rain fell today. Forage train vent out today. About 12 M a heavy brigade guard was placed around camp. This guard seemed to be quite unnecessary and receives universal censure by men and subordinant [sic] officers. I am on this guard.

Mond. July 6th. One of the heaviest rains fell last night. Cloudy this morning. No signs of moving this morning.

Tuesday July 7th. Preperations [sic] seems to be making for crossing the mountains. Partly cloudy this morning. Heavy rains fell during the night. Most of the boys are out of provisions and the cry for crackers is clamorous beyond

anything we have seen since in the service. Late in the evening we get a supply of crackers, meat has been plenty. Reports from the Potomac and other points are of the most cheering character. Salute of thirty five guns in the other departments are being fired.

Wednes. July 8th. This morning we were aroused from our slumbers by the booming of cannon. It was one of our batteries firing a salute in exultation of the "good news". Rained nearly all night. Cloudy this morning. We had mutton for breakfast. About 10 we moved out of camp, took the line for Deccard [sic], arrived at Deccard [sic] early in the evening and went regularly into camp. It is about 9 miles from here to where we were encamped at the foot of the mountains.

Thurs. July 9th. Today was occupied in erecting huts and pitching tents. We are out of provisions and the cry for something to eat is loud indeed. We got one cracker to the man and some beef which was the amount of substance today. A party went foraging for the animals today. The country is well nigh striped [sic] of every thing eatable. We receive mail and Nashville papers today. Report says that the cars run to Elk River bridge, four miles distant and our wagons have gone down for provisions.

Frid. July 10th. Provisions are very scare. Have drawn nothing but hard bread. The cry for something to eat today has exceeded any thing that has ever taken place since in the service. Provision is plenty in camp at Com. Dept. but they are awaiting the regular course of "red tape" and this causes some hard epithetis [sic] and loud complaining. About 4 P.M. rations are drawn and supper served up in double quick. I never saw pork and crackers consumed so ravenously before. Dress parade this evening. No rain today.

Sat. July 11th. Our regiment is on picket today. Warm and clear.

Sund. July 12th. Nothing of special importance going on today. No religious service that we know of.

Mond. July 13th. Two Cos of our regt. (A and F) went down to Elk River bridge, went as escort to train and to load the same with provisions. Cars run regular as far as the bridge. The bridge is in progress of reconstruction but it will be some time before it is completed. Brigade drill this P.M. but Cos. A and F are excused as we were on duty this morning.

Tues. July 14th. Rosecrans [sic] division moved up today and passed on toward Cowen. Papers in camp today. Nothing new in our dept.

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the stoppage [sic] of 25 dollars at the pay table as an equivalent to the stolen goods. The affair is considered as being very unjust. Several trains in today among which was a passenger train. Weather fine.

Thursday July 23rd. Our regt. goes on picket today. No signs of enemy on our line Indeed we are surrounded by camps on every side, which renders our camp doubly secure.

Friday July 24th. We were relieved this morning by the 37th Ind. Musketoos [sic] are numerous and very troublesome in the woods. Weather very warm. We draw clothing V. P. today.

Saturday July 25th. Co. drill this morning. Cloudy and some appearance of rain. A detail of some one hundred men was made this afternoon to cut timber for platforms at the depot, to store provisions.

Sund. July 26th. About one brigade passed toward the front yesterday. No. [sic] religious service today. Morning inspection took place about 9 o'clock. Sprinkles rain a little.

Mond. July 27th. Weather warm and pleasant but rather hot at noon for comfort. Co. and Regt. drill.

Tuesday July 28th. Brigade drill this P.M. by Col. Stoten, Col. of the 11 Michigan. We also went through the formulas of review.

Wednes. July 29th. Our Regt. is upon detail today. Co. A and F are upon guard at the depot and the ballance [sic] of the Regt. upon fatigue at the same place. About sundown Genl. Rosecrans passed enrou [sic] for Winchester his present headquarters. Ours, Neglies [sic] division, turned out enmass [sic] and gave the Gen. a hearty reception by giving three cheers. Lieut. Edward McClerand returned to camp yesterday from Nashville where he was in the hospital. He is not yet able for duty.

Thurs. July 30th. Some heavy showers of rain and hard wind. We have four men upon the chain gang, two of whom were sentenced by the Col. instead of by a court martial.

Friday July 31st. Today terminates the second year of our enlistment. Sun rises clear and the indications for rain a hot day. Inspection is ordered for 8 o'clock. Inspection of arms took at the time appointed, Capt. Kendrick the inspecting officer. Several promotions have taken place in our Regt. lately. Lieut. Browne and Reiston are promoted to Capts. [sic] and the Sergeant major promoted to first Lieut. and today was appointed to Adjutant. And John A. Acton returned to his Co.

August

Sat. Aug. 1st. Nothing doing today. Col. T. R. Stanley arrived in camp today. His arrival was signaled by a general outburst of applause and rejoicing [sic]. The reception shows plainly the high regard in which he is held by those under his command. Our knapsacks were brought up today. A great many are missing and have been rifled of their contents. Some of them were half rotten having been packed away wet. Mine however was not injured. Heavy rains today and the mail unusually large.

Sund. Aug. 2nd. Preaching in our Regt. today by one of the members of the soldiers [sic] Christian Commission. Sunday morning inspection was deferred [sic] until 5½ in the evening. Col. T. R. Stanley was present and participated in the inspection and expressed himself well pleased with our appearance. Col. T. R. Stanley was presented with an excellent sword by the enlisted men of the Regt. and at a cost of \$400. The inscription "Seven Days at Stones River" was inscribed upon the blade. Orderly Sergeant Camp of Co. D made the presentation speech. Col. Stanley made responded in an appropriate and happy manner. He referred [sic] to Stones River with tears in his eyes.

Mond. Aug. 3rd. I am on camp guard today. Every thing quiet and dull. Dress parade and Brigade drill at 5½ to 6 P.M. Very warm.

Tues. Aug. 4th. Regt. on picket today. I am excused on account of being on camp guard. A member of the 18th P.V. was run over by the cars and instantly killed. He was litterly [sic] cut to pieces.

Wednes. Aug. 5th. I am again on camp guard. Considerably drunkenness in camp. A collision of the railroad delayed the train until late in the evening. Dress parade after six. Light rains.

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account of the effect of a wound received at Stones River. First Lieut. Baldwin is assigned to duty in our Co. Rained today. Dress parade this P.M. The Lieut. Col. of the 11th Michigan takes command of our Regt. in the absence of Col. Grovenor.

Sat. Aug. 8th. P. G. Browne of our Co. gave us (the Co.) an entertainment today in the shape of a dinner upon the strength of his promotion to a Captaincy. The dinner consisted of an excellent article [sic] of soup, new potatoe [sic], blackberries, green corn, light bread and shoulder, and also the proper articles for seasoning. In all it was a good dinner and "the repast" was enjoyed by all the participants. Two years ago (the Co.) took dinner at the Valley House, Chillicothe. Ohio. Dress parade at 6 P.M.

Sund. Aug. 9th. No preaching today. Sunday morning inspection by Col. [next line illegible] numerous. We are encamped to the west or left of the R.R. and near the old camp of 94th Ohio.

Tues. Aug. 11th. Today is mostly spent in fixing up the camp. We have fine camping grounds. A detail was made for fatigue but we didn't go.

Wednes. Aug. 12th. This morning a detail for fatigue is made, we report at 7 o'clock. About 6 the Regt. received orders to move. Fatigue party and the Regt. take the line about 8. The fatigue party in the lead. I am in the fatigue party. We move along the line of the R.R. and cross the mountain at the tunnel. Fatigue party work on the road. The Regt. go some four miles and encamp. The fatigue party stop after crossing the mountain and go to work. The road is very rocky. We carry three days rations, camp equipage and knapsacks are all hauled. Ours is the only Regt. moving of the Brigade today and we got teams from othe [sic] Regt. to haul baggage over the mountains.

Thurs. Aug. 13th. We encamped last night where we first halted after crossing the mountain. Today the 19th Ill. came over and encamped with our Regt. Fatigue party work the road up to the Regt. or station where a temporary camp is located. The name of the station is Tantanllion and is located in a very long and narrow cave and bordered by the mountains of 600 feet. The creek running down the cave is called Crow Creek. The fatigue party of our Regt. is released and go to the right this P.M. There are quite a number of the inhabitants staying in the mountains. They all claim loyalty to the old flag. Both male and female are of a very slender lean and lank build.

Frid. Aug. 14th. Several rattlesnakes have been killed since in the mountains. It is said that the other portion of the Brigade will come over today. Our Regt. moved down the cave about 4 miles this morning and a fatigue squad is sent in front to prepare the roads. Only half the Regts. [sic] move at a time. I am again on the fatigue party. We stop at noon with the Regt. The cave or valley widens as we move downward and the tillable land is very rich. Corn and fruit especially peaches are plenty and we are living upon the best the country affords. We have seen one meeting house since leaving Cowen, passed it today. We encamp upon a farm house near a mill. The owners [sic] name being Lynch and has been a recruiting officer in the employment of the confederacy. Fatigue party do small jobs this P.M. on the roads.

Sat. Aug. 15th. We leave camp about 6. A fatigue party go forward to prepare the road for wagons. The baggage of the left wing are moved. First we move down the valley to Anderson Station about 3 miles distant. We encamp below the station to the left of the R.R. The 19 Ill. came forward today. The first Brigade of Rosecrans [sic] Division are posted here. Weather warm and roads dusty. Rain in the distance. Corn plenty and the prospects good for a heavy crop. Cloudy this afternoon. Capt. Jno. Jumper Co. F commands the Regt. A rebel Genl. Anderson lived near this station or some say he lives here yet.

Sund. Aug. 16th. We lay quietly in camp today. Many of the boys are washing their clothes. Foggy this morning. Rain this afternoon. An occasional train passes over the road. Mail in at noon, no religious service today. A great many of the boys are out in the mountains foraging and ruminating generally.

Mond. Aug. 17th. Nothing on hand today, some of the Cos. have inspection. I and a pardner take a trip over the mountains. Scenery good, wild and romantic, rocks of all sizes and shapes and nice streams of water.

Tues. Aug. 18th. Clear and pleasant. Quite a number of the boys are out in the country this morning. About 8 or 9 the ballance [sic] of our Division came in and we were ordered to get under way in an hour. It was a very unexpected move and caught many of us in traps. I and several of the boys had gone to the country to visit a cave, were overtaken and informed of the intended move, but before we could get back the Regt. had gone but we soon overtook them. We move down Crow Creek within about three miles of Stephenson. Weather warm.

Wednes. 19th. We encamped last night near a meeting house and in an open field upon the left bank of the creek. Rosecrans moved his headquarters to Stephenson today.

Thurs. Aug. 20th. We are ordered to clean up the camp today for the reception of some Genl. but the Genl. did not come, Genl. Thomas headquarter. Teams are moving forward to the front. We now have a band belonging to our brigade. It is from Chicago, Ills. and arrived in camp but a few days ago Tuesday, I think.

Friday Aug. 21st. This afternoon we received orders to strike tents and be off immediately. We obeyed the order with a will and were soon off. We moved off down the valley about one and a half miles and again went regularly into camp. We are now encamped within about four hundred yards of Crow Creek upon the left bank and very near Neglies [sic] headquarters and a spring. The spring is rather small to supply us all.

Sat. Aug. 22nd. Today we spent puting [sic] our camp in shape. Troops of various kinds continue to pass, and pontoons are rapidly being moved to the front. Dress parade this evening. The band serenaded Genl. Neglie [sic] at night.

Sund. Aug. 23rd. Preaching this morning by one of the Christian Commission. Reynolds [sic] Division is reported In Chattanooga. Firing was heard some where last night. Large trains are running to the front to Stephenson. Pontoons are brought down the valley upon wagons. I am on guard today.

Mond. Aug. 24th. We erected arbors over our tents today. Dress parade this P.M. Some of our teams went to Tallahoma [sic] for baggage of the 69. 103 pontoons collected near our camp.

Tues. Aug. 25th. Chaplin Jno Dillon of our Regt. returned to camp today. Rained today.

Wednes. Aug. 26th. Clear and the weather changed to warm days and cold nights. Dress at 6 at which time an artist tried to get a picture of the Regt. but as it was too dark he failed.

Thurs. Aug. 27th. This morning our Regt. with the 11th Michigan 19th Ills. and Shoults [sic] battery was formed in order and a picture was taken of the whole. Stanley and staff was present. Dress parade at 6 P.M.

Friday Aug. 28th. We are ordered to get ready for inspection which is to take place tomorrow. Our band was present this evening at dress parade and discovered some fine music.

Sat. Aug. 29th. Inspection took place this morning. were inspected by brigade staff officer.

Sund. Aug. 30th. Co. inspection this morning. Preaching this A.M. at 10½ o'clock by our Chaplain. In afternoon at 19th by some of the Christian Commision [sic]. 6 o'clock P.M. we were ordered to get ready to move at 8 o'clock. We got ready but about 7½ the order was countermanded.

Mond. Aug. 31st. We are ordered to pitch tents and await orders. Division passed toward Stephenson.

September

Tues. Sept. 1st. Expected to move this morning but all seems quiet untill [sic] 4 P.M. at which time we were ordered to move at 5½. We "pulled out". We passed through Stephenson thence to the river and crossed upon pontoons at the mouth of Crow Creek. We then moved out three miles and bivouacked for the night in a narrow valley, along the base of sand [sic] Mountain. The ascension of which occupies the whole day. For a mountain road it is pretty good, but wagon masters double time in order to make the move expeditious in crossing. Remember only one division is crossing. From points upon the mountain can be seen Battle Creek and the camp about Bridgeport. I am now informed that the mountain is called Raccoon instead of Sand. We encamp upon the mountain tonight about three miles from where we camped last night.

Friday Sept. 4th. We are off at an early hour, go over and desend [sic] and encamp at the foot or base of the mountain and close to the spring. We traveled 8 miles today, which makes it eleven miles over the mountain. Our is located between Sand and Lookout mountains. A few deserters came in today. This valley is tollerably [sic] good faming land. We passed over the Tenn. and Georgia state line today and now we are in dade Co. Georgia.

Sat. Sept. 5th. We do not move today. Sheridans [sic] Division passes us and goes into camp at Trenton the county seat of this Co., about three miles below here. Our Regt. was sent out to collect forage or provisions. We got some mutton and about 30 head of cattle. A scouting party went out this morning and at the Trenton Iron Works found a considerable amount of confederate property such as flour, bacon, salt, and quartermasters stores.

Sund. Sept. 6th. Our Regt. was started out early this morning upon an expedition to the top of Lookout Mountain before we had gone far the division had orders to march. Aids were sent after us but did not find us. We went up the mountain and had a skirmish with the enemy. We returned to camp about 3 P.M. and found the division nearly all gone. We struck out in their wake and overtook

the division after most of it had gone into camp. We moved in a Southwest direction. We move about 8 miles. We are passing around Lookout Mountain. Sheridans [sic] Division is close behind us. I saw my cousin Ezra Shotts today. He is in the 36th Ills. Sheridan Division. We are encamped about the southwest end of Lookout Mountain and upon the banks of Lookout Creek. Surgeon Johnson returned to the Regt. today, had been home.

Mond. Sept. 7th. The division moved forward and part of it ascended Lookout Mountain. Our Regt. was left behind as rear guard and escort to trains, and we did not get up until [sic] dark. Our line of march was in a south west direction. Most of the division bivouacked in what is called Johnsons Cove and Lost Hollow. Our Regt. bivouacked just at the foot of the mountain where the road starts up. Green corn is still plenty. The mountain forms more than a half circle around us. The train is kept moving up the mountain all night and part of our Regt. was detailed to help them up. A fine shower of rain fell P.M. Rouseans [sic] division is following us. Sheridan moved to the right. We made about four miles today.

Tues. Sept. 8th. Bivouacked upon Lookout Mountain, Ga. The movement up the mountain was continued this morning. Our Regt. moved about half way up and halted until noon at which time we moved forward some four miles and went into bivouack [sic] with the rest of the division and so we are again "camped upon the mountain". This is said to be by some Bade and by others Dade County with Trenton for a county seat. Yesterday we passed by a large and new Iron foundry. C. S. A. was preparing "for to live" by themselves. Green corn is very plenty up here and is just in fine roasting order. Enemy reported in front. Weather fine.

Wednes. Sept. 9th. Moved forward at a early hour. Our Regt. in advance We descended the mountain and after skirmishing the valley and taking a few prisoners the division went into camp in McKelloughs [sic] cove. Our Regt. was sent forward to Cassandia a cross roads in the valley about 1½ miles from the foot of the mountain where the division is encamped. We are acting as reserve pickets. We moved only four miles today. We are now in Walter County, Layfayette being the county seat. I was on picket last night. Mellons [sic], corn, sweet and irish [sic] potatoes plenty in this cove and valley. Some of the inhabitants claim loyalty to the union flag. Enemy is said to be retreating from Chattanooga.

Tuesday Sept. 10th. A squad of cavalry came up to our lines this morning before sunup, but when fired upon disappeared. Our teams came up to this place this morning. We move some four miles and ascertain that the enemy are in strong both in front and left flank. We fall back and take position in line of battle and remain so until [sic] near morning when we change front more to the left.

Friday Sept. 11th. Today we skirmish with the enemy all the forenoon and generally fall back. The enemy gain ground all the time and constantly getting upon our flank. About two o'clock we began to fall back rapidly and at point we took up a supposed strong

position but as soon as the enemy opened the whole line fell back in confusion, almost a panic. It was an artillery engagement principally. Our Regt. suffered severely [sic] four killed and eighteen wounded done by artillery. We continued to retreat until [sic] near the foot of Lookout Mountain where we came down. Here we took up a strong position and remained all night. The enemy following closely but did not keep up the attack. I have not learned the entire loss of either the enemy or us. Thomas, Negley, Baird and Beatys were present and Rouseans [sic] division was present. Report says the rebel [sic] Gen. Polk was our opponent. The enemy cried "Bull Run" as we retreated.

Sat. Sept. 12th. Col. C. H. Grovenor returned to the Regt. yesterday and took command about 12 o'clock. We expected the enemy to attack us early this morning but no enemy seem to be about. A heavy force of our boys went out today to reconnoiter the front and they went as far as our advance had formerly been and no enemy was found, save in the mountain gap.

Sund. Sept. 13th. Religious service in some camps today. Were ordered to move but did not and we remain in camp all day. The most of our Corps is present now. The whereabouts of the enemy and their strength is not exactly known. A provision train started back this P.M. to Bridgeport. The weather is warm and the whole camp is in a continual cloud of dust

Mond. Sept. 14th. Our Brigade and I think most of the division moved out to Cassandria this morning. We formed line and lay quietly until three P.M. at which time our Regt. went to the front, to the battleground of last Friday and buried our dead 4 of the 18 Ohio, one of the 11 Michigan, one of the 19th Ills. We returned at dusk and bivouacked for the night.

Tues. Sept. 15th. Our teams are ordered up this morning. All quiet in front and we hold our line undisputed. An opinion prevails that the whole army will be concentrated here. McCook is reported on his way here. We are told that the enemy lost some twenty or thirty killed in last Fridays [sic] fight, a Lieut. Col. being among them. Corn, vegetables and other forage are getting [sic] scarce. Weather pleasant.

Wednes. 16th. We are called up at four o'clock this morning. The enemy being reported in our front threatening an attack [sic] but no enemy came and we remain in camp all day. Thomas and McCook were here today and passed along the front. We are ordered to move at three in the morning.

Tuesday Sept. 17th. We did not start at three as the order was countermanded to 8 A.M. Our Brigade was detailed as guard to wagon train. We made some six miles and encamped upon the right or north bank of the Chickamauga Creek. Our line of battle was parallel to the creek. The whole army seems to be moving toward Chattanooga. There seems to be a race by us and the enemy for Chattanooga.

Sund. Sept. 18th. We still continue the movement by the left flank, a sharp engagement took place by the cavalry on the left. We move up to Crawfish Springs.

Sat. Sept. 19th. Today our Corps became heavy engaged but fortune favored us (our Brigade and Division) and we were but slightly injured [sic]. We were first thrown to the right where we had an "artillery duel" in which six horses were killed and wounded and one man killed and three or four wounded. We were then thrown to the left or center and at dark we were slightly engaged and lost a few in wounded. From all appearances we got the best of the bargain today. The enemy seems to fallen back and lost quite a number in prisoners.

Sund. Sept. 20th. Today the enemy was early in bringing on an attack [sic], a general engagement soon followed and the fight became desperate and was kept up all day and closed after dark. The enemy was too [sic] strong for us and drove us back a considerable distance. We were driven from the spring and at night we occupied a poor position for water. As the enemy was too strong for us we fell back some five or six miles took up another position. The forces which we met today were Breckenridges [sic]. We slaughtered them by scores. Wounded a Brigadier General (Adams) and his adjutant general. Our Co. loss was one killed and five wounded and three missing. Capt. P. G. Brown was wounded in the arm. I was struck twice but not injured.

Mond. Sept. 21st. The enemy came on this morning. They seem to be anxious for a fight but as they approach our line they become more careful and advance more cautious. A short artillery fire took place on our front but as far as is known not much damage was done.

Tues. Sept. 22nd. Again we retreated. After dark last night we withdrew very carefully and fell back to Chattanooga and went to fortifying with great vigor. The enemy followed us up closely and threatened an immediate attack. But aside from a skirmish and a few shots from artillery nothing was done. Our position is growing strong rapidly. We begin to breathe more easily. Our trains are all across the river.

Wednes. Sept. 23rd. We still continue to pick and shovel dirt. The enemy came out in full view and their trains are moving to and fro. Our artillery gave them several shots but received no reply. Genl. Rosecrans passed our camp and talked personally with the boys. He seems to think we are safe.

Thurs. Sept. 24th. We were called out at an early hour with the supposition that the enemy would bring on an early attack. We continue to shovel dirt with a vengeance [sic]. The enemy has kept very quiet and we began to think he might be slipping [sic] away and in the evening Genl. Turchin went to the front with his brigade and made a reconnoissance [sic] and soon found the enemy in full force. After a spirited skirmish he retreated with a small loss in wounded.

Friday Sept. 25th. All very quiet today until late in the evening when the enemy began to throw a few shell. Doubtless to try the range and to draw our fire and ascertain our position. I have heard of no damage done. We were allowed the privilege of washing our clothes today which were exceptionally dirty. A train started for bridgeport for provisions.

Sat. Sept. 26th. The enemy opened with a fierce musketry fire this morning before sunup. We were soon under arms but the attack did not last long. Our entire loss since crossing the river is 86 killed 7 wounded and missing 19.

Sund. Sept. 27th. Our Regt. is on fatigue today. Work is done by reliefs of Regt. and brigade. Chaplin J. Dillin preached for us at sundown. Sharp firing of musketry on the right at 10½ P.M. (night).

Mond. Sept. 28th. A train of ambulances start for the battle field under flag of truce. Drivers exchange at picket line and the enemy go after our wounded who are said to be in a suffering condition. A few shots are fired along the picket line otherwise all is quiet.

Tues. Sept. 29th. Ambulances come back this evening at sundown. Each ambulance was with filled with wounded.

Wednes. Sept. 30th. Our Regt. go on picket. Cloudy and rain through the day and continues through the night. Another large train of wagons and ambulances go after wounded this A.M. No firing on picket line.

October

Thurs. Oct. 1st. Weather disagreeable. Rained hard nearly day ceasing at night.

Friday Oct. 2nd. Clear this morning. We lay quietly in camp untill [sic] about three P.M. when we are ordered to get to move. Report says the enemy burned two hundred of our wagons loaded with supplies near or toward Bridgeport. A late report says that thirty Instead of two hundred were burned and that those burned were loaded with forage and ammunition. They burned in the Sequeachie [sic] Valley. We did not move as we expected.

Sat. Oct. 3rd. Our Regt. is on fatigue today. Wm. Reace of Co. E was, today, after having his head shaved and a paper pined [sic] upon his back with the inscription "coward" inscribed, marched through camp under guard with the drums playing the "rogues march poor old soldier". All this for cowardice for runing [sic] from the field of battle of Chiaka mauga [sic] and from McLamore Cove. The affair was a pitale [sic] one to behold though no doubt the punishment just or perhaps hardly adequate to the offence. Genl. Hooker is reported at Stephenson with an army of 20,000. A portion of the men sent home for drafted men returned and that without any recruits .

Sund. Oct. 4th. Weather clear very cold at night and warm in day time. Preaching in the various regiments today. Very windy and uncomfortable.

Mond. Oct. 5th. All quiet untill [sic] 11 o'clock when an occasional [sic] shot from the enemies [sic] artillery began to draw our attention. The fire grew thicker and thicker and by two o'clock P.M. our position became quite uneasy from the "iron hail" of the enemy "dogs of war" but as night approached the fire began to slacken. The damage done us is very light. A few wounded and some equipage shattered. Our Regt. sustained no damage though several shell burst near our quarters. A few horses were wounded. It is supposed the enemy was trying their guns, but if such was the case they gave us a knowledge of their positions which was as highly beneficial to us as it was to them to learn the range of their guns. We work nearly all night having learned our weak and exposed parts of our line of defense. The enemy threw a few shell about every two hours during the night.

Tues. Oct. 6th. We expected the enemy to open with all his guns today but he has not fired a shot. We still go ahead strengthening our works [sic] positions. Very foggy this A.M. Clear and warm through the day, cloudy in the evening, indications of rain. Every body and all surrounding us wears a peculiar gloom and the profound silence seems to indicate a coming storm. I am puzzled to know the cause of this solemnity and gloom which seems to prevade [sic] all classes - the high and the low. Time may reveal the mystery. The bands play the national airs and the drums beat retreat and revilee [sic] as usual. Rations are scarce but none are complaining.

Wednes. Oct. 7th. Capts. [sic] Jumper and Roistan have resigned and gone home, they started this morning. The cause of the resignation I am unable to tell fully but it is from some differences between them and Col. Grovenor or some dissatisfaction upon the battlefield. Genl. Negley started for home today on furlough. Rosecrans is said to have gone and Thomas is in command. All is quiet today.

Thurs. Oct 8th. Mail in today. Some firing on the left and right about 4 P.M. Lasted about an hour. I think it was mostly from our guns. Weather is clear and cold. Sun hot at noonday. Negley has not gone home as reported.

Frid. Oct. 9th. Our regt. worked about three hours in the fort this morning. A few shots of artillery at different points today. Dress parade this evening at 6. Weather clear.

Sat. Oct. 10th. A few shots of artillery along the line. Dress parade at 6 and a farewell order from Gen. Negley, he having been relieved of command in the reorganization of the Army. The Army is being reorganized. We do no duty today.

Sund. Oct. 11th. Prepared for inspection but none was had. Negley visited the various Regt. in his division and addressed a few congratulatory and farewell remarks. He was cheered with deep emotion. We are sorry to loose [sic] him. May success attend him where ever cast his lot! Some days ago a shell was thrown by the enemy and not

busted was placed in the fire where it exploded and wounded five men. This morning another was thrown in the fire, it exploded and killed one man and wounded some four or five others. Preaching by the Chaplain of the several Regts. [sic] today. Details of the Regt. are ordered back to their Regiments on account of the breaking up of the division.

Mond. Oct. 12th. Preparations being made for election of tommorrow [sic]. Yesterday R.M. Goff of our Co. accidently fell into a well thirty five feet deep but fortunately was not much injured.

Tuesday Oct. 13th. Principle business in camp today Is election. Each Co. headquarters became a precinct and from this cause a great man [sic] inexperienced persons are obliged to fill the offices of judge and clerk of election. In our Co. the following judges and clerks were chosen according to law, to hold the election. Vis Judges: Micheal Devine, N. T. McVey and D. C. Shotts (or myself). Clerks: J. R. Wiseheart, H. V. Rittenhouse. The poles were opened at 10 and closed at 5 o'clock. The officers of the election were qualified by an oath act according to law and the best of our abilities I first qualified the others and and then I was qualified by one of the Clerks. The election passed off with perfect smoothness but little argument by anyone and it was quite one-sided. All for Bruff and the union ticket in our Co. 35 votes cast in our Co. In the Regt. 248, 2 of which were cast for Valandingham. Upon the back of the ticket we wrote "draft" and what seems very strange those that voted for Val voted the draft also consistant [sic] !!! Here is the vote I cast.

For Gov. John Bruff

For Lieut. Gov Charles Anderson

For Auditor of State J. H. Godman

For Treasurer of State G. V. Dorsey

For Judge of Supreme Court H. H. Hunter

For Board of Public Works J. M. Barrere

For Senator J. E. Stephenson

For Representative Peter Adams

For Clerk of Common Pleas E. Carson

For County Treasurer Wm. Rittenhouse

For Probate Judge N. Throckmorton

For Infirmary Director Anthony Hirn

For County Commisioner [sic] Wm. Welsh

For County Commisioner [sic] S. C. Scott

Another portion of our supply train is reported burned by the enemy in Sequachie Valley. Weather rainy and disagreeable.

Wednes. Oct. 14th. Still rains. A detail of about eighty three men is sent to work upon a fort near the river and near McCooks [sic] quarters. No firing as far as I know or have learned. Small mail in today. Nothing for me. Clears off and rains again.

Thurs. Oct. 15th. Rained nearly all night and today, but hapily [sic] we are not on duty. On the 13th inst. Col. Stanley gave his command a farewell address each of his regiments except our own. He was lustily cheered and leaves with the best wishes of his command. The enemies [sic] camps are in plain view and they seem to have plenty of tents.

Friday Oct. 16th. A detail of our regt. go on picket today. Rained last night at sundown. Clear this morning. All looks gay and hapy [sic]. Major of our regiment returned, he having been upon Gen. Negleys [sic] staff. Our regiment is now placed under a new commander Genl. Smith and we are said to be not in any brigade.

Satur. Oct. 17th. I think we were not removed from Rousean [sic] division untill [sic] today. Clear and very pleasant. A shot or two down on the right. The rebs cheer lustily for the last day or two.

Sund. Oct. 18th. No inspection. Rained most of the forenoon. Part of the regt. on fatigue at the river the ferry. About two o'clock this P.M. a mister Murdock of Cin. Ohio made his appearance near our regiment and after being introduced to a large body of soldiers by Col. Moore of 69th Ohio. Mounted the platform and for our amusement and if possible benefit read the 37th Psalm and a portion of the history of Moses and also read and declaimed several pieces of dramatic poetry. Also which we well performed and doubt did some good.

Mond. Oct. 19th. This morning we commence moving our camp to a locality near the river. We are placed on detached duty though in the same brigade as before and same division. The movement of our camp is a very slow affair as we move all our traps lumber wood etc. and we have but one wagon a portion of the time to

haul our "traps". Our Adjutant starts home on furlow [sic]. Liet. [sic] J. H. Acton takes his place as Adjutant. Theodore Ferrell lately commis. [sic] first Lieut. has resigned on account of ill health and started for home today. Col. Stanley is now in command of the regiment. Weather clear and warm, very pleasant.

Tuesday Oct. 20th. To [sic] is mostly spent in puting [sic] our camp in order. However a portion of the regiment is upon duty at the river. Our duty seems to be to work along the river. Watch for rafts and keep the boats runing [sic] and in order.

Wednesday Oct. 21st. No change since yesterday.

Thurs. Oct. 22nd. Col. Grovenor and Major Welsh started for home. Grovenor on duty and Welsh on furlow [sic].

Friday Oct. 23rd. Rained last night and continues today. Our tents are fixed up and chimneys built, therefore we live prety [sic] comfortable.

Sat. Oct. 24th. Genl. U. S. Grant, Thomas and several officers crossed the river today in "our ferry boat". No rain but cloudy last night and today. I was on guard at steam saw mill.

Sund. Oct. 25th. A raft came to shore last night but was towed to shore before doing any damage . The main rope of the ferry broke today and the boat went down the river but it was soon brought back by the steam. No religious service in our regiment today.

Mond. Oct. 26th. Our boys and others went down the river with pontoons, landed below about ten miles by river two by land, threw a bridge across, landed a force of armed men over and engaged the enemy. Took them by surprize [sic] and after driving the enemy some distance took up a strong position. The enemy shelled the pioneers while laying the pontoons. No body of our Regt. injured.

Tues. Oct. 27th. I am on duty on the Island watching for drifts, rafts etc. The force that went down the river spoken of yesterday went down this morning before day and landed under cover of the darkness and fog. Artillery firing at intervals all day. Weather pleasant.

Wednes. Oct. 28th. Rained slightly this morning. A few shot of artillery are fired at intervals all day. The rebs play tatoos [sic] and revelles [sic] regularly and their band discourses southern music very tauntingly. We are relieved at 9 o'clock from duty on the Island. Mail In camp. By the recent movement down on the right our line of communication is shortened some thirty miles, says reports.

Thurs. Oct. 29th. A large detail of our regt. cross the river to chop wood for the steam boat. She is to start down to Bridgeport tonight. Weather clear. Heavy

fighting down below the point of Lookout. Results not known. Enemy still occupy the point of Lookout and have large guns upon the very top.

Frid. Oct. 30th. Rained most of the day, very disagreeable. The steamboat ran the river without injury but was fired upon by infantry so says report. Not much firing today.

Sat. Oct. 31st. Ceased raining last night and turned cold. Quite a number of us are sent upon the Island to get out boat gunnels. Part will be sawed and part hewed. Steam boats reported ten miles below.

November

Sund. Nov. 1st. This is one of the most beautiful mornings of the season. A slight frost appeared upon the ground but the sun soon cleared it away. A large drift lodged upon the ferry-boat roap [sic] last night. It was a portion of a burned bridge. A raft came down of considerable size yesterday but was soon hauled to shore. The drift of burned bridge was so heavy, a large portion being iron, that it could not be hauled to shore and was let pass down the river. A portion of the pontoon bridge was taken up for it to pass through but it struck four boats and carried them off; and then pontoon bridge below point Lookout and carried a portion of that bridge away. Religious exercise by a stranger in our regiment. He wore the signature of Capt. and Chaplain.

Mond. Nov. 2nd. Weather pleasant. Most of the Regt. is engaged in running ferry-boats. Crossing men and and [sic] provisions. Provisions are geting [sic] very scarce and loud complaint is being made. Some large guns were fired today and yesterday by the enemy from point Lookout. We crossed an escort over who had been nineteen days in going to Stephenson and back. They were guards to provision train. The roads are represented as being almost impassable. The river is falling but drift is still coming down.

Tues. Nov. 3rd. Our boys are still runing [sic] the ferry boats. Weather very pleasant. Stealling [sic] is done to an extent almost frightful. Whole beeves are taken at once from the slaughter pens! And anything in the shape of eatables or clothing are stolen at every opportunity. Nor are guards of any account as they have become quite indifferent to all orders. Considerable firing done about point Lookout.

Wednes. Nov. 4th. Weather pleasant. Mail in camp. Provisions still scarce. We are now detached from Rousean [sic] division and are formed with the pioneers, Genl. Smith our commander. We are geting [sic] out some boat gunnels. Our steamer is at work below.

Thurs. Nov. 5th. Cloudy and raining. Pontoon bridge and ferry are in nice runing [sic] order. A few shots are fired. I am not well and am not doing duty.

Sat. Nov. 7th. Weather still fine. The enemy still amuse us with a few shot. Provision coming in rapidly but as yet scarce when issued but our boys make sly draws which fill us with plenty. We are ferrying provisions. The inference is that the roads are not accessable [sic] to the bridge. Mules and horses die by scores daily from want of food and hard pulling.

Friday Nov. 6th. My health has been reinstated and I am on guard. Today is clear and the prospects are good for fair weather. A few shots from Lookout. Provisions are still scarce.

Sund. Nov. 8th. No religious services. Weather clear. Provisions are ferryed [sic] across the river. A few shots from the enemy.

Mond. Nov. 9th. Very windy and growing cold. Business dull. Steamer Point Rocks, Capt. McElroy commanding, came up yesterday to the lower bridge. Some of our wounded and prisoners returned day before yesterday. Allen Redden, G. W. Riccob of our Company.

Tues. Nov. 10th. Last night was the coldest of the season, froze ice half inch thick. Clear this morning.

Wednes. Nov. 11th. Quite a frost again this morning. Provisions are being ferryed [sic] across the river. A few shot of artillery by enemy. Lieut. Grub Co. F returned today. He was wounded at Chickamauga.

Thurs. Nov. 12th. I visited a portion of Genl. Hookers [sic] command today at the camp of the 73rd O. V.I. Several acquaintances there. I also had the pleasure of seeing Genls. [sic] Hooker and Howard. Howard is a minister and preached to his soldiers last Sunday.

Friday Nov. 13th. Nothing of importance occured [sic] today.

Sat. Nov. 14th. Weather cloudy with a little rain. Provisions are being ferryed [sic] across the river in quantities The pontoon bridge is unable to carry loaded wagons across.

Sund. Nov. 15th. Preaching in town but as my clothes are bad and I did not attend untill [sic] night. This evening our clothes and supplies baggage which was sent to Nashville from Murfreesboro were brought up this evening. The boxes were broken open pilaged [sic].

Mond. Nov. 16th. This is the 28 anaversary [sic] of my birth. It is one of Novembers [sic] cold chilly cloudy days. I find myself growing old yet the frost of 28 winters reveals but little signs of my real age. Nor do I perceive any phisical [sic] disability and the stranger would guess my age at only 21. I am on guard and

in very good health but who knows what a day may bring forth. The enemies [sic] artillery are being fired.

Thurs. Nov. 17th. This morning some sharp artillery firing was heard up the river some three or four miles off. Report says it was caused from an attempt to lay a pontoon bridge. On our part casualties [sic] on our part are unknown to us. Weather pleasant. Genl. Sherman is said to be in the city.

Wednes. Nov. 18th. Desperately foggy this morning. Sun did not appear until [sic] near 10 o'clock but the day is clear. A flat boat or barge was launched this morning having been made by our Regt. Work on the Dunbar old steamer progresses finely. A battery of 8 32 pounders arrived a few days ago.

Thurs. Nov. 19th. pontoons are in rapid progress of making and are being shipped [sic] somewhere up the river. A heavy detail from our Regt. is made as is supposed for the purpose of doing ferrying and laying the bridge. Another flat boat was launched today.

Friday Nov. 20th. pontoons are still being shipped [sic] away under cover of night. A portion of our detail went out this morning with three days rations. Hospitals are being cleared and medical preparation being made for wounded. A fight seems to be imminent. Genl. Thomas has orders that our regiment be allowed no Co. savings on account of our pilfering. Shermans is said to be in close proximity. Very little firing done by either party at present. Weather beautiful.

Sat. Nov. 21st. We the boatman detail, left camp about four o'clock yesterday and went several miles up the river to South Chickamauga creek and encamped for the night. Rained nearly all night.

Sun. Nov. 22nd. We remained on Chickamauga creek yesterday and today. Pontoon boats moved up the river a few days ago are here and when the proper time comes we expect to run them down the river to a certain point below and cross armed men, and lay a bridge. A part of Sherman Corps is here and will go down in the pontoons. Preaching in camp by a Chaplain: audience very attentive. There 117 pontoons and each one is calculated to carry [sic] 25 armed men. We the boatmen are not armed. Details from other regt. are here to act as boatmen.

Monday Nov. 23rd. We are still here awaiting orders to start our wooden fleet down the river. We will go under cover of the night. Last night one of our Co., Henry A. Ramon, was drowned while running the ferry at Chattanooga. The ferry boat upset or dipped [sic] and thus he was launched into Eternity [sic] limped stream.

Tues. Nov. 24th. Today, or last night about 12 o'clock we began to pull out for the place of laying the bridge. We moved with the utmost caution and was not discovered or at [sic] least not fired on by the enemy. We effected a lodging without opposition. Ferried a heavy force and put down the bridge. The newly repaired steamer came up and soon placed artillery over before the bridge was layed. [sic] Skirmish firing commenced in front about 7 o'clock. Contrary to expectations no general engagement [sic] took place. Though Hooker advance upon Lookout Mountain and drove the enemy off. The musketry was pretty heavy. The losses I did not learn. Yesterday the 11th Army Corps, Howards, took position on the left and drove the Rebs considerably and took seven hundred prisoners [sic]. Cloudy and raining today. Chaplain Dill, C. J. Phillips started for Ohio yesterday. Phillips and others went on recruiting service.

Wednes. Nov. 25th. This morning the bell opened out the front of Chattanooga, on the left, and the struggle soon became general from the left to the right of the center. Our forces moved steadily forward and in the afternoon the enemies [sic] works in front of Chattanooga were charged and carried in fine stile [sic]. The enemy fled in haste. Large amounts of camp equipage, small arms and artillery fell into our hands. Our losses do not seem to be very heavy. Firing ceased, save an occasional shot, a short time before sunset. Prisoners came in by the hundred, several thousand have already been taken. As yet our regiment has not been engaged. Two [sic] day we built two bridges over a stream of water in front of Chattanooga and done other work. The Point Rock came up and discharged a cargo of supplies here. Hooker is said to be at Rossville. No fighting [sic] of consequence took place in his front so far as heard from. The whole Rebel army seems to have moved to the left. It [sic] is suppose the intention was to crush Thomas and save their rear.

Thurs, Nov. 26th. By proclamation [sic] of the President today is set apart as a day of "fasting and prayer" but it does not seem to be observed but very little firing is heard. This morning the enemy doubtless are upon the retreat. Tonight it is reported that our forces are still following the enemy. That we are near Ringgold and Chickamauga station. It is said that our wounded are brought in by one o'clock last night. Today the dead are being cared for. The enemies [sic] dead are being buried where they fell. This evening three Cos. of our regiment were sent out to Rossville to lay a pontoon bridge. Provision is being sent to the front. Our regiment is being paid off today. Is paid for four months, and square clothing account for the past year.

Friday. Nov. 27th. The army or a portion of it is still following the enemy and a large no. of prisoners are still coming in from the front. Heavy fighting [sic] is reported going on in the vicinity of Ringgold.

Sat. Nov. 28th. Rained last night and today. Steamer Point Rock arrived today. No news from the front. Sheridan's division left town with the supposition of going toward Knoxville.

Sund. Nov. 29th. Turned very cold last night and remained cold and windy today. Point Rock started for Knoxville this morning. Part of the regiment went aboard as guard.

Mond. Nov. 30th. Part of the regiment are getting [sic] out timber for a boom to stretch across the river to catch drift, logs, etc. Report says the army are burning all the plantation houses and buildings and are destroying the railroad in front of our lines here. The report is now confirmed that our dead on the fields of Chickamauga were never buried.

December

Tues. Dec. 1st. Weather clear cool but pleasant. No news of importance.

Wednes. Dec. 2nd. Col. Stanley addressed the regiment today and announced that he had the authority to raise a "veteran" brigade and accept reenlistments [sic]. Some forty reenlisted [sic] during the day and evening. Capt. McNeal Co. E and others returned today having been home recruiting but I believe they have brought no recruits as yet. Weather clear and pleasant.

Thurs. Dec. 3rd. The hull of a steamboat came down the river yesterday. Think it will be of use to us. Business in the military line very brisk. No word from the front. Weather clear and beautiful.

Friday Dec. 4th. Mail comes in pretty [sic] regular. It is unstood [sic] that our army has all fallen back within the lines of this place Chattanooga.

Sat. Dec. 5th. Rained part of the day and we did but little work. Rations seem to be again growing short.

Sund. 6th. No religious services today. I visited the 36th Ills. and very unexpectedly learned that my cousin, Ezra Shotts was dead having been wounded while in the charge upon Missionary Ridge Nov. 25th and died some ten days afterward. We hope our "loss is his gain" peace to the dust of the bravely fallen. The steamer Point Rock returned today having got no closer than thirty miles of Knoxville on account of shallowness of water.

Mond. Nov. 7th. Capt. P. G. Grovenor of our Co. returned today. He is not yet well. I am still at work with a portion of the Co. at the timbers for the "boom". Weather fine.

Tues, Dec. 8th. Rained most of the night. Our party worked but little. Nothing astir in camp.

Wednes Dec. 9th. Weather clement. Four of our Co. gave their names as "veteran volunteers" for the term of three years and under the instruction of Col. Stanley.

Thurs. Dec. 10th. I received a long and interesting letter from home today. Most of the regiment was called on to work upon a fort situated about the center of Chattanooga upon an elevated piece of ground. We dislike dropping [sic] the axe and picking up the pick and shovel. Shermans [sic] wagon trains and baggage is moving to Bridgeport. Weather fine.

Friday Dec. 11th. Our hewing party resumed our labor today.

Sat. Dec. Rain most of the day. Mail and news papers in camp. Provision tolerably plenty again.

Sund. Dec. 12th. [sic] Cloudy with some rain. No religious in our camp. No news and business seems dull.

Mond. Dec. 14th. Quite a thundershower after sundown accompanied with wind after which it turned cold. Nothing unusual in camp.

Tues. Dec. 15th. Steamer Point Rock up with heavy mail. No news here. Weather pleasant.

Wednes. Dec. 16th. Weather inclement. No mail. Camp monotonous. Some of the Cos. visit Lookout. I am not on duty today.

Friday Dec. 25th. Several days ago a squad of twelve of our Co. were sent up to this place, North Chickamauga Creek to get out timbers for a steam ferry boat. Today being Christmas we suspended work and pass the day in the most pleasant way we can devise. G. W. Recob and I go to the country a distance of some 12 miles from Chattanooga to get a country dinner. After considerable search we succeeded [sic] in getting [sic] a meager meal for the sum of 25 cts. [sic] The other boys spent the day in various ways and all declar [sic] themselves very well satisfied [sic]. During our travels we found the country in quite a destitute condition having been striped [sic] of nearly all it's [sic] substance by our indomitable [sic] boys. But Christmas today was not the Christmas of yore. Nor was it much like that of last year. The great battles of the season have been fought but last year Christmas was just upon the eave [sic] of a mighty conflict. The military situation at present seems to be very quiet and without the probability of active operations. Sheridans [sic] division is moving its camp equipage up to Knoxville. The men have gone some time ago. Davis' [sic] division is also moving to within the vicinity of Rossville. Works of various kind goes on slowly but bravely. Another steamer is plying the river having been built at Bridgeport. As yet we are not fully supplied with clothing and provisions. Nor is it supposed that we will be untill [sic] the railroad is in full operation. Col. Stanley and other officers are having winter quarters built of small poles. Surgeon Johnson and Lieut. J.H. Acton have gone home upon furlough. Reinlistment [sic] for the veteran seems to have ceased. Report says that Christmas was enjoyed at a high state of jollity in Chattanooga. May we celebrate the next Christmas under the friendly roof of home.

Tues. Dec. 29th. Our squad was relieved yesterday or rather we finished our task and today we return to Chattanooga We found all quiet and moving along in its ordinary [sic] way.

Wednes. Dec. 30th. This is a most beautiful morning, clear and pleasant. Some of our boys have gone up to south Chickamauga Creek to get clapboards for roofing quarters.

Thurs. Dec. 31st. This is the last day of the year 1863. The old year leaves us by the falling of a heavy rain. The weather is very inclement and bids fair for a rough New Year. The History of 1863 has past [sic], is recorded and will not be forgotten soon, but will be read with deep and profound interest.

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January

Chattanooga Jan. 1, 1864

I may excite some wonder why this book was not filled to the last leaf in the regular stile. [sic] Well the cause may be easily inferred [sic] when a glance is given to the opposite [sic] left hand for it is then seen that the last date is up to the last day of the year 1863 and this is the cause of its not being filled. Further I had another book ready to commence the new year. This book encloses the space of just eight months, a period perhaps the most conspicuous and during which the most wonderful [sic] events of the war transpired. We the Army of the Cumberland, was in the commencement of this journal, at Murfreesboro. From thence we moved on the enemy at Tullahoma. Our division going via Manchester. Thence we kept up a slow movement until [sic] the army was concentrated at points along the Tenn. River, viz Stephenson and Battle Creek. Crossing the river we made the bold and successful flank movement upon Chattanooga and from circumstances unavoidable was driven into the fight of Chickamauga. However successful this movement really is a matter of much controversy. But to every clear sighted eye in the Army of Cumberland, one opinion alone prevails that the movement was a bold game and was crowned with success, the loss of life heavy, notwithstanding. The after losing the power to hold the field of Chickamauga and still confront the enemy and hold Chattanooga was a thing not expected by many. After this comes the events of charges and release from command of officers of high and low grade. Then comes the supercedures [sic] Genl. Rosecrans by Gen'l. [sic] Grant at this place in dislodging the enemy from his strong hold in our front. Since then we have breathed free and have been allowed to come out at large to some extent. Then during these events and during this space of time what changes have taken place! and oh! how many hearts have been made sad and homes desolate! Our noblest blood has been spilled and the dearest ties of Earth broken, but such is war; and we are doomed to hear its grief, but there are bright sides and shining jewels interspersed with all this gloom. Loyal and good men have been forced to combat with traitors and wicked men, and innocent are caused to suffer the severest torture and bitterest woe for the transgressor. But the war is not over yet nor will it be until [sic] both the north and south become more humiliated.

Peace, though it seems but yonder [sic] is far out of reach. Nor are we able to grasp it so long as men rely so much upon their own strength. We are eager for the contest and the south are ready to meet it. Neither are ready to give up the contest or is either ready for peace. Peace cannot be secured without the consent of the south and we cannot get that consent until they are completely humiliated whiped [sic] subjugated [sic] and are ready to cry out for mercy. When such a time has arrived then we can begin to look for permanent peace. When such a time will arrive is presumption to predict. The ability of the south has far surpassed the general opinion of the north. And the ability to prosecute it still farther is a matter we know but little about. We with all our advantages are surprised at our own resources. And when we look at the unsurpassed prosperity of the north in all its various branches with the knowledge that civil war has been raging all the while, we stand agape, and quiet the subject involved in wonder and astonishment. Now suppose the south to throw all her facilities into the military scale then we may make some stagger at their ability to continue the war but let the war last long or close soon I feel sure of this that when it does close it will put on the proper finish and we may look for peace of the right kind. I cannot think we will have peace any other way. I am a firm believer that God is watching over us and that so soon as we become properly humiliated and thoroughly in earnest he [sic] will make all things well. If nothing but humanity will bring us to a proper standard. I believe we will be allowed to go on butchering each other until we sicken for the sake of our fellow man and will then turn to the path of rectitude. The sentiment was sounded throughout the whole country; that, here before Chattanooga would be fought "the great decisive battle of the war". Well, one, two battles, have been fought and nothing decided, such a battle may be fought but we have but little evidence of such an event as being likely to take place. But we shall wait patiently and see.

Friday Jan. 1, 1864. The new year, as far as weather is concerned, opened rather roughly. Last night the wind blew at a terrible [sic] rate and turned very cold. Today is the coldest of the season. The pontoon bridge was swept out last night and the buoy pontoons were filled with water. New year is not celebrated as upon other occasions on account of the coldness of the weather and other causes. However last night the boys seemed to be determined off a crack and the flash and rattle of musketry sounded a heavy skirmish. But few extra meals were provided. Provisions too scarce.

Sat. Jan. 2nd. This morning is cold but cloudy with a prospect of moderating. Today one year ago we met the enemy upon the bloody field of Stones River. Since then many changes have taken place. Many heads have gone under the sod and many hearts have been made sad. Hard battles have been fought and some dearly won, but despite all opposition we have gradually gained ground. Today the enemy stands aloof nor does anybody apprehend any danger or expect offensive action from him. Reinlistments [sic] go on at a pretty [sic] fair rate in this army, thus showing that we are neither tired fighting, are very patriotic or that large bounties are the price of one patriotism.

Sund. Jan. 3rd. I have been unwell for several days. No religious service within my knowledge. I read a few chapters in the testament and some articles in Christian journals. Weather is gradually growing warmer. In most respects Sunday cannot be distinguished from any other day, for at the present wood is being chopped [sic], tents

erected etc. Many of these things cannot be helped, while at the same time the observance of the Sabbath might be improved to a great. So as far as I can see the christian [sic] commission has but a meager supply of reading matter. My opinion is the officials attend to other things first.

Mond. Jan. 4th. It has been raining nearly all day and for awhile quite a sheet of ice covered the ground. However all seems to go on quite lively. The situation, Hardees [sic] headquarters are said to be at Ringgold some 20 miles from here. How near the enemy approaches here I am not informed. Nor am I advised of the condition and location of our forces in the front. Sherman moved down some where within the vicinity of Stephenson but where he is now I cannot tell. The railroad is said to be finished to within fifteen miles of here and we think it will not be long untill [sic] it will be in running order to this place.

Tues. Jan. 5th. Weather rather pleasant during the day but in it began to grow cold and the mud soon disappeared from congealation [sic]. No special business in progress. The ferry boat however was kept in motion as it affords the only way of crossing the river. The 33rd Ohio is reinlisting [sic] lively. Newspapers of Cin. Ohio of date 30th and 31st ult and Nashville of Jan. 1st in camp. We are very scarcely supplied with newspapers of late. But very little amusement can be found, and trading huxtering [sic] and the like has been reduced to a very slow ebb as the material for trading is very scarce. We pass our time in reading old books and papers as best we can.

Wednes. Jan. 6th. Cold and cloudy with a northwest wind. I have been unwell for several days past but thank kind Providence I feel much better today and hope to be able for duty soon.

Mond. Jan. 11th. During the past few days nothing of special impact has taken place. The workmen upon the bridge are pushing the work ahead with no small amount of energy. And vigorous efforts are being made toward building the steam ferry boat, which is to operate at this place. A party of ship or boat builders are here from Pomeroy O. who are to build the ferry boat. Several of the boat builders talk of going home on account of hard and scarce fare and also from the fact that they have not been paid according to contract. Col. Stanley and several of the officers have and are building winter quarters. We are now very well supplied with provisions and are receiving a better supply of clothing. The 33rd Ohio has nearly all reinlisted [sic] and expect to go home soon. The weather has been quite cold remaining frozen most of the time. No religious meetings so far as we are informed. A slight snow fell a few days ago.

Tues. Jan 12th. Major Welsh returned to camp last night. Lieut. Baldwin has a sick leave of absence of 20 days and will be off for home in a few days. I helped get a stick of timber for one of the steamers being built here.

Wednes. Jan. 13th. We are ordered to police at camp this morning. Weather cloudy but pleasant. We take meals at regular hours and at the sound of the drum. I am now placed upon detail to work upon one of the steam ferry boats which is being built here. Lieut. Grubb of the Co. F is the bulder [sic] or foreman.

Thurs. Jan. 14th. Lieut. Carlen Co. C returned this morning. He migrates upon two crutches . It will be remembered that he was wounded at Chickamauga.

Friday Jan. 15th. Weather cold and cloudy. The steamer Lookout came up last night and passed upon its way to Knoxville.

Sat. Jan. 16th. Weather clear and thawing in the shade.

Sund. Jan. 17th. Weather clear and pleasant most of the day. Col. Stanley commands, our, the engineer brigade, and Major Welsh takes command of the Regt. By order of Major Welsh the hour for taking supper is changed from 5½ to 5 o'clock. It is understood that Stanley is promoted to brigadier general. Though we are not officially informed of such fact. No religious service in camp. No work done save under the head of "military necessity".

Mond. Jan. 18th. Weather changed and is cloudy. Mists, rain, and snow and a cold wind is blowing. Work was done yesterday on the bridge by details from some Regt. and by citizen workmen. Very disagreeable working today. Waves run high and the river shows white from the broken waves and spray.

Tuesday 19th. Wind blows hard and cold but work still goes on. Steamer Point Rock arrived from bridgeport [sic] heavily loaded with provisions and the boiler engine and other machinery for one of the steam ferry was shipped here on the Point Rock.

Wednes. Jan 20th. Weather clear and very pleasant. Business and work goes on briskly.

Friday Jan. 22nd. A new recruit for our Co. arrived here today. He is a Pennsylvanian [sic] but was enrolled at Chillicothe Ohio by Sergeant Phillips of our Co. The peers [sic] wooden [sic] cribs for the bridge are being place in the river. The cribs are to be filled with stone. Portions of Cos. D and F relieved Co. I a day or two ago. Co. I was up at North Chickamauga cutting [sic] saw logs and geting [sic] out timbers.

Sat. Jan. 23rd. We fit the frame work on our boat the dredgeboat [sic] today. We are ready to put on the bottom The regular steam ferry boat is being placed upon stocks. Weather pleasant.

Sund. Jan. 24th. I attended preaching at the chaple [sic] at night, no services in our camp. Work was done upon the bridge. Inspection this morning of arms and equipments [sic]. Weather very fine, but little frost.

Mond. Jan. 25th. I am not at work today as we are out of lumber. The 26 Ohio having reinlisted [sic] was paid off today and expect to start for home tomorrow. Weather very warm and pleasant.

Tuesday Jan. 26th. I am not on duty as we have no lumber to work upon. Weather fine, clear and pleasant.

Wednes. Jan. 27th. Lumber is furnished and we are at work. Preaching at the chapple [sic]. The attendance was large and attentive.

Thurs. Jan. 28th. Weather still remains very warm. Work goes on very prosperously. Col. Stanley started for Bridgeport this morning upon the steamer Point Rock. A steamer started for Knoxville today.

Friday Jan. 29th. Weather fine and work goes on briskly. A large storehouse is being built in front of the steamboat landing by the 21st Michigan. The third pier is commenced for the bridge.

Sat. Jan. 30th. Cloudy and raining, though in the afternoon it became clear and the weather became pleasant.

Thurs. Jan. 31st. Weather clear and pleasant. No religious in our camp but services were held in the churches in town. By orders of the commanders we were kept at work today. Work was prosecuted upon most of the jobs, the party building the steam ferryboat excepted. The necessity of working today is not obvious to our minds; and so far as we can see we deem it most proper to suspend work and rely upon a higher power than man or men for the success we so much desire. I attended church tonight. The house was prety [sic] well filled though there are but few seats in it. What has been done with the seats we do not know; but we were told that Gen. Johnson assures the ministers that the house shall soon be seated. A large number who attend carry their stools with them. This looks very strange and forms a new feature in church going. The main object held forth in the sermon was that of becoming "intelligent christians [sic]" and an argument in favor of "free speech in the pulpit" also "the sacrifice of life for the sake of our fellow men".

February

Mond. Feb. 1st. Slightly cloudy but soon cleared off and the day became pleasant. The veteran fever has again revived and several enlisted last night and today for three more years or during the war. I attended church tonight. The seemed to be prety [sic] well filled with what seemed to be a sober thinking, quiet and earnest seekers of religion. We were addressed by Capt. Whitehead, Chaplain of the 65th Ind. The main points of the discourse was "faith in the promises of God". I have a little bit of "history" to record, although there is some real color about it, yet I have no doubts about in regard to the truth of the statement. John a negro who has made himself free by leaving his master and coming into our lines, says he was in the employ of the following persons and was dismissed with the several sums annex [sic] to the said persons names due him. Capt. Miller Co. A 18th Ohio Dr for three months and two shirts. Lieut. McNeil Co. A 18 Ohio Dr for two months and cash borrowed money \$16,00. Lieut. Davidson Co. A 18 Ohio Dr for three months and \$8,00 in trade and in addition to this, John was accused of stealing Capt. Browne's Co. A 18th Ohio pocketbook and charged for some \$35,00. It is not generally believed that John stole the money.

Tues. Feb. 2nd. The weather changed in the afternoon and at night became very windy accompanied with some rain. Two more recruits came in for our Co. today. Was recruited by C. J. Phillips.

Wednes. Feb 3rd. Steamer Lookout came down from Loudon. Weather cold and a little windy but clear. Recruiting in the veteran service still goes on slowly.

Thurs. Feb. 4th. The weather has been fine today, a stiring [sic] breeze with warm sunshine. The steamer Point Rock came up this morning. The work on the various constructions is being pushed forward rapidly. The mail comes in very regularly and we are quite well supplied with clothing and provisions. The steamer being built here which was intended for a ferry boat is now being changed to a regular steamboat. "Our" party are now engaged in applying steam power to an old houseferry [sic]. We will have it running soon.

Friday Feb. 5th. We completed the motive power of our craft and gave it a trial trip this afternoon. It did well, much better than we expected. Weather very good but a little windy.

Friday Feb. 6th. Sprinkled rain at intervals and was very disagreeable most of the day. More or less work was done but at considerable disadvantage on account of the inclemency of the weather. I went to church tonight. The text was thou hast been weighed in a ballance but are found wanting.

Sund. Feb. 7th. I am required to work. It is Col. Stanleys [sic] request that we continue our work.

Mond. Feb. 8th. Today was occupied in trying to turn our flat or dredge boat. We launched it bottom upward. Weather good.

Tues. Feb. 9th. After working faithfully all day we succeeded in turning our boat by means of block and tackle attached to the piers of the bridge. The boat was turned just at sundown. Weather clear, air cool. We signed the pay rolls at night. Expect pay soon.

Wednes. Feb. 10th. Two of our veterans started home today. Also a squad for conscripts. Officers accompanied the squad. Weather fine.

Mond. Feb. 15th. Rained all the forenoon but was pretty fair in the afternoon for work.

Tues. Feb. 16th. Clear and prety [sic] cold. Reported that the 15 or 16th army corps passed here on its way to Knoxville.

Wednes. Feb. 17th. Weather very cold, almost as cold as any night this winter. Our Regt. is paid today for two months. We have never been better supplied with provisions since in the service than at the present.

Mond. Feb. 22nd. Thursday, Friday and Saturday the weather was more or less disagreeable and cold. But yesterday and today has much the appearance of spring and is very pleasant and warm. Active operations seem to be on foot. The 11th A. C. is reported to be upon the move.

Tues. 23rd. Weather very fine. Preparations are being made to meet any emergency.

Wednes. 24th. The army in front seems to be at work. Prisoners are being brought in from beyond Dallton. The extent of the operations have not been reported to us. We do not know the strength of the force operating. The enemies [sic] cavalry are reported somewhere within the Cumberland Mountains.

Sund. Feb. 28th. The weather is very fine. The church bell has just rang but as the hearers is very. I think it unnecessary [sic] for me to go as I could not get a seat and to stand while hearing a discourse is uncomfortable. We have but little reliable news from the front yet though we are told that fighting has been going on and that we have lost several in killed and wounded. We are building coal barges one of which was towed up the river yesterday by the steamer Lookout. Large store houses are being erected along the wharf and the wharf is being academized. The piers for the bridge are nearly finished and one trestle is up. This evening we have a kind of dress parade. The first since in this camp but we were called together for the purpose of hearing an address by Col. Stanley upon the subject of reenlistments [sic]. The Col. urged the reenlistment [sic] as a step necessary, proper and a privilege which we should enjoy from merit. In all his remarks were pertinent but they failed in stirring up the "veteran fever". The boys seem afraid of "coming officers".

Mond. Feb. 29th. Today is the last day allowed for veteran enlistment and we were astonished upon hearing that our officers furnished us whiskey as a last resort to obtain our enlistment. We regard it an outrage, as an insult, we say shame upon such acts! We claim to be men of sense [sic] and do not ask the excitement of knaves and fools as a means necessary to prompt us to action, but we are gratified to know that their trick played against them instead of for them. The boys understood the game, and though they drank the whiskey they declined "they couldn't see it" and very few reenlisted. Tonight we received two new recruits for our Co. The weather rainy.

March

Thurs. March 3rd. Monday and Tuesday it rained most of the time. Wednes. was clear with a cool wind. Today is fine. Some thirty two of our Regt. started home. It being the second "batch" of veterans. Sergeant Shotts of our Co. is one of the number. The river is as high as it has been this winter. The piers for the bridge are almost finished and secure from high water. We drew butter a few days ago the first since in the service.

Frid. March 4th. Weather fine but at night it grew cool and windy. The river rises slowly.

Sat. March 5th. Clear and cool but not unpleasant. The large storehouse is finished and an other [sic] much larger and under full headway is being erected. Our Squad is still working at flat boat building.

Sund. March 6th. Religious service today and at night. Dress parade this evening. Weather fine.

Mond. March 7th. Today I with others visit the 73rd Ohio who are encamped in Lookout Valley. A large number of their new recruits are sick with the measles [sic]; are in the hospital. We had a long walk and were quite tired out when we got back to our camp. The 73rd are veterans and are out for three years more but they think the war will be over long before the expiration of their present term. My opinion is that the war will last two and a half years from the first present months and that veterans will be retained the full extent of their time, three years. The enemy seems to be willing and I think are able to fight us with varied success and defeat for more than two years.

Tues. March 8th. Considerable rain last night. Clear and pleasant today. The steamer Lookout knocked her chimneys down as she was leaving port for up the river last night. She ran against a portion of the bridge or piers.

Sat. March 12th. Last Wednes. think it was that one of our boys got drunk and for this offense was arrested, a heavy guard placed over him and the guard ordered to remain out over night out doors and it raining. This seems quite inconsistant [sic] with the policy of a few days ago when the whole Regt. was invited to get drunk and no account taken of it. We have had one or two thunder showers of late. Yesterday we received eight new recruits all I believe from Ross Co. Ohio. Others are expected today [sic] The weather is fine and has the garb of spring. We launched another flat boat today it being the fourth one of our building. The hull of the steamer being built here will be ready for launching soon. Day before yesterday the steamer the Missionary built at Bridgeport arrived here bound up the river.

Sund. March 13th. The mortal remains of Col. Micalotzy of the 24 Ills. was interred [sic] in the National cemetery [sic] and with full military honors. His wife was present. A large crowd assembled to pay their last respects to the honored dead. Our Regt. and the 24th Ills. had long been associated. We formed what is known as the old eighth brigade and operated [sic] together under Gen. O. M. Mitchell in middle Tenn. and N. Ala. The 24th are encamped about 12 miles from here. They came in without blankets or provisions and as the weather was unpleasant our Regt. quartered the greater portion of them and gave them supper and breakfast. Our Co. quartered some fifty.

Mond. March 14th. This morning they took the line for the front. The 14th U.S. Colored Regt. moved to the north side of the river this morning. Don't know where they are bound for. Weather windy and a little unpleasant.

Tues. March 15th. Two more recruits came in last night. They were intended for our Co. but they were sent to Co. E by order of the Major. They are very much displeased at being treated thus.

Wednes. March 16th. The Weather is very cold and disagreeable. The hull of the new steamer was launched this morning. Gen. Thomas was present to see the thing take water. John Goodwin and an old member of our Co., now belonging to the O. H. Artillery were here this morning.

Thurs. March 17th. The Point Rock took the hull built at this place in tow for Bridgeport. Col. Grovenor, C. H. Philips and others returned this evening. A report is going about camp to the effect that a train was burned yesterday captured by the enemy. Our Chaplain also returned with Col. Grovenor. C. H. Phillips comes back as second Lieut. and several others comes back newly commissioned.

Sat. March 19th. Weather clear but cool enough to make it unpleasant. Our party are now constructing a new ferryboat. Two store houses are nearly finished and the third one is in rapid construction. One arch of the bridge is formed and another half up.

Sund. March 20th. Inspection this morning by Co's. Preaching by Chaplain Dillon at 10 A.M. Dress parade in the evening. Meetings at Post Chaple [sic] during the day and at night. I visited the sick boys of the 73rd Ohio in field hospital. They are doing well.

Mond. March 24th. Geo. Coder of our Co. who was wounded at Stones River returned today and Jacob Shotts a new recruit and cousin of mine came in today. I am not at work today as we have but little lumber. Weather clear and cold.

Tues. March 22nd. It commenced snowing last night, I think, about 11 o'clock and continued untill [sic] about 3 o'clock this afternoon. The snow fell thick and fast and the greatest depth obtained was about ten (10) inches. This is the deepest snow we have seen since soldering [sic] and its depth is quite beyond ordinary snow in this section of the south. In fact we seldom have such snows in our own state, Ohio, at this season of the year. When the snow commenced falling the ground was dry and twas [sic] not long untill [sic] it commenced thawing and this prevented a greater depth. Business generally suspended on account of the snow. "Snow balling" in regular old school boy stile [sic] took place of work and formed the principle amusement of the day.

Wednes. March 23rd. Clear and sun shines warm, snow melting fast. I spent half the day hunting but found no game.

Thurs. March 24th. Snow not all gone yet, not withstanding two days sun upon it. Our first "batch" of veterans returned today but are minus one third their number. 10 citizens employed in cutting [sic] wood for the boats have been attempting [sic] to blow the boats up by charging the wood with powder. Fortunately no serious damage has occurred [sic] and it has been found that bits of rock have been placed in saw logs and for this outrage parties have been arrested.

Frid. March 25th. Commence raining last night but soon turned to snow. Today is cloudy and raining and the snow is fast disappearing.

Sat, March 26th. Started the new ferry boat but it was hung to a wire cable and it soon broke.

Sunday March 27th. Our Capt. off on duty therefore no inspection today. Chaplin Dillon preached at 10 A.M. Heard an excellent [sic] sermon at post chapel to night. Speakers a number of the Christian commission.

Mond. March 28th. Rained this afternoon and work is suspended.

Tues. March 29th. Our party has commenced another flat boat. Weather changeable and not very pleasant. Our new recruits are drilled more or less by non-commissioned officers. We denounce the bounty law of Ohio. It provides that all the money donated for bounties shall be refunded to the contributor by a general tax. Too much money is used in this war and the rich man shares all the favors and blessings.

Wednes. March 30th. Weather very pleasant. Work goes on briskly. The second span of the bridge was commenced on Monday. A branch of the railroad is being laid down to the storehouses upon the bank of the river at the boat landing.

Thurs. March 31st. Weather fine. Capt. McElroy and some others left for home on leave of absence a few day ago. They are to continue the business of recruiting.

April

Friday April 1st. Today is known as all fools day and some extreme efforts are being made to fool somebody.

Mond. April 4th. Rained last night and today. Yesterday we had inspection, after which religious service. One of the Christian commission preached to us. He is from Lancaster, Ohio. At night prayer meeting was held at the Chaplains [sic] quarters. Work is generally suspended on Sabbath but in some places laborers continue their work with all seeming indifference.

Tues. April 5th. Windy and cloudy but some work is done. Some of our officers in their eagerness to get the required number to secure commissions has the impertinence [sic] to send negro recruits to our Regt. The poor met rough treatment, their reception was decidedly hostile. The third "batch" of our veterans were mustered today and I think started for home.

Wednes. April 6th. Weather very good but not pleasant from cold wind.

Thurs. April 7th. I think the last "batch" of veterans were not mustered Wednesday but are being mustered today. I think T. R. Stanley started home on furlough today. Lieut. J. H. Acton resigned, also Quarter Master Rain John Grovenor took his place. Work goes on briskly. Our squad is repairing some old pontoons which are to be used as buoys to the cable of the ferry boat.

Mond. April 11th. I have neglected my daily remarks for several days and since last writing the weather has fluctuated in temperature as usual. We have had about an equal amount of cold, heat, rain and sunshine. Col. Stanley did not start home upon the previously stated but a day or two ago he took his leave. Lieut. Rain our Quarter Master has resigned, also J. H. Acton, and both have taken their leave for home. Lieut. Grivenor [sic] newly commissioned take the Q. M. Dept. Several of the boys of the 73rd visited us today. Ferry boat broke lose [sic] last night but was towed back by the steamer Missionary. Some 8 or 10 in the guard house for drunkenness.

Tues. April 12th. Rain and sunshine alternately through the day, clear at night. D. T. Shotts one of our veterans returned today. He brought many little valuables which seem to make the heart glad tunes the hearts of the recipients to dear ones at home. A soldiers [sic] life is a hard one. But these little tokens make him the better, and both soul and body becomes sanguine with faith and hope.

Wednes. April 13th. The second "batch" of veterans returned today at least a portion of them. Like the first a portion are left behind. Have not learned how many. A detail from our brigade were sent upon Lookout Mountain a few days ago to make garden.

Friday April 15th. Slightly cloudy with cold wind. Work goes on briskly. Prayer meeting at Chaplains [sic] quarters last night. Quite a lot of the new recruits were sent down to the south today. Or rather Co. G takes Co. Bs [sic] place and the latter comes back to the regt.

Sat. April 16th. Quite a fire occured [sic] in town today. The brick were burned and several frame houses torn down to arrest the further advance of the fire. Some government and sanitary property was destroyed.

Sund. April 17th. All hands are ordered to work today, don't know who is the author of such command. "Our squad" however didn't work. Weather changeable.

Mond. April 18th. Weather very changeable and still cold wind stirring.

F. Apr. 22nd. Weather very pleasant with slight indications of rain. Work goes on briskly and supplies of all kind come in rapidly filling up storehouses as fast as finished.

Sund. Apr. 24th. Rained and in consequence no inspection is had. Our party are required to work today. At least to get the ferry boat ready for use.

Wednes. Apr. 27th. We commenced a new boat today, a life boat to the ferry or perhaps some would call it a John boat. A new steamer came up from Bridgeport two days ago. It is not named yet, is a wide wheel boat. Co. E went up to Chickamauga today to get out timbers for fortifications. The weather warm, the warmest of the season.

Thurs. Apr. 28th. The past five or six days has been uniformly [sic] warm day and night and it is bringing vegetation out with a rush. Fish are being caught plentiful and sell at 25 cts [sic] per pound.

May

Sund. May 1st. Today two years ago our Regt. performed what is called a disorderly retreat from Athens, Ala. It was also considered disreputable but long since our reputation has been retrieved, and the Athens retreat is looked upon as one of those military blunders common to the inexperienced men and officers of our army. That days [sic] affair has often been ironically, our May party. Weather pleasant.

Mond. May 2nd. From surrounding appearances a general movement is on foot. Several regts. [sic] and detachments struck tents this morning and took the line for the front. So far as I have learned some of our brigade have gone or are to go. Weather cool windy and unpleasant.

Thurs. May 5th. Troops still continue to move to the front. The 16th or at least Genl. Dogies [sic] division is moving through here toward the front. Col. Grovenor is ordered to report to Gen. Turchin for duty on the front. Capt. Irwin of our Co. goes with the Col. Our Regt. is ordered to be ready for action at any moment. Weather fine and work progressing finely. Yesterday and today "I and bunkmates" erected a new tent. It is made entirely of boards, is twelve feet long and eight wide and about five feet four inches high with a three feet garrette [sic].

Sund. March 8th. Preaching by Chaplain at 10 and class at two P.M. Surgeon Johnson of our regt. returned this evening. Dress parade at 6,15 at which time orders were read announcing several promotions and appointments in the non commissioned line. I was appointed without my knowledge of it and as soon as informed of the fact I made known my intention not to accept. This is the third time this place has been offered me and have refused to accept. This is the third time this place has been offered me and I have refused to accept. Troops still come in and pass on to the front. The weather is fine today, probably the warmest of the season.

Sat. May 14th. We have but little new from the front. Some fighting however has been going on as several hundred wounded have been brought in. The past two day has been quite cool. Our flat boat squad was broken up a few days ago. Don't know what I shall go at next. Our new house is now furnished with table, cupboard, three stools, the best arranged quarters in the Co. or regt. Work in camp goes on about as usual.

May 19th. all goes on quietly here in Chattanooga but how it is upon the front we cannot tell as we get but little news. The 22nd Michigan of our brigade moved upon Lookout today. Our orderly sergeant returned to the regt. I think last Saturday and A. Gorrell last Monday May 16th both of whom had been wounded at Chickamauga. The weather is fine.

Sat. May 21st. I have just returned from a pleasure and fishing excursion up at South Chickamauga. The trip was pleasant but unfruitful of fish. Work goes on finely and the weather is beautiful.

Thurs. May 26th. Today a squad of mechanics from our regt. were sent down to Mockasin [sic] Point to frame a magazine to be erected in Chickamauga. I am among the number detailed.

June

Wednes. June 1st. We are enjoying ourselves finely upon Mockasin [sic] Point. The last month left us with beautiful weather and this month left us with beautiful weather and this month opens with fine prospects [sic] of good weather being clear warm and pleasant. Pleasant in the shade but some what warm in the sunshine.

Wednes. June 8th. The weather for the last three or five days has been very warm and heavy rains have fallen. Today a portion of our squad were relieved and have gone to camp. Co. K returned to the regt. several days ago. They had been running the steamer Point Rock.

Tues. June 14h. Col. Stanley returned from home June 12 last Sunday. He takes command of the brigade today. The Col. [sic] daughter [sic] accompanied him and is taking a stay in Chattanooga. Capt. Jones also returned and is upon duty in the regt., has command of his Co. (B). Col. Grovenor and Major Welch's wives are here. Col. Grovenor returned several days ago. The 22nd Michigan of our brigade removed upon Lookout today. The most of the present month has been cloudy and rainy but today is quite clear and has the appearance of a clear spell.

Sund. June 19th. Capt. Miles with a Co. of 34 men arrived at our regt. days ago. He was formerly a Capt. In our regt., was discharged but has a new commission and is now assigned to Co. F. His men has been distributed to the several cos. The 24 Ohio are discharged and the veterans and new recruits numbering 160 have been attached to our regt. They came in last week. Today is cloudy and rainy.

Friday June 24th. Cos. I and F went upon Lookout today. Col. Grovenor is reported as having gone home. The weather has been clear for several days and today appeared to be the hottest of the season. Our squad is now framing a block house to be erected in Chattanooga. No news from the front.

July

July 1st. A portion of our squad was relieved yesterday and among them our cook and in consequence of this I am called upon to discharge that "very responsible duty" that of cooking. Today embraces my first trial in that line. The weather is very warm and clear, too warm to be comfortable. The nights are agreeably warm. The month of June closed yesterday with a fine shower of rain in the afternoon. Col. T. R. Stanley is post commander at Chattanooga. A large number of wounded are reported coming in from the front. Work seems to be a drag in our department.

Mond. July 4th. This morning was ushered in by booming of cannon. A salute of thirteen guns were fired by a one hundred pounder from Cameron Hill. All work was suspended and a gen'l [sic] holiday was had. The officers of the post a meeting and party upon Lookout. The day was clear and pleasant Several Cos. of our regt. got up what is called a "big dinner". Our Co. had a few extras such as new Irish potatoes. blackberries and Lager beer. Considerable drinking occurred in the morning but in the afternoon all the shops were closed and but few drunken men were seen upon the streets. News from the front report Sherman in good position.

Tues. 19th. The bridge spanning the Tenn. River opposite Chattanooga is very nearly finished though not quite but teams, horses and pedestrians pass over it. The work of erecting buildings and strengthening the various forts etc still goes on with more or less rapidity. The weather has been clear and warm for sometime [sic] past. Sherman crossed the Chattahoocha [sic] River several days ago and is supposed to be in or near Atlanta. Co. D of our regt. is running the Mockasin [sic] Point saw mill.

Sund. July 24th. Yesterday evening Col. Stanley called upon Col. Grovenor to furnish a Co. to accompany corpse of Gen'l. [sic] McPherson as escort to Nashville. Instead of selecting a Co. the Col. caused a detail to be made from the regt. Our Co. furnished 10 men, one corporal, one sergeant. I was among the number. We drew "white gloves" for the occasion. We went up to the depot and awaited the arrival of the corpse which did not arrive untill [sic] four o'clock A.M. Sunday morning. We escorted the corpse to the quarters of Col. Stanley Sunday morning after breakfast in camp. We remained at Col. Stanleys [sic] quarters untill [sic] the procession was formed when we escorted the remains to the depot. Arriving there we were informed that but half of us could go, whereupon half of us returned to camp. The others took the train at 1 ½ o'clock P.M.

Mond. July 25th. I am still under command of Col. Bartlett Co. B and our "squad" is now working at a "traverse" for artillery. Weather fine but unusually smokey.

Thurs. Aug. 4th. Today has been set apart by the President as a day of fasting and prayer but I think but very little attention is paid to it save by the religious community. A reverend [sic] McClure of Delaware, Ohio preached at the post Chaple [sic] tonight. Yesterday quite a storm of dust dashed over Chattanooga but little rain accompanied it. Co. A of our regt. is upon North Chickamauga Creek, it relieved Co. E, the latter Co. is upon Lookout, making in all four Cos. upon the mountain. Yesterday and today our Co. has been repairing a bridge across the railroad. The weather is very warm and we have frequent showers of rain but little or no clothing is needed at night for covering. Our regular supply of rations has been cut down but from what cause we are not advised. Nor are we allowed to exchange with Citizens. No news from the front.

Sund. Aug. 7th. Chaplain Dillon was relieved from preaching by a member of the Christian commission who addressed us. We were paid today for two months at 16 dollars per month. We did not learn the necessity [sic] of being paid on Sunday but it may have been necessary.

Tues. Aug. 16th. The enemies [sic] cavalry have been reported at Dalton but not the garrison. A force was sent from here and drove them away. The 14th African is said to have played a conspicuous part. This evening our regt. was sent out to garrison one of the forts. I not being well remained in camp. The weather is very warm and it rains nearly every day.

Tues. Aug. 23rd. This morning we were ordered out as we understood to build a bridge near Dalton. We got our tools ready and the regt. was on board the cars before noon. About 1 o'clock we pulled out but upon arriving at Chickamauga Station the program seemed to change and we were run up to Charleston in company with some twelve regts. [sic] We started on foot in search of the rebel Genl. Wheeler. We arrived at Charleston in the night remained on the cars untill [sic] morning and then struck out made 17 miles and encamped four miles east of Athens.

Thurs. Aug. 25th. We moved out some 8 miles toward madisonville [sic] and finding no enemy returned a mile and a half and encamped for the night.

Friday Aug. 26th. Marched back near Athens and encamped upon a small stream.

Sat. Aug. 27th. Marched about nine miles to where the railroad had been repaired and waited the arrival of the train.

Sun. Aug. 28th. We boarded the trains about noon and started for Chattanooga where we arrived about 9 o'clock. What good the expedition did know not. Gen. Steadman was in command. We have not been used to marching and quite a number of the boys gave out. The country is none of the best though the valleys are good and fruit and green corn were plenty. Cleaveland and Athens are handsome country towns. Cleaveland is located upon the H River The inhabitants seem to be overjoyed at our coming and at the prospect of Wheeler driven out. Yesterday we were ordered to be ready to take the trains at six this morning and we were at the depot at 7 and took the train and were off about 9½ o'clock. We run down to Murfreesboro where we arrived about 10½ o'clock having made 15 miles. There are three brigades of us commanded by Genl. Steadman. We remained at Savergue untill [sic] about 5 when our regt. made a reconnoissance [sic] upon the Lebanon pike discovered in force. We then returned and stoped [sic] for the night at Stewarts Creek having made 10 miles.

September

Sat. Sept. 3rd. We started north east was called back went about a mile toward Murfreesboro then took a north east line and struck the Lebanon pike and went to Stones River. About five started for the railroad where we arrived about 9 P.M. and remained untill [sic] morning. Today we traveled about 12 miles.

Sund. Sept. 4th. Took the train run to Stephenson, then to Huntsville where we arrived next morning.

Tues. Sept. 6th. We remained here (in H) until after dinner then took the cars and run down to Athens, changed camp once or twice and finally took quarters in the

Courthouse yard. The other two brigades moved out toward Florence today. Three years ago we were mustered into service.

Thurs. Sept. 8th. Genl. Rosecrans and command came in today but as soon as supplied with rations started toward Florence.

Frid. Sept. 9th. Last night considerable firing took place on the railroad at a point near the town, we were in line twice but nothing of not occurred [sic].

Sat. Sept. 10th. We remained in town until [sic] about six where we took the line for Browns ferry upon Elk River. We arrived and crossed the river about two o'clock and was in camp about three. Made 15 miles.

Sund. Sept. 11th. Today we laid idle until [sic] about 6, recrossed the river and took the line for Athens arrived about 1 o'clock.

Mond. Sept. 12th. Today we took the cars for Chattanooga 10½ o'clock arrived at 11 and went into our old quarters.

Tues. Sept 13th. We are idle in camp today.

Wednes. Sept. 14th. Co, F mutined [sic] on account of the expiration of their time, and for this act they are sent to the front with cattle so says report. They leave today and are relieved from duty on the mountain by Co. D 24th Ohio. Weather warm and dry.

Tues. Sept. 15th. I was upon Lookout today, the first since in Chattanooga.

Sat. Sept. 17th. In company with Aaron Gregory and C.L. Lee I visited Lookout Mountain and the notorious [sic] lake and falls. The lake is situated some seven miles from the point and in a ravine, is some thirty feet deep and some fifty yards in diameter. The falls are situated some distance below the lake and are said to be 125 feet high but I think they over 85 feet. The scenery surrounding Lookout is grand and baffles all attempts at description. The lake is some 800 feet below the top of the mountain.

Sund. Sept. 18th. Last night we encamped and slept upon the rocks just above the falls. We returned to Chattanooga.

Sept. 24th. A few days ago our regt. was detailed from the Engineer Brigade. I think we were detailed about the 21st of this of this month and since then the greater portion of the regt. has been called together I think all except a few details and Co. D. We are said to be assigned to Ordinance duty. Considerably rain has fallen lately. Cloudy today.

Sunday Sept. 28th. Last night about eleven o'clock we were very much surprised upon being awakened and informed of a call to prepare three days rations, one hundred rounds ammunition [sic] for a march. On account of a bile [sic] I was not able

to accompany the regt. The regt. took the and moved toward Nashville. Last night was the coolest of the season. Weather clear.

Frid, 7th. Oct. We have heard but little from the regt. since it left. But we learned this much, that it went from here to Huntsville, Ala. turned back, went to Nashville, thence to Pulaska, Tenn. Lay in line of battle one night in front of the enemy, skirmished a little, returned to Nashville and back to Tullahoma: then back to Nashville and were mounted on horseback. When mounted they went down toward Columbia via Franklin. The rebel Gen. Forrest is commanding the raiders 8,000 strong with twenty pieces of artillery. Today we learned that the enemys [sic] wagon train has been captured and that they are on the retreat. It has been very wet and rainy for several days past but today has been very pleasant and clear. Some time since Col. Stanley procured for the Brigade, a burying place in the National Cemetery. Today a detail from our regt. soded [sic] a portion of the ground. Trains and mules are very irregular since Forest has made his appearance in middle Tennessee [sic]. Nashville and Chattanooga papers sell at 10 cts [sic] retailers. Several new and newly rigged steamers have made their appearance at the wharf. Some of them are semi-gunboats in appearance and perhaps are merely used as such.

Friday Oct. 14th. There has been considerable excitement and stir here for the last twenty four hours. The enemy, Hood's army, is said to be flanking Sherman. Report say Dalton and Ringold have both been captured by the rebels and report say that tonight they are within twenty miles of here. All available forces are working in the ditches, save our regt. Those in Camp Cleveland was evacuated today by the 1st O.V.I. We have no news from Sherman but believe him safe and able to make Hood's position untenable. The forces that were in pursuit of Forest are beginning to return. A dispatch was received today stating that our regt. would be in Chattanooga tomorrow morning. Weather clear. An election was held in our regt. last Tuesday pursuant to the Laws of Ohio. Allowing soldiers to vote for County, State and United States officers The total vote of our precinct were 11064. 31 of these were democratic, or rebel. I believe 89 counties were represented at the poles. Most all the Ohio troops stationed here voted at our regt.

Sat. 15th. The regt. returned today about two o'clock P.M. They had been absent 21 days. When the regt. left here it went to Huntsville, Ala. then to Nashville by way of Stephenson thence to Pulaski then back to Tullahoma via Nashville again to Nashville where they were mounted on horseback and took the line for Florence, Ala. and after going west from F some 15 or 20 miles they returned to Athens, Ala. there "turned over" their horses, took the cars and came on here. The Decatur and Nashville railroad is badly damaged, think it will not be repaired under twenty days. The regt. done some skimishing [sic] at Pulaski where they laid in line of battle about 24 hours. One man wounded the only loss the past ten days. The boys were compelled to live upon the country by foraging. The rebel Gen. Forest seems to have met with prety [sic] good luck, besides the damage done the railroad. He is said to have captured four thousand prisoners and made his escape in safety.

Mond. Oct. 17th. Our regt. was paid off today, paid for two months. This afternoon we were informed that we would start for Ohio on Wednesday next and the best of spirits

and considerable enthusiasm prevails. News from Sherman good. Hoods [sic] army said to be in a trap.

Wednes. Oct. 19th. We have no news from the front today. Col. Grovenor, the Chaplain and others started for Nashville and Col. Stanley took command of the regt. We had dress parade this evening. The first for sometime [sic] and perhaps the last in Chattanooga. Co. F who have been down at Atlanta returned this evening. We expect to start for home tomorrow. Weather pleasant.

Thursday 20th. Left Chattanooga at dusk arrived at Tallow at day light.

Friday Oct. 21st. Arrived at Murfreesboro at 10 o'clock and remained there until dark. Arrived at Nashville about 2 o'clock A.M.

Sat. Oct. 22nd. Drew clothing. Our train was drawn across the Cumberland River stoped [sic] awhile in Edgefield thence drawn down one mile out and left until morning.

Sunday Oct. 23rd. Left Nashville at sunup and arrived at Louisville about 2 o'clock A.M.

Mond. Oct. 24th. Took breakfast at the soldiers [sic] rest after which we went the river wharf and after waiting a while boarded the steamer Genl. Buell. Started for Cincinnati at 11 o'clock but on account of a dense fog were compelled to tie until daylight.

Tues. Oct. 25th. This morning we started up the river as soon as the fog lifted sufficiently to see the channel and arrived at Cincinnati about 10 o'clock. We disembarked and marched up into the city and took dinner at a "Soldiers [sic] barracks". Our dinner consisted of soft bread, salt beef sweetened coffee. Went to the depot and started for Columbus about four o'clock, arrived at Columbus at 2 o'clock and took quarters in the state house.

Wednes. Oct. 26th. Took breakfast at Todd's Barricks [sic] after which we marched out to Camp Chase and were provided with tents for quarters.

Thurs. Oct. 27th. This morning cloudy and rainy. Turned over our guns and equipments [sic].

Frid. Oct. 28th. Quite a number of the boys broke through the fence and guard lines this morning and amused themselves outside camp.

November

Thurs. Nov. 3rd. I visited the state prison.

Friday Nov. 4th. We were formally mustered out of service. We numbered forty privates and several non-commissioned [sic] officers. All that wanted them were given

furlows [sic] and allowed to go home. They will be paid and receive their discharge at home. Some twenty eight of the Co. still remain.

Sat. Nov. 5th. Quite cool today. Last it rained and snowed a little. Clear today.

Sund. Nov. 6th. Went to church at the state prison also at the German Catholic Church. And attended church at post Chappel [sic] at Camp Chase.

Mond. Nov. 7th. Started for home tomorrow today. Left Camp Chase about 12-3/4. Took passage on the regular packet. Capital (canal boat) at one o'clock and started for Chillicothe where we arrived at 6 six in the morning.

Tues. Nov. 8th. Took up the "line of march" for home. Stopped [sic] at the Huntington Tp [sic] precinct, and poled [sic] a vote for Old Abe and Andy. Went on home where I arrived about sun down.

Tues. Nov. 15th. The past few days have been spent at home and vicinity. Today our Co. met at Frankfort, Ohio where an elegant supper was prepared for us and we were paid off and discharged. We are now free from military service for awhile.

Head Quarters 18th Ohio Vols.

Camp Chase Ohio. Nove. 4th 1864

General Order

No.

The time has as length arrived when we, the officers and soldiers of this regiment are about to render the associations of the last three years, and lay aside the duties and sufferings of Soldiers and return to civil life.

Having served your country honerably, [sic] you now return, I trust, better than when you volunteered in that service. You realize what it costs to sustain a good Government. During all these years, in camp, in Bivouac, on the march and on the Battlefield you have done your duty. We went forth nine hundred and thirty strong. Now we number three hundred and thirty.

Eightynine [sic] of our number are left behind as veterans. The sanguinary fields of Stone [sic] River, Davis Cross Roads, Chickamauga and the other Battles and skirmishes in which you participated, with the diseases incident to a Soldiers [sic] life and death, will will [sic] account for the sixhundred [sic]. May their memory be ever fresh in our recollection, and may we emulate their virtues and heroism, while we forget their rongs [sic]. A greatful [sic] country will not fail to honor the living, and hold in remembrance [sic], the memory of the diseased [sic].

When you volunteered you knew I was to be your commanding officer. Almost without exception you have yielded a ready, cheerful obediance [sic]. How well I have

discharged my duty is not for me to say. I can stand before God and you this day, and say that I have always had your welfare [sic] and care, first in my thoughts. I have not placed my own ease or comfort before yours. I have not suffered the cares of my family, or my own profit in any way to interfere with my duties to you. I thank God that it has been my privilege [sic] to be your commanding officer. Most of the time, however, I have been separated [sic] from you by being placed in higher commands. I have always left you thus with regret and now in our parting let none but pleasant, kind remembrances have place. You have been to me as my sons. I take leave of you as a father. May God have and keep you in peace and safety to the end.

T. R. Stanley
Col.

Discharge Certificate

[handwritten on document: Rec'd in field J J [illegible name] [illegible initials] \$148.42]

To all whom in may Concern.

[image of an eagle with a shield, arrows and stars in the background]

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Know ye, That David C Shotts a private of Captain Pearly G Brown Company, (A) 18th Regiment of Ohio Infantry VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and Sixty one to serve Three years or during the war, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States, this ninth day of November, 1864, at Camp Chase Ohio by reason of Expiration of term of Enlistment (No objection to his being re=enlisted is known to exist.) [see footnote below]

Said David C Shotts was born in Ross Co in the State of Ohio, is twenty five years of age, five feet eight $\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, fair complexion, gray eyes, dark hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer

Given at Camp Chase Ohio this Ninth day of November 1864

T R Stanley

Col

Commanding the Reg't [sic]

T.W. Harrigan

[illegible initials]

[footnote: This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.]

[A.G. O. No. 99.]

Pearly C Brown

Capt [sic] [illegible] Co A 17 OVI

[Note: This letter by David C. Shotts has been copied from the original.]

Camp near Nashville, Tenn. March 18, 1862

To the receiver G.W. Bishop and friends at home.

Received your letters and have answered to you will see I have a little book which when you get it, if you ever do, will contain a sketch of our march from Nashville to someplace else. I don't know where. D.C.S. (preface from author)

Tues. March 18, 1862. Camp near Nashville, Tenn.

Yesterday we had an inspection of knapsacks to ascertain whether not had any unauthorized articles therein or not. It was known generally that we would march today. We were ordered to be upon the road hard by and ready to move at 7½ A.M. At present the sun is about ¾ hour high and our tents are struck, loaded in waggon [sic], so are nearly all our other traps. Now we are ordered to sling knapsacks. We fell in stacked arms, are now waiting till time to start. We take 6 days rations with us. One of course cooked and in our haversacks. Our First Lieut. starts for home this morning. We have now left camp, are now upon the Tenn. and Chattanooga Turnpike, have stacked arms and are awaiting the trains of waggons [sic]. Our knapsacks are very heavy and the waggons [sic] are loaded to the extreme. Six mules to the waggon [sic] and stalling all the time. Attention: now we move on about 1 mile and stack arms and rest. Remember we have been moving since 5 this morning. The morning has presented a fine scene. Mule and horse teams stalling, mules kicking, half a dozen men whipping [sic], swearing and as many more pushing at the wheels and all urging the stubborn animals to go ahead. No private can tell how many Regts. [sic] are moveing [sic] today or tell the order of march. Though the 8th Brigade (ours) are to take the rear of line. Our sick are left at Nashville, Co. A leaves two. Just now a squad of sappers and miners are passing, follow them the 2nd Ohio, next the 21st Ohio. They have new Belgium muskets or Rifles. Now the 33rd Ohio, next the 10th Wis. about 1,100 strong. We are now fully recruited, are well clothed and shod, and ought I know every thing is starting in order but no doubt will be separated and maybe will suffer privations. Edgertens [sic] flying artillery are passing. Here come another battery each 6 pieces and 6 pounders. Their provisions and forage waggons [sic] are just passing. Each waggon [sic] has a guard of two or three persons. This is followed up in all marches when near the enemy. Tis now 10 o'clock and the cry is "and still they come". Perhaps the teams will not pass us much before noon. Understand we are to go in the rear of waggons [sic]. Upon the right of us is a hillside, the timber of which is trimmed [sic] and topped [sic]. And on the hill is a fine house presented the appearance of a rich planter. The 37th Ind. and 11th Ill. were out on picket last night. This in part accounts for our brigade being behind. Those on picket cannot get ready to move much before noon. This country affords fine cedar and evergreen. Just by my side is a nice specimen about 8 inches high and has the appearance of good health. What a nice ornament: pity that it has none to care for it. Well when the war closes somebody will care for it. Adieu. thou esteemed ornament of this cold rough earth, for a time farewell.

Sam Slick of the old 22nd now of the 33rd Regt. just now is passing. He is an odity [sic] and wares [sic] a high hat. Attention: we now move forward and are divided into squads to guard waggons [sic] another rule and we have to double quick to catch up

with the head of Co. Now there is one Co. to every 14 waggons [sic]. 6 miles from Nashville we passed the Insane Assylum [sic] (perhaps this is misspelled) and we move on at short intervals, the train being long we cannot move steadily. 12 o'clock and we meet the 13th Regt. O. going back toward Nashville. And they say they are ordered to join Crittendens [sic] Division. Here we load our guns preparing for emergencies. Something has occurred [sic] in front and causes a halt – now we move off at “double quick”. I prefer a slower pace and act accordingly. 15 miles from Nashville we passed a village called Defarm (or some other name). A mile farther and our road increases to two. We take the left hand road. We are now passing through a section of country timbered with cedar – it varies from the small bush to the tree of 18 inches diameter. Our division is encamping, we having been guards our knapsacks were hauled and now we have a good time getting them – the train on a down grade and stop for nobody. Arms are stacked, teams in and if we get water for coffee we will soon be snoozing. Tis sun down.

Wednesday March 19. This morning it commenced raining about 5 o'clock and poured down a continued shower until about 10 o'clock. But we went ahead regardless of rain, mud or water of which there was plenty. Some, yes nearly all of us, have wet feet and are pretty well drenched all over. We have passed one small town and over two smartly sized creeks. I understand we left the strait forward road on account of bridges being destroyed. Our Brigade is in the advance this morning. Order of march – 1st 19th Ills. 2nd 24th Ills. third 18th O. 4th 37th Ind. We are taking a rest and bands are playing. The artillery are now moving forward and a squad of cavalry. “Attention” and we move ahead about an hour and halt for dinner. We are and have been passing numerous and some large cotton fields. We are in the “land of cotton”. Those were the first cotton fields we have seen and they drew considerable attention. The hills to our left are still decorated with evergreen. We have “double cape thorn” or some other cape – we had been traveling south of east but now we make a short tack to the south west. 4 o'clock and our advance are in possession of Murfreesborough [sic]. No enemy was there to dispute the right of possession. Morgans [sic] band of desperadoes passed through about 3 or 4 o'clock last night. I suppose general Mitchell will claim to have achieved another great victory. We are now in camp and have passed through Murfreesborough [sic]. It is a nice looking place though it was quite dark when we passed through. It is a town of about 3,000 inhabitants. Our days [sic] march is now finished. Twas [sic] a hard march. We having to wade through mud and water and I think nearly everyone got his feet wet. Some waded crotch deep in preference to going around. Our feet are quite sore. We marched about 22 miles. We are encamped upon an old secesh camp. Supper is over, a cup of hot coffee is drunk and without pitching tenets, we go to bed.

Came near Murfreesborough [sic]. Thurs. morn. March 20, 1862. This morning it commenced raining about 4½ o'clock and chased us out of bed. By 7 or 8 it ceased raining and now tis clear. Our Brigade forms the advance and we will soon move on 2 miles further and pitch tents perhaps to remain a while. Some of the boys complain of being pretty sore this morning from yesterdays [sic] march. I never felt much better. The weather is splendid and the pastures look quite green, peach trees at half bloom. No mail has overtaken us yet. This is fine looking country, well timbered and the land is principally level, assuming a rather undulating character. Just now a fellow is being carried to an ambulance, his legs are so swollen he cannot walk. The drum beats are

we are called into line and away we go for a new camp. We are now encamped upon the farm of a rich planter and secessionist. He has two sons in the Confederate Army. Since leaving the other camp, the weather has changed. The wind blows hard and cold and tis cloudy. This planter here has about 100 slaves. He raises cotton and has a cotton gin or gin on the plantation.

Friday morning March 21, 1862. The morning is quite cool but the wind has ceased blowing. About 200 waggons [sic] start for Nashville this morning for provisions. They will be gone about 4 days. Don't think we will move until they come back.

Saturday March 22nd 1862. As yet we have received no mail since leaving Nashville. This morning is cool and cloudy and rains a little. We go on picket duty at 1 o'clock this P.M. and fearing a mail should go out while we are gone, will close this epistle and leave it in camp. We are in good health but S.M. Grove and G.W. Bishop are complaining, though they stood the march quite well.

Respectfully, D.C. Shotts

I cannot promise a weekly report.

Enclosed you will find a specimen of Tennessee [sic] cotton. D.C.S.

18th Ohio Volunteer Infantry History

EIGHTEENTH OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

The organization of this regiment was commenced at Camp Wool, Athens, Ohio in August, 1861, and completed at Camp Dennison, November 4, 1861. The regiment, nine hundred and thirty strong, left Camp Dennison November 6, 1861, and reported to General W.T. Sherman, at Louisville, the next day. Thence it marched down the river to West Point. On the 15th it reported at Elizabethtown, and was organized into a brigade comprising the Nineteenth Illinois, Eighteenth Ohio, Thirty-Seventh Indiana, and Twenty-Fourth Illinois, under command of Colonel Turchin, Nineteenth Illinois, General O.M. Mitchel's division of the Army of the Ohio. Remaining at Elizabethtown about a month, the division marched thence to Bacon Creek, where, for nearly two months, the command was instructed and drilled under the eye of General Mitchel.

On February 7th General Mitchel commenced in earnest his brilliant progress; he passed General McCook at Green River, encamped on its south bank, and on the 8th marched for Bowling Green, occupied in force by the enemy. On the night of the 9th the regiment for the first time bivouacked and on the morning of the 10th showed hillocks of men covered with snow. The day the regiment reached the vicinity of Bowling Green, the place was reported deserted by the Rebels, and the bridge and public stores in flames. A difficulty in crossing the river was overcome by the ingenuity of Colonel Stanley, who detailed a number of men, and quickly constructed a bridge. The brigade marched down the bank, and, silently, that snowy night, the crossing was made, and at daylight Colonel Turchin, with his command, marched into Bowling Green. Large quantities of supplies and subsistence were captured, but more had been destroyed.

On February 23rd General Mitchel moved for Nashville, sixty-two miles distant, reaching it in three days. Here, as at Bowling Green, the Fourth Ohio Cavalry preceded the infantry, and found the railroad bridge and the fire suspension bridge over the Cumberland River destroyed, but means of crossing were soon found and the City of Nashville was taken. The whole National army, under General Buell, encamped in and around the city.

General Mitchel's command being an independent one, that officer, March 18th, marched for Huntsville, Alabama, taking possession of the country as he passed. This bold and timely advance surprised the Rebels, who fell back as the National troops advanced. The whole country, from Nashville to Huntsville, and the railroad east to Bridgeport and west to Tuscumbia, were taken by a single division of less than seven thousand men. The railroads, bridges, and turnpikes injured by the Rebels in their flight, were repaired, rendering the campaign very arduous. To the Michigan Engineers mainly belongs the credit of overcoming the difficulties in crossing bridgeless streams. The bridge over Stone [sic] River, two hundred and sixty feet long, was rebuilt in eight days, by a detail from the Eighteenth Ohio, with axes only.

On April 10th at midnight the command arrived within ten miles of Huntsville. A council of war was held at General Mitchel's head-quarters, and the plan of the capture of Huntsville decided upon. At three o'clock A.M. the command marched, and was in sight of Huntsville before the citizens were out of their beds. Some three hundred prisoners were captured, seventeen locomotives, one hundred and fifty cars, and large amounts of supplies. The Eighteenth Ohio, with other forces, were detailed to work the railroad and transport troops and supplies.

Tuscumbia was occupied, and Colonel Turchin, the brigade commander with a small force, including the Eighteenth Ohio, made his head-quarters in the town, although almost surrounded by Rebel troops. Strategy was resorted to to deceive them as to the strength of the National forces. Names of officers from some dozen regiments were entered on the hotel books whose regiments were supposed to be in camp, but an inspection would have found but six hundred men there. Colonel Stanley was careful not to let any citizen leave. General Buell ordered all west of Decatur evacuated, and the regiment was sent to Athens to guard the railroad.

On May 1st at daylight, Colonel Stanley's pickets were attacked by Scott's Rebel cavalry, six hundred strong and three pieces of artillery, yet the Rebels were held in check for three hours. Colonel Stanley, learning that the Rebels consisted of three battalions of infantry, ordered a retreat toward Huntsville. While the Eighteenth was yet in Decatur General Mitchel came from Huntsville to Decatur on the cars, and ordered Colonel Stanley to fall back in good order to a point where re-enforcements would be met. General Mitchel came near being captured, as the Rebels sent a small force across to a bridge, setting it on fire, but the General and his men ran over it while burning. At this bridge a spirited fight occurred, in which six Rebels were killed and a number wounded. The regiment lost three killed and several wounded.

On May 31st the Eighteenth joined the brigade at Fayetteville and marched thence, under General Negley, for Chattanooga. The town was bombarded from the north side of the river, by which it was believed the Rebels were deterred from a

contemplated invasion of Kentucky. The distance marched in this movement was two hundred and forty miles, accomplished in twelve days, crossing Cumberland Mountain and Walden's Ridge.

From Fayetteville the regiment marched to Huntsville, thence to Stevenson and Battle Creek, where the Rebels were confronted; the Tennessee River being between the forces. The regiment built fortifications and remained at Battle Creek until July 11th, when it and half of the Twenty-Fourth Illinois, all under command of Colonel Stanley, marched across Cumberland Mountain, arriving at Decherd after midnight of the day in which General Forrest had captured Murfreesboro. The Eighteenth next moved to Elk River, and along the railroad to Cowan; down to Tullahoma and Manchester, and guarded the road from Tullahoma to McMinnville.

On August 29, 1862, companies A and I of the Eighteenth Ohio, and D of the Ninth Michigan, under the command of Captain Miller, Eighteenth Ohio, were attacked at a stockade, twelve miles from Winchester, by Forrest, who dismounted nine hundred of his men before making the attempt. The Rebels were soon repulsed, losing about one hundred men without the loss of a man on our side. General Thomas complimented them in general orders. The Rebels having retreated a short distance, commenced destroying the railroad. Captain Miller sent a squad after them, but they were so badly whipped that they instantly decamped.

The Eighteenth was the last regiment to leave Manchester with Buell's retreating column. At Nashville the regiment was brigaded with the Sixty-Ninth Ohio, Eleventh Michigan, and Nineteenth Illinois, forming the Twenty-Ninth Brigade, under Colonel Stanley, and with another brigade under Colonel Miller, was left for the defense of Nashville. Colonel Stanley commanded the brigade from September 10, 1862, until after the battle of Chickamauga.

The division in which the regiment was brigaded was the right of General Thomas's (Fourteenth) corps at the battle of Stone [sic] River. On Tuesday, the 30th of December, 1862, the division took post south of the Cedar Woods and drove the Rebel sharpshooters from several points. Early Wednesday the right, under General McCook, gave way and, after a short struggle, in which the Twenty-Ninth Brigade vainly battled with the Rebel masses, it was compelled to do likewise. During this fearful time, at a critical moment, under the lead of General Rousseau, the Eighteenth charged into the woods filled with Rebels, and checked their advance.

Friday found the division on the extreme left. Breckinridge attacked and drove the division, thrown across Stone [sic] River, in great confusion. General Rousseau ordered Colonel Stanley to take his brigade across the stream. It was a fearful thing to do, but the order was executed by his brigade. Advancing a little, to closer cover, the men fell upon their faces, and awaited the advancing foe. On came the Rebels, but they were received with a leaden storm which thinned their ranks fearfully, and without giving them a chance to recover, an order to charge was given which caused them to flee panic-stricken; meantime the artillery was doing its work. The brigade captured four pieces of artillery. In this action of forty minutes Breckenridge [sic] acknowledged the loss of one thousand seven hundred men. The Eighteenth lost Captains Fenton, Taylor, and Stivers, Lieutenant Blacker, and thirty-two men killed;

Lieutenant-Colonel Given, Captains Welch and Ross, Adjutant Minear, and one hundred and forty-three men wounded. In June it accompanied the advance on Tullahoma, across Lookout Mountain into Mclamore's Cove, and, with Negley's and Baird's divisions, September 11th at Dug Gap, confronted Bragg's army. In this movement, at the foot of Mission Ridge, General Negley directed Colonel Stanley to hold his position. The enemy were pressing, but the brigade kept them at a respectable distance.

In a day or two commenced the march for Chickamauga. The regiment did not get into the thickest of the fight until Sunday, September 20th, but went gallantly through the battle, making several brilliant charges. Colonel Stanley in his report noticed the gallantry and coolness of Captains Grosvenor, McElroy, and Cable, Lieutenants Carlin, Benedict, Clark, Honnold, Grubb, Ryan, Carter, Acton, Ferrel, and Evans. Sergeant-Major George Hewitt and private Jospeh Imbody, of company H, are noticed "for their gallantry in rescuing the colors of the regiment when they fell from Lieutenant Carlin's hands, and bringing them safely from the field."

The regiment performed Engineering-duty, and aided in building boats, warehouses, sawmills, and hospitals at Chattanooga, until October 20th, when it was ordered to Camp Chase to be mustered out of service. On the 9th of November, 1864, it was honorably discharged. Nearly one hundred men had re-enlisted as veterans, and there were enough recruits, whose time was not out, to make it up to two hundred and twenty-five men [sic]