

## Diary of Lt. Frederick Nathan Boyer of the 59th Illinois, 1862-1864

January 24, [Friday 1862] [Pea Ridge Campaign]

In camp at Lamine River near Otterville, Missouri. Snow on the ground. Colonel Julius White commanding the Brigade composed of the 37th Illinois and 9th Missouri. [Later 59th Illinois]

January 25 [Saturday 1862]

This morning I went to Syracuse to carry discharge papers to Sylvester Fox. He looked very bad. Went back on train and got off at Lamine bridge and received our pay. Drew 34 dollars. Orders to march tomorrow at 6 A.M.

January 26 [Sunday 1862]

Left camp at 6 A.M., marched east, went through Syracuse and kept east and camped one mile north of Tipton, Missouri. Took sick on the road today and ordered to be left at Tipton tomorrow.

January 27 [Monday 1862]

Our regiment started south at daylight this morning and I was left at Tipton with a lot of other boys of our regiment. Tipton is a small town situated in a low place on the R. R. one large hotel used as hospital. One hotel in town.

January 28 [Tuesday 1862]

In hospital, very lonesome.

January 29 [Wednesday 1862]

In hospital, Captain [Houston L.] Taylor came to see us on his way to rejoin the company, also Colonel Frederick [Calvin Harlow; 59th Ill.] came in town on his way to rejoin regiment.

January 30 [1862 through February 5, 1862 are blank]

February 6 [Thursday 1862]

John Goodman [not on 59th roster] came down from Otterville on train. He and I are going to start for regiment tomorrow.

February 7 [Friday 1862]

This morning I got my discharge from the hospital at Tipton, Mo. and then went to the Provost Marshall Capt. [Madison M.] Walden of the 6th Iowa, Commanding and got a pass for Rolla [Missouri]. The train came up and we got aboard the train. Being behind

time we concluded to go on to St. Louis and not stop at Franklin. We got to St. Louis about 10 P.M. and went to the Valley Hotel.

February 8 [Saturday 1862]

This morning we reported at headquarters and saw our Colonel J.C. Kelton [John Cunningham; 9th Mo.] He sent us to Capt. [Lewis B., Assistant Quartermaster] Parsons and the Capt. gave us a pass to Rolla [Missouri]. We walked around town all day, in the evening I bought a watch for \$14.50 insured for one year. At night we went to the St. Louis theatre Hotel. At 11 P.M. retired to bed.

February 9 [Sunday 1862]

This morning did not get up until 7 A.M. Got our breakfast at A.M. Paid our fare-\$1.50 each. Went to the cars and took the train for Rolla. Got to Rolla just before sunset but at Rolla Hotel did not find a very good house. Took our supper and paid \$.75 for breakfast and bed tonight. We did not think we would stay here long.

February 10 [Monday 1862]

This morning I inquired of Mr. Case, County Surveyor, of my Uncle, and found he lived 16 miles south from here. Took our breakfast and called on Col. [John B.] Wyman of the 18th Illinois for information about our regiment and then went to a private boarding house at \$.50 per day. Took dinner and supper and retired on a bed made of shucks. Wrote one letter to W. H. Boyer.

February 11 [Tuesday 1862]

Nothing of importance happened today. My uncle came to see me. I was absent in town when he came. I came back to the house and found him and Mr. Newfort there waiting for me. I wrote two letters today, one to John W. Gunn and one to my mother and ran around town at various places. Visited the barracks.

February 12 [Wednesday 1862]

Today we learn that the army has left Lebanon [Missouri] and gone towards Springfield [Missouri] expecting a fight there soon. I visited the fort here this morning. It is built about 1/2 mile south of town on a high hill and affords a fine view of the surrounding country. The country around is very hilly and broken. I wrote a letter today to M.E.M.

February 13 [Thursday 1862]

This morning we went down to headquarters and examined the mail for the regt. I got one letter from Laura. It turned very cold this afternoon and snowed also. There was a lot of drunk men in town today. Tonight, just before bedtime, a small row at our boarding house – a drunk man came here and Mr. Merills put him out of the house.

February 14 [Friday 1862]

Last night it was very cold and was cold all day today. We examined the mail this morning and I got a letter with a Valentine from Miss. Eliza G. I wrote a letter today to my Uncle N.R.K.

February 15 [Saturday 1862]

Nothing of importance occurred today. In looking over the mail today I got a letter from Ed Boyer, N.S. Moseley, and Jim Pinnell. Various reports came in today in regard to [illegible] and our forces at Springfield. Today I loaned to John Goodman five dollars. It was very cold all day.

February 16 [Sunday 1862]

This morning after looking over the mail we went out and found a man going to start to Springfield in the morning. We engaged passage with him. This afternoon I wrote some letters; one to Mother, one to Lovel, also one to L.L.S. and retired to bed.

February 17 [Monday 1862]

This morning we got ready to start for Springfield. We did not get to leave Rolla until nearly eleven o'clock. We had some trouble on the road today, horses would not pull and broke the doubletree. Ten or twelve miles from Rolla we came to a grocery and from there I went ahead to the Gasconade River and spoke for lodging for us tonight. We followed along the railroad all day. Crossing on nice stream.

February 18 [Tuesday 1862]

This morning we started about 10 o'clock. The road was tolerably good today. In crossing Big Piney one team stalled right in the middle of the stream. We had to unhitch the sutler's horses and ride in to get it out. The Big Piney is a beautiful stream. The road yesterday and today was over high hills, across deep ravines. We put up at a house tonight about two miles from Big Piney.

February 19 [Wednesday 1862]

There was some sleet fell last night and was very bad traveling. We traveled over some very high ridges and rough roads. We took dinner today at Waynesville, the county seat of Pulaski County. This a poor place with but few houses in it. We came six miles this side and put up at the California Hotel.

February 20 [Thursday 1862]

This morning we was off in good time. I paid \$.90 for bed and breakfast. We camped for noon on the Gasconade River. I got dinner at a private house, paid \$.10. We stopped within six miles of Lebanon.

February 21 [Friday 1862]

This morning we started about 8 o'clock. We passed through Lebanon about 10 A.M., did not stop but a few minutes. Found some soldiers here. Met several messengers

today and they say that our army is 75 or 100 miles South of Springfield. We met a government train going back to Rolla. We stopped tonight within 89 miles of Springfield, the end of the telegraph line.

February 22 [Saturday 1862]

We started about 8 this A.M. Passed a train in camp about 3/4 mile after starting going to Springfield. We met two trains going to Lebanon with 27 wagons in each train with six mules to each wagon. About 10 A.M. met a train of 10 wagons with 4 horses to each wagon. We came about 12 miles for dinner. After dinner we met one train of 46 wagons of mostly 4 mules. About [illegible] P.M. we met another train of 18 wagons of 6 mules each. At 5:30 another train of 17 wagons. We stopped within 17 miles of Springfield.

February 23 [Sunday 1862]

We started about 8 this morning. At 10 A.M. we met a large train of wagons. 54 wagons, most of all of them 4 horse. We got in Springfield, found some of our boys here and Lieut. [Albert] Anthony. And went to a private boarding house for board. Found Springfield to be a very fine town full of soldiers. Also bought me a pair of pants from Boker and Co.

February 24 [Monday 1862]

Did not get up very early this morning. Went up town and knocked around. Some time after dinner went to the Post Office and got a letter from John L. Wiley. Had a nice time, played upon the piano. Wrote a letter to W. H. Boyer.

February 25 [Tuesday 1862]

Nothing of importance today. I wrote a letter to John L. Wiley and commenced one to M.M. and engaged passage to start to the regt. on the 27th. We heard today that our regt. had been changed to 59th Ills.

February 26 [Wednesday 1862]

Did nothing of importance today. Finished my letter that I commenced yesterday and wrote a short note to mother. Rest and calculate to start in the morning for the regiment.

February 27 [Thursday 1862]

This morning was up in town and found Sam McConnaha from the 25th Ills. and says that our regt. is changed to the 59th Ills. Did not get to go this morning but calculate to go in the morning. Got a letter this afternoon from W. H. [Boyer] and M.M.

February 28 [Friday 1862]

This morning we left Springfield at 10 o'clock and went southwest, traveled 15 miles today. Passed by the old battle ground of Gen. Lyon. Crossed several fine streams. Wilson's Creek is a fine stream running north and south. Put up tonight at a house where a wounded Lt. was left.

March 1 [Saturday 1862]

We got breakfast and started about 8 A.M. Crossed several fine streams over many rocky hills. The boys on the road set a house on fire. We put up in a house tonight where a wounded Lieut. was left belonging to the 22nd Ind.

March 2 [Sunday 1862]

This morning while at breakfast, the Dr. came in and said that the [illegible] had just expired. Traveled south on flat creek and came to Cassville at 12 M. Could not go any farther, had not enough men to escort the train farther. It turned very cold this afternoon and snowed. Cassville is nearly deserted [sic], but few families here.

March 3 [Monday 1862]

Started for the army at 8 A.M., had an escort of about 20 to 30 Cavalry. Passed through Keetsville. There the Texas rangers a few nights ago attacked a train of loaded wagons and Captain [Samuel Montgomery's] Co. Meet some wagons going back at 12 M. and the 1st Mo. Cavalry going out in scout. Crossed the line into Arkansas, got to camp at 5 P.M. and found the boys all well.

March 4. [Tuesday 1862]

Last night at bedtime I went in the Capt's tent and got six letters, one from Level, P.P.B., M.M., Mother, M.L.B., and one from Albert Latta at St. Louis. It rained some last night, got up late this morning got our breakfast and took dinner at 3 P.M. Found the boys all in need of clothes.

March 5, [Wednesday 1862]

This morning I wrote a letter to Lovel, had no ink, wrote in pencil. This afternoon one of the boys of Co. C was drummed out of the regt. The whole Division turned out. The Brass band placed 'Pop Goes the Weasel', the drums and fifes played 'The Ark, Traveler' and 'Poor Old Solder'.

March 6 [Thursday 1862]

Last night at 12:30 A.M. we was waked [sic] up and ordered to cook three days rations and get ready for marching. We got up and cooked some break and most of us went back to bed. Snowed some last night. This morning we concluded to finish cooking our rations. Before we got done we had orders to 'strike tents'. Various rumors in camp about Price advancing upon us. At 12 M. Cos. marched and left 2 Cos. here, ours with the rest. We moved about one mile and went into camp. Heard some cannons firing this evening.

March 7 [Friday 1862]

This morning D. [Darius] Wiley and me went over to the 4th Iowa and saw B. Arterburn. After we come back we was to fill our cartridge boxes, repack our knapsack, and put two days rations in haversacks. We marched down to our old camping ground then marched back. Lost ten men and some wounded. We marched around for some time

and stacked arms. I was sent out on picket tonight. [Official Report – 9 killed, 57 wounded. Brigade Report – 14 killed, 51 wounded.]

March 8 [Saturday 1862]

Last night at 12 M. we marched back close to where we left yesterday. This morning we marched east before sunrise. Took position in open field behind a fence. Soon left there and we marched around through the woods for some time, was about to charge with bayonets one of the Ind. regts. [sic] There was some heavy musketry this forenoon. The cannonading commenced about sunrise and continued up until 10 or 11 A.M. when the enemy was driven from the field. We returned to our camp and got something to eat. Went out on picket tonight with our whole Co.

March 9 [Sunday 1862]

Came in from picket this A.M. at 7. Henry W. (Wiley) had breakfast prepared. Eat and then went to see the prisoners, about 200 in number. Rained some. Saw some boys come in from Springfield with letters tonight at bedtime, 5 in number. One Valentine, one from Lovel, one from Heolland, one from Westfield and one from A. B. Latta.

March 10 [Monday 1862]

Did not get up early this morning. Commenced writing a letter to W. H. B. [Boyer] and got some letters. Just at this time some cannons was heard firing. We was ordered to fall in with our arms. We was soon in line. Marched towards Leesburg [Lee Town] and then returned and struck tents, loaded up the wagons, and fell in line and stacked arms. Got two more letters, making 8 today: 2 from Mother, one from W. H. B. [Boyer], L.L.S., P. P. B., M.E.M, one from Sister G. W. [Gloria], and from Eli K., and moved our camp about 5 miles southwest.

March 11 [Tuesday 1862]

Nothing of importance occurred in camp today. I wrote a letter to W.B.B. [Boyer] today giving him a sketch of the fight. Had dress parade this afternoon at 4 P.M. Col. White tendered his thanks to the Brigade for their gallant conduct of the 7th and 8th. There was much cheering done.

March 12 [Wednesday 1862]

Today I wrote a letter to Mother and M.E.M. Nothing of importance occurred in camp. Dress parade at 4 P.M. Remained about camp, got some washing done, drawed [sic] two days rations of beef and enough hominy for one meal, got no corn. Considerable grumbling among the boys about not getting enough to eat.

March 13 [Thursday 1862]

This morning we had orders to draw the loads from our guns. Had drill this morning. This afternoon also drilled loading laying. Parched corn and made bread by first grinding the parched corn on the coffee mill. It rained this evening.

March 14 [Friday 1862]

It continued to rain most all night and this morning. Sugar Creek was high and water very muddy. I commenced writing a letter today to P.P.B but did not finish. Nothing more than usual occurred in camp today. Wrote a letter to Level and one to M.L.B.

March 15 [Saturday 1862]

It rained nearly all last night and appearance of more this morning. Went over to the 4th Iowa camp today and found Bran[um] Arterburn all right. Come back and found our Orderly in camp just from Springfield, Mo.

March 16 [Sunday 1862]

Finished my letter to P.P.B. today and had orders for Co. inspection until 2 P.M. Went on dress parade at 4 P.M., then went to preaching immediately without arms. The 37th Ills. had arms. Listened to a very able sermon delivered by Chaplain [Nathan] Schumate of the 59th Ills.

March 17 [Monday 1862]

This morning we had orders from Battalion drill at 10 A.M., but not having provision plenty to eat, it was deferred. Drawed [sic] some flour this P.M. and went on dress parade at 4 P.M.

March 18 [Tuesday 1862]

This morning we had Co. drill and went on Battalion drill this evening and dress parade this evening. I wrote a letter to Mother today and while writing Sam [Samuel A.] McConnaha came in and brought me two letters, one from Mother and from N.R.K.

March 19 [Wednesday 1862]

Last night just after we had gone to bed Lt. [Hamilton W.] Hall came and said we must get up and cook three days rations. We done so and this A.M got ready to march at 7 o'clock but did not start until 3 P.M. Marched until 9 P.M. and camped in Mo. Left Leesburg [Leetown, Ark] to our right. This afternoon passed several houses used as hospitals by the Secesh. Very dark marching after night.

March 20 [Thursday 1862]

This morning we had our coffee and bread for breakfast at an early hour. Marched up to our wagons and remained here some time and then struck out on a march, the 2nd Brigade in advance. We marched about two miles and then aboutfaced [sic] and marched back about 1/4 mile in Arkansas and went into camp. John [W.] Gunn came up after we had been in camp some time. Snowed some this afternoon.

March 21 [Friday 1862]

Remained in camp today. Nothing unusual occurred. Snowed some and was very disagreeable generally. Various rumors afloat, one that there is to be a National convention held soon and to be no fighting for forty days.

March 22 [Saturday 1862]

It cleared off last night and was very pleasant today, only somewhat windy. Dick and me went up to the 25th Ills. today. Found Sam McConnaha all right and well. Took dinner at the Sutler's tent up there. Came back to camp and got a letter from W.L.K. Several of the boys got "on a tight" this evening: there was a man brought in whiskey into camp and sold to the boys.

March 23 [Sunday 1862]

Nothing unusual occurred in camp today. I commenced writing a long letter to W.L.K. Had dress parade at 5 P.M. Also wrote one letter to N.R.K.

March 24 [Monday 1862]

Today I finished my letter to W.L.K. We had co. drill from 9 to 11 A.M. and battalion drill from 1 to 3 P.M., also dress parade.

March 25 [Tuesday 1862]

Co. drill this morning and battalion drill this afternoon. Had an order on dress parade for co. drill and battalion drill every day, also the order announcing the resignation of Col. Kelton [on March 12, 1862]. I wrote a letter to Mother and W. F. Boyer.

March 26 [Wednesday 1862]

Last night just at bedtime I got three letters. They were from John T. W., my sister G. A. W. [Glovina] and M.E.M This morning we had co. drill as usual. Inspection at 2 P.M. and brigade review at 4 P.M. We passed in review before Col. White of the 37th Ills. We then had a brigade drill and a sham battle. Col. W's staff was one Capt., Qt. Master, Brig. Commissioner, and two citizens from Ill.

March 27 [Thursday 1862]

We had no drill today as we had to clear off the co. grounds. Dress parade at 4:30 P.M. I commenced writing a letter today to M[illegible] and one to Eli Kester.

March 28 [Friday 1862]

No drill today as we had but 1/2 lbs [sic] flour to the man. Considerable grumbling about not having enough to eat. Dress parade at the usual time.

March 29 [Saturday 1862]

Today we drew flour, 2 lbs. to the man. We had orders this evening to cook up three days rations. Some excitement in camp, various rumors afloat in camp. Dress parade as usual. Nothing unusual during the day. Col. White, Brigade Commander, started home this morning on furlough.



March 30 [Sunday 1862]

Today we received our pay. We was paid by Paymaster Cheeny. I got thirtyfour [sic] dollars and put thirty dollars in a letter to send home to Mother. Put 15 dollars for Mitchell to send to Mrs. Dudley. Mitchell went to the hospital at Cassville. Missed dress parade this evening, was up at [illegible] Sutler's tent.

March 31 [Monday 1862]

This morning I wrote a letter to L.L.S. Just as I got through writing there was an orderly call. We was called out in line, the roll called, and orders not to leave camp. Firing had been heard at the pickets and Gen. Davis [Jefferson C.] ordered no man to leave. Nothing unusual occurred in camp.

April 1 [Tuesday 1862]

Today we had a Division review before Gen. Curtis. Went about half a mile in open field. It rained considerable today. Got a letter from W.F.B. Started thirty dollars home to Mother in a letter to John Arterburn.

April 2 [Wednesday 1862]

It rained very hard last night and this morning. Water was standing all over the ground. No drill today of any kind. Wrote two letters today, one to W.F.B. [Boyer] and one to John T. Wiley. Had dress parade. The sun shone out very warm today.

April 3 [Friday 1862]

Nothing unusual in camp today. One report that Price had crossed into Missouri at Forsyth, about 60 miles east of us. Dress parade as usual. Commenced a letter to Glovina [sister].

April 4 [Friday 1862]

This morning I finished my letter to G.A.W. [Glovina] and wrote one to Mother. Battalion drill this A.M. by Major Winters [Joshua C.] and co. drill after noon and dress parade.

April 5 [Saturday 1862]

This morning at 9:30 we got orders to cook two days rations and prepare to march as soon as the teams come in. Did not move today. Had dress parade as usual.

April 6 [Sunday 1862]

Left camp at Cross Timbers, Arkansas today at 9 A.M. Marching north-east through Keetsville and going on to Cassville, Mo. We turned to the right and camped for the night.

April 7 [Monday 1862]

Left camp at Cassville today at 7 A.M. Left 37th Ills. at Cassville. Traveled over high hills and through deep ravines. Traveled about 15 miles today and camped on a high ridge. Crossed one large creek several times today.

April 8 [Tuesday 1862]

Today we marched over very high hills and traveled about 12 or 15 miles and camped on Flatte Creek, a very beautiful stream. James Kirkham, Jesse Forkner, and D.M. [David] Reynolds came to us. I got two letters tonight, one from Aunt Bess and one from Uncle Byrum.

April 9 [Wednesday 1862]

This morning we left camp at Flatte Creek after some delay. We crossed Flatte Creek and taking a very high and rocky road, we came to the town of Galena, the county seat of Stone county. Here we halted some time but marched across James River one mile. The bridge across was made out of 24 wagons put angling down the stream. This evening Branum Arterburn came to our camp. Snowed some this morning just as we started. After we had been in camp some time this evening, we got the news of our troop getting Island No. 10 [April 7, 1862]

April 10 [Thursday 1862]

Left camp at James River this morning at 6 o'clock. The 2nd Brigade went in advance today. Traveled over some very mountainous roads today and through deep ravines, crossing several large creeks and passing a large cave and many fine springs. Went within 8 miles of Forsyth and camped on a fine stream.

April 11 [Friday 1862]

Today we remained in camp. Rained nearly all day. I wrote two letters, one to M.M. and one to W.H.B. [Boyer]. Tonight Branum came to our camp.

April 12 [Saturday 1862]

It rained considerable today. Some of our boys came up: C.G. [Daniel] Scouter, A.B. [Albert] Latta, Ewing Milburn, and T.F. Rice. Nothing unusual in camp today.

April 13 [Sunday 1862]

Nothing unusual in camp today. Preaching at 3 P.M. and dress parade at 5 P.M.

April 14 [Monday 1862]

Had orders for battalion at 10 A.M. Started out to drill and it commenced raining so went back to camp. Wrote a letter to Mother and received one from M.M. Got orders to move tomorrow at 7 A.M. Made preparations for marching.

April 15 [Tuesday 1862]

Last night after we retired T.M. [Thomas H.] Dutey came in camp and brought some of the boys some letters. Started on the march this morning at 7 o'clock. Marched north following the creek, the road crossing the creek 28 times in twelve miles march. Most of the men waded the creek from 1 1/2 to 2 feet deep. Camped in an open field close by a mill. Within 25 miles of Springfield. Found John Carroll at our camping ground with three letters for me, one from W.H., Lovel, and Mother.

April 16 [Wednesday 1862]

It rained considerable today. Constructed a table to eat upon. Wrote a letter this afternoon to Lovel. Cap. [Houston L.] Taylor [Promoted to Lt. Col. 68th Regt.] told us he was going to start home in the morning. Nothing unusual in camp. Rained considerable this evening.

April 17 [Thursday 1862]

This morning there was a detail for forage. Jim Condnitte and I volunteered our services and went after straw about six miles. Went out on the Springfield road, loaded our wagon and went to a house and got our dinner and 1/2 bushel of dried peaches and walked most of the way back to camp. It rained very hard on us coming in. Detailed tonight for guard tomorrow.

April 18 [Friday 1862]

It rained considerable last night. Got our breakfast this morning and went out on picket about 1/4 mile south of the camp to a house. Had to cross the creek in a trough used as a canoe. Did my duty on guard, nothing unusual on guard. Capt. Taylor started home this morning.

April 19 [Saturday 1862]

Got back to camp this morning at 9 o'clock. Nothing unusual in camp today. Got orders to march tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. Very unpleasant all day.

April 20 [Sunday 1862]

Started from camp at Bull's Mill at 9 A.M. Rained most of the day, very disagreeable all day. Marched in a northern direction today and camped 20 miles from Springfield. We came through some beautiful groves of pinery. Only had half a 1lb. of flour today.

April 21 [Monday 1862]

Our wagon did not come in last night so we had to sleep outdoors. Our wagon did not get in this morning so we had to march without anything to eat today. Considerable grumbling in camp among the boys. Started on the march about 8 A.M. Our regiment in the advances today. Marched very hard all day and camped on a high ridge.

April 22 [Tuesday 1862]

Left camp today at 8 A.M., the 2nd brigade going in advance. Passed some very good farms today and fine springs. Taking a southeasterly course today. Had to wade a large stream just before we came into camp. The name of it is Big Beaver Creek. Tonight after going into camp, Obadiah McNanny and Thomas Mahan came up to us, leaving D.L. [David G] Dinning behind.

April 23 [Wednesday 1862]

Left camp on Beaver Creek this morning at 6, and marched southeast and over some very rough roads. Saw many fine groves of pine. Passed some huge rocks. This afternoon came to Bryant's Creek which is a very fine stream running in an easterly direction, and camped tonight near Vera Cruz, on Bryant's Creek. Here are two old saw mills and mill dams. One dam partly washed away the other, damaged considerable. Dinning caught up today.

April 24 [Thursday 1862]

Left camp today at 6 A.M. marched in a northeast, leaving Vera Cruz to our left. We marched twelve miles and went into camp in an open field. We was told we would not march tomorrow.

April 25 [Friday 1862]

Did not march today. I wrote three letters, one to W.H., M.M. and to Mother, also got one from Miss. E.L. and M.M. Got orders to march tomorrow at 6 A.M. Drawed [sic] some pants at 9 P.M.

April 26 [Saturday 1862]

Left camp today at 6 A.M. and marched in a southeast direction all day. Stopped about an hour for dinner on a large creek. Heard on the march that Memphis, Tenn. had been evacuated by the enemy and our troops had possession of the place [premature, not occupied until June 6, 1862] Stopped on a large stream for camp tonight. Came over some very hilly country today.

April 27 [Sunday 1862]

Left camp at 6 A.M. today and marched about 18 miles. Crossed the north fork of White River 6 times today. Traveled over some very broken country today and went into camp in a very beautiful pinery and camped near a cave. Our boys tore down an old log house for wood. Passed 13th Ills. in camp this P.M.

April 28 [Monday 1862]

Left camp this A.M. at 6:30 and marched southeast to West Plains. Very good roads, no large streams to cross today. Camped within 1/2 mile of West Plains. Lieut. [Albert] Anthony came to us tonight with some letters from home. I got three letters, one from W.H., Lovel, and one from P.P.B.

April 29 [Tuesday 1862]

Remained in camp today near West Plains. Got orders to march tomorrow morning. Some boys of our co. was detailed today to go with Capt. Ellet [Alfred W.] on a perilous expedition from St. Louis. Those volunteered from our co. was G.W. [George W.] Goodman, D.H. [Dudley] Pepper, T.D. [Thomas] Curd, Thomas Buckner, D.G. [George W.] Scouter, and T.F. [Thornton] Rice. [Manning steam rams]

April 30 [Wednesday 1862]

We was mustered for pay this morning and marched at 8 A.M. passing through West Plains, which has been a very nice town in former days, and turned south. Marched about 16 or 18 miles. Our boys left this morning for St. Lous. [sic]

May 1 [Thursday 1862]

Left camp this morning at 6:30 marched in southerly direction. Went within 6 1/2 miles of Salem, leaving Salem to our right. We took the Batesville road, crossed Eleven Point River and camped on a beautiful little brook.

May 2 [Friday 1862]

Left camp at 6 this morning. Marched about 22 miles today. Marched in a southerly direction. Camped at a small town named Eveningshade. Here our advanced guard of Cavalry had a little skirmish with the enemy. Some quartermaster stores fell into our hands. Got orders to move at 5 in the morning.

May 3 [Saturday 1862]

Left camp at 5:50. Marched 25 miles today. It rained considerable today, roads very bad. Left Batesville 6 miles to our right and camped at Sulfur Rock, a small town with but few inhabitants in it. Passed some fine farms today, also a large cotton press with a large building full of cotton. Our wagons did not get in until very later.

May 4 [Sunday 1862]

Did not march today. [Sergeant Henry] H. Wiley and I went out in the country today and got our dinner, paid twenty-five cents each. We got back in camp at 4 P.M. It rained considerable today. Found out that Capt. Taylor has resigned and [Hamilton W.] Hall and [George F.] Frank Clark have been recommended. We came to the conclusion to elect Lt. [Albert] Anthony as Capt. And [William] Goodman as 1st Lieut.

May 5, [Wednesday 1862]

Considerable excitement in our co. today in regard to the election of officers. Did not march today. I wrote three letters today, one to Lovel, to Mother, and M.E.M. C.H.P. Forker came from home and got to us last night at dark, reported all well at home.

May 6 [Tuesday 1862]

Remained in camp at Sulfur Rock.

May 7 [Wednesday 1862]

Remained in camp today. Had battalion drill.

May 8 [Thursday 1862]

Remained in camp today. Had battalion drill this morning. Went out swimming this afternoon and dress parade at 6 P.M. Gen. Steele [Frederick] came up from Jacksonport with two Co.'s of cavalry for body guard.

May 9 [Friday 1862]

Had battalion drill at 9 A.M. Last night [Henry] H. Wiley took very sick with chill, and in the after part of the night with fever. Very sick all day today. I went out in the country this afternoon. Got back and our boys had orders for marching. Supposition that we will be moving back towards Tronton or some point on the Miss. River.

May 10 [Saturday 1862]

Got ready and marched at 7 A.M. Left our battery at Sulfur Rock, also the 8th and 28th Ind. regts. [sic] marched back towards Eveningshade. After marching about ten miles we came across the 25th, 35th, and 44th Ills. They come in from Batesville after resting here. Sometime we again started and camped within 6 miles of Eveningshade.

May 11 [Sunday 1862]

Revellrie [sic] at 3 and marched at 5 A.M., the 25th Ills. taking the lead. We got to Eveningshade at 8:30, turning to the right and marching a northern course. We crossed two fine streams near Eveningshade, the first Little Piney, and afterward Strawberry River. Marched about 25 miles today, a very hard march through some heavy timbered country, mostly oak.

May 12 [Monday 1862]

Left camp this morning at 5 o'clock, marched in a northeasterly direction. At 9 A.M. we came to the west fork of Spring River about 10 yds. wide. Wading across this, we soon came to the head of this stream, a large spring covering 1/4 acre, also a large mill. Tonight we came to the main Spring River and camped at the head of this river, a large spring covering about 3 or 4 acres.

May 13 [Tuesday 1862]

Left camp at Mammoth Springs at 5 A.M. marched in a northerly direction today, marching near 25 miles today. Stopped at a large spring for dinner, having come six miles without water. Very warm marching and camped near Alton, the county seat of Oregon County, in a very nice two story brick court house.

May 14 [Wednesday 1862]

Left camp at 4 A.M. Marched about 22 or 24 miles today. Had orders last night to leave all our extra baggages [sic], but the order was again countermanded. Passed through

some heavy, fine timber today and camped at Fall Spring, a waterfall of 20 feet out of solid rock and very nice. A grist mill being erected here.

May 15 [Thursday 1862]

Left camp at 4 A.M. at Fall Spring and marched to Van Buren, the county seat of Carter County. We traveled some out of the road today and camped within one mile of Current River on a beautiful creek. Passed through some heavy pine timber, in some places all the large trees had been blown down by storms. Very tired tonight.

May 16 [Friday 1862]

Did not move today, remained in camp all day. At 5 P.M. two men was drummed out of the service with their heads shaved and the sentence, "If ever caught in any military camp after 24 hours, to be shot." One was Thomas Evans of Co. E, 59th Ills., the other belonging to Co. F. 1st Mo. cavalry. I wrote a short letter to W.F. Got orders to march at 4 A.M. tomorrow.

May 17 [Saturday 1862]

Had reveille at 2 A.M. and marched at 4 A.M. One mile from camp we came to the town of Van Buren, the county seat of Carter County, but not many houses here. We had to cross Current River, a very beautiful river. A bridge was made with ten U.S. wagons with plank reaching one to the other. We traveled through some heavy pine timber. We came to Black River, pulled off our pants and waded it, and camped.

May 18 [Sunday 1862]

Marched 24 miles. Left camp on Black River at 4 A.M., about 8 A.M. the division was stopped and the ranks opened and a soldier of Co. A, 22nd, marched through with a side of meat hung on his shoulder, for stealing meat yesterday. At 1 P.M. we came to St. Francis River. Some of the co's [sic] crossed on a ferry boat, the others waded the river. Passed through Greenville, the co. seat of Wayne Co. Came ten miles this side and camped.

May 19 [Monday 1862]

Left camp at 6 A.M. and marched towards Dallas. Passed some good houses and farms today. At 10 A.M. we met some wagons and a co. of cavalry at a large farm house with shoes for us. They having come from Cape Girardeau. Here we got some milk. About 7 P.M. an order was read having come from the Paymaster. Camped near Dallas tonight. Waded one creek today, came about 20 miles.

May 20 [Tuesday 1862]

Left camp two miles west of Dallas at 6 A.M. Found Dallas to be a small town with but few inhabitants. There found a good turnpike road to Cape. Raining on us nearly all day. We came to Whitewater River and waded it. Found a stonemill [sic] burnt down. Passed through Jackson, the county seat of Cape G. County and camped 3 miles west of Cape Girardeau.

May 21 [Wednesday 1862]

It rained all last night, wagons did not come up until 10 P.M. I slept in a barn nearby. Mitchell Sparks came to us today from home with some mail. I also got 9 letters from M.E.M., Uncle Riley, and Mother. Wrote letters, one to P.P.B. and one to Glovina. We drew some clothing for our Co. tonight.

May 22 [Thursday 1862]

This morning D.W. and I got a pass and went to Cape G. Got some hats, pants, and blouses in the Co. Came back from town and found our regt. prepared to move. Found the 21st Ills. up town on board steamboat, adrift. Six of our division marched to town and got our pay and got on board. The 25th and H Co., 35th, on; 22nd on board, 11th and ours. Ed Walsh took down the men. [Ref P.15 "Rough Side of War" Steamer left Cape G. at 7 P.M. Edward Walsh was the name of the steamer that took the men down stream.]

May 23 [Friday 1862]

We left Cape at dark, came down to camp and tied up for part of the night. Started before day, passed Metropolis and [illegible] in Ills. Stopped at Paducah, Ky, about two hours. Gov. Yates came up from Pittsburg Landing and made us a short speech. Found the 62nd Ills. at Paducah, passed the 22nd Ind. here and proceeded up the Tenn. River. Tied up after night. Wrote a letter to Mother and G.W. [Glovina]. [Some writing on edge: could not make out. Seems to say wrote letter].

May 24 [Saturday 1862]

We passed Fort Henry last night, did not get to see it. This morning early we passed a destroyed rail road bridge, also passed the 21st Ills. Our Co's. have standing with loaded guns all day, expecting the boys to be attacked. Fine traveling today, we and several boats going down the river.

May 25 [Sunday 1862]

Passed Pittsburg Landing last night and landed at Hamburg Landing. Got off the boat at 8 A.M. and camped within 1/2 mile of landing on a cleared field. Some of the 21st Ills. boys came to our camp this evening, one of them got shot by his own men on going back to camp.

May 26 [Monday 1862]

Got a pass this morning and went to the 21 Ills. While there they struck tents and marched in the direction of Corinth. Went back to camp and wrote a letter to W. H. Understand that we could not send letters home anymore. Col. Post [Phillip Sidney] came to the regt. today. Got orders to cook one days ration of pork.



May 27 [Tuesday 1862]

After going to bed last night, we got orders to march at 4 A.M. today. Got up at 2 A.M. and marched towards Corinth at 4 A.M. We marched southwest over roads a good part of the way, but the Engineer regt. most of the way was two roads. We met trains going back to the landing all day. Passed the camp of 7th Ill. Cavalry, also 38th infantry. Our division camped within three miles of Farmington, Gen. Pope's Head Quarters.

May 28 [Wednesday 1862]

Early this morning heavy cannonading was heard. Orders came to cook two days rations and march. Gen. Thomas commanding the extreme right, Gen. Buell the center, and Gen. Pope the left; Gen. Mitchell having possession of the Memphis and Charleston R. R. to the left of us. Passed the magazine and Farmington, Gen. Pope's Head Quarters. A great many breastworks thrown up. Took position in camp of 21st Ills. Remained here all day.

May 29 [Thursday 1862]

Early this morning we was ordered on grand guard. Five co's. from our regt, Maj. Winters commanding the guard, took position 1/2 mile south of camp. Had one man up a tree as lookout. Co. G had the advance line. Our co. in three squads, one man at a time. Our co. as a reserve had four lines of pickets, had to keep a good watch all the time. Cannonading and musketry to the right of us at intervals.

May 30 [Friday 1862]

We could hear the enemy cheering, drums beating, all last night supposing them to be either getting reinforcements or enacting [Confederates evacuating Corinth] orders for no man to sleep last night. Pickets firing all through the night. Relieved at 8. A dense cloud of smoke could be seen arising in the direction of Corinth. After returning to camp we was informed that Corinth was evacuated, leaving many of their wounded. Marched after them this P.M.

May 31 [Saturday 1862]

We marched four miles south of Corinth last night and lay on an old Rebel campground. This morning we found old clothes of all kinds, old muskets, and left a large amount of commissary stores that fell into our hands. Marched south for 1 1/2 miles and lay on an old cotton gin press today. Could hear cannons ahead of us. Moved back about 2 miles and went into camp in the brush.

June 1 [Sunday 1862]

Formed a line in front of camp before day. After breakfast had marching orders but did not march. Today the 12th Ills. boys came over to see us. Was glad to see them among those come over was Sergt. [sic] Moss, Stuart, Ed Dowden, and many other friends. This evening, G.M. [George M.] Sparks and I went to Co. B, 12th Ills.

June 2 [Monday]

Formed in line of battle at 4 A.M. Marched at 6 A.M. with two days rations in haversacks. Our div. consisting of eleven regiments commanded by Jeff C. Davis and Col. Culer [William Passmore Carow] commanding only brigade of four regiments – 25th, 35th, and 59th Ills. and also the 22nd Ind. Passing the army post office and [illegible] depot going south, crossing the Tuscumbia River, a filthy river, passed the village of Danville and camped at the village of Rienzi.

June 3 [Tuesday 1862]

Rienzi and Danville had but few inhabitants in it. Rained very hard last night. Remained in camp until 12M. then orders to march. Went through Rienzi going south. Rested some time at Rienzi, marching again, soon began to rain on us. Continued marching until after night and bivouacked on a [hill], built fires and lay down.

June 4 [Wednesday 1862]

We did very well last night without tents. Lay still today. Gen. Pope and staff passed by going south, having the 2nd Iowa cavalry as body guard.

June 5 [Thursday 1862]

Remained in camp today. Dress parade this evening with orders to have drill every day when not marching.

June 6 [Friday 1862]

Had co. drill from 7 to 9 A.M. At 11 A.M. got orders to march at two P.M. Wrote a letter to Mother. Marched about two miles south, turned to the right and camped on a beautiful ridge. Here we was told we would go into camp, that our tents would come in a day or two. Five companies from our regiment was detailed for picket. Went out but our company was not on guard and returned to camp.

June 7 [Saturday 1862]

Cleaned off our company ground 150 yards in front of the color line. Had battalion drill this P.M. Some of the 12th boys come over to see us. Our camp two miles from Booneville, Miss.

June 8 [Sunday 1862]

Inspection this morning and some very strict orders read. Wrote a letter to Uncle Riley. Some of the 12th boys over today. Orders to cook three days rations this P.M.

June 9 [Monday 1862]

Policed our co. grounds this morning. Wrote a letter to M. Some Ky regts. [sic] passed our camp, said they were going to Virginia. Henry Wiley detailed to go to Capt. Branson, Div. Q.M. [10th Regmt. [sic] Inf. of Ky was in advance and siege of Corinth April 29 – May 30.]

June 10 [Tuesday 1862]

Received a letter from W.F.B.[Boyer], began writing one to Aunt E. Redman. Our co. was ordered out on picket.

June 11 [Wednesday 1862]

Nothing unusual occurred last night, was relieved early this morning by Adjutant, told we were going to march – got to camp, wagons all loaded. Marched back towards Corinth going through Rienzi-Danville and crossing the Tuscumbia River and camped in a meadow. The roads very dusty and water scarce.

June 12 [Thursday 1862]

Left camp at 6 A.M. and marched to within 5 miles of Corinth and camped on a high ridge, close to good water and was told that we would remain here some time. Got a letter from Mother and finished writing one to Aunt E. Redman.

June 13 [Friday 1862]

Remained in camp today, wrote a letter to Mother. Policed our co. grounds and dress parade at 6 P.M. nothing unusual in camp.

June 14 [Saturday 1862]

We got some mail today that had been down in Arkansas. I got four letters, one from W.F.M., L.S., and one from Eli Kester. I wrote a short letter to Eli K. and began on to L.S. Had a short battalion drill at 6 P.M. and late this evening Dru Burton [Drury W.] came to us having just come from Kansas, Ills. Dru brought me a letter from Mother.

June 15 [Sunday 1862]

Drew some clothing, haversacks, and canteens today. I got four letters today that were written in April and had been down in Arkansas. They were L.L.S., M., W.F.B[Boyer] and [missing]. [Diary does not say who 4th letter was from] Wrote a letter to W.F.B. [Boyer]. Had a general inspection this P.M.

June 16 [Monday]

Had inspection at 7 o'clock this morning and had a list taken of the articles needed in camp clothing, etc.

June 17 [Tuesday 1862]

Inspection this morning at 10 A.M. Got a pass today and went to Corinth with Burton for his clothes. Went to 12th Ills., saw the boys there. Found Corinth to be a very nice town with some very fine and strong houses. Some very good buildings especially Tishomingo Hotel. Cars were running and they were building some more.

June 18 [Wednesday 1862]

Remained in camp, had a battalion drill this P.M. Nothing unusual. Wrote a letter to W.L.K. Nothing of interested occurred in camp today.

June 19 [Thursday 1862]

Had battalion drill this morning and afternoon also. Wrote a letter to Mother. Nothing new in camp today.

June 20 [Friday 1862]

Had battalion drill at 8 to 9 1/2 A.M. Finished my letter to M. and wrote a short letter to Uncle Byram and had battalion drill this evening also.

June 21 [Saturday 1862]

We did not drill any today. LCol. [sic] Post was field officer of the day. Nothing uncommon in camp today.

June 22 [Sunday 1862]

This morning one co. with three others of our regt. we detailed to go on fatigue. We went out to the drill grounds and worked until noon burning brush and other work. Got back to our camp and orders to cook two days rations and get ready for marching. Got ready for marching and laid around for some time, then marched east until late in the night and camped in an old field. Near evening passed a large saw mill near our old camp.

June 23 [Monday 1862]

There was some musketry firing heard this morning northwest of us. We lay around in the hot sun for some time and then Col. Post moved us up to the edge of the woods and then got orders for no man to leave any distance at all, to have roll call every three hours. I was detailed to go on guard, we had a brigade camp guard. Late this evening we had orders to bring the guard in, to march.

June 24 [Tuesday 1862]

Moved about 4 miles yesterday going southeast and passing through the village of Jacinto. Found Jacinto to be a small town with but few houses in it and none of them very good. Jacinto is the county seat of Tishomingo County, Miss. Guard was relieved last night and reported this morning. Nothing unusual today. Got two letters today from W.F.H. and E.A. [Boyer].

June 25 [Wednesday 1862]

Nothing uncommon today. Lay in camp. A shower of rain this P.M.

June 26 [Thursday 1862]

Moved our position about 1/4 mile and went into camp. Our co. wagons with co. effects came up, and pitched tents. A very hard rain just as we got our tents up. I got a letter from M. today.

June 27 [Friday 1862]

Got orders to draw spades and pick axes today. Drew rations for three days and orders to cook them up and get ready to march. Got ready to march at 2 P.M. Marched back through Jacinto and then turned to the left going in the direction of Rienzi. Marched about 8 miles and turned to the right of the road and bivouacked in the woods.

June 28 [Saturday 1862]

Got orders last night to be ready to start this morning at daylight, that there would be no reveille. We got up long before daylight and ready to move at daylight. Marched through Rienzi going west, found the new town down at R.R. depot to have some very fine houses in it. It rained on us near all day. Camped 12 miles west of Rienzi. Saw H. Black of 21st Ills. and read a letter he got late April from W.L.K. Saw about 30 negroes at one house today. Camped on creek.

June 29 [Sunday 1862]

Got orders at 4 A.M. to march at 5 A.M. We marched west. Camped tonight one half mile south of Ripley. Found Ripley to be a very nice town with some splendid buildings. Saw any amount of negroes today. Last night just at bedtime got two letters, one from my sister S.W. and one from Aunt E.R. [Rodman] Put up our tents this evening.

June 30 [Monday 1862]

Last night just as we got ready to go to bed we got orders to go on picket immediately. We went about 1/2 mile south of camp and divided the co. in three squads, one on each side of the road and the other on the road. Did our duty. Was relieved at 12 M. went to camp and orders to march at 5:30 P.M. Was mustered for pay and marched west from Ripley. Marched until 10 P.M. and camped in open field.

July 1 [Tuesday 1862] [The Battle at Booneville]

Marched about 12 miles last night. This morning we had orders to march immediately. After getting ready it began to rain and rained for some time. We marched back over the road, we came and stopped at Ripley and eat some dinner then come 7 1/2 miles east and bivouacked. Ripley is the county seat of Tippah County, Miss. Trains all went in advance.

July 2 [Wednesday 1862]

Marched again this morning passing a mile near camp. Met three regts. [sic] and a battery going towards Ripley. Passed the camp of 47th Ills. on the road. Stopped a short time west of Rienzi, then moved 2 miles east of town and bivouacked on an old camp ground where we stopped going out. Our folks had a skirmish at Booneville yesterday.

July 3 [Thursday 1862]

Did not put up our tents last night. Got orders to cook three days rations this morning. I assisted making out the pay rolls today. I got three letters today, one from Mother, from M., and one from L.S. I wrote a short letter to Mother today. Inspection this P.M. I did not go.

July 4 [Friday 1862]

Soon this morning our cannons began firing at Rienzi. We marched at 6 A.M. and went into camp near Jacinto, about one mile south of there. At noon another salute was fired. Went and got blackberries this afternoon. Nothing new, only the report that Richmond was taken with a loss of 40,000 men. [Several years premature]

July 5 [Saturday 1862]

Remained in camp today. Various rumors in camp about the taking of Richmond. Wrote a letter to W.H., also one to M. Nothing unusual the remainder of the day.

July 6 [Sunday 1862]

Wrote a letter to Candunu and Charbottle Kester, also one to Ca. A. [illegible] Got orders to march at 2 P.M. with three days cooked rations, but did not move today. Various reports about Richmond in camp today.

July 7 [Monday 1862]

I wrote a letter this morning to L.S. and began one to E.C.L. but did not have time to finish. We got orders at 2 P.M. to get ready to march immediately. The wagons went on ahead of us, the 35th Ills. going with them. We marched out north to the main road one mile, when we was ordered back toward the campground to bivouac.

July 8 [Tuesday 1862]

Remained at camp in bivouac all night. Our wagons came back this evening. Put up our tents and went into regular camp again. Received a letter this P.M. from W.L.K.

July 9 [Wednesday 1862]

In camp near Jacinto. Finished my letter to E.C.L. this morning. Wrote a letter to W.H. on important business, also wrote a letter to W.L.K. and this P.M. wrote one to Kate H. and Annie D. Nothing unusual in camp today.

July 10 [Thursday 1862]

Remained in camp today, nothing unusual.

July 11 [Friday 1862]

Remained in camp today, nothing more than common, only battalion drill at 4 P.M.

July 12 [Saturday 1862]

Remained in camp today. Battalion drill from 4 P.M. until unset. Nothing unusual today. We have not had any mail for several days.

July 13 [Sunday 1862]

This morning our co. was ordered on picket, also Co. G. Went to guard mounting them to Co. Carlin's Head Quarters then south 1/2 mile from brigade guard. Co. G going ahead to the outer posts. Our Co. was divided in three squads. Sergt. [sic] McA [William John McAdams] taking ten men to the left 1/2 miles. Orderly going up the road 200 yards with 5 men. Remainder as reserve. Nothing unusual, did our duty.

July 14 [Monday 1862]

Nothing occurred during the night unusual. Was relieved at 8 A.M. I wrote two letters, one to Mother and one to Lovel and Glovina. Nothing uncommon today.

July 15 [Tuesday 1862]

This morning we was called out with our guns, some little excitement but all soon passed away. Some reports about our pickets being driven in. Got a letter from [Hamilton] W., Lt. Hall had it in his box, also a letter from M. Wrote a letter to Sis. D. and one to Aunt Elizabeth Redman. All quiet throughout the day. Battalion drill.

July 16 [Wednesday 1862]

Wrote a letter to M. Nothing unusual today. Battalion drill this P.M. with orders to drill skirmish. Commenced raining this evening.

July 17 [Thursday 1862]

Continued to rain all night and some rain today. No drill today. Nothing unusual in camp today.

July 18 [Friday 1862]

Had to fall in line with our arms this morning. No drill today.

July 19 [Saturday 1862]

Short skirmish drill half an hour before breakfast. I went to Jacinto this evening (volunteered my services) to help load some commissary stores. Battalion drill but I did not get back in time to drill. Just at dark I was detailed for guard, took six men, went to Col. Carlin's Head Quarters to guard some forage.

July 20 [Sunday 1862]

Had a fine shower of rain this morning. Remained on guard until night and was relieved. Got a letter today from C.A. [illegible] Nothing uncommon today.

July 21 [Monday 1862]

Got a pass and went to 21st Ills. Saw my friends, they were all well. 21st boys are expecting an attack soon, as the enemy is reported only 12 miles from there. 21st is two miles east of Jacinto. Coming back I met James Langhead, just returned from home. S.B. Pepper returned to co. this P.M.

July 22 [Tuesday 1862]

Gen. Mitchell [Robert Byington] took command of brigade today in place of Col. Carlin. Our battery left and another came into its place. A regt. of Cavalry [7th Kansas] and ret. of infantry came in the brigade. Wrote a letter to C.A. and to Mother. Nothing new in camp today.

July 23 [Wednesday 1862]

Had a fine rain last night and raining some this morning. Got a letter today from L.L. [illegible]. Battalion drill this P.M.

July 24 [Thursday 1862]

Nothing new in camp today. Battalion drill this evening.

July 25 [Friday 1862]

Nothing new in camp today. Wrote a letter to L. L. [illegible] today. Battalion drill this P.M.

July 26 [Saturday 1862]

Nothing new in camp today. Battalion drill this P.M.

July 27 [Sunday 1862]

Company inspection at 9 A.M. Had an election for Capt., Lt. Anthony and Lt. Hall candidates. Lt. Anthony received 22 votes and Lt. Hall 19, some of the boys refused to vote. Dress parade at 6 P.M. Lt. Hall not being satisfied; the election was run once again. Lt. A got 23 and Lt. Hall 18 votes.

July 28 [Monday 1862]

This is my 22nd birthday. Went up to Jacinto early this morning and saw Henry Wiley about voting for Capt. Henry [Henry Wiley] and Clark [George F. Clark] came down. Had an election for 2nd Lieut. Sergts. [sic] Goodman [William Goodman] and McAdams [John McAdams] candidates for 2nd Lt. First balloting Goodman got 21 votes and McAdams 19. Second Balloting McAdams got 22 and Goodman 20; referred to the Col. Wrote a letter to Mother and W.H. and got a letter from Uncle Byram and wife.

July 29 [Tuesday 1862]

Done some washing this morning. Nothing new in camp today. Detailed this evening for our Provost Guard at Jacinto, to report in the morning. Battalion drill this evening.



July 30 [Wednesday 1862]

We (our Co.) reported at Guard Mount, went to Jacinto and relieved the Provost Guard. Three companies of us – Co. A, 22nd Ind., Co. L., and ours [H] of the 59th Ills. I took six men and went on picket 1 1/2 miles north of town, with orders to let all persons in but none out without a pass from the Provost Marshall or Gen. Davis. Did our duty today.

July 31 [Thursday 1862]

Nothing happened last night, all was quiet. Was relieved at A.M. Wrote a letter to Uncle Byram and wife.

August 1 [Friday 1862]

Remained in town today. Wrote two letters, one to M. and one to Lovel, and rec'd two letters, one from Mother and one from Lovel. Nothing exciting in town today.

August 2 [Saturday 1862]

This morning I was detailed for guard. Was sent out on picket again. Nothing happened to excite suspicion. Got a letter from E. O. today.

August 3 [Sunday 1862]

Nothing unusual last night. Was relieved at 8 A.M. Wrote a letter to Mother today.

August 4 [Monday 1862]

Got orders to march this morning, was relieved by 9 A.M., went back to camp and got ready to march. Marched east from Jacinto. Very hot today, many of the men was sunstroke. Three regiments went, 22nd Ind, 25th Ills. and ours. Laid by for about 3 or 4 hours then marched until near sunset, got supper and then marched east at 8 p.m.

August 5 [Tuesday 1862]

Marched until half past 10 o'clock last night and bivouacked in a woods pasture. Marched east again after sunrise until 9 A.M. The left wing of our regt. going behind the wagons. Got plenty of ripe peaches today. Stopped 5 miles south of luka, Miss. Then at 4 P.M. marched south towards Bay Springs. Captured some tonight.

August 6 [Wednesday 1862]

Marched until 11 P.M. last night and bivouacked. Marched south at daylight this A.M. to surprise at rebel camp at Bay Springs, took some prisoners at town but the pickets gave the alarm and those in camp three miles south of town escaped. There is a large cotton manufactory in Bay Springs and another close by. Remained here today. Took some and marched at sunset toward Jacinto. A small river at Bay Springs.

August 7 [Thursday 1862]

Marched until 12M last night and bivouacked. This morning to the road to luka. Marched until 9 A.M. and stopped near where we bivouacked the night of the fourth. Very hot today. Remained here today.

August 8 [Friday 1862]

This morning we marched to luka, nine miles distant. luka is a very nice town, some splendid residences. Stopped in an old campground on the east side of town. luka is on the M and C Rail Road [Memphis and Charleston]. The cars came in from the east and west. 27th Ills. in camp here. Very hot today. Got two letters, one from W.H. and from G.A.W.

August 9 [Saturday 1862]

Remained in bivouac today. Nothing unusual today, got nothing new today.

August 10 [Sunday 1862]

Our wagons came up from Jacinto early this morning with tents, etc. Got a letter from M., began to write one to L. but did not finish. Put up our tents this evening. Cannonading west of us today.

August 11 [Monday 1862]

Finished my letter to L. this morning. Wrote one to E.O. and one to Glovina. Dress parade this evening at 5:30 p.m.

August 12 [Tuesday 1862]

James W. Condiville arrived from home today fresh and hearty. Brought me a letter from W.L.K. Got our pay at 4 P.M. I drew thirty four dollars.

August 13 [Wednesday 1862]

Our co. was detailed for picket guard today. Reported at Gen. Mitchell's Head Quarters at 8 A.M. Went to the west side of town, here I took six men and went 1/2 mile west on the Rail Road and guarded the roads in daytime and tonight. Will guard a bridge on the Rail Road. Got a letter from M.

August 14 [Thursday 1862]

Did our duty, nothing unusual occurred. Was relieved in due time this A.M. and returned to camp. Began a letter to W.L.K. and Sam McC. came, got a pass and went to luka. Six companies of our regiment with three companies of Cavalry are to go out tonight at 11 P.M.

August 15 [Friday 1862]

G.M. Sprakrs and me went to town on a pass this morning. While in town the 2nd Brigade of the 4th Division came in composed of 15th Wis., 21st and 36th Ills. and two

batteries. Saw my friends in 21st. Returned to camp, finished my letter to W.L.K. Detailed for guard tomorrow. At tattoo the six companies of our regiment got back taking 190 bales of cotton and a lot of contraband. [sic]

August 16 [Saturday 1862]

Was mounted for guard, took ten men for guard, reported at Head Quarters of 22nd Ind. then went five miles east on R.R. to guard water tank. One man on in daytime and three at night. Nothing unusual today to cause excitement.

August 17 [Sunday 1862]

Nothing uncommon occurred during the night. Did our duty. Was relieved this morning, returned from camp. Got three letters, one from Mother, one from N.R.K. and one from R.P.B. Wrote a letter to Mother and W.H. Orders to march tomorrow at noon.

August 18 [Monday 1862] [Perryville Campaign]

Marched about 3 P.M. Marched 9 miles to Eastport, on the Tennessee River. Some rain laid the dust. Having a cut foot, I rode in the ambulance. Found several houses in Eastport but all or near all vacated. The 22nd Ind. began crossing the river tonight.

August 19 [Tuesday 1862]

The 22nd crossed the river last night. The 25th crossed this morning, the 8th Kansas also. Late this evening our regiment began crossing, five companies crossing at a time. In crossing the river one man fell overboard and was drowned, also Sergt. [sic] Sanderson of Co. A fell overboard but got out safe. Landed safe, went about 1/4 mile and stopped.

August 20 [Wednesday 1862]

Moved about 1/2 mile and went into camp in the bottom in thick brush. Cleared up our grounds. This camp is in Alabama. Nothing unusual in camp today. William Workman of Co. F, captured some time ago between Jacinto and Iuka [Miss.], returned to the regiment, also Sutler's clerks all had to take the oath.

August 21 [Thursday 1862]

Today no drums allowed to be beat. Col. Post is in command of the 1st Brigade. 2nd Brigade came to Eastport today. This evening I got two letters, one from C.A and one from Mother. Wrote a letter to Mother. The report today that Fort Henry was taken by the Rebels.

August 22 [Friday 1862]

Remained in camp today. H. Black of 21st Ills. came to our camp today. Wrote a letter to Uncle N.R.K., this evening got orders to march. Got ready to march but orders came to march at 2 o'clock in the morning.

August 23 [Saturday 1862]

Got up at one o'clock but did not march until daylight. Marched east, passed through Waterloo, Ala. This had but few houses in it and none of them very good ones. Camped at one P.M. at Dranelly Springs, a small village. Some good springs here. Several darkies left their masters and come to the regiment. Passed several good farms today.

August 24 [Sunday 1862]

Got up at two this morning, marched before daylight. Passed several fine farm houses, darkies joined us all along the road. Passed large plantations, some cotton growing along on the farms. At 12 M. we passed through a small village with some cotton factories. The inhabitants all came out to see us. Cypress mills here. Marched on to Florence, on the Tennessee river. This a beautiful town situated on a beautiful [illegible] of ground. Camped at Florence at 2 P.M.

August 25 [Monday 1862]

Got orders to march today, then again we had orders to leave all unnecessary baggage. Remained in the grove all day. Late this evening got orders to march tomorrow at 4 A.M. Florence is the county seat of Lauderdale County, Ala.

August 26 [Tuesday 1862]

Marched at sunrise this morning, took the Nashville road northeast from Florence. Passed by Lauderdale cotton factories on Shoal creek, situated in a deep hollow. Peaches and apples plenty along the road today, water tolerable plenty. Camped tonight in open field near the state line between Tennessee and Alabama. Marched 18 miles today.

August 27 [Wednesday 1862]

Got ready to start at daylight but did not march until after sunrise. The 2nd Brigade going in advance today. Marched 18 miles today and camped near Lawrenceburg, the county seat of Lawrence County, Tennessee. Marched a northeast course all day. Peaches and apples plenty along the road today. Country pretty good. Camped in a field near a large creek.

August 28 [Thursday 1862]

Marched at sunrise. Marched through Lawrenceburg by co's [sic] some few very fine houses in town, good Court House. Very hard march today. Camped tonight near the town of Mount Pleasant. Guerrillas said to be around very thick. Some boys out from camp this evening got taken prisoner. Some talk of our train being attacked on the road today but it was not.

August 29 [Friday 1862]

Marched at daylight, went through Mount Pleasant in good order. Took the turnpike road for Columbia, the county seat for Maury County, Tennessee. Soon came to the Tennessee and Alabama Rail Road. Crossed the road, passed some splendid

plantations today and some fine houses, the best we have yet seen. Passed the residence of Andrew Polk, cousin to ex-President Polk also the plantation of Gen. Pillow [Gideon; Rebel]. Camped one mile east of Columbia.

August 30 [Saturday 1862]

Columbia is a very fine town situated on a small stream called Duck River. Marched at 3:30 A.M. Continued our course northeast on the turnpike road. Passed some good plantations today. Camped at 12 M. in an open woods pasture within seven miles of Franklin, county seat Williamson County, Tennessee. Soldiers passed by on the cars going to Nashville from Columbia.

August 31 [Sunday 1862]

Marched at 3 1/2 A.M. came to Franklin in due time, marched through in good order. Franklin is a very nice town, some good buildings in it. Here to our surprise we took another road towards Murfreesboro instead of going to Nashville and left the pike road. Marched over some very rough road. Camped tonight near the village of Triune in an open woods pasture. Mustered for pay this P.M.

September 1 [Monday 1862]

Last night after we had gone to bed we was called up into line of battle, all the lights put out and no noise allowed to be made. The report the enemy was planting a battery in our rear and expected to attack us. We slept but little at all. The report was untrue. Marched at 3:30 A.M. southeast over rocky roads and camped in the wood on stone [sic] river near Murfreesboro. Some sprinkling of rain this morning.

September 2 [Tuesday 1862]

Remained here all day. Got a pass to town this afternoon, found Murfreesboro to be a very nice town with good buildings around the square, a splendid court house and some good stores in town. Murfreesboro is the county seat of Rutherford County, Tennessee.

September 3 [Wednesday 1862]

Went to town again this morning returned at 11 A.M. A large commissary train came in from McMinnville this morning, guarded by two regiments of Infantry. Wrote two letter this P.M. one to M.E. and one to W.H.B. at 3 P.M. got orders to march at 5 P.m. with two days rations, one days cooked. Left Murfreesboro at 6 P.M. took the pike road to Nashville.

September 4 [Thursday 1862]

Marched until two o'clock last night, marched about 19 miles. Two bridges had been out along the Pike road so we had to go around about 3 to 4 miles out of our way. Marched at sunrise this morning. Marched to within 3 or 4 miles of Nashville and camped in the open woods. Passed the state asylum about 6 1/2 miles out east of Nashville, a very fine building. I was detailed for guard in camp after stopping.

September 5 [Friday 1862]

Our company was detailed for picket last night. I was relieved from camp guard and went on picket with Co. Company reported at Head Quarters then went about one mile south of camp, divided the Co. in three squads. Nothing unusual during the night. We was relieved this morning and returned to camp.

September 6 [Saturday 1862]

Our regiment remained in camp today. Got a pass this afternoon and went into the country. Nothing unusual today. A great many troops came in from the south last night and today.

September 7 [Sunday 1862]

Remained in camp today. Wrote a letter to Mother this evening. Late tonight got orders to march tomorrow at 4 1/2 A.M.

September 8 [Monday 1862]

Got ready to march to march [sic] before day and started at daylight. We would go about 1/2 mile then stop and continued so until we in the city 2 1/2 miles. We marched through the city in good order. Stopped in the city about an hour and stacked arms. Saw Dr. Herrick, Surgeon [Orson Q.] 34 Ills, one of my old acquaintances in Ills. Crossed the Cumberland on a new bridge. Passed through the village of Edgefield and camped in a woods pasture.

September 9 [Tuesday 1862]

Remained in camp today. Various rumors in camp today about General Buell. Sergeants of 59th drew words today. Wrote a letter to Lovel and Glovina this afternoon.

September 10 [Wednesday]

Remained in camp today. Nothing unusual in camp.

September 11 [Thursday]

At 2 P.M. we got orders to march at 4 P.M., to leave tents standing and take nothing only one blanket a piece and 4 days rations. A shower of rain came before starting. Marched at 4. Went about 1/2 mile when we was ordered to send back and bring up all the baggage and camp. Took the pike road towards Gallatin, Tennessee. Started again at sunset to march to [illegible] 8 miles from camp.

September 12 [Friday 1862]

Soon after dark last night a rain storm came up, a very hard rain while marching and very dark. Considerable lightning and thunder. Marched about 8 miles and bivouacked in open woods pasture. No talk of marching this morning, up at 9 A.M. Got orders for inspection at 2 P.M., got ready but orders came to get ready to march immediately. Marched at 4 P.M. Went through Goodlettsville.

September 13 [Saturday 1862]

Marched until 10 P.M. last night. This morning had orders to march at 6 A.M. Went northeast at 2 P.M. we had orders to countermarch. Crossed one large creek today. Passed some old camp grounds today. Was within 3 miles of Mitchellville when orders came to countermarch. Marched back 2 miles and camped on a large creek. Got orders to march at 10 P.M.

September 14 [Sunday 1862]

Started at 10 P.M. last night and marched until near daylight this morning passing through Franklin, the county seat of Simpson County. Laid in the road and slept on rocks. Started at sunrise and marched until 9 A.M. and camped in a large woods pasture on old camp ground. Some good springs close. Good farms along the road today. Orders to march at 2 in the morning.

September 15 [Monday 1862]

Reveille at 12 1/2 A.M. and marched at 2 A.M. Passed a small town, a lady waving the stars and stripes, some cheering. Overtook McCook's [Maj. Gen. Alexander McDowell] Division at a large spring 4 miles southwest of Bowling Green, a large cave in which ran a large stream of water, an old mill at the entrance of the cave. After resting 2 hours marched and camped 1 mile south of Bowling Green. It is very beautiful town situated near a small river.

September 16 [Tuesday 1862]

Yesterday after camping I went on a high hill and could see camps on all sides and every direction. Went to 34th Ills. and saw friends there from Ills. Bowling Gr. is strongly fortified. This A.M. we got orders to be ready to march at any time. There is a large cave near our camp ground. Orders this P.M. to march tomorrow at 3 A.M. Went to 34th Ills late this evening.

September 17 [Wednesday 1862]

Started at 5 1/2 A.M. Marched east and crossed one fork of Green River by wading it, then turned south one mile and took the turnpike 4 miles, then southeast on the Glasgow road. Crossed the rail road. The secesh one day ahead of us. Bivouacked in the woods tonight in the rain. Left our teams behind all the other trains.

September 18 [Thursday 1862]

Our wagons did not come last night. Started on the march at sunrise. When within 10 miles of Glasgow at 10 A.M. then took north 5 miles to the pike again and bivouacked in an old field. Our teams came up. Got something to eat. I was detailed for pickets [sic] guard tonight. Went 1/2 mile south of Col. Colers [sic] Head Quarters. Our camp tonight was near Bells Tavery lately Braggs [illegible] rail road.

September 19 [Friday 1862]

Did our duty on picket last night. Gen. [William] Nelson's Division marched ahead southeast of us. Some excitement on picket. Marched at daylight with a lot of our men today having been taken prisoner at Munfordville and Parel. Stopped at 9 1/2 A.M., shot off all loaded guns in Div. Passed McCooks [sic] Division at 9 A.M. Inspection at 11 A.M. Laid still all day near Gen. Buell's Head Quarters. Five companies of the regiment detailed for picket tonight. Ours to [illegible].

September 20 [Saturday 1862]

This morning General [George] Thomas' Division passed our camp. I went up on a high hill south of our camp and climbed a tree and overlooked the surrounding country. Very beautiful and romantic. Nothing unusual last night on picket. Late this evening we got orders to cook three days rations beginning tomorrow morning. We are Maj. Gen. McCooks [sic] Grand Division under Gen. Buell. Dr. Herrick of 34th Ills. came to our camp late this P.M.

September 21 [Sunday 1862]

Orders to march at 4 1/2 A.M. but did not start until sunrise. Marched NE two miles and turned to the right of the road opposite Cave City on Louisville and Nashville rail road and stacked by Division. A large spring in a deep hollow and cave near by. Remained here until [illegible] P.M. then marched east until 2 A.M. Passed General Thomas' Division after night. We passed near the Mammoth Cave at Bells Tavern on the rail road.

September 22 [Monday 1862]

Orders to march or be prepared to march at anytime. Marched at 2 P.M. Passed a dead Lt. Col. secesh in a stable. Came to the breastworks on the south bank of Green river opposite Munfordville, county seat of Hart County, Kentucky. The rebels had destroyed a part of Green river bridge. Waded Green river about a foot deep. Passed through Munfordville and marched north along the rail road. Passed dead horses on the road. Skirmishing ahead this P.M.

September 23 [Tuesday 1862] [Munfordville taken by Confeds [sic] Sept. 17, left on Sept 20]

Marched until 12 M. last night. Passed a locomotive on the rail road last night and several cars thrown off the track. The cars all piled up on one another. Orders to march at daylight this morning. Marched all day. The ladies came out to the road and cheered for the Union. Passed some very good farms today. Stopped for some time near Elizabethtown then marched through town after night and camped in an open field.

September 24 [Wednesday 1862]

Elizabethtown appears to be a very nice town. Orders last night to cook three days rations and march at daylight. Marched at sunrise, continue north all day. Passed many good farms seems to be a great many union people along the road. Marched until 9



P.M. and camped near West Point at the mouth of Salt River. On the Ohio River passed through a deep mountain gorge.

September 25 [Thursday 1862]

Marched at 8 A.M. We continued marching along the Ohio. Marched 12 miles, turned to the left 2 miles and camped in the woods. Very dusty marching today. Many of the citizens came out to the road to greet us with cheers and hurrahs for the Union. Saw several boats passing up and down the river. Scarcely anything to eat today.

September 26 [Friday 1862]

Marched again at 8 A.M. Marched to Louisville again at 2 P.M. Then paraded the city all over. Very tired, passed a good many fine farms. Along the road saw a great many Ill's troops in the city. Saw some friends in the city belonging to the 88th Ill's camped at southwest part of town. All tired, dusty and worn out; went and got supper.

September 27 [Saturday 1862]

Early this A.M. went to the city. Got my breakfast then rambled about over the city until 12 M. Louisville is a very nice city some fine stores in it. Wrote two short letters in town one to W.M. and M. Then hunted about two hours. Found the 75th Ills. Saw all of our friends lately in the service. Some had entirely forgotten General [illegible]. Some of the [illegible] boys came back with us.

September 28 [Sunday 1862]

Our friends from the 75th Ill's stayed all night with us all night and returned to camp this morning. Drew some clothing this morning. Went to 75th Ill's this P.M. Was returning to camp again and met our brigade. Moving to camp near Pontoon Bridge at foot of Grey Street. Went back to old camp but gun was in wagon.

September 29 [Monday 1862]

Mr. Arterburns from Kansas, Ills came to our camp this A.M. H. [Henry] Wiley and me went to 75 Ill's and 123rd [illegible] Lt. Bane and Sergt. [sic] Duncan and Col. Briggs returned to camp and found Wm Rumsey of our company dead having been shot by a cavalry at Mitchells [sic] Hd. Qtrs. Mail came in late this P.M. Received 5 letters, 2 from W.F., 2 from M and one from L.

September 30 [Tuesday 1862]

Had orders to march at 6 A.M. but did not leave today. Buried [sic] our man, W.M. Rumsey, at Cove Hill Cemetery, S.E. of the city. Wrote a letter to mother today. Visited 75th Ill's in camp today. Late this P.M. got orders to march at 6 A.M. tomorrow.

October 1 [Wednesday 1862]

Got ready to march at 6 A.M. Did not start until about 9 A.M. Then marched slowly through town going south stopping occasionally to rest, then marched south until 8 P.M.

and camped in an open field. Passed some very fine farms and beautiful residents. Two new regts, [sic] 74th and 75th Ill's came in to our brigade today.

October 2 [Thursday 1862]

The rebels [sic] pickets was here. Here night before last passed through the village of Newbere. Last night orders to march at 8 A.M. today. Continu [sic] marching south going very slow at noon. Turned east and camp at 3 P.M. on the right of the road in an open field. Marched about 8 miles today. Rained very hard on us. Just as went into camp some cannonading this P.M.

October 3 [Friday 1862]

We was called up at 3 this morning. Stood in line until 5 A.M. Orders to march at 8 1/2 this morning. Marched east going very slow at noon. Going S.E. passed near Mount Washington. Some cannonading. Camped near Salt River in a beautiful valley. Tonight Mother and [illegible], and Lovel came to see us. Glad to see them.

October 4 [Saturday 1862]

Orders to march at 8 1/2 A.M. Our friends started home this morning after going back to Mt. Washington with them. I bid them all farewell and returned to regt. Again crossed Salt River and ascended a steep hill. Continued SE all day. Very rocky road today and not very good houses or farms along the road. I got my dinner at a house today. Camped in open field near Salt River.

October 5 [Sunday 1862]

Marched at daylight this morning. Continued S.E. Struck the turnpike road six miles from Bardstown. Halted some time for [illegible] to pass then marched about 1/2 mile.

October 6 [Monday 1862]

Left camp at 6 A.M. Continued marching E all day. At 9 A.M. passed Gen. Sheridan's Div. in camp on the Big Fork of [illegible] River near the village of Fredericksburg. Crossed on covered bridge. Marched 22 miles today. Passed through Springfield, the county seat of Washington Co. Some very good buildings in town. Considerable skirmishing in the advance today. A brigade of cavalry came up at Springfield, on large fair ground at 5. Camped near a small river.

October 7 [Tuesday 1862]

Orders to march at 5 1/2, then orders to march at 8 A.M. marched east. Went about 7 miles today. The roads were very dusty. Many citizens came out to the road to see us. Our co. was on rear guard today. This evening we formed a line of battle on both sides of the road. Considerable cannonading ahead of us. Water scarce along the road today. No water near tonight.

October 8 [Wednesday 1862]

Remained all night in the open field. Our wagon did not come up last night. Cannonading ahead of us all day. At 2 P.M. moved forward [sic] 1 1/2 mile forward. [sic] Musketry and cannonading just in front of us. Formed a line of battle in a corn field then moved further to the left and stacked arms by div. Soon moved to the left to reinforce Gen. McCook. Very hard fighting. Our brigade was compelled to fall back. Several men missing of our co. tonight.

October 9 [Thursday 1862]

This morning our brigade moved to the right to join our div. Col. A. Goodin [taken prisoner at Perryville] commanding Brig. and Adj. [Adjutant] West [West took 5 shots but did not die. Lost one eye] both killed yesterday in action. Joined our div. in open field near Perryville. A short time afterward I visited the battlefield with Capt. Snyder. Dead and wounded lay all over the field. Returned to regt. Our div then moved north across the turnpike and camped. Dead rebels lay all over the woods nearby.

October 10 [Friday 1862]

Did not move today. Some of our missing boys came up today. Adj. West was not killed but wounded. Our men was burying their dead today. I visited Secesh hospital near by. Saw wounded men of every description. I visited 123rd Ills. Saw some of my old acquaintances there. Considerable rain this P.M. About 4,000 guns found near us. The rebels had left. Bowling Green wagons came up tonight.

October 11 [Saturday 1862]

This morning several boys of our regt. taken prisoners returned having been paroled. Col. Gooding [Goodin] taken prisoner and not killed as reported. D.W. Burton of our co. returned having been taken prisoner and paroled. Orders to march at sunrise but did not leave until this evening then marched north east through Nevada, a small town. Marched 7 miles and camped on a creek.

October 12 [Sunday 1862]

Orders to march at 8 A.M. but did not march until 10 A.M. Marched N.E. about 6 miles. Wound about through fields and pastures all day. Camped about 5 miles from Harrisburg. Very beautiful farms on every side of us. Some rain this evening. The enemy said to be near Danville; at camp Dick Robinson. We are in Boyle County. Some cannonading to the right of us today.

October 13 [Monday 1862]

Orders to march at 6 A.M. Marched back on some of the road we came yesterday. Passed Cave Spring Hotel on Turnpike Road. Halted for some time near Cave Spring Hotel in open woods pasture then marched south one mile and camped in open woods pasture. The enemy said to be near us fortifying camp Dick Robinson.

October 14 [Tuesday 1862]

Marched at 5 A.M. Marched S.E. to Danville. Here halted and stacked arms. Danville is a very beautiful town. Has a large female college in it. Marched S.E. from here towards Lancaster. Crossed two large streams. The rebels had burned the bridges over both. We came up to the rebels at noon and followed them up. All evening considerable skirmishing and cannonading. All evening. Our regt. in the lead today.

October 15 [Wednesday 1862]

Camped near Lancaster last night. Moved up to town this morning, Lancaster, County seat of Garrard Co. Ky. Marched southeast toward Crab Orchard. Marched about 12 miles and camped on Dix River, the rebels having burnt the bridge. Our div. being in the advance, passed through a village called Preachersville. Some very beautiful country today.

October 16 [Thursday 1862]

Did not move today. Wrote letters to Mother, L[illegible], and M[illegible]. Gen. Gilberts came this road all in camp. Consisting of Sheridans [sic] Shefp [Sceoph] Crittendens [sic] and Mitchells [sic] Divisions. Nothing unusual in camp only one soldier drummed out of service with a board on his back and the word thief on back.

October 17 [Friday 1862]

Nothing unusual in camp today. Late this evening I went to 75th Ills to stay all night. Found 75th 2 miles south east Crab Orchard on Turnpike Road. Crab Orchard is a small town with some good houses in it. Found the 75th in good health, not having been in battle at Perryville. Co. H. guarding ammunition wagons.

October 18 [Saturday 1862]

Returned to regt. this morning. Got orders to be ready to march at any time. Nothing unusual in camp today. Some of our co. went to 75th this evening to stay all night. Our wagons camp up near us this evening.

October 19 [Sunday 1862]

Nothing unusual in camp today. Some of the 79th boys visited us, also Lt. Hollis of Co. K. 24th Ills.

October 20 [Monday 1862]

Orders to march at 7 1/2 A.M. We marched north across the stream near camp and stacked arms. Gen. Mitchells [sic] Div. brings up the rear of Gilberts [sic] Corps. The general supposition is we are going to Lebanon. Marched southwest through Lancaster. Marched about 16 miles and encamped on Dix River in a meadow. Col. Frederick returned to regt. at Lancaster.

October 21 [Tuesday 1862]

Our regt. and 22nd Ind. go in rear of the train for rear guard. Marched very slowly all day. Found the 79th Ills. near Danville. Marched to Danville then our brigade countermarched and camped in woods pasture 1/2 mile SE of Danville. Gen. McCook's corps passed and went ahead. The report is current that rebel cavalry had followed the rear up to Lancaster.

October 22 [Wednesday 1862]

This morning two regts. [sic] of our brigade, 22nd Ind. and 74th Ills. went back towards Lancaster. A large commissary train passed going towards Crab Orchard going to Gen. Crittens [sic] Div. at Wild Cat Mountains. Nothing unusual. Camp built sheds to lay under. Dress parade at 5 P.M.

October 23 [Thursday 1862]

Nothing unusual in camp today. Orders to have co. drill from 8 to 11 A.M. but did not drill. Dress parade at 5 P.M.

October 24 [Friday 1862]

Had co. drill this morning and battalion drill this evening. Went up to town and got supplies. The 22nd Ind. and 74th Ills came back from scout near Crab Orchard bringing some two hundred and fifty prisoners.

October 25 [Saturday 1862]

Nothing unusual in camp today. Began writing a letter to Lovel and Glovina. Commenced snowing late this evening.

October 26 [Sunday 1862]

Snow fell about six inches deep last night. I was detailed for picket guard this morning. Went 1/2 mile S. East camp on Lancaster Pike. Had ten men and corpl. [sic] Nothing unusual today. Very cool.

October 27 [Monday 1862]

Was relieved at 7 A.M. and ordered to return to camp as our brigade was going to march. Marched at 8 A.M. Went west through Danville and continued west. Marched through Parksville and Mitchellville [Mitchillsburg]. Both small towns. Met with 80th Ind. going to Danville to hold that post. Camped in open meadow tonight. Col. Post stopped with Adj. West tonight 2 miles ahead.

October 28 [Tuesday 1862]

Left camp at 8 A.M. Marched west through Bradfordville and through Lebanon on Louisville and Nashville RR being a very town full of soldiers. We marched through town by co. in good order. Some of our regt. joined us here. Camped tonight near the village of New Market six miles [hole torn out of diary. Think it may be southwest of [illegible]]. Got a [illegible - torn here – think it may be] letter from [torn out] one from inf.

October 29 [Wednesday 1862]

Left camp at 8 A.M. Marched southwest towards Bowling Green. Passed several fine houses. Gen. Crittenden's Div. in advance of us. Late this P.M. left the turnpike and took the right hand road. Camped tonight near the village of [missing] in meadow. Marched eight miles today. Gen [illegible - hole in page] passed.

October 30 [Thursday 1862]

Left camp at A.M. Marched S.W. and camped on Green River in a beautiful meadow. Passed through a small called Somersville [sic], a poor town with but few houses in it. The country today was broken and hilly; the road dusty and warm. Worked on muster rolls tonight until bed time.

October 31 [Friday 1862]

Mustered for pay at 8 A.M. Marched at 9 A.M. Continued south west over broken and hilly country; very heavy timbers yesterday and today crossed Green River. This P.M. crossed another river; camped at 4 P.M. in open field where there had been an old camp.

November 1 [Saturday 1862]

Reveille at 5 A.M. and marched at 8. Marched south west and passed many fine farms. Came to an old turnpike at 12. Left it by the left and struck Louisville-Bowling Green Turnpike, at Truetts Knobb at Gen. Buells [sic] Hdqrs.

November 2 [Sunday 1862]

Left camp at 7 A.M. Marched 10 miles west and camped 1/2 mile north of road near a large pond. A high ridge running parallel with the road. Very cool this evening.

November 3 [Monday 1862]

Left camp at 7 A.M. Marched 12 miles to Bowling Green. Camped north of town 1 mile. Crossed the river east of town on Pontoon bridge.

November 4 [Tuesday 1862]

Left camp at 7 A.M. Marched south west through Bowling Green in good order. Marched 10 miles and past Lost River and camped in open field by a large pond south of road. Roads very dusty; cavalry passing making it very disagreeable; the 59th.

November 5 [Wednesday 1862]

Left camp at 6 1/2 A.M. 81st brigade in advance and ours next passed by where we lay in camp going north from Nashville by a large spring. Passed through Franklin on good order. Some soldiers in town and camped at Mitchelsville [sic] in Tennessee. Marched 16 miles today. Cool this evening. Road very dusty and dry.

November 6 [Thursday 1862]

Very cool last night with some rain. Left camp at Mitchelville [sic] at 6 1/2 A.M. Marched 14 miles S.W. and camped at Tyree Springs. Met 3 Cos. Of 79th Ills. going back to Mitchellsville [sic] after provisions for their [Gen. Sill's] Div. Camped at 2 P.M. Large tavern near camp. Our brigade in advance today.

November 7 [Friday 1862]

Left camp at 7 A.M. Our regt. in rear of train as rear guard. The advance [38th Ills.] was fired upon in a deep valley by some guerrillas wounding three or four men. Met a very large train going back to Mitchellsville [sic] after provisions. One brigade going back with them camped 1 mile north of Nashville on Col. Carlin's camp ground when here before. Very cool this P.M.

November 8 [Saturday 1862]

Remained in camp today. Worked on muster roll. Wm. [William, 2nd Lt.] McAdams came to see us. Wrote a letter to W. F. Got in old mail. Got letters from WLK, from Glovina and John T. Wiley.

November 9 [Sunday 1862]

Remained in camp today. Wrote a letter to John, T. W. Genls. [sic] Paine and Palmer and Woodruff visited our regt. today. I went to 25th Ills today.

November 10 [Monday 1862]

Nothing unusual in camp today. Mitch Sparks [George M. Sparks Cpl [sic]] and I visited the 75th Ills. today; were about 3/4 mile south of us. Dress parade at 5 P.M.

November 11 [Tuesday 1862]

Got a pass and went to the city of Nashville. Crossed the river on pontoon bridge. Visited the state houses; very beautiful. Came back at 3 P.M. My brother R.P.B. from [illegible] Ills. came to see us; also John Anterburn. Dress parade at 5 P.M. Our co. detailed to picket guard tomorrow at 8 A.M.

November 12 [Wednesday 1862]

At 8 1/2 our co. reported at headqtrs. [sic] Went about 3/4 mile on Gallatin Pike. Our co. was divided in four squads. D. Wiley [Sgt. Darius] and me had a squad on pike; Lt. Anthony 1/2 mile north of us. Large trains passing all day. Very cool and indications of rain. Nothing unusual occurred. Got a letter from M[illegible] this P.M.

November 13 [Thursday 1862]

Nothing unusual occurred last night. Was relieved at 11 A.M. and returned to camp. Wrote a letter to M[illegible]. Dress parade at 5 P.M.

November 14 [Friday 1862]

Nothing unusual in camp today. Was ordered to have co. drill for one hour. At 1 P.M. our co. went out but was called in to go on brigade drill at 2 1/2. Col. Post drilled the brigade until near sunset. No dress parade.

November 15 [Saturday 1862]

H. Wiley and I got a pass and went to the city. Visited the state house, also visited the 75th Ills. Got back to camp just as our co. was going out on dress parade. Several of the boys in the 75th very unwell but able to be up.

November 16 [Sunday 1862]

Nothing new in camp today. Wrote a letter to mother today. Some little rain this P.M.

November 17 [Monday 1862]

Nothing unusual in camp today. Began raining this P.M. and continued so until bedtime. Dress parade.

November 18 [Tuesday 1862]

Some talk in camp this A.M. that Co. Post had received commission as Brig. Gen., but not generally received. Wrote letter to "Aunt Bess" today nothing new in camp.

November 19 [Wednesday 1862]

Considerable rain fell last night. Went to 75th Ills on Lieutenant A's [Anthony] horse. Commenced raining while there. Nothing new in camp today.

November 20 [Thursday 1862]

Moved our tents into line this P.M. Wrote letter to L[illegible].

November 21 [Friday 1862]

Nothing unusual in camp today. Col. Carlin's brigade came in today. Received letters from W.F. and Lovel. Dress parade.

November 22 [Saturday 1862]

Last night I went to the city and heard Parson Braunlow speak in the Methodist Church; also listened to Preacher Maynard of the Presbyterian Church, both good preachers. Went over in Edgefield this P.M. to Gen. Davis Hdqrs. with James [Pvt] Dyer of our co. having been taken prisoner and paroled.

November 23 [Sunday]

At 8 1/2 A.M. our co. reported to Brigade [illegible] mounting for picket duty. Went out north and took our stations as when on picket before. A general review ordered today by Gen Rosecrans. Nothing unusual occurred on duty today. Received a letter from Miss E.C.



November 24 [Monday 1862]

Was relieved at 10 1/2 A.M. by A Co. of 23rd Ind. Nothing unusual occurred on picket last night. Returned to camp. Orders for battalion drill this P.M.

November 25 [Tuesday 1862]

Was detailed this morning for brigade guard. After the guard was mounted I took 5 men and 2 corpls. [sic] and went to guard to Mn's stores north of railroad. Went to 21st Ills this P.M. saw H. Black. Very cool all day.

November 26 [Wednesday 1862]

Was relieved after guard mounting and returned to camp. Got letter from L[illegible] written in [illegible] last. Wrote a letter to W. H. Had brigade drill this evening. Got orders to march tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock.

November 27 [Thursday 1862]

Last night after going to bed the orders for marching today was countermanded. Early this morning as the passenger [train] was starting for Louisville Ky, it ran off the track near our camp. Six passenger cars ran off; lay on their sides and one turned entirely over. Several men wounded. A Lieut. of 23rd Ind. Military conducts badly wounded co. drill and Brigade. P.M. read a letter from L[illegible] and wrote one also.

November 28 [Friday 1862]

Last night Lt. A. got his commission as Capt. to rank as such from June 17th. We also got orders to march at 8 a.m. Today at 8 we marched through Nashville by co.'s in good order. Took the Franklin Pike S.W. marched about 4 or 5 miles from the city and camped in a woods pasture 1/2 mile north of Pike. Pulled our co. grounds this P.M.

November 29 [Saturday 1862]

John [William] Goodman by his own consent today was reduced in ranks and Henry Wiley was promoted to 1st Sergt. [sic] Sergt [sic] Pluck came over and went back with him. Brigade drill this P.M.

November 30 [Sunday 1862]

Regtl [sic] inspection at 10 A.M. Began raining this P.M. This PM the pickets gave the alarm for regt. was soon into line. Our brigade marched out about two miles s. west of camp but saw nothing and returned to camp. The outer pickets saw some rebel cavalry, began raining at tattoo.

December 1 [Monday 1862]

Considerable rain fell last night. Our Co. and G was detailed for picket today. Our co. was left at the inside post 1/2 miles S.W. from camp. Cannonading to the left of us in direction of Murfreesboro. At 2 P.M. the 22nd Ind. went outside the picket.

December 2 [Tuesday 1862]

Nothing unusual occurred last night. Was relieved at 10 A.M. by Co. K. Returned to camp. Wrote a letter to nothing in evening.

December 3 [Wednesday 1862]

Nothing uncommon in camp received letter from M[illegible]. Dress parade and orders received.

December 4 [Thursday 1862]

Parade drill this P.M. Wrote a letter to Lovel. Henry Wiley ordered on duty as 2nd Lieut. and McAdams as orderly.

December 5 [Friday 1862]

Snow fell about an inch deep this morning. Very cool this evening. Wrote a letter to M[illegible].

December 6 [Saturday 1862]

Nothing uncommon in camp today. Wrote a letter to E.C. [illegible]. Dress Parade. Tonight our co. was detailed for picket tomorrow.

December 7 [Sunday 1862]

Reported at guard mounting. Our Co. and Co. G. was stationed on the Granny White Pike. Today Green Arterbraus and Wm. Goodman from Kansas and Lt. Braddoca and Lt. Goodman from 75th Ills. came to see us. Also William Roulter brought us some letters and a lot of presents from our friends at home. Sam McConnula and H. Pluck some joined the regular carolling. [sic] I got letters from mother, Uncle Riley and Bess.

December 8 [Monday 1862]

Was relieved at 10 A.M. Returned to camp. Got our pay after two months then got a pass and went to 75th Ills. The 75th out on picket concluded to stay all night. Several of the boys unwell.

December 9 [Tuesday 1862]

Went out to the picket one mile S.E. from camp. Found many of my old friends. Returned back to 75th camp and went back to our camp 3 miles west. Found our regt. had gone out on a scout. Regt. came back at 7 p.m. and found enemy skirmished over the hills considerable.

December 10 [Wednesday 1862]

Last night after going to bed we got orders to march at 4 A.M. Marched at 4; went S.E. about 3 miles and camped in a beautiful woods pasture. John Goodman and Mitchell

Sparks went to 75th Ill's. They had moved camp in night. I got a letter from my sister [Glovina].

December 11 [Thursday 1862]

This morning G. S. Arterburn and Wm Goodman came over to see us. Brigade drill this evening. Considerable grumbling in camp this P.M. about having to take shelter tents as they have come for us.

December 12 [Friday 1862]

Detailed for brigade guard today. Wrote letters to Uncle Riley and W.F. Sent these by Green Arterbury. Green and Bn [sic] Loveman left us to go home.

December 13 [Saturday 1862]

Came off guard and issued mounting. Got a pass and went to city. Sent my revolver and watch home by Green Arterbury. Saw Capt. Pinnell and others of his co. up in the city. Returned to camp at dark.

December 14 [Sunday 1862]

Regtl. [sic] inspection at 10 A.M. by Capt. Pinnell. Wrote a letter to Legrus Stuart Co. E 12th Regt Ills. We received a letter from L[illegible].

December 15 [Monday 1862]

This morning at 4 o'clock we were called out into line. Our co. reported at guard mount for picket. Went about 2 miles south of camp. Began raining at dawn [sic] and continued to rain all evening.

December 16 [Tuesday 1862]

All passed off quiet last night. Was relieved by Co. K of our Regt. and returned to camp. Got a letter from Eli K. We were called this evening on a false alarm.

December 17 [Wednesday 1862]

Nothing new in camp today. Wrote letter to Glovina and L[illegible]. Dress parade. Lt. Wiley came from town this P.M. He brings the news that Burnside has been driven back across the Rappahannock [sic] with a heavy loss.

December 18 [Thursday 1862]

Battalion drill this P.M. Some of the boys of the 75th came to see us.

December 19 [Friday 1862]

Brigade drill this P.M. by Co. P. Sidney/Post. Wrote a letter to Eli Kester after drill.

December 20 [Saturday 1862]

Brigade drill this P.M.

December 21 [Sunday 1862]

Inspection at 10 A.M. Got a pass and went to 75th Ills. Found most of the boys improving in health. Maj. Buckner preached a short sermon while there PPB and John Arterburn came back with me tonight. We went down to cane break [sic] to kill birds brought 120 in mess.

December 22 [Monday 1862]

This morning PP and John A. returned to camp. Lt. Wiley and Sergt. [sic] D. Wiley went back with them. Sergt. [sic] McAdams went to Nashville after things sent from home. Battalion drill this P.M. Wrote a letter to M[illegible] McAdams. Got our box sent from home. I got peaches and apple butter in cans [illegible], and socks and mittens.

December 23 [Tuesday 1862]

Battalion drill this P.M. by Capt. Paine. Got orders [illegible]. After forage in the morning at daylight, our brigade going.

December 24 [Wednesday 1862]

This morning we got orders to have 3 days rations in Haversacks; that we was going after forage. As we expected an engagement here. Loaded our wagons at 9 A.M. Laid around until 12 M. Then marched out S. E. outside the picket lines, then returned to old camp and stacked arms.

December 25 [Thursday 1862]

Early this morning we got orders to forage. In due time we was on the road. Took the Franklin Pike. Went to within 5 miles of Franklin. Saw some enemy. Capt. Pinney saw some and fired a few rounds with his Parrot Guns. Killed them. Got [illegible] hundred wagon loads of forage. Returned to camp after night. Very tired.

December 26 [Friday 1862]

Last night after going to bed we got orders to march this A.M. At daylight without any wagons. marched at sunrise took the Nolensville Pike. Soon came upon enemy pickets. Our Co. and Co. K. was deployed as skirmishers. At Nolensville we had considerable cannonading. A lot of Rebel cavalry here. Night coming on ended the fight. Captured one piece of artillery.

December 27 [Saturday 1862]

Marched at 8 A.M. over steep hills for some time. Heavy cannonading in front of us, heavy fog. At [illegible] M it began raining and continued raining all day. Our rgt. [sic] in rear guard behind the train. Considerable rain fell last night. Our shelter tents kept us dry. Camped tonight in the brush. Reported capture of battery of 5 pieces. Lost 10 cannons.

December 28 [Sunday 1862]

Lay in camp today. Fired off our guns this evening. Drew rations. Cooked our flour on sticks.

December 29 [Monday 1862]

Marched at sunrise. Went east towards Murfreesboro Pike, 7 miles distant; very rough and rocky roads. Passed through heavy cedar forest [sic], resting occasionally. Skirmishing in the advance. Our cavalry and rebel cavalry skirmishing. Lost 25 men in 5th Pa. Cavalry. Camped in woods 3 miles from Rebel pickets.

December 30 [Tuesday 1862]

Rained last night. In line two hours before day. Marched towards Murfreesboro. Cannonading on the right of us. Early this AM fight became general. This afternoon our rgt. [sic] did not become engaged today as more was supporting Capt. Pinney's Battery. Shell [sic] from over and around us. Our div. was engaged.

December 31 [Wednesday 1862]

Skirmishing began at daylight. Fighting became general soon. Our regt. supporting Battery. We had some of our men wounded. Had to fall back; then rallied and advanced again. The Rebels took a large amount of our wagons. Many of them was retaken by our cavalry [sic]. The wounded of our co. was Latta, Adams, White and Pepper. A co. went skirmishing this PM, witnessed cavalry fight.

January 1 [Thursday 1863]

Nothing unusual occurred last night. Returned to regt. at daylight. Our regt. was not engaged today, only the skirmishers. Heavy artillery firing this morning. Not so heavy fighting today as yesterday. Lay all day expecting to fight. Scarce of rations, especially bread.

January 2 [Friday 1863]

Heavy picket firing and another heavy artillery duel early this morning. Took one position on the line this morning. Lay here near all day. Late this evening a hard fight took place to our left in which the enemy was defeated. Our whole column advancing. Our Div. moved 2 miles S.E. across Stones River. Great cheering when the enemy gave way.

January 3 [Saturday 1863]

Considerable picket firing last night. Began raining this morning early and rained all day. Pickets continued firing at each other all day. I was detailed to act as Regtl. [sic] Commissary today until further orders.

January 4 [Sunday 1863]

Last night quite a fight took place to the right of us. Before day we recrossed Stone [sic] River in the rain wading the river. Took our position north of Pike near where we was

two days ago. Cleared off this A.M. Lay still all day. Wrote a letter to WFB. Report has it the Rebels have left and gone south.

January 5 [Monday 1863]

Remained in camp. Visited 75th Ills. A good many of their boys wounded and missing, Harry Fink, Henry Smith, and B.L. Fuller killed. W.L. Kester and Asa Williams taken prisoner.

January 6 [Tuesday 1863]

Train came up last night from Nashville and brought our goods. First came our tents early this morning, some things missing. This P.M. we moved our camp across the river. Crossed on bridge partly burned.

January 7 [Wednesday 1863]

Came through Murfreesboro last night. Camped two miles south of town. This P.M. our Reg't [sic] went out on picket. I remained in camp. Wrote a letter tonight to Mother. Very cool tonight.

January 8 [Thursday 1863]

Remained in camp today. Reg't [sic] came in this P.M. Nothing new.

January 9 [Friday 1863]

We were mustered for pay this P.M. Mail came in this P.M. I got letters from M[illegible], P.P.B. and Lovel Wielhart. Wrote letters to M[illegible] and P.P. Nothing new in camp. Rained last night.

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January 1 [Sunday 1865]

We should with the beginning of the year commence anew our life, resolved to lead a better and more useful life. To do the "Duties" we are required by God should ever be our highest aim, and in beginning this diary for the new year I will resolve to do my duty to God and my company regardless of what the "World" may say.

This beautiful Sabbath morning finds our Div. [3rd Div. 4th A,C] in bivouac, four miles west of Elk River, Limestone Co, Ala. Received orders last night to march at 7 A.M. today. All ready at 7 A.M. but by delay of 1st Div. which goes in advance. Do not move until 1 P.M. March 3 miles S. East and go into camp. One night from Elk River. Foraging parties sent out and bring [sic] Capt. Wiley and I a good pack mule.

January 2 [Monday 1865]

Remain in bivouac all day to await construction of bridge across Elk River. Capt. Wiley and I walk down to river and find a large number at work on trustle [sic] bridge, under charge of Maj. Watson, 75th Ills. Teams were hauling rails, logs, lumber, etc. for bridge.

A small island in middle of river on which men are at work. While there Gen. Woods and Staff ride down and cross on the Island. Gen. [illegible] of 1st Brig. 1st Div. gets his Brig. across the river on pontoons, made out "wagon beds" covered with canvas, and on rafts built. Stream about 100 yards wide, and six to seven feet deep, and runs quite swift. Foraging parties go out and return well loaded with chickens, turkies [sic], geese, honey etc. Pleasant day. "Abe" gets three chickens and a turkey for our mess foraging.

January 3 [Tuesday 1865]

Some rain fell last night, cloudy all day. At 10 A.M. the "General" is sounded but do not move until 12 P.M. The 1st Div. has the advance. Cross Elk River on the trustle [sic] bridge just completed. A great many citizens there with Pro. Guard and Dri. [sic] Pro. Mar. to take all animals that have been dressed within the last two days. Several soldiers dismounted. Our pack mule got across safely. March nearly east going through heavily timbered country and very swampy. Many bad mudholes. Aling [sic] the woods which makes the mark slow and irregular. Bivouac at Athens Ala. Having marched ten miles, find the cars have just come in town via Decatur and Huntsville Ala.

January 4 [Wednesday 1865]

"General" is sounded before day-light and march soon after. Travel east all day on an old road not having been used for a long time. Cross three large creeks on old bridges. The bridge over largest stream which was about twenty five yards wide was a covered one. Travel through good country. Through many [illegible] places [illegible] [illegible] country not much destroyed by the ravages of war. Some good houses and farms along the road. At 4 P.M. go into camp in a beautiful valley, having traveled 18 miles today. At 3 P.M. we came in sight of a mountain range east of us, supposed to be the Cumberland Mountains. This has been a beautiful day. Div. [illegible] nearby.

January 5 [Thursday 1865]

Reveille sounded at 6 and marched at 8 A.M. Going east, three miles brings us to a pike, and in open country, two miles further ahead a hill, from which we look below in the valley and see the city of Huntsville, Ala. The various church steeples and large houses in town with the morning sun shining on them makes a grand sight. We march through the quiet little city in good order to music, colors flying from all Regt's, but ours. Our colors having worn out long since. We still retain the staff which we cling to tenaciously, go one mile south of town and halt while Gen. Beatty hunts up camp. I see a splendid hotel and earthhouse in the city and various other good buildings. Set nite [sic] camp at 9 P.M. five miles south of town on a high wooded and rocky hill. Supposed that we go into winter quarters. March 16 miles.

January 6 [Friday 1865]

This morning got orders to build quarters and go into regular camp. Houses to be of uniform size; ten feet long, seven feet wide, and five feet high on side. I was relieved from command of Co. I at my own request and returned to Co. Capt's [sic] Henderson, Wiley and Com'y [sic] Serg't [sic] Melvin and I go to country and press team to haul lumber, about 1 1/2 miles from camp. Find a large cotton gin which we "Go for" Get two

good loads of fine lumber and haul to camp through the rain. The man has three good mules and hauls very good size loads. Go through bottom lands and cross a large creek in wood. Rains all day. A large mail comes. I get two letters from LL – one from W.F., Sister, Mother and Aunt Lisa.

January 7 [Saturday 1865]

At work all day on house which we get nearly done. Capt. Wiley, Sergt's [sic] De [Darius] Wiley and [Fredrick] Goring and I go out in the country and press same team we had yesterday and got two more loads of lumber from the cotton gin. Tear the flooring all up, also the gin itself to get lumber. Had been a good gin and also building, but the building gives up today. The owner of the gin has a lot of cotton already for fleecing very nice. This P.M. Lieut. McAdams arrives safely with baggage train not having been up with the command since we left Nashville [illegible] returns the reg't [sic] from leave of absence. Also T.J. Frost rejoins co. from furlough. Frost having left at Pulaski, Tenn. Mid Nov. Mail comes letter from [illegible].

January 8 [Sunday 1865]

In camp four miles south of Huntsville, Ala. No news of importance. Everyone at work or trying to be devising some means to get a house built. Capt. and I work on our house all day, although it was a sabbath, yet think it a military necessity. Got our house covered with shelter tents and floor laid. We employ Jerome E. Beck [new recruit] and Richard Goodpasture [9-28-64, died at New Market 3-27-85] to build a chimney. Will have a good house when completed will 12 feet long 8 feet wide and five and half feet high on each side. Door and chimney [sic] in south end. Has been a beautiful day. Tonight I received orders to take charge of detail to go after forage tomorrow. To report at Brig. Hdqr's [sic] at 7 A.M.

January 9 [Monday 1865]

Report at Reg'tl [sic] He'd Qr's [sic] at 7 A.M. Take charge of detail. Have 20 privates and 8 non commissioned officers. Report to [Asst. A.G.] Col. McDonnell thinks I am quite late. Am ordered to report to Capt. Coe, At 2,M. Have to wait a long time for the trains to get ready. Just three men in a wagon. Capt. Coe furnishes me with a horse to ride. Go south on Pike 5 miles then turn to right three miles. Cross a bridge and wide [illegible]. Pass through some good country. Get corn at some neger [sic] shanties. Fill half the wagons here. Then go half mile further and get corn to fill remainder of wagons. Begin raining at 1 P.M. Returned to camp at 3 P.M. Capt. and I work some on our house.

January 10 [Tuesday 1865]

Capt. and I complete our house today. Get bunk in north end and a good floor in it and fire place, all completed. Clean up and feel somewhat like I was at home again. The officers of Reg't [sic] sign a petition to Congress to raise officers [sic] wages. All perfectly willing to sign it. Maj. Sinclair, A.A.G. at Corp's H'dqrs [sic] sends around an order to reg'tl [sic] commanders It is intention to have all the officers of the corps sign the petition. Gen. Thomas congratulating order to troops in reference to late campaign



is received. Sixty eight pieces of artillery captured and 10000 prisoners captured also. Gen. Thomas little army done well. Letter from Eli K[illegible] by mail. Write letter to mother.

January 11 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp four miles south of Huntsville Ala. Newspapers of 7th and 8th just received today. Contain glorious news from Gen. Sherman more especially from Gen. Steadman., in regard to late operations south of Tenn. River. States that Gen. Steadman captured all of Hoods [illegible] train, 1000 mules and 100 wagons and CH. Maj. Stookey comes in and tells me he has applied for a leave of thirty days. Also Capt's [sic] Elerick and Van Asdel have applied for a leave from duties. I hope they will get them. All are good fellows and deserve to go home. Write letter to L.L.W. and my friend Brimming. [illegible - smudged out]

January 12 [Thursday 1865]

In camp no news of importance received today. Sun comes out beautiful and warm and have a pleasant day. Lieut. Baughman comes up today, having been home on a thirty day leave. Just before leaving Nashville. Looks well and healthy. Capt. Wiley and him go to town this P.M. Capt. Wiley receives a detail to go on a court martial tomorrow to report at Brig. H'Qtrs. [sic] Got a board from the old cotton gin several day's since which I put up for table and wrote letter to AM[hole in page] and wlk. [sic] Shave off nearly all the whiskers off my chin in accordance with Capt. Wiley request. Mrs. Stookey comes in and calls me a "child", not very flattering.

January 13 [Friday 1865]

Capt. Wiley reports at Brig. Hd [sic] Qrs [sic] to go on court. I am appointed Reg' Tit. Officer of the day and report to Capt. Patton, 93rd O.V.I. [Co. A. 93rd] brigade officer of the day for instructions. Not much to be done. Regt receives an addition of two hundred new men, one hundred and thirty five report for duty. Co. H only gets three men. Several of the houses are filled up to the minimum in order to give them three commissioned officers. Received notification of the death of Jefferson, of [illegible] in hospital. 3rd Div. [illegible] [illegible]. D. Wiley and I make application for a furlough of 30 days each. Pass regtl [sic] hedqrs [sic] all right. Write letter to W.F.

January 14 [Saturday 1865]

In camp five miles south of Huntsville Ala. No news. All quiet. Andy Smiler makes application for furlough of 20 days, which starts all right. DeWiley's furlough comes back for Capt. Wiley's approval which is just in and forwarded again. De's application have gone all right as far as Brig. He'dqr's. [sic] Write letter to Aunt Louise. At dark reg't [sic] receives orders to move up town and report at depot with three days rations in haversacks. Arrive at 9 p.m. Find one reg't [sic] from each of the other brigades of the div. There, all under command of Col. Dick [George F.] 86th Ind. Vols. get aboard train and ride to Brownsboryh [Now Brownsboro] 12 miles east. Get off and go into camp on Flint River about 50 years wide.

January 15 [Sunday 1865]

Orders received last night after going into camp to be ready to move at daylight. Marched at 7 A.M. going north two miles. Brings us to Mooresville Ala. A small deserted village here. We stop and press some teams to haul our luggage which was limited. Soon move out on Winchester Tenn. Road. Travel through good country after getting away from R.R. some distance, and not much destroyed. We halt to rest frequently. At 2 PM arrive at New Market Ala. a small village on mountain fork of Flint River. Go into camp nearby having marched 12 miles. The day a pleasant one. Every woman in town almost came out to see a guard. All very good [illegible] loyal people. Take a stroll around with Hearrie. Came here to clean out a guerilla squad, but many guerillas [sic] here, although they had been commuting separating in the country.

January 16 [Monday 1865]

Bugle sounds the "General" at 7 1/2 AM. Go back through New Market, then turn due east, going slow and halting frequently. At 9 A.M. came in sight of negroes working in field at a distance with fires. Thought at first they were rebels. Col. Dick [George F.] stops in front of nearly every house, and of course the men go for all their smoke houses continually. By one PM every man is loaded with either a fresh ham, shoulder, butter or something of the kind. We follow south along the mountain side looking for guerrillas who have been murdering Union men in this section and robbing indiscriminately [sic] but are unable to find any of the rascals. Go mile camp at 1 P.M. Some refugees came in camp. After dinner Hearrie and I go out to a house.

January 17 [Tuesday 1865]

Bugle sounds reveille at 6 A.M. and the general at 8 A.M. March going S. West. Roads very good. Every soldier almost is loaded down with articles to eat. Men got so choice yesterday they would take not mean but hams. Every house we stopped at or passed, the women would come out and beg for guard. Col. Dick always kept out of sight. Several citizens came in this morning for articles taken yesterday. At 11 A.M. arrive at Maysville, the place we pressed teams two days ago. Do not halt here. Turn to the right. Soon come to Flint River. Halt one hour for dinner. Cross river on R. R. bridge, then march west and camp in woods 6 miles east of Huntsville.

January 18 [Wednesday 1865]

Bugle sounds reveille at 5 A.M. and general at 7 A.M. Part of our teams go away last night and others to be pressed delayed us one hour more at 8 A.M. Pass over the mountain on good road. Just before arriving at Huntsville some other teams are pressed and meat the men are carrying is put in wagons. Arrive at Huntsville at 11 A.M. March through town in good order, music playing. Arrive at camp 5 miles south at 1 P.M. having had a pleasant trip. Capt. Wiley did not go on the trip. Our men, Lt. M., S. J. Stookey, brother of the Maj., arrives at reg't [sic] having been appointed from a citizen, Lieut [sic] Mc[McAdams] returns from Nashville. Capt. Henderson receives an order to be mustered out. Letters from Mother, Aunt Bess and [illegible].

January 19 [Thursday 1865]

In camp five miles south of Huntsville Ala. Rumors of peace being made in papers received yesterday and today, though I do not believe it will be made. Baggage all brought up today from Nashville. Lt. Doolittle visits the reg't. [sic] Receive a detail tonight to go on board of survey tomorrow at Brig. Hdqer's. [sic] At 10 A.M. Dr. Hoagland [Surgeon] 71st O.V.I. [Ohio Volunteer Inf], Capt. Vandorn 124th O.V. and myself on the board, the Junior member to act as reorder. Write letters to A.W. and Eli K. Write to W.E. Leceste [Merchant] tailor [sic] and order a new coat made. Nothing of importance in camp going on. Pleasant [sic] winter day.

January 20 [Thursday 1865]

Report at 10 AM at Brig. Hdqr's [sic] board. Met and examine some crackers, flour etc in commissary dept when we condemn. Good news in papers in regard to capture of Fort Fisher with a large number of guns etc etc. Capt. Henderson bids us all adieu having been mustered out under circular 75 War Dept. Series 1 No 4. Lieutenant Mc [McAdams] and I ride up town this PM meet Capt. Wiley coming back. Goes back again with us. See mustering officer, get blanks to be filled to be mustered out. All three of us fill them out and present them to Col. Hale [Clayton] for his signature before taking them to mustering officer. Capt. Johnson returns to reg't. [sic] Work in clothing returns.

January 21 [Saturday 1865]

Col. Hale would not sign the muster out rolls for Capt. Wiley and me. Signed Lieut. Mc's [McAdams]. Wants Capt. and I to withdraw them but will not. Maj. Stookey comes around and requests us to withdraw them. Both insist and promise us promotion soon but neither of us "cant see it". Lieut [sic] Mc [McAdams] goes to town and is mustered out of service same as Capt. Henderson. Capt. Wiley receives a circular in which Col. Hale holds him. Won't sign my rolls until he receives an answer from a communication from Gen. Wood who is commanding the 4th Corps. Work on clothing returns. Write letter to W.E. Lecaste countermanding the order of the coat. Some rain today.

January 22 [Sunday 1865]

In camp and hard at work on clothing returns so that if we are all mustered out will get to go home soon. Finish the returns. As Col. Hale would not sign my muster out rolls I make application to Maj. Sinclair [General Wood leaves] Act. G. [Acting General] Fourth Corps [General Stanley comes in] for an order to be mustered out and forward it. Write letter to mother. Rain all day. Nothing new or interesting going on.

January 23 [Monday 1865]

Rains and is quite cold and disagreeable. Lieut. Maddox goes to town to be mustered out but fails. As a new order has been received relating to mustering out officers. Papers contain more news relative to peace. Blair goes on a personal visit to Richmond, though all peace negotiations he may make will amount to nothing at all. Though I hope he may be instearmental [sic]. Write letter to W.F.

January 24 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp four miles south of Huntsville Ala. I get some old blanks from the A. Adj't. [sic] and paper our house which makes a decided improvement in appearance. For paste I use flour and water and for a brush I use an old horse brush. And by the assistance of "N.B.E." get done in due time and surprise Capt. Wiley on his return from court. After finishing our house I work on muster rolls. Col. Hale sends for me and offer me the capt'cy [sic] of Co. G if Capt. Burroughs is mustered out if I will remain in the service, but "I can't see it" if I can get out of service. I am very much obliged to the LCol. [sic] but prefer waiting a while at least before giving him my answer. Write letter to Llovel.

January 25 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp near Huntsville Ala. Capt. attends court martial. I complete set of muster rolls; work some on ordnance returns for third quarter 1864. Papers say Blair has gone on a second mission to Richmond to make arrangements for peace. But in my opinion, he will not be instrumental in bringing about peace. Yet I hope he will. Lt. Lt. McAdams says he is going to start home in two days. Sergt [sic] DeWileys [sic] furlough for thirty days comes to reg'tl [sic] hdqr's. [sic] He will go home with Lt. McAdams also Andy Snider if he receives his furlough in time.

January 26 [Thursday 1865]

In camp near Huntsville Ala. Quite cool this A.M. De and Lt Mc decide to start tomorrow. Capt. and I finish ordnance returns and work on some other returns which we complete tonight. Write several letters to send by those going home as they will go through quicker that way than to send by mail. Write to sister, W.F. and Llul [Lovel] but all short as I had not much time to devote to each one. Perhaps they will be able to read them. De can tell them all that I am ok, still alive and well and enjoying my life.

January 27 [Friday 1865]

In camp four miles south of Huntsville Ala. Andy Snider receives a furlough for thirty days. He goes to Lt. Mc and De. Lt Mc bids us all adieu, as he goes home to stay. I hate to part with him as he is a good and noble fellow soldier and a kind gentlemanly officer, three and a half almost together. Have become deeply attached to him. However it is right that he should go home. Therefore I part with him more cheerfully, hoping that I may soon follow his footsteps. After he leaves I receive my application returned saying I can be mustered out of service. Write letter to Aunt Bess. Mail rec'd. Letters from W.F., Lil. and NK.

January 28 [Saturday 1865]

In camp a day of suspense with me. I go down to Col. Hales [sic] tent and ask him to sign my muster out rolls which he refused to do and used some language unbecoming, very unbecoming in regard [sic] to the order I received yesterday, which of course ground my feelings very much. However, I have to submit to rank. Lt. Korhammea Re't [sic] Adj't [sic] appoints me reg'tl [sic] officer of the day. Get along all right with my duties. This P.M. I have topsy [Jack mule] saddled and ride up to the city to see the sights etc etc. This has been a beautiful and pleasant day.

January 29 [Sunday 1865]

Beautiful Sabbath morning. Preaching in the reg't [sic] by Rev. M. Gage. A new man just joined reg't [sic] belonging to Co. C Reg'tl [sic] inspection at 10 AM by Col. Hale. Also inspection of Co. Quarters. Co. H quarters are not in as good order as they might be. Will try to remedy it for I do not wish to get a scolding from Col. Hale. An intimation from him that they need cleaning up is sufficient for me. Some men, unless they are watched closely, will allow filth to accumulate and thereby cause sickness [sic] in camp.

January 30 [Monday 1865]

I ask Co. Hale this AM if he intends to sign my muster out rolls so that I can be mustered out. He informs me very plainly that he will not so long as Capt. Wiley is on court martial. I ask him to give me his answer in writing which he does by my asking for the same in writing very unexpectedly [sic]. Bro P.P. comes in to see us. Glad to see him as it is the first time I had seen or heard from him since the campaign ended. This P.M. I go to Corps Hdqtr's [sic] to see about getting out of service. They inform me there that while Col. Hale can refuse to sign my rolls at present. His excuse is a frivolous one indeed. Bro. P.P. and I stop at the train, yet bal. were expecting to get off soon. 'Tis said their destination is Eastport [illegible]. Get aboard train at 2 P.M. and leave for Louisville Ky. Begins raining this P.M. Take supper at Cave City. All things go on well. No light in cars tonight.

February [3][Friday 1865]

Arrive at Louisville, Ky. at 3 A.M. and stay at Louisville Hotel as all the beds are taken up. I get a cot and take a refreshing sleep of three hours. After breakfast I go to Pay Department and draw four months pay. Get four hundred and seventeen dollars and sixty cents. Get articles needed in city and at 1 P.M. get in bus and cross the Ohio to Jeffersonville Ind. Here at the depot I find much trouble in getting on cars, so many soldiers traveling after a long time. Two trains are loaded and at 1 P.M. start for Indianapolis. I have the good fortune to get a seat before I get to Ind's., by the kindness of some lady. Arrive at Indianapolis at 9 P.M. Stop one hour and get aboard train for Terre Haute. Get in seat with a lady.

February 4 [Saturday 1865]

While on train I very unexpectedly came across a cousin of mine who I had not seen for years before. He had lately married in Ky. and was leaving there on account of troubles and going to our place. Arrive at Kansas, Ill's [Home] at 4 A.M. Being so fatigued we all [cousin Will Barnet and wife] go to hotel and stop. I sleep three hours. Get up and breakfast, then run around town. Go to WF's. He meets me in store door. Go upstairs and see all the folks. Put on a change of "linen", then go and see sister, then call on many friends, find all well. I enjoyed myself well, to think I was safe at home once more. Late this P.M. I send word to mother to come up town tomorrow after me with wagon. Send by Uncle Wm.

February 5 [Sunday 1865]

Attend Sabbath School at Christian Church; also church this A.M. Not many out this A.M. Bro. Riley and Uncle Riley come after me in wagon as the roads were very rough and mother unwell. She could not come. By hard persuasion I prevailed on them to stay until after singing which was very good so I thought. Cousin Will and Lady go down to Mothers with us where we arrive at dark. Find a lot of friends there. Glad to see them all. Everybody treated me well every where and when they all leave many have invitations to call and see them [illegible]. I start back although mother thinks I have come home to stay. I will not tell her better today. I enjoy myself well.

February 6 [Monday 1865]

At Motgehers all day. A lot of friends come in to see me. Have a good time. As there was several young ladies there we enjoyed ourselves well. Cousin Will and Judie go to Abe B's this P.M. Tonight Mr. Bennet and Lady living near mother and whom I esteem highly for their excellent qualities come in and spend the evening. I get in a great way talking, showing them on map where our reg't [sic] has been. Mother says I almost outdid myself talking so much. I think myself I done more talking than was really necessary. Yet I did not lie at all, if I did it was unintentional.

February 7 [Tuesday 1865]

Mr. Eyan Mills living on my farm comes down to see this A.M. while at mothers. Get one of mother's horses and ride to town in co. with E'd [sic] Boyer. Get dinner in town after which get horse shod and ride out to see L[illegible]. Spend the evening very pleasantly minded. 9 1/2 P.M. I bid the dear one "Good night" and return to town. Put up my horse and arouse Lovel and Glovina from their slumbers by calling Lovel up to open the door. Weather very cold.

February 8 [Wednesday 1865]

This A.M. remain in town. Write letter to Capt. Wiley and one to Col. Hale declining to accept the capt'cy [sic] of Co. G as my duties require me here. I also write letter for Mr. Honnold to the undertaker at Bluntsville Ala in regard to having the remains of his son taken up and sent home. Also write note to Curtis at Multoon. This P.M. I ride out to Dr. Steeles to see the beautiful Mis as [illegible] but imagining disappointment when Mis FP[illegible] tells she has just about on hour since left for Indianapolis, Ind. I ride down to Mr. Allison's. Stop to see how all get along. Get to talking and first thing I know supper is announced. Return to mother's after stopping at Mr. A[illegible] some time.

February 9 [Thursday 1865]

This morning Mother, Millie and I, also grandfather, ride down to Uncle Barricklow's and spent the day. Previous to starting I put up a placard in the door stating we would be back at 4 P.M. We have a good time today. "Aunt Bess" has a good dinner which of course I enjoy well. Of course I always consider myself a full hand when it comes to eating. I find there has been quite a number of cabins erected down in "Lick Skillet" since I was home one year ago. Return home at 4 P.M. Go to Uncle Wm Kesters tonight; a great many there. Among old friends of our family were Mrs. and Mis Baber,

the latter pretty. Geo. Baber, Cousin Will and Jisie there have an excellent supper to which I did justice.

February 10 [Friday 1865]

This A.M. mother and I ride over to Mr. Mayfield's. No one at home but George. We conclude to go over to Mr. Allison's. Found Mis Mollie M[illegible] there. Spend the day there, very agreeable. At 3 P.M. I get my horse leaving mother to go home alone as her horse was very gentle. I ride out to Kansas. Attend singing at school house tonight. Have the honor of accompanying Mis A.W. there and Mr. Luiker teacher, a new teacher to me although I have heard of him often while in the army. The singing very good I think. After singing stop in at Mr. Dr. [illegible] and hear some good music. If any one enjoys themselves about more I think it is me.

February 11 [Saturday 1865]

This A.M. get horse and start to see Lt. McAdams. On the road overtake Laura going home on foot. Of course I had to see her home then start again. Get as far as Harmony Church. Singing going on. I stop until over. By an invitation from Mis Maggie I go to Mr. Hornick's for dinner after which Mis Maggie and I ride over to Mr. Blood's to see Lt. Mc. After stopping there two hours and taking a smoke with Mc and looking at his bees, houses etc Mis Maggie and I return. I bid her "Good Afternoon" and return to the inevitable Kansas. Attend preaching tonight at Christian Church. An excellent sermon by Rev. Mr. Tyler, a young minister. Have the honor of accompanying [illegible]AR [illegible].

February 12 [Sunday 1865]

Attend Sabbath school at 9 A.M. Rev. Mr. Tyler conducts the bible class then at 10 A.M. attend preaching. Another excellent sermon by Rev. Mr. Tyler. Meet Mr. Dermeans' family. All well except [illegible] who did not come out. Glad to see them all. Go to WF for dinner AMD[illegible]. There for dinner. At 2 P.M. accompany Mis AW and AMD to singing which was very good. After singing go to Mr. Wiley's and stop there a short time but having an engagement to fulfill I reluctantly leave those kinds wipes. And go bring Laura to church. Come in horseback. Return to town after taking her home having spent the day pleasantly and I hope profitably.

February 13 [Monday 1865]

This A.M. mother and I in co. with many others get on freight train and go to Charleston, stopping at Ashmore a few minutes. I accompany "Aunt Fannie Smith" over to Mers. [sic] Dr. [Cousin Kates] Van Dykes just speak to her when train moves out. Arriving at Charleston, go to Aunt Eunice I call at Mr. Skidmures. Take dinner there. See Lotta and Wilbur in town. Call with Mother Dr. [smudged bad]. See Capt. Delong, meet Mis SH[illegible] Speak to her. At 6 P.M. Mother, Aunt Eunice and I get on passenger train and go to Mattoon. Meet Uncle Byrum and Aunt C[illegible] there. Quite interesting little scene occurred, my Aunt Eunice mistaking some man for Uncle Byrum. Quite cold tonight. Have a long talk with Uncle.

February 14 [Tuesday 1865]

Some rain this A.M. Uncle and I run around over town all forenoon nearly. Call at Castors and get coat fixed. After dinner bid them adieu and at 2 P.M. get in passenger train and arrive at Charleston in due time. Call on the Mrs. Morris. A short time also Mrs. M[illegible] Mother and Aunt Eunice go down to Mrs. Wilson's. I go down after them. Take supper there. Hear some music on piano. Attend lecture tonight at Christian Church in company with Mis LH [illegible]. Rev. Mr. Speer, a loyal East Tenn., lectures on his travels in [illegible] while U.S. Counsel to that country. Return to Aunt Eunice to stay all night.

February 15 [Wednesday 1865]

Run around Charleston until 10 A.M. then go down to Aunt's and 12M mother and I take freight train for Kansas. Meet Lt's Brown [Walter S.] and Hollis [Joseph] of 150 Ills. Vols. on train. All get off train at Kansas together. At 4 P.M. start for mothers in Wiley's wagons. The young folks of town promise to come down but do not come which is quite a disappointment as mother had made preparations for supper for them. [illegible] and Annie [illegible] comes bringing with them a Mr. Connely with them. Glad to see all of them. Some reason I suppose the cause of Kansanites [sic] not coming Uncle Wm's young folks there. We have a very great time [illegible] and Annie go home tonight.

February 16 [Wednesday 1865]

This morning mother's cousin, Lattie, and I go over to Uncle Riley's. Take dinner there. After dinner go back to Mother's. Get a horse and ride out to town. Call at Uncle Wm's. A short time also Mr. Williams. The latter place they seemed rather cold formal for old acquaintances. Why so I know not. Arrived town at 5 P.M. Receive two letters, one from W.L. and one from Ms [sic] P. LC[illegible] prepare for a wedding at Mr. Curds. Mis PM Curd and Mr. Thomas Lernous invited at 7 P.M. by Rev. Mr. Williams. A great many there, house crowded. Supper after wedding. Have a very good time. Bride and groom with two other couples to go Terre Haute tonight. I go home with D. Wiley.

February 17 [Friday 1865]

Snow on ground this A.M. which soon melts off when sun comes up. After breakfast go down town and run around town near all the day. This P.M. attend Mr. Taggarts [sic] school. I have the satisfaction of sitting in my old seat which I used when I was a school boy. Hear a paper read edited by students of school, one piece articles. The conduct of scholars among those come in for a full share of Mr. Burnet and Dimklerhoff. This P.M. late ride out and bring Laura in to singing to night at school house by Mr. Linker. Come in horse back. She rides a horse John T. lately traded for which had the wheezes.

February 18 [Saturday 1865]

Stay in town till 4 P.M. when I start for mother's. See Lieut's [sic] Mc [McAdams], Hollis and Brown. The two latter start for their reg't [sic] today. Stop at Mr. Arterburn's to see John Arterburns' sick girl who is not expected to live. See his wife the first time since my arrival home. Go past my farm to see Mr. Mills who has gone down to Mothers to see me. See cousin Will and Josie in road home. While at my farm to Eyan Mills several



young folks come down to mothers. All remain until 10 P.M. Have a social and pleasant time.

February 19 [Sunday 1865]

At Mothers near all day. At 4 P.M. get horse and ride over to Mr. M[illegible]. Mis M[illegible] not at home. After chatting with the old gentleman an hour or so I return to mothers stopping at Uncle Wm. K[illegible]. A short time on way back. A beautiful day but roads awful muddy.

February 20 [Monday 1865]

Just as I got up this morning Lt. Col. Biggs 123 Ills. passes mother's going to town to start to his reg't. [sic] Talk with him a few minutes after breakfast. Get horses and Willie, Connie and I ride down to inclose [sic] school house. Geo. Baber has been there trying to get up a geography school but fails. After school is out in company with several of the young wipes present ride up to M.R. Wilhoit's. There separate. I take road west for Hitesville. Accompany the wipes Pinnells Home. Go down to Aunt B. Andersons get dinner. Cousin Will and Jessie there. After dinner ride down to Mr. Demerous, whose family I have the highest respect imaginable of. After supper cousin Annie and I ride over to Westfield to singing. A whole lot of ladies there. Go to Mr. C C[illegible] after singing.

February 21 [Tuesday 1865]

Annie and I had a glorious time coming back last night as it was very muddy and dark. I got completely covered with mud. After breakfast catch my horse, bid all adieu and ride out to Uncle G. Arterburn's. Get dinner when Uncle and I ride to town. Put up horse, get a communication from Mis A.S. [illegible] by the kindness of Mis L.C. How relieved I was to hear that I was not forgotten by the former. Very windy all day. Draw writings up for rent of farm to E. Mills which we both sign. Call on Mis L. C. [illegible] and spend the evening very pleasantly. Comes up rain while there. Have a glorious time getting back to Jerima's to stay all night.

February 22 [Wednesday 1865]

In town all day. Mother comes to town on horseback. Write letter to AS[illegible] late in this P.M. Get horse and ride out to see L.L. While on the way receive an invitation to a party tomorrow night at Mr. William's, east of town two miles. Spend the evening pleasantly. Rather dull in town all day. Return today late.

February 23 [Thursday 1865]

Run around town until noon. By a previous appointment I go down to Ed Dowdens (an old school mate of mine and a soldier for over three years) and get dinner. Andy Smiler also goes down. After dinner ride down home with Mother. At Uncle Wm. several young ladies there awaiting to go home with us to stay all night. Have lots of fun over a letter cousin Lottie lost and a good time generally.

February 24 [Friday 1865]

Early this A.M. call at Mrs. Pinnell's. A few moments on business there, go to Uncle Riley's. Bid them all adieu. Aunt Bess comes up in spring wagon bringing with her Mrs. Kirkhom, Mrs. Pinnell and a young widow from Jeffersonville, Ind. to whom I take a great fancy. After dinner her and I later, a big game of checkers. They start home at 4 P.M. Spring wagon breaks down. I go with them to Uncle Riley's. Start to town at 4 P.M. Stop at Uncle Wm. Bid them all farewell as I am not coming down this way again before going to the Army. Arrive at Kansas at sunset, go to singing tonight. After singing go to Mrs. H[illegible] and hear some good singing there. Mis Woodruff there and others.

February 25 [Saturday 1865]

Rained very hard all last night and continues until 10 A.M. At 3 P.M. ride home with Laura on horseback. Return to town and attend preaching at Christian Church. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Speer. I accompany Mrs. A.R. [illegible] to church. After preaching it begins raining so I have to stay until a pretty late hour. But having good company I enjoy myself well. [illegible - page damaged for 2 lines] Plenty of mud and very dark going home. Received a letter from Harrie. All well down there. Reg't [sic] back in camp at Huntsville again.

February 26 [Sunday 1865]

The first thing I heard at the breakfast table was something about some one keeping late hours last night. Somebody looked sleepy etc. Of course I was perfectly ignorant of what they were talking. No one explained and I did not ask for an explanation. Attend Sabbath School and preaching by Rev. Mr. Speer this A.M. Singing at 2 P.M. By W.F., preaching at P.M. by Rev. Mr. Speer. An able sermon delivered. Have the honor of accompanying Mis A. W. to church. Cloudy and very muddy.

February 27 [Monday 1865]

At 9 A.M. get a horse and ride out, bid Laura adieu. Take dinner at sister's. Packup [sic] my things and at 3 P.M. bid all friends at home adieu. Get aboard train and soon leave all behind. Arriving at Paris I see some old acquaintances. Soon arrive at Terre Haute and without unnecessary delay where train arrives at 8 P.M. Take supper at Mason House, then call at McLeans Institute and have the pleasure of conversing with the lovely Ms [sic] AS[illegible] a few moments only. At 10 P.M. get aboard train and start for Louisville, KY. Cars move along all night. Dark and can not see the towns as we go along. Get in a sleeping car.

February 28 [Tuesday 1865]

Arrive at Louisville at day light. Put up at Louisville Hotel. Run around the city until 1 P.M. While there get a negative taken for one dozen photos. Get some articles and express to W.F. Also write note to him. I take train at 1 P.M. for Nashville. Have the good fortune to get a seat in ladies [sic] car. No trouble on the road. Take supper at Cave City at 7 P.M. south of Green River. Night dark and raining, arriving near the "Rock City". Could see that the Cumberland River had overflowed its banks. Some fears that the R.R. had been swept away, but all right. No light on train all night.

March 1 [Wednesday 1865]

Arrive at Nashville, Tenn. At 1 1/2 A.M. Put up at Servance Hotel. Could not get a bed so had to be content with a cot. After breakfast go to [illegible] Directions meet WL there. See Dr. Werrick also. After dinner in co. with WLK[illegible] and A Mr. Smith walk out to hospital No. 2 to see Perry Forker who was wounded the 10th of Dec. Find him with his left arm amputated. He was doing well. Also several other men of the reg't, [sic] all doing very well. Wrote note after returning to town to L.L. W.L.K and I go to theatre tonight. Go to hospital train to stay all night. Begins raining.

March 2 [Thursday 1865]

Considerable rain fell last night. Breakfast on train at 8 A.M. W.L. gets furlough for 30 days and starts home today. During the forenoon I learn that guerillas captured a train which was not more than an hour behind the train I was on coming down from Louisville. At 1 P.M. get on board train bound for Huntsville. Am fortunate enough to get a seat by side of a lady, as the cars are crowded very much. Begins raining and continues to rain all evening. Get a sort of meal at Wartrace Station. Proceed all night until we come to Normandy Station. So much rain caused banks of a deep cut to slide on track we have to lay over here on cars all night.

March 3 [Friday 1865]

Start at 1 A.M. and arrive at Stevenson, Ala. At 9 A.M. bid my traveling companion, Mrs. Goucher of Chattanooga, adieu. Get breakfast at 12 N., dinner at 1:15 P.M. and at 2 P.M. in co. with several officers, get on board freight train for Huntsville where we arrive at 6 P.M. Found Abe McManny at depot waiting for me. With pack mule to carry my valice, [sic] arrive at camp 5 miles south of Huntsville at 8 P.M. Found all well and hearty. Glad to get back again. A hard rain comes up just as I get to camp. Receives a lot of letters that have come while I was at home. Those received were from Eli K, AMD, WPB, SP, and Bes Riley.

March 4 [Saturday 1865]

In camp near Huntsville, Ala. No news. Glad to see all in camp. Capt. Wiley makes out his muster out rolls. Go to Col. Hale to sign them. Him and I go down to Div. Head'qrs, [sic] and he is mustered out. Becomes a free American citizen, I am both. To [something marked out] have him leave me here but it is perfectly right that he should go home. Tonight Adj't [sic] Clark comes up and we have a glorious time. Pleasant day. Write letters to Mother, WFB and WF.

March 5 [Sunday 1865]

Inspection of the co. at 10 A.M. Dress parade at sunset. A beautiful day. No news. Several bridges washed away on N and C R.R. No trains in today. Write letter to QR[illegible]. Some singing tonight at "Harries Tent".

March 6 [Monday 1865]

Up at reveille. Sun rose beautiful and bright. At 9 A.M. take invoice of all the government property in co. and receipt Capt. Wiley for them. Brig. drill at 2 P.M. by Col. McConnell our present Brig. Commander. Dress parade at sunset. Write letter to L.L., V.S. Beautiful day.

March 7 [Tuesday 1865]

Co. drill at 10 A.M. for one hour. Brig. drill at 2 P.M. by Col. McConnell. Attend guard mount at 9 A.M. at Brig. Hed'qrs. [sic] Dress parade at sunset. Write letters to AMD and Eli K.

March 8 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp five miles south of Huntsville, Ala. Some rain fell today. No news of importance contained in Huntsville Union, a small sheet published in town. Col. Hale today asks me to accept capt'cy [sic] of Co. H but I do not think I will. In fact I know I will not if I can be mustered out. At any rate I do not want it no how. I told him I would study on it. Work some on descriptive book etc etc. Dress parade at sunset. Train from Nashville comes into Huntsville tonight.

March 9 [Thursday 1865]

In camp. No special news by train last night. Received mail at 9 A.M. in which I receive a dozen photographs from Campbell and Ecker of Louisville, Ky. All very good. Receive orders that there will be a grand review tomorrow. Rainy and cold. Tonight go down to sutler tent. See adj't [sic] Clark. He tells me the grand review of the div. is postponed on account of bad weather. Write letter to Lovel and Glovina.

March 10 [Friday 1865]

Did intend going to Decatur today but raining hard at reveille so postponed for today. However, it clears off this A.M. Clear off co. grounds thirty paces in front of color line. Brig. Drill this P.M., after which I get ready for Decatur. Capt. Wiley and I go up town tonight and stop at Huntsville Hotel. As we had nothing to amuse until bed time we conclude to go the theatre, which we consider a grand bore.

March 11 [Friday 1865]

Up at 6 1/2 A.M. Beautiful morning. Get breakfast and 8 A.M. in company with Capt. and Thornton Wiley get on train and start for Decatur, 20 miles west on Tenn. River. Arrive at Junction in due time 1 1/2 miles from Decatur. Get off train and walk down to river. The river was very high, the water all over the bottoms; the pontoons all gone. We got on a gunboat, lying here taking a load of forage across, but the boat, having to wait so long, hire a yawl and row across. Then go up to camp of 79th Ill's. Vols. Find Bro. P.P. hard at work. All well. See Capt. Beyls, Lt. Foulke and many others [Co. C 79th Ill's. Vols.] Have a pleasant time during the day. Decatur a small place but few houses in town.

March 12 [Sunday 1865]

Beautiful Sabbath. Capt. W., Bro. P.P. and I call and see Col. Buchner and Lady. They were just going out on a walk and did not see them but a few minutes. The Rebel Gen. Forrest has a squadron cavalry just outside the lines here and visits the picket lines here occasionally. Meetings are frequent by flag of truce. Gen. Granger comd'g [sic] northern district of Ala. has his hdqrs. here. At 12 N. have dinner. Several of us then go to river, get a pontoon boat and cross the river, then walk out to junction and get aboard train. In due time arrive at Huntsville. Find the 1st Div. has marching orders. Going to move tomorrow. Arrive at camp at 5 P.M. Letters Llvs [illegible] as [illegible] TD Clinton. Wrote to A.W.

March 13 [Monday 1865]

DeWiley goes uptown early and telegraphs to the adj't [sic] General of Ills. for notification of his commission being issue as 2nd Lt. of Co. H. Answer to be sent to Chattanooga, Tenn. De gets transportation for Capt. to Nashville. The forenoon is spent on writing to friends to send by Capt. Wiley. Write Lt. Mc. Llvs and WF. Dinner time I read Capt. farewell address to co. and at 3 P.M. De and I ride uptown. The 1st Div. leaving on cars going east. Take supper at Huntsville Hotel with Capt. Then bid him adieu and return to camp. At 7 P.M. Write letters to G. Baber, R. H. and to Clinton of Paris, Ills.

March 14 [Tuesday 1865]

At an early hour begins raining and continues all day. No news though we have "grapevine" enough to make news. Rains slowly all day. Write letters to Annies and answer one from S.P. of Rockport, Mo. Also write to the friends of Wm. A. Price, deceased. Mail comes but nothing for me. A letter comes for Capt. Wiley from Lt. Mc, which De and I open, and of course, read it. Glad to hear from Lt. Mc. Arrived home all right.

March 15 [Wednesday 1865]

Bugle sounds reveille at 1 A.M. The general sounds at 4 A.M. and march at 5 A.M. for Huntsville, Ala. Get on train and at 8 A.M. leave for East Tenn., which is said to be our destination. Arrived at Stevenson, Ala. At 1 1/2 P.M. get dinner. See Capt. Wiley and Lt. Curtis there. But they are going to leave for home today. Do not stop at Bridgeport but see some acquaintances, as we pass through, belonging to 150 Ill's Vol. At Shellmound meet train from Chattanooga. Do not stop at Whiteside, pass the point of old Lookout Mountain whose peaks we scaled under Gen. Hookers [sic] command in "Hooker's [sic] Battle Above the Clouds". Stop at Chattanooga, I go to telegraph office and get dispatch for Col. Hale answer to De inquiry. Commission issued 2nd Lt. Leave Chattanooga at 8 P.M. Begins raining.

March 16 [Thursday 1865]

Run all night. Rained continued to fall all night. Car leaked badly. Daylight finds us in Charleston, Tenn., a pleasant little village station, also Athens further on. Get a good substantial meal at Morse Creek Station which is a small village. The whole country

along the road was overflowed with water. The whole country along the road was overflowed with water. Arriving at Loudon on Tenn. River we recross the River on a splendid bridge built on rock piers and quite lengthy. One car run off track near Sweetwater at a turn. A loyal (From appearances) village with some guest houses in it. No one hurt. One gun broken in co. Same car run off again near Knoxville. Arrived at Knoxville at sunset. Go up town and get supper at Franklin House. Nice little city. Move out at 8 P.M.

March 17 [Friday 1865]

Arrived at Strawberry Plains at 1 A.M. R.R. men thought the bridge over Holston River unsafe to cross on, so we got off one mile west of town in cedar woods and among rocks and lay down until morning. At 10 A.M. we move into camp half mile distant in nice open woods. I have charge of a detail of sixty men to carry our baggage into camp. De Wiley and I put up at a small house, expecting to stay a few days; but at 7 P.M. got orders to move tomorrow at 7 A.M. Our destination, New Market. This has been a beautiful spring day.

March 18 [Saturday 1865]

Bugle sounds reveille at 5 A.M. Get ready to move. Sun rose beautiful and bright. At 9 A.M. move out going east on R.R. Pass through what is called Strawberry Plains. Though I saw neither Strawberry Plains or any houses, a few old ruins on the south side of the river, though I could not tell on which side the [illegible] was located unless on both. Here we crossed the Houlston River on a good bridge built by U.S. Forces. The Houlston is a tributary of the Tenn. and was very high. March on R.R. near all the way today. Country hilly though generally well cultivated and at 1 P.M. come to village of New Market. Citizens all appear loyal. Go into camp one mile from town. Marched 11 miles.

March 19 [Sunday 1865]

In bivouac near New Market, East Tenn. Beautiful day. In company with Capt. Van [illegible] Baughman and Lt. Cunningham. Attend Sabbath School in town at 9 A.M. afterwards return to camp. The men all in uproar because they have no rations. Their rations were out Friday night last. This P.M. walk uptown with Maj. Stookey. Coming back meet Lt. Mosman and go to town to church with him. House full. We could not get in. Go to a house and get our supper. We are now in loyal East Tenn. Nearly all are loyal; for good proof many have sons in our army. Write letters to Mother, Lt. Mc and Cpt. Wiley.

March 20 [Monday 1865]

Inspection of arms at 8 A.M. by Lt. Col. Hale. At 9 A.M. go down to New Market to see Capt. Mc [illegible]. The AC [illegible]M, but find he is not there. Return to camp and receive a detail to report to Brig. Hdqr's [sic] as Pro. Mar. of the Brig. Report to Adj. Clark at 1 P.M. Have an introduction to Col. McConnell, Comd'g [sic] Brig. who appears to be quite a clever gentleman. Have an introduction to Lt. Jas Johnson [illegible] with whom I am to tent with, who is very clever and sociable. This is something new and

quite unexpected to me. However, I will do the best I can. Mail and a letter from LLVS which I answer and write to Aunt Bess.

March 21 [Tuesday 1865]

Began raining last night. Breakfast at 8 A.M. I go in the Col's mess which consist the Col., the AAG, the AOC, and myself. Continues raining until after dinner, when it clears off. This P.M. ride uptown with Adj't [sic] Clark on his roan horse. The Col. goes as far as Corps Hedqr's [sic] with us. Go to the Reg't [sic] a short time this P.M. Have a detail to police around hedqr's [sic] this P.M. Town citizens come in and are sent to corps hedqr's. [sic] Write letter to Aunt LSA.

March 22 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp near New Market. Windy and cold. Borrow a stove from the Adj't [sic] of the reg't. [sic] and put up in our tent to keep comfortable. Keep the [illegible] SOL picking up chips etc. This A.M. De Wiley comes down. I go to Div. hedqr's. [sic] with him and get a set of mustering rools [sic] and make them out for him. He goes up again but did not get mustered. Several officers in Brig. Hedqr's [sic] tonight. Some deserters come in tonight. Send them to Corps hedqr's. [sic] Write letters to W.H.B. and Uncle Byrum.

March 23 [Thursday 1865]

Pleasant spring day. Have a detail of 20 men from 71st OVI. Report this A.M. and clean up around hedqr's. [sic] By an invitation this P.M. from the AAAG I ride out in the country this P.M. to destroy some distilleries where soldiers have been getting whiskey and getting intoxicated. After many enquiries we find one in "full blast" on south bank of Holsten River under a high bluff and well concealed. [sic] Destroyed this, then ride down the river one mile. I press a canoe and cross over the river and destroy two more distilleries. Then return to camp very tired. Write letter to Capt. Wiley and Uncle Riley.

March 24 [Friday 1865]

Go down town this A.M. on business to see a Mr. Thornburgh, as some of the boys have been killing his hogs, sheep etc near town on his farm. Have some men belonging to Brig. on extra duty for being absent without permission. After dinner go out on Mr. Thornburgh farm. Big drill this P.M. As I had no horse I did not go out, though I suppose I could have got one had I tried right hard. Capt. Stark CS gave a supper tonight of oysters and sardines. No mail so we are without news. Lieut. Wiley receives a detail today to report to Dr. Herrick on hospital train. Write letter to W.L.K.

March 25 [Saturday 1865]

In camp near New Market. Nothing special in papers of late date just received. Lieut. Wiley [Darus] starts to Nashville today. Col. Hale sends us charges against a substitute which are returned by order of Col. McConnell, to be tried by field officers [sic] court. Go to town early this A.M. to see Div. Pro. Mar. Tonight several come in tent with musical instruments, and have some good music. Serenade Col. Mc. Then the band goes up to town. Rec'd letters LLVs. Pleasant day.

March 26 [Sunday 1865]

Go up town early this A.M. Go to Col's. room and heard sermon on the death of Henry Norton of 93 O.V.I. Very good sermon and very appropriate. Have an invitation to a Mr. Sawyers to dinner near by. Capt. Van Asdel, Capt. Stark, Dr. Patterson, Capt. Moody and Lady and I there. Also Lt. Johnson. Have a splendid dinner. Attend preaching in town at 8 P.M. After supper Lt. Johnson introduces me to the Mises Dick where the Col. rooms. Hear some music on piano. The Ajg. [sic] [Capt. Galbraith] seems to be somewhat smitten. Have music in our tent also. Write letters to LLVS. Beautiful spring day.

March 27 [Monday 1865]

This A.M. the Mises Dick has an old lady to come in who pretends to tell fortunes. Several of the staff have their fortunes told. I have mine told, which is very good of course. Many things she told of the past. I know are true, but as to the future I have but little faith in. She says the war is nearly over, which I hope is true. I am to marry well etc etc. Transportation comes up. Capt. Brock, the A.A.G.M gives an old bay horse to ride. Brig. drill this P.M. I ride out, several passes signed. I get a small desk for me use. Draw some stationary. Gen Beauty comes in with the Col. off drill. Pleasant day. Write to L.L.

March 28 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp near New Market. De Wiley comes down this P.M. I go up town with him. He is mustered as 2nd Lieut. Co. G. 59th Ill's O.V.I. for unexpired term of regt. Mail this A.M. and a letter from Lieut. Mc and Sp[illegible] and a communication from ordnance officer. Brig. Drill this P.M. which is very nice. There is quite a difference in looking at a drill when on horseback and when walking around with the co. On horseback the drill looks well. I do not get tired either. After drill Col. and staff ride up town. An order is received reducing transportation and for all extra baggage to be sent to Knoxville for storage. Write letter to Lt. Mc. Go to Co. tonight. Music in our tent.

March 29 [Wednesday 1865]

Just after going to bed last night Capt. Galbrith comes in and says we march at 6 A.M. Bugle sounds reveille at 4 A.M. Soon get ready for marching. Call and bid the Mises Dick "Goodbye" and at 6 A.M. march going east. 3rd Brig. has the advance. Cloudy and pleasant [sic] for marching. Four miles brings us to Morris Creek a small station on R.R., but few houses one or two good ones. A high R. R. bridge over creek which has just been rebuilt by our forces. At 12M come to Panther Springs, which is a small village named after large springs here. Small Pox there. Stop an hour for dinner, and at 8 P.M. go into camp in open field. Headqr's [sic] in open field on a ridge. The P.G.'s put up tents. Marched 15 miles. Began raining at 7 P.M.

March 30 [Thursday 1865]

Reveille at 4 A.M. Get up at general call and march at 5 1/2 A.M. Continued raining all night and until 11 A.M. when it clears off. Four miles march come to Morristown, a small village on R.R. in a narrow valley. Roads very muddy. Troops march some on R.R. Six miles further brings us to Russville [Now Russellville] a small village on the R.R. This



place, like many of the southern towns, is all on one street; houses on each side. It is in a narrow valley. Some few good houses. Go into camp one mile S.E. of town. Good country passed through, though hilly, yet thickly settled. Marched 11 miles. Begins raining at dark. The ET and VA R.R. is very crooked, curves frequently two or more every mile.

March 31 [Friday 1865]

Reveille sounded at 4 A.M. and march at 5 A.M. going S.E. Roads muddy, as it rained near all last night. 2nd Brig. in rear of our division. I was ordered to march in rear of Brig. to keep stragglers up. As we went along there was but little straggling done. At 11 A.M. we arrived at Bulls Gap which is a narrow pass way through a high ridge running N.E. and S.W. The R. R. passes through the gap also. There is a junction of the R. R. here. A Branch road running to Rogersville eighteen miles N. E. country around here is hilly yet there are some good farms and with proper cultivation would produce well. It is well watered. Marched 7 miles. Make out charges against 3 men in [illegible] [illegible] O.V.I. by order of the Col.

April 1 [Saturday 1865]

In camp at Bulls Gap, Tenn. Nothing unusual transpires. This P.M. Col. McConnell, Lieut's [sic] Clark, Johnson and I ride through the Gap to East Side. The Gap is about 1/2 mile through and about 100 yards wide with mountain ridge on each side. Ascend ridge on north side. Here were fortifications running parallel with ridge and facing west. These had been built by Gen. Longstreet in the winter of 63 and 4. We had a splendid view on all sides. To the east five we could see the camp of 1st and 2nd Div. and still further on we could see the range of Smokey Mountains in N.C. To the west of us lay our camp. The country hill west. Mail: Letters from LL, LW and Capt. W[illegible] as containing photo. Write to LW and AS.

April 2 [Sunday 1865]

Brig. inspection at 10 A.M. by Maj. Gen. Wood. He compliments the brig. on their good appearance. After inspection he stops with his staff a few moments at our hdqr's. [sic] Some horse thieves tried to steal horses from Div. hdqr's [sic] last night. One of them was wounded and limb amputated. Part 2nd Div. comes up cars today. See Bro. P.P. He takes dinner with me. See Col. Buckner and Lady as himself and lady pass through with Regt. on cars. They go through the Gap two miles and unload. News in paper of hard fighting in the east at Petersburg, Va. Cheering news from Gen. Sherman. Write to Mother and Capt. Wiley. Beautiful day.

April 3 [Monday 1865]

In camp at Bulls Gap, Tenn. Glorious news received 1st dispatch say Gen. Grant has captured 12,000 prisoners. Having nothing to do I rode over to Div. Hdqr's. [sic] This P.M. 2nd dispatch comes while there, that Richmond was taken. Everybody felt well. Great cheering throughout the whole div. Everyone felt well. After receiving the 2nd dispatch Col. McConnell and staff ride over to Div. hdqr's. [sic] Sixteen rebel deserters come in our lines, which I foreward [sic] to Div. hdqr's. [sic] Work some on clothing

return for March. Mail and a letter from AR[illegible] which I answer. Write to LLVS. Beautiful day. Indications of rain tonight. Orders to move at 7 A.M. tomorrow.

April 4 [Tuesday 1865]

Marched at 7 1/2 A.M. 3rd Brg. [sic] in advance travel east through the Gap. See Col. Buckner and lady this A.M. His reg't [sic] going back to the Gap to do duty there. Pass one Brig. of 2nd Div. and 2nd Brig. of 1st Div. In camp on Lick Creek which is about 20 yards wide, but camp in rather a poor place. See some officers of 75th Ill's Vols. Roads are good. Several good farms along the road. Some little rain. I was ordered to march in rear of Brig. today. Halt one hour on a beautiful stream; spread our cloth and have dinner on nice green ground. Col. Lyon 13 Wis. Vols and Lady and Mrs. Capt. Moody take dinner with us. Arrived at Greenville, a beautiful little village. Brig. goes into camp. Hdqr's [sic] in town at Mr. Brown's house. Nice place for hdqrs.

April 5 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp at Greenville, Tenn. 2nd Brig. of our Div. goes to Jonesboro, still further east. Fix up our hdqr's. [sic] in good style. Quite windy. Work some on monthly returns of clothing; complete them. Good news today and yesterday. Also a dispatch dated yesterday but received today say Gen. Grant has captured 20,000 prisoners and a large number of pieces of artillery. Mail: letters from A.M. and S.P.

April 6 [Thursday 1865]

About 10 A.M. very unexpected our brig. receives orders to march. We go to Warm Springs, N.C. [Now Hot Springs], distance 25 miles. One brigade of 1st Div. has gone over there on an expedition and it is feared it may get into difficulty, so we are ordered over there to support them if needed. I very much hate to leave Greenville, but hope we will get back again. March at 2 P.M. going nearly south. At 4 P.M. cross Nolichucky River on a covered bridge. This stream is about 100 yards wide, and some very swift water, very clear. One Regt. marches in rear of Brig. train. Rains this P.M. Three miles beyond river Regt. goes into camp in woods. Have hdqr's [sic] in Mr. White's house. Have some [illegible] Marched 8 miles.

April 7 [Friday 1865]

Bugle sounds reveille at 4 A.M. and at 5 1/2 A.M. march. Rained all night and until 10 A.M. when we ascend Smoky Mountain, called so because of a blue mist always hanging over these mountains one mile to top of mountain. Roads very good. The scenery here was grand. To the east we could see Hough Mountains rising, one above the other as far as the eye could see. To the west was a large valley covered with dense forest and large farms. Descending the mountain the road was very crooked and wound around the mountain side. At one place could see the head of Column coming directly towards the rear. But several hundred feet below at foot of mountain is Paint Rock Pass, which is narrow. [illegible] on river on one side and mountain on the other. Six miles brings us to Warm Springs, N.C. Go into camp. Get dinner and cross the river in Anold Trough for a canoe and visit Warm Springs. Have a bath in them. Nice place owned by a Mr. Rumbough.

April 8 [Saturday 1865]

Did not get up very early. Had a sign a great number of passes to cross the river. 1st Brig. [Col. Kirbys] 1st Div. 4th O. having gone to Asheville, 35 miles further up in the mountains on an expedition and failed. Return part of the way back. Go to 21st Ills. which did not go with Brig. and see Capt. Mock. Capt. Black not there. Go over to Warm Springs tonight in co. with several officers. The buildings there are excellent. Some few somewhat out of repair. Have some music along and serenade Mr. Rumbough. Some guerillas seen across the River on mountain today. Several shots fired at them. Mountain on fire tonight. Write letter to A.M.D.

April 9 [Sunday 1865]

Just as I was preparing for breakfast my old friend, Capt. M. Black, comes in to see me, also Capt. Mock of 21st Ills. Col. Kirby comes up from Asheville. At 10 A.M. get ready to move at 12 N move down the river. Pass troops stationed at Paint Rock. Then ascend Smoky Mountain. On the summit could look back and see a grand sight of nature. Descend and camp five miles from foot of mountain. Hdqr's. [sic] in large white house. The family all gone from home, but soon return. The house had been robbed by some stragglers. Rains this P.M. 12 miles marched.

April 10 [Monday 1865]

Bugle sounds general at 6 1/2. Marched at 7 A.M. Roads very slippery as it rained all last night. We had a good house for hdqr's. [sic] I marched in rear of brigade. A great many men straggle. Many were barefooted and could not keep up. I stop a few minutes at Mr. White's where we had hdqr's, [sic] going over to Warm Springs. At 12 N came to Nolichucky River. Cross on covered bridge and at 3 P.M. arrive at Greeneville and go into camp. The brig. go in camp in woods south of town. Have hdqr's. [sic] at Mr. Brown's where we had them previous to going over into N.C. Glorious news received from Gen. Grant. Gen. Lee surrenders on Gen. Grant's terms; the men and officers to be parolled; [sic] officers to retain side arms. Every one feeling well here. Music at Mr. Brown's tonight. Marched 13 miles.

April 11 [Tuesday 1865]

Just after going to bed last night the guard came and called to Lt. Johnson and I saying there was firing on the picket line. We were soon up; could hear heavy musketry in the direction of Blue Springs. Reg't'l [sic] commanders were notified to be ready to move. I was dispatched to report to Gen. Wood at Div. hdqr's. [sic] After being up two hours, retired and got up at 7 A.M. After breakfast Col. ordered me to camp to ascertain the cause of men firing in reg'ts. [sic] last night and this morning. All lay the blame on Col. Kirby's brig. who camped near our brig. Last night Col. orders me to make out charges and specifications against men caught firing in reg't. [sic] Deliver message for Mr. Rumbough of Warm Springs to Mr. Brown in the city. Hear music on piano. Mail comes. Letters from Mother, WLK and LLVS. Write to mother. Ascertain that the firing last nite [sic] was 2nd Div. under [illegible].

April 12 [Wednesday 1865]

Band playing in front of hdqr's [sic] wakes me at reveille. Rains all day steadily. Mail my monthly return of clothing to Maj. Gen. M.C. [illegible], Chief QM [illegible] [illegible]. Dispatches received today. All cheering. Gen. Lee surrendered to Gen. Grant. 61 Brig. Gen., 17 Malgen, 3 Lt. Gen. and a large number of prisoners. Gen. Forrest and command is reported captured by Gen. Wilson at Selma, Ala. Raleigh, N.C. is reported occupied by Gen. Sherman. Johnson, the Rebel Gen., it is thought would have to surrender soon. Jeff Davis is trying to join Johnson's army. Getting tired and cold in camp I go to Mr. Brown's house. Write letter to LLVS and SP.

April 13 [Thursday 1865]

This morning early, an aged gentleman, by the name of Wells comes into headquarters with complaint that he had been robbed by soldiers with forage train yesterday. I made out a statement of his case and forwarded to Col. McConnell. Send a circular around in regard to passes this A.M. We receive good news in dispatches this A.M. Gen. Wilson has captured Selma, Ala. with all the forces there. Also captured Montgomery, Ala. Lynchburg, Va. Is captured also. Papers received today. Say Gen. Grant captured 500 cannons in Richmond, Va. This P.M. Col. Mc and I ride out to Mr. Willes. Have a pleasant ride. Come back I stop at Mr. Rives near camp and get supper. Tonight go into Mr. Brown's and hear music on banjo.

April 14 [Friday 1865]

Thanksgiving Day. All business suspended. No citizens admitted inside the lines. One crowd of about 20 came in before orders were received to admit none. At 10 A.M. bells ringing in church in town. I did not get to go. Had to show Capt. Patten room to hold our material in. A salute of one hundred guns fired at 12 N. Good news received in dispatches today. All recruiting to be stopped in loyal states. After dinner ride out with Capts. [sic] Galbrith and Stark around picket line, then go out in country three miles. Return to camp. Stop at Regt. Go up in town, call at Mrs. Brown's in co. with several others. Mail and a letter from Capt. Wiley. Beautiful day.

April 15 [Saturday 1865]

This morning just as I waked up an orderly comes in and hands me a letter from Lieut. McAdams. Write letter this A.M. to Capt. Wiley. Rains until 12 N then ceases. At 3 1/4 P.M. Col. McConnell returns from Div. hdqr's. [sic] and said that President Lincoln and Sec'y Seward were assassinated last night. Very sad news to hear. Just at this time everyone seems sad. Even the rebels are sorry to hear of Mr. Lincoln's death. For in him they think they have lost their best friend in the Executive Department. Quite a contrast in the last 24 hours. Yesterday all was life and prosperity. This P.M. all gloom. Go up to Mr. Brown's and have game of checkers with Mis Mary, Mis Bains, and Mr. [illegible]. Tonight write letter to Lieut. Mc then go into parlor at Mr. B [illegible] and hear music. Several there.

April 16 [Sunday 1865]

Attend Sabbath School at 9 A.M. and preaching at 11 A.M. at Presbyterian church. There hear the particulars of Mr. Lincoln's assassination Friday night, shot while at theatre by a J. Wilkes Booth who escaped. Mr. Seward was stable in his bed, not dead yet. Mr. Lincoln died at 7:22 A.M. yesterday. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Ross. Text 20th V, 3rd CH. Rev. After dinner Dr. Patterson and myself ride out to Mr. Burils. Accompany Mrs. Ramsey and Mis Burils home, who ride out in ambulance. Two orderlies go out. Find Dr. Burils [sic] residence to be a fine one, good country around, situated on Nolichucky River. A beautiful mountain scenery. Also a beautiful waterfall there. After coming back from Mrs. Alexander through the lines. Letter from Aunt Bess.

April 17 [Monday 1865]

This forenoon go up in town with Lieut. D. E. Wiley and Lieut [sic] Barber and Brent Sutler. Have shave and hair cut. Nothing of interest going on in town. Nothing new to be heard, so return to camp; get dinner. Borrow horse from Capt. Brock, James Brown and I with Frank Moore [The forager for hdqr's[sic] ] ride out to Mr. Links, five miles south of town. Had quite a little chase after a citizen going out there. Have an introduction to the two Mises Links and spend two hours in their society quite pleasantly. Hear some good music on piano. Mr. L[illegible] house robbed last night by robbers. The oldest young lady reminds me of a Mis. Emma Morris living in Charleston, Ills. Both real good looking. Return to town at dark. Pleasant ride. Write letter to "Aunt Bess".

April 18 [Tuesday 1865]

Having received an invitation last Sabbath out to Dr. Burils to dinner today, Col. McConnell, Dr. Patterson, Lieut. Clark and I in co. with Mr. and Mrs. and Mis. Mary Brown ride out there. Dr. and Ladies go in ambulance and precede the remainder of the company. Col. and Mr. Brown go together. I wait an hour on Adj. Clark for his horse then it does not come, then ride out alone. Clark comes soon after. Arrive there at 12 1/2 P.M. Have a splendid dinner and enjoyed myself well. Some rain this P.M. All start home early. Many of the farmers ploughing. Some robbers at Dr. Burils last night. Told them we should not eat dinner there today. A Mis [illegible] out also stop at Mr. [illegible] a short time. Coming back Mr. Brown gives me a few items on Backgammon. Play Clark or with Col. Good news in dispatcher. Johnson will probably surrender his Army.

April 19 [Wednesday 1865]

Walk over to the regt. this A.M. and get blank returns for ordnance. Work some on them. Do all I can until Col. Hale furnishes me receipts and invoices. Good news in dispatches of today. Mobile was occupied by our troops on the 12th inst. Several Rebel soldiers come in belonging to Gen. Eskel's command, say he had seven thousand men and all disbanded and sixteen pieces of artillery destroyed. Dispatches also say the assassin of Mr. Seward was arrested. His name is [illegible]. Quite warm this A.M. and this P.M. a shower of rain comes up. Have a game of Backgammon this P.M. with Mr. Brown, also Capt. Brock. Both play different. Tonight Col. and I have some pretty hard games of checkers, in at Mr. B[illegible]. Rumors are that we will go back to Nashville, Tenn. soon.

April 20 [Thursday 1865]

This A.M. I ride over to Reg't [sic] and get Col. Hale to sign some receipts for some ordnance turned over to him, then work on returns until 3 P.M. when I get James Johnson horse and have side saddle put on my horse and ride out in country three miles with Miss Julia Brown. Go south in the direction of Mr. Links. Some attraction in that direction. Have a pleasant ride. After going back I go up in town with James Brown and call on Mis Carrie Spence a short time. Have an invitation to call again, which I intend doing if we remain here long enough. Cars run up in Greeneville today. Gens. Stoneman and Tighman reported arrived in town this P.M. A party in town tonight, Col., and A.A.A.G. Clark goes with Mises Brown.

April 21 [Friday 1865]

This morning Frank Green P.M. comes and wakes me up and gives me a letter from Capt. Wiley. After breakfast walk over to Regt. and get two letters, one from LLVS and one from W.P. Browning containing his photo, which I was glad to get. While reading, Miss Moody and Lieut [sic] Stookey comes along, so of course had to postpone. Go home with them. Get receipts for ordnance from Lieut [sic] D. Wiley and invoices from Col. Hale. This P.M. a party of four couples go horseback riding. I have the honor of accompanying Mis Fannie Lowrey, the belle of Greeneville. Go out to Mr. Links. Take supper at Mr. Lowreys. Return and spend the evening at Mr. Browns. Receive orders to march at 3 A.M. tomorrow.

April 22 [Saturday 1865]

All ready for moving and at 5 A.M. Brig. moves out on road. I see all things loaded in wagons. Bid Mr. Brown's family adieu. Call and see Mis Spence as per agreement. Bid her adieu. Also call and see Mis Fannie Lowry. Bid her adieu and with sorrowful heart leave Greeneville at 6 A.M. having had so much pleasure there lately, leave with reluctant feelings. March west and at 9 A.M. arrive at Blue Springs, a small village. At 11 A.M. arrive at Lick Creek. Stop an hour for dinner. Arrive at Bulls Gap at 3 P.M. Go into camp on old campground occupied by us before. 2nd Div. is leaving on trains for Nashville, Tenn. See Bro. P.P. who is well. Capt. Clark and son have a difficulty. Marched 11 miles.

April 23 [Sunday 1865]

Do not get away today. Brig. in bivouac. 2nd Div. all gets away during the day. Near three hundred paroled Rebel prisons from Lees [sic] Army comes in going home. All satisfied to quit. Dispatches red'd [sic] this A.M. say that Gen. Johnson has surrendered. Three dispatches received later. Neither contradict the first one received. I go over to Junction several times during the day watching for Dr. Herricks' hospital train to come in. Arrives at 8 P.M. and runs out on Rogersville track. Go out to it and see Dr. Herrick. W.L.K. [illegible] Wiley and others All were well. They gave me an invitation to ride down to Nashville with them. Would like to do so but can not as they start back in the A.M. Come over.

April 24 [Monday 1865]

Troops remain in Statn. [sic] Grow. Gen. Beatty's Brig. partly gets away at 11 1/2 A.M. Receive Gen. Sherman's special order No. 54 "To Everybody" saying he had arranged with Gen. Johnson and other high officials, terms which when formally [sic] ratified by congress would insure peace from the Potomac to the Rio Grande. Hostilities to be suspended but strict military to be strictly [sic] maintained. Upon receipt of this order notice was given to troops and a general rejoicing takes place, cheering going on everywhere. Every one feeling well with the prospect of getting to go home soon. Go over to Gen. Field Hospital with Capt. Clark and others and take dinner with Capt. Doolittle.

April 25 [Tuesday 1865]

This A.M. early a train of cars comes in from Owensboro loaded with prisoners and artillery captured by Gen. Stoneman in N.C. on his late raid. Among the guns was a rifled gun which shot eighty five times, carries a ball 3/8 inch in diameter for each barrel. Made in London and presented to Gov. of N.C. quite a curiosity, a large crowd around it all the time. At 3 P.M. first train for our brigade arrives. 59th Ills. loads and gets away. By 9 P.M. all the Brig. gets out of there except 71st O.V.I and head quarters. James Johnson and I ride out in country tonight expecting to go to party, but failed to find one. Paroled men came in all day and very hungry. No rations. Beautiful and pleasant day.

April 26 [Wednesday 1865]

Papers of this date have nothing of importance in them except the trail of the accomplices of J. Wilkes Booth. Fred Brusher comes out from town and says Major [illegible] a paymaster says that the army will be paid off next week, so the money is already in Louisville. Nothing unusual occurs. Some seem to think we will have to go to Texas yet to whip Kirby Smith. Gen. Wood yesterday expressed the opinion that he thought it very likely we would go there. Some rain today and heavy thunder, and accompanied by wind. Receive letter from LLVS and answer.

April 27 [Thursday 1865]

Lay on train in Knoxville all night. By some mistake our train was left behind and ought to have gone out at 11 o'clock last night. Ride on top of train all day as it is more pleasant than riding inside. Leaves Knoxville at 7 A.M. Farmers at work all along the road, plowing and planting. Everything looked beautiful. Meet several trains going east. Our band plays a great deal on the route. Mr. Brent Sulter's clerk of 59th Ills supplies them with beer. Cross Tenn. River at Loudon at 10 A.M. Country good as far down as Cleveland. Arrive at Chattanooga at 6 1/2 P.M. See Fred Brasher and others. Take supper with Brasher at restaurant. Leave Chattanooga at 7 P.M. No news today.

April 28 [Friday 1865]

Daylight finds us at Bridgeport, Ala. We move out. Arrive at Stevenson in due time. Breakfast at Deckerd Station. At 10 A.M. a poor breakfast, have cold bread and cold coffee for seventy-five cents. Train runs on time all day. Very good time made over

military road. Arrive at Murfreesboro at 4 P.M. I go over in town and see Mr. Nugents [sic] family a few minutes. Return to depot. Find train gone. Get on last section and ride. Overtake our train. Arrive at Glenclyff, a switch five miles from Nashville, and disembark at 8 P.M. Get all unboarded. [sic] Papers of today say that Booth, the assassinator of Mr. Lincoln, was killed when captured in town. [Not Nash]

April 29 [Saturday 1865]

Move over to the right three miles. 3 miles from Glenclyff I remain with baggage until 12 N, when I ride over to camp. Do not like the position at all although in open woods. Camp four miles S.E. of Nashville on a pike and near a large creek to the left of Murfreesboro Pike going south. Reports are current that the Rebel Gen. Johnson has surrendered on the same terms that Lee did to Gen. Grant. Have a bath in the stream nearby. Mail received the first since we were at Bills Gap, Tenn. I get six letters; one from Mother, 2 from LLVS, one from AS, AN, and Aunt CK[illegible]. Write letter to Mother.

April 30 [Sunday 1865]

In camp near Nashville, Tenn. Papers received today contain official notification of Johnson's surrender to Gen. Sherman. Also contains a very important order from the War Dept. in regard to mustering out troops in hospital that no longer require medical treatment and also to muster out 2 M employees. Stop manufacturies [sic] etc etc anything that will not interfere with the interest of the service, anything that will save expense to the government. Clean up around headquarters etc etc. Lieut. Johnson receives commission as Capt. in his 71st [O.V.] Regt. Receive letters from AMD, Mother and WF's written in Jan. Write letters to AS and LVS.

May 1 [Monday 1865]

This A.M. Col. Pickands, 124th O.V.I. comes down on me heavy about passes. After hearing him through patiently I inform him that I receive my instructions from Col. McConnell; not him. I ride over to Div. headquarters to see Capt. Reid in references to passes. He is not in. Partys [sic] come out from town and have a May Party near our headquarters in open woods. Could see them dancing. Some ladies call this P.M. at our headquarters a few minutes. Receive letter from Eli K[illegible]. Write letter to Eli K, Henry W[illegible] and W. P. Browning and a great number of passes set up. A pleasant day.

May 2 [Tuesday 1865]

This A.M. Capt. Reid sent back quite a number of my passes sent up yesterday without approving them. I am ordered to notify Regt'l [sic] commanders that only one man be allowed a pass a day, also one from regt'l [sic] hdqtrs, [sic] which do this P.M. I ride up town with J. M. Stookey, 59th Ills. Put our horses up in livery stable. I call on Col. Sheets, Ills. State Agent [from Paris, Ills.] a few moments. See Brasher and several others in town. Attend old theatre tonight. Mis Laura Keene, who was playing in Fords [sic] Theatre, Washington when President was assassinated, plays "Soldier Daughter". She is the star actress in N[illegible] now. Return to camp at 1 A.M. with Lt. Lehmon.



May 3 [Wednesday 1865]

We got lost last night by starting out on wrong road. It was very dark and we did not notice particularly. Arrived at camp at 2 A.M. Today I am relieved from duty as Pro. Mar. and appointed Adj. on the staff, Lt. Johnson having been promoted to Capt. We exchanged places at the request of Col. McConnell which suited me very well. Received orders this P.M. for a grand review of the 4th A.C. to come off on the 5th, just Gen. Thomas to review us. No special news in papers. Beautiful day. Write letters to Lt. Mc and Mis Ar[illegible].

May 4 [Thursday 1865]

Today had appointed as a day that we would visit the Hermitage [The estate of Gen. Andrew Jackson]. A large part of officers were going, but on account of the review going to come off soon it was postponed. However Capts. [sic] Clark and Doolittle with others ride out. I could not go as clothing was received as issued to attaches around hdqr's. [sic] Since I have been appointed A.D.C. I have to receive clothing. Beautiful day through quite warm. Capt. Johnson goes to town tonight. Receive letters from Aunt Bess, S.P. and LLVS.

May 5 [Friday 1865]

No news of importance in today's paper. All quiet in camp. Col. goes up town this A.M. Lt. McConnell, O.V.U.I, is appointed Aide-De-Camp and reports for duty this P.M. This P.M. I ride up town, call and see Smith, a brother to Hart Smith of the Co. then go to hospital train. See W.L.K. who is quite unwell. I am sorry he is not able to go up town with me. Go to new theatre tonight. "Uncle Toms [sic] Cabin" is played. Very good. Some scenes very touching, which shows how slaves have been treated in former years. I read the story several years ago. The play called back to memory all the reminiscences of the book. Eva was good. Go to hospital train to stay all night.

May 6 [Saturday 1865]

Returned to camp early. At 9 A.M. a large party of officers start to Hermitage. Pass through a small village four miles called "Sliprey". What its real name is I did not learn. Arriving at Stone [sic] River we had to be ferried across on a fery [sic] boat. Arrive at the Hermitage at 11 A.M. having come eight miles. This has been the home of Gen. Jackson, ex- president of the U.S. and the hero of the battle of New Orleans. The place is somewhat out of repair. Sit in a chair which Gen. Washington and Jackson used to sit in. See several paintings of Gen. and Lady. Visit the tomb which is quite plain. A great many here take dinner here which we brought in ambulance. Had a good time and I hope benefitting. Warm day. Letter from Aunt Bess. Write to A.M.D.

May 7 [Sunday 1865]

Cool and pleasant day. Visit the regt. See Capt. Mennet. Just returned from home. Wm. St. Marty of Co. F. who was wounded at the battle of N[illegible] and who lost a limb visited the regt. Says he is going to be discharged soon and will get off the cars at Kansas, Ills. I give him a letter of introduction to J.K. and W.F.B. This P.M. write to

Mother and LLVS. Read some in my Bible, but I know I do not read it half as much as I should. The grand review which was to have come two days is ordered for tomorrow.

May 8 [Monday 1865]

Began raining last night and is very muddy and bad today. We get ready, although raining, to start for the review grounds. Soon an orderly arrives from Div. Hdqrs. with orders to await further orders. Soon another comes with orders that the review is postponed today but will come off tomorrow. Quits raining at 4 P.M. Several of us go to town in ambulance. Attend the old theatre. "Our American Cousin" is played. Mis Laura Keene the beautiful actress. The whole of it is very good.

May 9 [Tuesday 1865]

We have breakfast early and move out at 7 A.M. Find the other two divs. [sic] of our corps on the ground selected for the review which is S.W. of the city, just outside of a line of breastworks extending from Forts Negley and [illegible] outside the buildings occupied by Lut employees and the penitentiary [sic], and two miles from the city. Troops are formed "double column" closed in mass. Gen. Thomas arrived at 11 A.M. and received with loud cheers. The old Gen. wore a smile of his face. Troops do good marching. A great morning. Citizens out to see the review. A grand affair. Take dinner with Capt. Doolittle. Go to Corps Hdqrs. Have a great time there, then go to 79th Ills. to see Bro. P.P.

May 10 [Wednesday 1865]

Got up at 8 A.M. Was very tired and sleepy from ride of yesterday. The day pleasant and cool. Papers of this morning contain news of the Rebel Gen. Dick Taylor, commanding forces in Ala. surrendering on the same terms that Lee surrendered to Gen. Grant. Also say the army in the east to be paid off, but says nothing about the Army of the Cumberland being paid. The day pleasant and cool part of the day, and part of the day quite warm. DeWiley and several other officers goes to town to try to get pay on muster out as discharge. Write letters to Aunt Bess, SP and Eli K[illegible]. Col. tells me to mount guard hereafter.

May 11 [Thursday 1865]

Up in time to mount guard but raining. I dispense with all ceremony. Capt. Johnson, 59th Ills, Brig. Officer of the day. Capt. Stark our C.S. bids us all adieu, also his clerk, John Bixly, and leave for home. Capt. Pinebrake relieved Capt. Stark. Several of the staff go to town with "God". Rains all day and quite cold. Receive letters from Capt. Wiley, Lieut. Mc and AS[illegible]. Write letters to AS and Mis Fannie L[illegible] of Greenville. Nothing unusual in papers today.

May 12 [Friday 1865]

All quiet today. Nothing exciting in papers. Go to town this P.M. on horseback with Col. Hale and Lt. Stookey. I carry pack and go to Capt. Galbraith who is going to Louisville, Ky. tomorrow to see if he cannot get pay for Col. and staff. Capt. Johnson and Ben A. [illegible] both go to town. Meet all at city hotel. Lt. Col. Heart of 71st OVVI feeling

well. Go to new theatre tonight to see "Seven Sisters" played. Do not like it so well. Liffing well performed his part as the "Ma" well. After theatre ride out to camp with Lieuts [sic] Stookey and Lehman almost vowing to go to town no more, only on business.

May 13 [Saturday 1865]

Up in time to mount guard at 8 A.M. although a pleasant and beautiful day I feel sleepy and dull. This P.M. very unexpectantly I took a notion to go to town, as the ambulance was going and not much load and Col. wanting some photograph groups of officers taken at Gen. Stanley's hdqrs. On the day of the review on large group and one small one get one dozen each. Get some trimmings for a fine bridle for myself. See Dr. Herrick a few moments who is well and hearty. Tells me that. Thought Wiley and Wlk will probably be mustered out of service. Receive letter from W.F. with thirty dollars in it. Write letter to Aunt Bess.

May 14 [Sunday 1865]

I get two groups of photos from the Col. All the officers of the staff I believe get one each. The day a pleasant one. This 2 P.M. a dispatch is received saying that Jeff Davis and family [Military] had been captured at Irwinville, Ga. on the 10th inst. by Col. Pritchard of the 4th Mich. Cavalry, of Gen. Wilson's command. An official dispatch from Gen. Wilson to Gen. Grant. This all are glad to hear. It is to be hoped he will receive the punishment he deserves. This P.M. Major and Lt. Stookey, Capt. Clark, Lieut [sic] Korhammer and I ride out to see the insane assylum [sic], but no visitors admitted today. Stop at Mr. Holmes and get ice cream.

May 15 [Monday 1865]

This morning papers contain the dispatch of Jeff Davis capture. Some think he will be brough through Nashville enroute to Washington; if so we want to see him, to see what sort of looking man he is. No other news of importance. For the last week papers say emigration to Mexico is increasing. All soldiers going down there to help clean out the French. We should at all times help our weak neighbors and our weak sister Mexico seems to need it this P.M. Col, Capt. Clark, and I ride over to Mr. Holmes on Murfreesboro Pike to get ice cream, but failed to get any. Miss O'Brian gives me a nice bouquet. Write letters to Capt. Wiley and Lieut. Mc.

May 16 [Tuesday 1865]

Get up in time to mount guard which is 8 A.M. Mrs. Obrien, the lady at whose house we went for ice cream yesterday, was here with her "Milk wagon" when I got up. At 10 A.M. call for my horse and go to town and purchase four seats reserved for theater tonight. Call to see Col. Sheets, Ills. State A. Genl. but not in. Return to camp. 5 P.M. Col, Capt. Clark, and I get in ambulance and go to town. Meet Capt. Galbraith at city hotel. Just returned from Louisville, Ky., but did not succeed in getting our pay. No money there. Attend and hear opera troupe at old theatre. Pretty good singing though. I could not understand male. They said return to camp.

May 17 [Wednesday 1865]

Nothing new in morning papers, Cin't's [sic] Commercial, containing correspondence between Gen's. Sherman and Johnson previous to Gen. Shermans [sic] unfortunate peace negotiations. I think Gen. Sherman will come out all right, yet no one that knows and loves him as the soldiers do will charge him with impure motives. This P.M. a heavy rain accompanied by boistorius [sic] winds comes up and blows down three hdqr's [sic] tents. I was sitting in ours when it came down on me. Expected to be carried away in about two minutes. All things unrighted [sic] up. A large tree nearby was struck by lightning and feel to the earth. At 6 P.M. go to 41st O.V.V. and have a game of cricket ball. Something new to me. Write letter to Mother.

May 18 [Thursday 1865]

Just after breakfast Maj. Dubor's inspector of our div. arrives to condemn property. Looks at my invoices and tells me to forward them, which I do today. Gen. Wood visits us today. The old fellow in good humor. An order is received from Div. headquarters to draw lumber to build bunks for the men. Good idea. Some rain this A.M. Capt. Galbraith begins inspecting the brig. Saddler completes my new bridle. Very nice one. After in company with Col. and staff ride over to Mr. Holmes and have strawberries and cream and ice cream. Have a great deal of fun. A jolly good time Mis O'Brien and Mr. Holmes full of wit. Dr. and Mrs. OB go in. Write letter to James and Brown and sisters at Greenville, Tenn.

May 19 [Friday 1865]

Nothing unusual today. Papers contain amounts of the proceedings of the trial of the accomplices of J. Wilks [sic] Booth. Fred Brasher comes out from town and says that Maj. Holt, Paymaster, says the money has arrived in Louisville to pay off this army and that we will be paid off next week. Nothing unusual occurs. Some seem to think we will go to Texas yet to clean out Kirby Smith, who claims that they can establish their independence. Gen. Wood said yesterday he thought it probable we would go. Some time today accompanied by wind and heavy thunder. Letter from LLVS and answer it tonight.

May 20 [Saturday 1865]

Go over to Regt. this A.M. and see all. At noon Capt's [sic] Clark and Johnson have a slight misunderstanding about tieing [sic] up of his [Johnson's] Nigger. Johnson asks to be relieved. I hope they both will look over the matter. This P.M. ride to town with Capt. Johnson. Deliver message to Lt. Col. Heart of 71st OVV for Col. McConnell. Go to hospital Dept. See Leut. [sic] J. Wiley who has final been mustered out of service, and tells me that cousin W. L. Kester has also been mustered out. Dr. Herrick gone with train to Murfreesboro. Several officers from 59th come in. Take supper at city hotel with Fred Brashers. Attend [illegible] varieties with Clark and Brasher. Return to camp. River rising very fast.

May 21 [Sunday 1865]

Gen. Wood and staff visit hdqrs. this A.M. All feeling well. At 2 P.M. Lieut's [sic] Stookey, Korhammer, Dr. Kerr and I ride over the battle ground of Nashville. Everything looks quite natural. See the old stump that saved me on the 16th of Dec. 1864. Old clothing still on Battlefield. A rain storm comes up. We all get in to a Mr. Slater's house, where Col. Post had hdqrs. in 1862, until rain is over. Then return to city. See Dr. Herrick, W.L.K., and others, W.L. [illegible] and [illegible]. Think of starting home Tuesday if the R.R. is repaired having been washed away in several places by the recent rains. No trains yesterday or today from the north. Every stream is swollen very much.

May 22 [Monday 1865]

In camp four miles S.E. of Nashville, Tenn. No news at all. A rumor in circulation that our camp is going to be moved as it is reported sickly here. This P.M. Capt. Clark and I ride over to Mr. Holmes and spent the evening pleasantly. Mis O'Brien did the honors and done well too. Return to camp at 9 P.M. Nothing else to do. Several go down to the creek and swim their horses, the stream having rose so much by recent rains. Capt. Brock draws lumber for Brig. to build bunks.

May 23 [Tuesday 1865]

This has been a beautiful day and now I look back over today's work and what have I done to improve myself. I am almost ashamed of myself to think I have done so little. Get up, wash and read morning paper before breakfast which we took 7 3/4. Guard mount at 8. Read some little and run around until dinner. Same thing done until 6 P.M. after which Capt. Clark and I ride over to Mr. Holmes and have ice cream and strawberries. Some of Gen. Beatty's staff there. Return to camp at 9 1/2 P.M. Col. goes to town today to enquire about pay of troops. Paymaster tells him that Maj. Heart has gone to Louisville for the money to pay the army, \$13,000,000 there for that purpose.

May 24 [Wednesday 1865]

Nothing of importance in morning papers. Lay around until after dinner when I order my horse and ride up to the city. Hunt for hospital train but do not find it. Go down to Commercial Hotel. There meet Mr. Rives. [Formerly Lt. Col. 79th Ills and now Capt. and C.S.] J.W. Smith from Edgar Co. Ills., WLK[illegible], Thorn Wiley, and other these trio last named are going to start home in the morning. Take supper after which attend new theatre to see the star actress, Mis. Avoniel Jones. Very good. Consider her very good. After theatre return to Commercial to stay all night with WLK.

May 25 [Thursday 1865]

At 6 P.M. bid WLK and Thorn adieu at the depot. Return to Hotel. Get breakfast and start for camp. Get out as far as dog town and conclude I want some ice cream and strawberries, so I ride over to Mr. Holmes. While there a shower comes and by pressing invitation I stay until 12 M. Mis O'Brien entertains me very agreeably, reading, talking etc. Get to camp in time for dinner, after which take a nap. Mail received. I get two

letters, one from mother and one from Mr. Brown. 5 P.M. have heavy shower of rain. Write letter to mother. Capt. McConnell and other officers visit us.

May 26 [Friday 1865]

In camp. No news of importance. I was slow about getting out to guard mount. I attribute it to my laziness [sic]. I can not account for it any other way. Quite cool all day. Capt. Doolittle visits us. Capt [sic] Moody 71st Ohio Vols. returns from home. His "[illegible]" did not return with him. Capt. Johnson and others playing a new game called "cribbage". New to me and quite [illegible] to hear them counting. Mail and letter to LLV and Kester Brown.

May 27 [Saturday 1865]

This morning papers contain several items of interest; one is establishing camps to rendezvous for troops previous to muster out. After Col and I ride out to hunt ground to drill on and find a place to have a review on for the Brig. Go over near Dog Town where we find a suitable place. Go over to Mr. Holmes, have ice cream and strawberries. Return to camp at 12 M. After dinner read the US Service Magazine. Some trouble at headquarters with some drunken soldiers. Dr. Patterson, our Brig. surgeon, starts home on leave of absence Bunce [Charles K. 1st Asst Surgeon] of 59th takes his place. Receive letters from Eli K, Aunt Bess and LLVS. Write to Eli K.

May 28 [Sunday 1865]

New today that Kirby Smith has surrendered. If so the war has ended. This 2 PM I attend preaching at tent of Christian Commission nearby and hear very good sermon by Rev. Mr. Heartly; text in 1st Tim. 4th Ch. and 8 V. Afterwards Col., Capt. Clark and I ride over to Mr. Holmes and have ice cream and strawberries. Ride around to near insane assylum [sic] and return to camp. Shower of rain at dark. Write letter to Aunt Bess.

May 29 [Monday 1865]

This morning Louisville papers received say that Gen. Kirby Smith of the Rebel Army had surrendered to Gen. Canby at New Orleans, an official dispatch from Sec'y Stanton to Maj. Gen. Dix. This then is the last of rebellion. An important telegram in Cinti. Papers in regard [sic] to muster out of troops. Muster rolls are sent in from three veteran regts. [sic] of this brig. to paymaster in town. Go over to Mr. Stenenson's and put guard over his fence rails. Receive letter from AS[illegible]

May 30 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp four miles S.E. of Nashville, Tenn. Papers say Gen. Wertzler's colored troops, 25th A.C., are going to Texas. No news of importance with the exception that it is rumored Gen. Thomas is going to Washington to take command of the Department [illegible], to relieve Gen. Halleck, who takes command of the Pacific States. Gen. Sherman is coming [sic] west to command Mil. Div. HIS hdqrs. at Cinti. [sic], Ohio. This P.M. in company with Col. Hale, Maj. Stookey and Capt. Clark ride up town. Meet Pete Turner, Brent and others. Col. comes in. We attend new Theatre. Mis A. Jones plays East [illegible].

May 31 [1865]

This morning papers say that the army of the Tenn. now commanded by Gen. John A. Logan of Ills, is coming to Louisville, Ky. to go into camp. Send of my clothing return for month of May [illegible]. This P.M. Capts. [sic] Galbraith and Clark and I ride outside lines. Go to Mill [Mill]. Creek and have a bathe, then go to Mr. Holmes and have strawberries and cream. Return to camp. Col. tells us that the veterans of the 4th A.C. are going to New Orleans as soon as paid off. I am not very anxious to go. Write letter to Mother, WF and LLVS. This has been a beautiful day.

June 1 [Thursday 1865]

Thanksgiving Day. This has been a beautiful day, warm and pleasant. New Orleans fever quite high among the veteran organization. This PM Col. receives a appointment from Sec. of [blank space] As Brevt Brig. Gen. to rank from March 13, 1865. Get an extra horse from Capt. Broughman. We ride over to Mr. Holmes. Meet Gen. McConnell. There I inform him of his promotion. He returns to camp. But soon returns with a large party. Have ice cream and strawberries. Attend divine service at Mr. Stevenson's this A.M. Sermon good by Rev. Mr. Bradley of Mr. S.C. Commission. Afterwards a short speech by Col. McConnell. Receive letters from AMD and LLVS.

June 2 [Friday 1865]

This morning the Gen. and I ride over to Gen Wood's hdqrs. There learn that this division is to be consolidated in two brigs. The 62 [1862] troops to be mustered out at once and sent home. The veterans of the corps are ordered to New Orleans. Return to camp, then ride over to Mr. Holmes. Take dinner there. Return to camp and at 4 1/2 all the officers of staff except Capt. Johnson ride to town. Go to Ridelbergers and partake of a fine supper, which the staff had given to the Gen. After supper go to New Theatre to see Miss A. Jones. Receive a letter from mother today saying that recently several young men of Kansas had joined the church and were emmersed; [sic] among them John Goodman.

June 3 [Saturday 1865]

In camp. Just after breakfast the 71st OVVS marched down in front of headquarters and call out Gen. McConnell. Col. Heart makes a few remarks when, the Gen. replies in a very appropriate manner, after which the 71st gives three cheers and a tiger for the Gen. and three cheers for the headquarters and staff, then march to their camp. I call on Col. Hale and ask him to sign my muster out rolls, but says that he will not do it. Gen. and Capt. Galbraith ride to town to see paymaster. Capt. tells that the staff are to be paid off Monday. See mention of Gen. promotion in Nashville Union. Quite warm today. Receive letter from Capt. Wiley. Write letter to AMD [illegible].

June 4 [Sunday 1865]

After guard mount in company with Sam McLeonna ride over to 79th Ill. Vols. Got on wrong road and being very warm did not get there until 12 1/2 clock. Find them all hard at work on muster out rolls. Stay with them until after supper, then return to camp.

Come back by "Acklin Place". All in good health. No special news. Receive a letter from Mr. Ephrium Link at Greenville, Tenn. in regard [sic] to a horse that Frank Weare had troubled to break. Answer and write to Capt. Wiley.

June 5 [Monday 1865]

In camp. No news of importance with the exception of an order received to muster all troops [white] whose term of service expires previous to Oct 1st 1865. But whether it means drafted men and substitutes is a question undecided. Capt. Johnson, Lieut. McLure and I ride out in the country two miles east and get some vegetables for our mess. Receive letters from LLVS, and W.P. Browning. Write letter to LLVS. Very warm.

June 6 [Tuesday 1865]

After guard mount Capt. Johnson and I ride out in the country and get butter, lettuce and onions for our mess. Paymaster arrives at 12 M and pays off the staff. I pay my debts and feel somewhat relieved. After dinner in company with Capt. Johnson, ride over to Div. headquarters and see the mustering officer. He tells me my order is all right. Then Capt. and I ride up town. Get some articles actually needed and return to camp early. The report at Div. headquarters is that our brigade is going to be broken up. As we had formed quite an attachment for each other. The report is the 59th is to go to the 1st brigade under Gen. Willick. [sic]

June 7 [Wednesday 1865]

This P.M. the general and staff ride uptown and have negative for photograph taken in one group at Morse's Gallery of the Cumberland. No news of any importance. Only talk of going to New Orleans. Very warm and sultry. Part of the staff remain in town. Get letter from Mother and LLVS. They tell me that they are coming to have a grand soldiers [sic] rally the 4th of July at home at the Walnut Grove. Wouldn't I like to be there though.

June 8 [Thursday 1865]

In camp near Nashville, Tenn. The paymaster finished paying off the 59th Ills. today, having paid the 71st yesterday. The 41st will be paid tomorrow. The 59th received two hundred and seven additional recruits, a detachment [sic] from 89th Ills. Orders are received today from Corps hdqrs. to be in readiness [sic] to move as soon as paid off. Troops go by train to Johnsville on Tenn. River. There take transports for New Orleans. I have been in a deep study all day as to what to do, whether to be mustered out and return home, or go with the command to New Orleans. I want to do both and do not know which to do. Some rain this P.M. which cools the air and makes it more pleasant. Receive letter from SP. Write letter to Mother. Send to LLVS for some photographs. Write to PMK.

June 9 [Friday 1865]

Leiut. [sic] mounts the guard for me this A.M. as I have a boil on my neck which is quite painful. Finish reading the "History" 59th Ills written by Dr. Lathrop, formerly hospital steward of regt. Nothing extra about the "History." Make out my muster out rolls which I think I shall present to Col. Hale soon for his signature. An order is received this P.M. to



consolidate brigades. Go into Gen. Wallick's [sic] 1st brigade. Gen. McConnell is not assigned to any command at all. Receive my inspection report back all right. All things in a state of excitement in regard [sic] to moving and mustering out of troops. Quite warm. Receive communication from Ordnance officer. Return all right. Sergt. [sic] OMP Farber comes up. Is well.

June 10 [Saturday 1865]

Very warm today. The brig. is broken up. I go to town this P.M. to turn in some ordnance stores, and come near not getting them in. Finally prevail on the ord. off. to take them. See several officers in 79th; their regt. nearly all mustered out and expect to start home Monday. Bid them all adieu. My boil is very painful all day. See Dr. Herrick in town a few minutes today. Says he will have to make ordnance return or have his pay stopped. Genl [sic] McConnell receives farewell address to old brig. Some excitement among the men tonight. Large crowds of them gather together every where. Reports are that they intend unit going to New Orleans. Letter from mother.

June 11 [Sunday 1865]

Near Nashville in camp, a day of suffering with me. Couldn't rest in any shape. Read and write. Worked on clothing accounts and ordnance. Bro. P.P. comes over to see me and tells me adieu, his regt. is going to start home soon, having been mustered out. The men of the corps are getting quite bold about their proceedings; are going to resist going to Texas. Tonight a meeting is held nearby. The Gen. and several of the staff go down. They seem to be waring [sic] somewhat, yet determined to resist going to Texas. Late tonight one of the leaders from 71st Ohio is arrested and sent to Div. hdqrs.

June 12 [Monday 1865]

This A.M. I get all my ordnance together and made invoice and receipts. Go to Div. headqrs. [sic] and turn them over to Div. Ord. Off. I carry my muster out rolls to Col. Hale and try to get him to sign them, but he flatly refused to do so. I call on him after dinner again and try him again, but he will not sign them. Am relieved from staff duty today. Everything broken up nearly and goes to their regts. [sic] New news of importance. Gen. Willick [sic] makes speech to the brigade today. Letters from Aunt Bess and Glovina.

June 13 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp. No news at all. The Gen. goes back to his regt. this A.M. and takes them out on drill this P.M. I work some on ordnance return and get them completed up this date. Write letters to Sister and Lieut [sic] Mc.

June 14 [Wednesday 1865]

After another earnest effort to get Col. Hale to sign my muster out rolls and he refusing to sign them, I write an application to Capt. Bestow and foreward [sic] for an order requiring him to sign them. This P.M. by an invitation from Gen. McConnell, I ride out to Poplar Top and get some ice cream. Rains while there. Come back to camp. Find letter for me from LLVS. and Capt. Wiley. Write letter to Lt. Browning and Mother. Get my

clothing returns off and finish ordnance return. The men whose term of service expire in the regt. previous to Oct. 1st were mustered out today. Capt. Clark and I move our boarding to Co. H.

June 15 [Thursday 1865]

Make out my ordnance return and mail it this A.M. Get in cab and ride to city. Stop at Div. hdqrs, going up to get a pass. Hear that we are going to move tomorrow. Meet Gen. McConnell and several other officers in town. Attend theatre. Mis Western [illegible] actress. plays French spy. Return to camp at midnight. Pack up things preparatory to moving at 5 A.M. tomorrow. Write letter to LLVS.

June 16 [Friday 1865]

Bugle wakes me up at 2:15 A.M. Get up and get ready for moving. At 5 A.M. move out "Circulating" around and finally arrive at Glenciff Station. Delayed here some time. Get on train at 10 1/2 A.M. and start for Johnsonville on Tenn. River. Halt a few minutes only in Nashville. Move out on N.W. R. R. After getting out some distance country becomes very poor, but few houses along the road. Sun slow. By some mismanagement our train stops at a small station four hours. No water to be had. At 7 P.M. move out again. Negro troops doing garrison duty all along the road while we are moved south during this hot weather.

June 17 [Saturday 1865]

Arrived at Johnsonville at 1 A.M. and at once get on board steamer J. H. Baldwin, a small steam boat and not very nice either. Get our baggage on and at 10 A.M. start down the river. Pass some large piers where the R. R. had once before crossed the River. I ride in pilot house most of the day. Nothing of a very striking appearance to be seen. Stop 1 1/2 hour for the men to cook supper. Men get off and stack arms. Receive orders to stop twice each day 1 1/2 hour each time to allow the men to cook. Arrive at Paduch [sic], Ky. At 9 P.M. and stop. Go to work coaling boat. A detail from H is made. Several of the officers go up town. I did intend going but postponed and wrote letters to Capt. Wiley and AS.

June 18 [Sunday 1865]

Did not leave Paducah last night. Wait today for remainder of the Div. to come up. At 2 PM drop down the river to opposite the famous fourt [sic] near the town. Remain here a short time then move down the river two miles and tie up. Troops land and cook rations. 7 PM while here I had an excellent bathe in Ohio River. Orders received here regulating the movement of fleet down the river. Our boat 3rd in the order, 1st Div. Hdqrs, then our Brig. Hdqrs, then ours. At 7 PM fleet moves out. Beautiful night. I look long and earnestly at Illinois shore while riding in pilot house. Write letter to Mother and SP.

June 19 [Monday 1865]

Daylight finds us at Cairo, Ills, while "Rounding To" here at daylight. The Transport Echo ran on monitor anchored in the middle of the stream and sank in a few minutes. The 41st Ohio Vols. was in the Echo. Fortunately no lives were lost. At 10 AM boat goes

across on Ky side and troops disembark. The boat returns to Cairo to coal. I come back to Cairo and run around town. Send telegram to WF that we leave Cairo today for New Orleans. Take dinner at St. Charles Hotel. See some acquaintance. While on boat write letters to Mr. El and daughters. Write short note to LLVS. At 3 PM bid "America" adieu. Get troops on board and move down the river. Pass Columbus at 6 PM, a high steep bluff on [blank] commands the river on east side. Ladies wave their handkerchiefs at us.

June 20 [Tuesday 1865]

Run all night. Continued on all day. Several men of the regt. left yesterday. We are required to keep a strict lookout when we land. Guard posted the first thing. Country low on each side of the river. At 3 PM come in sight of Memphis, Tenn., a beautiful city from all appearances, situated on a high elevation on east side of river. Seven boats lying at the wharf, some loaded with troops going home, also a gun boat lying there. On arriving opposite the city the fleet of Div. eleven boats in number all pass the city in a circle, music playing, then move out again in regular order. Ride in pilot house near all the evening. Meet several boats going up the river.

June 21 [Wednesday 1865]

Run all night; up at reveille at 4 1/2 AM. At 7 AM boats land where there is a dense popular [sic] thicket. Here the men cook some rations while one boat of the fleet comes up towed by two others. Some machinery out of repair which is soon repaired when we move on again. During the day pass the mouths of Ark. and White River. Country is low and level and not thickly settled. The only town of note is St. Charles, Ark. which is but little above the level of the water. Very warm day. I ride in pilot house.

June 22 [Thursday 1856]

Run all night. At 9 AM arrive at Vicksburg, Miss, the place where Gen. Grant made himself "notorious" by capturing Pemberton and his whole army and entered the city at the head of a victorious army July 4th '63. Regt. is landed on west side of river in Louisiana, opposite the city, on a low swampy piece of ground with no shade and very hot. A detail of three men from each co. is allowed to go over in town (as the boat goes across to coal) to buy articles for the co. Could see high hills in rear of town, large forts on the hills, and sentinels pacing to and fro. Looks like a very nice town. At 3 PM start out again. At dark a deck hand is put off the boat in wilderness looking country for selling whiskey to soldiers.

June 23 [Friday 1865]

Run all last night. Pass the mouth of Red River at 7 AM. Pass some fleet at anchor near mouth of Red River. Country low and level. River higher than the bottoms and is only kept inside the banks by a levee on each side of the river. Some places the water has broke through the levee and the whole country is overflowed. Pass Port Hudson which is situated on a high embankment, and commands the river. This place fell into Gen. Banks' hand shortly after Vicksburg to Gen. Grant and in a similar manner. Pass Baton Rouge on east bank of river. the capital of La. The state house in ruins. Did not stop until 3 PM, land near a large plantation. See many large mansions. All wealth.

June 24 [Saturday 1865]

Sunrise finds us in river at New Orleans. I was awakened by someone telling me to get up and look at city. Boat "Rounds to" but we do not land. The city looked beautiful, no higher than the water of river on a low plain on east side of river. A great many boats at the wharf, also several steam ships; the first I ever saw. Streets on city looked rather narrow, everything full of life. Algiers is a small city on opposite die of river. Go down six miles below city and land. Go down the river one mile and go into camp in a low open field full of high weeds without any shade. Gen. Willick [sic] Corps on up in a little narrow place. Large plantations here, some beautiful tree and flowers. Detailed for guard detail tomorrow.

June 25 [Sunday 1865]

Report at 8 AM for guard. Have sixty men and 8 non-com'd [sic] officers. Lt. Patton goes on also. Report at Brig. Hdqrs guard divided. I relieve 71st OVVI, Lt. McLure in charge reserve in open field in weeds and very hot. A great many passing through the lines. The 1st Div. comes up tonight on transports. Some of their men passing and repassing which makes a great deal of trouble on me as our orders were very strict. Have a counter sign after night. See Capt. Bonebrake, C.S; also Capt. Reves C.S. (Late Lt. Col. 79 Ills). Have a little trouble with whiskey pedlars. [sic] Women come in and bring whiskey concealed as they suppose very nicely.

June 26 [Monday 1865]

Was relieved at 8 1/2 AM after a night fighting mosquitoes. Return to camp after coming off guard. Whiskey pedlars [sic] in abundance in camp this AM before I was relieved. They try to keep it concealed from the officers as it is against orders to sell whiskey to soldiers. Send in a pass today for myself to go to the city tomorrow. Write letter to LLVS. Very hot.

June 27 [Tuesday 1865]

Get my pass at 6 AM and in company with several officers of 41st Ohio go the city. Walk three miles to the US barracks where the 1st US Cavalry is doing duty and get street cars and ride up town. Run around over the city a great deal all day. Visit Jackson Square, which is very nice. A large statue of the gen. mounted on his war steed in the middle of the square. See statue of Henry Clay which is on Canal St, the principal street in New Orleans. Stop at St. Charles Hotel, a splendid building, but had rather a poor supper. Meet several officers of the regt. in town this PM. An awful hot day.

June 28 [Wednesday 1865]

Remained in town all night. After breakfast Lts. [sic] Masman, Stenup and I get buggy and visit several of the principal cemeteries. These visited were the French, which is in the city, and entirely full, quite small. Then ride out five miles to Odd Fellows, Freemans Rest and Greenwood Cemeteries, where we found we were only four miles from Lake Ponchatrain [sic] and could ride out there on a small boat on a canal. So we dismissed our cab man. Got on boat which was pulled by horse and soon found ourselves on Lake

Ponchatrain, [sic] my first view of a "Big Water". Take a bath in the lake, get our dinner at restaurant and return to the city on boat and cars. Visit Jackson Square and return to camp at dark. Very tired.

June 29 [Thursday 1865]

In Camp Chalmette, which is the name of our camp. No news. Work on monthly return and muster roll. Very hot all day. Capt. Clark with several other officers on a visit to Lake Ponchatrane. [sic] Write letter to Aunt Bess.

June 30 [Friday 1865]

In camp near New Orleans. No news of importance. Receive orders to remain in camp that Gen. Sheridan would review the div. today or tomorrow. Muster for the month of May and June by Brig. Inspector Capt. Davis. Work on muster rolls. Quite warm. Several steam ships pass up the river. Gen. Sheridan did not come today.

July 1 [Saturday 1865]

In camp Chalmette, six miles below the city of New Orleans, La. on left bank of the "Father of Waters". Gen. Sheridan did not make his appearance today. No news at all. Some rain. Very warm. Capt. Clark appointed a QR. QM as L. M. Stookey goes to Brig. Hdqrs, as Brig. QM. Get a pass to go to the city tomorrow for two days. Receive letter from James Brown.

July 2 [Sunday 1865]

At 8 1/2 AM Capt. Broughman and I start to town. Walk to city street cars which is four miles. Get on them, ride up town, stop a short time there, then get on cars and ride out to halfway house. Then get in a "bus" and ride down to Lake Pontchatrain. [sic] Take a bath in the lake, get our dinner, hire a small boat with a sailor and sail out on lake. Get along very smoothly and nice until out about three miles, when a gale of wind comes up from the west and makes the lake rough. Our sailor cannot get back, and after two hours hard work and near upsetting twice, we land at Lake Pontchatrain [sic] [a small village]. Get on cars and return to city.

July 3 [Monday 1865]

Stayed at St. Charles Hotel last night. Got up at 9 AM and breakfast. Capt. Baughman, Lt. Thompson and I put in the day running around town. Go to old astrologer and have our fortunes told, which is very good. As a matter of course, as all fortunes are, that are told by these astrologers, I am to be wealthy, live happily, marry rich, inherit property etc etc. Tells me I will be out of service in thirteen weeks. See a funeral procession of fireman, which is very solemn and beautiful. After running ourselves down. We return to camp very tired.

July 4 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp all day. Nearly all the officers go to town. Very hot. I make out resignation and forward which is wrong, and by the time it returned we have orders to move tomorrow at

6 AM going to Texas. Will get on ships. I don't care much where we go; any place to get out of this miserable hole. At sunset in co. with Dr. Kerr. We ride up to street cars and go to the city. See a large torch light procession of firemen. All the fire co's. [sic] in the city unite, which is very nice. We put in the time running around, seeing sights until 1 AM when we hire a cab and return to camp very tired.

July 5 [Wednesday 1865]

Move at an early hour. Go one mile up the river. Co H loads and unloads the baggage of the regt., then are relieved by 3 and K who load it on the ship. Our regt. Is loaded on the ship, "Nightingale", which has three mast and is a propeller. The cabin is low and small. Very warm. The state rooms are small and only a small hole six inches in diameter to let the air pass through. We leave at 3 PM and start down the river. Will wait at the mouth of the river for the remainder of the brig. The ship moves very smoothly on the river.

July 6 [Thursday 1865]

Day light finds us anchored at Boilize, [sic] a small village for pilots, at the mouth of the Mississippi River. Here we get some pilots to run the ship over the bar as the mouth of the river is very shallow. The whole country around the mouth of the river is low and flat. Soon start out west and in a short time are out on the Gulf of Mexico. At 10 AM we see a school of porpoises or sea hog. Some of them come near the ship so we could see them plain. They swim very fast and frequently, rise half their length out of the water. At 11 AM we lose sight of land. The weather is calm and pleasant. Ship rocks a great deal. Several of the men sea sick. Lt. Patton hollers "New York".

July 7 [Friday 1865]

No land in sight today. The sea is calm. The ship continues rocking from the swell of the sea. Sail nearly west. Once during the day we saw a water spout which rose to a great height in the air. It was some distance from us and much resembled a whirlwind when it gets furious when the dust is deep. About 4 PM one of the ships along ahead of us checks up and just as we come up along side they throw a man overboard who had died during the day. No ceremony was had, only three rounds of blank cartridges were fired when we move on as before. Cool and pleasant sitting on deck watching the waves.

July 8 [Saturday 1865]

Sail all night. Towards day the sea was somewhat rough. More pleasant in our rooms, as there was more breeze stirring. Been just two days and night out of sight. The land was low and level and ar [sic] to the north of us. At 3 PM we come to the mouth of Matagorda Bay. Here we cast anchor one mile from Lone Shore to the west and near a light house and wait for small boats to come out for us. Col. Hale reports to brig. hdqrs. boat and brings back mail. I get a letter from LLVS. I had just written one to her before I get hers. Do not get off today. The tide goes out late this PM.

July 9 [Sunday 1865]

At 9 AM small boats arrive from Matagorda Bay to carry us ashore. We soon reship and start. Go up near the shore then pass through a narrow channel one mile. Come into Matagorda Bay six miles wide. We stop 1/4 mile from shore and at Indianola, Co. seat of Calhoun Co. Texas. Here we have to reship on some small sail crafts and after some length of time pulling and hauling we get on "Terra Firma" again. But to us everything was continualling [sic] rolling and rocking. Indianola is a small village on open prairie and low. Some negro troops stationed here. Go one mile from town. Get supper and at 7 PM start for Green Lake, 20 miles distant.

July 10, [Monday 1865]

Marched all last night in a westerly direction in open prairie, perfectly flat, not a house or tree on the road, no water either, halting to rest frequently. Rested on hour. Just before 7 AM. we see some tree far ahead of us. This we were told was Green Lake and no water this side. All were dry and tired but we must make the lake or perish during the day. Many men had already fallen out of ranks. We arrive at the lake at 9 AM, almost exhausted. Men were mounted on everything available and sent back with water. After resting two hours go into camp on the east side of the lake among a few trees. Reports are that some men died today on the road. Have a bath in lake.

July 11 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp at Green Lake Texas, Calhoun Co. The lake looks like it was about four miles square, has no outlet, not more than ten feet deep and is fed by the overflow of the Guadalupe River, which runs on the west side of the lake. Some few houses in sight. Timber on west and north side. All of the Co. get in except Wm AN Clupp and Gen. Washington. 2nd Brig. gets in this AM. Say they had plenty of water. Come different route to what we did. Some of the men shot an alligator in the lake and the cook some of the flesh of the tail which is said to be good to eat. Cattle in abundance, also wild game, so the citizens say. Very warm day.

July 12 [Wednesday 1865]

Gen Mullick calls the brig. together at 6 AM for the purpose of making them a "little speech". Some men have been committing depredations in the country, killing cattle etc etc. Arms ordered to be stacked for three days. The day is very hot. Late this PM a cool breeze springs up and is more pleasant. Receive mail. Get a letter from WLK which I answer at once and also write to mother.

July 13 [Thursday 1865]

This morning I conclude that I will not be lazy so I go down the lake and have a bath before breakfast. Do nothing all day. Send up a pass for myself for tomorrow to go to hunt Geo. Washington who has been absent since the night of 9th when we marched over from Indianola. Have a bath this evening. The lake has an excellent bottom and one can have the water any depth they wish it.

July 14 [Friday 1865]

My pass having coming back approved I get a horse from the major and ride over the prairie eight miles east to a settlement to see if Washington can be found. I go to several houses but could not find him nor hear of him. Come to the conclusion that he has deserted. Find the people here all rebels though very clever and sociable. Get dinner, melons and milk. Return to camp at sunset. Saw two deer today. The prairie was covered with cattle, all of them fat. Saw thousands of head. The stock here is never fed but little corn raised. The people here brand all their stock to know it.

July 15 [Saturday 1865]

In camp at Green Lake, Texas. The air is stirring and it is more pleasant than it has been. No newspapers to be had. Mail comes in. I get letters from AMD and LLVS, the first I answer today. I wrote to Pro Mar. 7th D. Ills making inquiry concerning the enlistment of Pri. [sic] Wm. Highland who claims that he come as substitute for Jackson Marsh who was dropped from rolls as a deserter. No muster has ever been furnished of Highlands Muster In. Dress parade at sunset.

July 16 [Sunday 1865]

We are in camp at Green Lake. Weather warm though very windy and dusty. Our baggage all come up last night. Get my valise and desk and fix up once more. A grapevine in circulation today that President Johnson had been shot by Gen. Grant or Sherman, perhaps both but I do not believe such wild stories. Make an application for an order restoring John Hurly to duty, he having been dropped from the rolls as a deserter. Mail today and a letter from Capt. Wiley. Write letter to LL [illegible].

July 17 [Monday 1865]

In camp at Green Lake, Texas. Brig. inspection ordered for today but it is postponed until tomorrow. Brig. drill this PM by Gen. Willick. [sic] Co. H goes out. I am rather awkward as I never drilled Gen. Willick [sic] drill before which is not in Casey or Hardee. Go to Div. hdqrs to see about John Ault and Madison Nephew being mustered out of service as they are entitled to go out of service under instructions from War Dept. their term of service expiring in Sept. Write letter to Capt. Wiley.

July 18 [Tuesday 1865]

Inspection of the regt. at 9 AM by Capt. Davis, 15th Ohio and Adj. of the Brig. Move camp a short distance in open plain and better ground. Abe McManny who has been cooking for over two years asks to quite [sic] cooking. I relieve him. Mat Mulvihill takes his place. Drill this PM of one hour by Gen. Willick, [sic] afterwards dress parade by Maj. Stookey, Col Hale being unwell.

July 19 [Wednesday 1865]

Work some on transfer rolls for the detachment received from the late 89th Ills. Vols. Received orders for Ault and Nephew to report to the Chief Mustering Officer of the State of Ills. at Springfield, Ills. to receive their discharges. Brig. drill this PM by Gen.



Willick. [sic] Dress parade by Col. Hale. Have a fine bath in the lake. Col. Hale sends our undercook (Jim Bron, a colored individual) back to the co. he having had him detailed at his hdqrs, as his servant.

July 20 [Thursday 1865]

In camp at Green Lake Texas. Ault and Nephew start for home today. Finish transfer rolls for the 89th detachment. Brig. drill this PM by Gen. Willick. [sic] I am detailed for Brig. guard tomorrow, to report at 8 1/2 AM. Write note of inquiry to Mis LLC [illegible] tonight. No news at all.

July 21 [Friday 1865]

Report for guard at 8 1/2 AM. Adj. forms the guard, have 84 privates and 16 non-com'd [sic] officers and three officers. I am in charge of the whole. Go through the usual routine of guard mount at Brig. Hdqrs, then divide into four squads, once officer in charge of each. All soldiers allowed to pass except with arms at will. All passes quietly. A poor place for shade at my station. Nothing new today to be seen or heard.

July 22 [Saturday 1865]

Last night the mosquitoes bothered us a great deal. To keep them off we built fires of "buffalo chips" and smoked them away. Was relieved at 9 AM and returned to camp. Receive a letter by mail from LL who tells me they had a good time on the 4th inst. I am glad to hear of my friends enjoying themselves at home. I would have liked to have been there myself and enjoyed myself with them. I understand Capt. Wiley was figuring conspicuously on that date. Good for him.

July 23 [Sunday 1865]

In camp at Green Lake Texas. Spent the afternoon reading in my Bible, that best of books. I ought to read it a great deal more than I do, but I, like many others, am much taken up with worldly matters. Had co. inspection at 9 AM. The guns not in the very best of order, except a few who always have clean guns. Receive a detail to go on a Gen. Court Martial which is to convene at Brig. Hdqrs. tomorrow, to report at 10 AM tomorrow. Have a bath in the lake. Write letter to LLVS. Very warm today.

July 24 [Monday 1865]

Report at 10 AM at Brig Hdqrs. court meet and organizes and adjourns to meet tomorrow at 8 AM. Capt. W. H. McClure, 71st Ohio Vols, Judge Advocate and Lt. Col. Blume 82nd Ind. Vols., President. After dinner go over to 71st Ills and see my old friend Capt. Block who is well. I did not go on drill this PM. Warm day.

July 25 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp at Green Lake Texas. Court meet at 8 AM. Tried one case from 51st Ind. Vet. Vols. Get through in one hour and adjourn to meet tomorrow at 8 AM. There is one member junior to me in the court, Lt. Pg. Gardner, 15th Ohio Vols. Asst. Lt. Wiley receipt to him today for all property in co. Receive a letter from the lovely Mis AS

[illegible] which I was very glad to get. Very warm today. Send a party out to get some cows and calves for use of co, as we are allowed them by a recent order of Gen. Willick. [sic]

July 26 [Wednesday 1865]

Some rain early this AM. Court met at 8 AM. No business ready by the Judge Advocate, we adjourn to meet tomorrow. After the proceedings of the two past days had been reveb' [sic] Regt. furnishes pickets today. The party I sent out yesterday to get cows and calves returned today without any at all. Receive my inventories back sent up three days ago. All the property "to be dropped". Receive letter from LLVS with a letter that had been written from Kansas to the Beacon and Blade in regard to the 4th of July at home. Suppose it was written by WHB [illegible] of Kansas.

July 27 [Thursday 1865]

Court met at 8 AM and tried one case from 15th Ohio Vol. A hard rain comes up while there. Hold court in an old two story house near camp. Court room upstairs. After we adjourn go to Brig. Hdqrs. See Capt. Bonebrake. Return to camp. Some citizens come in camp with some ponies to sell. While looking at them, one of them strikes at me with his fore feet. Had it hit me fairly, no doubt it would have broken my skull. However, I buy one for which I pay 25 dollars. Some hard rain accompanied by wind. W. H. Cleff quite sick tonight. Dr. Rumet comes up to see him.

July 28 [Friday 1865]

My birthday. Court met at 8 AM. Tried one case. After proceedings of yesterday were read, adjourned at 10 AM. Catch my pony and ride out in the country with Ors. [sic] Bunce and Kerr and QM Sergt. [sic] Fleece. Go out six miles N.kw. [sic] to a mexican ranch. Several Mexican Huts built of poles upright in the ground and covered with straw and weeds thatched. One shanty was out in the woods made out of cow skins with [page not good] fence. About of all the dirty people about their houses, these Mexicans certainly beat all yet. One old Mexican had a lot of ponies pinned up and shaved their tails to get hair to make ropes to sell. We try fishing awhile in the [illegible], but no success. See large alligators. Return to camp at sunset.

July 29 [Saturday 1865]

Court met and tried two cases from Co. G, 51st Ind Vet. Vols. Disposed of both in one hour and ordered to meet Monday at 8 AM. Nothing new going on in camp. Having nothing else to do I get a descriptive [torn out] and fill up full of nusence [sic] and mail to Capt. Wiley with some inventories of condemned property. Make out an estimate of clothing for August required in Co. Have a bath in lake. Write short letter to AS.

July 30 [Sunday 1865]

In camp at Green Lake, Texas. Very warm this AM. Go to 21st Ills. V. V. A short [time] to see Capt. Black. Send "Mat" to the country today. He returns at dark loaded down with peaches. This PM ride over to Div. hdqrs with Dr. Kerr. Stop at Division hospital a short time. Get a New Orleans paper of the 22nd Nothing new in it. Write letter to LL.

July 31 [Monday 1865]

Court met at 8 AM. I was somewhat late on account of receiving six letters (2 from mother, Bro. PP, Spi, Wm Lay, and Aunt Bess) which of course I had to read no matter what was going on. Several new members on court, Lt. Loop (John H, Co. C) from our regt. There are now three members junior to me. Disposed of one case and part of another when we adjourned to meet tomorrow. See Gen. McConnell, who has just returned from home on a leave of absence. Was glad to see him. Ride over to 41st Ohio after supper. See several officers of my acquaintance there. Write letter to SP.

August 1 [Tuesday 1865]

Court met at 8 AM. While at court I learned that a man of our regt. was shot last night on guard belonging to Co. G. The wound very bad, but not considered mortal. The man was sent to the hospital. By inquiry I learn that the man that was shot went outside the lines on purpose to see if the sentinel next to him would shoot and when challenged by the sentinel did not halt. When the one challenging fired the shot taking effect. Rather dangerous way to find out whether a man will do his duty. Remain in camp all day after the court adjourned. Write letter to Bro. PP. Take a good bath in lake.

August 2 [Wednesday 1865]

Court met at 8 AM. A case of homicide was up before the court from 8th Kansas Vet. Vols. This case is a serious one and of a kind I do not like to sit upon. Court in session until 11 AM when we adjourn to meet tomorrow. Did not get through with the case. This has been a very warm day. Receive notification of muster out of one man. At Davenport, Iowa also receive notice that we can buy rations on credit at the commissary, which is just the thing for us as our funds are beginning to grow very short. Write letter to Wm [illegible].

August 3 [Thursday 1865]

Court met at 8 AM. Proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. Examined some more witnesses. The accused asks time to make a statement which was granted. The court then adjourned to meet tomorrow at 8 AM. Do nothing the remainder of the day. A hard rain comes up this PM which was badly needed. Some talk of us moving up to Victoria soon which is 25 miles N.W. of here. Mail comes this PM. I receive letters from Eli K and Lt. Mc [illegible]. I write letter to mother, also send for "Beacon and Blade" our county paper in Ills.

August 4 [Friday 1865]

Court met as per adjournment. Finish the case we have had for two days and adjourn to meet tomorrow. Go to div. hdqrs. This PM write letters to Aunt Bess and Lt. Mc. A hard rain again this PM. An order is received today appointing Gen. Stanley to command the central district of Texas Hdqrs at Victoria. A great many rumors afloat about our going to be mustered out soon. Nothing reliable of course, though I wish there were something we could rely on.

August 5 [Saturday 1865]

Court met at 8 AM and tried once case and called up another. As I had made preparations to go to Indianola I asked to be excused which was granted. I return to camp and get ready to start at 10 1/2 AM when a hard rain comes up so I have to wait until after dinner. Corps Hdqrs left early for Victoria. I start for Indianola at 1 PM. Part of the way the roads were very muddy on account of the late heavy rains. Meet several Texans going to San Antonio loaded with rations. Arrive at Indianola at 6PM, the pony having walked all the way through. See nothing new or special in town. Get what articles I need, among other things a Mexican hat. Several small ships in bay.

August 6 [Sunday 1865]

Being very tired last and placed in warm room in hotel I did not go to sleep early, therefore I did not get up early. Got up at 9 AM. Found all had breakfast. Get breakfast and lay around town until 1:30 PM when I start for Green Lake. I let the pony walk all the way and make the trip in 4 1/2 hours as the whole country is level and no houses, trees, fences or water on the road. There is nothing to be seen except the villages of Old Town and Port Lavaca which are on Matagorda Bay, N.W. of Indianola. Meet a great many citizen teams going down to load with rations for San Antonio. On arriving at camp find letters, three from mother, Aunt LSA and LLVS. The latter I answer. Go in mess with the officers of Co. K. All jolly good fellows.

August 7 [Monday 1865]

In camp at Green Lake, Texas. Court meets at 8 AM but have to wait for some witnesses so we have an afternoon session. No drill this PM. A great deal of talk of moving tomorrow, but the order is countermanded as the div. hospital is to be moved first which goes to Victoria. As we have but little transportation only a part can go at a time. Rumors of all kinds afloat. Very warm day. Write letter to Eli K[illegible].

August 8 [Tuesday 1865]

Court met at 8 AM but on account of expected move did nothing. Adjourned until tomorrow. Div. hospital and 1st Div. move to Victoria today. Brig. drill this PM by Gen. Willick [sic] when he explains to the brigade the morning which the march will be conducted, when our brig. Marches to San Antonio which will be soon. Very hot today. No grapevine afloat today. Write letter to Aunt ISA. Played several games of chess with Lt. Cunningham and got beat every game. No trouble at all for him to beat me as he understands all about the game and I do not.

August 9 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp at Green Lake, Texas. Court held two sessions today. Lt. Bearber of the 59th Ills. tried on two charges and several specifications. Finished the case sentence to H[illegible] [illegible]. Such case is a serious one and one on which I do not like to sit. Write letter to mother. Four years ago today I enlisted as a soldier. Little did I think then I would be in the army four years hence from that time. Four years have passed of

hardship and toil. Have seen many pleasant sights and many horrible sights. Rule some in blank book for keeping journal of the march. Very warm today.

August 10 [Thursday 1865]

Court met and adjourned to meet at the call of the Judge Advocate as we have orders to march at 2 PM. As our regt. is to have the advance, we are to start one hour earlier than the brig. in order to find the camping ground and put out pickets. March at 2 PM going west. Very hot. Many men give out, some sun stroken. [sic] After marching 2 miles I become overhead and could not march any further. John Mulvihill lets me have a horse of Col. Hales to ride, as the Col. is sick and has gone ahead to Victoria. We marched 14 miles and camp in woods near large creek and also near the Guadalupe River. Some few houses along the road and timber to the left of road some distance.

August 11 [Friday 1865]

One man of the 51st Ind. died yesterday from being overheat. Do not start so early as yesterday. Some good houses along the road. Country rolling and prairie, No water, only what is in the well near the road from which we get a supply. Have to ride some in a wagon this PM. About 8 PM arrive at Victoria which is a small village on the Guadalupe River. The town is the county seat of [Victoria] Co. It has some few good houses. Dist. Hdqrs [Gen. Stanley] are here. The troops waded the river which is about 2 feet deep. Camp in woods on south side of the river. Marched 12 miles.

August 12 [Friday 1865]

The regt. moves out about 800 yds. this AM to a better place and lay here in the shade until 4 PM when we marched west on a large road. One mile brings us to open prairie stopping to rest near a farm where there were some peaches the "boys go for" and Gen. Willick [sic] goes for the "peach thieves". Some amusement after traveling five miles over rolling and sandy prairie. We turn to the N.W. soon come to open timber but no water. We get very thirsty. At 9 PM come to a pool by the road side. Here I with many others halt to get a drink and rest. Soon start ahead and find the Brig. in camp, having crossed a large creek of running water. The bugle sounded the stragglers [sic] call. When we find the regt. are very tired. Marched 13 miles.

August 13 [Sunday 1865]

Put up our tent after breakfast and prepare for good rest until time to start. I take a bath in the creek this AM. The "General" is sounded at 3 PM and march at 4 PM going west. Timber along a great distance. Halt to rest frequently. No farms along the road except one or two small habitations. The country rather wild and desolate. The timber is scattering and scrubby. The country sandy and sand burrs [a small burr which grows on a small stalk or spear of grass and never get more than three or four inches high in abundance]. At sunset Gen. Willick [sic] comes back along the line and tells us it is three miles to water. We do not get into camp until 9 1/2 PM as we had to go two miles from the road. The water very poor. Marched 12 miles.

August 14 [Monday 1865]

Four years ago I left home for the army "to go the wars". Several men of the co. did not come up last night. Maj. Stookey gives me a scolding about it. Says this must be remedied. I will try it. Marched at 3 1/4 PM going west until sunset, when we change direction to the N.W. Considerable timber along the road but sandy and no water at all. After marching 13 miles go into camp on small creek in open woods. The water very poor, also the water we had last night. This AM before starting Capt. Van asked to go out 1/2 mile and get a lot of grapes which we have cooked for dinner. Day very warm.

August 15 [Tuesday 1865]

Lay in camp until 3 PM when we marched west the country rolling with timber very scarce. More scarce than yesterday. Come to water in 7 miles in a large creek. Rest here half an hour. March six miles farther and go into camp on creek of running water which we was very glad to see, as the water the past two nights was not fit to drink, if it could be avoided. Very warm the first seven miles marched.

August 16 [Wednesday 1865]

Lay in camp until 1 PM when we load baggage. Train goes in advance today. Send our cooks ahead so that supper will be ready by the time we get in. Have a bath this AM with Capt. Vanasdel. While in camp one man of Co. G was bitten by a large spider and comes near dying. Maj. Stookey has a bottle of whiskey which is given him, which Dr. Kerr says saves his life. Could hear the boys frequently offering "five dollars for a spider bite" in order to get a bottle of whiskey. Marched at 3 1/2 PM. West 4 miles brings us to a large pond of water. Halt here some time. We also crossed a large creek which was dry. Six miles farther on come to Helena, Co. seat of Karnes Co. A few small houses. Go into camp one mile from town on bank of San Antonio River. Found our tent up and supper ready, something less than a million of bugs crawling over us while at supper and sand burrs were numberless in the grass.

August 17 [Thursday 1865]

Several of the absentees of Co. H appear at roll call this morning. After breakfast Cap. Van and I go down the river one mile and have a nice bath. The banks of the river are high and in some places the river is very deep. One good mill here on the stream. Train leaves at 2 PM and marched at 3 3/4 PM west three miles from town. A heavy rain comes up and gave us a good wetting. We cross a large creek and find the train stopped, having taken the wrong road. Six miles marching us to a small town, the name I did not learn. Here we found a Catholic Church, but few houses. Turn to the right through corn field. Very dark traveling after night. We get on wrong road again and go five miles out of the way. Get in camp on little Creek and 10 1/2 PM. Marched 12 miles.

August 18 [Friday 1865]

Have a bath in the creek this AM. While in camp I miss a small gift which was given to me near two years ago and worn on my watch guard. I hate very much to lose it, not that value of it is great, but because it was a gift from a friend. Suppose that I lost it

yesterday. Could not be found. March at 2 PM west. Some timber first two or three miles. Another hard rain comes up from N.E. and finally changes around to S.E. Rains very hard accompanied by heavy wind. No houses along the road, all rolling prairie. Expected to find camp at 13 miles, but no water, go 5 miles farther. Marched 18 miles and camp on San Antonio River. Water once along the road.

August 19 [Saturday 1865]

Orders to march at 2 PM when we march NW. Pass several Mexican huts along the road first three miles. Find water at 4 miles. The boys get a large black persimmon, which are ripe and very good. Road very sandy. Plenty of low timber which was covered with [illegible]. See some beautiful rolling country but all very sandy. Meet a great many Mexican teams going down to Indianola after rations. Pass two large [illegible] on the road and also several Mexican huts at 6 PM. Go into camp at 7 PM on the banks of Calveras Creek. The banks are very high and the country sandy. Marched 13 miles today. Made it into camp easy.

August 20 [Sunday 1865]

Spend this AM reading a novel Capt. Vanasdel loans me to read entitled "Love and Pride" by Mr. Gray. Ought to be reading more valuable book – The Bible. Receive orders during the AM to march at 2 PM which we did. Cross Creek. Weather very hot. March slow, halt frequently to rest. Country more thickly wooded than usual. Follow along the creek. Rocky to the left of the road which reminded me of Tenn. Some good corn fields along the road. There has been melons in many of the fields but the ordnance had taken them all. March 8 miles NW and camp on the same creek camped on last night.

August 21 [Monday 1865]

Leave our second camp on Calaveras Creek at 2 PM. March N.W. Country rolling and mostly prairie. A great deal of the low mezquit [sic] brush on the prairie. Water at 6 miles. Go two miles farther and camp at 6 PM on Salado Creek, five miles from San Antonio. Large mail received tonight. Get letters from Mary and Julia B of Greenville, East Tenn. Glad to hear from them, also a letter from WFB. Receive notification of Forder and Bordels discharge. Glad to know they are free American citizens again.

August 22 [Tuesday 1865]

Remain bivouac today awaiting for a camp ground to be found. Plenty of grapevine afloat. No reliable news. Out of meat in our camp today.

August 23 [Wednesday 1865]

Move camp this AM 1/2 mile to open prairie covered with low mezquit [sic] brush here and there. Establish a camp ground and get to work fixing up camp. Build me a hut. Hard at work all day. Have good water to drink.

August 24 [Thursday 1865]

In camp 5 miles east of San Antonio Texas. Lt. Wiley and I go down to creek and have a nice bath. Receive orders to make out charges and specifications against all men who straggled on the march and also those who threw away their arms. Have charges to prefer against 21 men in H. Write letter to mother.

August 25 [Friday 1865]

In camp near Salado Creek. I receive the "Galveston Times". In it is a telegram saying an order has been issued at Washington to Gen. Sheridan to muster out all troops in Texas whose services he can dispense with. Finish making out charges against stragglers, 21 in all. Lt. Wiley goes to town today after six men of H who have been arrested and placed in jail for straggling. Nothing of importance occurs.

August 26 [Saturday 1865]

Raining when I awake this AM and cool. No news in camp. Work on monthly return for July. Just after TAPS, mail call is sounded and I get letter from mother, WF, Capt. Wiley, Aunt Eunice and LLVS. Capt. Wiley pays a high tribute to the merits of Mis AS[illegible] and well he might. Good fellow. He wrote me a long letter. I was glad to hear from him and to have such a good long letter from him. I write letter to my friend, W.P. Browning.

August 27 [Sunday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. Co. inspection this AM. No news. Do nothing in the forenoon. This PM write letter to LLVS, WF and Mis MAT S of Greenville. A pleasant day. This PM receive orders to go on court martial tomorrow at 8 AM.

August 28 [Monday 1865]

Court met at 8 AM. Proceedings of meeting read. Adjourned to meet tomorrow. This AM call and see Gen. McConnell [Comdg. Brig.]. This PM visit San Antonio. Ride up town with Brig. Sutler in his spring wagon. Find it to be quite a little city but somewhat mixed up with all kinds of houses and inhabitants. The old part of town is all built on the Mexican style of building, which is stone walls, very thick and flat roofs. The [illegible] hotel in the suburbs is a good large house. Near it is Fort Alamo in which David Crocket was killed. There is a cathedral in the main part of town which looks quite old. A good [bridge] over the San Antonio River runs through town. Ride back to camp in Brig. hdqrs. ambulance.

August 29 [Tuesday 1865]

Court met again this AM and adjourned without doing anything. ARF to meet tomorrow. We were not sure we were a court as the 4th AC has been discontinued. Brig. hdqrs decide that our proceedings would be legal. Variety of grapevine afloat today, but nothing reliable at all. Finish a letter to Capt. Wiley I began yesterday. Corpl[sic] Frost returns to co. from hospital. Corpl [sic] Milburn promoted to Serg't [sic] and Pri's [sic] M. Shoots and E. Gates promoted to Cpl's. [sic] Warm day.



August 30 [Wednesday 1865]

Court met and tried one case and adjourned until tomorrow. Lt. P.S. Gardner, 15th Ohio Vols, has not been with us this time on account of being under arrest. Have Serg't [sic] Gorning at work on muster rolls and monthly returns. Quite a lot of changes to go on rolls. Make an application for a furlough of thirty days to date from time of leaving Mil. Div. for [illegible] on private and important business. Make application for an order requiring Peter Banke to report to the chief mustering officer of the state of Ills. to receive his discharge. A very warm day. Send two papers to editor of the Beacon and Blade.

August 31 [Thursday 1865]

Court met at 8 AM. Tried one case and adjourned to meet tomorrow. Our court room is a citizens [sic] house near camp, where a blind man lives. Mustered at 2 PM by Capt. Davis Ajg. [sic] of the Brig. were mustered for the months of July and Aug. Devote most of the day reading Dickens works, entitled "Damby and Son". San Antonio Herald received today, says three paymasters have arrived in town to pay off troops. We are afraid that they are only to pay off the cavalry. Write letter to Aunt Eunice.

September 1 [Friday 1865]

Court at 8 AM. Tried a case and adjourned to meet tomorrow at 8 AM. Muster out rolls are finished today and sent off. Draw some of the clothing this PM, just enough to aggravate the men as it was not half enough to supply them and nearly all too small. Write Mary and Julia Brown. Receive orders this PM to clean up as Maj. Gen. Wright Commanding Dept. of Texas will visit camp tomorrow. Gen. Wright Commanding Dept. of Texas will visit camp tomorrow. A big grapevine afloat but no reliable news.

September 2 [Saturday 1865]

Court met and tried a case and adjourned to meet Monday at 8 AM. At 10 AM Capt [sic] Vanasdel and I start for the city. Had to walk and go very slow. Arrive there at 12 N. Register at Manger Hotel. After dinner run around town until 5 PM when we walk out 1/2 mile west of town to see the div. of cavalry stationed here reviewed by Maj. Gen. Sheridan, who looks natural though more fleshy than he was to [sic] years ago. Maj. Gens. Merrill, Gibbs and a number of small Lights there. The cavalry did some very good marching, but I am of the opinion that infantry can make a better show. We visit Fort Alamo where Crockett was killed. Saw the spot tis said he fell.

September 3 [Sunday 1865]

Capt. Van and I run around town promiscuously until 6 PM. Gen. McConnell calls on Gen. Sheridan who promises him that 2000 of the effective force of his corps shall be mustered out of service, the oldest veteran regts. [sic] to be selected. Gen. Stanley to designate the regts. [sic] We all think and hope that our regt. will be one of them. Start for camp at 6 PM, arriving there at 8 PM. Find letters there for me from MND and LLVS. Glad to hear from them. Have been having good times up there.

September 4 [Monday 1865]

Court meets and adjourns until day after tomorrow to enable the officers to go to town to draw their pay as there is a paymaster there paying off troops. I get "war eagle" from Capt. Clark and ride up town with several officers. Stop at Manger Hotel. Wait on paymaster before dinner who tells us he will pay us after dinner. Of course we are on hands after dinner. I draw one month's pay up to June 30th '65. Return to camp at 9 PM and write letter to AD.

September 5 [Tuesday 1865]

Court does not meet today. No special news in camp. Lts. [sic] Wiley and Smith go up town. Make an application for Burke to go to Springfield, Ills. to receive his discharge, to carry the application through himself to Corps Hdqrs., [sic] as the application made a few days since had been returned with instructions to send up a different one and allow him to carry through. Write letters to Mother and LLVS[illegible].

September 6 [Wednesday 1865]

Court meets at 8 AM and adjourns until tomorrow without doing anything. So we are undecided whether we are a court or not so we will wait until Gen. Stanley's hdqrs. come up to decide. Very hot all day. Burke starts for home today. Make out monthly return of CC and GE today for August. Lts [sic] Wiley and Smith return from town. A lot of the men of the regt. received their sentences that had been court martialed.

September 7 [Thursday 1865]

Court meets at 8 AM and "adjourns without a day". After court I get the pack mule and ride up town. Take dinner at Manger Hotel. Run around town until 5 PM when I return to camp. After supper go down to brig. Hdqrs. and talk until 9 ½ PM. Several officers there. The subject of "Muster out" is discussed freely.

September 8 [Friday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. Gen. Post comes to the regt. from Victoria. Looks well and hearty. Brings no news with him. He is anxious to be mustered out also, as well as the rest of us are. All things quiet in camp. Having nothing else to do I calculate the number of miles our regt. has traveled since entering the service; a total of 8,540 miles and still are two thousand miles from place where we will be mustered out. Count up the number of names that ever belonged to the co, 180 in all. Write a letter to "Beacon and Blade" our home paper.

September 9 [Saturday 1865]

In camp near Salado Creek near San Antonio, Texas, very windy and dusty. All going on well. Make a table of clothing for 5, 11 2/9, 12, and 16 centers per day for thirty days. Also table of clothing allowance for twenty four months. Read "Damby and Son" this PM. After supper go down to brig. hdqrs. Gen. Post is to take command of brig. tomorrow. Quite windy tonight. At 10 PM mail call is sounded. Serg't [sic] Nevil brings in mail; four letters for me from Mother, Aunt Bess and WLK. Glad to get them all. Mother says all well. Tells me of four weddings. Aunt Bess tells me of one; all soldiers. LLVS

says I can be able to make a living by peddling pumps. WLK pays a high compliment to the beauty of Mis AS and well he might too. Did he but know her he would pay a still higher one to her excellent qualities.

September 10 [Sunday 1865]

In camp. No special news. All quiet. Gen. Post assumes command of Brig. in compliance with instructions from hdqrs., Central Dist. Texas. since Gen. Sheridan's visit to this place one week ago. Grapevine has almost entirely ceased operations. No doubt they will be in full operation in a few days. This PM reread my letters received yesterday. I can not think of so many soldiers marrying at home. I wonder if our boys will follow suit when we get home. I imagine some of them will. Orders are received today from War Dept. in relation to mustering out vet. vols. in Texas whose services are no longer needed. Those to be mustered out having shortest term to serve. All think we will get out. Write letter to Mother.

September 11 [Monday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. All quiet. No new only that Gen. Sheridan is reported to have returned from Eagle Pass on the Ro Grande, where he went from here some time since. Weather very hot. Write some in this diary transcribing from an old one. Read some in D[illegible] and S[illegible]. Take nap this PM. Am rather sleepy headed I fear. Dress parade at sunset by Maj. Stookey. An order was received several days since to have dress parade every day, Saturdays excepted. Write a long letter to WLK tonight.

September 12 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp near San Antonio. I and Lt. Smith go down to brig. hdqrs to see our guard mount. Very good. Lt. Cunningham comes up from hospital at Victoria. Brings news that several regts [sic] are ordered mustered out of 1st and 2nd Division, but heard nothing about our regt. going out of service. Lt. looks well and hearty. Come through in five days. Quick time. Write some more in this diary today. I am ordered on duty tomorrow as Regt. Officer of the day by the Adj. Write letter to LLVS.

September 13 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. Today we become pretty well convinced that we will not get out under the order of mustering out 3000 men of the corps. Col. Hales to Maj. Stookey of which Maj. reads me an extract. Tells of seven regts. [sic] selected in 1st and 2nd Div [sic] that go out. Capt. Cape AAAG tells Lt. Johnson that no troops of this div. will be mustered out until after congress meets. Everybody mad. Capt. McClure calls me in to see me a short time. My duties very light. Have a splendid rain this PM. Write letter to Aunt Bess.

September 14 [Thursday 1865]

Was relieved at 8 AM by Lt. Wiley, after which I get a horse from Capt. Clark and ride in co. with Lt. Lehman. Ride to town, stop at Manger House. While there some of Gen. Stanley's staff comes up from Victoria and tell Col. Bartlett, 49th Ohio, that the regts. [sic] were selected to be mustered out under the 8000 order. No regard was paid in the

selection to vet. organization and that the aggregate was taken instead of the effective forces, thus one regt. down there had 300 effective men and an aggregate of 900. The latter number being counted. All trickery. No better than expected. I talk with Gen. McCl. [sic] He seems to be very much hurt about the way the muster out has been made. After dinner visit "San Pedro Springs". No great place. Return to camp at 11 PM.

September 15 [Friday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. At 8 AM in company with several officers of the regt. attend guard mount at Brig. Hdqrs. Very hot all day. No news. Dress Parade at sunset.

September 16 [Saturday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. This AM clothing comes to Brig. hdqrs. Make out a new estimate this PM. Draw a large supply of pants, shoes, shirts, stockings and blouses which our boys were glad to get and glad to wear. I see them get them, as they were needing them badly. Very warm this AM. Somewhat cooler this PM.

September 17 [Sunday 1865]

In camp at Salado Creek. Mail received early this AM. Letters from LL [illegible], SP with a nice white handkerchief and a letter from Bro. P.P. Draw a lot more clothing today. Co. all well supplied except with hats. Co. inspection at 9 AM. Dress parade at sunset. Write letter to LL [illegible]. Received "Beacon and Blade" by mail. Bro. P.P. tells me Capt. Wiley is going to be married soon to Mis MM. I wouldn't be at all surprised.

September 18 [Monday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek this AM. Get team from Capt. Clark and Lts. [sic] Cunningham, Smith, Wiley and I go to woods. Cut poles and brush and this PM build us a good shade in front of our tent. Some rain. During the day some men of the regt. come up from Victoria and says the report was there, when they left, was that Gen. Stanley had ordered 16 regts. [sic] mustered instead of seven to be taken from all this div. etc. A tremendous big grape which soon gets in circulation. Write letter to Bro. P.P.

September 19 [Tuesday 1865]

Immediately after breakfast I get Lt. Masman's pony and ride up town on business. Dinner at Menger House, not as good as usual. Met several officers 71st OVV there after dinner. Run around town until 3 PM, then ride out to San Pedro Springs. Remain there a short time and return to camp at dark.

September 20 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. No news. Somewhat cooler than it has been. Go to guard mount at 8 AM at Brig. Hdqrs. Make raise of some potatoes today and pickles also. We were living pretty hard heretofore, but will laugh and grow fat now for awhile. Dress parade at sunset. Write letter to SP [illegible]. Receive letter from mother.

September 21 [Thursday 1865]

In camp at Salado Creek. This PM Lt. Sanderson comes up to regt. late from New Orleans and more recently from Victoria. Brings some very good news, if true which is Gen. Stanley told Maj. Johnson, A.I.M., and he [Maj. Johnson]. Told us that five thousand more men were ordered to be mustered out of the [late] corps. This if true is good news. I suppose though this order will be complied with some as the "3000 order". All taken out of 1st and 2nd Div. High Ho. All Right. Dress parade at sunset. Maj. orders all officers and orderlies to wear their sashes out on parade. Make out a statement of charges of ordnance list. Write letter to mother. More pleasant than usual.

September 22 [Friday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. The 2nd Brig. of our div. arrives this AM from Green Lake and are to camp six or eight miles above here on the creek. Gen. Beatty brought them through but leaves in a few days overland for home. Gen. Post is going to command the div. In company with several officers attend guard mount. See Maj. Dubois, ADJ, about inspecting property. Make out two sets of inventories and forward [sic] them. Capt. Vanadel returns from Green Lake quite unwell. Dress parade at sunset. No news in camp.

September 23 [Saturday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. No news. Attend guard mount. Our regt. furnishes guard. All things go on quietly. Read some in Bayard Taylor's, "Travels in India". Make out receipt rolls of clothing for Sept. The boys have a rumor tonight that Gen. Post is going to take our regt. up town to do provost duty. I do not believe it. I learn the gam of Cribbage today. No dress parade.

September 24 [Sunday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. Mail comes in early this AM but nothing for me. Attend guard mount at 8 AM. Dress parade at sunset. Maj. tells me this evening that he saw in papers that no more troops are to be mustered out in Gen. Sheridan's dept. No news at all. Write letter to sister.

September 25 [Monday 1865]

Attend guard mount. See Cap. Jas. Johnson, who has lately got into some trouble in CS Dept. on account of his clerk, Benet Hamilton, who is now under arrest in town. Capt. Mennet of our regt. is detailed as A.C.S. Make cribbage board and have a long game of cribbage with Lts. [sic] Wiley, Cunningham and Smith. Dress parade at sunset after which Capt. Boughman, Lts. [sic] Masman, Stump and I walk up to see the Lone Star Varieties, who perform at half way house. The Varieties were gotten up by the boys of the brig. and is a poor miserable one horse concern.

September 26 [Tuesday 1865]

Attend guard mount at 8 AM, after which have a game of cribbage with Capt. Poole. I get beaten, then ride up town in hdqrs. ambulance with Capt's. [sic] Davis, Adj't. [sic]

and Brandon, 71st. Go to div. hdqrs. There learn that Hamilton, CS Clerk, had made his escape last night from P.G. who got drunk and went to sleep while on duty. Take dinner at Menger Hotel. Return to camp at 4 PM. Dress parade at sunset. Dr. Bunce comes down tonight and have a big game of cribbage.

September 27 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. Lt. Wiley is detailed and goes out with detail after forage. Makes two trips. Seems to be taken a great deal with a Dutch girl he saw today. Dr. Kerr visits the regt. today. He has been recommended for Surg. 10th Ills. Cav. and is assigned to duty there now, by order Maj. Gen. Merritt. No dress parade today. Write letter to LLVS. Have a big game of cribbage today. I am detailed for grand guard tomorrow, also Lts. [sic] Smith and Lehman.

September 28 [Thursday 1865]

Report for guard at 8 AM and proceed with the detail to brig. hdqrs and go through the usual form of guard mount. I take 33 privates, 4 non-com. officers and to go station no. 1, near brig hdqrs. Light showers of rain falling during the day. Guard goes off all right with me. Allow one relief to go to their meals at a time I go to my meals also. Guard does no good as far as I can see. A big gripe going the rounds that one regt. is going to New Braunfels, thirty miles north of here. Countersign tonight. Capt. Stier Officer of the Day.

September 29 [Friday 1865]

All things go off smoothly last night. Was relieved at 8 AM by 51st Ind. Vols., Lt. McClaury in command. Go down to brig. hdqrs. at 9 AM to see about sending Jas Eakin, sick man in co., to hospital. Cannot get him sent. Gen. McConnell and A.A.G.G. and AG going to town in ambulance. With an invitation from them ride up town. Take dinner at Menger. See four Indians [Comanches] riding through town. A hard looking set exciting some curiosity. Looking at them the whole populace along main street looking at them. A large party of officers from Brig. go on a visit to New Braunfels. Return to camp at 4 PM. Adj. details me for Regtl. [sic] Officer of the Day tomorrow.

September 30 [Saturday 1865]

In camp on Salado. No news. Report to Capt. James Johnson, commanding regt. in Maj. Stookey's absence to New Braunfels for instructions as Officer of the Day. Nothing much to do. Work some on ordnance returns. Make application for a furlough of thirty days for Corp'l [sic] Frost [Thomas J.] Several wanting furloughs in co. We had a big game of cribbage and [illegible].

October 1 [Sunday 1865]

We camp on Salado Creek. No mail today as was expected. Did not come on stage last night. Relieved as Officer of the Day at 8 AM by Capt. Cunningham. At 9 AM, Lts. [sic] Wiley, Smith and I take a big walk and return to brig. hdqrs. See a letter in San Antonio Herald from a veteran officer about the 4th AC. Very good. Dress parade at Sunset by Capt. Jas. Johnson. No news. Write letter to Mother.

October 2 [Monday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. Attend guard mount at 8 AM. Lts. [sic] Wiley and Smith go to town. Make out ordnance returns for 3rd quarter and mail it. Have men in co. to sign clothing account book. Forward an application for a furlough of thirty days for Abe McNanny [Obadiah]. Major Stookey returns from New Braunfels. A pleasant day.

October 3 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. No news. Pleasant day. Make application for a furlough for Corpl. [sic] Wilbur [Knox]. Forward applications for an order to be mustered out of service for Sergt. [sic] Snider and Jesy Redman. No dress parade today on account of regt. furnishing pickets.

October 4 [Wednesday 1865]

At reveille Lt. Wiley wakes me up and gives me two letters, one from mother and one from Bro. PP. Riley and Josey have both been very sick. After reading these two letters lay down and take a nap. Am awakened again by Lt. with two more letters from Capt. Wiley and LLVS [illegible]. Capt. tells me quite a joke about his girl. He expects to enter the state of M [illegible]y soon. Good for him, though I see no necessity of his hurrying. Receive news of a murder near Kansas [At Prarie [sic] Chapel]. The parties are known by some of the boys. One man shot another about a young lady. Rather poor business. No news in camp. Receive the order consolidating brigades. We are now in 3rd Brig., 2nd Provisional Div. Dept of Texas. Gen. Post order concerning staff Capt's [sic] Clark and Elerick from our regt. Tonight Harvie and I ride over to see show "Plaid".

October 5 [Thursday 1865]

In camp at Salado Creek. No news at all. All things go on smoothly. Finish up muster out rolls for detachment in Co. H. to be mustered out. Dress parade at sunset. Orders read assigning Gen. McConnell to command this camp. Col. Hall of Mich. the other above. Here I write letter to Capt. Wiley. Capt. Clark quite sick. Pleasant day.

October 6 [Friday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. Gen. Willich reviews the brig. at 4 PM. Done some very good marching. Gen. Willich makes quite a lengthy speech to us and bids us farewell, when we give three cheers for America and her institutions and three for Gen. Willich and return to camp. Maj. Stookey gives me an invitation to go with him to New Braunfels tomorrow. Mail and letter from LLV's and two Beacons. Write to Mother and Bro P.P.

October 7 [Saturday 1865]

In camp on Salado Creek. Maj told me last night that we could not make our visit today as we would move tomorrow. Our regt. to go to Sulphur Springs, which is twenty five or thirty miles east. I get "War Eagle" from Capt. Black and ride tomorrow. Go to Brig. hdqrs. Get a lot of muster out rolls and send by Josy Redman to camp. I visit San Pedro Springs a short time, then go back to town. Meet several officers at "Menger" for dinner.

After dinner go to post commissary building and see sixty five games in a lot there. These games all belong to the NS and are very useful. Visit San Pedro this PM. Return to camp and pick up ready to move.

October 8 [Sunday 1865]

Bugle sounds reveille at 4 AM and march at 6 AM. March four miles north then turn east on main road. Meet stage going to San Antonio. Soon come to open prairie. Pass several head of mules belonging to NS. See several creeks, some of which water was standing in. The road bore to north of east some, over rolling country. In many places mesquit brush was quite thick. Pass through one strip of low scrubby live oak one mile in width. See some herds of sheep and goats, one or two houses some distance from road. At 1 PM go into camp on Cibolo Creek having marched seventeen miles. Plenty of wood and water here. One house on east bank of creek.

October 9 [Monday 1865]

Bugle sounds reveille at 3 AM and march at 4 AM on Prairie Road. Bears more to the north to go to Sulphur Springs. We are certainly going out of the way. However, I suppose it was all right and trusted to the "powers that be" supposing they know where we are going. At 9 AM while resting Maj. Stookey tells us that we are not going to Sulphur Springs but to New Branfels which was received with cheers. The prairie here is the most beautiful I ever saw. The soil is good and would produce well. Timber is very scarce. Pass through one narrow strip. Soon arrive within sight of New Branfels. Good farms all along the valley. March through in column of co., music playing. Citizens flock in street to see us go into camp 1/2 mile east of town. Cross small river near town.

October 10 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp 1/2 miles east of New Braunfels. Men all hard at work cleaning off ground fixing up bunks etc. etc. Get out tent. Fixed up bunks, desk, etc. I make out a set of muster out rolls for Henry G. Hall [subst [sic]]. A.J. Clapp [recruit] starts home on forty days furlough. Maj. dates it the 15th giving him five days to start on. Several Indians visit our camp today. There is a small band of them here, having been driven from their hunting grounds by the Comanches. But few of them could talk but little English. Come begging food. One of them was painted a kind of "Milk Silk Color". This PM Capt. Clark, Lts. [sic] Wiley, Cunningham, and I take a walk over to the city and return.

October 11 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Tex. This AM go up town a short time to hunt some lumber to put floor in tent. Go to saw mill north of town. A Dutchman there who could not talk "United States". No lumber there. Come back to Stowe Mill and buy two boxes. Put them in cart. Haul them in camp and put a floor in our tent. Telegraph put up through town. Have dress parade this PM at sunset. Several ladies out from town to see us. Write letter tonight to LLVS.



October 12 [Thursday 1865]

A very hard rain just before day. Go to town just after breakfast. See nothing new there. Get an Austin paper. No news of [illegible] in it. Several Indians come in today; two squaws and two warriors, the latter painted. Want rations. I hear one of them gets drunk in town. No dress parade on account of rain. Play cribbage all evening with "Harrie" and Dr. Bunch. Beat both of them. Make cribbage board just after dinner. Capt. Vansdel is quite sick all day with chills and fever.

October 13 [Friday 1865]

In camp at New Branfels. Finish cleaning up our ground today. Everything goes off quietly and nicely. Some Indians came into camp a short time. Go up town a short time this PM. Visit the factory at the bridge which is carding and spinning. I am detailed for guard tomorrow.

October 14 [Saturday 1865]

Report for guard at 9 AM. Go through the usual form of guard mount, then take the detail which consists of 22 privates and 5 non-com'd [sic] officers and go up town and relieve Lt. Thompson at Court House. Have three reliefs and patrols. All goes off quietly. Considerable stir in town. Several Indians come in town. Capt. Minnet comes up from San Antonio. He brings news confirming the report of more regts. [sic] being mustered out of service. Those mentioned are 19th and 41st Ohio VV and 8 Kansas VV. Gen. Post commands a sub district. After 11 PM in company with the Maj. Adj. and others go serenading. Have a good time.

October 15 [Sunday 1865]

Was relieved at 9 AM by Lt. Wiley. Return to camp. Bathe, change clothing and with the Adj. go up town. Hear a German sermon. Could not understand what he said. This PM many of the citizens of New Braunfels visited our camp. Among them were many ladies. All remained until after dress parade. I suppose there must have been near five hundred out to see us. Today most of the business houses have been open all day and everything going on the same as usual. It appears a great many have no respect for the Sabbath. Tonight a ball is given in town. Many attend it. Mail today – letter from Eli K [illegible].

October 16 [Monday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Some rain today. This PM I go up town a short time. A great many of the regt. up there as the guard has been taken off the bridge, so I do not remain to town but a short time. Return to camp. Maj. Stookey goes to San Antonio today. Capt. Johnson in command of the regt. After tattoo all the officers of the regt. go uptown and call on Gen. Willich who arrived today on a brief visit to his German friends. The spring band comes up and serenades the Gen. Return to camp. Write letters to Eli K [illegible].

October 17 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Raining very hard at daylight and continued until 10 AM. Did not get up until 9 AM. Breakfast at half past nine. Gen. Willich visits our camp this PM and talks to the boys. I go uptown this PM. Gen. Willich makes a speech to the citizens at the court house this PM. I was there a short time but could not understand a word so come back to camp.

October 18 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Capt. Clark and Dr. Kerr visit the regt. today. This PM Capt. Vanasdel and I walk up town. Have a game of Billiards at Shoemakers Hall all alone which we enjoy. This PM all the officers of the regt. receive an invitation from the mayor of the city to a ball tonight to be given to Gen. Willick. Near all the officers go. The ball was given at Mr. Harkenstein's Hall, one mile from town. Good large building. Have a supper which is very good but Germans can not (or do not) get up good eatables as our northern folks do. Many of the fair ladies of the city out which makes the thing look well.

October 19 [Thursday 1865]

Did not get to camp until 3 1/2 AM. After breakfast go tot the Guadalupe River, 1/2 mile east of camp and have a small boat ride, then go up town with Maj., Drs. Kerr and Bunce, Adj. and Capt. Clark. Returned to camp at 12 N. An eclipse of the sun this AM, which is visible, could be seen clearly through smoked glass. Have the afternoon off. Today was spent. I hardly know. but it is past and gone and time to retire. Dress parade at sunset. Several ladies and gentlemen from the city out to see us. Clapp (Wm) and Cotten come near causing me to get a scolding this PM, by taking some corn from a citizen's field near by which they had to return.

October 20 [Friday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Texas. Go up town this PM with Capt. Vanasdel. Dress parade. Capt. Elerick comes up and brings a mail with him. I get letters from Mother, LL, Lt. Mc and Geo. Hunt [Late Capt. 12th Ills. Vet. Vols]. And votes to be cast at the next November election by an act of the legislature. Last Feb. Ills soldiers are entitled to vote. Go to work making out the necessary papers for all men from [illegible] that are eligible. My letters from home brings me news of almost everybody being sick which I am sorry to hear. Some ladies out to see the regt. on parade. Came on horseback. receive notification of James Eakins' death. [Recruit died at San Antonio, Texas Oct. 18, 1865]

October 21 [Saturday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Got our votes fixed up which I put in the PC at town. Have a with the beautiful Miss Banner with whom I have taken a great fancy to. Have a promise from her to play on piano for me. Return to camp at 12N today. C McCanny, T. J. Frost and Knox Wilburn receive furloughs of forty days each, intend starting home tomorrow. I write several notes to be sent by them. Wrote to Capt. W. and WLK, a lot of nuisance. Write to mother and Lt. Mc. Also to be sent by them. Pleasant day. SJ Stookey returns to regt.

October 22 [Sunday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Regt inspection at 9 1/2 AM by Maj Stookey, after which Lt. Cunningham and I attend German Lutheran Church in town. Could not understand anything he said. Return to camp and find a citizen preaching who was an American. I think from his discourse he belongs to the Baptist denomination. After dinner the citizens begin to flock in camp by twetys [sic] etc. A great many out to see us on dress parade. I have several at my tent. After dress parade Lt. Newman and I escort the Misses Miller home. Have a pleasant chat of one hour when we return to camp. Meet a great many going to town tonight to "Sanigans Ball". Write letter to Laura Pleasant. Get me a young squirrel to pet.

October 23 [Monday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Nothing new in camp. Maj. Stookey and several of the officers of the regt. start on a hunting expedition to be gone several days. Several men of the regt. go out with them. Go up town this PM with Capt. Vanasdel. Return to camp for dress parade. Lt. C. Smith comes up from San Antonio. Some ladies out to see us on parade. Capt. Clark sets up an office in town, is pro. mar. of the post. After supper go up town and call at Miss Banners at the PC. Hear some good music on piano. Spend the evening very pleasantly and return to camp at 9 PM. Draw stationery today.

October 24 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Texas. After breakfast walk over to a small village called Comal Stadt or Comal Town, which is half mile from camp. For one day I did not go to town. I made out the inventory and final statement of James Eadkin, lately deceased, and mail to the Adj. Gen. of the Army. Write to QM of Mil. Div. for blank monthly return of clothing, camp and garrison equipage Form. No. 51. Drop all our men mustered out at San Antonio. Write letter to WF and send note on John. H. Gunn to him to collect if he can. Tell him I expect to be mustered out next Feb. and want to meet him in New York if possible. Hard rain comes up just after dark.

October 25 [Wednesday 1865]

A great deal of rain and hard wind last night. I was detailed for guard by the Adj. early. Go through the usual form of guard mount. At 9 AM relieve Lt. Thompson at court house. Have 12 privates and 4 non-com'd [sic] officers, have but one sentinel, the rest patrols, who patrol the town every hour during the day with orders to arrest all who are making a disturbance in town. See one of the Misses Miller in town when returning to town from supper. Hear Mis Banner playing her piano. Stop in as I could not pass by. Miss [illegible] comes in. Have an introduction to her. She is said to be the belle of New Braunfels. Papers received today say Jeff Davis has escaped which I hope is not true. Some of the hunters return this AM. No luck. Lt. Masman looses [sic] his pony in the Guadalupe [River].

October 26 [Thursday 1865]

All passed quietly during my tour of guard duty. Was relieved at 9 1/2 AM by Lt. Wiley and return to camp. Maj. Stookey and Dr. Bunce returned last night without any game. Nothing new going on. Corp'l [sic] Gates returns to co. from hospital. Dress Parade at sunset tonight. Several of us officers go up town. Have a game of Billiards and return to camp at 8 1/2 PM. Get a pass for Buck and A. Reynolds to go to San Antonio and return in three days. Pleasant day. An estimate is made out for clothing CC and GE for Nov.

October 27 [Friday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Weather pleasant and cool. Go up town this AM. This PM again when we (Lt. Purdam and I) visit the academy. Har [sic] some singing by the scholars which is very good. Stop at the factory as we come back and see the mills spinning etc etc. Get mail today. Receive letter from LLVS who tells me that Lovel W[illegible] is very sick and not expected to live. This I am sorry to hear. Sister is also unwell. The letter bore date of the 8th last and came through in quick time from home. Go up town again tonight with several officers. Walk to take exercise. Have a short drill this PM at sunset.

October 28 [Saturday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Quite cold last night and cool today. Up town this AM. Capt. Baughman and Lt. Mosman returns from San Antonio today and says that the cavalry is all to be mustered out at once. I go up town tonight and call at Mrs. Banners and spend the evening pleasantly. Hear some singing by the lovely Miss Tonia Banner. Return to camp at 9 1/2 PM. Capt. Vanasdel tells me that Maj. Stookey received a dispatch tonight from Gen. Post congratulating us on an early mustering out saying the order was on the way. This is good if it be true, but I will not cheer until I know that we are coming. Sure I have been fooled too often. Dr. Bunce leaves the regt. today and goes as Chief Surgeon of the sub district.

October 29 [Sunday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Tex. A very cold and disagreeable day. Raining and cold wind. Everyone stays close. A great deal said about our muster out as Maj. Stookey's dispatch of yesterday was from Gen. Post. No doubt it is true. We hope that we will go home in time to spend the holidays, though we fear not. We dread the trip home, yet we wait with patience the order to start. Go up town tonight with Lt. Masman to spend the evening as we had an engagement. Return to camp early. Write letters to Capt. Geo. Hunt and LLVS.

October 30 [Monday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Tex. Very cold. Have to keep a kettle of coals in tent while Serg't [sic] Going works on muster rolls and monthly returns. Dress parade at sunset and a short drill. Just enough to give us good exercise. Tonight go up town with Capt. Vanasdel and Lt. Cunningham and Purdam to Shoemakers Hall and have a game of Billiards. The table is free for everyone to use as it is but little account. Return to camp at 10 PM. Very tired from standing on my feet so long, although I enjoyed the game. I could have enjoyed myself much better had I been in some parlor in my northern home.

October 31 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Drizzling rain and gloomy. Muster for pay at 10 AM by Maj Stookey. The troops now all have six months pay due them. Would all like to get pay but suppose we will have to go home and get it. At 4 PM Lt. Masman and I go up town by an invitation received yesterday and spend the evening with some ladies very agreeably. The Mis Miller, Miss Anyhart and Miss Comer there. Return to camp at 4 1/2 PM.

November 1 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels Tex. Weather cool and unpleasant. Jo Holcom of Co. A. comes up from San Antonio and says that our muster out rolls are at San Antonio which is good news if true. Lt's Cunningham, Stump and Lehman with others go out hunting which I imagine will not turn out profitable. Draw and issue clothing to the Co. Tonight go up town with Maj and others. I call on Mis Banner. Afterwards we go to Mr. Stevens and stay until 10 PM. Have pleasant time. Return to Mrs. B [illegible]. Spend an hour and return to camp. 16 Hear some good music at Mr. S[illegible].

November 2 [Thursday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, uptown this AM also this PM. Go up to hear a case tried in court house. A case where a man assaults a woman. Did not stay to hear the decision. Lt. Cunningham returns from hunting expedition sick with chills. Capt. Vanasdel sick also. Dress parade at sunset. The Adj. And Lt. Smith go down to San Antonio today see if they can get our muster out rolls and also get instructions.

November 3 [Friday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels cool and pleasant. This PM Lt. Purdam and I go up town and have a game of billiards. Return to camp. Dress parade at sunset. Some ladies out to see us on parade. Maj. and I accompany the ladies home. I go with Mis Banner and hear some music. Capt. Van and Lt. Cunningham are both very sick.

November 4 [Saturday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels weather cool and pleasant. This PM Lt. Purdam and I go up town and have a game of billiards tonight. Call on Mis Banner and spend the evening very pleasantly and agreeably. Hear some good music on piano by Mis. B. Detailed for guard tomorrow. Regtl. [sic] inspection ordered at 10 AM tomorrow.

November 5 [Sunday 1865]

Report for guard at 9 AM and relieve Lt. Stevens at the court house. Have two sentinels, one at jail, one man from Co. K in jail. All things go on quietly all day. I go to supper at sunset. Camp full of citizens. Dress parade and a short drill by Maj. Stookey. I have an introduction to several young ladies by Mr. Pfeuffer. All good looking. After supper return to town. By a previous invitation call at Mr. Charmars and spend the evening the

mises Miller. There Capt. Baughman and Lt. Masman there. A ball is given at Shoemakers Hall tonight. Agre [sic] at many there. Two letters from LLVS.

November 6 [Monday 1865]

Relieved at 9 AM by Lt. Stump. I have a short nap before noon. Feel drowsy and dull. Go up town a short time this PM. Visit the brewry [sic] to see the machinery. All old and poor. Maj. Stookey sends instructions to a great many of the young folks in town to attend a picnic on Wednesday next. Weather pleasant though cool part of the day. Mail and a letter from mother and Eli K[illegible]. Also a letter from "Cousin Annie" which I was glad to get but was sorry to hear of so much sickness up there. Sent note to postmaster at Kansas to return all mail until further order. Finish monthly return of C.C. and GF for Sept. 1st 65.

November 7 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Feel unwell all this AM. This PM Maj., Capt. Lunstram, the QM Brent and I go down to the Comal River and take a bath. This PM go up town a short time. Dress parade at sunset. At 6 1/2 PM the officers all meet at hdqrs to make arrangements to go the picnic tomorrow. Afterwards Lt. Masman and I go up to Mr. Sehucharts, the Lutheran Minister. See a large collection of birds (stuffed), also some animals which he has. Weather pleasant. Today is election day in Ills. I would like to be there to vote. I hope our votes sent some time since have got there.

November 8 [Wednesday 1865]

At 9 1/2 AM the officers of the regt. all start for the picnic grounds which was one mile north of town. In open woods pasture and near Comal Springs, a splendid place for a picnic. Here was a long table and a great number of seats, a nice place cleaned off for the dancers. The ladies of the city were brought out in two ambulances. By 12N a great many were there. At 2 PM we had a splendid dinner. I had an introduction to several young ladies. Take Mis Pfauffer to dinner. After dinner a great deal of dancing. Everybody enjoyed themselves. I accompany Mis Banner home. Return to camp and get supper. Spend the evening at Mrs. B[illegible] with Lt. Cunningham. A beautiful and pleasant day for a picnic.

November 9 [Thursday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Texas. Maj. calls all the officers up to his tent at 9 AM and makes arrangement for a Grand Ball to be given at SECK [Shoemaker] Hall Saturday night next as Gen. Post is expected up then. Committees of managing are appointed. It is expected to be a grand affair. I go up town a short time this AM, also a few moments this PM. Cloudy and has the appearance of rain. All day drizzling; rain tonight. No dress parade today on account of rain. Work to me on a roll to be used when we are to go to work on muster out roll. Write to mother.

November 10 [Friday 1865]

In camp at New Branfels. Nothing unusual transpires. Write note to Mis. Mary Pfauffer requesting the pleasure of her co. tomorrow evening. Receive reply that she will accept

my "company with pleasure" etc. Dress parade at sunset and a short drill. Go up town tonight and call at Ms Pfeuffers and spend the evening pleasantly indeed. Return to camp at 10 1/4 o'clock PM.

November 11 [Saturday 1865]

Some appearance of rain this AM. Write letter to Cousin Annie. Up town this PM a short time. Tonight a grand select party is given at Major Sule Hall. I accompany Mis Mary Pfeifer. Have a pleasant time. Walk out and back again. Roads good and smooth. 11 1/2 o'clock we had supper which was nothing extra. Gen. Post and several officers of staff come up from San Antonio. Everything goes off pleasantly. Some little talk of a row, but non occurred. Some men drunk who acted unruly. Inspection ordered for 10 AM tomorrow. No rain, although the clouds had every appearance of rain.

November 12 [Sunday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Texas. Some sprinkling of rain this AM and inspection postponed. Write letter this AM to LL. After noon a great many visitors in camp. The 8th Kansans Brass Band comes out and plays in camp. Also plays for us on parade, after which we have a short drill. Gen. Post makes a short speech to the regt. Compliments us on our past conduct during the war, also expressed his satisfaction at our behavior here at this place; says we will go home soon, but does not know how soon. Promises us another speech when we arrive in Ills. I accompany Mis Mary Pfeiffer home and spend the evening pleasantly. Take supper there.

November 13 [Monday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Texas. Weather warm and pleasant. Up town a short time this PM. Dress parade at sunset. Go up town after supper to hunt one of the boys. Could not find him. Stop a short time at Mrs. Branners. Mis Stookey there. Hear some very good music on piano.

November 14 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Weather pleasant and warm. No news. This PM Lt. Wiley, Adj. Korhammer and I walked down to the Guadalupe River to have a boat ride but no one there and no boat ride. Dress parade at sunset. Tonight Maj. Stookey, Captain Mennet, the Adj., Lt. Masman and I (by a previous invitation) go down to Mr. Crammars, a loyal man in town, and spend the evening pleasantly. The Mises Miller and Mis [illegible] there. Had a nice time and an excellent supper. After accompanying the ladies home we return to camp at 12 N. Make muster out rolls for Davidson and Kennedy.

November 15 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Everything quiet. The weather warm and pleasant. Dress parade at sunset tonight. Dr. Kerr and I go up town and spend the evening at Mr. Pfeiffers. Have a pleasant time. I enjoyed myself well. Return to camp at 11 1/2 PM.

November 16 [Thursday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Texas. This PM receive the muster out rolls for regt. with instructions to go to making them out at once which we will do cheerfully. Great rejoicing in regt. Weather pleasant. Dress parade at sunset. Lt. Hurst, 21st Ills, a friend of ours, comes up from San Antonio on a visit. Says their regt [sic] is going to be mustered out soon. Tonight (by a previous arrangement) call at Mr. Storrey and spend the evening with Mis Storrey. Spend the evening pleasantly.

November 17 [Friday 1865]

By the kind invitation of Capt. Clark have the desk moved down to his office in town at court house and go to work on muster out rolls. Capt. Clark, Sergt [sic] Goring and I at work on rolls. Rains all day. Weather cold also. Mail this AM and a letter from Mises Mary and Julia Brown of Greenville, Tn.. [sic] Glad to hear from them once more. All things go on smoothly there. No troops there at all. Julia says a certain Miss GL is "fancy free". Glad to hear it.

November 18 [Saturday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Everybody hard at work on muster out rolls. Clears off this AM and is pleasant again. Capt. Clark and Sergt. [sic] Goring and I hard at work on muster out rolls. Get one nearly completed today. Some officers come in at 10 PM so we have to stop.

November 19 [Sunday 1865]

Finish one of our rolls this AM. Lt. Hurst starts back to San Antonio this AM. Weather warm and pleasant. Work some this PM, but little. However as we want to see how our rolls are whether right or wrong. Capt. Baughman and Lt. Lehman went to San Antonio today to see if we are making them right. Return to camp from office at 4 1/2 PM. Dress parade at 5 o'clock. A large number of the Dutch and many fair damsels out to see us on parade. I have the honor of accompanying Mis Sophia Muller home, a loyal German lady, which is barely found in new B[illegible]. Return to camp and get supper, then call at the Pfeiffer Mansion and spend the evening pleasantly in the co. of young ladies and "Brother CHR" and at 11 1/2 PM reluctantly leave good co. and return to camp and retire.

November 20 [Monday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Do not work much on rolls as we are waiting for word from San Antonio. This PM call at Mr. Mather's near camp and spend the afternoon with Mis Mather and Mis Pfauffer. Remain until 4 PM when I go down to the office. After supper up town again. Remain until 4 PM when I go down to the office. After supper up town again. Capt. Baughman comes back from San Antonio and says the rolls are all right, which we are glad to hear. Weather pleasant and cool.

November 21 [Tuesday 1865]

This morning at breakfast table I receive letter from LL WHKN. Announces the death of Lovel Wilhoit, my only sister's husband, who died Oct. 19th 65. This is sad news for me and still more sad for my sister at home to bear. We are hard at work on muster out



rolls. At 4 PM, by special agreement, several young couples meet at Mr. Pfeuffers, then proceed to camp. Capt. Johnson has charge of the parade as Maj. is with the party. After parade take the ladies to supper at hdqrs where we have an excellent supper which all seemed to enjoy. I had other matters to think about and did not enjoy myself so much as the rest. After supper return to Mr. Pfeuffers and spend the evening. Weather pleasant and comfortable.

November 22 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Tex. At work all day on muster out rolls. Maj. Stookey, DM Stookey and Lt. Smith go down to San Antonio to get final instructions about our muster out which we hope will come soon. We have splendid weather now for marching, which the citizens think will not last much longer.

November 23 [Thursday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Tex. Weather warm and pleasant. At work on muster out rolls.

November 24 [Friday 1865]

At the breakfast table this AM Lt. Wiley gives me four letters, one from mother in mourning, which tells me Lovel's death, the others from WLK [illegible], Bettie Redman, and SP [illegible] of Mo. Glad to get all of them. Hard at work all day on our muster out rolls. Weather warm and pleasant. Lt. Smith returned from San Antonio last night with a sufficient no. of muster out rolls for our regt. Quite unwell all this PM and tonight also.

November 25 [Saturday 1865]

At work on muster out rolls. Get nearly all done today. Weather warm and pleasant. Maj. returns from San Antonio this PM. Thinks we will not get away next week. Some regts [sic] have already left San Antonio for home. Write short notes to Sister and LL.

November 26 [Sunday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Tex. Weather warm and pleasant. Work on clothing accounts to go on muster out rolls. Get them all balanced ("Due NS or Due Soldier") by 4 PM when I return to camp. Dress parade at sunset. A good many citizens out to see us on parade, yet not so many as there usually has been of a Sunday afternoon. This evening Dr. Kerr and I call at Mr. P [illegible] and spend the evening very pleasantly. Something very interesting occurred during the evening which I think will not be forgotten soon by Dr. K [illegible] and Mis B [illegible], really laughable, though a solom [sic] affair or should be at least for those interested.

November 27 [Monday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Tex. Work some on muster out rolls and get nearly done. Get all done that we know how to do at present. Weather warm and pleasant. Dress parade at sunset. All things go off pleasantly. Tonight take a ride with Dr. Kerr on

horseback. Call at Mr. P's a short time for the doctor to deliver some reading matter to Mis B[illegible]. Dr. and I play a game of Billiards. He beats me badly.

November 28 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Tex. At work on muster out papers. Tonight Capt. Mennet, Lt. Masman and I, by an invitation received previously, call at Mr. Cramers and spend the evening; the two Mises Miller there; several other also. Have a good time and just lots of fun. All of them good Union folks, so of course there was not discord among us.

November 29 [Wednesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels working on muster out papers. Tonight several officers (of us) take some ladies over to Ma Richardson's. A surprise party. I have the honor of accompanying Mis MP[illegible] which Madam Rumor of New Braunfels says I have taken a decided fancy to. We have a good time. The Richardsons do everything they can to make us enjoy ourselves. We have good things to eat and drink and music also. One thing I noticed, which is something unusual for this city, was a carpet on the floor. Return to our respective places of abode at 12M.

November 30 [Thursday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Capt. Clark and I finish the discharges for the co. The weather quite warm until 4 PM when it gets quite cool until dark. The wind, which has been raising clouds of dust all day ceasing blowing and is more pleasant again. We have no news at all. All we think of is about being mustered out. Some of the boys are beginning to grow impatient already. Tonight I call a short time at Mr. P[illegible] to deliver something forgotten last night.

December 1 [Friday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. Finish our muster out rolls. Saw a man today just from Pea Ridge, Ark. with apples for sale. He only asked \$16.00 per bu. in green backs for them. Tonight call on Mr. Steavens and spend the evening pleasantly. Weather pleasant and cool.

December 2 [Saturday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. This morning at the breakfast table Lt. Wiley gives me four letters and "Beacon". The letters were from mother, sister and two from LLVS. Make out a monthly return of clothing, camp and garrison equipage for the month of October 1865.

December 3 [Sunday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Texas. Capt. Clark and L.M. Stookey go to San Antonio today with our muster out rolls. This AM Dr. Kerr, Major, and Adjt, [sic] and Capt. Lanstrum and I ride down to Comal River and have a splendid bathe. Dr. and I ride uptown. Also this PM write letters to Mrs. Sp[illegible] of Mo. Tonight Dr. and I call up to Mr. P[illegible], then call on Mis Nolte and others. Hear some good singing and music

on piano. Our dress parade was not largely attended. We all hope this will be our last parade at New Braunfels. The weather very warm today, as hot almost as June in the north. Mr. Kessler makes a short speech to the freed men on this PM.

December 4 [Monday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels, Texas. Some rain this AM. Turns very cold this PM. Have what the Texans call a "Norther", though up in Ills we would not call it cold at all. Capt. Clark returns from San Antonio. Says the mustering officer will be here Thursday. We expect to start Saturday for home. Lehman and I call a short time at Mr. P[illegible].

December 5 [Tuesday 1865]

In camp at New Braunfels. I am detailed for guard at 9 AM. Relieve Lt. Stump at court house. All goes off quietly during the day and night. Rainy and cold disagreeable weather. This evening Maj. ask me to go to San Antonio for him tomorrow. Call on Mr. P[illegible] a few moments to engage a partner for the party which is to be given next Friday evening.

December 6 [Wednesday 1865]

At 9 AM the QM and I start for San Antonio in ambulance. The weather pleasant. We had a pleasant ride. Stop a few moments at the half way house, arriving at the Salado. The camps there were all broken up, troops having gone home. Are at San Antonio at 3 1/2 PM. Stop at Gen. Post Hdqrs. then run around town and look after our business. Stop for the night with Dr. Bunce. San Antonio presents a lively appearance, a great deal more business done than when we first come here three months ago.

December 7 [Thursday 1865]

We get all things ready for starting back. At 12N. get our dinner. At 1 1/2 PM we start back to N.B. Dr. Bunce rides back with us. Weather cool. Have a pleasant and sociable ride out. Capt. Geiger, the Mustering Officer, goes up to muster out the regt. tomorrow. QM gets twenty wagons for our regt. so expect to march light. Arrive at New Braunfels at 7 1/2 PM. As I had some papers to deliver I stopped in town and called on Mr. P [illegible] a short time.