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Francis C. Sikes.
Co. F. 21st Regt
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Chattanooga
Tennessee.
Sept 21st
1863.

EMBER.

Moon's Phases.
- Last Quarter, 3d. 7h. 18m. morning.
- New Moon, 10d. 3h. 27m. evening.
- First Quarter, 17d. 6h. 50m. morning.
- Full Moon, 24d. 9h. 54m. evening.

Days of Week.	Weather Record.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	High water.
Tues.		7 4	4 34	10 30	3 12
Wed.		7 5	4 33	11 28	3 54
Thur.		7 6	4 33	morn	4 38
Frid.		7 7	4 33	0 26	5 28
Satur.		7 8	4 33	1 25	6 20
SUN.		7 9	4 33	2 27	7 15
Mon.		7 10	4 33	3 31	8 12
Tues.		7 11	4 33	4 37	9 8
Wed.		7 12	4 33	5 43	10 4
Thur.		7 13	4 33	6 49	10 59
Frid.		7 14	4 33	sets.	11 51
Satur.		7 15	4 33	6 56	0 16
SUN.		7 15	4 33	8 9	1 9
Mon.		7 16	4 34	9 22	2 0
		7 17	4 34	10 33	2 50
		7 18	4 34	11 42	3 40
		7 18	4 34	morn	4 34
		7 19	4 35	0 49	5 30
		7 20	4 35	1 54	6 29
		7 20	4 36	2 58	7 28
		7 21	4 36	4 1	8 26
		7 21	4 37	5 0	9 20
		7 22	4 37	5 56	10 11
		7 22	4 38	6 46	10 59
		7 22	4 38	rises.	11 40
		7 23	4 39	6 26	0 1
		7 23	4 40	7 22	0 42
		7 24	4 40	8 19	1 21
		7 24	4 41	9 17	1 59
		7 24	4 42	10 15	2 37
		7 24	4 42	11 13	3 16

we spent New Years
near the battle field
we lay in the woods
nearly all day and
went on picket
at night,

FRIDAY 2

we advanced and lay
behind Loomis Battery
We were ordered to lay
down so as to protect us
from shot and shell
we rested from that day

SATURDAY 3

we still lay behind the
battery, the mud over
shoe deep, very wet
cedar brughs to lay
on and keep us
from the mud,

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1863.

we advanced and lay in the little pitt all day and night, no lice which we seen. at night we got fire wood and boards to lay on.

MONDAY 5

we advanced and passed through Murfreesboro and camped about 2 mile south of the city, on a level piece of ground.

TUESDAY 6

The Rebs forced some meal which wasn't good, as we were short of rations for several days.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1863.

we advanced and lay in the rifle pits all day and night, no live rebbels to be seen. at night we got fire wood and boards to lay, on.

MONDAY 5

we advanced and pass ed through Murfreesbo and camped about ½ mile south of the City, on a level piece of ground.

TUESDAY 6

the boys found some meal which went good, as we were short of rations for several days.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1863.

THURSDAY 8

FRIDAY 9

DAY 11

MONDAY 12

WEDNESDAY 14

we went out on picket
had a pretty hard
time. it rained hard all
the time. We built large
fire of cedar rails which
burnt well.

THURSDAY 15

We lay around
camp passing away
time the best we
knew how.

pretty cold weather
the snow fell
nearly an inch
deep. the boys gat
herd around the fire
to keep warm.

SATURDAY 17

SUNDAY 18

TUESDAY 20

WEDNESDAY 21

was detailed to go to the railroad to help unload cars. it is a cold blustering day. high winds and cold weather.

MONDAY 30

still pretty cold weather. had brigade inspection by Lieutenant Stark weather.

TUESDAY 31

had company drill in forenoon battalion drill in afternoon. still cold weather.

was on camp guard ice froze nearly half an in deep in kettels. part of the relief went on picket.

THURSDAY 2

lay in camp as usual. still pretty cold weather. I am still troubled with lame back. and rheumatism.

FRIDAY 3

was detailed to help die stumps from the collar line.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1863.

lay in camp as usual. not having been detailed for fatigue duty of any kind.

TUESDAY 24

it is rainy weather again, pretty cool weather for a few days past.

WEDNESDAY 25

went on camp guard rained in the morning then cleared off somewhat cold.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1863.

is a fine day. stayed about camp. part of the regiment went on picket. the boys hung ht in three prisoners

FRIDAY 27

went on fatigue duty. diging a ditch till it commenced to rain. then we went to our tents.

SATURDAY 28

the weather is very good to day. lay around camp.

was on fatigue duty all day digging it is beautifull weather now. the grass is quite green in spots.

WEDNESDAY 18

the boys are fixing up the camping ground very good dug ditches to let the water run off.

THURSDAY 19

went out on general review about three miles from camp it is pretty warm weather

our briggade was called out to reinforce a briggade that had been attacked by rebel cavalry

SATURDAY 21

lay in camp all day. the boys came back about 10 o'clock. the rebels had left.

SUNDAY 22

had inspection as of arms and knap sacks. had dress parade and Col Hobart gave us a short speech.

am on guard it is rainy and nasty weather to be around much. still on camp guard

THURSDAY 12

fine day agan. it cleared of in the morning as nice as a pin.

FRIDAY 13

is another fine day went on camp guard to day agan.

went out with the wood squad in fore noon lay in camp the rest of the day.

SUNDAY 15

was on guard agan it is has been beautifull weather now for several days. we think the worst weather is over.

MONDAY 16

was on guard. packed up our things struck tents. and moved about a mile and camped in the woods.

was detailed to help
cut and haul
wood for a large
coal pit. it is a
pretty cold day
for us.

FRIDAY 6

it was a rainy
day. we lay in
tents as usual
and passed the
time away the
best we could,

SATURDAY 7

another of our company
was buried. our drummer
Charles Brown died and
was buried near the City.
we went on picket

came in from picket
had inspection and
dress parade as usual

MONDAY 9

lay in camp as
usual. am troubled
with rheumatism
in ankles.

TUESDAY 10

went on camp
guard it rained
most of the time
as it generally
does these times

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1863.

it is a nice day. this morning I started out with the boys to go forraging but get urned to camp. having a lame ancle.

SATURDAY 28

layed in camp all day. and went on guard at night. it rained of course so it made it bad agen,

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

had briggade drill. presented flags to the 79th rgt. Pa. Vl. and had dress parade at night.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1863.

went out on picket it being cold it was a little unpleasant as we were not allowed any fire at night.

TUESDAY 3

came in from picket found Col Sweet here. he came yesterday had dress parade at night. Sweet showed himself to the boys.

WEDNESDAY 4

had skirmish drill and dress parade as usual lay in camp the rest of the time.

... a rainy day
to day we lay
in tents passing
away time as
well as we know
how.

SUNDAY 22

I was on guard
it is a kind of
a chilly day it
rained last
night a little which
made it bad.

MONDAY 23

we lay in camp and
had a company drill
and dress parade
at night.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1863.

was out on picket
had a fine time were
told that post number
2 was not needed
so we went to
camp about sundown

WEDNESDAY 25

was on camp guard
it rained most
of the time
that I stood on
my post.

THURSDAY 26

It rained all
day and is
likely to all
night the ground
full of water.

Marvin Hatch was buried in the burying ground in the City of Murfreesboro Tennessee.

MONDAY 16

we lay in camp as usual. nothing of consequence happened as I know of.

TUESDAY 17

still lay in camp it rains almost every other day. the mud is quite deep.

we went out on picket about 2 miles from camp it rained part of the time. it cleared off and not a cloud to be seen.

THURSDAY 19

we come in from picket, the paymaster was here and we got our pay I received 15½ dollars which comes handy.

FRIDAY 20

I was detailed to go and chop wood we went down to the cedar Swamp and cut red Cedar

TUESDAY 10

WEDNESDAY 11

FRIDAY 13

we moved our tents
so as to give us
more room. we then
ditched our street
and dug a trench
around our tent.

SATURDAY 14

we lost another of our
company by sickness
and death. Reserve
Hatch died in the regi
mental hospital after
a short illness.

WEDNESDAY 4

THURSDAY 5

SATURDAY 7

SUNDAY 8

THURSDAY 29

FRIDAY 30

SATURDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

we drew new oil
cloth blankets, it is
bad weather ice freezes
as nearly ½ inch thick
nearly every night.

MONDAY 2

FRIDAY 23

SATURDAY 24

MONDAY 26

TUESDAY 27

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1863.

spent the day as usual. the day is warm and sultry, not much of any breeze.

MONDAY 22

a little more cool to day spent most of the time in the tent as I did not feel well.

TUESDAY 23

lay in tent most of the day am getting to be pretty weak.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1863.

it rained nearly all day

THURSDAY 25

had occasionly showers the ground is getting to be quite moist.

FRIDAY 26

had occasionly showers during the day and night

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1863.

was detailed to go on guard was stationed among a lot of old artillery wagons.

TUESDAY 16

lay around camp as usual. the weather is quite warm during the day.

WEDNESDAY 17

had orders to pack up my duds and we got in the ambulance and went to the station and got aboard the [illegible]

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1863.

went to the convalescent Camp near Chashville the Camp is in a pleasant place about ½ mile from town

FRIDAY 19

in the afternoon went thru town and went to the river and got some nice shells for rings.

SATURDAY 20

passed the time away by runing around to see what there is to be seen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1863.

went down to the regiment with some othe boy's to see if we could get our pay couldent get mine.

WEDNESDAY 10

was detailed to go on fatigue duty, went and helped to roll some timbers out of the way.

THURSDAY 11

went on guard was stationed at the entrance of fort wood.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1863.

helped set a few posts for a shade in our street. then quit and busied myself with something else

SATURDAY 13

lay around camp as usual. the weather is getting to be quite warm again.

SUNDAY 14

warm nearly all day. towards night there was a heavy fall of rain.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1863.

was detailed to go on brigade guard. the day is pleasant and the night cool.

THURSDAY 4

I went to see the boys in the 21st and to get the mail.

FRIDAY 5

pass the time away the best we know how by laying about camp.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1863.

went on guard again. did not stand but 4 hours did not have any gun. great guarding I reckon.

SUNDAY 7

some what cool but pleasant weather. rains enough to keep the air cool. and the ground from being dusty

MONDAY 8

went down to the regiment to see the boys and get the mail.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1863.

lay around camp as usual. and go in swiming or do something else to pass the time away.

FRIDAY 29

it rains a little occasionly enough to lay the dust and cool the weather.

SATURDAY 30

some rain to days. the weather is more cool and comfortable now.

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1863.

am on guard to day. at the field hospital. it is quite a pleasant day to day.

MONDAY JUNE 1

came off guard then lay around camp the rest of the day

TUESDAY 2

have occasionly showers of rain which keeps the air cool.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1863.

was called up to the doctors tent he asked. whats the mater with you. they then sent us to the convalescent camp

SATURDAY 23

were formed in companies of 90 men each. and companies into battalions. I now belong to Co A. third battalion.

SUNDAY 24

have drew 12 new camp kettels. 24 mess pans. new axes. hatchets. pecks. and spades.

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1863.

done my washing and hung them out to dry. then went in and washed my body.

TUESDAY 26

lay around camp nearly all day and at night went and took a good wash in the river.

WEDNESDAY 27

went down to my old regiment to get the mail and some things from home.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1863.

The weather is a little more cool which makes it quite pleasant

SUNDAY 17

things seems of as usual! as Sunday it is still cool and comfortable.

MONDAY 18

went and done my washing in forenoon. lay about camp the rest of day

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1863.

was detailed for fatigue. did but do much as they did not tell me what to do.

WEDNESDAY 20

lay about camp as usual. did not do much but eat and drink.

THURSDAY 21

I received orders to pack up my things and be ready to go to the field Hospital. 2 others of our Co also went.