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Aug 18th went out in pursuit

16th returned to camp

17th still working away at
our post

Aug 18th went out in pursuit

19th had some time sitting
waiting for the capture of

some, as we had just received

news that the reds had got on

in with the Indians and were

at the post

20th returned to camp

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Commencing
Dec 25th 1862

2 On the march Aug 20th

At 7 o'clock, were called into camp, after having struck our tents, loaded our wagons, and made every preparation for a start, and started up the river, crossing Little Creek, near where it runs into the river, on a floating bridge, covered with green canvas to prevent the noise of the wagons, etc. Turned up the river, and at 12 o'clock, found camp at Jasper. 5

20th On the March Aug. 3

Next morning, Aug 21st, found me scattered over the cornfields in search of any thing fresh and nourishing. As the timber was, consisting of oaks, peaches, apples, etc.

The road travelled over the preceding night was one of exceedingly roughness, some of it, and is really the worst of it was so stony that one could scarcely walk on the darkness.

We arrived at Jasper about 12 o'clock. Well, we could see no sign of it.

Account of the
1862 Dec. 25. Col. Linder
takes command of the 11th
Brigade on account of the
absence of Col. Jacob Ketchum.
At 7 o'clock Dec. 25th were
from our regiment, 10 Co. B
of Lieut Clark's regiment
Vanhook's headquarters, where
they were soon joined 50
men from another regiment
which with 25 men 19th Co
augmented our number
to 100 men. Being placed
under the immediate com-
mand of Lieut Murdock
of Vanhook's staff, over
marched out in the

1. On the march they were
 morning, and then I
 found to be a very gloomy
 looking prospect for a
 country seat. The buildings
 appear to be mainly old
 and a good proportion of
 them were brick.

At about 11 o'clock we
 left camp and set off
 in a north easterly
 direction, and I don't
 know what road, and
 travelled till about 1.0
 o'clock P.M. our regiment
 being in the advance.
 We then halted and

was on the march they
 the remainder of the day
 was occupied, in troops, &
 wagons passing on in advance.

One circumstance worthy of
 note occurred during the day,
 that was the shameful pillage of
 I found on the borders of the camp.
 The soldiers took every thing
 of the vegetable kind on the
 place, and I believe that was
 right, for the ground was a
 soldier in the whole army,
 but when it comes to go
 into spices, houses, and other
 things, and even to taking
 down, taking everything,

In camp Washmill 1862
 direction of Annapolis.

The reg. passed the pickets
 we fell left and into the
 woods, through fields, rapids
 and hollows, and through
 thickets, and it for a
 time intended to strike
 the pickets about 3 miles from
 the pickets and if possible
 catch a few stragglers.

After hanging around for
 some hours we struck the
 our superior saw the flash
 and heard the bang of a
 gun in the direction of
 The pickets, accompanied
 by the numerous soldiers
 of a battery, and down

In camp Washmill 1862

discouraged that it was
 pickets and that we were
 at the very spot where
 left. The rebels who
 started back to camp, the
 narrator riding. Several
 horses are occurred of being
 sprained his ankle at
 the outset. The party
 faced about and moved
 down the hills and
 I came out to camp, and
 the party also soon came
 back.

Dec. 24th After resting
 through the day, back of
 but at that night 78th Regt
 returned to the Colonel's

On the 22nd of Aug. 1862.
of the estate his land even
books and clothes, I think
it is getting below the grade
of a Union soldier.

Aug 22nd Fri. We moved
back at small distances
and took posts as pickets
7 o'clock P.M. We moved
back in the direction of
Camp Battle Creek, turning
to the right and encamp-
ing just opposite to
where our pickets had gone
out from the battle
place. We are playing
* 97 1/2

near On the March. Aug. 7.
D curious gains it seems
now. A considerable body of
rebels was in gasped and
might before last, and again
on last night, but they
were gone as we came along
to night.

Sat. Aug 23rd. Went about 2 miles
up Battle Creek and encamp-
ed in the bottom, went out and
saw some of the rebels in
the P.M. It is said that we had been
reunited that we had been
on half rations ever since
the 15th, and left Camp
Battle Creek on the 5 days

Admiral's Murders

Dec 25th Thur. Christmas 1862.
The march for Christmas
but there is no time for
four soldiers to go to
Christmas, for we
more have to go
picket.

Dec 26th Fri. returned
to camp found all
hands engaged in
making preparations to
move. At 11 o'clock
we marched out in
the direction of New-
port, Va. We were
marching to the
and

Admiral's Murders. 5

up
5 miles of Lawrence
as there is only one
wagon came with the
regiment to hold
surplus rations so we
rained to night. This
morning at 11 o'clock
evening and the advance
our advance reported
six miles from here.

Dec 27th Sat. heavy rain
continuing on the right and
is present this morning.
About 12 o'clock we started
on road the rain
soon commenced falling
and darkness overtook
response slow as the

8 On the March 21st 1862

rain which was to last us two days and of course when that and the line edge of the car's cañon hills and our being in an enemy's country, comes up before us, no thing better could be expected of us.

Kelly on Sun. at our camp the mountain on the Memphis branch road was as a ridge on top of the mountain after marching probably 12 or 14 miles long of kind logs and a single on account

9 On the March 22nd 1862

of hard marching and the great scarcity of water.

Sun 23rd Mon. March down the mountain and back camped about 10 miles from its base and now we had to defend entirely upon foraging for subsistence for we left our wagon on the morning of the 21st with only one half days rations in our haversacks, they could not go another road, it is here we heard of the news of F. and T. Kelly's

10 On the March 24th 1862

On the March 24th 1862. On the march Murphys Crossings on front still continued. But finally we passed through Paducah and on to the Mc Minnille road taking the Murphys Crossings about 2 or 3 miles. There was heavy communication on the Mc Minnille Rd. and then turned back and taking the Mc Minnille Rd. went about 12 or 15 miles and camped. At Paducah some 10 miles was distance to the camp and this morning

11 On the March 25th 1862

On the March 25th 1862. Murphys Crossings weather clear. On the 25th Sun. remained in camp during the day without anything of importance except an unusual state of darkness during the twilight, only a regiment of the 14th Brigade keeping up such a howling that they had the alarm on duty in a alarm about 10 or 12 miles earned by some of our regiments on the other road, possibly of their own movement at getting and getting

1861
Camp near Littlefield
no more resting ears
and perhaps a land
abundance

Aug 26th. Our Ox wagons
for canvas, and six day
half rations were issued.
The ice we had still to
rely upon the fruits of
foraging in a great measure,
the effects of which I now
feel in the form of
diarrhoea.

Aug 27th. Much business
concerning a piece of canvas
as though a piece of heavy
material, which

1861
Camp near Littlefield 11
we may in all probability
do.

Aug 26th Thur. Were roused
up at 3.0 clock A.M. & ordered
to be ready to march at 4.

The countermanding of the
order came with the hour
of 4 and we lay down and
took another nap.

12.0 clock A.M. received an order
through doubtful channels
that our troops commenced
a cannonading with the
enemy at 12.0 clock on
yesterday morning and
continued through.

8 Operations

Dec 30th Clear weather
on the right about 12.
o'clock we started out
filled right and went on
to the other side - there
two miles all up us
and camped in about 2
miles of that place. The
mistlers were fighting
along the whole front
which continued along the
whole front till about one
hour after dark, when all
gradually sunk in the
arms of repose and it
seemed that this was
anything but the place

1861
Against the front
where two large and
well appointed armies
were to be seen so
soon to spread death
and desolation around
each other. Pickets
fell. We are all in the
position - arms stuck
and are standing around
large fires cooking and
suffering.

Dec 30th Thur. raining &
little this morning when
we were roused up about
9.00 AM and about 10
o'clock.

4.0 clock still raining
all quiet

15 Camp near ¹⁸⁶² Tithum Aug
The night had crossed
the place this morning
by foot. ¹⁸⁶²
Aug 29th ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
and on ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
saw ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
6.00. The ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
called into camp &
ordered to be ready to
start. The rest of the day
advanced ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
and pretty soon
beginning to set as near
ground. We set off about
six o'clock in a
direction ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
passing through Tithum

¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
Camp near Tithum Aug
at a distance of 6 miles
and in camping about
six miles beyond a
stream, known I think
as Fishing Creek.
S. C. It was on the bank
with road.
Aug 30th Sat. advanced about
6 miles taking the N.E.
Menville road at a little
distance known as
We passed a beautiful
little lake at the head
of the Creek before men-
tioned, and encamped
about about 6 miles

16 Operations
first ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
at 8.00 ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
heavy ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
and ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
tended to the right.
P. O. ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
moved out about 4 miles
in front of our baggage
and threw a ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
shell and shot at the
depot in the ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
they elicited the answer of
about 2 dozen ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
the whole ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
showed the ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
an our part ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
possibly ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
to the ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²

at about ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
about this time the troops
were checked by the presence
of Gen. B. ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
and ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
our ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
positions ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
Tennessee ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
this morning by the
explosion of a shell in
the ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
G. O. ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
has ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
and ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
fighting ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
the other ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
driving ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²
mine.
The ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶² ¹⁸⁶²

14 On the march Aug. 10 & 2
 off the Nashville road
 Aug 29th in a run about
 the Manchester, a distance
 of 7 miles, found it
 to be a tolerable interest-
 ing little town, being
 the county seat of Coffee
 County. It had a consi-
 derable show of grain
 this evening with a
 very disagreeable
 and had no tents, but
 the boys remained the
 night in the same tent
 by stretching their
 blankets, thus forming

15 On the march Sept
 a new novelty in the
 features of a camp,
 Aug Sept 11th Morn. Marched
 on the Mississippi to the
 to make in the direction
 of Memphis and was
 camped and for camp
 just beyond a little ham-
 let known as French town
 The road to day lay through
 a very fertile country, but
 it was in a high state
 of cultivation, our march
 was mostly along a
 little ridges. We also
 had a very hard rain this

19 Operations

and I saw that the
 dark clouds of night were
 the clouds of judgment
 and in the morning the
 progress of such death
 is not to be apprehended
 it is in the highest
 degree of our own
 Description of the war
 and clouds are raised
 up at 4 o'clock
 To check a little from
 the 11th of the morning
 can not be seen in the
 distance and in the
 the first of the morning
 on the 11th for

13 Again at Memphis

15th gallant conduct and
 and personal daring
 and exerting us to be
 ready for that trial of
 valor which the day may
 decide the fate of the city
 on a road to all the
 roads were to separate by
 receiving the cheer
 of the thousands and
 about the same time the
 men marching and
 again opened on the 11th
 8 o'clock P.M. Well
 Well. Well we have
 played it to day but
 so late this morning
 we are after the

16 On the march Sept 1862
 morning but we were
 tired off again
 and we went 12 miles
 in the direction of
 Murfreesborough and
 encamped a little
 south of it 3 miles
 from the place.
 A. C. S. L. & his
 men over our orders
 as he was flying a flag
 and led the angle
 of the rebel company
 we immediately charged
 to the height of it & they
 they all took after

17 On the march Sept
 him and killed him
 after which they con-
 stituted to strike him at
 4 P.M. he accordingly yield-
 ed about 150 lbs of meat
 which was divided be-
 tween E's B & G.
 Sept 3. We passed through
 Murfreesborough and
 encamped about 1
 mile beyond the same.
 We took 8.00. Marched
 seven miles on the
 Lebanon road and en-
 camped making our
 day march 11 miles.

14 27 First days fight 1862
 dropping the camp
 and heading in the way
 battle then this time
 the cannon and our rifle
 was firing incessantly
 in the center and right
 side of our position
 back to the center, we
 did not get so screaming
 as sight as when I
 came in sight of the
 fire and saw a very thing
 going away the things
 had been a sword
 stuck out the fire had
 directly after our first
 and since then the
 has gone away the

15 Over Murfreesboro
 1862
 rebels charging up nearly
 to the top of our bridge was
 seen for an hour
 then and we a few
 moments the 3rd 13th
 were pursuing the rebels
 into their breastworks
 and this did not last
 long for we were charged
 upon them with a
 yell and a rush that
 sent horror through
 their ranks and they
 immediately began
 to fall back and we
 kept them going about
 1/2 of a mile by the
 the rebels were over

16 On the march Sept 1862
 Sep 1st and 2nd remained
 encamped. It is first
 now that we begin to
 hear news of 2 different
 Genos from the capital
 and from the Northern
 borders of Kentucky.
 The rebels have thrown
 the grand army of the
 Union to a state of
 despondency, and they are
 reported to be on a
 successful march for
 Washington, the rebels
 making threatening
 demands on the

17 On the March Sept 1862
 toward Gallatin, Mo.,
 and also toward Louisville
 Ky, and Cincinnati, O.
 Sept 6th set out and toward
 Nashville distance 92
 miles and arrived at
 within 4 miles of that
 place encamping to the
 right of the road and
 the bank or rather hill by
 the creek.
 Sept 10th Sun Marched on
 through Nashville and
 across the river and encamp-
 ing 3 miles up the Sal-
 tation road

18 First days of Sept 1862
 Sept. 11th then opened
 march by the right of
 camp, to the river
 in the distance, and
 with three companies
 by the left bank
 to look to the point
 the 7th Regt. on their
 right, and followed
 about 1/2 of a mile
 when they again met
 the rebels and then if
 any was the best of
 Charles a ship, and
 of all the day firing
 our own project
 in the morning Old
 Garrison's victory in

19 After Murfreesboro 17
 The road of the 7th Regt. fresh
 search for the rebels
 full back, and give the
 artillery an opportunity
 to take them. We met
 in guard order at. I left
 oblique halting at inter-
 vals to keep the rebels in
 check. Pretty soon our
 artillery began to play
 and then again we had
 had several hours of
 locating rebels camp.
 The batteries kept up
 an occasional shell and
 fell near dark and we
 uncovered a position
 to prevent the rebels

20 On the March Sept 1862
 from Mills, here means now
 at Nashville, or rather
 part that place, and I
 wonder what will come
 next, well. I reckon one
 had better send and see,
 one are now in a
 terrible good stage
 for an attempt after
 living on the best
 part of the country
 they have been Battle
 Creek, and Memphis
 among the. We have been
 on half rations all
 the time since we

On the March Sept 21
 1862
 left Battle Creek, but we
 have made it full rations
 of paper. The produce of all
 kinds. One officers
 have given us full
 permission to the forage
 the country as we
 pleased after we would
 get into camp. We have
 had plenty of beef all the
 time and brought a
 large drove of cattle with
 us up to Nashville,
 and as to sweetening
 potatoes of flour, peas
 and the like

78. Front days fight 1862
 one of which killed
 I was and wounded
 another in center
 also doing some
 damage in the other
 regiment.
 Our loss is about
 I killed and about
 I was wounded, but that
 in the other regiment
 especially the 19th is
 much less, as in
 our first firing they
 intended to throw
 our right flank and
 some more, but is
 that firing into the 19th

1862 Near Memphis 19
 We are now camped
 and towards the left
 and I hope the center
 will try to do without
 any assistance to our
 left Van Dine has a
 slight wound in the
 leg but did not leave
 the field till dark
 Gen. Murdock of this
 staff is killed. Gen
 Hill is killed and also
 one of his brigadiers
 and another wounded
 We are now prepar-
 ing to break the main
 of the Confederacy and the
 battle of Nashville

20 On the March 21st
 there has been ^{16/10} no
 and to them
 Sept 28th Men traveled
 5 or 6 miles and again
 encamped and that
 night companies who
 were sent on the advance
 camped at distance
 of 3 miles to a little ^{with} ^{pro}
 beyond known as Good
 Sept 29th Men Marched
 on on the Stranahua
 road, encamping on
 the ridge at Sugar
 Springs.

21 On the March 21st
 Sept 22nd Men Marched
 on to Mitchellville
 the ancient site of Camp
 of Rossdale
 Sept 23rd Men Marched
 through Stranahua
 river to P. encamping
 six miles beyond at a
 large Lake Spring.
 A great many of our
 advanced boys met with
 circumstances in the
 and some of them were
 turned out into the
 country to see their
 friends

20 some of the reports
 by refusing ourselves
 entered the city
 before large firm
 made of rails, and
 including in a way
 the half of our country
 is a road of 1 1/2
 miles to be built
 through the Peasant
 and the Peasant
 Our fear is if we
 can not get a track
 laid that we can
 not scratch.

1863

21 Jan 1st 1863
 Over years gift is noted
 to read to say on the
 anniversary of the bein-
 g given of the year that
 I should say it this
 morning. The morning
 has been a bright and
 clear with a few
 breaks the morning of
 the snow, and the
 cracks of the sticks
 rattle along the whole
 extent of the line
 our brigade is posted
 on each of our batteries
 near the creek.

21 On the 17th March 1862
 of our boys carrying on
 the remaining leading of
 the John Smith & Co. &
 John Smith of Co. D.
 but this morning
 saw the same in the morning
 escaped from them in
 five days before, and
 reported the evening
 about one thousand
 strong at our division
 distant Co's S. & Co's
 and many from
 the other regiments
 of the brigade were

22 On the March 21st
 immediately loaded
 into covered wagons and
 sent back in the direction
 of Greenbush, and soon
 afterwards the remainder
 of the regiment in
 company with about
 20 cavalry, the 2nd
 cavalry, the whole detach-
 ment being commanded
 by Col. Board, of the
 2nd Cavalry, and ordered
 out. We marched ~~up~~
 the road to Woodburn
 and then turning to the
 right, we began

23 Operations
 15th March 1862
 a company over to the
 left side of the creek
 and formed on the
 left of our division
 and he is reaching to
 the creek to prevent
 that flank being
 taken. A company
 of our division
 has been sent to
 one of them, but I don't
 think it was and they
 at inside the line
 when some of the boys
 were sent to get it
 done. I don't know

24 Operations
 15th March 1862
 obtained the prisoners
 returned by Co. D. and
 we are now enjoying the
 realities of a quiet
 front for the
 There has been a con-
 siderable amount
 on our right the creek
 valley and it is reported
 that our troops captured
 three rebel regiments
 and some and also on
 the extreme right at
 a distance of some
 being about 2000 in
 number made a dash
 at a division of our
 troops and were

On the March Sept 26
 to skin and eye for
 the enemy. We marched
 some 2 to 4 miles when
 we were informed by
 James that the rebel
 pickets were about an
 half of a mile in advance
 at the house of one widow
 Runchy and that they
 were making preparations
 for a day all part of
 been having corn bread
 4 to 500 immediately
 gathered and fired
 and got dispersed
 within about 10 minutes

On the March Sept 27
 200 yards of the rebels.
 We were then ordered by
 the left flank to march
double quick charge the
force and rebels, and I
 felt you are old in
 glorious style. There were
 about 60 of the rebels
 but I felt you they gave
up and sifted blowing
 behind them and fled
 armed negroes and a
 dozen or two of shot
 guns, carbines, rifles,
 sabres etc and I had
 been heard of them, and

24 Operations
 was only a ¹⁸⁰⁰ ~~1800~~
 and the whole division
 together with six
 batteries of ^{artillery} ~~artillery~~
^{and} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~and~~
 and captured them
 to a ^{man} ~~man~~
 You get up all
 about the morning
 pickets about 1/2
 with ^{dark} ~~dark~~
 8 o'clock there has
 been a severe
 along on our right
 of a few ^{minutes} ~~minutes~~
 later than, and is
 now all over.
 9 o'clock at 11. The

25
 8 o'clock ¹¹ ~~11~~
 brigade has taken
 our place and we are
 now ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~
 of our divisions.
 3 o'clock 12th ^{division} ~~division
 skirmishing in our
 front all day and our
 skirmishers have
 had a little. Well at
 the surprise of mind
 I walked for it seems
 to be ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~
 that the rebels were ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~
 making the attack
 if I was already ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~
 in shooting I would
 in I care so much~~

28 On the march Sept 1862
I almost ran headlong of
but even headlong, but
we did not stop for
this but advanced on
the pursuit, so they were
in them again about
two miles distant, and
the horns of our men.

On exchanged a
few shots with them
and again charged. This
was some thing they
could not stand, so
they fled again
and had to charge across
a hill about 400 yds.

1862 On the March Sept 25
with, and as we got
to the top of the elevation
on which they were posted
we saw them entering the
woods about 100 yds in
advance. Mistaking
them for our cavalry
we charged at our left,
our officers would not
let us fire at them and
they again escaped. This
was the main body
about 500 men, and was
it being a part of
the army. We
here to this position.

26 Second days fight 1862
9 o'clock P.M. Mill
Mell, what is the risk
the we have had
about 9 o'clock the
rebels advanced against
our front and right.
With some the rally
of a hundred men
to resist and at the
angry quarrels of
the same, our front
line stood about a
mile and a half. When we
discouraged them
giving many a
mell with the order
was given for our
line to advance.

near the position 27
1862 which we did at double
quicks. we saw some
The front line giving
away and dashed through
them and found a
begin to pour the fire
into the rebels and
splendid style in a
prominence their
line began to break
and I fell open they
were falling back, and
we were over their flag
and seem to fall back
but then a half day
later, but we would
come again and this
critical moment it