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Enclosed is a copy of the Civil War Letters written by Horace Currier to his brother Edwin Currier. These letters tell about his experiences with Company I, 7th Regiment, Iron Brigade. Horace Currier was taken prisoner the first day at Gettysburg and was confined at Libby Prison, Richmond, Virginia. He died as an exchange prisoner August 15, 1863, at Annapolis, Maryland.

Edwin Currier was the grandfather of Mrs. Margaret Currier Pomainville..

Leland C Pomainville

Washington, D. C.
Sept., 29, 1861

It is now about half past seven in the evening. The enemy . They look like bright purple stars. The enemy are about 15 miles from us. The main body is about 200,000 strong. We have 400,000 within ten miles of Washington so we dont feel afraid of them. We are under Gen. McCellan. There is one Vt. Regiment and one N. H. Regiment on each side of our Regiment. We are about a half mile east of the capital. It is nothing but one sea of tents as far as you can see each way. Last night our troops drove the enemy from Munsons Hill that is opposite Washington on the other side of the Potomac. I have not smelled the enemy's powder and dont know when we shall move forward. We were six days coming from Wis. here. The people on our route greeted us with best the land afforded. I will write you a long letter giving you a description of the country in a few days.

Camp Arlington
Dec. 16, 1861

They (the letters) find me well except for a bad cold. I was excused from drill on account of my cold. The reason I did not answer your letter of Nov. 26 was I received it the evening previous to our going out on picket sentry and I was afraid mother would worry until she heard that I had arrived back safe to camp. They took 24 files, 48 men out of each company in our Regiment. It did not happen to fall to my lot to go but I volunteered my services and went for there were some that did not want to run the risk of getting a hole punched through them. Corporal Structus was in the line of a mine bullet. It was the first time we had run any risk of being shot. It was about 12 miles from our camp where we went picketing. That is out as far as we have any men. It was within hearing of the enemy. I tell you it is rather lonesome to march out from ones company about 6 or 8 rods in the dead of night towards the enemy. It is rather ricky business. There has been some soldiers shot most every night but we came in safe and sound. We had an alarm in the night. All hands went out about 12 last night. We think that there will be some fighting here this winter. The Regiments are going into winter quarters here. That don't look much like fighting. The chaplain carries our mail over to Washington.

Tell Mother I get plenty of tobacco but no rot gut. We shall be home in the spring probably. The Governor of Wis. was here Thanksgiving day and made a speech to the boys. I

I will give you an outline of a soldiers life.

First Reville at 6 A. M. that means roll call and get up and wash and comb the lice out of our heads. 7 A. M. Breakfast; 8 A. M. General Mounting 4 out of a company for Regimental Guard. It comes my turn once in about 2 weeks. 8.30 A. M. Police call, that means sweep out your tents and street. 9 A. M. Drill until 12 noon. Then at 2 P. M. Brigade Drill for Regiments. 4 Regiments drill together and the 6th, 7th, 2nd Wis. and the 19th Ind. Companies. Our Brigade Drill lasts until 4 P. M. half past 4 Dress Parade. Then we have to come out with our shoes blackened, white gloves on and everything neat and clean. 5 P. M. supper & Roll Call 8 P. M. Taps lights out all must be in bed by 9 P. M.

When we were on picket there 2 female slaves came within our lines and we took them home. We also took 2 horses and a mule from the Sesesh.

Camp Arlington
Dec. 19, 1861

There is not much prospect of any fighting this winter here. We are within 25 miles of the enemy. They are strongly fortified at Manassas. They have about 200,000 men there. We have about 150,000 now and sent 50,000 on through Southern. We dont know but what our Regiment may be the next one called to go South, we are in hopes that it will be soon. (We are perfectly tired of doing nothing but drill, drill and no fighting. If we could only hear the long roll beat, I tell you every man would jump out of his boots to go.) We have plenty of good vittles and clothes. I have 3 suits of clothes, 2 good blankets, and so we dont suffer for clothes or food and a plenty of money. I would like to hear from home a little oftener. We have not had any snow here yet. It is very pleasant, looks like spring. I think this is the most beautiful country I have ever seen, although war has made it desolate. Orchards are cut down, nice bricks leveled with the ground. There has been a great waste of property here. Property that is owned by those in the rebel army. Thousands

of negroes masters have run away and left the negroes ot take care of the property. They dont take very good care of it. Some of our boys go to the homes of some rebel and get a nice piano or a nice mirror to ornament their tent with. They are some that ate from tables that cost not less than \$50. It looks curious to see such funniture standing outdoors.

Camp 7th Regiment
Near Fairfax, Va.
March 12, 1862

We had marching orders last Monday morning about 1 A. M. and we had to have all our things packed and on our backs in 1 hour. and $\frac{1}{2}$ from the time of receiving orders I tell you it made us hustle in our boots. We were in line the 3 A. M. and marching. It was very dark and cloudy and commenced raining about sunrise and it rained all day. We marched about 18 miles into enemy country and I have not seen one Secesh yet. They have evacuated Fairfax, Centerville, Bull Run and Manassas. We have possession of all the above places. Today and there have not been over 6 killed and wounded in the whole arrangement. We have about 250,000 troops here. General McCellan at the head. We are going to Richmond I think if we don't get defeated. We have plenty of cannon, some of the largest kind. Our army reaches bout 15 miles when we are on the march so you can imagine what an immense army there is on the move.

We all carry our tents on our backs. Four men carry one tent. They button together. They are very nice, a new invention. We have plenty to eat. The Govt. tea, coffee, sugar, bread and meat (both fresh and salt) and a jill of whiskey every day since we started. And the hen roost and pigpens have to suffer. I brought in 6 good sized hogs last night. Then we went out and got one bee hive. I tell you we live fat and we have lots of stuff here that the southerners left. We think the war will be closed up by the first of June. Write to me as soon as you receive this. Direct the same as you have done. That is to Washington. We have a mail carrier that brings it to us from there free of charge.

Camp opposite Fredricksburg
May 18, 1862

We encampt here on the banks of the Rapranock. Oh it is beautiful country. Our artillery has just gone down this morning to shell out the Rebels. The Rebels are in force down the river about three miles from here. We have been called out in the line of battle once since we have been here. I dont think that we shall have any battle here. I think that the Rebels will retreat as soon as Richmond is taken by McCellan. We are merely keeping the Rebels from advancing on to Washington.

We are only about 50 miles from Richmond. I think we shall be home by the 4th of July. I am going to send home a paper. It is a Philadelphia Paper. I shall have it directed to Plainfield, you will get your first copy about the first of July. I have signed for it for one year. We expect to get our pay this week. I inclose two photographs, one of the captain and other my second Lt. They gave them to me. (We are encampd on Ferry Farm where Washington was born. His mother is buried here. I have seen her grave. The Rebels have fired at the tombstone three or four times and disfigured it very badly.)

General Hospital (Fairfax Co.)
Balls Church, Va. Aug. 17, 1862

I was taken sick about two weeks ago. I left our Regiment one week ago today for the hospital. I shall have been here one week tonorrow morning. I have had a slight run of fever but am getting better at present. I think if nothing new takes place I shall be able to go to my Regiment in two or three weeks. I have first rate care here. We have everything that is good to eat or drink, a plenty of waiter to attend every want. I tell you the sick are cared for here. The ladies that live here in town visit the sick every day and bring in nice things such as jelly and wine, nice gruel and everything that is good for a sick person to eat.

Camp near Sharpsburg Md.
Oct. 10, 1862

We are here in camp about 2 miles from the Battlefield of Antietam. The enemy have retreated to the interior of Va. There is some of our forces in pursuit of them yet. (Our Brigade is completely ~~weased~~ ^{weasted}. Oh, Edwin I will not try to tell you the amount of suffering that I have witnessed within the last three weeks. It has made me sick of war. You will think when I tell you that I could take you the next day on the battle ground of Antietam and that you could walk one mile in one straight line and not step on the ground but on dead men and horses that I have stretched the truth. But it is so. The wounded were not all taken off the third day. For I know for I was there through the whole thing in the front rank. Thank God and through his goodness was preserved as safe as though I had been at home.

Some parts of the field the men were piled three and four deep. The Rebels left their dead and wounded in the field for us to take care of. The Battle of South Mountain was two days before the battle of Antietam. At South Mountain was the first fight I ever was in. I don't know when we shall make another move.)

Camp in the Field, Va.
May 29, 1863

(I wish I could be at home to have some of those eggs and brown bread and milk. Eggs are 50 cents a dozen and one third rotten at that.) Tobacco is \$1.50 per pound. Apple pies about the size of a saucer are 25¢. We do not have much fancy fixings in the army. My health is very good at present. I don't know what the next will be. About one third of ~~the~~ our army is going home. Their time is out. (The Rebels are in force on the other side of the river. We stand picket on the river once in about two weeks. We stand and talk with them on the best of terms. They ~~never~~ fire on any of the western brigades or "Iron Brigade". The Rebels call us the "Black Hats". But when the Mass. troops are on picket the rebels are peppering them all of the time, night and day. Or the New Jersey troops. Our Brigade is composed of the 2nd, 6th, 7th, 19th Ind and 24th Mich. The Rebs have respect for us. They say that they would rather fight one whole division of New Eng. troops than our Brigade. They say so in earnest. There never has any of our Regiments who ran yet in this Brigade. Day before yesterday the Rebels commenced to fire on the Jersey boys when they on picket. Our Brigade was called out and ~~only one~~ Regiment marched down to the River. The firing ceased immediately and all was quiet in less than 30 minutes. The reason they are so mad at the Jerseys boys is this, about two weeks ago when they were on picket one of the Rebels told them that he would swim across if they would let him go back and they agreed to do so, and Mr. Reb swam over and Mr. Jersey captured him and marched him up to General Reynolds Headquarters as a prisoner of war. General Reynolds sent them back with Mr. Reb to the river telling them that that was not honest to lie or deceive in that way. So they did not make much out of their bargain only that the Rebels fire on them every time when they go on picket. Oh, I pray that the wicked war may close soon.)

Camp in the Field near White Oaks Church, Va.
May 27, 1863

(I think the war will close this summer. The Rebels cannot stand more than one more such butchery as they had the last time we crossed the river. Oh, we left them in piles and there were some blue coats as well as gray left on the field. Edwin,

you can imagine how they lay when I tell you it was like a field of wheat when it is bound up. Our line of battle was about 6 miles in length. The battle field was in the woods. There was but one clear field of about 160 acres betwixt our lines. The Rebels charged through that seven times on to our works and were driven back each time. We had about 100 pieces of Artillery that swept across ^{Stuarts} Stewarts personal Brigade that was on the right of that field. It was deafening to us when they would open on them. Our men would wait until the Rebels would mass 15 to 20 thousand in that field and then the batteries would open on them.

Aug. 15 1863

This day Horace Currier, 1st army Corp, Union Army died at Annapolis, Maryland of chronic diarrhea. May his soul rest in Peace in that bright world above where parting and sorrow is not know, where I hope to meet him, never more to part.

Edwin Currier

The United States Hospital

2nd Division, Ward 5

Annapolis, Maryland

Thurs., Jan. 1, 1863. This day finds me in the U. S. service. In camp near Bell Plain, Va.,. We moved into our winter quarters last night. It is a very pleasant day.

Fri., Jan. 2, 1863. This morning I went down to Battery B, returned about noon. The orders to go out on picket. We started about half past 12, went out 3 miles from camp. Co. I & D were on reserve.

Sat. Jan. 3, 1863. Today at 3 p.m. we went out on picket. I was on a Post with Sargent Fred Woodward.

Sun. Jan. 4, 1863. This day and returned to camp.

Mon. Jan. 5, 1863. We had a review today General Wadsworth reviewed the Brigade.

Tues., Jan. 6, 1863. This morning I received a letter from Edwin and answered the same. I enclosed 20 dollars in the same. I sent a letter to Nat.

Wed., Jan. 7, 1863. This day we had a battellion drill. Rather cold.

Thurs., Jan. 8, 1863. At camp today nothing of importance transpired.

Friday, Jan. 9, 1863. We had an inspection today. Were inspected by our regular army officers. I went down to the landing at Bell Plains lower landing.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1863. This day it rained, did not do much.

Sun. Jan. 11, 1863. Very pleasant. Lt. ^{Leffler} Seffles commanded his house. We had some Pocaditor. I wrote a letter to Perrys.

Mon. Jan. 12, 1863. This day I went to work on Lt. ^[Leflers] Serles house. Received a letter from Edwin stating that he had received 30 dollars.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1863. This morning I went on guard. Swan from 76th N.Y. was over to see me. I let Lt. ^[Lefler] Serles have 10 dollars. P. Ramey paid me four dollars.

Wed. Jan. 14, 1863. Today nothing of importance occurred. I lent P. Ramey have 2 dollars. Today I wrote a letter to Ed and enclosed 6 dollars.

Thurs., Jan. 15, 1863. Brigade drill. Col. Robinson drilled the brigade. I let P. Ramey have 1 dollar. Now he owes me six and twenty-five cents. John Ram paid me ten dollars.

Fri. Jan 16, 1863. Today I sent a letter to ed. Ten dollars in the same. We had orders to have 3 days cooked rations on hand.

Sat. Jan. 17, 1863. This day I rather sick. Did not go to the dr.

Sun. Jan. 18, 1863. This day not well. We received orders to have three _____ rations on hand at _____ shall probably _____ tomorrow. Received a letter from Edwin and Lucy.

Mon. Jan. 19, 1863. This day I went down to the Suttlers (?) and bot some potato and flour.

Tues. Jan. 20, 1863. This morning we had orders to march at 12 noon. We march to Turners Switch on N. Fredricksburg road.

Wed. Jan. 21, 1863. This morning started at 7 a.m. went about (?) miles very muddy and wet and went in to camp. It rained all last night and today.

Thurs. Jan 22, 1863. This day remained in camp. Very muddy. It is rumored that we shall go back to our old camp at Bell Plain.

Fri. Jan. 23, 1863. This morning had orders to pack up and go back to our old camp. Arrived at our camp about 7 (?) p.m. Found our quarters occupied by the 17 Conn (?) troops. Pitched our tent outside of the grounds and remained over night.

Sat. Jan. 24, 1863. This ~~day nothing of importan~~ morning I went into camp about 11 a.m. once move back to our little log cabin.

Sun. Jan. 25, 1863. This day nothing of importance transpired. Rather dreary.

Mon. Jan. 26, 1863. This day I went (?) Sturges (?) down to the Suttlers (?) and bot $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of potatoes, 6 _____ $\frac{1}{2}$ (?) lbs. candles.

Tues. Jan. 27, 1863. This day at home. Recd. a letter from Edwin stating that he had received from me fifty dollars.

Wed. Jan. 28, 1863. Wrote a letter to Edwin and enclosed ten dollars in the same. I drew a *blouse*.

Thurs. Jan 29, 1863. Today in camp. Last night it snowed about ~~ten~~ inches. Today it was very pleasant.

Fri. Jan. 30, 1863. Very pleasant today in camp. doing not much (?).

Sat. Jan. 31, 1862. This day in camp. Nothing of importance transpired today.

Sun. Feb. 1, 1863.

Sun. Feb. 1, 1863. This morning we had orders to go on picket at 8 a.m. went out. We were *parked* on the old line. About noon our lines were moved. Pat Ramey (?) ran a bayonet through his legs and he and Sgt. _____ returned to camp. I was on Post with C. Ford & I Brown (?).

Mon. Feb. 2, 1863. Today on picket we had another man attached to our platoon.

Tues. Feb. 3, 1863. Today about 12 (?) were relieved by the 75 N. Y. Returned to camp. I received a letter from Jacob.

Wed. Feb. 4, 1863. At home today.

Thurs. Feb. 5, 1863. This day it snowed and rained all night every hour.

Fri. Feb. 6, 1863. This day I sent a letter to Jacob, directed it to
Berlin

_____ (?)

Mich.

Sat. Feb. 7, 1863. This is a very pleasant day. Jacob Dunlap was put under arrest for not _____ the reason of his being detained was on account of being absent from roll call.

Sun. Feb. 8, 1863. Tomorrow we have (?) inspection.

Mon. Feb. 9, 1863. Drill and dress parade.

Tues. Feb. 10, 1863. This day we had camp inspection. I went and bot one bushel of potatoes and let Sgt. S _____ (?) have one half of them.

Wed. Feb. 11, 1863. This day in camp.

Thurs. Feb. 12, 1863. This day in camp.

Fri. Feb. 13, 1863. This day we had an inspection. co.

Sat. Feb. 14, 1863. This day in camp. C. Ford (?) changed his shirt (?) great rejoicing in camp.

Sun. Feb. 15, 1863. This day rather dreary. It stormed all day. No inspection. This day G. Bush recd. his furlo. I let him have \$5.00 dollars and two notes against H _____ one of \$7.50 and one of \$6.50 to collect for me.

Mon. Feb. 16, 1863. This day in camp. We wash our clothes.

Tues. Feb. 17, 1863. This morning went on picket at half past 7 am. We (or me) on the reserve. It snowed all day! I recd. a letter from Edwin stating that he had received 70 dollars from me.

Wed. Feb. 18, 1863. This day on the reserve. It rained most all day.

Thurs. Feb. 19, 1863. This day ^{we} were relieved _____ muster(?) came home (?).

Fri. Feb. 20, 1863. This morning I went on guard had a very pleasant time. This morning I sent Edwin a letter with ten dollars.

Sat. Feb. 21, 1863. This morning we _____ Guard House. _____

Seven men drummed out of the U.S. service today. They belonged to 1 In [19 Ind.]
(?) Vol. 24 Mich. & 2 W. (Wisconsin) Vol. the _____
_____ very sad affair for a soldier.

I should much rather face the enemy than to witness another such scene.
I lent to _____ 2.50 in cash.

Sun. Feb. 22, 1863. This day very stormy. Rained all day. I let _____
have Lewis *Berino* not for \$6.00 dollars. 5.00 from him pay day. Redd.
(?) 15th from _____ 50 cents _____
Brown will pay his *noote* .

Mon. Feb. 23, 1863. This day pleasant.

Tues. Feb. 24, 1863. This day was hard one. _____ inspection very pleasant. We expect to go on picket. I drew one pair of shoes.

Wed. Feb. 25, 1863. This day in camp. Nothing of importance occurred.

Thurs. Feb. 26, 1863. This day in camp. It stormed all day. Recd. orders this morning to go on Picket. 7 privates & 5 *noncome*. It was reported in camp this morning that Vicksburg was ours.

Fri. Feb. 27, 1863. This morning started for Picket. Came out and were put in with Co. H. I went on duty immediately and was relieved at 4 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 28, 1863. On picket today.

Sun. March 1, 1863. We were relieved today at 10 a.m. by the 7th Ind. It rained all last night very bad walking (?).

Mon. March 2, 1863. At home today. Not much going on.

Tues. March 3, 1863. This day not much going on.

Wed. March 4, 1863. This day we washed our clothes.

Thurs. March 5, 1863. This day I lent Pinkham one dollar.

Fri. March 6, 1863. This day I _____ wrote two letters one to _____ and Mathews (?). We had a Regimental inspection. _____ recd. a very _____ *reprimand* from Capt. Richards. But I think that ti was rather.

Sat. March 7, 1863. This day in camp all *right* (or night).

Sun. March 8, 1863. Today in camp. Recd. a letter from Uncle Samuel.
_____ Battery.

Mon. March 9, 1863. In camp this day. All night. *(on night)*

Tues. March 10, 1863. This morning _____ *Seplers* (?) went to Washington. He is in debt to me \$19.00 dollars.

Wed. Mar. 11, 1863. This day I went down to the landing came back about noon.

Thurs. Mar. 12, 1863. At home today. Recd. a letter from Edwin stating that he had recd. now \$80.00 dollars from me.

Fri. Mar. 13, 1863. This day C. N. P. _____ started off on furlough. I lent him ten dollars. I let him have _____ notes against H. Mathews _____ of 7.50 and 6.25 _____ on C. C. *Seplers* (?) for \$13.00 dollars. This day ten went out on picket out of our company.

Sat. March 14, 1863. At home. John _____, _____ and Pinkham were sent in under arrest.

Sun. March 15, 1863. _____ I wrote a letter to Uncle Sam.

Mon. March 16, 1863. At home not much doing. I went to the Brigade Guard house to see (?) *(or serve)*).

Tues. March 17, 1863. At home today.

Wed. March 18, 1863. At home today.

Thurs. March 19, 1863. This morning I went on Brigade Guard. In the morning the boys of Co. I. held a bogus election for Sgt. (?) Cpl. Bush was elected for the _____.

Fri. March 20, 1863. This morning we were relieved by the 24 Mich.

Irwin (?) _____ came to see me. It rained all day.

Sat. March 21, 1863. This morning it was very pleasant.

Sun. March 22, 1863. Recd. orders to get ready to move. Bot one _____ of _____ and lot C. Ford have one half of it.

Mon. March 23, 1863. At home today in camp. Nothing of interest transpired.

Tues. March 24, 1863. This day we had a Reg. inspection.

Wed. March 25, 1863. This day in the camp.

Thurs. March 26, 1863. This day nothing of importance.

Fri. March 27, 1863. This day Sgt. _____ and myself went to the ^{utler}Sunday (?) *expecting* _____ But he did not arrive.

Sat. March 28, 1863. This day _____ arrived. I did not receive (?) any money of him.

Sun. March 29, 1863. Today I wrote a letter to _____ Gov. Morton of Ind. visited our Brigade and made a few remarks to each Regt.

Mon. March 30, 1863. At home.

Tues. March 31, 1863. This day nothing of importance.

Wed. April 1, 1863. This day at home.

Thurs. April 2, 1863. This day we had a review by General Hooker.

Fri. April 3, 1863. At home today.

Sat. April 4, 1863. At home today.

Sun. April 5, 1863. It stormed today. Didn't have any inspection.

Mon. April 6, 1863. At home today.

Tues. April 7, 1863. We had an inspection today.

Wed. April 8, 1863. This day at home.

Thurs. April 9, 1863. This day were reviewed by the President and Gen. Hooker. Our reg. went on picket after the review.

Fri. April 10, 1863. We had a general inspection today.

Sat. April 11, 1863. This day we were doing not much. Heavy firing up towards Falmouth.

Sun. April 12, 1863. At home went over to 76 N.Y. Vol. Pleasant.

Monday, April 13, 1863. At home today. Rather dreary today.

Tues. April 14, 1863. This day we recd. orders to march tomorrow morning with 8 days ration with the exception of meat. of that 5 days in our *Haver* sacks.

Wed. April 15, 1863. This day at home.

Thurs. April 16, 1863. Nothing of importance.

Fri. April 17, 1863. We had a battallion drill today.

Sat. Apr. 18, 1863. This day we drilled (S.C.).

Sun. April 19, 1863. At home today.

Mon. April 20, 1863. We had orders to march out in heavy marching order. Went up to Headquarters and back to camp.

Tues. April 21, 1863. This day the sick were all sent off to the hospital. Coal & Manson not off.

Wed. April 22, 1863. At home today. Gover. Julian visited.

Thurs. April 23, 1863. At camp today. The paymaster came.

Fri. April 24, 1863. At home today. Our Regt. was paid. I recd. 52.

Sat. April 25, 1863. In camp today. I sent a letter to Edwin with 10 dollars in the same.

Sun. April 26, 1863. This day we had a Regt. inspection very pleasant.

Mon. April 27, 1863. Our Regt. went on Picket today. We had orders to hold ourselves in rediness to march at an early hour.

Tues. April 28, 1863. Today we march at half past 12 down within about one mile and half of the Potomac. I _____ about ten o'clock to night we had orders to pack up and go down and cross the river that is our Brigade the 24th Mich. Our Brigade crossed in boats and charged up the _____ about 2,00

(Wed. Entry)

Wed. April 29, 1863. We did not cease until about ten o'clock. Then our Brigade crossed over. This is most glorious. Our brigade is called the Iron Brigade. This afternoon went on picket at 5 _____ were relieved at 11. We lost in this _____ about 6 or 7 _____ and mounts (?).

Thurs. April 30, 1863. We laid in our intrenchments. We commenced to intrench this afternoon. We have orders to hold our position. Gen. Hooker is up on the right this morning. The enemy continues shelling us.

Fri. May 1, 1863. We were in our intrenchments. The enemy shield (sic) us most severely just before sunset.

Sat. May 2, 1863. This morning we evacuated our works about 10 a.m. and went up to reinforce Hooker. We came within one mile of the U.S. Ford on the Rappahannock and encamped.

Sun. May 3, 1863. This morning we had orders to pack up & march on to the battle field at 3 am arrived in position. At 7 am we were not (?) engaged with the enemy. That is this division. This has been an awful battle, we spent the morning in intrenching our lines. The enemy made attempt to take position on our left three times through the day & was repulsed.

Mon. May 4, 1863. We were in our intrenchments all day. Nothing of importance only *skirmishing* all along the lines.

Tues. May 5, 1863. This day was rather dreary. Nothing of importance we had a ration of whisky issued to the troops.

Wed. May 6, 1863. This morning about three we left our works & recrossed the river - and came within about 3 miles of Falmouth & went into camp.

Thurs. May 7, 1863. This morning we started at 8 & marched about _____ miles beyond white oaks church & went in camp.

Fri. May 8, 1863. Were in camp today. Rather coald (sic) & dreary. I sent a letter to Edwin today with 10 dollars in the same.

Sat. May 9, 1863. In camp today in the evening Lieut. P. _____ man(?) and I went over to the 136 Pa. This evening John Hamlin returned.

Sun. May 10, 1863. We had a Sunday Morning inspection. I wrote a letter to Edwin with 20 dollars in the same.

Mon. May 11, 1863. Today around camp. I and _____ went over to where J. J. P. (?) was on safe (?) guard. The batteries came up & went into camp in our rear.

Tues. May 12, 1863. This day at camp nothing of importance transpired.

Wed. May 13, 1863. This day we changed our position in the Regt. We are the 7th Co. at present. Lieut, _____ & Sgt. Brown of the N.Y. 76 came over to see us. I recd. a letter from Edwin dated May the 4.

Thurs. May 14, 1863. This day we were fixing up our camp.

Fri. May 15, 1863. This morning we went on Picket. We were on Picket where we crossed the River that is the lower crossing. The Rebs in plain view.

Sat. May 16, 1863. We have been on the reserve today. I went down to the river, our pickets and the Rebs talk together across the River & send little boats with _____ and exchange coffee for tobacco. The Rebs are first rate friends with the Iron Brigade at present.

Sun. May 17, 1863. This morning we were relieved by Cutler's (?) Brigade Arrived in camp at noon.

Mon. May 18, 1863. This day we had a Regt. inspection. This evening I recd. a letter from Hermann _____.

Tues. May 19, 1863. In camp today. I wrote a letter to Hermann_____.

Wed. May 20, 1863. This morning I went on Brigade Guard.

Thurs. May 21, 1863. This morning I was relieved. This morning the four regiments 24 Mich., 6, 2, 19 Ind.

Fri. May 22, 1863. This day in camp.

Sat. May 23, 1863. At home not much of _____.

Sun. May 24, 1863. This day we had a company inspection.

Mon. May 25, 1863. Rather cold. I recd. a letter from Edwin. He has recd. one hundred dollars from me.

Tues. May 26, 1863. This morning I went in Guard Regt.

Wed. May 27, 1863. This morning was relieved. This evening I recd. a letter from home with .75 cents worth of postage stamps & also stating that he had recd. 120 dollars. This day I sent a letter to my brother with 10 dollars in the same.

Thurs. May 28, 1863. This we recd. our pay. I recd. 26 dollars.

Fri. May 29, 1863. This day I wrote a letter to Edwin & sent \$20. This morning we had orders to be in line for a review at 6 in the morning.

Sat. May 30, 1863. This day we had a review. Were reviewed by Gen. Reynolds.

Sun. May 31, 1863. This day in camp. Officers around in camp from ~~14~~ Wis.

Mon. June 1, 1863. Very windy today.

Tues. June 2, 1863. This morning we went on picket. we were on the extreme left. Our camp was in the rear of the works. _____.

Wed. June 3, 1863. Our Regt. is today very _____ (?).

Thurs. June 4, 1863. We were relieved this day about 10 a.m. B. F. Powell paid me 4.00 dollars on J. H. _____.

Fri. June 5, 1863. This day we had orders about 7 p.m. to get up at 3 a.m. & be in readiness to march at 4 a.m.

Sat. June 6, 1863. This morning we were up & packed & went out on _____ Parade Ground & stacked armes. Remained _____ all day.

Sun. June 7, 1863. This day we had an inspection at 2 p.m. We had orders to pack up three days rations & take our knapsacks with nothing but a blanket & march. We went to within about one mile of _____ court and camped at about 1 a.m.

Mon. June 8, 1863. This morning we marched to _____ Fort and encamped with orders to be up at three o'clock in the morning.

		First Army Corps	
December 31, 1862	Patrick Bruey	Paid	6.25
	J. J. Philips	"	2.50
	C. N. Prutsman	"	1.65
January 12 sent Seifles			10.00
February 10 sent Seifles			38.00
	"		55.00
	S. Bash	Paid	5.00
	C.F. Strahy	"	2.50
	J. Deagan	"	5.00
	E. C. Safles	"	1.50
	Pickun	"	10.00
	C. H. Paulson	"	10.00
March 22	C. Ford	"	.75
December 18, 1862			
	Sent home		10.00
December 19, 1862	Sent home		10.00
December 21, 1862	Sent home		10.00
January 6, 1863	Sent home		20.00
January 11, 1863	Sent home		6.00
January 16, 1863	Sent home		4.00
January 28, 1863	Sent home		10.00
February 20, 1863	Sent home		10.00
April 25, 1863	Sent home		10.00
May 8, 1863	Sent home		10.00
May 10, 1863	Sent home		20.00
May 27, 1863	Sent home		10.00
June 22, 1863	Sent home		10.00
August 15, 1863			

General Hooker

This day Horace (Horace Currier, First Army Corps Union Army) died at Annapolis, Maryland of chronic diarrhea. May his soul rest in peace in that bright world above where parting and sorrow is not known where I hope to meet him never more to part.

Edwin Currier

The United States Hospital
2nd Division Ward 5
Annapolis, Md
Cash account February 1863

I have received on Jacob A. Staples Notes of John Row 25.00
of B.F. Povill 4.00
I have paid out for J. Staples Sent to him 5.00
Paid Amos Rioldas 3.00

June 9, 1863

This morning we started and crost (crossed) the Ford. The Emmeny (enemy) falling back with out - - -
We was on the reserve all day. This has been a very hard battle for the Galarvy (cavalry). We recrost the river about one hour before dark. We crost about 2 PM above Rapahanac (Rappahannock). - We went down to station and camp.

June 10, 1863

This morning soon at daylight we packed up and went out on the

R. Road toward Beaton Station about 2 miles and went into camp for this day. One nite at this place.

June 11, 1863

This morning we marched to Beaton Station went into camp about 1 mile from the station. This morning we draw rations.

June 12, 1863

This day in camp nothing of importance hapened today. Only the 3rd Army Corps advance up to this place.

Saturday June 13

The 1st Army Corps came up today. Was starting about 3 oclock and went up far as Liberty and went into camp. our things came up tonight. We pitch our tents the 1st time for 6 days.

Sunday June 14

This morning we started for Warington (Warrenton) went about three miles and then turned and went to Warrenton Junction. Arrived at this place at noon. I went on Brigade guard. We then started for Manasas all day on the road.

Monday June 15

We march all night arrived this morning about Sunrise at Manasas rested about three hours an then went to Centreville. I was relieved today at noon from guard, march -- at Bull Run Creek.

Tuesday June 16

This day in camp at Centerville washt our shirts and had orders to prepare for inspection but went to bed with orders to get up at three in the morning.

Wednesday June 17

This morning we started on the march went as far as Humiton on the -- Savanah R. Road. Arrived in camp about 3 PM.

Thursday June 18

This day in camp, this evening was hard thunder showers, nothing of importance transpired this day.

Friday June 19

This morning we heard very heavy firing. We had orders to have an inspection but received orders to march. Struck tents about 8 AM and went about 1 mile beyond Gilford Station and went in camp on Broad Run.

Saturday June 20

In camp today this morning we had orders to be up and ready to march at day light but did not go.

Sunday June 21

This day we had Sunday morning inspection about 8 AM. This AM 10 Pivrates an non commissoned officers were detached from Brigade guard clearly hearing firing in the direction of Aldie and had orders to have our things in rediness to move but in remaining in camp.

Monday June 22

This day about 3 P.M. our company received orders to pack up with three days rations. We went with the Bridge Corp up to Eas -Creek about seven miles to build a bridge. Arrived there about dark. I wrote a letter to E F Currier and sent 10 dollars home.

Tuesday, June 23

This day to work on the bridge at Eas Creek.

Wednesday, June 24

This morning we started about 9 AM. to return to camp arrived at camp about noon.

Thursday, June 25

This morning we had orders to pack up and be ready to march at day light but at 10 AM we had orders to march. We went to Edwards Ferry and crossed at noon. Went about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles towards (towards) Polesville (Poolesville Md.) and - - - We then went to Dransville (Draneshtown) over night at the same march.

Friday,

This morning we started and went as far as Jefferson over night at the same place.

Saturday, June 27

This morning we started about 6:AM went about 2 miles beyond Middleton Md and went into camp. I was very much out of breath.

Sunday, June 28

This morning we had inspection at 2 PM the long Role beat and all fell in and went over to Fredrick Md. over night at same place.

Monday, June 29

This morning we started at 6 AM and march the biggest days march that we ever done in one day we encamped about 1 mile beyond the town our regiment on Picket. Emmitsburg, Pa. was the name of the town. (18 miles)

June 30

This morning we started at seven and went about 4 miles and went into camp and remained over night.

July 1, Wednesday

(Gettysburg Battle)

This morning we started at 8 AM march to Gettysburg our corps and the 11 had a very hard time with the enemy (enemy) our Brigade was cut all to pieces. I was taken prisoner after falling back to the edge of the town. I was perfectly exhausted, was used up strained It was 3 or 4 oclock I should think.

Thursday, July 2

This morning very unwell and sick and tired out. I should judge we have lost in prisoners between 2 and 3000-- the loses have been very heavy yesterday and today the Rebels moved us about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from where we were last night. Oh this has been a very hard day for many - - fever the Rebs are paroling lots of the 11 corps.

Friday, July 3

This day in our new camp nothing of importance with one only sick the battle still rages. The Rebs sent a lot of prisoners to Carlisle Pinkson and Marxson of Co J 7 W Vol.

July 4

This we started and went toward Carlisle drew rations and about 1 PM and packed up and went out into a large field and we continued the march took the Hampton Road.

Sunday

This morning we started about 8 and went about 7 or 8 miles and went into camp in the mountains. As we were passing up the sides of the mountains our forces attacked them in the rear. Marched until 10 or 11 oclock at night. Went to bed without any supper. I am sick.

July 6

Started this morning about 7 went down to the foot of the mountains and drew rations and march all night passing through Waynesboro about 8 or 9 in the morning. I was very tired.

July 7

This morning about 11 AM we went Hagerstown. There was a good Union feeling manifested by the people. We went onto --- about one mile of Williams Port and went into camp.

Wednesday, July 8

This morning about 10 we packed up and started to cross the Potomac River but finally went back into camp our officers went off today.

Thursday, July 9

This day we packed up and went down as far as the town and about one-half the prisoners remained and went accross the River (Potomac) We with the rest came back to our old camp.

Friday, July 10

This morning we started before daylight and went to the Ferry and we Ferried across the River then we went as far as 2 miles beyond Martinsburg. No rations this day. I am very nearly used up.

Saturday, July 11

This morning we started at 8 with out breakfast the reason was we had nothing to eat. We went as far as Bankes Hill and drew rations. Hayes and I bot \$1.00 worth of flour at the rate of about 41 dollars per lbs then we started and went to Winchester arriving there about 12 at night.

Sunday, July 12

This morning we started out went about 2 miles beyond the town of Winchester and went into camp and remained over night drawing rations where about 150 of Mulloys men joined us here.

Monday, July 13

This day it rained very hard all day we went as far as Bankes Hill and went into camp very tired and sick.

Tuesday

This morning we started and went to within 3 miles of Mt Jackson. Very tired.

July 15

This day we went a short distance beyond town and drew rations.

July 16

This day we went past Harrisonburg and went into camp in a thunder shower rained most all night.

Friday, July 17

This morning we started and went to within 4 miles of Staunton and went into camp. I was very sick.

Saturday, July 18

This morning we started about 8 AM and through the City Staunton about miles beyond the town and went into camp before going into camp they took our rations and tents away which leaves us very much exposed.

Sunday, July 19

This day they sent about 700 to Richmond I was very sick today.

Monday, July 20

This morning we all got ready to go but could not get off on account of so many that was ahead of us.

Tuesday, July 21

This morning I and Hays went to where they march out and succeeded in getting off. Went down to Stanton. We take the cars and started for Richmond about 12, we arrived at Gardenville at 7. PM. My breath is very poor.

July 22

We arrived in Richmond this morning, this morning at 3 and march down to Libey Prison at 10 AM. We had our haversack contents taken from us then we were given $\frac{1}{2}$ loaf of bread then marched over to - - . Oh I am very sick. There was about 1000 sent down to City Point.

Thursday, July 23

This day in camp very sick. Very bad diarrhea and fevers.

Friday, July 24

This day not much better. A very long dreary day there was about 150 prisoners from Grants Army in the west arrived here in camp today also about 700 from Staunton which make it rather crowded. The Doctor came and see me today.

Saturday,

This day I am very sick. I went out see the Dr. today.

Sunday, July 26

Oh, this has been a long day to me, I am not any better.

Monday,

This has been a very dreary day to me.

Tuesday, July 28

This day the Rebels took us out of camp. and count us. I went and saw the Doctor and am expecting to go to the Hospital if I am no better when they send off another Brigade.

Wed. July 29, 1863. In camp rather sick.

Thurs. July 30, 1863. This day I went to the Dr. I am very sick.

Fri. July 31, 1863. This morning I went to the Dr. I was very sick last night but am a little better this morning.

Sat. Aug. 1, 1863. This morning went to the Dr. This afternoon went out and was paroled again. About 700 sick & wounded prisoners. Was sent over to the city without our supper and shoved into one of those old tobacco warehouses.

Sun. Aug. 2, 1863. This ~~at~~ morning about day light they started (?) us and took away our blankets & cups which was the last. I was very weak & sick. They gave us a small slice of bread with went aboard of the cars about 5 a.m. & started for city _____ arrived at City Point. About 11 a.m. found the Steam Boat New York, the very boat I and _____ came went on. We left _____ about 1 p.m. Arrived at Fortress Monroe about dark.