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Quits just at beginning
of battle.

DIARY OF
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13TH MICH. INF.
FEB 1862 - DEC 1862

DIARY OF MY GRANDFATHER - CAPTAIN CLEMENT CAROL WEBB - 13th MICHIGAN INFANTRY
OUT OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN - FEBRUARY 1862 - WHERE HE HAD BEEN A LAWYER.

Maude Terwilliger Merchant.

- Feb. 12, 1862 - Left Camp Douglas at 9 a.m. and marched under arms to the cars. Arrived at Michigan City at dark.
- Feb. 13, 1862 - Arrived at Lafayette at 1 a.m. Arrived at the city of Indianapolis at 8 a.m. - had a good breakfast at hotel.
- Feb. 13 - Columbus - 60 miles south of Indianapolis. This is a beautiful city of 800 inhabitants. Here I saw an old lady on her knees a praying and calling on God to bless us and to protect and prosper us.
- Feb. 14 - Arrived at Jeffersonville last evening and left in cars. Left cars at 8 a.m. and stood in the snow and mud until 2½ p.m. when we took up our line of march and pitched our tents for the first time at New Albany - 5 miles below Jeffersonville. Named our camp Stewart. When I arrived here I was sick - could not speak loud. Did not stop in camp.
- Feb. 15 - Snow on Friday morning - the coldest weather of the season. Am better this morning. Wrote to my wife.
- Feb. 16 - Very cold night. We struck tents at 2 p.m. Marched to the Ohio River and shipped on board 3 steamers and landed at the Salt River at dark - 20 miles below. Stayed on board for the night. Paid \$5.00 to get beef cooked for the boys. I am no better and unable to take care of my Co.
- Feb. 17 - Left the steamer this morning at 4 a.m. Marched 10 miles and camped in the mud. I was taken to hotel sick.
- Feb. 18 - We expect to march today. The situation of our camp is beautiful. Received news of the taking of Fort Donelson. Pleasant day. I am no better, cannot speak loud.
- Feb. 19 - Commenced raining before daylight and rained all day. I was not able to go to camp.
- Feb. 20 - Marched at 10 a.m. First 2 miles land undulating - some good farms. New 2 miles through rough hills. Beautiful scenery the balance of the day - good farming land. Marched 12 miles but am hardly able to move.
- Feb. 21 - Struck tents at 8 a.m. Marched to Elizabeth Town. Pitched tents at 2 p.m. - a beautiful country. Marched 12 miles. Saw old house that Lincoln once lived in. My boys carried me into camp from there to the hotel.
- Feb. 22 - Commenced to rain early in the morning and rained until 5 a.m. Stopped at Mrs. Hills hotel - stopped there two nights sick.
- Feb. 23 - Left Elizabeth Town at 10 a.m. Marched on the Pike to Nolin - 10 miles. Warm pleasant day. Have seen no snow since left the Ohio River. I have no letter today.
- Feb. 24 - Marched 7 miles on dirt road - very bad - had to double teams most of the way. Men very tired. Good farming country - clay soil. All the good camping grounds have been occupied and the fences burned for wood.
- Feb. 25 - Struck tents at an early hour. Marched to Bacon Creek - 8 miles - bad clay. The roads the worst I ever saw.
- Feb. 26 - Struck tents at 8 a.m. Marched to Munfordsville. Arrived at 4 p.m. - 9 miles. This is a small Sesesh town and all mud and very hilly. Was invited to supper and lodging at Dr. Smith's -, accepted the invitation.
- Feb. 27 - Our camp last night on the Green River. Battlefield in sight of the - field of our tents surrounded the graves of eleven soldiers who were killed on Dec. 17, 1861. We struck tents at 1 p.m. and crossed the river on the railroad bridge which was 120 feet from the water. Marched 2 miles and set our tents on a new chopping. Trouble between the Indiana 55 and our regiment.
- Feb. 28 - Struck tents at 8 a.m. Col. and Lt. Col. went forward to Bowling Green last night. Major Wards in command. Passed four miles of good farms. Stopped to rest at 11 a.m. The hills are nice there. Passed over the road filled with trees by Gen. B? Great country. Encamped 10 miles southwest of Munfordsville - Cave City.

- March 1, 1862 - Rained most of the day. Remained in the camp most of the day. Cave City hotel burned by Col. Anderson's men. This is the place where visitors came to visit Mammoth Cave and also where Gen. Zolcoffers body was ? by the Rebels.
- March 2 - Struck tents early and tramped over hills across lots $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Hills tavern. Rained like fun all the way - where we found the Col. and he marched us 11 miles further on the rocking and camped in the mud. Oh, how the man swore. I found a Mason and stopped with him during the night. This is a beautiful country.
- March 3 - Froze last night. Marched at 8 a.m. and pitched tents at 2 p.m. about 3 miles from Bowling Green. I am officer of the day and awful tired.
- March 4 - Our camp last night was in a beautiful grove. Expected to stop here one week, but order came to march across the river. I am officer of the day. Marched at 11 a.m. and went into camp one mile south of Bowling Green.
- March 5 - Cold rainy day - we stayed in camp all day. I sent by express day \$25. to pay insurance on my life and also went with Lt. Jones to examine the Rebel fortifications. Found them very strong. Bowling Green is a very beautiful place, one of the pleasantest cities in Kentucky.
- March 6 - Struck tents this morning at 8 a.m. We passed some very fine farms today.
- March 7 - Struck tents at 7 a.m. and passed Kentucky line at Norris (?) Roads very poor. Rebels have cleaned everything in and about this part of the country.
- March 8 - Struck tents today at 6 a.m. March 25 miles - crossed the ridge and went into camp on the edge of a fine creek. Found ice.
- March 9 - Struck tents at 8 a.m. Marched 10 miles to within 7 miles of Mohrville. Camped on the banks of a beautiful creek in an oak grove.
- March 10 - Remained in camp all day. Some of the soldiers that I left at Munfordsville have come to me today.
- March 11 - Remained in camp all day. Boys did some washing. I went into the country. The farms are beautiful.
- March 12 - As I was sitting on a log writing to my wife and order same to strike tents and I am officer of the day and had to leave and see about my guards. The farms between here and Nashville are beautiful. Gid never made a more beautiful country. Nashville is a very pretty place. We marched through and went into camp on old John Bell's farm - a beautiful place for a camp. I am very tired.
- March 13 - In camp all day. It rained very hard.
- March 14 - The weather is clear this morning. Water here very poor, too much lime in it.
- March 15 - It rained this morning. Nothing to eat this morning. I received a letter and some articles from home and was very glad to get them. It is so pleasant to know some one at home remembers you.
- March 16 - The weather is wet today.
- March 17 - This morning Lt. White and Bigalo started for Kalamazoo. The weather is very fine.
- March 18 - Nothing of importance occurred in camp today.
- March 19 - On dress parade - there were but few men - one hundred and five men out - all the others sick.
- March 20 - This is a splendid day. I am quite sick today.
- March 21 - Went on picket today - had lots of fun - took 6 Rebel prisoners. It rained and was very cold.
- March 22 - Last night was one of the coldest I have seen in a long time. Gen. Wood said I was the only man who brought in prisoners from picket. I am sick.
- March 23 - Am sick as fun today.
- March 24 - Nothing of importance transpired in camp today. Col. Shoemaker is doing his best to injure Col. Moore - the idol of our Regiment.
- March 25 - Rained all day - weather cold. We shall move in a day or so. Shall be transferred to the 20 Brigade.
- March 26 - We move our camp tomorrow to the 20 Brigade. Weather very hot. I like Nashville much. Think after the rebellion is crushed out I will make it my home.

- March 28 - We were ordered today to strike tents and move on to Newburgh commanded by Col. Harker of the 65 Regt. I left my orderly, Lt. J. W. Shafer, N. C. Parish and E. Godfry and Stambaugh sick.
- March 29 - This morning we were ordered to strike tents and start for Columbia, Tenn. I worked almost all night and am quite sick. We passed some beautiful plantations today, some of the finest in Tennessee. Marched 15 miles.
- March 30 - Struck tents this morning. Passed some ~~pi~~ splendid farms. Arrived at Columbia at 12 N. This is an old place situated on Duck River and was the famous residence of Ex-President James K. Polk. There are some splendid residences there among which is a Finnish College. We move in to 3 miles south of Columbia and went into camp on the farm of Gen. Pillow's father-in-law. It is a large farm. I am officer of the day. I should have said that we left Capt. Vosburg and Lt. Pellham at Nashville. I don't think they will come up with us again. Marched 12 miles.
- March 31 - Struck tents this morning at 7 a.m.. Passed the residence of Gen. Pillow. It is a large white house, built in the most approved southern style and is back $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the road. Most of the southern planters houses are. Raise a large amount of cotton in this part of the country, I guess, as the number of cotton gins are plenty. God never made a more beautiful country. I am quite sick and have been for several days. We marched 15 miles today.
- April 1 - This morning my boys gave me a nice horse. No mail from home. Shall not get or send any more letters until we reach Savannah on the Tennessee River 100 miles south of this point. Today we passed the village of Franklin. This is a small town on Line Creek and a very pretty little village. The roads are very dusty. Oh, so dusty that we find it almost impossible to get along.
- April 2 - Today we passed the residence of Gen. Zollecoffer, Gen. Polk and his church; also, Capt. Andrew Polk. They are very nice places. This is the richest part of Tennessee.
- April 3 - Today we struck the hills and have tramped over a rough and rugged country. The people are all poor at the same time are all Union.
- April 4 - The country is still rough.
- April 5 - Saturday today. I lost a man on marching. He was sick, fell out, could go no further. Poor boy, I fear he will die.
- April 6 - Struck tents at 5 a.m. and are on the move 59 miles from Pittsburgh Landing. But stop, what is that distant sound like the distant roar of many thunders - it is cannon. Can it be possible that hail has commenced? It must be and before we get there, but the order has come to hurry on as fast as possible - to march all night. So, on and on we move. Halt, muffling knapsacks - pack them - take gun, rations on horseback - hear the order - march at quick time. Maybe is or not, but still on and on we go. The sound of the distant cannon comes nearer and nearer. Now it is commencing to rain - now it comes down in torrents. Still on we march, the men following and not by the way until I have lost 2 men in my Co. There are ten in the Regt.
- April 7 - Seven miles from Savannah. Arrived there at 12 N. We arrived at the Landing at 1 p.m. and formed in line of battle and started for the battle 5 miles from Landing. Went on double quick all the way. Such a road - the mud from 3 to 5 inches deep - mud with blood and dear bodies - some with their heads shot off and some with their legs and arms off. We arrived at the fight at 2:30 p.m. and pitched in.
- April 8 - Rained most of the night. My Co. on picket. The whole Brigade laid on their arms. Moved the brigade 3 times that night to prevent an attack from the covering. We made an advance 6 miles. Our brigade on the left advanced in those calms. The ground for miles was strewn with coal and blood, provisions and dead and dying. Center column had a skirmish with the Texas Rangers. We lost 60 killed and wounded; 4 other wounded. We returned to the old battlefield to camp.
- April 9 - Remained on the old ground all day. I was field officer of the day. Ten men from each Co. went to the Landing for provisions.

- April 10, 1862 - Long roll beat at 4 a.m. All out. Stayed in line of battle until daylight; broke rank and got breakfast at 10 a.m. Alarm - all turned out. Heard news of the taking of Island No. 10. Our Brigade went out on picket - took 4 prisoners.
- April 11 - Slept this morning until daylight. Were in camp all day. No tents; just rain all the time and our men were obliged to sleep on the ground without cover. If they live through this they may be considered tough.
- April 12 - Rained all night. I was drawn out of my tent on account of lice. Took quarters under a tree. Gen. Halleck arrived today.
- April 13 - Beautiful sun shiney morning. Pleasant all day. Wrote to my wife.
- April 14 - Rained during the night; got wet as fun. 10 a.m. pleasant and fine. The rest of our Regt. this morning is only 457 men and officers. Our train has not arrived and our Quarter Master not here. Lt/ Eaton (?) was appointed Com'd. for the time being. Drew pork, ham and potatoes - the first potatoes we have had in a long time.
- April 15 - Cloudy this morning but a beautiful atmosphere. The whole Brigade went to the Landing after provisions. I am Field Officers of the day. Am very tired and almost sick.
- April 16 - Pleasant weather. Company drill in the forenoon and Battalion drill in the afternoon. Co. 1 team arrived today with tents. This battlefield is called Shiloh. We have been in the advance until today, troops commenced coming up.
- April 17 - Pleasant still. My team arrived today - or first with tents up and living. Received letter today from my wife.
- April 18 - Morning pleasant. Orders to strike tents at 9 a.m. Tents struck and remained on the ground until 2 p.m. Marched toward Corinth about one mile. I am very sick. Commenced raining about 4 p.m. and rained until dark. Teams did not arrive until after dark. My team did not arrive that night. I went with my men and brought up the tents drenched with rain. We prepared for the night upon the wet ground - water 3 inches deep in my tent and I rolled my blanket around me and lay down in the water. Drew potatoes, rice and peas for ration.
- April 19 - It rained this morning. I had a poor time last night - found the prints of one C. C. Webb in the mud. Our Brigade detailed for picket duty. Started on picket at 11 a.m. - arrived at a p.m. - 8 miles. Commenced raining at the time and continued until night. No tents and but few blankets.
- April 20 - Rained all night. We sit standing and slept sitting - just our luck - a bad time for the 13th on duty as usual. Rations short - all the calamities came at once. Our Regt. relieved at 1 p.m. Started for camp. Had to wait for another Regt. to be relieved. Arrived in camp at sundown. ? had a grand supper for us. Rained all the time.
- April 21 - Rained all day. Nothing much happened in camp. Rained all day and night.
- April 22 - One of the loveliest mornings of the season. Sun shines out through the green leaves.
- April 23 - Another bright morning. At 12 N. ordered to strike tents and move $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to point $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. It does not rain - wonderful. It was very sick, and was compelled to ride on wagon. My orderly went forward and put up my tent. May God bless him.
- April 24 - This is a pleasant day. I am no better today - my side is very lame and I have a hard cough - am no fit for duty.
- April 25 - Rainy gloomy day. I am no better but worse. I have not seen a well day for 6 weeks - guess that I am homesick, don't you.
- April 26 - Pleasant morning - am still worse. Mr. Patterson (?) left today for Kalamazoo. I sent a letter to my wife by him.
- April 27 - Pleasant day. Rev. M. Northrup preaches today at 1 p.m. - good sermon from 19 Psalm 7 verse. Said would continue the sermon.
- April 28 - Pleasant day. One of my men J. C. Crofoot fell dead this evening. Ordered to be ready to strike tents at daylight. Rain last night.

April 29, 1862- Cloudy and raining this morning. Struck at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. I was sick and stayed back to go with the wagon. Heard cannon firing and then went on to overtake my Co., thinking there might be fighting. Cannon stopped and I fell back to the wagon and overtook the Regt. near a swamp.

April 30 - Went into Camp on a side hill. Commenced making muster rolls. I went back to old camp. Some of my sick came up from Nashville today.

May 1, 1862 - This has been a beautiful day. Ohio 64, a sister Regt. of our Brigade receiving pay.

May 2 - Pleasant day - nothing to do. Commissary brought two ~~kettles~~ bbls. of whiskey in camp - caused some trouble.

May 3 - Got up at 3:30 a.m. Left camp with train at 6 a.m. At 12 N. halted and ordered to wait for train to come up. Went to cook for days rations and march without baggage. Ordered to advance Regt. forward and order was countermanded and we were ordered to sleep on arms without infantry tents. Same thing today on our left.

May 4 - All appears quiet this morning and our instructions are not to commence an attack today, it being Sunday. It commenced to rain at 2 p.m. Thomases Division passed our camp.

May 5 - Rained all night and continues. We are under marching orders. Nelson's and Thomas's Divisions are in advance without tents. Afternoon pleasant on Saturday (3) we found a wheat field headed out. Country very poor, but little clearing - log house but no barns and had few in any part of the south.

May 6 - Ordered out at 3:30 a.m. Marched around our camp and had to leave our breakfast uneaten. Called out again at 11 a.m., and again at 2 p.m. Marched 4 miles in advance picketing. Passed wheat headed out and peaches are large as hickory nuts.

May 7 - Made a last night to sleep in Mississippi, the first night in that State. Beautiful morning. Had some fried cow for breakfast. My boys - on the Mississippi. At 10 a.m. moved $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the left on a ploughed field. Troops moving forward and at 4 p.m. we marched back $\frac{1}{2}$ mile across a brook and went into camp in the woods. Lt. White joined the Regt. tonight. I slept in a House-teams did not come up, so did not put up tents.

May 8 - We are under marching orders with 3 days rations in haversacks all the time.

May 9 - Another beautiful morning. Our camp is nicely policed and is a beautiful place on a little hill. 3 guns fired this morning in the direction of Corinth. Many cannonadings in the direction of Corinth this p.m.

May 10 - Pleasant day. At 10 a.m. a request of volunteers for a reconnoitering party. Lt. Eaton had an opportunity to do - did - it turned out to be a fatigue party. My Co. put on picket; called in and Division marched toward Farmington - 4 miles.

May 11 - Did not pitch tents last night. My Co. out on picket. Commenced duplicating payrolls or 30 - it was Sunday. Ordered to move at 2 p.m. Moved $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and pitched tents in a beautiful place. My team got swamped in a creek. Continued making payroll. I received a letter from my wife.

May 12 - Pleasant morning. Brigade drill on line of battle. Colonel made some thundering mistake and at last was compelled to turn command on to the Major. My brother Ed came into camp this morning - could not see him but a minute.

May 13 - Pleasant day. Went out on drill. One of my men shot himself today in left leg. We are supposed to be three miles from Corinth.

May 14 - Weather continues pleasant. Col. S. sick today. Col. Moore takes command and drills the batallion.

May 15 - Lt. Col. drilled us in batallion drill this a.m. from 8 to 10 and from 5 to 6 - had a good drill. Col. S. still sick. Patterson returned this evening - brought me a lot of traps from my wife add two letters too. Long roll beat to arms at 11 p.m.

May 16 - Pleasant morning this morning. I got 6 sick men off to hospital at Hamburgh. Batallion drill by Lt. Col. Moore from 8 to 10 and 5 to 6.

- May 17, 1862 - Saturday. Received orders to picket with 3 days rations in haversacks and we had no rations buthardtack. Men grumbled, but out we went every day - knapsacks and blankets.
- May 18 - In the advance this morning - pickets firing all along the line. Weather very hot. My Co. ordered out on the outpost picket. My headquarters on the very outpost - balls flying very fast - we returned fire and kept it up all day. Rebels shelled us.
- May 19 - Still on picket. At 2 a.m. the rebels started a drove of cattle down where we were, thinking to direct our attention, and killed one cow. The firing kept up all day. At 3 p.m. the rebels, one hundred strong made a descent upon me. I had but 5 men on my force when this came up. At the first shot one of my men was wounded in the left arm and I received a ball in my cartridge box, which saved my left. At the third charge I drove them back 80 rods and posted my pickets. Gen. Garfield came out and told me that I was too rash, but that I had done nobly. The Major said I done well. Col. Shoemaker was badly scared by the shell that the rebels threw at us. I assisted him to his post. My pickets backed the whole Regt. Came out as a reserve came into camp - when I was retired they reported that I was taken prisoner.
- May 20 - Rained last night and pleasant this morning. I am very lame from the effects of the ball on my side. The tents put up for each company. Picket firing opened briskly this morning. Ordered today by Gen. Halleck and Gen. Bureguard to stop picket firing.
- May 21 - Rain. Formed line of battle at 4 p.m. The 13th were excused from going out on account of their labor the day before. I was complimented very highly by Gen. Garfield on account of Capt. Webb. Gen. arrived this morning - stayed all night.
- May 22 - The Gen. talked to us. This is a pleasant morning. The Dr. stand round like in a hot stew. The Gen. is here; perhaps that accounts for it. Received our pay from Jan 31 to Apr. 30 Garfield talked to us and agreed to take out money home.
- May 23 - Rained all day and all night. In point of fact, it rains most of the time.
- May 24 - Pleasant day. Robert E. Ferguson, who resided at Parisville, Barry Co., Michigan fell out of ranks Friday, the 4th of April, 17 miles east of Waynesburrow, Tenn. Stayed with my man Avery Stratton, who fell out sick on the 4th of Apr. and stayed with him until the 9th. The history of the matter is this, that they all agreed to meet at a certain place and come on to the Regt. together. Stratton failed to appear as of agreement. Yet Stratton was well and able to come on to the Regt. He is therefore, a deserter.
- May 25 - Sunday morning pleasant - a lazy day. I was in camp all day. Co. inspection at 10 a.m. - that is every Sunday when in camp.
- May 26 - Cloudy this morning. Fell into line of battle at 4 a.m. and was dismissed and fell in again and was again dismissed and then fell in again and was again dismissed and was idle all day. Pleasant day.
- May 27 - Called out to entrenchments at 3 a.m. and returned to breakfast in camp. Called out again to entrenchments and remained there all day. Dismissed at dark. Received a letter from wife today.
- May 28 - Pleasant morning. Formed line as usual in Regimental drill, then remained in camp until 9 a.m. There was an advance in front of them yesterday. Went with my Co. and set 4 large firing in front of Corinth.
- May 29 - Very quiet all day and very warm. Was in entrenchments until 3 p.m., then my Co. with 3 others was ordered out on picket.
- May 30 - A great explosion has just taken place in the direction of Corinth and smoke is descending now as of burning buildings. 10 a.m. and Corinth is evacuated and troops are pushing forward.
- May 31 - Left our camp at 9 a.m. and after a march of 2 hours under a burning sun arrived at that famous place - LOCC inhabitants all gone. Dr. Lyon came to me here. Saw Mrs. Major Reynolds.

- June 1, 1862 - Remained overnight at Corinth and returned to camp that evening. The boys had had some fun about picking up old iron and getting in the guard house. A wrench was taken from here by some of the staff - I presume she is intended for the Col. Straff. It rained nearly all day.
- June 2 - Struck tents early in the morning and marched to the line of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad and marched east about 10 miles - found a southern grist mill. Bivouaced in an orchard overnight - teams did not come up.
- June 3 - Pleasant this morning - it rained last night and I was wet. I slept in the woods. Took up line of march at 8 a.m. Marched all day and encamped in a wheat field - wheat all cut. Got a good supper at a house - the first I had had for 8 weeks.
- June 4 - Struck tents at 8 a.m. Passed through an open farming country. Saw negroes planting corn, one with a single ox and one with a jackass. At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. passed 8 young ladies standing by the road waving their hdkfs. Passed through Inka Springs - a beautiful village and went into camp about 5 miles east of it on a pine hill.
- June 5 - Pleasant morning. Saw pine timber for the past ten days. Remained in camp near the Alabama line.
- June 6 - Pleasant day. Moved our camp back toward Inka - 3 miles. Encamped in a beautiful oak woods - good water $\frac{1}{2}$ mile off.
- June 7 - Went 6 miles to work on railroad bridge across Bear Creek Bridge 300 feet long and burned by Gen. Mitchell. My Co. with truck and men was detailed to get timber - I in command. Returned to camp in the evening and found brother Gale there. Received one pr. boots and two letters from wife - was very glad to hear from home.
- June 8 - In camp all day - pleasant but warm. Wrote letters home.
- June 9 - Pleasant morning. 51 Ind. moved out and went out to railroad - appearance in that the breaking up of our Brigade turned over to Quartermaster for storage - one box overcoats, water (?) coats, and one box shoes and bbl. coats belonging to men.
- June 10 - Weather continues pleasant but warm. Regt. remained in camp all day but received orders to work on railroad tomorrow. Am sick.
- June 11 - Another sunny morning. Regt. left camp this morning at 5 - went to be at creek and returned at night. I was quite sick - the Col. requested me to remain in camp, but I did not. Received orders to march in the morning.
- June 12 - Weather hot. Struck tents this a.m. Marched 4 miles beyond Bear Creek. Did not pitch our tents at night. My Co. was detailed as rear guard and I did not get into camp until 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and dark. Am right chilled - had to ford Bear Creek. I crossed it with my men at 11 p.m.
- June 13 - up 3 a.m. Marched at 4 a.m. I without my breakfast marched until 4 p.m. through the heat of the day and when we arrived at camp we had less than one hundred men. This was done by Gen. Wood - the biggest dam Phool in the service. He thinks more of a mule than he does of the men.
- June 14 - Our camp last evening was on the banks of a beautiful creek - I went in bathing. We left camp this morning at 4. When we arrived at 7 a.m. and camped near the best spring I ever saw - bathed in the cool spring brook.
- June 15 - Spent the day at Tuscumbia. I went to church for the first time since I left home - but six men besides soldiers, then house well filled with the women and more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of them dressed in mourning. Went down town in the evening. Called at the office of a Chaplin & Crawford on a book for his library. So much for going to church.
- June 16 - Our Regt. ordered to march 3 a.m. at which time we struck tents and marched ten miles to Leighton where we encamped overnight in a shady pasture. Had a scare and lay on our arms over night. My Co. went on picket in the afternoon. I got all the blackberries that I could eat.
- June 17 - Struck tents and marched five miles to Town Creek - a pleasant little stream. Here we found lots of Seseh and abridge to build. At Leighton I found a man who formally lived in Kalamazoo.

- June 18, 1862 - Remained in camp all day - weather pleasant but hot.
- June 19 - Still in camp. I went out with Lt. White to visit a man by the name of Winson, who said he would shoot the first Union soldier that came on his land. Found the man very gentlemanly and did not shoot us. Lt. Hopkins went out a foraging and to draw something to eat from our Southern friends. Got 5 chickens, corn bread and some geese.
- June 20 - Today ordered to go and guard a train of commissary stores with my Co. and four others. Went and had a good time. Got two letters from wife. Returned to camp about 10 p.m. Did not see any rebels.
- June 21 - Was ordered to Courtland today on a scouting expedition and to guard a train. Saw ten rebel cavalry who fled as soon as they saw us.
- June 22 - Pleasant morning. Laid on our arms last night, expecting that perhaps we should be attacked. Went into Courtland and saw a lady from Michigan - was glad to see her. And speaking of ladies - let me say that the most of them chew tobacco snuff and smoke. I think as a general thing they are much more filthy than our northern ladies.
- June 23 - Returned to camp today with company. Saw a rebel picket - had a long talk with him - had a mind to arrest the chap and bring him to camp.
- June 24 - Nothing of importance occurred today in camp. I drilled at 7 a.m. Rained today. In camp all day.
- June 25 - My Co. ordered for picket. Nothing of importance occurred, only my men got a lot of chickens.
- June 26 - Struck tents at 3 a.m. Marched 15 miles - passed through Courtland. Stopped to rest at Pond Spring - a beautiful place. Went 4 miles - finally to camp. Rain all night. Men got lots of chickens.
- June 27 - Sounded at 1 a.m. - struck tents at 3 - marched at 4. Went into camp at 1 p.m. Weather hot - rained hard this afternoon.

Reference to April 7.

When we got aboard the boat and in fact when we arrived at Savannah I then commenced to see something of the horrors of war - men bringing in wounded - some with their arms shot off and some with their faces badly shot - others shot in the legs and to see the poor patient soldiers bear all this without a groan. A great number of the wounded were shot in their hands, but after we arrived on the field, I soon came to see the ground covered with the dead and dying. I got over all that had sick at heart and when we got to where the balls flew thick and fast then I felt better and seemed to care not for anything. As the night of the 7th inst. we all stood picket - moved our brigade 3 times in the night as we expected an attack from the rebel cavalry. At about 10 p.m. it commenced to rain and I never saw it rain harder in my life. It rained all night and I was just about as wet as they make them.

Reference to April 8.

- June 27th contd. This morning it cleared off a little and our brigade was ordered out en force to reconnoiter the enemy. Had a skirmish with the enemy. Went our 6 miles and returned to camp that evening. Had nothing to eat for the men, so I went to the quartermaster of one of the Missouri Regt. and got some buns, some bacon and a little coffee. Cooked a little and got to bed at 1 a.m. I laid down on the ground at 1 a.m. and up at 4 a.m. and stood in line of battle until sunrise.
- June 28 - Crossed the river at Decatur, Ala. today and encamped in an old cornfield. Decatur is an old and one horse town, but mostly Union men. I have just been ordered to go on picket duty.
- June 29 - On picket this morning. I bought 8 chickens from an old darkey for 30 cents.
- June 30 - Have been in camp all day. Was ordered to make muster roll and mustered my Co. at 5 p.m. I have been sick all day. Our camp is on a slim flat piece of land with the Tenn. River in front and a long cane break swamp in our rear. I hope that we shall leave this place soon.