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Diary, 1864,
Jan. 1 - Feb. 1⁹;
misc. 1862-63.

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Poems

Lalla Rookh

"Such thy nymph we want, all warm & bright,
To crown the rich temptations of to-night;
Such thy refined enchantress that must be
This heroes vanquisher,—& thou art she!"

"Hast thou forgot thy oath?"

"Let conquerors boast
Thy fields of fame, he who in virtue arms
A young, warm spirit against beauties charms,
Who feels her brightness, yet despiseth her thrall,
Is the best, bravest conqueror of them all."

Miscellaneous

But that voice whose gentle greeting
Set this heart so wildly beating
At each fond and frequent meeting
Comes no more.

1864

Jan 1st In camp at Hatcheg Knob where journal of 1863 leaves us. The recruiting goes on rapidly with a fair prospect of getting fully three fourths of the Regt. was at dinner at Hd. Qurs. 2d Miss H. A. A. I. and had a glorious time such as it was. Of its kind it can't be beat. en. Called on Mrs. H. - very cold.

Jan 2d Court convened at usual hour and disposed of usual amount of - fun, no business today too cold, no coal, quarrel with Post 2 M.

Jan 3d Sunday Attended dinner service at Presbyterian church.

Jan 4th Court-martial resumes active operations.

Jan 5th The Regt. was reen-
listing till ten P.M. and we have passed
the 3½ hours. Had a military "thank-
giving" at Regimental Hd Quarters.
a great majority were drunk.

Jan 6th. The whole Regt. has been on a
general drunken spree today. Every
company commander except myself
provided a barrel of ale for his men
besides a barrel of ale and several
gallons of whisky at Hd Qrs. Every
one indulged to the full extent of his
desires. A majority of the men
and officers too, were pretty well stim-
med up. One man in Co K, while ly-
ing on his bunk, was possessed with a
strong desire to shoot the ridgepole
of his tent but after trying several
times in vain with his own gun he

flame into a rage, broke his gun and piled
the pieces on the fire, then took his com-
rades but meeting with no better suc-
cess at the same sport consigned
its fragments to the flames. Being
more enraged by each act of his own
he put his shoes, blankets and tent
on with the guns and pulled the little
chinney down upon the whole him-
self included. He then mounted
a steed nearby and began to
scream "Hurrah for me - I who
am afraid of fire!" He was at the same
time a subject to excite sadness
and mirth. His hair was stream-
ing in the wind, his clothes torn
to shreds and covered with froth
from his mouth and blood from
his brick-bruised head. - A Co.

"The man awoke sometime during
the night and feeling himself called
upon to answer the demands of nature
dressed himself properly & with due de-
liberation, stood before the fire till
his productive imagination carried
him to the sink where, in his opin-
ion, he was duly relieved, rose dressed
again and after warming his chilled
body divested himself of his sur-
plus garments and crawled into
bed. His amazement was un-
bounded when, next morning,
he found the result of his no-
turnal evacuation lying upon
the hearth.— I furnished my Co.
#21 worth of apples & other vegetables so
at home we had ^{no} ^{the frankfort} excitement except, one
or two topics from masters.

Jan. 7th. Gen. Lt. Mar. is in full
blast yet we do but little except tell
stories and listen to the extensive
and varied experiences of Capt.
Rogers. I think I have never met
a man so devoid of a sense of
the obligations attending the conjugal
state as he. His whole being
is infested with pride of his own
infidelity. He acknowledges that
his wife knows of, without with-
out objecting to his criminal in-
dulgences. Were my wife to
signify her willingness to the pur-
suance of such a course on
my part my mind would
soon be disturbed by jealous
suspicions. Purity in a wife
is exacting of a husband.

Jan. 10th, Sunday. Attended the Presby-
terian Church again today, called on
Mrs. Henry in the evening and
heard her version of the Slave
insurrection of 1861. The outr-
ages committed on the poor,
unfortunate Negroes who were
suspected of evil designs sur-
pass any thing I ever heard, or
read of. The cruelty of the
chivalrous gentry of Etatchez
would put to blush the warm-
est advocates of the Spanish
Inquisition as practised in
the dark ages of Popery.
Mrs. H. is a native of this town
so the usual cry of "educational
prejudice" has no force whatever.
We can never know half the evil.

Jan 23d Whole Brig embarked on
Govt transports early in morning.
Went to Johnson Davis & took a
solitary oyster stew. Then set sail
at 4 P.M. for Vicksburg.

Jan 24th Arrive at destination
at dark but remain on board all
night. Meet A. L. Fuller Texas
refugee. (Turns out to be deserter)

Jan 25th Debarked at light and
marched to Camp Lewis at Hebron
on Clear Creek eight miles in
rear of Vicksburg and pitched our
tents on the same ground we left
Dec 22 or 23? Everything square
at 2 P.M.

Wednesday Feb. 3d Marched at 8 A.M.
on expedition to - somewhere - cross-
ed Black River 10.30 at same point

as last summer when operating against Jackson. Gens. Sherman and McPherson make a very close informal inspection as we pass. Camp at sun set five miles from river south of R.R.

Feb 4th Started early and moved steadily on till noon when the column is checked by heavy skirmishing in the front. The 12th is ordered to relieve the 14th & 15th Ill. Regts a wing taking the place of each. "Our" wing (the right) moves off to the south of the road by the flank then to the east the left Co. "C" resting on the road. Our progress in line of battle is soon interferred with by the rebels pitching twelve

found shell at us in a very
careless manner. After one or
two shots the men become steady
and move off in fine style. An
instant later a shell comes
hissing through the air and ex-
plodes about the centre of the
2d platoon killing Eugene
Baldwin and Wm. H. Murray
instantly, wounding Ove Lind
so badly as to cause his death
in three hours and slightly wound-
ing J. A. Tharp, L. Neal & J. W.
Dear. Immediately follow-
ing is an abundance of canister
shot one of which struck my
sabre near the hilt while sheath-
ing it and carried it away. We
now charge the enemy driv-

ing him two miles and across
Baker's Creek. We hold the bridge
till morning when we are re-
lieved by the 3d. Div.

Feb. 5th. 3d. Div. drives the to Jack-
son capturing one piece of artillery
but loose seventeen or eighteen
men in doing it. 4th. Div.
camps four miles from the
city at 10. P.M.

Feb. 6th. Arrive at Jackson
at 9 A.M. See Gen Hurlbut
Command 16th A.C. who is tight &
makes a speech. March
across Pearl River on rebel
pontoon after dark and camp
one mile east of the stream
very cold night. Men suffer
for bedding. 16th A.C. just coming up.

Feb. 7th. Sunday. Broke camp early and after marching thirteen miles camped one mile east of Brandon. The men foraged large quantities of tobacco on the way and are making merry over their hot coffee, with the hope of having a first rate time on this expedition.

Feb 8th. Some skirmishing today in the extreme advance but so distant as to be out of our hearing. One woman was killed in her own door by one of our carbine balls while urging the rebel cavalry officer, who had formed his men in front of her house, to leave her premises before making a stand. Several small children were crying over the corpse as we passed. Our men disturbed

nothing but on the contrary divided
their rations with the little ones,
camped at sunset four miles west
of Morton.

Feb. 10th. March from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
when we camped at Morton where the
16th A.C. passed us between three and
six P.M. I walked back a couple
of miles to look for the 25th. and
brother Henry and found them all
in good spirits and first rate
trim. Any amount of rich jokes
were cracked in rapid succession.
Henry was carrying a Knapsack
containing his blankets, pouches
and under cloths, his great throwen
across his arm and a heavy revolver
at his belt. Such a load
would kill me in a single day.

He took supper with me and I went on seven miles and stayed the night with him and was introduced to the mode of campaign living as practised in his Regt.

He dined with his field officers & their entire "kit" is carried on the back of a single "darky." During the preparation of their meals each one lends poor Nero a hand some boiling coffee, some roasting potatoes and some broiling bits of meat on splinters sharpened for the purpose. The 25th marched at 4 A.M. of the 10th but I remained waiting for my Regt. to come up.

Feb. 10th. Regt. overtook me about two P.M. Tramped through

Hillsborough about dark and camped two miles south east from the town. Our advance guard met with foul play near the village and completely destroyed it in retaliation. Corporal Bon with a squad of men foraged two days rations of very nice ham for my company.

Feb. 11th. Started at 8 A.M. marched till 8 P.M. and made but ten miles. Roads are good but the enormous loads carried by the 16th Corps are enough to completely "use up" any set of men even at ten miles per day.

Feb. 12th. Borrowed Billy Woodruff's horse and rode ahead to the 16th A.C. which I overtook near Decatur and had a first rate time with Broth Henry

Maj. Goslin and other officers of the
25th. guess after passing Creutzer,
two or three shots were fired at
the Regt. (25th) while passing a
corn field; the buck shot rattled
pretty lively among the dry stalks
but did no further damage. Henry & I were walking together beside
the fence and saw the warlike "gray
backs" just as they dashed off into
the woods. Soon after we passed an
attack was mad on the train; two
teamsters and twenty five or thirty
miles were killed but no wagons
destroyed. The 25th was ordered
back and covered that point till the
train had passed. The train guard
had rallied and driven the enemy
away before we reached the 25th.

We camped about nine o'clock. Henry was detailed for picket with his whole company. I slept with the Maj. and bade them good by at the "Little Chinkin" next morning. A Co. "I." man shot himself by accident just as they were falling into start - L. E. Murry was severely wounded while foraging. He was hit three times and finally knocked down by a big reb with an old horse pistol. One ball struck his cartridge box belt & rebounded, one entered below the right shoulder blade near the back bone stopping about an inch and a half under the skin, the third entered higher and to the left of the spinal column passing clear through the body. He was robbed and left for dead but walked half

a mile to the road after the rebels left him. His appearance was anything but pleasing when he arrived at the road; his face and garments were covered with blood from the wound caused by the blow on his head. The 12th camped at Decatur, Feb. 13th. Regt. started at 8 A.M. and I met it at ten. Marched fifteen miles and camped at nine o'clock in the evening.

Feb. 14th. Sunday. Broke camp early and camped within four miles of Meridian at six in the afternoon.

Feb. 15th. Reached It at nine o'clock in a heavy rain storm and were quartered in a rebel Govt. storehouse where I was soon heartily greeted by Harry and Maj. Joslin who reached the place

yesterday. There were two large gun
factories here one of which the enemy
burned before evacuating, the other is
still standing and occupied by the
Hd. Qrs. of the 25th Wis. Rebel bar-
racks, hospitals & store houses are
provisionally scattered in every di-
rection. I fear their ashes will be
scattered before the "Yanks" are all
gone. Spent the night with Bro'
Henry at Hd Qrs. 25th.

Feb. 16th. Moved at seven A.M. for
Enterprise which we reached at
dark. The 4th Div. 17th Corps is
the only force brought to this place. All
other troops are in the vicinity, and
west or east of Meridian destroying
Railroad many miles will be com-
pletely demolished before we get back.

Feb. 17th. Our Brig. started at seven o'clock for Smithman leaving the balance of the Div. at Enterprise tearing up and burning railroad. Reached L. at one o'clock P.M. after a hard march and burned a large bridge a mile and a half below town, destroyed several hundred feet of trestle work, several "Confed" hospital buildings and marched seven miles back toward Enterprise camping at nine o'clock beside the railroad. We were all very tired.

Feb. 18th. Was without blankets last night but crawled in with some of the boys and slept well. Have been quite sick all day but managed to keep along. We destroy-

ed a long piece of road and tressle work. The track we burned. During the time the boys got on a sort of spree and took many of the rails and wound them around trees while they were yet hot. Camped at Enterprise at three P.M.

Feb. 15th. Marched moderately today and camped at five o'clock five miles west of Meridian beside the road on which we marched into the place the 15th. Gen. Sherman has issued an order congratulating and complimenting the troops for their good conduct during the expedition which he says is completed except the getting home part. It will be necessary for us to make good time on our way to Vicksburg as our rations are getting short.

Price List for 1863 \$ etc

George Capes	58
Uniform Coats	721
Trousers	355
Blouses Lined	314
Flannel Shirts	146
Knit "	130
Flannel Drawers	95
Stockings	82
Shoes Pegged	148
Rubber Blanket	255

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Feb. 10	George Marshall	\$ Cts
	Zoone Bayonet	1.63
" "	J. B. Sommers	
	Zoone Ramrod	50.
March 4	David Denney	
	Zoone Bayonet	1.63
May 25	L. S. Kellogg	
	Zoone Belgian	
	Rifle complete	13.25
June 8	L. S. Kellogg	
	Zoone Belgian	
	Rifle complete	13.25
" "	L. S. Kellogg	
	Zoone Bayonet	1.63
" "	L. S. Kellogg	
	Zoone Cartridge Box	1.10
" "	L. S. Kellogg	
	Zoone Cartridge Box Plate	.10

		Dr.
June 8.	L. S. Kellogg	\$.
	Sol. Cartridge Box Belt	Cts.
" "	L. S. Kellogg	68
" "	Sol. Cartridge Box Belt & Plate	10
" "	L. S. Kellogg	
	Sol. Bayonet Scabbard and Frog	56
" "	L. S. Kellogg	
	Sol. Gun Slings	14
" "	L. S. Kellogg	
	Sol. Cap Pouch & Pick	40
" ♀	D. D. Stacks	
	Sol. Bayonet	163
Aug 25	L. E. Monger	
	Sol. Cartridge Box	10
" "	L. E. Monger	
	Sol. Cartridge Box Plate	10

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July 25 P. E. Morige \$ 0.00
30 Cartridge Box Belt 68
" " P. E. Morige

30 Cartridge Box Belt Plate 10

" " P. E. Morige

30 Cap Pouch & Pick 40

July 30 Geo. Dasey

30 Cartridge Box 1 10

" " G. Dasey

30 Cartridge Box Plate 10

" " G. Dasey

30 Cartridge Box Belt 68

" " G. Dasey

30 Cartridge Box Belt Plate 10

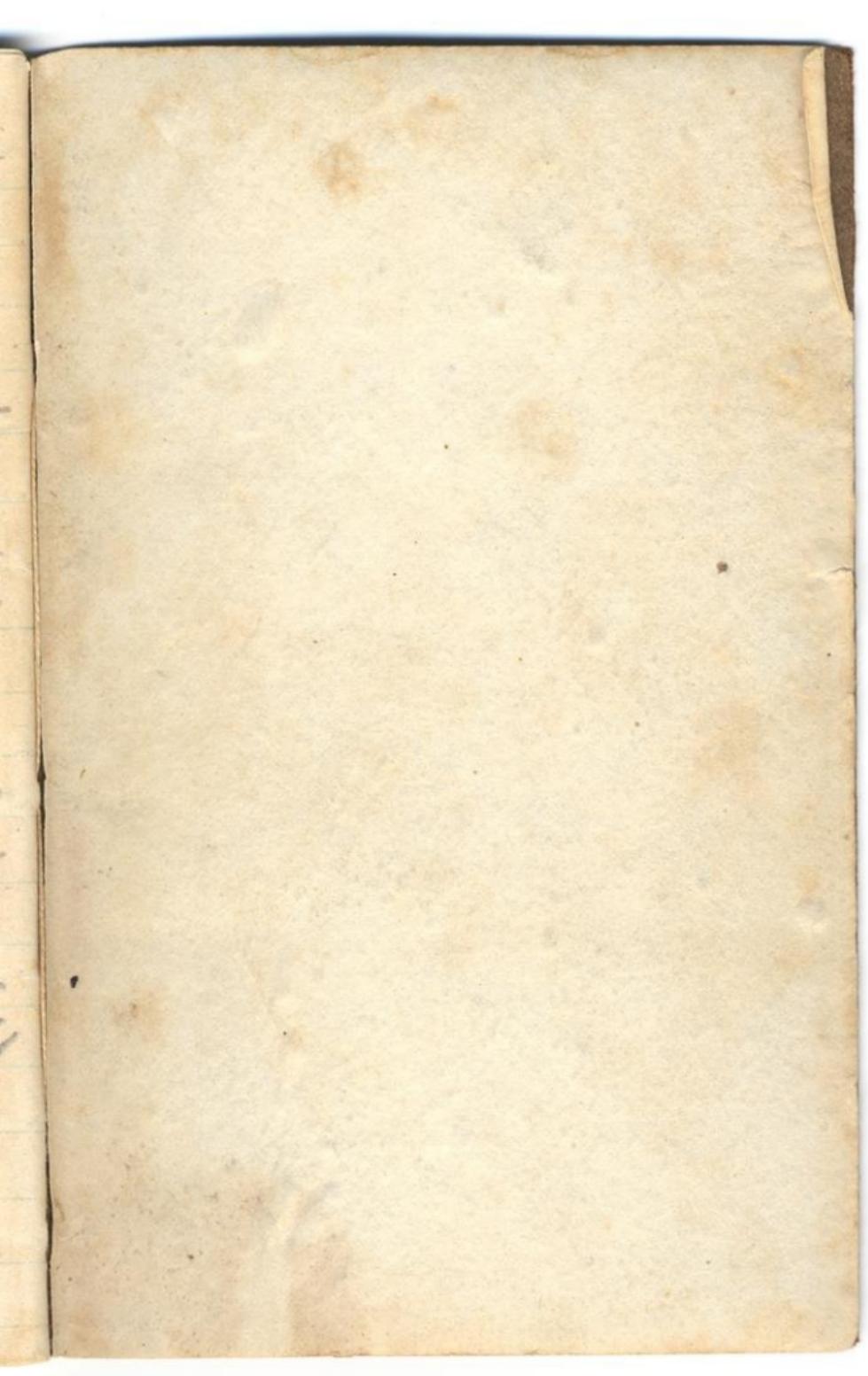
" " G. Dasey

30 Cartridge Box Belt & Bag 56

" " G. Dasey

30 Cap Pouch & Pick 40

Price List 1852	\$	Cts.
Forage Cap	63	
Privates' Uniform Coats	67	
Trousers	3.09	
Blue Blanket Back Coats	2.15	
. . Lined	2.83	
Belton Shirts	68	
Drawers	50	
Boots & Jrs	1.93	
Stockings	24	
Great Coats	7.20	
Blankets Woolen	2.55	
Knapsacks	2.57	
Haversacks	48	
Canvass	48	





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JUNE.	MAY.	APRIL.	MARCH.	FEB'Y.	JAN'Y.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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DEC'R.	NOV'R.	OCT'R.	SEPT'R.	AUGUST.	JULY.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.

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ECLIPSES IN 1863.

In the year 1863, there will be Four Eclipses; two of the Sun, and two of the Moon.

NEW YORK.

- I. A Partial Eclipse of the Sun, May 17. *Invisible.*
 - II. A Total Eclipse of the Moon, June 1. *Visible.*
Total phase begins June 1, 5h. 56m. afternoon.
Total phase ends June 1, 7h. 3m. afternoon.
 - III. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, Nov. 11. *Invisible.*
 - IV. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, Nov. 25. *Visible.*
Moon enters shadow, Nov. 25, 2h. 19m. morning.
Moon leaves shadow, Nov. 25, 5h. 40m. morning.
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ST. LOUIS.

- I. A Partial Eclipse of the Sun, May 17. *Invisible.*
 - II. A Total Eclipse of the Moon, June 1. *Visible.*
Total phase begins June 1, 4h. 51m. afternoon.
Total phase ends June 1, 5h. 58m. afternoon.
 - III. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, Nov. 11. *Invisible.*
 - IV. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, Nov. 25. *Visible.*
Moon enters shadow, Nov. 25, 1h. 14m. morning.
Moon leaves shadow, Nov. 25, 4h. 35m. morning.
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SAN FRANCISCO.

- I. A Partial Eclipse of the Sun, May 17. *Invisible.*
- II. A Total Eclipse of the Moon, June 1. “
- III. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, Nov. 11. “
- IV. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, Nov. 24-25. *Visible.*
Moon enters shadow, Nov. 24, 11h. 5m. afternoon.
Moon leaves shadow, Nov. 25, 2h. 26m. morning.

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JANUARY.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 4d. 10h. 36m. A.
 Last Quarter, 12d. 7h. 11m. A.
 New Moon, 19d. 11h. 6m. M.
 First Quarter, 26d. 11h. 58m. M.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon sets h m	High Water h m
1	Th	7 25 R	4 27	8 40
2	Fr	4 44 S	5 21	9 29
3	Sa	7 25 R	6 9	10 18
4	Su	4 46 S	6 52	11 3
5	Mo	7 25 R	rises	11 44
6	Tu	4 48 S	6 34	0 3
7	We	7 25 R	7 34	0 41
8	Th	4 50 S	8 34	1 20
9	Fr	7 24 R	9 34	1 59
10	Sa	4 52 S	10 38	2 38
11	Su	7 24 R	11 41	3 19
12	Mo	4 54 S	morn	4 4
13	Tu	7 23 R	0 48	4 56
14	We	4 56 S	1 57	5 57
15	Th	7 22 R	3 6	7 5
16	Fr	4 58 S	4 14	8 15
17	Sa	7 21 R	5 17	9 23
18	Su	5 1 S	6 13	10 26
19	Mo	7 20 R	sets	11 21
20	Tu	5 3 S	6 43	.....
21	We	7 19 R	7 56	0 34
22	Th	5 6 S	9 6	1 20
23	Fr	7 18 R	10 13	2 5
24	Sa	5 8 S	11 18	2 48
25	Su	7 17 R	morn	3 32
26	Mo	5 10 S	0 21	4 21
27	Tu	7 15 R	1 21	5 14
28	We	5 12 S	2 19	6 11
29	Th	7 13 R	3 14	7 10
30	Fr	5 15 S	4 5	8 7
31	Sa	7 11 R	4 50	9 1

FEBRUARY.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 3d. 5h. 29m. A.
 Last Quarter, 11d. 5h. 51m. M.
 New Moon, 17d. 10h. 10m. A.
 First Quarter, 25d. 7h. 38m. M.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon sets h m	High Water h m
1	Su	5 18 S	5 30	9 52
2	Mo	7 10 R	6 7	10 37
3	Tu	5 20 S	rises	11 18
4	We	7 8 R	6 27	11 56
5	Th	5 23 S	7 28	0 14
6	Fr	7 6 R	8 29	0 51
7	Sa	5 25 S	9 33	1 29
8	Su	7 3 R	10 39	2 9
9	Mo	5 28 S	11 45	2 51
10	Tu	7 1 R	morn	3 38
11	We	5 30 S	0 53	4 33
12	Th	6 58 R	1 59	5 39
13	Fr	5 32 S	3 3	6 50
14	Sa	6 56 R	4 0	8 3
15	Su	5 35 S	4 50	9 10
16	Mo	6 53 R	5 33	10 10
17	Tu	5 37 S	sets	11 2
18	We	6 51 R	6 41	11 47
19	Th	5 40 S	7 50	0 8
20	Fr	6 48 R	8 58	0 51
21	Sa	5 42 S	10 4	1 34
22	Su	6 45 R	11 7	2 17
23	Mo	5 45 S	morn	3 0
24	Tu	6 42 R	0 7	3 47
25	We	5 47 S	1 4	4 39
26	Th	6 39 R	1 57	5 36
27	Fr	5 49 S	2 45	6 35
28	Sa	6 36 R	3 27	7 34
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MARCH.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 5d. 9h. 50m. M.
 Last Quarter, 12d. 2h. 0m. A.
 New Moon, 19d. 9h. 41m. M.
 First Quarter, 27d. 4h. 1m. M.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon sets h m	High Water h m
1	Su	5 51's	4 5	8 29
2	Mo	6 33 R	4 39	9 18
3	Tu	5 53 S	5 9	10 4
4	We	6 30 R	5 36	10 47
5	Th	5 55 S	rises	11 26
6	Fr	6 27 R	7 25	.....
7	Sa	5 58 S	8 30	0 23
8	Su	6 24 R	9 37	1 3
9	Mo	6 0 S	10 45	1 46
10	Tu	6 21 R	11 52	2 33
11	We	6 2 S	morn	3 24
12	Th	6 17 R	0 55	4 23
13	Fr	6 4 S	1 52	5 30
14	Sa	6 14 R	2 43	6 42
15	Su	6 6 S	3 28	7 50
16	Mo	6 11 R	4 6	8 53
17	Tu	6 8 S	4 39	9 48
18	We	6 8 R	5 11	10 37
19	Th	6 11 S	sets	11 22
20	Fr	6 4 R	7 45	.....
21	Sa	6 13 S	8 50	0 22
22	Su	6 1 R	9 53	1 5
23	Mo	6 15 S	10 52	1 47
24	Tu	5 58 R	11 47	2 32
25	We	6 17 S	morn	3 18
26	Th	5 54 R	0 37	4 6
27	Fr	6 19 S	1 22	5 0
28	Sa	5 51 R	2 2	5 57
29	Su	6 21 S	2 36	6 54
30	Mo	5 48 R	3 7	7 49
31	Tu	6 23 S	3 36	8 40

APRIL.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 3d. 11h. 13m. A.
 Last Quarter, 10d. 8h. 27m. A.
 New Moon, 17d. 10h. 9m. A.
 First Quarter, 25d. 11h. 12m. A.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon sets h m	High Water h m
1	We	5 44 R	4 4	9 26
2	Th	6 25 S	4 32	10 11
3	Fr	5 41 R	5 0	10 55
4	Sa	6 27 S	rises	11 36
5	Su	5 38 R	8 33	.....
6	Mo	6 29 S	9 41	0 42
7	Tu	5 35 R	10 47	1 29
8	We	6 32 S	11 48	2 21
9	Th	5 31 R	morn	3 16
10	Fr	6 34 S	0 41	4 16
11	Sa	5 28 R	1 27	5 21
12	Su	6 36 S	2 6	6 27
13	Mo	5 25 R	2 41	7 31
14	Tu	6 38 S	3 12	8 29
15	We	5 22 R	3 41	9 21
16	Th	6 40 S	4 10	10 10
17	Fr	5 19 R	4 41	10 55
18	Sa	6 42 S	sets	11 37
19	Su	5 16 R	8 37	.....
20	Mo	6 44 S	9 35	0 39
21	Tu	5 13 R	10 28	1 22
22	We	6 46 S	11 15	2 6
23	Th	5 10 R	11 57	2 50
24	Fr	6 48 S	morn	3 36
25	Sa	5 7 R	0 34	4 24
26	Su	6 50 S	1 6	5 15
27	Mo	5 4 R	1 35	6 8
28	Tu	6 52 S	2 3	7 2
29	We	5 2 R	2 31	7 54
30	Th	6 54 S	2 59	8 47
31	Tu	6 23 S	3 36

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MAY.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 3d. 9h. 56m. M.
 Last Quarter, 10d. 2h. 20m. M.
 New Moon, 17d. 11h. 52m. M.
 First Quarter, 25d. 3h. 51m. A.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon sets h m	High Water h m
1	Fr	4 59 R	3 28	9 36
2	Sa	6 57 s	4 1	10 25
3	Su	4 57 R	rises	11 13
4	Mo	6 59 s	8 34	....
5	Tu	4 54 R	9 33	0 26
6	We	7 1 s	10 35	1 18
7	Th	4 52 R	11 25	2 12
8	Fr	7 3 s	morn	3 7
9	Sa	4 49 R	0 7	4 4
10	Su	7 5 s	0 43	5 3
11	Mo	4 47 R	1 15	6 3
12	Tu	7 7 s	1 45	7 3
13	We	4 45 R	2 14	7 59
14	Th	7 9 s	2 43	8 52
15	Fr	4 43 R	3 14	9 41
16	Sa	7 11 s	3 49	10 28
17	Su	4 41 R	sets	11 13
18	Mo	7 13 s	8 21	11 55
19	Tu	4 40 R	9 9	0 16
20	We	7 14 s	9 53	0 59
21	Th	4 38 R	10 32	1 40
22	Fr	7 16 s	11 6	2 23
23	Sa	4 36 R	11 35	3 4
24	Su	7 18 s	morn	3 47
25	Mo	4 35 R	0 3	4 33
26	Tu	7 20 s	0 30	5 23
27	We	4 34 R	0 57	6 14
28	Th	7 21 s	1 25	7 9
29	Fr	4 33 R	1 56	8 6
30	Sa	7 23 s	2 31	9 2
31	Su	4 32 R	3 13	9 59

JUNE.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 1d. 6h. 34m. A.
 Last Quarter, 8d. 8h. 56m. M.
 New Moon, 16d. 2h. 40m. M.
 First Quarter, 24d. 5h. 35m. M.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon sets h m	High Water h m
1	Mo	7 24 s	4 3	10 55
2	Tu	4 30 R	rises	11 48
3	We	7 26 s	9 17	0 14
4	Th	4 30 R	10 4	1 8
5	Fr	7 27 s	10 42	2 1
6	Sa	4 29 R	11 15	2 53
7	Su	7 28 s	11 47	3 43
8	Mo	4 29 R	morn	4 37
9	Tu	7 30 s	0 17	5 33
10	We	4 28 R	0 47	6 29
11	Th	7 31 s	1 17	7 26
12	Fr	4 28 R	1 50	8 22
13	Sa	7 32 s	2 26	9 15
14	Su	4 28 R	3 8	10 4
15	Mo	7 32 s	3 54	10 51
16	Tu	4 28 R	sets	11 34
17	We	7 33 s	8 32	....
18	Th	4 28 R	9 6	0 34
19	Fr	7 34 s	9 38	1 15
20	Sa	4 28 R	10 7	1 53
21	Su	7 34 s	10 33	2 33
22	Mo	4 29 R	10 59	3 12
23	Tu	7 35 s	11 26	3 53
24	We	4 29 R	11 54	4 40
25	Th	7 35 s	morn	5 32
26	Fr	4 30 R	0 26	6 29
27	Sa	7 36 s	1 4	7 32
28	Su	4 31 R	1 50	8 37
29	Mo	7 37 s	2 43	9 40
30	Tu	4 32 R	3 46	10 41
31	Su	4 32 R

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JULY.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 1d. 1h. 50m. M.
 Last Quarter, 7d. 5h. 33m. A.
 New Moon, 15d. 5h. 57m. A.
 First Quarter, 23d. 4h. 36m. A.
 Full Moon, 30d. 8h. 38m. M.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon rises h m	High Water h m
1	We	7 35 s	rises	11 36
2	Th	4 33 R	8 37	0 2
3	Fr	7 34 s	9 15	0 54
4	Sa	4 34 R	9 48	1 44
5	Su	7 34 s	10 19	2 31
6	Mo	4 35 R	10 50	3 18
7	Tu	7 33 s	11 21	4 7
8	We	4 37 R	11 53	4 59
9	Th	7 33 s	morn	5 56
10	Fr	4 38 R	0 28	6 55
11	Sa	7 32 s	1 8	7 53
12	Su	4 39 R	1 52	8 48
13	Mo	7 31 s	2 41	9 40
14	Tu	4 40 R	3 34	10 28
15	We	7 30 s	sets	11 12
16	Th	4 42 R	7 41	11 50
17	Fr	7 29 s	8 11	0 9
18	Sa	4 43 R	8 38	0 46
19	Su	7 27 s	9 4	1 24
20	Mo	4 45 R	9 30	2 0
21	Tu	7 26 s	9 50	2 39
22	We	4 47 R	10 28	3 19
23	Th	7 24 s	11 1	4 4
24	Fr	4 48 R	11 42	4 58
25	Sa	7 22 s	morn	6 0
26	Su	4 50 R	0 30	7 8
27	Mo	7 21 s	1 26	8 18
28	Tu	4 52 R	2 31	9 25
29	We	7 19 s	3 44	10 27
30	Th	4 54 R	rises	11 22
31	Fr	7 17 s	7 45	.....

AUGUST.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 6d. 5h. 9m. M.
 New Moon, 14d. 9h. 7m. M.
 First Quarter, 22d. 1h. 23m. M.
 Full Moon, 28d. 3h. 59m. A.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon rises h m	High Water h m
1	Sa	4 56 R	8 19	0 33
2	Su	7 15 s	8 50	1 20
3	Mo	4 58 R	9 21	2 4
4	Tu	7 12 s	9 54	2 50
5	We	5 0 R	10 29	3 36
6	Th	7 10 s	11 8	4 27
7	Fr	5 2 R	11 51	5 23
8	Sa	7 8 s	morn	6 25
9	Su	5 4 R	0 33	7 23
10	Mo	7 5 s	1 29	8 21
11	Tu	5 5 R	2 24	9 13
12	We	7 2 s	3 20	10 0
13	Th	5 7 R	4 17	10 43
14	Fr	7 0 s	sets	11 22
15	Sa	5 9 R	7 9	11 59
16	Su	6 57 s	7 36	0 16
17	Mo	5 11 R	8 2	0 53
18	Tu	6 54 s	8 31	1 31
19	We	5 13 R	9 4	2 10
20	Th	6 51 s	9 41	2 53
21	Fr	5 15 R	10 25	3 40
22	Sa	6 48 s	11 16	4 36
23	Su	5 17 R	morn	5 41
24	Mo	6 45 s	0 16	6 52
25	Tu	5 19 R	1 24	8 3
26	We	6 42 s	2 36	9 10
27	Th	5 21 R	3 51	10 9
28	Fr	6 39 s	5 5	11 2
29	Sa	5 23 R	rises	11 47
30	Su	6 33 s	7 19	0 9
31	Mo	5 25 R	7 52	0 53

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SEPTEMBER.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 4d. 8h. 13m. A.
 New Moon, 12d. 11h. 46m. A.
 First Quarter, 20d. 8h. 37m. M.
 Full Moon, 27d. 1h. 6m. M.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S	Moon rises	High Water
		h m	h m	h m
1	Tu	6 32 s	8 27	1 37
2	We	5 27 R	9 5	2 22
3	Th	6 29 s	9 47	3 8
4	Fr	5 29 R	10 33	3 58
5	Sa	6 27 s	11 23	4 53
6	Su	5 31 R	morn	5 50
7	Mo	6 23 s	0 17	6 50
8	Tu	5 33 R	1 12	7 47
9	We	6 19 s	2 9	8 40
10	Th	5 35 R	3 8	9 27
11	Fr	6 16 s	4 7	10 10
12	Sa	5 37 R	5 5	10 50
13	Su	6 14 s	sets	11 28
14	Mo	5 39 R	6 37	.....
15	Tu	6 9 s	7 8	0 24
16	We	5 41 R	7 43	1 5
17	Th	6 6 s	8 24	1 47
18	Fr	5 43 R	9 13	2 34
19	Sa	6 3 s	10 9	3 24
20	Su	5 45 R	11 12	4 22
21	Mo	5 59 s	morn	5 30
22	Tu	5 47 R	0 19	6 40
23	We	5 56 s	1 30	7 49
24	Th	5 49 R	2 43	8 51
25	Fr	5 53 s	3 56	9 46
26	Sa	5 51 R	5 7	10 37
27	Su	5 49 s	rises	11 23
28	Mo	5 53 R	6 22	...
29	Tu	5 46 s	7 0	0 27
30	We	5 55 R	7 41	1 11
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OCTOBER.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 4d. 2h. 25m. A.
 New Moon, 12d. 1h. 46m. A.
 First Quarter, 19d. 3h. 10m. A.
 Full Moon, 26d. 0h. 59m. A.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S	Moon rises	High Water
		h m	h m	h m
1	Th	5 42 s	8 27	1 56
2	Fr	5 57 R	9 16	2 42
3	Sa	5 39 s	10 9	3 29
4	Su	5 59 R	11 4	4 21
5	Mo	5 36 s	morn	5 15
6	Tu	6 1 R	0 1	6 10
7	We	5 33 s	0 58	7 5
8	Th	6 3 R	1 56	7 58
9	Fr	5 29 s	2 55	8 46
10	Sa	6 5 R	3 55	9 32
11	Su	5 26 s	4 56	10 16
12	Mo	6 7 R	5 59	10 58
13	Tu	5 23 s	sets	11 40
14	We	6 10 R	6 23	0 0
15	Th	5 20 s	7 10	0 43
16	Fr	6 12 R	8 4	1 32
17	Sa	5 17 s	9 6	2 23
18	Su	6 14 R	10 12	3 16
19	Mo	5 14 s	11 20	4 14
20	Tu	6 16 R	morn	5 17
21	We	5 11 s	0 30	6 23
22	Th	6 18 R	1 40	7 26
23	Fr	5 9 s	2 50	8 25
24	Sa	6 20 R	3 59	9 19
25	Su	5 6 s	5 7	10 10
26	Mo	6 23 R	6 15	10 53
27	Tu	5 4 s	rises	11 40
28	We	6 25 R	6 17	0 2
29	Th	5 0 s	7 5	0 46
30	Fr	6 27 R	7 57	1 32
31	Sa	4 58 s	8 52	2 16

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NOVEMBER.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 3d. 10h. 38m. M.
 New Moon, 11d. 3h. 3m. M.
 First Quarter, 17d. 10h. 9m. A.
 Full Moon, 25d. 4h. 5m. M.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon rises h m	High Water h m
1	Su	6 30 R	9 49	3 1
2	Mo	4 56 s	10 46	3 46
3	Tu	6 32 R	11 43	4 34
4	We	4 53 s	morn	5 25
5	Th	6 35 R	0 41	6 18
6	Fr	4 51 s	1 39	7 10
7	Sa	6 37 R	2 38	8 1
8	Su	4 49 s	3 40	8 51
9	Mo	6 39 R	4 45	9 39
10	Tu	4 47 s	5 52	10 29
11	We	6 42 R	sets	11 17
12	Th	4 45 s	5 50	.....
13	Fr	6 44 R	6 55	0 29
14	Sa	4 43 s	8 2	1 21
15	Su	6 46 R	9 13	2 13
16	Mo	4 42 s	10 23	3 5
17	Tu	6 49 R	11 33	4 0
18	We	4 40 s	morn	4 58
19	Th	6 51 R	0 42	6 0
20	Fr	4 39 s	1 48	6 58
21	Sa	6 54 R	2 55	7 57
22	Su	4 38 s	4 1	8 52
23	Mo	6 56 R	5 6	9 44
24	Tu	4 37 s	6 10	10 33
25	We	6 58 R	rises	11 20
26	Th	4 36 s	5 48
27	Fr	7 0 R	6 42	0 23
28	Sa	4 35 s	7 38	1 7
29	Su	7 2 R	8 35	1 50
30	Mo	4 34 s	9 33	2 31
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DECEMBER.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 3d. 7h. 18m. M.
 New Moon, 10d. 3h. 27m. A.
 First Quarter, 17d. 6h. 50m. M.
 Full Moon, 24d. 9h. 54m. A.

D of M	D of W	Sun R & S h m	Moon rises h m	High Water h m
1	Tu	7 4 R	10 30	3 12
2	We	4 33 s	11 28	3 54
3	Th	7 6 R	morn	4 38
4	Fr	4 33 s	0 26	5 28
5	Sa	7 8 R	1 25	6 20
6	Su	4 33 s	2 27	7 15
7	Mo	7 10 R	3 31	8 12
8	Tu	4 33 s	4 37	9 8
9	We	7 12 R	5 43	10 4
10	Th	4 33 s	6 49	10 59
11	Fr	7 14 R	sets	11 51
12	Sa	4 33 s	6 56	0 16
13	Su	7 15 R	8 9	1 9
14	Mo	4 34 s	9 22	2 0
15	Tu	7 17 R	10 33	2 50
16	We	4 34 s	11 42	3 40
17	Th	7 18 R	morn	4 34
18	Fr	4 35 s	0 49	5 30
19	Sa	7 20 R	1 54	6 29
20	Su	4 36 s	2 58	7 28
21	Mo	7 21 R	4 1	8 26
22	Tu	4 37 s	5 0	9 20
23	We	7 22 R	5 56	10 11
24	Th	4 38 s	6 46	10 59
25	Fr	7 22 R	rises	11 40
26	Sa	4 39 s	6 26	0 1
27	Su	7 23 R	7 22	0 42
28	Mo	4 40 s	8 19	1 21
29	Tu	7 24 R	9 17	1 59
30	We	4 42 s	10 15	2 37
31	Th	7 24 R	11 13	3 16

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1863.

In camp at Lumpkins
Mills, three miles north
of Waterford Miss. Am
quite unwell with di-
arrhoea. Weather is wet
and unpleasant. We are
on half rations yet the
men forage enough to sup-
ply their wants. We also
draw meal and Graham
flour from Lt. Bresue
who is Brigade Commiss-
sary. The camp is full of
rumors and peace spec-
ulations. Many profess to
think the war is near
its close. Have written a let-
ter to Jennie to-day. I take
great pleasure in writing her

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1863.

Weather same as yesterday. There is a great deal of sickness among the men. More than one fourth of mine are unfit for duty. Corp. Denney and J. Adams are sick in hospital.

No news from the North. Our mail has been very irregular for two weeks owing to our communications being cut at Holly Springs which is chargeable to Col. Murphy of the 8th Wis. His cowardice or treason, whichever it be, should be punished with death.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1863.

The weather is very inclem-
ent, especially since sun-
set when a furious rain
storm set in. I pity the
pickets if the storm contin-
ues. There has been but
little stir to-day. Our every
move is watched by the
enemy whose scouts are
seen every day. My tent
is damp and uncomfortable.
I shiver with the
cold. I must to bed.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1863.

Clear to day with a
bracing air. Have been
on duty as Brigade Offi-
cer of the Day. Have vis-
ited the pickets three
times. Sergt Foster
goes the Grand Rounds
with me. Had a long
chat with Col. John-
son this morning. He
is a very clever man.
Am glad that our Brig-
has so good a commander.
Sergt Snow went the Rounds
with me instead of Foster.
My Company are all on
picket and are having
a good time. They have kill-
ed a beef.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1863.

Weather is clear yet and cool. My labors yesterday were too severe. I feel tired and sick. I have a constant longing for the tender care of my loving wife. When I am well I can take care of myself. Such is all humanity, at least the male portion, supremely selfish. Were I with her it is a chance if I did not tire of her as soon as I should recover, and, kind and good as she is, want to return to the excitement of the field.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1863.

Weather is a little frosty to-day. Every thing indicates a movement. Our sick are being moved to Holly Springs. Troops have been passing all day in the direction of the Springs. It is humiliating to know that we have been outgeneraled by the enemy and compelled to retreat with seventy thousand men, by a band of three or four thousand.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1863.

Left Lumpkin Mills
to day and marched to
within a mile of Holly
Springs. Arrived at
our camp at 8. P. M. The
mud is very deep. I tired
out before dark and had
to be helped through by
Sergt. Foster. - Just re-
ceived a letter from my
Jennie containing \$10.00
in money and ever so
much love. Her letters
are the oases of my
desert life. They come
at intervals and leave spots
of gladness on my heart.
The presence of their auth-
or would make it thrill with heavenly bliss.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1863.

Moved from one mile south of town to the north-west extremity. The weather is stormy - The town is on fire in a dozen places. It is the work of soldiers. The 12th is suspected of doing the mischief but they are all in camp. We have had three roll calls and not a man is absent from the Regt but one - It looks hard to see fine residences and large public buildings so wilfully and uselessly destroyed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1863.

Struck our camp at 8 A.M.
and lay at the old camp till
dark starting the teams in
the morning. We moved
eight miles in the direc-
tion of Moscow, Tenn.- I
was obliged to take the
ambulance for want of
strength to walk- We
left the Springs in flames.
Many a family is turned out
of doors this dreary night.
I tremble when I reflect
that someday a conquering
army may pass through
my own state.- I have man
that was from our Regt, last
night was with the 33d.
Wis. He belongs to Co. "K,"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1863.

Marched into Moscow ^{town}
a distance of eighteen miles.
I have walked the whole way
and am very tired.— The town con-
sists of a depot and two or
three delapidated houses.
The weather has been fine
but the roads are bad in conse-
quence of the late heavy rains.
We will probably stay
here for several days.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1863.

The weather is fine yet. - My Co. has gone on picket in charge of Lt. Hoyt. - I have pitched my tent anew and built a chimney, a real brick chimney. - nothing of importance has occurred. - We are drawing full rations again.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1863.

Start for La Fayette which
is on the road towards
Memphis, but the orders
are countermanded when
we are within two miles
of the place and we start
back for Moscow, go one
mile and camp. - I have
been in the ambulance
today. Gave my seat up
to Bergt. M.C. Vey for an
hour. He is quite sick.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1863.

Push on for Moscow.
Has rained all day. The
streams have risen so
rapidly that teams have
had to swim. - We waded
over my knees several
times. - We could not cross
to town so camped on
the south and west side
of Woolf river two miles
out. - Our blankets are
wringing wet to-night.
We lay in the water last
night. It is dreary for
a sick man but I put
the best side out. - I have
a Sibley stove which takes
the chills off my tent a
good deal.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1863.

The snow fell three or four inches deep last night and is yet coming. Lt. Hoyt has built a camp bedstead to-day. I have kept my tent and tried to dry our blankets, yet they are very damp as well as our over coats. My boots are all out so that it is impossible for me to step out without wetting my feet. - Lt. A. has been advising me to apply for a leave of absence. I don't think of doing so. The mud is half ankle deep in my tent.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1863.

Weather has been fair to-day.- Have lain in camp all day.- An order came compelling the soldiers to turn over all horses and mules for which they do not draw forage.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1863.

In pursuance of orders
from Gen. Lawman we
started for LaFayette again
but fell short a mile.
Weather and roads are
very bad. Snow in our
tent three or four inch-
es deep but we have
been cleaning it out
a little.- Am pretty ti-
red. My strength fails
on the least exertion.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1863.

Struck our camp to-day
to prepare for a march
but pitched it again
and have remained here
and probably will to-
morrow.- I have been
more unwell than usu-
al to-day. My friends urge
me to go home for a
short time. I shall not
do it.- Received a letter
from Jennie today con-
taining postage stamps.
It is written in the same
warm, pure, affectionate
terms in which she al-
ways addresses me. I w'd
that every man had so good
a guardian Angel.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1863.

Have lain in camp quiet-
ly all day. The weather is
fair but promises
rain. It has been thawing
all day. The snow is pretty
much all gone.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1863.

In camp again to-day.
Weather a little misty. It's
one mile and a half to La^gay-
ette. — Have received orders
to go to Collierville, a station
on the Memphis and Charles-
ton Road twenty-five miles
from the former place.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1863.

Are within two miles of Collierville. The rain has been falling all day. The water in some of the "wet weather" streams is fifteen feet deep. The teams have had to swim and the waggons, some of them, be drawn across with ropes. Several animals have been drowned. I was fortunate enough to get a ride on Sergt. Maj. Bird's horse and unfortunate enough to have him run into a stream and give me a practical illustration of immersion.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1863.

Struck our camp at M.
and marched down the R.R.
to Collierville which consists
of a depot and a deserted
house. We have camped
near the station. We have
our tent well arranged;
a bedstead, a floor and a
stove are all here to con-
tribute to our comfort.
It is twenty-five miles
from here to Memphis.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1863.

In camp all day and rather poorly too. My food does not digest. My medicine fails to take the desired effect. It sickens me. I cannot keep it on my stomach a minute.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1863.

Have been out foraging for straw for the men to sleep on to-day. I am "Clean done out." I shall do no more duty till I am better. - The weather is lower. I am gloomy and out of sorts. I need something I have not and I know not what it is.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1863.

In camp. Weather rainy.—
Some talk of the Paymaster paying us a visit and
two months dues in "green
backs" shortly. Hope he'll
come.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 1863.

Nothing new except another rain storm which has been coming for the last twenty hours.— Have not left my tent during the day except from necessity.— My men are very kind to me.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1863.

In my tent all day to-
day. - Weather rainy. Mr.
Breser called on me this
morning.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1863.

Pay master arrived this morning and will pay us for July and August. Received a letter from Jennie in which recalls things which I cannot. They are evidently unpleasant remembrances. I regret that any thing but happiness should attend her in my absence. I hope I am not the cause of her grief, yet from the tenor of the letter, I fear I am. The letter bears date Jan. 18.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1863.

Have been cooped up all day. - Received a paper from Dennis. - Have been preparing the pay rolls, getting the men to sign them &c.

We shall probably get paid to-morrow. - The Company has been foraging to-day in charge of Dr. Hoyt. They have brought in a good supply of sweet potatoes.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1863.

Have received our pay,
for two months services
to-day. The boys are ju-
bilant. I think they are
to have a good time now.
The money was paid to
me and I received too little
by \$ 26.00, just one man's
pay. I went to Major
Crayne but he refused
to rectify the error. I
shall have to lose it. It
will teach me a lesson
well worth the money I
think. I have paid the
the men except where
I was unable to make
change.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1863.

Have finished paying my men.— The weather is lowering.— There is considerable activity in the Cotton Trade at this post, some thirty bales having come in ~~to~~ day which adds in round numbers to \$11,250.00. This gives a fair idea of what treasure passes from us to the enemy daily.— I wish more attention were paid to sick men and less to enriching cotton speculators. I have been trying for more than a month to get Jas. Adams discharged but can't. I expect he will die.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1863.

Have been confined to my tent to-day by the effects of my most enervating disease. Were it not for the reproach I should be almost sure to meet at home & would try and get a leave of absence. Sent Sergt. Foster to get me a pair of boots to-day and he brought good serviceable ones. Knee high in the legs. A Co. D. man was shot through the lower part of the leg while on picket last night. The wound is severe but not fatal. He was stationed one mile south of camp. The wound is of a Minnie ball.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1863.

I have applied for a
leave of absence but
I have a presentment
that it will not be ac-
cepted, or that something
will turn up to knock
the thing in the head. Well
I care but little I have so
little life that I care not
what happens or how or
when it does. If Hoyt is
treble in his efforts to
get my papers through
the Division all right I am
duly obliged for his kind-
ness.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1863.

Am in Memphis to-night at the Gayoso House. - Capt. Maxson took my papers this morning and went up to Riv. Hd Drs. at Moscow and got them signed. I met him at the depot and took the train for here. - I have seen nothing of the town being too weak and tired to look about me while passing thro' the streets. - My board will cost \$3.00 per day but I hope to be here but a short time. - I shall try and get some one to take my papers to the Medical Director to-morrow. I am afraid they will have to grant at Vicksburg.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1863.

Meet Capt. Howell
and lady at breakfast.
The Capt. volunteers to
help my papers through
but the day is spent
and nothing is accomplished
but to know that ^{the} start-
ing point is found.
I am very lonely when
not actively employed. - I
think very often of Jessie
and other friends at home.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1863.

Went to the Medical Director this morning and got my papers approved. He signed them without a word. The M. D. was on Gen. Mitchell's Staff last summer when we came from Kansas. His name is Campbell. After getting my papers through here Capt. H. and I took a hack for Gen. M^o Robergs Head Quarters to see Maj. Strong but he was out. We rode back paid the hack man \$4.00 for his services and went to dinner. This P.M. we went to Gen. Hamilton's and got his approval but my papers have to go to Grant. Discouraging.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1863.

Have been lying in my room all day. - The weather cold, the ground frozen and covered with snow. Capt. Howell has called on me once or twice to-day. Col. Bryant and Lt. Linnett are down from the Regt. Dr. Histr. Sexton and Sutter Thomas are down from Wis. Dr. Lord of the 13th Wis is here also. He is in charge of one of the Hospitals, I think No 3. We have had a long chat. Sexton says there are more secesh in Wis. than in Tenn. - Let them beware, they will be held accountable for their acts.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1863.

Nothing of interest occurred to-day except the arrival of Mr. Cantwell. He is rooming with me in No. 312. He is quite sick.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1863.

Have been trying to get Lt. Cantwells papers thro' to-day. The Medical Director has approved and forwarded them. The weather is stormy, the roads muddy and every one gloomy. I am a little worse than usual. Think I shall get better by being careful about my diet. Eat little but toast and potato.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1863.

We have left Lt. Cantrell & Co.
moved from 312 to 384 and
now have a room to ourselves,
~~before~~ there were four others
with us. It was unpleas-
ant. Lt. Bresce called on
me this evening. He is just
down from Collierville. Re-
ports that the Regt has moved
down the Road four miles
this way. - It's a little stor-
my and very muddy yet.
I am feeling a little bet-
ter to-night.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1863.

Nothing of interest to-day. I have been at Gen. Hamilton's Hd Drs. to inquire after my leave of absence but hear nothing from it. I presume it has been mislaid and that I shall never hear from it again. Settled for a week's board to day. It is too dear to record. Fires included it amounts to \$19.00.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1863.

Weather is wet and gloomy. Corporal Dasey is down from the Regt. He brought me a letter from brother Henry. The prospect is that the 10th. Army Corps will go to Vicksburg to assist in its reduction. Walked out a short distance with Corporal Dasey this afternoon to show him where to get some watch repairing done and came back quite tired.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1863.

Have been at Gen. Hamilton's again to-day but hear nothing from my papers. They have been gone eleven days. I shall never hear from them.— Think I shall send another application to the Regt. to-morrow, by Dasey.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1863.

Have sent an application to the Regt. for leave of absence. I can't make it appear that it will be granted but I can thus stave off going back to the Regt. for a day or two longer. Cantwell has also sent another application. By a careful system of dieting I have succeeded in partially checking my diarrhoea. Lt. Cantwell has changed boarding places from here to Madison St. He is now with a private family where he gets board for \$ 8.00 per week.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1863.

Nothing has transpired
to-day except Lt. Bresce
called on me. He is just
down from Colleville. Lt.
Cantwell was over to see
me. Weather is rainy.—
Shall look for my papers
down from the Regt. to-
morrow.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1863.

The "papers" have come disapproved. - I shall go back to-morrow. If I am taken down again and a leave of absence is not granted me immediately I shall resign. I do not regard it as my duty to sacrifice health and life in such a way. I would a hundred times ^{rather} be slain in battle. I have too happy a home, too kind friends, too bright hopes for the future, too angelic a wife to forsake for death in a hospital. It is far different from falling in the field. - Rec'd a letter from Gen. also from Dis. Gen.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1863.

Am with the Regt. to-night.
Came from Memphis on the
7 A.M. train. Was met on
the depot steps by Dr. Bre-
see and Sergt. Grubb who
gave me a cordial welcome, at
the same time regretting that
I failed to get away.

Col Bryant told me that I
"had better go home". I hardly
think I shall try it again.-
I stayed ^{with} Lt. B. to dinner and
then rode his horse down
to camp. The Regt. is on the
north side of the R.R. four
miles from Collierville.- My
Co. has been foraging to-day.-
I received a letter from
father and Isaiah on my return.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1863.

I have made another application for leave of absence and it is through the Regt and Brigade Col
Bryant being Brig. Comdr.
It will go to Moscow
(Div. Ad. Divs) to-morrow by
berg to Footer. I have felt
a good deal worse to-day than
usual. The Dr. has made
out a strong case for
me. Lt. Dr. Hought has been
active in getting my pa-
pers prepared. The weather
is stormy and very unpleas-
ant. Received two letters
from Henry. The health of the
troops in camp Randall is very
bad. He is docto on Copperheads.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1863.

Lergt Foster has returned from Moscow with my papers approved yet my heart sinks within me. I cannot make it appear that I am going to get away. I feel very anxious to, for my health is very poor. - I received a good long letter from mother this evening. It is full of maternal affection. One of Dennis' sweetest letters is just received. It fills me with joy to receive marks of such entire devotion. Her heart is all mine notwithstanding my unworthiness.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1863.

Am in Memphis again trying for a leave of absence. The papers are approved by the Medical Director. Lt. C. and well took them to the Gen's office but the Adj't. was not in so I shall have to wait till to-morrow. I went to the Medical Director myself. He approved without any hesitation. - I am stopping with Lt. C. at Mr. Aldrich's on Madison St. between 3d. & 4th. - Joel Winters came down to the city today. Carried my baggage from the depot.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1863.

Mr Cantwell took my papers to the Gen's but could not get them acted on till they come in turn which will be several days, say five or six. The weather is pleasant and the mud is drying up fast. Went out to get some photographs taken but could not on account of the cloudy weather. Wrote Dennis. Hope I shant have to do so again before I see her. My hope is faint however.

The little town Hopfield opposite here was burned to-day. It has harbored guerrillas.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1863.

Weather has been warm
and very pleasant to-day.
Met in with Colbert Hand-
ches, of Handchettville. He is
sister of the 16th, Wis. - He says
the 25th, is on the way here.
I shall watch carefully
and try to see brother Hen-
ry. It is now more than
a year and a half since
I last saw him. We have
both passed through many
changes since then.

Wrote to sister Fannie to-day.
The first time for a year.
Am not quite so well
as I was yesterday. Lieut.
Cantwell is improving
very fast.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1863.

Weather is rainy and very gloomy. - Have been watching for the 25th. It is all day but it has not come. I have been to the levee five or six times. Am clear tired out. My strength is all gone. Gen. McPherson's Army Corps is all un-barked and will sail for Vicksburg between now and to-morrow noon. -

Wrote Mother a letter today. - I am very lonesome and have a strong desire to return to camp, but it wod be worse than useless now. I am not homesick yet & often think of home & my Jennie.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1863.

Have been confined to the house to-day. Am worse than usual. - Have watched for the 25th, but it has not come. There was a meeting held in the city to-day in commemoration of Washington's birth day. It was addressed by several of the military fraternity, among whom was Gen. Hurlburt. I was anxious to attend but did not feel able. - Have had another chat with C. Hanchett.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1863.

Am feeling better to-day.
Weather is very fine but
a little cool. Have been
watching at the levee
all day for the 25th. I
conclude it has been
ordered up the Tennessee
or Cumberland. I
hope so. Have given
up all hope of getting
leave to go home & shall
never try again if
I am sick but re-
sign. — Shall go to my
Regt tomorrow in
a few days.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1863.

Weather has been very fine
and improving in health
and strength. - I made a
visit to the cotton facto-
ry at the extreme upper
end of town but it was
not running. Had an
ambrotype taken and
sent up to Aunt Mary
by letter.

I regret not having
sent for Terrie a month
ago. It would have been
very pleasant to enjoy her
society now. I look
forward with a great deal
of anticipation to the
time when we shall be
reunited. She is a lovely wife

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1863.

The rain has fallen incessantly to-day. Have had taken cold and am feeling rather poorly but shall go to the Regt. to-morrow for my personal superintendence must be given to making out my Pay Rolls for Jan and Feb. It is asking too much of Lt. Hoyt to do the duty he has & then prepare the Roles. Rec'd a letter from Henry written at Cairo the 19. He does not know where they will go. Got a loving letter from my Angel Dennis. Wrote an answer asking her to come to see me. I know she will comply.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1863.

Am with the Reg't again.—
Am provoked than I did not
stay at M. for my leave
of absence was sent down
by Joel Winters and got
there just as I was com-
ing away. I knew noth-
ing of it till I got to
Colleville. I shall wait till
Dr. Comes back. I must
start soon or I shall
not get through soon
enough to prevent Gen-
nie from starting. I
wrote her to-day to come.
I shall start again the
28.— It has rained all
day. It is very muddy,

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1863.

Am with the Regt. yet, but am very anxious to get a way. Joel has not returned from Memphis yet. I expect he will be up in the morning. I shall start in the evening or the morning of the 1st. of March. - The weather has been very fine to-day. - There has been no train up this P. M. which accounts for Joel's absence.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1863.

Am at Collierville. Have my leave of absence in my pocket. Shall go to Co. I Columbus tomorrow. Am very much improved in health but will improve the opportunity to visit my friends.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1863.

What occurred on the 3d.
is here recorded. What shd
be here will be found
under the 3d.

Have had a very pleasant 24 hours with brother Henry, who stoped the same house last night at which Dennis and I spent two days last summer. If I am always as happy at Columbus I shall want to visit it often.

Reached Cairo at ten P.M. Am at the U.S. formed the acquaintance of a Mrs. Adams of Cincinnati. It is Dennis' birthday I would that I could spend it with her.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1863.

Am at Columbus Ky.
Have met brother Henry. Am
overjoyed. He is looking
well. So natural as of old.
Tells me many interesting
things of the ~~the~~ ^{the} Potomac and its
army. Shall stay with him
to-morrow. Capt. Goshen
is a splendid man and
well liked. Lt. Roush
is quite a gentleman.
I am very anxious to
get home but must visit
Henry.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1863.

At Jackson Tenn. On account of backs in the road, caused by high water, I have made only half the distance I expected to. Am stopping at the Central House. Am very tired. Had to carry my valises nearly a quarter of a mile. Have thought constantly of my sweet wife. I can not be sufficiently fond of so precious a treasure. I cannot comprehend why so priceless a gem has been intrusted to my keeping.

(This was written for March 1st
The 3d will be found under date of 1st)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1863.

Reached Chicago at
10, P.M. Had a long
tiresome ride. Left Mrs.
Adams eight miles this
side Extralia. - Am very
anxious to get home to my
Denni. - I have been
a long time coming but
will get through tho
6th. I shall not go on
to-night but wait till
11.30 to-morrow and try to
see Albie.

I will tell
you all about them with even
more detail. I hope I will
be a half never want
a friend.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1863.

Reached Bickford Center at a late hour. - Hunted all over Chicago for sis Allie but could not find her. She was not at her school. - Met Lt. Strong at the depot in Madison. He is of the 3d Regt. It has been promoted to a 1st Lt. - Rode from the Rock in an open wagon. - Am perfectly well but a little weak and tired.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1863.

Am home. Have had
a six-months-old kip
from my sweet wife.

Have seen all my
friends but Prime and
Sis. Shall visit them early
in the morning. Am glad
to find them all so well
especially father Lovelss.

Brother John is just
as he was years ago.

I am truly sorry to
find Sis. I know'd desert-
ed. Yet she is better
without than with such
a tyrant. While I live
she shall never want
for a friend.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1863.

Visited Sis and Pine
Sis is quite sick. Have
enjoyed it very well
and shall repeat it fre-
quently. Saw Mrs. Paul
and other neighbors.
Am at father's where
Dennie and I shall stay
tonight.

"Look to the light,
All will be right;
Morning is never
The daughter of night."

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1863.

Have had a good visit
at father Lovelopes. Gen-
nie, John and sis Phro-
nia have been singing
and Gennie playing on
her melodian. She
executes her pieces
well. I am agreeably
surprised notwithstanding
the praises Henry
gave her. I thought
I was fully prepared to
expect fully enough but
I was not by more than
half. Her presence will
make the gloomiest
home a paradise.
I am glad you think so
my darling

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1863.

Called on the Viola people. Also on H. J. Turner's family. Spent the evening at Bergt. Rogers. Am having a splendid good time at home.

Am surprised at the resignation with which Dis. Promia bears her misfortunes.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1863.

Have been at father B's to-day. Jennie is with me. She can be found within three steps of me any time. Mr. Cliff and wife have been spending the evening with us at father's.

Jennie has been complaining with a sore throat this afternoon. I fear she will have the mumps. I hope not.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1863.

Called at A. McLean's.
Dine and Virginia have
been spending the even-
ing with us.- Jennie &
I visited our little home
this A.M. It makes me
homesick.- Want to
keep some one improv-
ing my land while I am
away.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1863.

Am at father L's
nothing except the
usual home pleasure
always here has met
me to-day.

"Believe me I think
that good wishes
and self-sacrifice
are the best gifts
to all creatures. We
had a pleasant evening
but were a little disturbed
for we expected company
all day. Mr. Wm. Igden
who was a member of my com-
mittee Augt 16, 1862 made up his
mind now to settle in the

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1863.

Spent the day at
father L's except call-
ing at the P. O. and
at Mr. Hulls. - Mr. M.
Powell called and has
spent the evening
with me. "Received."

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1863.

Spent the evening at father B's. Bro. Johnson, Phrosina, bro. Prince, sis, Lennie, Mrsrs Dean, Hickox & L.R. Lawton with their wives spent the evening with us. They all unite in their good wishes to me and all soldiers. It is cheering to feel that one has the prayers of all loyal citizens. We have had a pleasant evening but were a little disappointed for we expected some warm sugar. - Mr. Wm. Ogden, who was a member of my Co. till Aug. 1st '62 made me an afternoon visit. L.C. left also.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1863.

Visited sis & Dines. Have concluded not to start back till Thursday the 19th. Bro. John and I called to tell C. P. Turner that I would not go to-morrow. I had engaged a ride with him to the Rock

ridge. He had
not yet got his horses
but as he said it was
certain he would be
there this evening so
I would go up and see if he
was not there. I
got up and went up
the hill and found him
and we started off. It was a
short while before we got to the

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1863.

Spent the day at father L's, the evening at Harry Turner's in company with Jennie, sis. Priscilla and Bro John, have had a good time. Reached home at 11.30. Mud and water ankle deep..- Jennie has been suffering with sick head ache for two days but is quite well of it this eve.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1863.

Am at Bro. Pines. Have
had a warm-sugar sat.
Isaiah has been with
us during the afternoon
Gennie is with me -
We are having a
good time. I shall
have to leave them in
the morning for no
one knows how long.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1863.

Am at Father L's. - Have
bid my own people
all good by. Shall start
for my Regt. to mor-
row morning. I re-
gret very much to
leave but duty calls
and must be obeyed before
inclination.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1863.

Inn at the American
in Richland Center.
Brother John is with
me. We have had an
uncomfortable ride but
made it as pleasant
as possible with chat
and story. I never had
so hard a parting. Each
time I leave my friends
it tries me worse.
I have met quite a
number of my old ac-
quaintances at the Cen-
ter.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1863.

After one of the most
tedious rides, of four hours,
that I ever had I reached
Lone Rock at one P.M.
Reached Madison at five
Met Mr Reynolds, brother
to Lt. Col. of the 12th. We
visited the Senate & Assembly
Chambers together in search
of the Hon. D. reist & Wal-
worth. Wound up at a
saloon on a couple of
oyster stews.

I am lonely enough. Be-
lieve I shall get homesick
unless I meet something
exciting. I never had quite
so strong symptoms. I hope
I'll weather it through.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1863.

Called at Maj. Lenney's office but could get no news as he is out of funds.
Called on Hon. D. B. Priest at the Assembly Chamber and had a pleasant chat.- Mr. Reynolds called and gave me a letter & a watch to take to his brother Lt. Chas.- Reached Chicago at 5.45. Surprised sis. Allie by dropping in for the evening at her boarding place 46 Carpenter St.
Allie & I ran up to the extreme west edge of town to see Mrs. Keith. It was my first ride on street cars. Have promised ^{to} go to church with sis. A. at ten to-morrow. Am not favorably impressed with Chicago Sts.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 1863.

Have had a pleasant day with sis Allie going to church and visiting at home. Met several very pleasant ladies and gentlemen at her boarding place. Saw Dennis' photograph and looking so good that it bro't a deep drawn sigh. It was hard to part from Allie. She seemed to be the last link between home and war. - Left the Central Depot at 8.45 and have been knocking along Dixie-way for three hours. Don't know where we are. Have been asleep all the way. We are watering

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1863.

Reached Columbus at 8,30 P.M. after a pretty hard ride of 2 1/2 hours. Had several breakdowns on the R.R. which delayed us for several hours. Spent a pleasant evening with Bro H. Shall stay at the Columbus House to night. H. met me at the lever. Came on the "Rob Roy." Told me (inf. H.) of a man who stabbed eleven persons in this house but a few days ago before he could be arrested and then not till still he was killed. My Regt. is at Memphis. The rumor is that we are to go to Vicksburg.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1863.

Have spent the day with bro^r H, and other officers of the 25th. Went out to Battalion drill and was introduced to Col. Montgomery and Lt. Col. Nasmyth also Adj't. S'ys. - Went down town last eve with Capt. Joslin, Lt Roush & bro^r H. where we met Maj. Rusk and Lt. Hunt I had a lively hour with them; then went to the theater(?) where we heard some very good & some very foolish things. We saw some things and came within the hundredth part of an inch of seeing some others.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1863.

Have been with the 25.
Had thought of going to
my Regt. but want'd
to stay another day.- Called
at Co. "A" and had a
visit with its offi-
cers and the Maj- who
came in while I was
there. Had a jolly time.
Canvased the state of Wis.
for Dix on. The 25th offi-
cers will go for him al-
most unanimously.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1863.

Started from Columbus at 3.15 P.M. on "Ben Franklin." Fare to Memphis \$6. It was hard to part from Harry but we've had a good visit and will probably have an opportunity of meeting again soon. Passed Hickman at 4. Reached Island No. 10 at 6.15 & New Madrid at 7. No. 10 is simply an island of five or six hundred acres extent with the usual buildings of a second class planter. Two hundred acres or such a matter cleared, I expected to see more. New Madrid is a town about as large as Columbus.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1863.

Left New Madrid at 2. A.M. and arrived at Memphis at 3 P.M. - Had a strong head wind all day. Met Mrs. Mitchell whose husband is Capt. Co. F. 2d Ill. Art. I met her at LaGrange last Dec. & rendered some assistance in getting her passed to Holly Springs.

Reached the Regt. just night. The "boys" were right glad to meet me & I them. The Regt. has a beautiful camping ground about a mile and a half from town. I wish I had brought Jennie. There are excellent chances for her to board in sight of camp,

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1863.

Have worked all day on our Pay Rolls. we will be paid in a few days to the 1st of this month. My Rolls had to be revised owing to our being paid since last muster. I will get six months the rest of the Co. four months pay. They have received one payment since I've been gone. - Wrote a short note to Jennie today & began a letter to Henry tonight. Have a mind to send for Jennie if we get our pay soon. My Co. is doing provost duty for the whole Brigade & I have it all to see to.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1863.

Nothing of interest except a real wind storm which blew my tent down at three A.M. and continued to blow till seven P.M. Took dinner at Brigade Hd. Quarters with Lt. Brisee - Have made a set of discharge papers for S. P. Keyes. He is very low with Chronic Diarrhea. Fear he will live but a short time. Contributed \$1.00 to purchase a sword to be presented to Gen Hurlbut by the officers of the 4th Div.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1863.

The 12th was ordered to report at Div. Ad. Drs. at five P.M. to parade and perform some evolutions in Battalion drill. The 33d Wis. was there also. It is the unanimous decision that we beat them badly. I'm well pleased with my Co.'s behavior yet they need drilling. I'll set to that tomorrow. Have written Sis. Granny today. Weather is fine but cool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1863.

Have a little sport each morning at guard mounting. Officers on duty are watched & criticised by all others of the Regt. The slightest mistake insures an account with the Sutler. Some one has to "comedown" every morning. Caught a Tartar tonight in the shape of a drunken Irishman who had been trying to shoot one of our (i.e. U.S.) soldiers. After his arrest I found a revolver concealed in his coat sleeve. I think he meant to shoot me if he got a chance. He's in the guardhouse.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1863.

Drilled my Co. an hour or two this morning & took it to Battalion drill besides at 3 P.M. Are preparing for Review tomorrow.— Went to the theater with Lts. Cantwell & Reynolds; we were sold by "The American Cousin." If I've seen a fair specimen of the tragical tonight I'll not spoil for want of theater-going. I must differ from other people here as in some other points. What others, or I should say what many others, regard as unequalled for beauty & splendor I fail to appreciate.— No letter from Jamie.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1863.

Had a grand Review
today of the whole 4th. Div.
The 12th, rec'd the respects
of Col. Bryant for good
appearance. Seven ser-
geants only of the Div.
saluted & they were all
of the 12 - two of them
of my Co. & they were all
I had four. Gen. Lawman
sent his respects to
the seven sergts. Snow
& Mc. Vey are recipients
of Co. 2.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1863.

Col. Bryant issued a scattering order on the 12th, for want of cleanliness which was read to us on dress parade. - Lt. Roush of the 25th. called on me & we went to the theater & heard "Our American Cousin." We now at the Worsham House where we will remain during the night. Lt. R. says Henry is well as ever. Things going on finely in his Regt. Received a letter from my Jennie today. She misses & loves me much as ever. Wrote sister Allie.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1863.

Stayed with Lt. Roush last night. Went to a picture room and sat for a negative from which I am going to get a dozen photographs printed.— Am well pleased with my evenings work. Spilled eight or ten gallons of liquor for contraband dealers. The people in the suburbs of the city deal with us inside the lines and with the rebels outside. They will get tired of it ere long.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1863.

Have been "Officer of the Day" - Wrote to General Col. Bryant has been relieved of the command of the Brigade by Col. A. R. Johnson, (who has returned from Vicksburg) and has assumed command of the Regt. again.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1863.

Things pass off pleasantly. Had a dress parade at five P. M. Tomorrow is election day for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1863.

Col. Bryant took us out on the parade this morning at Reveille & made us a speech on election matters.

We have voted ~~*~~ unanimously for L.S. Dix-
on. The Regt. cast 30 votes for Catheren
25 of which were cast by Co. H. It is a terrible rebuke on copperheads.

A man of the 28th Ill. was killed this evening by some of his fellow soldiers.
The trouble begun about a Negro. - Called on Lt. Bresces wife at 7.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1863.

Came near having trouble with some of of the Ill. 28th They came over to our guard house with the intention of taking Dick Johnson & the two men who helped him commit the murder last evening and hanging them. More than two hundred men gathered for that purpose but I called out my Co. & dispersed them. The murderers are in the Irwin Prison

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1863.

Took a ride with Lt.
Breeze around Pickering.-
Received a letter from my
Jennie. Her precious
love is more valu-
able to me than all
else of earthly good
that could be be-
stowed. She is my
idol, my heart-treasure.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1863.

Have been on duty
today in camp.- Have
made out a muster
roll from which our
strength will be de-
termined. All compa-
nies are to be filled to
the maximus a num-
ber with conscripts.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1863.

Wrote Jennie a letter today
and sent my photograph.
We mustered to ascer-
tain our strength. Mine
is one less than the minimum.
I expect to have a score
or so of conscripts in
the course of a couple of
months. I believe an
army of conscripts can
be made more effective
than volunteers because
they will be better discip-
lined.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1863.

Called on Dr. Bruce and his wife at their boarding place this evening. Mrs. B. is a pleasant woman they must be having a good visit. I know Fannie and I would be happy if she were here. I shall send for her in a day or two,

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1863.

Received a letter from
Jennie today. Its tone is
melancholy enough.
Immediately on its
receipt I borrowed \$4000
of Billy West, wrote her an
urgent request to visit
me and enclosed \$20. I
shall send \$20 more to-
morrow. She will be
here the 1st or 2d of May.
I shall receive her with
open arms.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1863.

Have sent another letter
to Jennie asking her to
come and visit me. She
will be here as soon
as the 3d. of May. - The
weather is cold, stormy
and unpleasant. I have
had a fire in my tent
all day.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1863.

Have been trying to get
track of a gang of
robbers who have
kept the portion of
the city under my charge
in a perfect tur-
moil for several
weeks, but as yet
do not succeed.
Made application for
a commission in a colored
Regt. for Joel Winters.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1863.

Received a letter from father today stating that the Copperheads are cooling off in Wis.

We are under marching orders but don't believe we will go. I almost wish we would for I feel that a little excitement is really necessary to keep my spirits up till Dennis comes. It will only be a reconnoisance if we go. Have had an inspection of arms and accoutrements today.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1863.

Have been officer of the day. We just received orders to march at day tomorrow. The Col. tells me that we are to go to Hernando Miss. and from there about ten miles below to attack the enemy's position which is said to be a strong one and defended by fifteen hundred or two thousand cavalry and one battery. The object is to capture them. Col. Bryant will have command of our force which is twenty to twenty-five hundred strong.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1863.

Have reached Hernando & the cavalry have had a pretty sharp skirmish in which they captured 70 of the enemy among which there are three Capts. & four Lts. My Co. is detailed to guard them and I have taken possession of the Court house.

One of the prisoners, Thomas by name, wished to call on some friends & I went with him to a Mrs. Cooks. Mrs. C. is a genuine lady and resembles my Genie in features and expression. I feel that we shall be friends.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1863.

Was started for Memphis this morning with the prisoners but had gone less than a mile when the order was countermanded & I overtook the column (which was moving south) five miles from Hernando. Col. B. was afraid that I would be attacked and the prisoners would be retaken. It would have been a hard job for I had two Cos. of Infantry and one of Cavalry. We had a brisk skirmish at Coldwater. Are two miles from Hernando.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1863.

Marched for Hernando early and remained in the DeSoto Co. Court House till noon when we started north. The town was fired, just as we started on the south side of the Court House Square. The report is that the greater part of the town was burned, the Court house included. We are camped ten miles north of Hernando. Will probably move for Memphis in the morning. I have charge of the prisoners yet with my Co. & Capt. Bodkins.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1863.

Reached Ad Lrs. 4th Div
at five P. M. and turned
the prisoners over to
Gen. Lauman's Provost
Marshall. Shall join
the Regt tomorrow as
early as possible leaving
my Co. in camp.
Col. Bryant has promised
me a place on his staff.
I'm anxious to be with
the Col in his first
fight.

Received a letter from
Jennie today dated the 12th.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1863.

Left Memphis at nine A.M. and overtook the advancing column at Hernando at three P.M. Moved south four miles and camped for the night. We advanced to the attack of Cold Water once and after skirmishing pretty much all day returned to within ten miles of M. received reinforcements and again struck out for the enemy's position. — The better part of the little town of Hernando was burned the 20 after we left. Court house burned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1863.

Written For The 24th.

Reached camp at noon.
Turned mules, horses &c
over to Lt. Budlong. - Slept
till nearly night. While
eating supper I was sur-
prised to see brother Henry
walk round. An agreeable
surprise too. He is in
charge of a transport
laden with deserters.
We went to the theater &
from there to the Worsham
where we will stay tonight.

Was written for the 23rd
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1863.

Col. Bryant and his
staff rode down to Cold
Water river to see if an
enemy could be found. I
went with them we all
crossed. Lt. Picquet and
I went near a quarter of a
mile south of the stream
and found where the foe
had formed line of battle
on the 18th when we were
trying to cross. They must
have had a heavier force
than we from the marks
of on the field. - We came
back to Hernando, Took
dinner one mile north of
the town. Camped twelve
miles north of H.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1863.

Spent the day with Brother Henry. He left for his command at five P.M. He will visit me again when Jennie comes.

We have had a heavy shower of rain and hail this afternoon. Have signed the Pay Rolls so I think we'll get our money in a few days.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1863.

Mrs. L. L. Cook, a lady whose acquaintance I made at Hernando last week, sent me a note wishing me to call and see her at a friend's in the city. I did so and had a pleasant chat. I did all I could to get a horse restored which had been taken from a friend of hers at Ft. but did not succeed.— Capt. Parker, Lt. Hamilton and Sgt. Major Waggoner of the 2d Miss. Cavalry called on me this afternoon.

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1863.

Pas'd a sort of hum-drum day. Have done nothing but post up a little company business. Had a heavy fall of rain this afternoon.

Mrs. Cook sent me a beautiful bouquet from the city with her compliments. - I can imagine that in her younger days Mrs. C. resembled my Jennie. I should be partial to her for this if nothing else. But she is a kind hearted, lovable woman, and a lady whose acquaintance, under different circumstances, I should really covet.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1863.

Nothing of importance has occurred.- The weather is fine but very warm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1863.

Was summoned to attend Court Martial as a witness against Dick Johnson who is accused of murder. The case is just called and I have to go again tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1863.

Mustered for pay today
for March and April.
Religious services
were held at Brigade
Hd. Qrs. According to
the requirements of the
President's proclamation
good people have
observed this as a day
of fasting and prayer.

I begin to look
for my Jennie though
its not time for her
to be here. One longs for
inevitable happiness.
Her presence would pre-
clude the possibility of
a shade of sorrow vis-
iting me.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1863.

Have been at the court martial and given my testimony. - Saw a May Day party enjoying themselves finely. One thing I noticed with pain and regret; there was no national banner borne by any of the party. The people of this city are at heart rebels.

Went to the different hotels this evening in search of, but no Jenni was to be found.

Walker & Shantz left
out of camp last night.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1863.

We have been paid today. I received six months dues amounting to \$756.90. I shall send Jennie \$600. in case she does not come to me. I have hunted the hotels through in search of her this evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1863.

Have looked for Jennie again today but in vain.
It almost despair of her coming.

At Hoyt & and I visited the catholic cemetery this evening but it had grown so dark that we could see little except the general appearance which is fine. The grounds deserve another visit.

No letter from Jennie since Apr. 21. which bears date Apr 12.

Walker & Shaeby lay out of camp last night.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1863.

Will drill my Co. an hour
each day yet.

Looked for my Jennie
again today but she is
not here.

Wrote brother Henry.
Got a letter from
him also.

Pearl lay out of
camp last night, was
absent all day yesterday

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1863.

Have looked in vain again;
after tomorrow shall cease to
hope for my Jermies coming.
Weather fair. Cooler than
yesterday.

J. Walker & J. Shaeby ab-
sent from noon rollcall.

See you Saturday at 10 AM
at the corner of Main & 1st
Streets. I will be there
about 10 AM. You may
arrive earlier if you like.

Yours truly

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1863.

Received a letter from
Jennie & one from Lis
Chronia today. I
will come to see you
in a few days. Their
words are full of cheer-
ful encouragement to
me, although they are
both oppressed with
sorrows of their own.
I'm in haste to suggest
that I may correct
some of her false im-
pressions. Answered
J's letter tonight

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1863.

Wrote Brother Henry
to-day. is nothing of inter-
est going on. St. Hoy &
I went to the theater
as rather by surprise.
I regret it because
defrauds one of German
society this however
has blotted a great deal
from my visit with her. If
she were here I would
try and persuade her to
go along. By a letter
from her today dated
April 8 mailed April 21st
expressed \$55.00 to
her today directed to
Chicago

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1863.

Weather fine. - Have
written Jenny.

A few days ago
work was full of
interesting news
to me, although she
had opposed my
going off there.
I'm in hope to see
her this evening. She
comes of her half
brothers I know
of a letter tonight

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1863.

The 4th Div. has received orders to move down the river. The 3d Brig. embarks first. It takes us rather by surprise. I regret it because it deprives me of Dennis's society this summer. I have allotted a great deal on a visit with her. If she were here I would try and persuade her to go along. Got a letter from her today dated Apr. 8 mailed the 21st Expressed \$550.00 to her today directed to Chicago.

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1863.

Have lain in camp all day. Are expecting to embark tomorrow. Peter McHugh was drunk on guard. Jack Dean witness.

Spent the day writing & remained with the men last night. Both hands were the red color this morning. Now to wash them off. Great stagnation took place at the 3rd floor, where we had water and soap. All I could get between 8 & 10 AM. Cost 50¢ & I expected to get water and soap.

MONDAY, MAY 21, 1863.

Embarked at five P.M.
and sailed at eight.
There has been compar-
atively little excitement
attending this move. We
are becoming more mil-
itary and consequently
less inquisitive and
excitable.

I was anxious to hear
from Jennie again
before but did not.
We are aboard the "Con-
tinental." General Cos.
lost river by deser-
tion. Mine are all pres-
ent.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1863.

Landed on the Ark.
shore to wood soon
after sunrise.

Ran along quietly
till three P.M. when
a gun boat hailed us
saying the woods were
full of guerrillas and
that we were to run
slowly & she would drop
down ahead & shell the
rascals out which
she did with a ven-
geance making the
rebs. scrabble pretty
lively.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1863.

Landed and disembarked early this morning. Marched out three miles and camped almost opposite the city of Vicksburg and in plain sight of it. It is built on the bluffs which are about one hundred feet high.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1863.

Marched about three miles farther down the river and camped for the night sending our teams back after baggage which was left at the upper landing.

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1863.

Have lain in camp all day. Our baggage train arrived about three this P.M. Have written sis Phronia today. Wrote father L. also sending money to pay express charges for A.W. West

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1863.

Remain at the same camp yet. Gun boats have been up near the City all day and till now 8 P.M. shelling the enemy's works. The deep booming of cannon is becoming a familiar sound. Some of my boys were up opposite Warrenton today practicing with their rifles at straggling rebels who were roaming over the destroyed town.

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1863.

Wrote sis. P. Prairie yesterday.
Wrote my Jennie today.
Ate crawfish for dinner.
Am anxious to hear from Jen.
Think we'll move tomorrow.
Taken no stock in Richmond reports.

MONDAY, MAY 18, 1863.

Embarked at four
P.M. on the Forest
Queen & landed at Grand
Gulf at nine P.M.

The supposition is
that Grant is pushing
the enemy from the rear
& that he may try to es-
cape by this route, & we
are placed here to dispute
his passage of Black
river.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1863.

Have lain in Camp all day on the hill back of the landing. - Grand Gulf is simply a big bend in the river & a landing which needed a maline. - It is a fine place for making a stand against river forces. The land rises abruptly to the height of sixty or seventy feet & is very broken in the interior for more than a mile. The rebels made a desperate stand. We are prepared to make a more desperate one against them should it be necessary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1863.

Have lain about camp
and rambled over the ad-
jacent hills & through
the hollows. Visited cane
brakes. Am surprised
to see them on the steep
hill sides growing to
the height of thirty feet.
Went bathing in the
Mississippi this eve.
Hear good news from
Grant.

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1863.

Wrote Jennie and father & mother today. Wandered about the surrounding country a little. Have had a refreshing shower this P.M. - Things are running smoothly in my Co. Applied for a commission as Capt. in a colored Regt. for S. P. Bon.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1863.

My boys found a batrue
today. We had a dress
parade this P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1863.

There has been heavy Can-
nonading aticksburg all
day. We are looking anx-
iously for the result.-
Nothing occurs here.-

Visited a picket post
on which my men
are doing duty. Had a
walk with Corporal
Dowell and gave him
the outlines of proposed
journeys after the war.

who joined them

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1863.

Received a letter from father & mother dated the 5th & one from Henry dated the 11th. None from Dennis. Am disappointed.

Heavy cannonading all night & till five P.M.
today. Lt Dmoan
tells me that Grant
has the rebels completely
surrounded, & that it is
utterly impossible for
them to escape from
the city.

Wrote Dennis today

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1863.

Wrote brother Henry today.-
Cannoneading goes on pretty
lively at intervals about
Vicksburg to day. Am very
anxious to hear from the
scene of action. The 53d.
Ind. has taken its baggage
to the Regt.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1863.

Rumors are generally favorable to our cause.
Wrote father & mother today.— There was a mail received this evening but I got nothing from Jennie. I feel very uneasy about her health.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1863.

Have heard nothing of interest
from above. Went out and
picked some plums. - George
Everett was arrested by
Corporal Beinder, by order
of Lt. Reynolds for
sleeping on guard.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1863.

Everett reported to me this morning under arrest by order of Lt. Reynolds. I released him but Col. Pool ordered me to send him to Col Bryant under arrest with a statement of the charges.

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1863.

Have written sister Virgin
ia. Everett released and
reprimanded by Col. Poole.
Heavy thunder storm P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1863.

Received three letters
from my Bernice one
from Father, one from
Mother, one from Virgin-
ia, one from Henry and
one from Isaiah.

They would drive the
blues from a lunatic.
Bernice's letters are loo-
ing, cheering and trusting

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1863.

Wrote Jessie and Henry today.—We hear Banks has repulsed at Port Hudson.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1863.

The weather is very warm. - My boys killed a fine star this evening. He was captured by some of them while on picket; he came along without the countersign and on trial was condemned as a spy, and according to the law of nations his life was forfeit on the gallows but the boys were merciful & shot him.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1863.

There is every indication of an approaching struggle at this point. Convalescents, hospital stores, Quartermaster stores and all other extras are being shipped to Young's Point. The place is also being cleared of every thing that will in any way hinder, or prove disadvantageous to us.

I sent out three boys today and they brought in as many cows for company use.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1863.

Have written to Jennie.
The weather warm
but pleasant.
Rumors are rife of
an early attack on
this place.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1863.

Dwam in the Miss. with
a number of my Co.

Am on duty with my
whole Co. supporting
the 15th C. Bkt.

Received a letter from
Bro. Dime and one
from my Dennis. Jen
has received her money
is anxious to see me.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1863.

Went up on the point
near mouth of Black
River with Lt. Bresc.
Saw some varieties of
contrabands.

Wrote my Dennis
and sent the letter by
Sergt. Snow who
went today on furlough
to return the 26th. G. or.
W. P. Ossmer and M.
Masterson went also.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1863.

Nothing of importance
occurred today.

Preparations are go-
ing on to evacuate.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1863.

Have written my Gen-
nie today. I love her
better every hour.

Contrabands are being
shipped very fast.
Three thousand were
sent up the river this
afternoon. - The heat
has been very oppres-
sive today.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1863.

Nothing of uncommon interest has occurred today. Weather has been more comfortable today

than yesterday. The weather has been very warm and humid throughout the day.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1863.

Embarked on the trans-
port Cheesman at
eight P.M. and
sail for Warrenton
enroute for our Division.

Left S.P. Bon and
G. Winters at Grand
Gulf recruiting & for
a Colored Regt.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1863.

Landed at Warrenton at four A.M. Did not disembark till P.M. on account of a raging thunder storm.

Wrote Dennis this afternoon.

Are under orders to march at five tomorrow.

Traded my ^{revolver} watch to Russel Francis for an English lever watch.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1863.

Marched out to our Div. Found it about as close the rebel works as is safe. There is a continual roar of musketry along the line. Mortar boats are busy sending bombs into the enemies' works. Have been watching them sail through the heavens this evening. There is some cannonading along the line during the day time.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1863.

Were sent on picket
as a Co.- Got shelled
pretty lively while getting
into the pits.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1863.

got a letter from Henry dated 8th, written at Haynes Bluff.

He was road of me along the line. Mr. Taylor had been busy sending stores south. The chamber workers are busily engaged throughout the line with a view to getting the cars ready for the campaign. The horses are being driven to Haynes Bluff.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1863.

Lay in camp all day.
Wrote Henry. Shelling
has been going on pret-
ty lively, several shells
having burst over our
camp,

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1863.

Wrote Jennie today.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1863.

Received a letter from father.
Capt. Jas. Miller, of the 11th
Wis., made me a visit today.
Made the acquaintance
of several Wisconsin
officers this afternoon,
Visited the 20th, Wis.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1863.

Wrote father and Mother
C. M. Treadway of the
23d, and Sgt. Robinson
of the 11th called on me
today-

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1863.

Were eight Cos. sent on picket today, and advanced our lines forty or fifty rods. Got shelled pretty lively but not driven back. Lt. Bird was wounded in the leg severely.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1863.

Had some warm work
to hold our position but
did it without a man
being hurt. Prepara-
tion is being made
to mount a nine inch
gun within eight rods
of the rebels works, they
may resist but that will
avail nothing.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1863.

Nothing of importance has taken place today though we were ordered to be in line at six A.M. Our artillery opened on the rebels works and it was expected that they would make a sally to capture our guns but they did not.

Have written my Jennie today -

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1863.

Wrote my Gertrude.
sent on Picket at 4.30

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1863.

Rebs made a charge on
the pits next on our
right about one A.M. but
were repulsed. The 33d Wis.
drove them off but lost one
killed and one wounded -
I sprained my ankle
pretty badly while running
past an exposed point.
Think it will be O.K. in
a day or two.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1863.

Have suffered a good deal
last night and today
with my ankle.

My Co. is sent on picket
again. L. in charge of
Lt. Hoyt.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1863.

Received a letter from my Jennie, one from sister Chronia, and one from my sister Margaret from whom I have not heard before for eight years. I have answered sis M's letter.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1863.

The whole Regt. was in line of battle at 3 P.M. out near the enemy's lines. - Some of the rebels' works were to be blown up over on the right and we were to engage them here. We did our part but I have not heard whether the enterprise met with success or not. I went out with my Co. notwithstanding my ankle is very lame.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1863.

Wrote Jennie and received
a letter from Henry.
Begin to feel symp-
toms of approaching
fever.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1863.

Expected to have a good time visiting Henry today but found after riding fifteen miles to find his camp that his regiment is up the Miss. at Cypress Bend. It has been gone since Thursday. Saw Lt. S. wagoner of Gen. Washburn's staff.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1863.

Received Muster Roll to
make out for May and
June.

Wrote sis Phronia and
sent a note inclosed
to my Jennie.

The siege of Vicksburg
goes on but slowly. It is
my opinion that it will
not be reduced for a
month at least. I shall
rejoice at disappointment.

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1863.

Received Muster & Pay
rolls for May & June.
We keep all branches of
our War Department in
perfect order notwithstanding
standing our being hourly
engaged with the enemy.
I see marks of weariness
among our officers
which are really dis-
graceful. Such are un-
worthy the name of man.
It is national and indi-
vidual disgrace to yield
to these villainous rebels.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1863.

Have been mustered for
May & June. Went to divis-
ion Hd. Qrs. to get mus-
tered out as 1st. Lt. and
mustered in as Capt
but did not succeed.
Shall next time which
will be in a day or two.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1863.

Received our pay for March
and April from R. H. Hunt.
Got a letter from my
Jennie. She is down
hearted.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1863.

Was sent on picket as acting field officer. Capt. Stevens and I were in command of the Regt. Had a pretty warm time for a few minutes just dark.

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1863.

At eight this A.M. hostilities ceased by virtue of a flag of truce sent to Gen. Grant accompanied, we since learn, by a proposition to surrender on terms. Grants answer was "Unconditional surrender." Firing commenced again but was soon stopped as the terms of capitulation were said to be nearly agreed upon. We will know in a day or two. I'm in doubt yet.

I got a letter from my Jennie containing \$5. + full of love.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1863.

The city has fallen; today our forces, Logans division, 17th Corps, marched in and took possession of the town and 28,000 prisoners. Our corps is under marching orders. Are to go inland. The 17th Corps, except Logans division, is to go to Port Hudson immediately. Some division sails tonight.
Have written Jennie & John.

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1863.

Wrote Isaiah h this morn.
We received detailed
orders ^{at daylight} to march for
Clear Creek & Black Riv-
er at 8 A.M. but did not
get started till after 2.

We reached Clear Creek
at dusk where we went
into camp. My team
has not come up nor
will it tonight. We shall
have to sleep without
blankets & my men are
without coats.

Jo Johnson is near Jack-
son. There is a report
that he fought Sher-
man today. He will
hardly oppose our whole force.

MONDAY, JULY 6, 1863.

Have lain in camp at Clear Creek. The boys have been coming down on peaches, apples, green corn, pigs, and beef's pluck. Are having a first rate time for soldiers.

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1863.

Marched all day and
all night too. During
the night a terrible thun-
der storm raged. Think
it is one of the most
disagreeable nights I
ever spent.

Feel very unwell.
Have symptoms of fever.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1863.

Have marched but a short distance. The men are very much worn.

Camped at 1. A.M. 8th. after seven hours marching to go three miles. Hear nothing of the rebels except a skirmish here.

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1863.

Marched six miles
and camped at Clinton.
Capt. Jesse Miller, called
on me this evening,
got a Richland Co. Observer,
a letter containing cer-
tificate of disability
from Corp. O'smer Regu-
lar dodge.. Boys are tak-
ing meat.

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1863.

Are within three miles of Jackson. Sharp firing is going on. Expect we shall fight tomorrow.

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1863.

Lay in camp till 5 P.M.
when we were ordered
to the right. Sharp
skirmishing all day
along the lines.

Don't see why we de-
lay making an attack.
We would capture a
great deal now that
we will loose by
waiting.

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 1863.

Have been lying near
the train as guard to day.
Our division has
been sharply en-
gaged once or twice.
Several Regts. have been
badly cut up.

MONDAY, JULY 13, 1863.

Moved up and joined
the Regt in rear of
our brigade. Our Div.
has been fused with
the 12th. of the 13th Corps.
Commanded by Gen.
Honey. Our Brig. is
the 57th.

Received a letter from
Henry dated Snyder's
Bluff, June 16. Got
one from Ewest at
Benton Barracks July
2d. He is getting better.

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1863.

Have been tearing up
track & burning
rails of the N.O., S.S. &
G.W.R.R. The 5th Ind.
& five Cos. of the 12th de-
stroyed about two miles.

At 4 P.M. we were called
off & taken to support
the 3^d (Col Pugh's was lost)
Brig in advancing its
lines. - Am nearly
sick with a cold.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1863.

Received a letter from
dis. Allie dated 10th.

Have lain in camp sick
while the Co. went out
& destroyed Railroad again.

My boys brought in
twenty-five or six head
of cattle, for beef, to day.

Had a letter from father,

John Woodruff
Foster & Son
Hamilton Barracks
Ed. he is getting

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1863.

Moved camp to rear of 2d Brig.
Hope to go to the front soon.
Were sent out to support a bat-
tery on picket last night.

Wrote my Jennie & father
& mother to day.

The siege is being carried
on but how fast it is
impossible to tell.

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1863.

The rebels have evacuated
and gone - no body
knows where. It was
generally hoped that they
would give us a good
fight here.

I am feeling pretty
well again. I hope our
communications will be
opened with the world
again soon. I'll hear
from Jennie then.

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1863.

Have lain in camp all day. The Railroads are being destroyed in every direction from here. I believe we are to evacuate soon. Probably the Gens. think it is of no importance as a point.

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1863.

Hunted for Henry but
found that his
Div. is at Snyders
Bluff yet. - Came
through Jackson
on my way back
and find it desolated.
Wrote myannie.

Spent with the 400
again soon I'll hear
from Annie then.

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1863.

Swarm in Pearl river.
are under orders to
march for Vicksburg
at 3 A.M. to-morrow.
is now in route &
will stop to wait
for the south wind

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1863.

Written for 23d.

Came on to Rockburg.
In camp. Washed
& put on clean
shirt. Got letter
from Henry of the 5-th,

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1863.

Marched to Black
River 18 miles. Hot
as need be. Rained
like suds. Got wet
as rats. Sleep in
soaking blankets.

Written for 27
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1863.

Are camped at Raymond
15 miles from Jackson
from whence we started
at 4 A.M. R. is a coun-
try town but is very
shabbily built. Has
a good Court house
though, which is used
at present for rebel
hospital. 100 wounded
& paroled of the enemy
are there.

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1863.

Marched to Vicksburg. Have a felon coming on my right thumb.

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1863.

Tried to visit Henry
but his Div. has
gone up the river.
Got a letter from
Jennie.

Subjoined are
good accounts
of the fight, which
is present for
hospital too
to paroled or
are there.

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1863.

Lay in camp. Thumb
aches like h---l, but it
deserves clothing.

MONDAY, JULY 27, 1863.

Have been eating morphine for sick thumb till I'm crazy. First finger on same (right) hand is getting same sort of a feel.

Came inside the works today.

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1863.

Nothing but camp cleaning
today.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1863.

Same as yesterday,

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1863.

Have been paid. Several
of the boys missed getting
their money by being
absent from camp with-
out leave.

Thumb pains me
all the time. I fear
I shall loose it to
the first joint.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1863.

Got a letter from
Sis Allie from Buffa-
lo, - wrote Henry
and my Jennie. Slave-
of-absence business
moves pretty slowly.
Cousin Lester Doltoh
called on me & made
quite a visit. gave
him Henry's & my
photographs to send
to a Mr Sally.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1863.

Wrote Henry & Allie.
There is a rumor
that our Div. is to go
down the river soon.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 1863.

Lt. Waggoner of Gen.
Washburn's staff called
on me today.

and you know what
a able he is to make
moves for the Army
Cousin Lester Dutcher
called on me & I
intend to send him
the bronze to have
photographed to him
to aid his Sally

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1863.

The officers of our Regt. tried to get off on leaves of absence today but could not get a boat.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1863.

Officers got away
today. Srgt. Rogers
joined us.

Got letters from
Phronia & my son-
nie.

Sent Jennie \$200. by Lt.
Hoyle

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1863.

Wrote my Jennie.

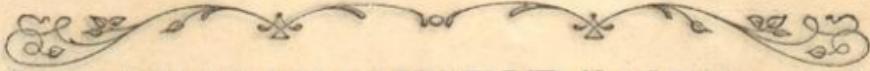
Lt. Allen Co. A. died last night of Diphtheria.

Dr. Simpson starts for Wis. this evening. Has offered to call on Jennie & deliver a letter,



THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1863.

Lt Allen was buried at
eight this A.M. He is
the first officer ever
buried when with the
Regt.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1863.

Dry and dusty

morning Deep rain
in evening

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1863.

Little sprinkle of rain

The birds were still
trilling when the
rain began

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1863.

Company Inspection in
the morning. Dress parade
in the evening.

out to view the hill side
and to remove the
snow of salt and
sand left by the
winter snow and
removal of salt

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1863.

Wrote Henry, Phronia
and my Bennie. Wrote
father L. proposing
that he go to the sea-
side and offering to fur-
nish money to send
him. Hear by way of
Col Bryant that Henry
has gone home on
leave of absence.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1863.

Got a letter from Sis
Alice. Am detailed for
Brigade Officer of the Day
tomorrow. ~~now~~ ~~will~~
~~and my~~ ~~now~~ ~~see~~

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1863.

Got a dear good letter
from my darling Genie
wrote to Allie & Dennis too.
Billy Woodruff com-
mences work for me.
With money to hand
and hear by way of
Bryant that Henry
is going home on
account of a seizure.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1863.

Nothing of interest

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 1863.

Wrote Isaiah. Am ex-
pecting to be ordered off
every hour.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1863.

Wrote my letter.
Embarked on the trans-
port "Rocket" for Natches.

Down the river now
via Shreveport
down river

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 1863.

Arrived at N. at 7 A.M.
disembarked & set camp
about a mile from
the levee. N. is a pretty
town but is too much
crowded & streets are
very narrow.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1863.

Wrote my sweet Jen-
nie.

Have fruit & vegetables
here in plenty.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1863.

The river is very narrow
and the water is rapid.
The banks are high
and the houses are
very narrow.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1863.

After a short interval I again
slept soundly until about
midnight when I awoke with
a start and found myself
sitting up in bed.
I was startled also at
another start. I looked out
the window and saw the
intensity of moonlight.
The moon was very
bright. At first I
thought it was still
dark and would
soon be so again.
But the sun had
risen and was visible
now. It was a bright
yellow sun with rays
extending far out
from it.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1863.

Rained torrents this P.M.
Received a swaggering,
bullying communication
from Col. A. K. John-
son reflecting on me
for ordering Sergt. Grib-
ble back to his Co. when
the order detailing him
was revoked. If the Col. had
not advised me and all
concerned to send no
more communications
to these Hd Brs. relative
to the matter, I should
answer him pretty
sharply too. I lost
confidence in the Col. as an
officer long ago. This convinces
me that he is no gentleman.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1863.

Made application for
leave of absence for
20 days but am rather
doubtful about its
being approved.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1863.

Took a ride six or seven miles into the country with Capt. Sylvester. Found pretty strong deck. Had a good time or ful better for the exercise.

The order detailing him was revoked. If the Col. had intended me to be concerned to send out some communication he would have done so. His relation to the matter I should answer him pretty sharply to. I keep confidence with the Col. rather often long ago. This evening among the hills we were talking

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1863.

Went to church with Capt Price. The Episcopalian are almost as formal as Catholics. They studiously avoid their prayers for the President or the Government. They are all rebels.

as before
all day

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1863.

Have been on picket to day. Hundreds of people pass in and out daily. There is as little restraint as there would be in one of our northern towns in time of peace except there is a trunk or carriage searched occasionally.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1863.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1863.

have been compelled to
go to another village
where there was no railway
and the road was bad.
I have heard they would
not go to us but had to
return to town in
time of peace unless
there is a trunk or
carriage searched occa-
sionally.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1863.

Today we had a good
time in our walk.
The weather was not
very hot, and the air
was very fresh. We
met several people
today, and found them
all very friendly.
I am sorry to say we
shall be unable to
regret the necessity of being
separated from their
loved ones as it will last
several months if further back and
I shall with my angel
friends always write
them messages.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1863.

The applications for
leaves of absence sent
in by the officers of the
Regt. on the 22d have
just returned disap-
proved, mine among
the rest.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1863.

This is the fifth anniversary
of my wedding day. Five happy
years for me too. I have
been happier than I deserve.
Having for my companion
so angelic a being it would
be my own fault if I were
not supremely happy.
I long for the day when we
shall be re-united. How so
regret the necessity of be-
ing separated from their
loved ones as I. Fifteen
months at farthest and
I shall ^{be} with my angel
Jennie. I have written
her today.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 1863.

Are getting ready for
muster.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1863.

Have been mustered.
Sergt. Rogers has re-
ceived his commission
as 2d Lt. of my Company.
By under orders to
march for Harrison-
burg, Va. I worked on
my Pay Rolls till one
o'clock at night.
Wrote Jessie & Henry.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1, 1863.

Marched at 6 A.M. Crossed at
9 into La. Camped at
Dunset on the S.E. bank
of Lake Concordia.

Brig. Gen. Gresham
is in command.

Have chickens and ducks
in plenty.

Gresham afterward Secy-
of State under Grover Cleveland
1893-97. Died during the
Administration & was succeeded by
Olney, of Massachusetts.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2, 1863.

Marched to within four miles of Trinity, a little town on the west bank of the Washita, and camped for the night. The cavalry had a skirmish at 3d. Captured and burned a steam boat. Had four men wounded but only one badly enough to make him unable to ride. The pilot and several of the steam boat hands were killed. Seven prisoners taken.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 1863.

Crossed the Washita
and marched out six
miles towards Harrison-
burg. The rebs are
reported to be five to
six thousand strong.
If they are they ought
to kill or capture our
whole force for we are
not more than twenty
five hundred strong,
at the outside.

We shall probably give
them a fight tomorrow.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1, 1863.

Marched into Harrisonburg & took possession of the town & fort without a fight. The rebels left during the night blowing up their magazine. The wood work of the fort and the jail were burned by our forces. Several buildings were burned. The fort was one of the strongest I have ever seen but was built for the protection of the Washita river only. Porters whole fleet could never reduce it. Marched back three miles.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5, 1863.

Recrossed the Washita
and camped on a
sluiceway or channel lead-
ing from ^{one} bayou to
another.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6, 1863.

Left Tensas Channel at daylight and marched up to lake Concordia where we camped the night of the first. Saw an alligator today. Saw a pond lilly leaf thirty inches across. Saw a gar five feet long.

MONDAY, SEPT. 7, 1863.

Reached our camp at Natches at 11 A.M.
Found every thing O.K.
Dasey & Dennis have returned from Eris.
C. Ostrander died while at Sun Prairie. That reduces my Co. to 78 enlisted
Saw an orange today three & one half inches in diameter.

Received a letter from Dennis & two from Harg.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8, 1863.

Have the diarrhoea pretty
badly. Am afraid it will
result in serious illness.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9, 1863.

Had "dress parade" at which Col. Proudfoot commanded and Lt. Bresce did his first duty as Adj't.

I fear there is trouble brewing between the Field and ^{some of the} Line officers, on account of a "good time" indulged in on the part of the latter last evening.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10, 1863.

Weather hot. A monotonous day.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11, 1863.

Wrote my Dennis in
answer to a dear good,
little letter I got this
morning.

Wrote to John to buy
the Jackson farm for
me at \$800. if it can
be had no cheaper.

Am to-day
a good time
and in on the back
of the latter have
done

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12, 1863.

The whole Regt was called out at sun rise to take an hours exercise. Marched about a mile & back.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, 1863.

Am Brig. Officer of
the Day.

W. H. & Son were my
bank & lost \$1000.
the balance of my
about \$8000.00
be held, no change

MONDAY, SEPT. 14, 1863.

Nothing going on. We
are still forward
but we shall have
to temper our speed
and the "Garrison" will
not be wanted so much
now. The garrison will
not be required when
we get to Atlanta. So
we will be able to
travel fast now. And
I expect we will be
able to stop and
to return at the end of
the week.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, 1863.

Took a stroll down town with Mr. Rogers. Bought "Rawson the Renegade" sequel to "Bill Johnson"; "The Regulators of Arkansas" &c. Also bought "Edmund Dantes" sequel to "Count of Monte-Cristo" a book for which I have been looking for two years. Wrote in Dennis, long for the time when I shall be reunited to the dear, sweet creature.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16, 1863.

Done nothing
except to go to the
store to buy some
books and food.
Will go to town
in more pleasure
than I have been
spending lately.
I would like to
see what books
are wanted so as to
expect that he
would be jumped
over the wood.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17, 1863.

got a letter from father, one from his Phronia, two from brother Henry, and one from my sweet little wife.

Went with Capt. Sylvester & Hallispie and Lts Bird & Rogers to hear some music.

Looking for the year
Wrote my diary
long for the time when
I shall be reunited to
the dear wife.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, 1863.

See by the Wisconsin
papers that bro. Henry
has been promoted to
Capt. Co. "B." 25th Wis.
Nothing could give
me more pleasure
than this intelligence
for I feel that it is
due his merit but
it could hardly be
expected that he
would be jumped
over the 1st Lt.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, 1863.

Wrote my letter.
Had dress parade
at Brigade Hd. 2nd
Inf'ty - Col. & other
officers & friends
present - were all
invited including myself
and sister. John &
Sarah Weston Blodget were
to speak at the meeting
but did not appear
before it was over.
Took the road

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20, 1863.

An order from Brig. Hd.
Lrs. kept us all in
camp during the day.
As near as I can
learn it has been done
to prevent excesses
to which soldiers are
liable to on this day.

MONDAY, SEPT. 21, 1863.

All quiet here and
the day has been very
quiet with no visitors.
We have been at
work most of the time
writing up memory of
the summer started to
be written up at about

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22, 1863.

As above

the day before

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23, 1863.

Wrote my Genie a
brief note

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 1863.

Regimental Officer of
the Day.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 1863.

Called on Mrs. Henry
a widow lady with Lt.
Bird and Capt. Sylv-
ester by invitation of
the latter. Mrs. H. is
a very intelligent and
pleasant lady, a teach-
er by profession.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 1863.

Making out Ordinance Returns
called on Mrs. Harlow
and heard some of
Garrison's favorite songs.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 1863.

Received a letter full of
warm, pure love from
my sweet, my Angel wife.
Surely no woman was
ever so blessed with the
entire devotion, so pure
a heart and lofty a mind.

O, Jennie, my earnest
my constant prayer to
the Most High is that He
may pour His most choice
blessings upon you and
that peace and happiness may
ever be yours.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28, 1863.

Wrote my Jessie.
Am busy making
Ordnance Returns.
Am weary & depreped
my self
about the
last 2 weeks
and now
I am
so
tired
that I
have
no
time
to
do
anything
but
work
at
the
treasury
Sept - Nothing but
my love for her, is so
clear, my heart as it
earns to desire to
make her happy.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, 1863.

Ain't Brig. Off of the
Dagon. Has rained
all day. Ever fair, weather
is gone for this sea-
son, I fear.

The ^{line} officers of the Regt.
met today and decided
to break up all the pri-
vate messes and join
all together and have but
one mess. Two teams
will be allowed us. It
will be a first rate
thing.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30, 1863.

I have almost
decided to write
for my little pet
to come and see
me, I am worn
and dejected and
feel that there is
no rest for me
till my weary
head is pillowled
on her pure, soft
bosom. Would
that I were worthy
the treasure I pos-
sess - Nothing, but
my love for her, is so
near my heart as the
earnest desire to
make her happy,

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1863.

Have written Jennie and Henry and made application for leave of absence to visit my dear little pet.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1863.

Am busy making Quarterly Returns. Have applied for leave of absence. I'm full of hope at the prospect of seeing my sweet wife. My application has been forwarded.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1863.

got a score or so of
letters from Sarah,
Henry, Abby and my
dear, sweet, Angel Wife.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1863.

Answered my Dennis's
letter, Allis too. told
them I am going to visit
them.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1863.

Helped Capt. Sylvester with his Ordinance Returns.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1863.

Things going on daily.

I am so nervous
about all the work
I have to do now
and I am not happy
because there has
not been any work

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1863.

Have seen Dr. Col.
Strong. Don't like his
talk. It's too yielding &
womanish for me. I
believe he is half whipped
now. I can never re-
spect him as a man
and shall never cease to
despise him as a sol-
dier.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1863.

Were reviewed and inspect-
ed by Dr. ColStrong today
and had a grand time
of it.

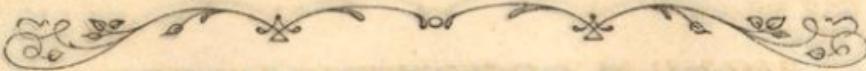
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1863.

Benders, Dommers and
Keepers have received
their furloughs and ta-
ken advantage of them.
Sent my Jimmie a let-
ter.

I speak him as a man
and shall never cease to
despise him as a sol-
dier.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1863.

Ransom's Brig. is under orders to go to Vicksburg. Our Div. will be left alone here.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1863.

Attended Episcopal
Church with Capt.
Price and Lt. Linnell

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1863.

"All quiet" Am Off
er of the Day. Rain
falls in torrents tonight.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1863.

Fortifications are being erected, of the best kind, about the city with all possible dispatch.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1863.

Received three letters
from Henry, two from
home, but none from
my Jennie. I am dis-
appointed.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1863.

Took a ride with
Adj't. Bresce and got
run away with Dr.
Rogers black mare
carried me off like
the wind but didn't
succeed in throwing
me or getting out of
the road.
Wrote Henry-

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1863.

Wrote my Jennie today
telling her of earnest
love.

and were blushing
and green.
Wrote my love to

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1863.

Called on Mrs. L. A.
Henry.

Roger's black man
carried me off like
the wind but didn't
hurt me throwing
me or getting out of
the road. I
wrote Henry.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1863.

Attended service at
the Presbyterian Church.
Army and Navy offi-
cers were plenty in
the pews.

Wrote my little pet.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1863.

An Officer of the
Day, Weather fine

Cloudy with some
rain at the
beginning of the day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1863.

Am looking with but
little hope for my
leave of absence. Have
a mind to write
my sonnie to come to
me and spend the
winter.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1863.

Called on Mrs. Glaz-
low, with Lt. Bird
this evening and
heard some very
fine music.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1863.

A cold, driving rain has been falling all day. The men are suffering terribly from its chilling effects. Expect my sick list to be doubled within two days.

Nothing in the spheres of my temporary profession so wrings my heart as to see my men falling, one after another, victims of malignant fevers. They constitute an invisible and relentless enemy.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1863.

Weather still cold
and wet. Our rotten
old rags of tents are
being torn to shreds
by this heavy wind
and the men are
left without the
least protection
from the storm.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1863.

Our leaves have come at last and seven of the 12th officers are here on the levee waiting for a boat to take us up.

My heart beats high with the hope of soon seeing my darling wife and her sweet sisters.

This will do well for next week's wineglass and

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1863.

Am on the steamer
"Citizen" sailing a-
way for the North
for Home, my wife,
my heaven.

I shall receive a
welcome that would
stir envy in the
most confirmed
woman-hater's breast.
Surely no man was
ever so blessed with
the whole heart of an
angelic companion.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1863.

Reached Vicksburg
where we are to remain all night. No
chance to get pay.

We are making very
poor time.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1863.

Left Vicksburg at 3
P.M. and are crawling
up the Miss. at a mod-
erate rate.

Took a good look at
V., its defenses and
approaches through
a field glass.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1863.

I have passed several gun boats during the day but nothing worthy of mention.

Am exceedingly anxious to make better time.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1863.

Nothing out of the general course of steam boat travel has occurred.

I am more and more anxious every hour to reach my home and fold my Angelic wife to my throbbing heart.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1863.

Reached Zelena
at 3 P.M. Went
to the camp of the
25-th Wis. and saw
brother Henry. He
is well. He is
a noble, generous
man, & I have prom-
ised to spend three
or four days with
him on my return.

At 7.30 P.M. we
ran on a snag 20
miles above H. creat-
ing some alarm. 15
minutes later we
struck another which
carried away all the
larboard bows.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1863.

Reached Memphis at 3.45 P.M. Most of the officers got their pay but by an unavoidable accident I missed getting mine.

Embarked on the "Gen. Anderson" at 5; and are dashing along at a furious rate for the north. I feel that I am approaching a cold climate, but a heart, a warmer and truer than which never beat in human breast,

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1863.

Shall not reach
Cairo as soon as
we were promised
by the Captain, and
I am afraid we
shall fail to get
there to take the 1.45-
P.M. train tomorrow.
Poker and Sledge ta-
bles are in full
blast again bright.
Money is very free
as always.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1863.

Am in the sleeping
car above Centralia
with Capt Price,
Dr Rogers & Lt.
Blaxton dashing
away to my semi-
nict arms.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1863.

Am at home and
have spent a day
of genuine happiness
with my lit-
tle pet. She and
her sisters are well,
happy and charm-
ing. Have met Miss
Sherman a very pleas-
ant lady, boardfling
with Sisters, I
met Dr. Sol. and
Mrs Keith.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1, 1863.

Visited Camp
Douglas with Gen-
nie sis. Phronia
& Capt Price.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5, 1863.

Am having a glorious time. See lots of folks.

Answered all the letters in sale room
and am taking care of my mother's
private business. Called
after little house just

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1863.

Went to lecture de-
livered by Miss Ann
Dickenson. Sisters
Phronia and Allie
and Miss Sherman
were also in attend-
ance. Divided my time
between listening to
Miss D. and admiring
my sweet little wife.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7, 1863.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1863.

Spent the forenoon at
Spurred by Miss Anna
Brookins. Sister
Phenicia and little
and Miss Sherman
were also in attendance.
Spent the afternoon
between listening to
Hymns and admiring
my sweet little wife.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1863.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1863.



WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11, 1863.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12, 1863.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1863.



SATURDAY, NOV. 14, 1863.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1863.

Have had a glorious
morning. We are preparing
happily for our departure.
I am very anxious about
Brooklands going along so
happily. I have given up
my right to interfere
in her case to a great extent.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1863.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1863.

Have had a glorious visit. So supremely happy that I can hardly realize that this world is any thing but Bliss. I return to my Regt. to-morrow. That casts a shadow.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, 1863.

Am on my way to
Dixie in company
with Dr Rogers.

Am feeling very
much depressed
on account of hav-
ing parted from
my friends.

These partings are
trying in the extreme,

THURSDAY, NOV. 19, 1863.

On board the steamer "Clara Poe,"

wrote my Fannie
from Cairo.

Shall probably reach
Memphis the 21 A.M.

Have met several
officers returning to
their Regts.

Made a fruitless
search for the
baggage of Lt.
Lansdowne and
Jones.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1863.

Raised Island No. 10,
at 3 P.M. shall prob-
ably get to Memphis
to-morrow. A driv-
ing rain has been
falling all day. It
has been difficult
for the pilots to
manage the boat
to-day especially
in turning af-
ter landing.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21, 1863.

Reached Memphis at
7 P.M. Went to theater.
Regard it as a onhorse
concern. Have a pretty
good dancing girl how-
ever.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1863.

Started for Helena
on the 8 A.M. on the
Hawk Eye State. Are
making poor time.
Left Dr Rogers at
M.

has been stopped
for the first time
today at 12 o'clock
in Grinnell
to have dinner.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1863.

Reached Helena at 1.
A.M. Found brother
Henry well. Have
met a good many of
officers with whom
I have become acquainted.
Am having a
good time.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1863.

Left Bro. H. at noon
and took passage on
the Clara Bell for Eicks-
burg. Expect to find
my Regt. at Natchez
but am not sure of
it. Found Dr Rogers
aboard.

Had a first rate
visit with Henry
and regret having
to leave him so
soon.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25, 1863.

Am driving off toward
"Dixieland."

Driving down road
with wind blowing
continually at
from Columbia
toward town with
gradual ascent
culminating north

THURSDAY, NOV. 26, 1863.

Reached Vicksburg
at four P.M. and I
found my Regt. on
the eve of marching
for Black River.
Men and officers all
well. Find letters
by the Doz. awaiting
me. Some of my
little pets sweet-
est are amongst
them.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1863.

Marched out to Glendale plantation eight miles east of V. C. Are camped in a nursery. Have less than half tents enough to shelter my men.

Got a branch and chip from the tree under which the capitulation of Chickasaw was concluded.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28, 1863.

Sent a letter to Henry
and ~~and~~ one to my
Gennie by Capt. Max-
son who started in
company with Col.
Bryant and Capt. Bot-
kin and Whelock for
Cris. on Recruiting
service. Sent a letter
to father or mother by
Dasey who has gone
recruiting also.
A heavy rain storm has
been falling all day.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1863.

Boreto sis Phronia.
The weather has mod-
erated a good deal and
the storm entirely a-
bated

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1863.

I have written my son
nie. — The day has
been spent in clean-
ing the ground, digging
sinks and cesspools
and in building chim-
neys, through the
Regt. The monthly
Return which I strug-
gled so hard to meet
was made this morn-
ing and I "am on pray-
ing grounds and I
expecting terms" with
the Powers that
be."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1863.

The usual Reports and Returns have been made. St. Rogers and I were in Clear Creek bathing this forenoon. Pretty cold.
Wrote ~~Sarah~~.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2, 1863.

Wrote brother Isaiah.

Wrote to him again.
He says he will do
what I told him
and will go to
see them off
bright & early
in town so far as
I did no short time ago
he was made the
young and strong
told to travel with
the strength of his
wife the women

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1863.

Received letters from father, sis Virginia and Jamie besides a host of official scrawls.

Wrote Henry.

Gathered some curious specimens of rock from Bear Creek and am going to send them to Jamie the first opportunity.

Reed orders to march somewhere in the morning.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1863.

Marched from camp at ten A.M. and reached Cricksburg at three P.M., where we embarked on the "Atlantic" (the right wing) and the left wing on the "Shenango," another transport. There is one Brig. composed of Cav., Art & Inf., and a Marine Brig. all under command of Gen. Gresham. We are bound for some point down the river but where it is difficult to tell. Probably less than six men of the expedition know.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1863.

Landed & disembarked at Natchez and marched out on the Washington Road and formed line of battle at the old slave market. Report says the place will certainly be attacked at daylight. It sounds big but there aint rebels strong h within a hundred miles to warrant such a statement.

Waiting in watching their escape and seeing their mother of them and her been hunting along the river way to Natchez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1863.

Written For the 8th.

Spent a rough night
last night. Rain came
down in torrents,
moved in to within one
mile of Natchez and
are in a fair way to
put in another
rough night.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1863.

Broke camp at day
light and marched
steadily till nine A.M.,
when skirmishing
began in the front.
We fell back a half
mile and formed line
of battle with the
hope that the enemy
could be drawn into
the snare but it did
not succeed. The rebels
improved the time
we were wasting in
waiting in making
their escape and we have
seen nothing of them tho'
we've been hunting all day.
Are on our way to Natchez

Written for the G.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1863.

Marched from N. on the C. road ten miles then south six miles and S. W. six miles farther where we camped. Are in pursuit of the enemy whom we expect to find at Ellis Cliffs. The men are very tired but complain very little.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9, 1863.

Moved in and quartered
in a ware house on the
cor. of Main & Front Sts.
Officers have rooms at
the city hotel.

Called on Mrs. Harlow
with Dr. Bird.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1863.

I have written my friend.
Gen. Gresham has
issued orders that
no officer or man
be allowed from his
quarters except on
a pass from the Gen.
Comdg, or from the Provost
Marshal.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1863.

The day has passed
quietly off. I had a pass
and improved it in
calling on Mrs. Gentry.
Wrote father and mother

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1863.

Spent the day in doing nothing.

had a ride and passing
quarters except in
a pass from the
lions of from the town
Marshall.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1863.

Glad a pleasant even-
ing with Mrs. J.C.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1863.

Moved out on the Pine-Ridge Road a half mile from the city. & have a pleasant camp.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1863.

Chinney building has
been the rage today.
Every man in the Regt.
has one, and some of them
have two.

After long
Baptist Br. John
Bell Quest.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16, 1863.

An Officer of the Day.
It has rained all day
and a good part of
last night.

Wrote Sister Virginia
and Jennie.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1863.

On duty again today.
The weather is cold as a
Wis. Christmas. I have
got "fixed" up pretty well
for soldiering. Should
not wonder if we move
before long.

Wrote Bro. John and
Billy West.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1863.

Weather is extremely
fine. Have our camp
nicely cleaned.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1863.

Was downtown today,
had a good time in
the evening.
Wrote Lt. Linker.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1863.

Attended Catholic church
with Dr. Reynolds and
Cantwell. The day has
passed off very quietly.
Wrote myannie.

Have just Rec'd an or-
der detailing me on
General Court Martial
to convene in the city
tomorrow.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1863.

The Regt. was ordered off
on a scout and started
at two P.M. We marched
in an easterly direction
on the Washington Road
en route for Fayette, 26 miles
from Vicksburg, 26 miles of which
we have accomplished.

I left the F. L. M. to its
fate with the hope of see-
ing a fight.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1863.

Went on to within
three miles of Fayette
but finding the rebels
had fled I started for
home and got within
sixteen miles of it
at nine P.M.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 1863.

came to camp at two
P.M. Fifty miles
and twenty horses have
been turned over to the
Post I.M.

Very disagreeable weather
at first and now
more or less snow
and wind mixed in
but know's no bad
weather

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1863.

Gay old time in town
at a dance. I didn't
attend. The 6th Miss
officers tried to kick
up a row and I guess
they succeeded pretty
well.

Court Martial con-
vened and remained
in session five hours,
and adjourned till
the 26.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1863.

I had a tip-top dinner
in Camp. Lt. Rogers
deserves credit.

Will go

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1863.

Was on duty at the
Court room till two
P.M. Played a game
of Billiards, the first
in my life.

Court martial con-
vened and remained
in session five hours
and adjourned till
the 26

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1863.



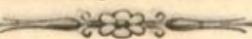
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1863.

was on my bed
and thought to be
of man I had a game
of Billiards the other
in my life

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1863.



WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30, 1863.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1863.

Chas. A. Smith
W. H. & J. L. Smith
Box 2374 Boston
Received by Dr. J. W. M.
Garrison & Co. Boston
With great pleasure
and admiration
Edward A. Teller
Boston, December 31
1863
The author's very thoughtful
and kind gift will be

MEMORANDA.

March 1st.

Met Mr. Gallows, Chaplain of the 32d Regt.

March 2d

Met A. B. Bradding of Richland Co. Woodstock.

March 8

Gave Mrs. Abby Masterson's letter, containing \$50. to Henry Bunker to carry to Mrs. M.

March 8

Sent Mrs. Anna Foster's letter to Starr P.O. by Henry Bunker. Letter contains \$20.00.

March 19.

Parted with my Jennie. It is the most sevcretial of my life so far.

MEMORANDA.

Mrs. Wm. A. Robinson
Box, 1598. Buffalo. N.Y.

|| Miss Alice A. Lovelips
Box, 2884. Chicago Ill.

|| Jennie L. Bennett
Viola. Richland Co., Wis

Lient Wm G. Bennett
Co. 13. 25th Wis Reg
"Mrs. Mr. Vi. Stinson"
Columbus Bartholomew Co.
Indiana.

Jennie L. Bennett, Mrs.
Box 4725 Chicago Ill.

Miss Kittie Campbell
Seneca, Crawford Co.
Wis.

MEMORANDA.

John E. Williams
Co. E. 8th Wis.

Am to find him for
Capt. Goshlin.

Citizen of Hopkinsville
Noble Co. Ohio organized
a guerrilla band.

The American flag was torn
down at Centreville Mont-
gomery Co. I. at a Copper-
head meeting.

All happened in March, a-
bout the 20.

MEMORANDA.

CASH ACCOUNT. JANUARY.

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CASH ACCOUNT. JANUARY.

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	Dr.	Credit	

CASH ACCOUNT. FEBRUARY.

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CASH ACCOUNT. MARCH.

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CASH ACCOUNT. APRIL.

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Date.	Received.	Paid.

CASH ACCOUNT. MAY.

Date.	Received.		Paid.	
	Dr.	Credit	Debit	Credit

CASH ACCOUNT. JULY.

Date.	Received.		Paid.	

CASH ACCOUNT. JULY.

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CASH ACCOUNT. AUGUST.

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CASH ACCOUNT. SEPTEMBER.

Date.	Received.	Paid.

CASH ACCOUNT. OCTOBER.

Date.	Received.	Paid.

CASH ACCOUNT. OCTOBER.

CASH ACCOUNT. NOVEMBER.

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CASH ACCOUNT. NOVEMBER.

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CASH ACCOUNT. DECEMBER.

Date.	Received.	Paid.

SUMMARY OF CASH ACCOUNT.

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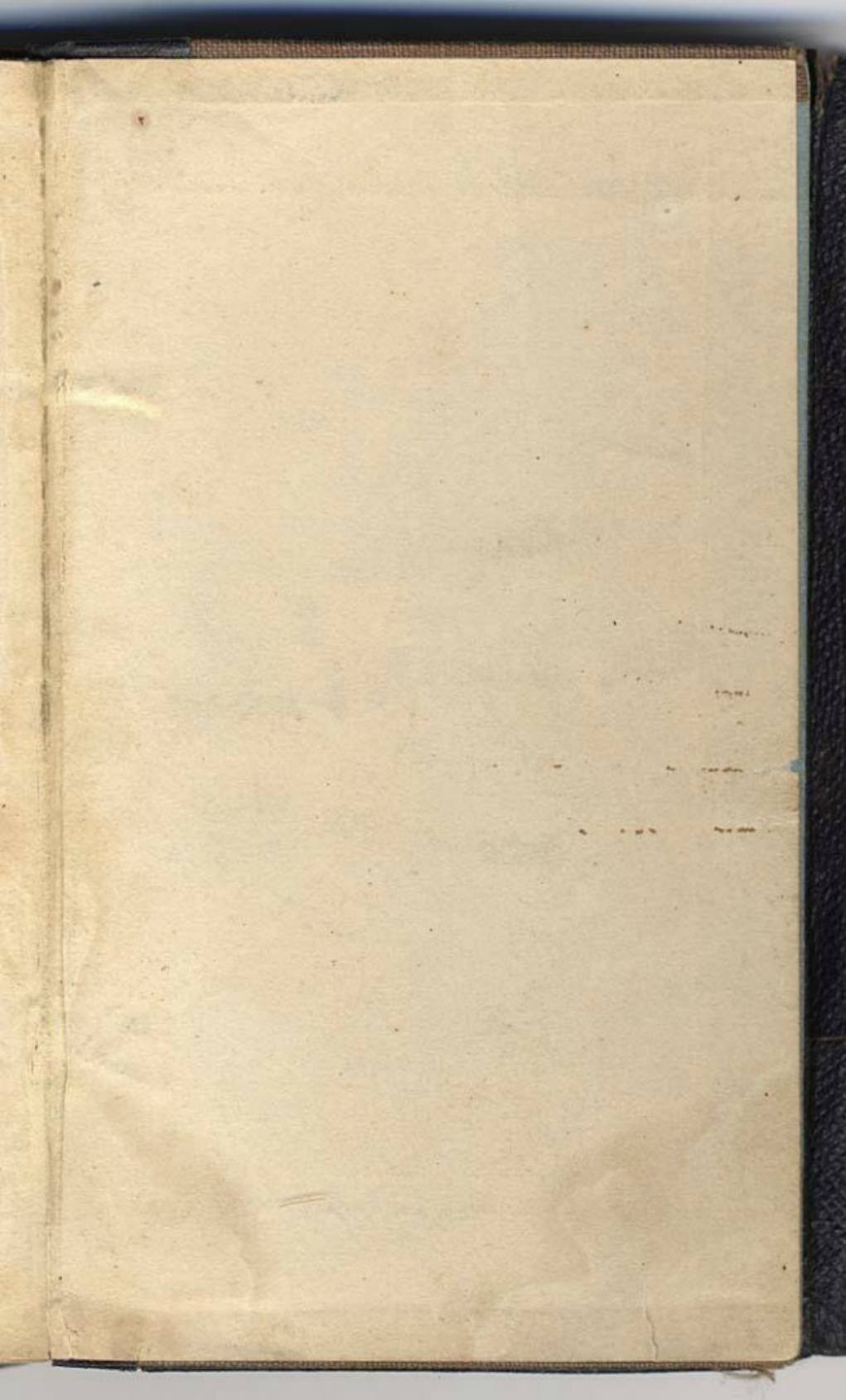
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Lieut. 29th Ind., & Asst. Provost Marshal.



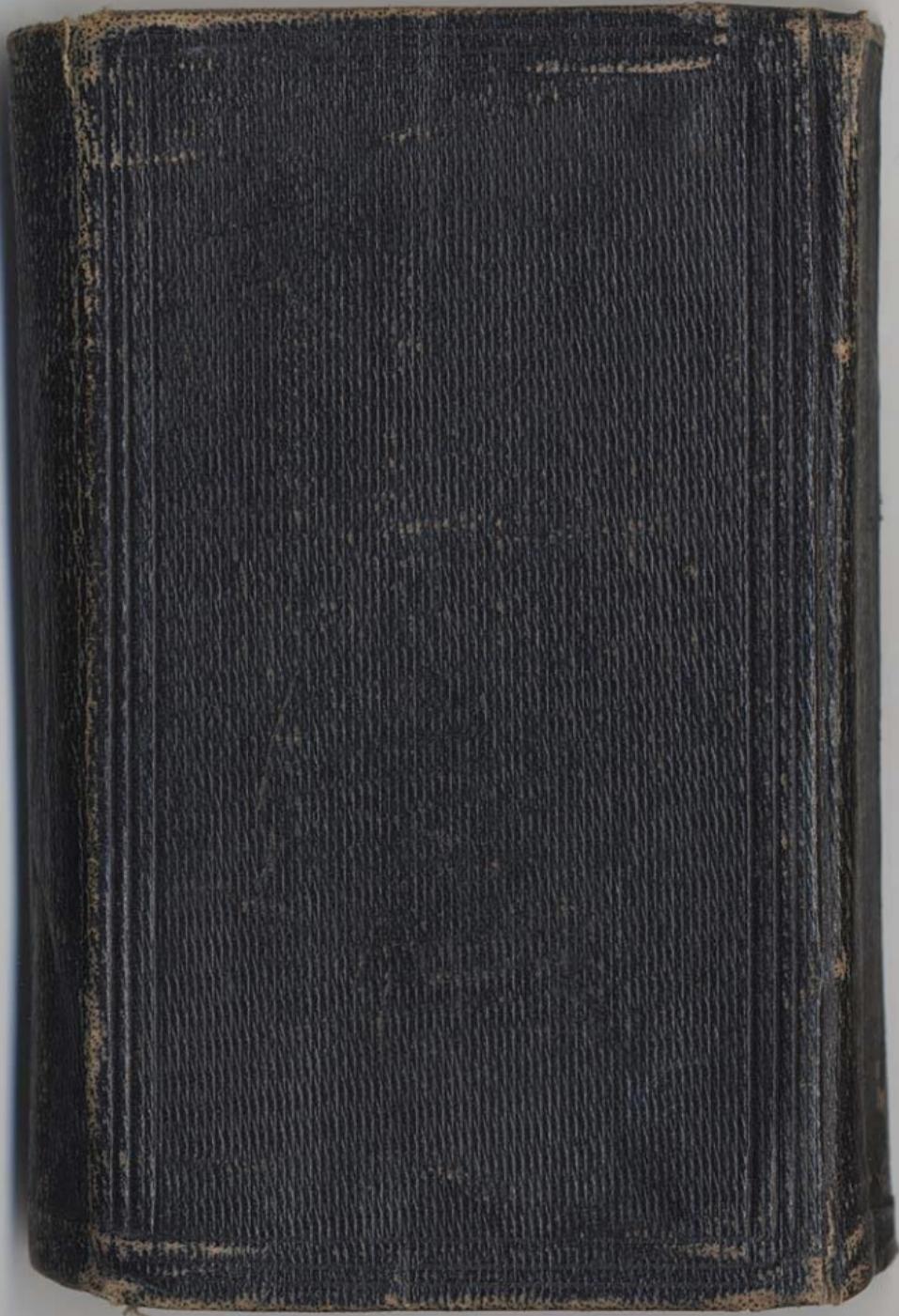
Mrs Celeste Farlow
Washngtng Miss

Ms C.W. Nuzum of Viroqua left this Civil War diary.

Belonged to a Mrs J.S. Earl of Prairie du Chien
They have some more material, she said. Write
~~Mrs Nuzum if the diary is wanted.~~

Mrs. Nuzum, president of the Vernon County Historical Society.

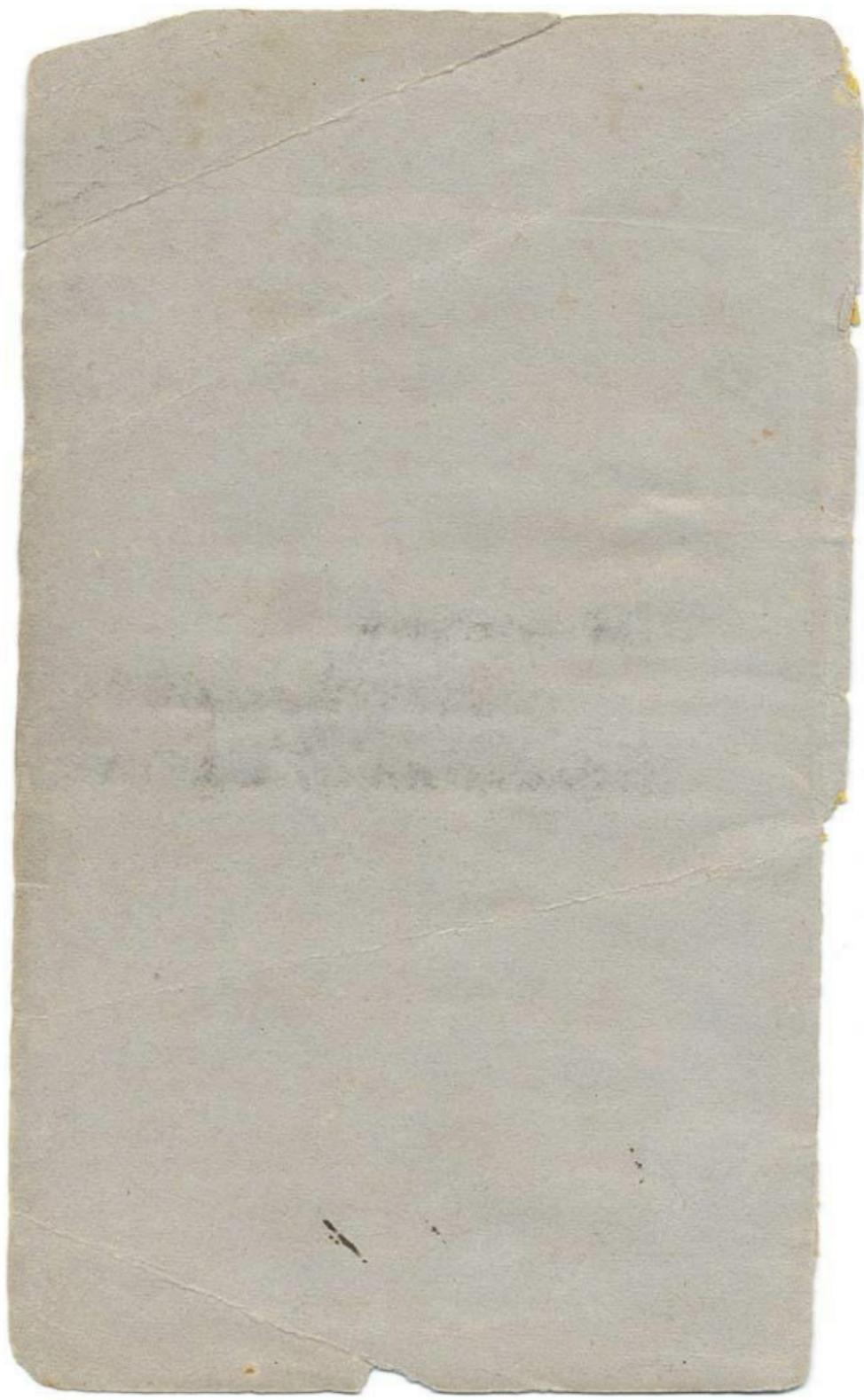
Diary kept by Capt. Van. S. Bennett
Co I, 12th Wis. Vol. Inf.



Soldiers Aut.

Bennett, Van S.
Diary, 1864,
Oct. 3-12

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Mrs. J. SCOTT Box 11

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Day Journal

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Capt. Co. I. 12th Regt.

1864

October 3d. I have been
busy making and forward-
ing returns for Septem-
ber. My Return for 66
& 8 Equipage lacks only
the Inspectors report, which
will be ready this evening.

Received orders today to
store all baggage in At-
lanta and be ready to
move at an early hour
tomorrow morning. The
whole Army of the Tennessee
is under orders & more than
that for aught I know

2

It seems the enemy has
crossed the Chattahoochee
and is making demonstra-
tions in the direction of
Rome & Kingston. This can-
not be permitted because
it endangers our communi-
cations. The move is
a bold one on the part of
the rebels and they need more
strategic skill & determina-
tion than they have dis-
played during the past six
months to insure their es-
caping our old chief Sher-
man - Writing Jan 1st

3

Oct 4th. Sent my 16 & 17. Egyp
Return last night. Was awak
ened very suddenly at 3 AM by
the infernal rattle of those
discordant drums. Ordered
first to march at 5:30 then
5:15 and finally at 6:45 while
eating the last "square" meal
for nobody knows how long
the order rings "fall in fall in"
and I hastily drop my toast
cast a wistful look at my
bit of broiled ham and in-
stinctively repeat "fall in
back" and in five min-
utes we are wallowing

through mud ankle deep
caused by the heavy rain which
fell during the early part
of the night. First hour
was rather dark. Men tumbled
down and rolled over each other
in the rutted mud but bore all
with commendable cheerful-
ness & good humor. Marched
twenty two miles and encamped
in the work thrown up by the
enemy for the defense of the
Bettaboochee in July last.
The 15th A.C. is behind the 14th
A.C. (Army of the Cumberland)
has gone on to Marietta. No

5

news of the enemy.
Just two years ago today the
"Marching Twelfth" left Hun-
boldt Temple for Bolivar to
take part in the first steps but
despoiling campaign of
the following fall and win-
ter. Our active effection of
operations date no farther
back than then though we
considered ourselves "old
soldiers." Many of the
"Wuk Kneed" have hopes that
this retrograde movement
will give us a few months
rest in garrison duty.

Oct 5th Started from camp
at 6.30 A.M. marched seven
or eight miles and took posi-
tion on the Marietta and Dan-
town pike in the old trench-
es left by the enemy months
ago. They are much more
formidable works than we
ever build. Ditches are
six feet wide, parapets
are from eight to ten feet
thick and surmounted
by a heavy head log. An im-
penetrable abattis formed
of small trees runs the a-
long the front of the en-

the other line. It is evident that even at that remote day when they affected to despise our skill, strength and courage the rebels had a mortal dread for Yankee bayonets when thrust by Yankee muskets. We lay here all day expecting orders and listening to the thousand rumors ever afloat in bivouac. 2d Brig. has gone to the front for pickets. 4th Div. has taken position on our left.

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Oct 6th I have lain here in
the rain all day sometimes
sometimes listening to
the rich jokes of witty
soldiers who are doubt-
ly witty when very com-
fortable or very tired, and
sometimes dozing an hour
away only half protected
from the annoying rain
drops by ^{my} poncho! Occa-
sionally a rumor of fighting
reaches us but nothing re-
liable has been received
today except that the enemy
has been compelled

to abandon the railroad as far as Acworth. Allatoona was in our possession yet at five o'clock P.M and the Gen. Comdy signals that he can hold it against any odds a reasonable length of time. Men have been very uncomfortable today still they have had some rare fun chasing rabbits, dogs and each other; alternating this with boring papers & deep unmercifully they have managed to last till night without the blues.

Oct 10th. Again we have lain
all day on the same ground
with preparations complet-
ed to move at a minutes
notice. "Seven up" played
on a boucbee with Dr Roy-
ers, Capt Price, and Drs
Reynolds & Blakeslee has
helped to pass the dull hours.
The enemy made an as-
sault on the works at
Allegheny today but were re-
pulsed with heavy loss hav-
ing 300 dead on the field
among them one Gen. two
Cols & one Lt. Col. They lost

several thousand prisoners
and a number of pieces of
artillery. Our loss is six
hundred killed, wounded and
missing. Such is the sub-
stance of the report received
at Div. Hd. Qrs. — The
supposition that the reb-
els were going to try and
break our communica-
tions in the neighborhood
of Kingston is rapidly
fading. They are as far
north as it appears as they
have any desire to go. —
John Henthorn died

ro yesterday in hospital at
Marietta of Chronic Diar-
rhea. His death is wholly
chargeable to the "medical fac-
ulty" of the Negt. It has been
perfectly plain for months
that he must be sent
north or die, still he has
been kept. Such brutal-
ity is so common that
it has ceased to elicit more
than a passing remark. Dr
Rogers will have this and
scores of similar mur-
ders to answer for. Poor
Seth Melting is following

rapidly in the same path.

It is discouraging to see good soldiers and estimable men dying almost daily and yet be powerless to help them.

I suppose it must be looked upon as one of the evils inseparable from war. It is certainly insufficient to wean one, even for a moment, from the glorious and righteous cause in which we are engaged. God will surely bless our efforts to restore peace.

The 4th Div. marched in
the direction of Campbell
Springs at 8 o'clock AM. to
learn something of the posi-
tion of the enemy in that lo-
cality and ~~over~~ his probable
operations at other points.
If a force is found there it
will indicate that "ze rebels"
will be recrossing the Chat-
tahoochee very soon, if not
they will probably turn up in
the vicinity of Kingston
about the 10th. Gen. Thom-
as will meet them at that
point if not sooner.

Oct 8th were under arms
at daylight but remained
in bivouac all day with-
out receiving orders. At
11 AM the 14th Div returned
and reported to have been out
fifteen miles without see-
ing any action. The 15th A.C.
marched in the direction
of Marietta. It is supposed
it will take position between
Kennesaw and Lookout Mts.
will have to travel fast or
late as the Corps moved
at 5 P.M. The day has
been cold and raw, Drew

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two days ration at six P.M.
and received orders to
move at seven to mor-
row morning. Lt. Thayer
died in hospital at Marietta
yesterday. He was wounded
Aug. 13th in front of Atlanta.
The ball entered the right side
about the fourth rib a lit-
tle back of the middle of
the side and was found in
the vicinity of the lower ex-
tremity of the spinal column.
An abscess had formed back of
his kidneys which contained
a gallon of pus when he died.

Oct. 8th. Sunday. Broke bivouac
three miles southeast of Marietta
at 8. A.M. and marched moder-
ately to M. where ^{comes} L. Edgar Emo
H. F. Strong; the former is
quite low the latter has but
a left ^{hand} with which to greet
his old comrades. Miss
Capts. Mc Gowan and
Berry and C. M. Phelps all
of the 32d Ill. Infy. Capt.
M. has resigned and is on-
ly waiting for the Railroad to be
repaired before going home.
He is jubilant over his
"resignation." Well I'm his

circumstances I would not leave the service but as I am situated I enjoy him his freedom.— The day has been beautiful, the sun bright, the air clear and comfortably cool and the roads in the best condition imaginable. Autumn weather in this latitude is glorious. Surpasses any thing I ever saw except over seas. Indian Summer. It lasts so much longer however that it makes up in part for the dreary con-

tendedship of our "smoky season." I do not wonder that the Southerners are so devotedly attached to their native land. It is a great pity they should not possess innate goodness enough to induce them to live peacefully under so good a government as ours. After leaving Marietta we marched much faster than before camping near Big Shanty about an hour before sun set while finishing the work we built in June.

last when advancing eastwardly on Remer saw many old memories both pleasant and unpleasant came rapidly to mind. Recollections of the many brave, noble fellows who have gone since then cast a deep shadow to rest on my spirits. Nearly thirty men of my own Company have been placed here to combat within the three past months. — Our animals are very much reduced. We have passed fully thirty today that were dead or dying of exhaustion.

Oct. 10th. The whole Army of the Tennessee has lain in camp today with heavy fatigue details repairing the railroad. The track is being laid at the rate of a mile and a half a day. Assuming that the progress is equally as rapid at the other end of the break trains will be running in three days. It is to be earnestly hoped they will for the men are suffering for rations.

Received orders at sunset to be ready to move at a

movements notice. - I have
been preparing a Diary for
1864 from Lt. H. G. L. in
place of my own book. It
is difficult because his is
so brief; it only ^{tells} where we
were at certain dates, what
hours of certain days we
started on certain march-
es and where, and at what
hour we camped. All else
must be furnished by ones
memory. Received orders at
sun set to move at six to mor-
row morning, an hour later
the time was changed to 4.45

and at ten o'clock we were roused from sleep by the cry "pack up & be ready to move immediately." At 10.30 we started off and marched till four next morning when we camped at Acworth. The night was pretty cold, and as we marched very slow the men suffered a great deal from cold and fatigue. I fell asleep several times while walking along, and several times when halted I slept & thinking the column had moved onward.

ed on till I ran against and
upset some other unfortunate
mammal somnambulist. A
great many horses and mules
from the batteries and trains
grovous and were dropped
left where they dropped.
Guns, caissons & baggage
wagons were drawn over
the poor animals necks
and limbs. I saw a
number, that were still
living, & with their legs
cut completely off. The
road was lined on both
sides by sleeping men who

had become too much worn
to go farther.

Oct. 11th. As soon as the team
came up, which was about
fifteen minutes after we
stacked ours, I spread
my blankets and... myself -
but had only just cominced
to sleep when I was calle
d to breakfast. I tried it
again after eating but our
fellows, that is, members of
of our mes being together I
had to bid alumber good by
till a better opportunity shou
present itself. At seven

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o'clock we fell in and started
it up the road at a rapid
pace which was kept up till
11.30 when we were halted by
an open field on the left of
the pike in sight of All-
toona to make coffee. At one
P.M. we started again passing
through Allatoona Gap. We saw
at the station a number of
who wounded the 7th; among
them is a woman who re-
ceived three gun shot wounds
during the assault of that
day one of which, received
in the knee, rendered the arm

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putation of not a leg-but-a
lower limb necessary. I never
or before appreciated the beauties
of the medical profession. It is
well for the peace of mind
of a certain dear good lit- 2
the woman up north that
I was not a member of
the Amputating board at
Alleghona th^t C^t. Or is it cur- 3
rently reported that the 2
lady^s (?) symp^t for with
the rebel cause is rapid- 1
ly ozing out - maybe from
the palms of her hands, may
be from under her arms, maybe -

We crossed the Etowah on a bridge
built since we crossed on
our way south the 7th of
June last. It is about one
hundred to fifty yards below the
point where the canvas pontoon
bridges were anchored. The 2d
Div. bivouaced about five
miles north of the river
at 4 P.M. Nearly one half
of the command was left by
the road side from one to
three miles back. Got supper
consisting of hard bread,
fried bacon & coffee otherwise.
There are conflicting rumors

concerning the state of our affairs in the east. One is that Gen. Grant has Lee's army shut up in Richmond without a hope of escape except they give battle. If this be true the demoralization, if not the annihilation, of the rebel army of Va. is certain. The other is that Lee is evacuating the Capital he has so long and so successfull defended and is bringing his army into East Penn. by way of Knoxville Ky. Such a move

would compel Gen. Sherman
to leave this section of Ga.
and probably the whole state to
defend Tennessee but it would
be greatly advantageous to the
interests of our Government
because it would get the Reb-
el armies together and our
strength could be concen-
trated and we should crush
them wherever they dared
to make a stand. I have
no faith that either rumor
is true. They are both too good.
The 6th Wis. Bat. is stationed
at Etowah Bridge.

Oct. 12th. Awoke at five o'clock
and in a few minutes was
dressed & washed. At 5:30
John Bryant Band & Brig. came
to the Righ & said we should
have moved a quarter of an
hour before to comply with
orders, but as the leading
Brig. were not yet morn-
ing we could eat our break-
fast. All hands immedi-
ately fell to but had not filled
our plates before an order
came to move at once &
started off to my boat without
not eating anything but

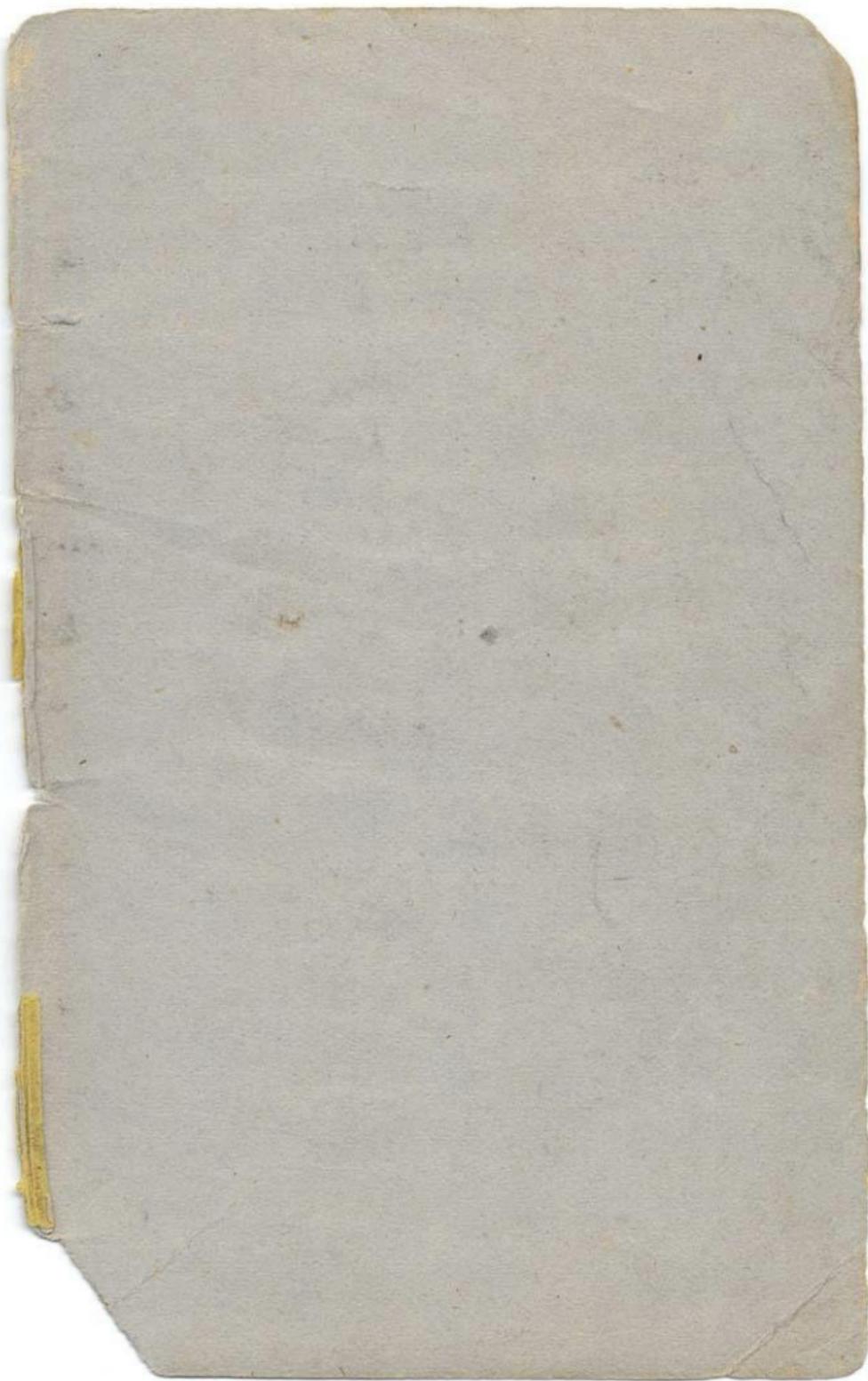
was in the worse possible
humor. We drove on till within
five miles of Rome where
we camped for the night at
eight P.M. There was slow
but heavy firing in the vicinity
of Rome during the afternoon.
The men were very
tired and without rations
but received one day's sup-
ply of hard bread and beef and
thin soup which supplied
their wants for the time
being. Slept with Eli Me-
dry and Billy Woodruff on
account of the powers

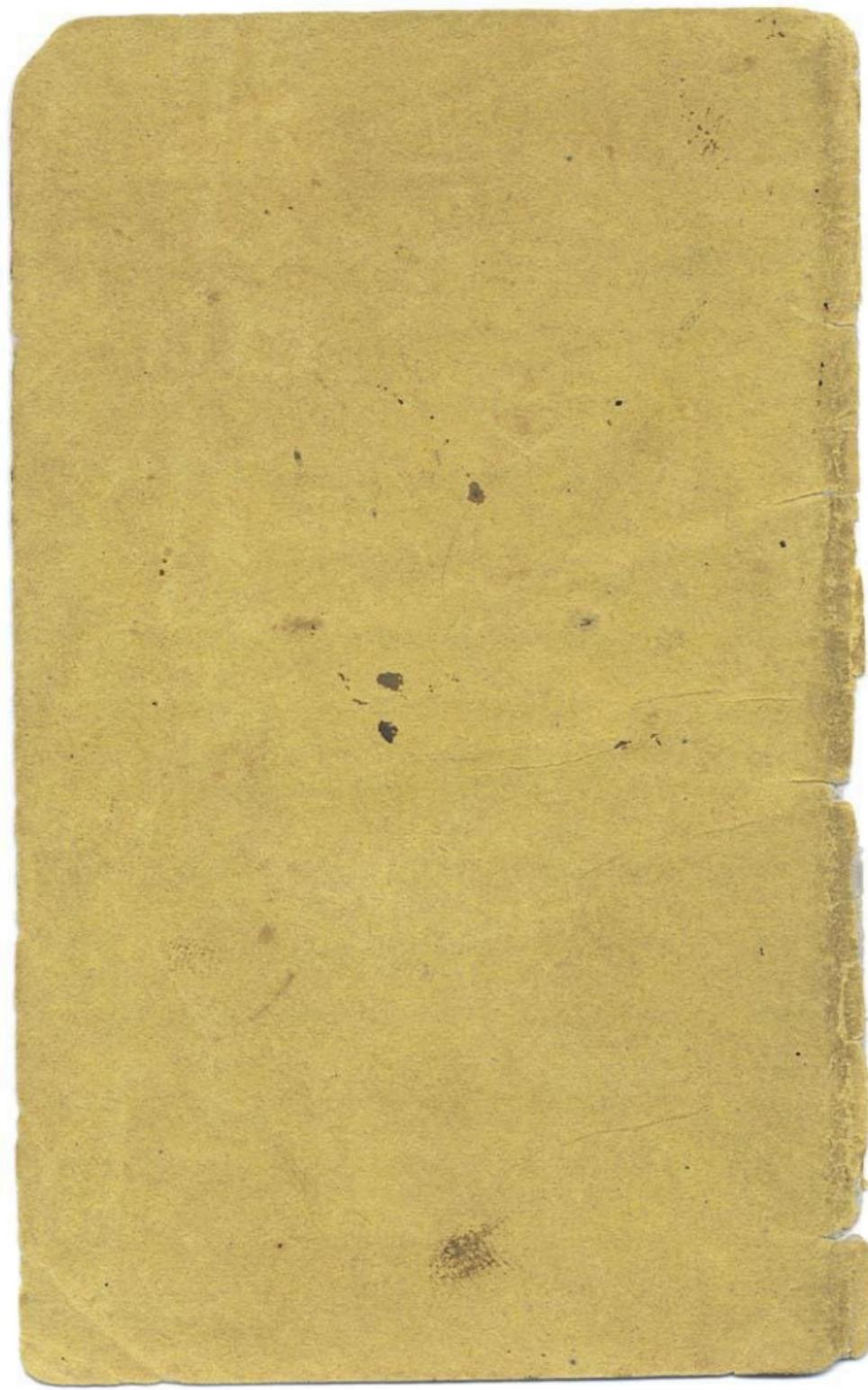
there be" having prepeled our
mop's team to bring ra-
tions and forage from King-
ton. Our baggage was sent
to Rome by railroad. The
boys woke me up twice du-
ring the night to eat. Cle-
ver fellows. Think I'll hire
to one of them after the war.
R received a large mail
which gladdened the boys
hearts amazingly. It is
the first they have had this
month. I rec'd a letter
from my friend, one
from father and another

and a score from other parties
among them one from L. D. Law
of Hickland Centre Received
official notice that E. Sand-
ford has been paid for the months
of July & August 1864 by Maj.
D. S. Brown, also that
that H. T. Tisonor was discharg-
ed from Harvey U. S. A. Dis-
Hospital Madison Wis. on the
12th day of Aug. even because
of Surgeon's certificate of dis-
ability. Any amount of
Union State tickets and other
election papers came to hand
by mail. We're ready to vote you

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Charges came against S. B.
Summers, J. B. Summers,
H A Shaffer & J. Benn
for transportation furnished
by 2 m. Deps. from Chicago
to Lone Rock to the amount
of \$4.81 each. Allen Mc-
Dy sends Surgeon's cer-
tificate extending sick fu-
lough twenty days. - Am
suffering a good deal
with lameness of my an-
kle. It needs all my de-
termination to keep along
on these hard marches. I
hope to have done with this early.





Bennett, Van S.
Diary, 1864,
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O. C. 12th Wis. Old Draft.
W. H. Lean.

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Oct 13th Lay in bivouac till dark
reading letters & papers received
last night and playing poker for
parched corn. There was heavy
firing up the river from Rome
at intervals during the whole
day. As it is more distant at
each renewal it is evident
our forces are driving the en-
emy. It was reported just dark
that the rebels captured Rasaca
last night and still hold the
place. There is a not possibility of
the report being true but it is
not generally credited. - Wrote
my friend but had no opportu-
nity to mail the letter. Just
after dark we fell in and marched
off north east leaving Kingston
to the right calculating to strike

the L. & A.R.R at Adairsville.

Our progress was slow but steady all night. The Div. was very much worn when it was halted for breakfast and rest at sunrise Oct 14th.

Oct. 14th. After eating and sleeping till ten o'clock we fell in and marched to Adairsville which we reached at two P.M. The surface of the country is undulating and littered covered with irregular shamb fragments of rock which has the appearance of having been spilled during the process of transportation. slate lime, flint and rotten sand stone make up the weight of the rocks in the neighborhood. The forest trees are mostly chestnut which are loaded with very

missions. The 12th was detailed to guard ^{the} supply train of the 19th A.C. with orders to wait at A. till it should come up which was not till after dark so we remained during the night. - The 56th Ill. Inf'y. are doing garrison duty at the place and are quartered in a large brick foundry building capable of holding twice their number. The walls are pierced for mine Rebs. above the a parallel stagemen^t and the whole building surrounded by a heavy rifle pit the bank thrown back against the base of the wall. All these improvements together make this building a formidable fort as well as a comfortable barrack. Several of the 56th

have married ladies of this
place since the Regn. has been sta-
tioned here, ^{which is} about three months.
The threatening of Rivasca by the
rebels occasioned their being call-
ed up the road yesterday, but the
danger being past they were sent
back on the train and arrived
while we were bivouaced near
the foundry. Their young wives
"flew to arms" in the most ex-
proud style and with as much
elegancy as the most devoted bride
of the north.

Oct. 15th. Marched at 7 o'clock
for Calhoun a small town on
the railroad ten miles north.
The soil is less rocky than yester-
day though blue lime abounds.
Water plenty but inferior. We
reached Calhoun station at

11:30 A.M. Soon after noon six
trains of cars went down the road
empty. This seems to indicate the
speedy evacuation of the coun-
try below here or a necessity for
troops above. One train at
least went for troops because
it returned heavily loaded at
sun set. It is reported that the
rebs have taken and still hold,
Snake Creek Gap where Gen.
Mc. Pherson fought so hard
with the 15th & 16th Corps last
May. They were driven away then
and will be again. - Rasaca
was not captured though its
surrender was demanded by
Gen. Hood himself. At dark
we pulled out for Rasaca which
we reached at 10:30. The train
being very large and the four left

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comprised two thirds of the way to the rear it was much later when they came in. Large droves of beef cattle were corralled several miles south of town.

Oct. 16th. Sunday. After bolting a half raw breakfast at about 4.30 we marched off to the north side across the Ostanooka & through town, Cos. "D." & "E." marching in rear of the 1st Div. train which was the 2d in order. At the supply depot on the northern border of the town our empty wagons were filled with hard bread delaying us till ten o'clock. We saw about fifty Yankees in a guard boat - ing near the depot who were captured yesterday in a fight in Snake Creek Gap which took

There was also a member of my
some Ill. Regt. confined for
murdering a Negro last night
while his command (23d. A.C.)
was passing through Recodo.
The black fellow was sleeping
beside the road and the soldier being
tired and worn out was of
course out of humor. He was
so enraged at the poor niger-
eant fellow for taking comfort in
that he shot him remarking,
"Take that you d—d niger
and see if you'll sleep again
when I have to march." This
chap was a member of Price's
army in Missouri but deserted
the rebels and enlisted in our ser-
vices two years ago. He has the
hardest countenance of any
man I ever saw. Sharp

short features, nose thin, half-closed eyes, sharp turn-up nose, sandy hair long, straight & coarse and thin red whiskers.

We left Resaca at ten o'clock, marching north west through Snak Creek Gap a deep, straight pass through the mountain from the Oostenoola to Sugar Valley. This pass is so gradual in its ascent and so uniform & regular in form that one might easily imagine that it is a work of art. The descent is more abrupt and irregular as well as much more picturesque. Several of who had traps prepared my boys picked up a stray ox from a drove belonging to the 23rd A.C. and had him killed and his hind quarters skinned when we came along. Each man cut off

and strung on his bayonet a
good big chunk so we had a
fine fresh-beef treat when we
camped at midnight without even
taking the Regt or even knowing
where it was but allowing the train
to pass along without a guard. Had I
been in command I would not
have taken the responsibility to
halt for the night without orders
but Capt. Price was willing to
risk the consequences and I made
no objections for my men
were completely worn out.

If reports from citizens are true
the rebel army has got into a
bad fix. We know that Hood must
fight or run immediately. The
inhabitants say the rebels "rank
and file" have had nothing to eat for
four days but parched corn and

sugar cane. Of course this is an exaggeration to say the least.

Saw Lt. Hunt of the 25th. Wis. and had a long talk of old friends and associations. Was very tired when we halted. My ankle gets worse every time I march any distance. Shall have to quit it.

Oct. 17th. Arose from my ponchoe shivering with cold at four o'clock. roused up my men & set them to making coffee. At five started off at a rapid pace which we maintained for two miles when we overtook the Regt in a small sally where we halted and slept till ten A.M. The Col having received orders for us to join the Brig we moved two or three miles to the south west and took position at the right of the division on the

summit of a sharp, rocky ridge.

Drew two day's rations, hard bread full, sugar & coffee half and rice, notice that together with one day's now on hand they must be made to last five days. Gen. Ransom, hardly the Corps received a heavy anti-straggling order which prohibits any officer or soldier leaving his place on the march except when it is actually necessary. Several penalties are attached to disobedience. Marched from camp till twelve P.M. when the Dragoon bivouaced for the night. I was sent on picket with my company but considered it no hardship as the weather was fine and we stopped early. We saw some pretty steep road while passing over a spur of the mountain. About

half way down on this (the south) side a team had run off the road and gone tumbling down the mountain as far as one could see through the deeply clouded moonlight. The wagon stood poised on the very verge of the hill and looked as though it must be overthrown by the first breath of air.

Oct. 18th, was relieved at 7:30 and ordered to report to my Regt. which I found about three miles south of the place at which we spent the night.

Halted near La Fayette at eleven o'clock to make coffee. This is a very pretty village of five or six hundred inhabitants and is surrounded by the most buck scenerу I ever beheld. The imagination can picture nothing

more pleasing than a neat village snuggled among wood clad mountains. Georgia ought to be a land of poets. If ever it produces one his home will be at La Fayette. Camped at sunset on the north bank of Chattooga Creek. Our msp team failed to come up so I slept, or rather spent the night, with my orderly ~~sergeant~~ sergeant.

Oct. 18th. Marched off at seven A.M. passing the 15th A.C. near the Creek. Sent out a foraging party which brought loads of meat and deposited it beside the road to await the Div. train.

Our course changed from south to south of west. Made fifteen miles passing from Sainte Ala. and camping near Alpine. The 12th

was sent off on picket about a mile west of the Div. camp. The boys found plenty of pork, sweet potatoes, mutton and molasses and had a first class soldier-feast. Our team-missing yet in the column of rebels we are following has passed over the mountains enough for middle Tennessee. It is doubtful about our following because our teams are too much reduced to move supplies.

Oct. 20th. Marched at eight A.M. keeping a steady pace till sunset camping about a mile before reaching Salisville. The country through which we passed is rich and beautiful. The path goes through a spur of the mountains.

tain which we passed is so deep, so straight and the sides so precipitous that it reminds one of some huge tunnel. This is a rich field for geological labor. Limestone, sand, flint and serpentine are among the rocks. The water is good & abundant. Beautiful springs boil up by the road side almost every mile.

Capt Sylvester was ordered under arrest this morning for allowing his foraging party to fire yesterday. He was to deliver his naked sword at Div. Hd Qrs. and march in rear of the Regt wearing his belt and empty scabbard. The Capt has the sympathies of the whole Commission of the Regt.

Oct. 21st Moved at ten A.M. three miles south of Batesville and went into camp on a grassy lawn. There is some prospect of the army lying here for sometime, I judge from the fact that there is a bridge being built across the Chattooga at the village. The boys have made graters of parts of canteens and are grating corn and making pudding of the meal. Although not sifted this meal makes very nice pudding.

Oct. 22d. Officers were disturbed this morning by Col. Bryant who notified us that the now veteran portion of the Regt. would start for Chattanooga sometime during the day to be mustered out. I concluded to

go along and muster out too in case I could get a pass of my pay. All non veterans of the Army of the Tenn. were gathered at Hd Qrs 17th A.C. and started at four P.M. for Chattanooga with a train of thirty five wagons one half of which is loaded with refugees.

About 25 prisoners are with us. I was assigned to command of the guard ^{Sundays} Oct. 23d. Marched at daylight making twenty five miles and camping at sunset. The boys foraged pork, potatoes and chickens and we had a supper which I shall not soon forget. Mr. Walker, Chaplain, is sleeping with me on this trip. He is on Leave of Absence.

Oct. 24th Dugout found us ready
to move at and dark but just camped
after walking about 10 miles.

I am continuing gathering a good
supply of Shells about 10 today
is one of which I had in the
ash tray yesterday was supposed
as nothing but a shell of the 14th
A.C. or its equivalent from Pap-
ed. To my satisfaction the terrain is
anything but as charming as
I thought it when we were
passing down. Hardly occur-
pation having got the minie ball
with it. Hard as when Gen.
Pillot demanded "Gen.
commanding a Battalion of
men to move down "to prevent
the ascertaining of a shell"!
but he refused to wait and Pil-

longer able to write without making
a figure.

Oct 25th. Reached Battalions
ga at one P.M., dinner and
meat to be obtained here. Ex-
pected to find Col. Rogers here
but he has been gone about four
days, & in search of the
Regt. I went to Sibley But. G.
to see him. He told me the
first bullet had struck near
Annan's death which
was caused by wounds in the
left arm & left hip which
took place Aug. 3rd. Professor
S. is looking well but is borne
down by grief a little boy of
his died a few weeks ago.
I am in a bad way of strength
not a cent of money and a very
poor fit of bed, food even

when mustered out.

Oct. 26th. Procured Provost Marshall's pass so I can go anywhere within the limits the town. Hunted faithfully four hours for some sort of shelter & finally got permission to sleep in an old rag of a tent for two or three nights. Mrs. Gantrell & Clark just came up from Atlanta. They saw nothing of Rogers. Gantrell is without blankets & I have taken him into my bed.

Oct. 27th Borrowed a tent from St. Kennedy and set it up at the bivouac. Learned that men will be mustered out on the expiration of their time regardless of the date of organization of

the Regt. and have the papers
nearly completed to muster
out those whose time ex-
pires tomorrow. I shall
be thankful to get away from
Chattanooga for it is the most
filthy & forsaken place (except
by the military) I ever saw.

Oct. 28th Got Brewster, Fos-
ter, Fetterly, Jernigan, Kellogg L.D.
& Mecterson mustered out today
"by reason of expiration of term
of service". They and four of Co.
C men went north on the 5:30
train. I begin to feel anxious to
be off myself but must be
guided by circumstances and let
reason point my course for
a few months to come. I am
tired of the service however
and shall stay but a short time at

longer. I have completed
the muster out papers of those
men who enlisted in Co. "A" and
were transferred to Co. "D". Their
time expires tomorrow.

Oct. 28th. Briebine, Bab-
com, Dale, Rider and Wells
are mustered out and gone
home. I am lonesome enough
to get the blues. Think I shall
follow them in a few days. —
Took dinner with St. Sibley
and had a long talk about old
times, memories & associates.
Many of the latter have been
taken hence during this
war. Poor brother Henry
is among them. St. S. appre-
ciates Henry's many noble
traits of character and sympa-
thizes deeply with those who

mourn for him. He is himself suffering from a similar affliction and can enter fully into our feelings. -

Wrote my Fannie sending the letter by Balcom to Fetterly who will take it home.

Oct. 30th. Sunday. Was surprised this morning by the appearance in camp of Allen McVey and Lt. Col. Stiles both came with the expectation of being mustered out and without their descriptive rolls. McVey is from his home in Ohio where he has been wounded & on furlough and Stiles from Atlanta hospital.

Walked up town with Lt. Gant well and, while lying around the office at the Whitefield House saw Lt. Jim Simpson

of the 6th Wis. Bat. and my old class mate in Latin & Geometry. Also John Cheffee once a class-mate in Algebra now Surgeon of the 12th Mo. Infy. Had a short old-times talk then parted with them promising to see them again tomorrow and returned to camp by way of the 17th A.C.

Mustering Office and got rolls for McBy & Stiles which I have completed as well as their descriptive rolls which had to be made out from memory and what little data their furloughs furnish. Have made a set of commutation papers for McBy on which he will draw ration allowances for the time he was on furlough. Stiles will have to get his

through the officers of Co. "A".
Oct. 31st. Went to the C. M. office
at 7 A.M. and stayed till 3 P.M. but
no Talbey came so we returned
to camp. About five o'clock
I was most agreeably sur-
prised by Lt. Rogers walking
into my tent. Never was
much more pleased to meet
a man. He replenished my
starved purse to the tune of \$20.
in green backs. His summer
sickness has been enough to
discourage the most hardy.
Lt. Cantrell came in late in
the evening pretty well 'slewed'
and made merry over having
got Dr. Talbey C. M. so drunk
that he could not get to his
office. Capt Stevens and Lt
Blackman are offended.

Nov. 1st. Lt. Rogers mustered out today also Mcby & Stiles and are at the depot awaiting an up-country train. Capt. Stevens Mrs. Blackman & Clark are there too & waiting too. Salma is in a particular hurry to get home. Have spent the day in straightening out papers relating to G. G. & G. R. Corp for Oct. & the final settlement of my business preparatory to leaving the service.

Nov. 2d. On account of the R.R. being taxed beyond its capacity those who were mustered out yesterday are still detained. Lt. Clark is the only one who has got off. Salma & Capt. Stevens took supper with us at the "Gib's House." The day has been rainy and dis-

agreeable. - Have made out
Ordnance Invoices, & Receipts
for Lt. Hoge to sign.

Nov. 3d. Lt. Benton started
for the Regt. at 6.30 this morning
or rather he was to. Steve La-
Marr & Ed. Grey went with
him. I sent a lot of cap
letters to Lt. Hoge & a clothes brush
& shoe brush to Sugr. Bee-
ry by the latter. By 2.13. I
sent Invoices & Receipts
for Ordnance to Ordnance
Stores and for Clothing Camp
& Garrison Equipment to Lt.
Hoge. - Troops are be-
ing crowded to the west as
rapidly as possible. The 23d
A.C. has been going to Deca-
ter today. An immense drove
of cattle came in on the military

road around the base of
Lookout Mt. this P.m.

The rain has fallen al-
most incessantly.

Have heard of Hood's at-
tack and repulse, three sep-
arate times from Decatur
Decr 30th, 31st & to day. I am
heartily glad of it but can
not say that I rejoice be-
cause my thoughts do not
rest a moment on the
place without bringing
poor brother Henry's sad
fat fresh to my
mind. It is probably
on account of his hav-
ing been engaged there
in April last. Ex-
cept my Dennis he was
dearer to me than any other.

person. I cannot but feel that my affliction is too heavy.

Nov. 4th. Rained all day and weather cold. Salma got off on the 1.30 train. I took the baggage belonging to Balson, Brewster & others from McWay and gave it to Goddard of Co. F. to take to Louisville where Balson is waiting. Stiles is sick and McWay unable to look after him and the baggage too while the road is so much crowded.

Nov. 5th. A beautiful day this has been. Made my dinner out Rolls & got the Col's signature to them. Met Lt. Chas. L. M. 24th Regt at dinner. Think him a pleasant fellow. Went up town with Lt. Leantwell.

met Prof. Sibley on the street. Capt. Stevens is still in town chafing like a caged lion.

Nov. 6th. Sunday. Col. Bryant tried to muster out but could not find Lt. Fralow. Our tents were taken from us & turned over to the Post 2. I. M. this morning. Commenced raining at ten A.M. & kept up all day. Called on Prof. Sibley and took supper. Am going to sleep at 3 P.M. Sam. C hasis 24th Wis.

Nov. 7th. Mustered out today and shall start for home the first opportunity. Think I shall feel like a free man when I get north of the Ohio river. Col. Bryant got off today.

St. Cantwell's papers are made out
and he will go with me.

I regret the necessity which
compells me to leave the service,
because many associations are
very pleasant. Some of my
warriors and most lo-
tained friends are in the "old
twelfth." The desire to enjoy
the comforts of home and
the society of my sweet lit-
tle wife foursakes me by far
those considerations.

Nov. 8th. Saw nothing of St.
Cantwell but have reason to
believe he went to Atlanta last
night. Started for Nashville
on the 1.30 train which has reach-
ed the foot of the mountain
where we shall have to lie all
night for some unknown cause.

Today has been fought the greatest battle of the war. On this the people have decided the fate of our nation. If they have voted for Mr. Clellan, which I very much doubt, we are dead as a nation, as individuals were deeply disagreed.

Nov. 8th. Came across the mt. at seven A.M. through a long tunnel made. Reached Nashville about noon. Met Surgt. J. C. Bender at N. He was sent from Atlanta on the hospital train to go into Gen. Hospital here. Looks much better than when I last saw him in Marietta last Sept. but is far from well yet. Seems to regret having lost his vote. It will make no difference in the result. Mr. Lincoln is reelected.

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Nov. 10th. Had a regular "run" over
the whole city of Nashville to
get my pay, in which I failed,
and to get transportation to Louis-
ville Ky. in which I succeeded
ed and got off on the 2.30
train in the afternoon. Nash-
ville is a very pretty City or
was before military & spoiled it
as it has all southern cities.
Business is brisk and the
streets, crowded with fruit
and pastry hawkers. Reached
Louisville at three o'clock on
following morning.

Nov. 11th. Received his six months'
pay from Maj. A. Director includ-
ing the time from Jan. 1st 1864 to
June 30th 1864 and am mortgaging to
Seven Hundred and Thirty Three
Dollars and Seventy five Cents.

Saw Capt Howell while stop-
ping there Oct 10 to help the care
for Gobindasoo Ladd from Jeff-
ersonville whom we have in
watched off at 2.30 P.M. Beach-
ed C. at seven in the evening
and started immediately in
search of Sis. Margaret whom
I found as per directions she
was in last Aug. More than
three years have passed since we
last parted yet I see but little
change in her appearance ex-
cept that she has grown
old. Her husband is a fine
looking man and has provi-
ded her with a neat and com-
fortable cottage home. Her
worth is more nearly appreciated
than of old. Spent the evening
in pleasure old time chat.

Nov. 12th. Spent the day in visiting with Sis. M. and family.

Telegraphed last night to Indianapolis to have my trunk sent back. It arrived "C. R." at 10.30. Its being carried fast is chargeable to the carelessness of the baggage master.

Nov. 13th. Sunday. Have not been outside of the door-yard today. Chat has been the order of the day. Wrote Capt Howell & Singh. Traveled with Prof. Stevenson Sis. Mrs. Estlin-in-law.

Nov. 14th. Visited the town early and bought a little present for each of Sis. M's children, three in number.

Mr. S. has been busy all day making improvements in his yard which is already

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Oct very pretty for a new one.
to Helen and Alexander (his little
boy fourteen years old) set out
a very nice little forest tree
in front of their cottage
which greatly improves
the appearance of the "es-
tablishment." If Sis and
her husband are blessed with
good health for a year or two
they will have made their home
an Eden. They strive each to
outdo the other in beautifying
their home.

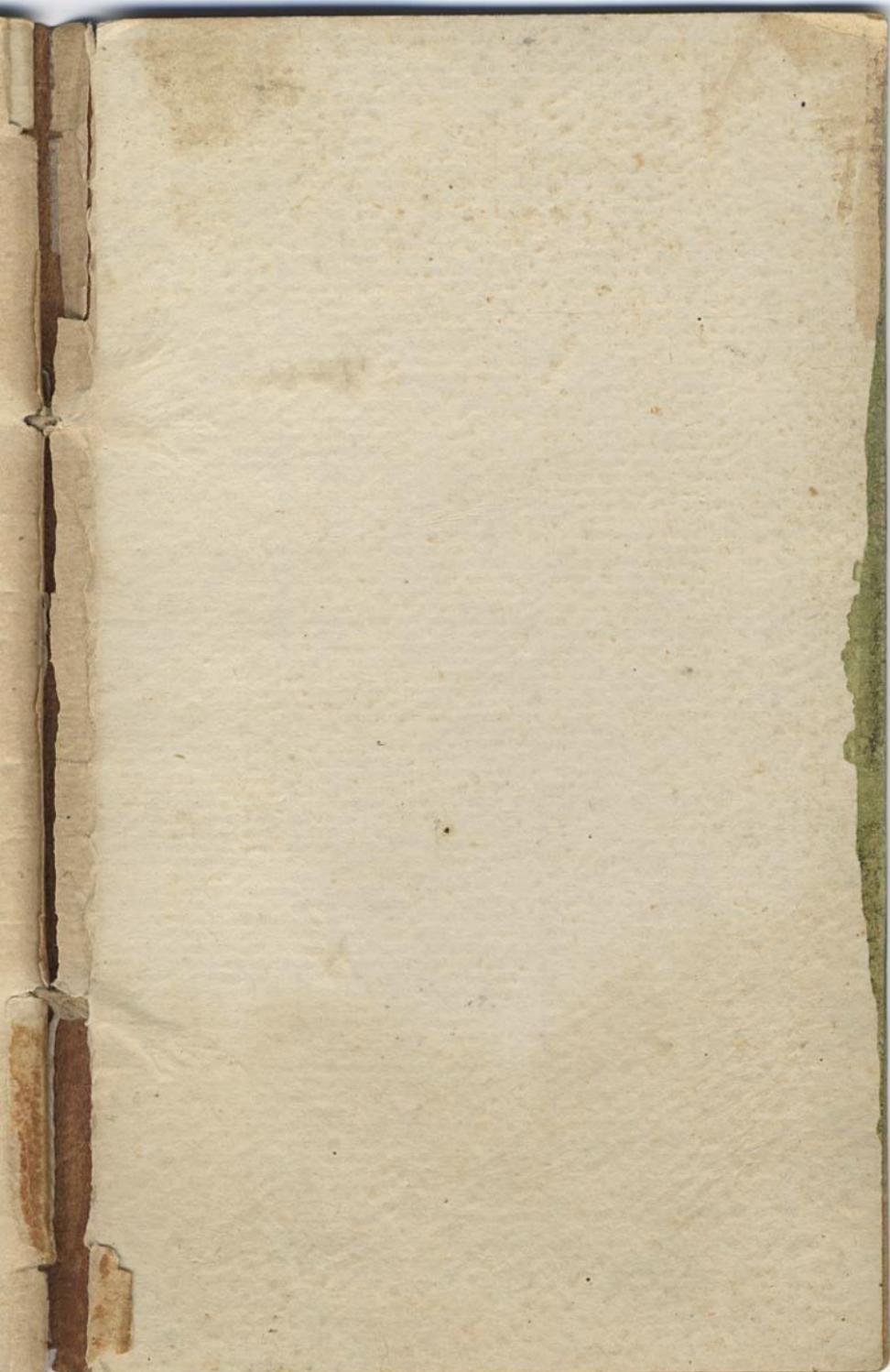
There has been a grand rat-
ification meeting here tonight.
Fireworks, speeches and
general whooping & cheering
indicated the general satis-
faction of that portion of
Hoosierdom here assembled.

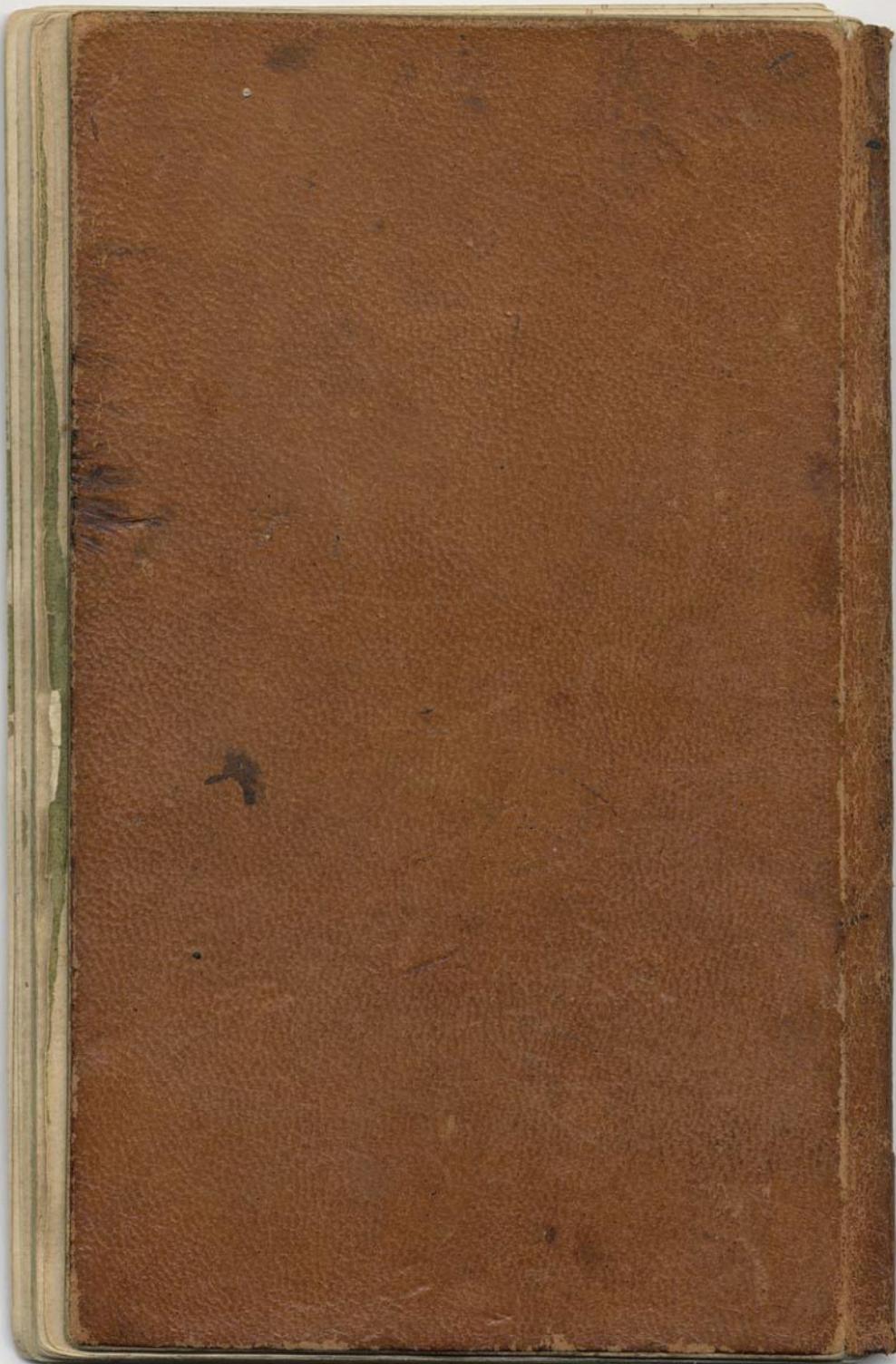
Nov 15th Left Sio and her fam-
ily very reluctantly and took
the car for Chicago. Reached In-
dianapolis at 3^m. and left
on the one o'clock train for C.
by way of Lafayette & Michigan
City. While sitting in the cars
waiting for them to leave In-
dianapolis the Provost Guard
from the U.R.C. came in to ex-
amine papers and other authorit's
on which soldiers were
traveling. One fellow from
the 20th A.C. who is on fur-
lough was pretty near drunk
and used very abusive lan-
guage to the Sergt's of the guard
who arrested and sent him
to the guard rooms where he
will be confined till he is so-
ber. There was quite a furling

about it in the car barn, in this case, right ruled and the fellow was marched off to prison.

Nov. 16th Reached home at seven this morning and was met at the door by sis Allie who, to judge from appearance had not been up a great while.

Was very much surprised to meet my Jenny here and very much pleased to see her looking so well and happy. I feel that the time has nearly arrived when I can enter upon life's joys again. - Sisters ² Hronia & Allie are teaching. Went to the business places of town but visited no Chapt or Book firm. Wrote sis Margaret.





April 18, 1863: Have reached Hernando & the Cavalry have had a pretty sharp skirmish in which they captured 70 of the enemy among which there are three Capts & four Lts. My Co. is detailed to guard them and I have taken possession of the Court house.

One of the prisoners, Thomas by name, wished to call on some friends & I went with him to a Mrs. Cook's. Mrs. C. is a genuine lady and resembles by Jennie /his wife/ in features and expression. I feel that we shall be friends.

April 19: Was started for Memphis this morning with the prisoners but had gone less than a mile when the order was countermanded & I overtook the column (which was moving South) five miles from Hernando. ~~6/11~~ Col. B was afraid that I would be attacked and the prisoners would be retaken. It would have been a hard job for I had two Cos. of Infantry and one of Cavalry. We had a brisk skirmish at Coldwater. Are two miles from Hernando.

April 20: Marched for Hernando early and remained in the DeSoto Co. Court House till noon when we started north. The town was fired, just as we started on the south side of the Court House Square. The report is that the greater part of the town was burned, the court house included. We are camped ten miles north of Hernando. Will probably move for Memphis in the morning. I have charge of the prisoners yet, with my Co. & Capt. Bodkins.

April 21: Reached H'd Qrs. 4th Div at five P.M. and turned the prisoners over to Gen. Lauman's Provost Marshall. Shall join the Regt tomorrow as early as possible leaving my new Co. in camp. Col. Bryant has promised me a place on his staff. I'm anxious to be with the Col. in his first fight.

April 22: Left Memphis at nine A.M. and overtook the advancing column at Hernando at three P.M. Moved south four miles and camped for the night. We advanced to the attack of Cold Water once and after skirmishing pretty much all day returned to within ten miles of M. received reinforcements and again struck out for the enemy's position. -- The better part of the little town of Hernando was burned the 20 after we left. Court house burned.

April 23: Col. Bryant and his Staff rode down to Cold Water river to see if

an enemy could be found. I went with them. We all crossed St. Picquet and I went near a quarter of a mile south of the stream and found where the foe and formed line of battle on the 19th when we were trying to cross. They must have had a heavier force than we from the marks on the field. -- We came back to Hernando. Took dinner one mile north of the town. Camped twelve miles north of H.

April 24: Reached camp at noon. Turned mules, horses &c over to Lt. Budlong. -- Slept till nearly night.--while eating supper I was surprised to see brother Henry walk round. An agreeable surprise too. He is in charge of a transport laden with deserters. We went to the theater & from there to the Worsham where we will stay tonight.

April 25: Spent the day with Brother Henry. He left for his command at five P.M. He will visit me again when Jennie comes.--We have had a heavy shower of rain and hail this afternoon.--Have signed the Pay Rolls so I think we'll get our money in a few days.

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May 9: The 4th Div. has received orders to move down the river. The 3d Brig. embarks first. It takes us rather by surprise. I regret it because it deprives me of Jennie's society this Summer. I have allotted a great deal on a visit with her. If she were here I would try to and persuade her to go along. Got a letter from her today dated Apr. & mailed the 21st.

Expressed \$550.00 to her today directed to Chicago.

May 10: Have lain in camp all day. Are expecting to embark tomorrow. Peter McHugh was drunk on guard. Jas. Dean witness.

May 11: Embarked at five P.M. and sailed at eight.

There has been comparatively little excitement attending this move. We are becoming more military and consequently less inquisitive and excitable. I was anxious to hear from Jennie again before but did not. We are aboard the "Continental." -- Several Cos. lost men by desertion. Mine are all present.

May 12: Landed on the Ark. shore to wood /sic/ soon after sunrise.

Ran along quietly till three P.M. when a gun boat hailed us saying the woods were full of guerrillas and that we were to run slowly & she would drop down ahead & shell the rascals out which she did with a vengeance making the rebs scrabble pretty lively.

May 13: Landed and disembarked early this morning. Marched out three miles and camped almost opposite the city of Vicksburg and in plain sight of it. It is built on the bluffs which are about one hundred feet high.

May 14: Marched about three miles farther down the river and camped for the night sending our teams back after baggage which was left at the upper landing.

May 15: Have lain in camp all day. Our baggage train arrived about three this P.M. ...

May 16: Remain at the same camp yet. Gunboats have been up near the City all day and till now. 8 P.M. shelling the enemy's works. The deep booming of cannon is becoming a familiar sound. Some of my boys were up opposite Warrenton today practicing with their rifles at straggling rebs who were roaming over the destroyed town.

May 17: ...Think we'll move tomorrow -- Take no stock in Richmond reports.

May 18: Embarked at four P.M. on the "Forest Queen" & landed at Grand Gulf at nine P.M. The supposition is that Grant is pushing the enemy from the rear & that he may try to escape by this route, & we are placed here to dispute his /the enemy's/ passage of Black river.

May 19: Have lain in camp all day on the hill back of the landing. Grand Gulf is simply a big bend in the river & a landing which needed a name -- It is a fine place for making a stand against river forces. The land rises abruptly to the height of sixty or seventy feet & is very broken in the interior for more than a mile. The rebs made a desperate stand. We are prepared to make a more desperate one against them should it be necessary.

May 20: Have lain about camp and rambled over the adjacent hills & through the hollows. Visited cane brakes. Am surprised to see them on the steep

hill sides growing to the height of thirty feet. Went bathing in the Mississippi this eve. Hear good news from Grant.

May 21: ...Wandered about the surrounding country a little -- Have had a refreshing shower this P.M. -- Things are running smoothly in my Co. -- Applied for a commission as Capt. in a colored Regt for S.P. Bon.

May 22: My boys found a bee tree today. -- We had a dress parade this P.M.

May 23: There has been heavy cannonading at Vicksburg all day. We are looking anxiously for the result. -- Nothing occurs here. --

Visited a picket post on which my men are doing duty. Had a walk with Corporal Dowell and gave him the outlines of proposed journeys after the war.

May 24: ~~Ma~~ ... Heavy cannonading all night & till five P.M. today. Lt. Dunsan tells me that Grant has the rebs completely surrounded, & that it is utterly impossible for them to escape from the City.

May 25:...Cannonading goes on pretty lively at intervals about Vicksburg today. Am very anxious to hear from the scene of action. The 53d. Ind. has taken its baggage to the Regt.

June 1: The weather is very warm. My boys killed a fine steer this evening. He was captured by some of them while on picket, he came ~~1~~ along without the countersign and on trial was condemned as a spy and according to the law of nations his life was forfeit on the gallows but the boys were merciful & shot him.

June 2: There is every indication of an approaching struggle at this point. Convalescents, hospital stores, Quarter-Master stores and all other extras are being shipped to Young's Point. The place is also being cleared of everything that will in any way hinder or prove unadvantageous to us.

I sent out three boys today and they brought in as many cows for company use.

June 3: ~~1117~~ / / / / / / / / / / / / Have written Jeannie. The weather warm but pleasant.

Rumors are rife of an early attack on this place.

June 4: ~~I~~ Swam in the Miss. with a number of my Co. Am on duty with my whole Co. supporting the 15 O. Bat. ...

June 5: Went up on the point near mouth of Black River with Lt. Bresee.

Saw some varieties of contrabands...

June 6: Nothing of importance occurred today.

Preparations are going on to evacuate.

June 7: Have written my Jennie today. I love her better every hour.

Contrabands are being shipped very fast. There thousand were sent up the river this afternoon. -- The heat has been very oppressive today.

June 9: Embarked on the transport Chessman at eight P.M. and sail for Warrenton enroute for our Division.

Left S. P. Bon and J. Winters at Grand Gulf recruiting for a Colored Regt.

June 10: Landed at Warrenton at four A.M. Did not disembark till P.M. on account of a raging thunder storm.... Are under orders to march at five tomorrow...

June 11: Marched out to our Div. Find it about as close /to/ the rebel works as is safe. There is a continual roar of musketry along the line.

Mortar boats are busy sending bombs into the enemy's works. Have been watching them sail through the heavens this evening. There is some cannonading along the line during the daytime.

June 12: Were sent on picket as a Co. Got shelled pretty lively while getting into the pits.

June 13: Lay in camp all day...Shelling has been going on pretty lively, several shells having burst over our camp.

June 18: Were eight Cos. sent on picket today and advanced our lines forty or fifty rods. Got shelled pretty lively but not driven back. Lt. Bird was wounded in the leg severely.

June 19: Had some warm work to hold our position but did it without a man being hurt. Preparation is being made to mount a nine inch gun within eighty rods of the rebs' works, they may resist but that will avail nothing.

June 20: Nothing of importance has taken place today though we were ordered to be in line at six A.M. Our artillery opened on the rebs' works and it was expected that they would make a sally to capture our guns but they did not...

June 22: Rebs made a charge on the pits next on our right about one A.M. but were repulsed. The 33d Wis. drove them off but lost one killed and one wounded -- I sparined my ankle pretty badly while running past an exposed point. Think it will be O.K. in a day or two.

June 23: Have suffered a good deal last night and today with my ankle. My Co. is sent on picket again. Is in charge of Lt. Hoyt.

June 25: The whole Regt. was in line of battle at 3 P.M. out near the enemy's lines. Some of the rebs' works were to be blown up out on the right and we were to engage them here. We did our part but I have not heard whether the enterprise met with success or not. I went out with my Co. notwithstanding my ankle is very lame.

June 26: Wrote Jennie and received a letter from Henry. Begin to feel symptoms of approaching fever.

June 28: ... The siege of Vicksburg goes on but slowly. It is my opinion that it will not be reduced for a month at least. I shall rejoice at disappointment.

June 29: Received Muster & Pay Rolls for May and June. We keep all branches of our War Department in perfect order notwithstanding our being hourly engaged with the enemy. I see marks of weariness among our officers which are really disgraceful. Such are unworthy the name of man. It is /a/ national and individual disgrace to yield to these villainious rebels.

June 30: Have been mustered for May & June. Went to division Hd. Qrs. to get mustered out as 1st. Lt. and mustered in as Capt. but did not succeed. Shall next time which will be in a day or two.

~~July 1~~ July 2: Was sent on picket as acting field officer. Capt. Stevens and I were in command of the Regt. Had a pretty warm time for a few minutes just /before?/ dark.

July 3: At eight this A.M. hostilities ceased by virtue of a flag of truce sent to Gen. Grant accompanied, we since learn, by a proposition to surrender on terms. Grant's answer w as "Unconditional Surrender." Firing commenced again but was soon stopped as the terms of capitulation were said to be

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nearly agreed upon. We will know in a day or two. I'm in doubt yet...

July 4: The city has fallen.~~to~~ Today our forces, Logan's division, 17th Corps, marched in and took possession~~of~~ of the town and 28,000 prisoners. Our corps is under marching orders. Are to go inland. The 17th Corps, except Logan's division, is to go to Port Hudson immediately. Some division sailed tonight....

(Captain Van D. Bennett was a resident of Viola and served in Company I of the 12th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He made his entries daily and at the time.)