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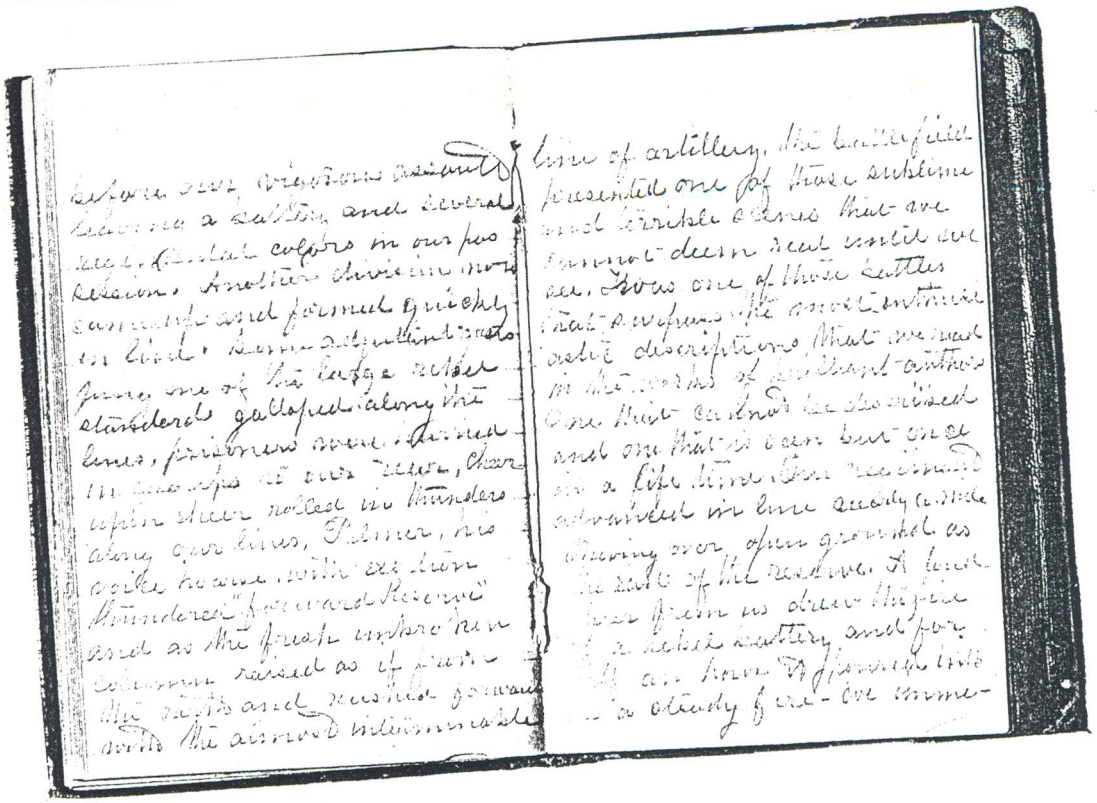

before our brigade assault
before a battle, and several
rebel battle colors in our pos
session. Another division now
comes and formed quickly
in line of battle. Gen. Palmer
gave one of his large rebel
skedaddlers galloped along the
lines, prisoners were taken
in heaps of our men, cheer
upon cheer rolled in thunders
along our lines, Palmer, his
aides & staff with exception
thunderer "Forward Reserve"
and as the fresh unbroken
columns raised as if from
the earth and rushed forward
with the utmost enthusiasm

line of artillery. The battlefield
presented one of those sublime
and terrible scenes that are
forever deem dear until our
all. Even one of those battles
that surpass the most enthusiast
astic descriptions that we read
in the works of our great authors
One that cannot be described
and one that is seen but once
in a life time. Our regiment
advanced in line nearly a mile
driving over open ground as
the rest of the reserve. A heavy
fire from us drove the rear
of the rebel battery and for
a time have to fight with little
to steady fire - for some-

Monday. A cool pleasant day. Write a letter to Father and Mother sending a daguerreotype taken to day by an artist in camp. Delivered to Browne several packages that he is to leave at home. Joseph Crowl returns to the Co. from Camp Denison. Brings a letter from A. Bruchet stating that he is discharged on account of an ulcer on the leg. Brigade Drill, Dress Parade afternoon and inspection at Retreat.

2.

Tuesday. Cool and showery. Extra guards. 10 probs each company called for. Much dissatisfaction among the officers and they visit Palmer in a body to enter complaint. Crowl starts for home. Company Drill in the forenoon. Division Drill afternoon Genl Palmer superintending. Have rather a pleasant time with manoeuvrings and cavalry charges. Receive letters from Uncle Abe and Maria Jones. Learn that Harrison Hoblit died May 23rd.

3.

Wednesday. Pleasant with pure air. Division Drill again in the afternoon. Practice against the cavalry and the manoeuvres to change front rapidly. Genl Palmer in his glory. Receive a letter from Webster at Clarksville. Receive orders in the evening to be ready to march with 8 days rations in haversacks and 4 days sugar, coffee and bread in knapsacks

Thursday. Very pleasant - night rainy. Nearly all the regiment on duty but guards and pickets released to go a scouting. Our regiment numbering 110 men move about 4 miles from camp, taking position at the grave yard of the Emery settlement as a support to our cavalry scouting beyond. But few rebels seen and we return to camp about 12 o'clock. Send out pickets and have all attend division drill. Receive a letter from Father and Mother. Heavy Artillery firing to the right all day. McCook hotly engaged.

5.

Friday. Cloudy with rain. The grave yard resolves of yesterday were accepted and principal graves during battle as far as Rock. The greater part marked with rough stone without inscription. Write to day a long letter to father and mother. Division drill afternoon, manoeuvring as in actual battle. Hear that the rebels were repulsed yesterday by McCook. The Reedyville Pickets attacked this morning. "D. Vernon" now a correspondent of the Chattanooga Rebel.

6.

Saturday. Clear and pleasant. Write a letter to Webster and receive one from Huldah Howell. No drill but quarters thoroughly policed. Dress Parade in the afternoon. The attack on Franklin on the 4½ represented as quite serious but the rebels finally repulsed. Saturday home still at Shelbyville, the guest of Gen. Bragg. Richmond Republic of June 1, reporting Capt. Mitchell as killed.

Rebel Cavalry close to the ground
then had our range accurately
and done the best shooting I
ever saw by artillery. The shot
and shells bursting and com-
ing directly over and around
us. I never heard all around
me, pierced the very eyes and
screeching us, but our boys
remained perfectly quiet and
displaying the greatest coolness
in avoiding the shot, strange to
say. Not a man was hurt. I
cold of the stragglers here, some
regiments passing for our rear
when shells broke directly over a head
and we certainly marvelled at
Gen Palmers planning to fall
upon this position and

The boys all shouting with
me cry "You are right" in
second Line" he ordered, retire
Lie still. You are again two
or three Brigadier Lines. The
battery continued firing like
hell for dear life, the shells passing
the trees & throughout the whole
next day. We were retired
and next Gen Lewis who
ordered us to take our old pos-
tion saying that we had done
nobly. The ground was certain
ly for us to hold against more
than our force as the rebels took
the hint and commenced retreating
in disorder leaving [illegible]
on the other side of the river or stream

JUNE.

7.

Sunday. A pleasant day but night rainy.
Spend my leisure time in writing to the Republic
and reading Pick wick Papers. The work
grows interesting and should not wonder if we
dont think Dickens a pretty good kind of a fel-
low by the time we get through. Receive a letter
from Rice Lewis. The his Brigades reviewed
by Gen. Palmer, the affair being a splend-
id one, terminating pleasantly.

8.

Monday. Very pleasant. Finish my letter to
the Republic - well pleased. The regiment
drilled in Battalion Drills under the direction
of Genl Palmer. Pfister and Hodgkins return
to the company. Their experience quite interesting
Near the Ewings residence is a large venerable tree
used for 50 years as a place for holding elections
for public meetings, for church service &c.
A rebel flag was taken from this primitive town Hall.

9.

Tuesday. A pleasant day. Items from the Lounger
Blanchard Jerrold son of Douglas Jerrold editor
of Lloyds Penny Paper. George Augustus Sala editor of
the Daily Telegraph
the Daily Telegraph
"Strasburg in the Temple Bar" and of the
Division Drill. Gene Cruft superintending.
Write to Uncle Abe. Finish Pickwick Papers and
like the termination. Dickens wrestles long but comes out best.

JUNE.

10.

Wednesday. Warm and showery. Duff sick. Purchase
Bulwers "Zanoni" and "Eugene Aram". In reading
Hawthornes visit to Leigh Ritchie learn that Mrs Lewis is
the Authoress of "Adam Bede", "Romola" &c. - That the Col
her husband lives retired. Dickens in Pickwick after
venting all his spleen comes out in real good humor and
leaves the reader, wishing the book was longer. — Clay Hays
Discharge papers. Order out. Receive Republic of the 7th.
Our regiment drilled by Gen Palmer in person, afternoon.

11.

Thursday. Warm and Showery. Receive a letter
from Louisa with three copies of Wizard Minstrels
printed in a very creditable style. Receive a nicely
decorated Co. Partnership letter from the four Jones
Sisters, Jennie, Maria, Lucretia & Annie. Receive also
Republics of the 5th. The men on the old original
muster Roll to be accounted for. Hear that Tom Fid-
ler had been arrested as a deserter. George Hunt in
camp. Write a letter for him to his mother.

12.

Friday. Clear and Warm. Purchase "The Monks"
by R. B. Lewis. There is pleasure in possessing the
works of good authors. Write a long letter to the Jones
Sisters but do not finish it. Division Drill afternoon.
A man in the 2nd Ill. Cav committed suicide at night
by shooting himself. Two rebel officers who robbed
arrested at Franklin as Spies have been executed - others to day

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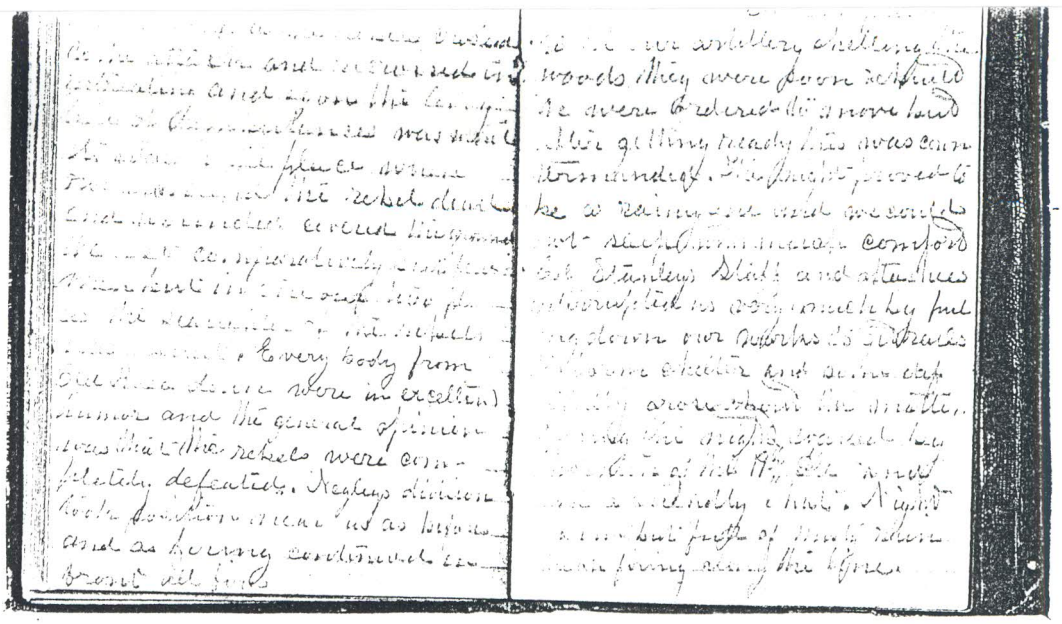
[illegible] the attack and [illegible] in [illegible] and soon the [illegible] of [illegible] was [illegible] the place where [illegible] the rebel dead and [illegible] covered the ground [illegible] comparatively [illegible] but in the [illegible] the [illegible] of the rebels [illegible]. Every body from Old Rosa Lane were in excellent humor and the general opinion was that the rebels were completely defeated. Negleys division took position near us as before and as being continued in front all [illegible]

[illegible] our artillery shelling the woods they were soon refuted. We were ordered to move but after getting ready this was countermanded. The night proved to be a rainy one and we could not sleep [illegible] comfort. Col. Stanley's Staff and attaches interrupted us very much by pulling down our works to [illegible] [illegible] shelter and some [illegible] [illegible] around the matter. [illegible] the night [illegible] by [illegible] of the 19th [illegible] and [illegible] a [illegible] chat. Night [illegible] but [illegible] of [illegible] rain [illegible] firing along the line.



JUNE.

13.

Clear and very warm — Saturday. Finish my letter to the Joneses. Receive letters from Angeline at Columbus and from Eliza Bell. Quarters thoroughly policed. No drill but dress parade in the evening. The man who shot himself last night buried to day. — Johnson selected as Generals Orderly. The Rebel spies hung at Franklin were Col. Lawrence Williams Orlin, Chief of Artillery and Lieut Dunlop

14.

Sunday. Very warm with a heavy shower in the evening. Write a letter to Louisa and receive letters none, but Republics of the 8, and 10. The different Brigades reviewed by their respective commanders in the afternoon. Tom Fuller and several others of the regiment returned under guard. Tom as well as the others in rather low spirits. Daily duty men required to be present at inspection

15.

Monday. Clear and very warm. Finish reading Bulwers Eugene Aram. Rather a peculiar work with a strange philosophy. The principal character a criminal in high life. The style inclined toward the dramatical. The character "Madaline Lester" superbly drawn. Bill Shultz in camp. Division Drill afternoon.

JUNE.

16.

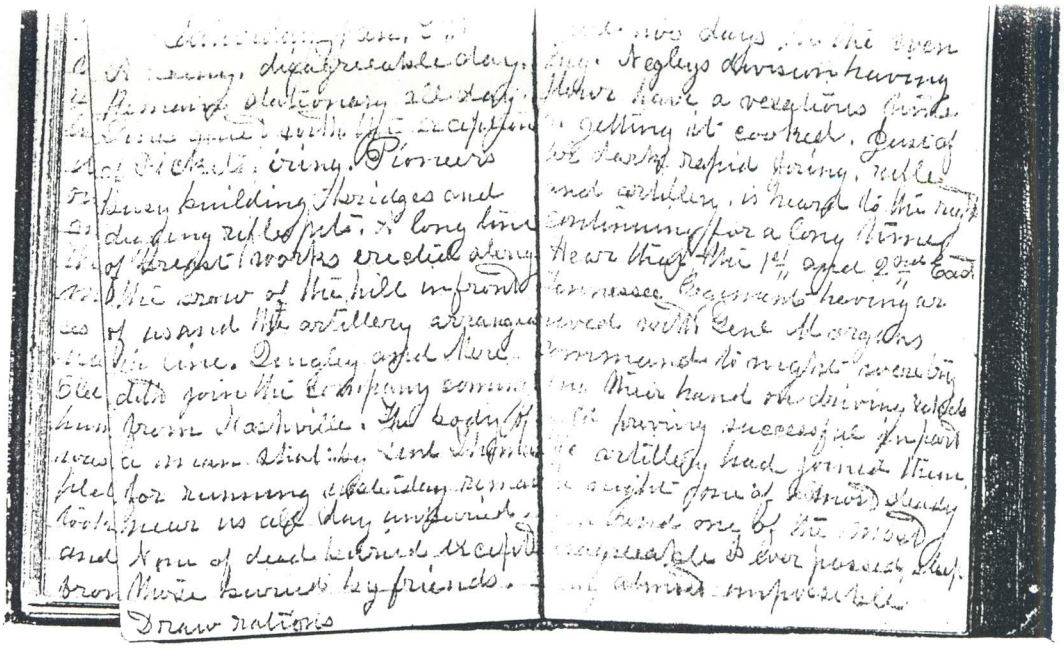
Tuesday. Clear and warm. Receive letters from Abe and from Mary Hazard. The 79. Ohio at Lavergne in the 2nd Brigade of the Reserve Army Corp. Aunt Martha with Abe and the boys represented [illegible] Mary Hazard teaching at Center. Battalion Drill afternoon terminating with company drill. But few papers arrive in camp on account of the price being reduced to 5 cts. — The Legend of Barbara Maxwell in the "Bivouac" worthy its name

17.

Wednesday. Warm and Sultry. Rain at night. Squad Drill from 10 to 11 o'clock. Have a very good time. Receive Republic of the 12. Afternoon Battalion Drill, and then the companies drilled by the Sergeants under the supervision of the Genl. Inspection in the evening. Learn that Capt. Stacy of the 2nd Ky has been dishonorably discharged for forgery and Capt. Brown for Swindling. Commence a letter to Rice Lewis

18.

Thursday. Warm and rainy. Very heavy shower afternoon. Squad drill in forenoon but no drill afternoon on account of rain. Receive letters from Father and Mother and from Asa Starbuck. Finish my letter to Rice Lewis. Two spies or rather 2 murderers hung in the freestone to day. 2nd Ky on a scout to day to Bradyer



...ing, disagreeable day. ...ment skirmishing all day ... and Pickets, firing. Pioneers ... building Bridges and ... long line of Breast Works erected along ... crown of the hill in front ... usual Artillery arrangements ... line. Sunday April ... join the Co. Company comm... from Nashville. The Legion ... marched to ... for running ... week. Rain all day ... and Xmas of dead buried decently ... Wives burned by friends. ... Draw rations

... two days for the Brigade. Negleys Division having ... have had a very serious battle ... getting it entirely. Sound of ... heavy rapid firing, rattle ... and artillery, is heard to the rear ... continuing for a long time. ... Hear that the 1st and 2nd East ... Tennessee Regiments having ... armed with Gen Maynards ... movements to night ... in their hand the driving rebels ... pursuing success ... part ... artillery had joined them ... night four of Armed Steady ... Lands one of the most ... impressable I ever passed thro ... my admiration ...

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JUNE.

19.

Friday. More pleasant than yesterday. The cavalry yesterday captured a lot of rebel soldiers hoeing corn. 4 men from each company being detailed daily for that purpose. Applied Drill forenoon. Brigade Drill ending with company drill afternoon. Receive Bulletin of the 18, and commence an answer to Angies letter. The report in regard to Capt Sidey incorrect. He is at Nashville awaiting ...

20.

Saturday. A warm pleasant day. Cavalry Policed and Dress Parade in the evening. Finish my letter to Angie and receive Republics of the 15. Read in part "The Bivouac" by Col. W. H. Maxwell. Scenes related to the Peninsular Campaign under Wellington. Soldier adventures. Legends. Camp scenes. description of battles &c make it particularly interesting to the Soldier.

21.

Sunday. Very pleasant, night cool. Inspection at 10 o'clock and arms stacked on the color line to be examined by the General. Write letters to Uncle Abe and to Eliza Bell sending Eloyza my miniature asked a copy of the Bulletin. Review afternoon, a good time. At night Pickets strengthened attack expected

JUNE.

22.

Monday. Very warm afternoon. Another deserter returned to day. Belongs to Co A. Our regiment on in line picket. Arms stacked on the Color line and ordered to sleep with clothes on. Write to Father and Mother. At night the sentence of the man under arrest as a deserter from Co. D. arrives confirmed - To be shot on the morrow. The guards strengthened and his quarters changed. Is very much agitated

23.

Tuesday. Clear and pleasant. John Thompson Co. D. Shot in the presence of the entire command at three o'clock for desertion. The two Brigades formed in two lines, three sides of a square. The prisoner marched around between the 2 lines each band playing the dead march. He was calm, but dejected and the scene was most impressive. Scanlin and Kenser from our Co. detailed as part of the Squad to execute. Receive orders to move

24.

Wednesday. Rains steady all day. Strike tents and move forward Brady Gap about 1/2 o'clock. The other Brigades and Woods Division joining us on the pike Gen Turchins command of cavalry. Skirmishing in front the greater part of the time. 1 man killed and 1 wounded. Camp in Dug Hollow about 4 o'clock 1 1/2 miles beyond Brady Gap a small Village. Rains all night.

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Troops and artillery moving nearly all night to the right passing the left, Davis and Woods Division.
About three o'clock the clouds began to break away, the moon shone bright and the rain ceased. We have had several phenomenon a rainbow by moonlight it being at a Right Gillmores many times ever.

Sunday Jan 4th

Morning fair but the rain comes and once more we have sunshine. The troops all forming off arms but the lines [illegible] Absent never knew

discovered that the rebels had abandoned their advance line and also their first and second lines of entrenchments and the artillery & horses were evacuated. Parties were sent out to reconnoiter their lines and the whole country was found deserted but had been [illegible] Miles and covered with [illegible] Our dead [illegible] to their graves. Had orders to move from our position [illegible] Regiment [illegible] severely. [illegible] receive a Sept [illegible] Wounded and paroled

JUNE.

25.

Thursday. Another rainy day. Received last night letters from Sabine, Lyonings Wilcoxon, and from Nelson Two Packages of the Bulletin one containing the Legend More comfortable than we expected. Our regiment in the rear of the Brigade. Start about 8 o'clock. Move about 3 miles through a gorge like valley. Then ascend a big ridge and move 3 miles further the division halting in good position for the trains. The hills prevent them reaching us and we remain all night. Unwell

26.

Friday. Very heavy rain all day. Numerous details sent back to help the Wagons up the hills. Our teams only reach us in the evening. The other Brigades still behind. The troops camped here. Turchin with his mounted troops occupies the railroad crossing 3 miles in advance. For 3 days cannonading and heavy artillery firing has been heard to the right. Reported to night that the rebels have been driven from several points — Brown Beech Grove routed

27.

Saturday. Not as much rain as yesterday. Move forward from Wolves Springs about 2 o'clock to within 4 miles of Manchester. The country wild, mostly wooded, a series of forest swamps. Roads very bad. Streams frequent. Turchin occupied yesterday Cross roads instead of Railroad crossing. Have to carry knapsacks and the march a very fatiguing one.

JUNE.

28.

Sunday. Forenoon rainy — Afternoon pleasant Train does not get up till this morning. Cook 3 days rations, pack the knapsacks in the wagons and about noon move forward to near Manchester camping on an old camp ground near Duck River. Gen Thomas already here. Rosecrans reported in Tullahoma. Receive letters from Louisa Link and Huldah Howell. Link discharged June 21. Huldah sends an Ambrotype. Answer Louisas letter

29.

Monday. Heavy rain all day. Remain in camp all day or till evening. Knapsacks and baggage with half the wagons turned over to be sent to Murfreesboro. Move in the evening across Duck River and a short distance beyond Manchester camping near the fortifications of the grand rebel camps. Troops camped every where, our advance (Rosecrans) 8 miles to the front The Pioneers with pontoons ready for the move

30.

Tuesday. Warm and Showery. Remain in camp all day. Manchester a pleasant located and rather a pretty little place. Make out muster rolls and company muster. Write a letter to Sophie. Wood moves into camp within sight of us — Camps presenting a splendid appearance. Dress Parade in the evening

Creek was also found there. The other boys could not be heard from. were not dead nor on the field. lost in the woods. Soon after more our troops commenced moving towards Vicksburg passing the wrecks along the pike. Sunday, & after church that Genl's division had taken possession of the place. The rebels in abandoning their entrenchments left powder ammunition and provisions here in large quantities. It is almost impossible to describe the feeling of relaxation experienced by the army when the rebel lines were withdrawn. Bugles sounded, men cheered, drums beat and the army woke itself again. Remained during the night at the same place. Night cool and full of cheerful moonshine.

Monday June 5.

A very pleasant day. Our men busy burying the dead and hunting up the wounded. Flag of truce sent upon the rebel flank. Dark and Hard tack go to Vicksburg. Have been engaged up to our eyes in preparations for leaving. Receive orders to be ready to move at 2 A.M. tomorrow.

JULY.

1.

Wednesday. A very warm day. Write a letter to Mary Hodgard but do not mail it. Strike tents and move from camp without wagons carrying picks, axes, and spades about 11 o'clock. Move along a by road through a long stretch of unbroken forests first in a Southerly direction then almost due south east. The day very hot. Many men sun struck & ill. Fatigued & overheated. March 8 miles.

2.

Thursday. More pleasant than yesterday. Last night Lieut Morris of the 21st Ohio and Lieut Wilson of the 94th both now in the Pioneer Corps visit our camp. Start this morning about 9 o'clock and by easy marches move forward 6 miles camping near some excellent springs at a somewhat noted Ferry and the rebels holding it until last night. Huckleberries in luxurious profusion, Sammy Peaches in abundance and beef plentiful.

3.

Friday. Move early to cross Yalobusha River. Soon reach the main road. A very heavy shower visits through and makes the road almost a mire. Very Delicious. Impossible to cross the river and march back camping ground. The main road thronged before. The boys go cheerily into burning and march from Parises from it.

JULY.

4.

Saturday. Showery. Remain camped in the woods. A supply train arrives and also the regimental Wagons. Become up about noon. Receive a letter from Abe and Republics of the 24th of June. Mail my letter to Mary Hodgard & write to Sister and Webster. Dress Parade in the evening. Receive Republic of the 25th. Hear again of the fall of Vicksburg and of Meade succeeding Hooker.

5.

Sunday. Another warm showery day. Write letters to Matt Hoblitt, Huldah Howell and Rice Lewis. Still remain in the woods. Lonesome and not much news. Hear that Lee has been defeated near Gettysburg, Penn. Wood said to be at Pelhams 9 miles in advance of us. Our cavalry pressing the rebels warmly to the mountains. Rations (half) issued and whiskey issued to the men at night.

6.

Monday. Forenoon rainy. Afternoon clear and warm. Receive Republics of June 28 & 29 and a letter from Marion Jones. Write to Father and Mother. Camp quiet. Receive late papers giving news from the East. Account of the Expedition of Tullahoma and Shelbyville. Genl Rosecrans Hd Qrs here 2 miles from Elk River

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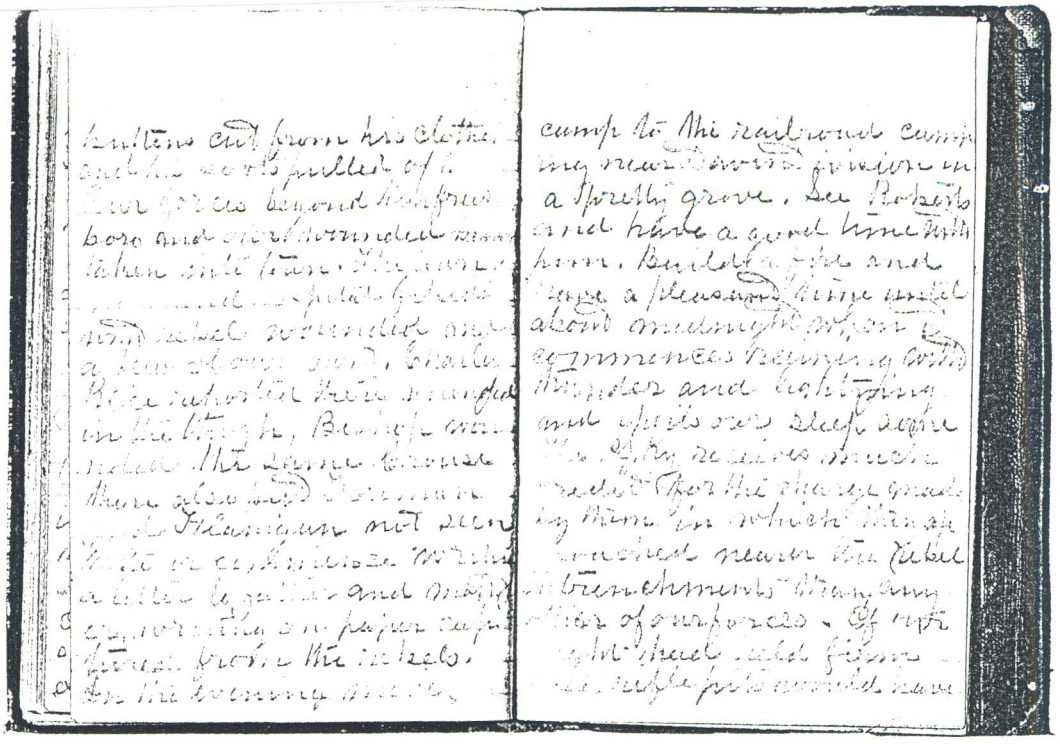

buttons cut from his clothes and his words spelled out.
Our forces beyond Rienzi
boro and surrounded near
taken this town. The
[illegible] hospitals [illegible]
[illegible] sealed surrender and
a few about 200, Charles
Rice authorized this surrender
in the absence, Bishop and
[illegible] The Rebel troops
there also had [illegible]
[illegible] Flanigan not allow
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
a letter to gather and mail
[illegible] on paper cap
[illegible] from the inside.
In the evening [illegible]

camp to the railroad camp
my near Bowen's [illegible] in
a pretty grove. See Roberts
and have a good time with
him. Build a fire and
have a pleasant time until
about midnight when I
commences raining with
thunder and lightning
and spoils our sleep some
[illegible] My readers must
recollect that the change made
by them in which they
involved mean the rebel
intrenchments drawn around
Vicksburg of our forces. If not
right read rebel forces
[illegible] rifle pits around them

JULY.

7.

Tuesday. A rainy day. During the day na
tional salutes fired at Tullahoma and the
different Hd. Qrs. Learn that Lee has been de
feated, one of his corps, (Genl Hills, 26000 strong
captured and over 100 pieces of artillery. The Battle
fought on the 4th. Hear also of the fall of Vicksburg
the assault made on the same day. Great excitement
in camp - Squads allowed outside to gather
berries. Have suppers that a king might envy

8.

Wednesday. Rain in the morning but the day
warm with a clear sky and pure air.
Start early and move for Manchester by the Hills
boro road. The roads almost entirely overflowed
and the march one continual wade. The streams
high and in fording them get wet to the middle.
The mud frequently knee deep for great distances
Many swamps passed through. Reach Manchester about
3 o'clock. distance 15 miles. Hillsboro a small place

9.

Thursday. A pleasant day. Camp policed and
partly arranged. One of Vancleves Brigades leaves
for McMinnville to join the others there. Men
behind yesterday put on extra duty to day. The
first train comes up from Tullahoma.
Finish reading to day "A life for a life" by the au
thor of John Halifax, Gentlemen". A peculiar, but powerful tale

JULY.

10.

Pleasant Friday for once. Busy all day
arranging camp. Company nearly all on duty.
Receive a letter from Harlan stating that he is a
Redoubt - Johnson, Fort - Rosecrans, Murfreesboro
Tishes his descriptive Roll. Receives his Discharge Nash
ville Union. Pemberton surrendered Vicksburg
with 12,000 duty men and 6000 sick and Com
Morgan reported in Indiana. Grant made Major
Genl in the Regular Army. Meade Brigadier Genl.

11.

Saturday. Pleasant; warm, day partially clou
ed. Camp well arranged and policed. Com
mence the Pay Rolls. A train loaded with re
cruits comes up from Tullahoma. Col. Emery
Provost Marshal of this district. On the 9th received
in part our knapsacks and Baggage. The property
of the Division mixed in confusion and many los
their knapsacks. Swedishen ale his baggage, My Knap
sack &c. The property to be accounted for.

12.

Sunday. Warm and cloudy. Rain afternoon
and evening. Busy all day with the Pay Rolls.
Write to Harlan sending him his descriptive Ro
Dress Parade in the evening. Our camp now
in excellent condition. Water privileges good
a large stream and excellent springs near.
Crouse now returned and with the Butlers

been of no use for that purpose. Heard the heavy firing in the direction of Murfreesboro. Showing that Rosecrans has crossed the Cumberland River. The rebel forces moved towards Shelbyville.

Tuesday, Jan 6,

Rain ceases in the morning and the day turns out pleasant. Finish and mail my letter home. Thaws considerably. Orders for the forenoon a detail sent to bury the dead and some return reporting the ladder completed.

For the afternoon over to Davis Division. Learn that Clem was taken prisoner at Rolingsville paroled and sent to Springfield Illinois. That Kaufman has been transferred to the Pioneer Corps as Captain. Roy Kendall was out on picket 24 hours & did not get to see any of them. Hear to day from our boys in Murfreesboro. All there alive and doing as well as wounded except Preston who being badly wounded was sent to Nashville hospital for exchange. They were with them all fight and our wounded had good

JULY.

13.

Monday. Warm and rainy. Write to day to Linth. to the Bulletin and to the Republic. Louisville Papers of the 6th speak of the 20, Ky being captured by Morgan. Generals Crittenden and Rosecrans visit the camps. Half rations still issued much to the dissatisfaction of the men. Commence reading Scotts "Peveril of the Peak" a tale of Queen Elizabeth's time. The place said to be 18 miles from Allamont - about the same as Nashville.

14.

Tuesday. Warm and pleasant. Write to Uncle Abe and to Father and Mother. Receive letters from Angie, from Father and Mother and from Rice Lewis. Nashville Papers of the 12, received giving particulars of the Battle of Vicksburg. Grant has a personal interview with Pemberton and arranges the terms of the surrender. The prisoners paroled. Genl Gordon Granger placed in command of the Cumberland District - All of the Dept north of Duck River.

15.

Wednesday. Warm, smoky and cloudy. Write to Angie, Receive Bulletins of the 2d & 11th. - News of the 9th to Capt Grant. Details made from each Company made to cut railroad ties. Morgan said to be in Ohio near Mcmmiesville. Port Hudson captured with 7000 prisoners.

JULY.

16.

Thursday. A pleasant day. Leave camp at 7 o'clock on a forage expedition, the men riding in the wagons. Go toward the mountains within 5 miles of the Sunnyville, turning then toward Allamont on our old route of last Summer. At the foot of the mountains turn again toward Manchester taking the Hickory Creek Road. Camp for the night at Davis & Woolwine's. Country near the mountains, rich rolling lands, well settled. Crops of corn good - Wheat in shock plenty.

17.

Friday. Foggy and pleasant. Saw more Black berries yesterday than ever before in one days journey. The boys pillage extensively in spite of guards. Start this morning all well loaded with chickens, fresh meat, potatoes, Onions &c. Cut a field of oats, bind and have the wagons loaded by noon. Start at 1 o'clock march for camp taking it by regular stages and make the 12 miles easy. Reaching Manchester about sun down. Road good - Receive a letter from Louisa & Republics

18.

Saturday. Clear and pleasant. Do not feel as tired as yesterdays march much this morning. Finish the pay rolls ready for signing. Paymaster ready to pay. Receive a letter from Harlan acknowledging receipt of his Descriptive Rolls. Shelbyville Co. G. 9th Battalion Cmo. Camp. Crook and Fuller sent to Louisville - Starve to Nashville. Receive Republics

travel, leaving surgeons to attend to the sick.
Night clear but very cool. Sleep almost impossible. Although we have a large fire. Have a pleasant talk with Roberts to-day.

Wednesday June 7.
Day pleasant. Wrong hour left Move about nine o'clock. Journey tiresome, passing through the field of battle and have a better view of the different positions. Main battle and reconstruction several things before unseen. The bright flank on the 21st when to general moved

sweeping round like a door on hinges until it passed almost to the rear, and had prevailed with the pike bar on our left. This left our right completely exposed and the attack by two brigades of our division leaving their place in line on the left before us explains why we came so near being surrounded. We were the last troops to go with the train and the move being made by us made it a little more difficult to clear the rebel lines. We pass the grave yards of many of the regiments. The men

19.

Sunday. Warm and sultry. The usual policing and inspection. Write to the Bulletin and to Webster. Receive Republic of the 15. giving accounts of the turn out of the Militia. Battle for Old Clarke. Afternoon the motions of Review went through with, lazily, all in bad humor. Pay Rolls of the Regiment refused by the inspector on account of assumed errors.

20.

Monday. Very warm. New Pay Rolls made out. 2nd Pay paid for 4 months. Write a letter to Genl Cooke crave for Damme and Mitchell in reference to the money lost on April 15th. Louisville papers of the A. reed. Report Wolford after Morgan. Lo to Diamond cut-diamond. Finish reading "Kenilworth". A brilliant picture of the customs of Queen Elizabeth's Time. The Earl of Leicester and his unfortunate Countess the principal characters

21.

Tuesday. Pleasant. Two Daguerrean establishments commence operations near us. Many women from the country visit them. Col Cahill arrives in camp on a visit. Lieut Snedeker placed under arrest for refusing to act as Officer of the Guard. Lieut Brown Commanding the Company. Sir Walter Raleigh plays a conspicuous part in "Kenilworth"

22.

Wednesday. Very warm with pleasant breeze. Write to the Republic, to Maria Jones and to Farren. Receive Republic of the 17, & News of the 14. Gov. Lod sends half the Militia home again. The turn out generally in Clarke County. Judge White, Nichols, &c. among the volunteers. J. Morgan reported captured with Col. Duke and nearly all his force by Genl Shackelford. Morgan after the agreement to surrender escapes with a small force

23.

Thursday. Very warm. Companies and quarters inspected by the Major. Write a letter to Lt. Curgus Wilcox and. Send Charles Meyers descriptive Roll to Lieut John T. Thornton at Tullahoma - old acquaintance of the R. Ile. McLean arrested in town. Read "The Monk" by M. G. Lewis a tale of monastic cruelties. A peculiar and startling delineation of unholy passion. Can see the lesson Matthew intends to convey but cannot admire the manner.

24.

Friday. Very warm. Pay Rolls signed. Brigade Guard posted instead of regimental. Receive letters from Father and Mother and from Matt. Haslett. Write to E. E. H. - Many rebel deserters come inside our lines to take the oath. Report a cavalry expedition fitting out at Chattanooga for the invasion of Kentucky. Bulletins of the R. Received.

buried in many cases where they fell. Hundreds of horses mangled by shot still obscured the field. In one place four horses lay piled together killed by the explosion of a caisson. Crossed the stream on the Nolinsville Pike. The rebel intrenchments insignificant not constructed half as well as our own. Our noble pets neared were driving and producing a cross fire. The companies equalized and march brought on by companies presenting a splendid appearance.

The town seemingly deserted by citizens but nearly every available house filled with wounded, principally rebels who attended much suffering as our foes. Rebel surgeons in splendid uniform, gray, running perfectly at home among their wounded. Go about three miles out the Murfreesboro road and camp in wood lot. Gen Palmer shaking his head guarding rear. Before we get further out have to go on picket leaving men to burn cotton &c. &c. In passing and camped Gen Rosecrans moving in rear with trains.

JULY.

25.

Saturday. A very warm day. Rain at night. Finish reading the novel "Zanoni" by Bulwer. A tale of the theories and mysteries of the Rosicrucians showing their grandeur and at last their fallacy. "Immortal life more easily attained through temporal death by their overprizes." The characters "Zanoni" and Viola superbly drawn. Regt. paid in part for 4 mos. Orang. is error do not receive my money. Receive Republics of the 20, containing my letter of the 13.

26.

Sunday. Warm but pleasant. Rain at night. Major Knox finishes paying the regiment. Some mistake made again with our Rolls and have to make out a new one. The paymaster a chatty clever old gentleman. Perrine arrives from Murfreesboro bring news received by telegraph of Morgans Capture. Commence a letter to Father and Mother. A Tullahoma a scene to day. Two daughters of a Tennessean killed at Stone River forwarded to Nashville by this evening.

27.

Monday. A pleasant day. Write a long letter to Father and mother. Receive a letter from Webster and one from Abe. Get Father's and Mothers miniatures put in a case. And get my own miniature taken. Gen Palmer has a great time trying to get a little girls picture taken. Lend him Ten Dollars.

JULY.

28.

Tuesday. Warm and pleasant. McAvoy and Burkhart return from Murfreesboro. John J. Crittenden died at Frankfort Ky. on the 26. His illness occasions the absence of our Corps Commander. The death of Maj. McCook occasions the absence of Gen McCook's. The capture of Morgan near New Lisbon confirmed. Hinsely Staff and entire force taken. Our regiment finish cutting lies.

29.

Wednesday. Warm and pleasant. General Minster at 10 o'clock. Inspection &c mean. Adjt. Winnedell inspecting officer. Write a letter to Mell Hoskins. Receive Bulletins of the 25, containing my two letters and the scenes of May 29. Considerable of a row in town-principally over Whiskey. Col. Conyngham at home. Hear that he is ordered to report at Washington and that Col Cahill goes to Europe. McReaddy the English Painter dead.

30.

Thursday. Forenoon warm. Afternoon cold and heavy rain with some hail. Evening cold. After much examination get my money. 80 dollars of Brown the Paymasters assistants. Commence a letter to the Bulletin &c at Hd. Qrs. a petition from the citizens of this county to be treated as loyal.

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speaks to the men, asks of their welfare and saying that he is glad to see them so well. Our company parade near the fence and form a hollow square. Hood appears to be a large drum fife & our reserve drum and is also a large pile of corn corralled. The boys command with the rations keeping a sentinel of whiskey for each corn heavy, carrying each man a refreshing draught.

A remarkable meteor make a beautiful appearance in the early part of the evening

A bright blaze passing thro the sky leaving for a minute or more a luminous streak marking its path. Lights very cool especially the forefoot clear and colorless as ice. The after foot cloudy and not as cool.

Thursday Jan. 2

Day tolerably pleasant. The evening becoming stormy. Our Negroes broke out and got their corn much to the annoyance of the owners. Retired about 9 o'clock by the Mr. Ellis mansion where Mr. Brown, Hoover & Smith and have a veritable feast

31.

Friday. Clear and pleasant. Write letters to Webster, to the Bulletin and to Ann Starbuck. Receive letters from Angie and from Molfsey. More trouble in camp caused by whiskey. Lieutenants Brown and McKee under arrest. Lieut Farren hostess assigned to the command of our company. Receive a letter from Thornton apologizing for the insolence of his clerks. All night trouble in Co. A. and fun in Co. C. The picture galleries closed by order.

The novel "A life for a life" read the fore part of the month, so different from others tales, so much of simplicity in its narration (Being told by letters coming alternately from the Hero and the heroine tilled - his story - her story - a mans view and a womans of each event) a plot without effort - these peculiarities stick it to memory like the image of a natural friends and open hearted friend holds them it's away. In "Kenilworth" Sir Walter Raleigh is introduced as the most successful young gallant at Elizabeths Court. The Queens character well drawn. The character "Amy" the countess indeed a beautiful one. If Scott had said his all against Leicester or Dudley he could not make him more hated.

1.

Saturday. Very warm with cool rain in the evening. Inspection at 10 o'clock. Wrote to Thornton and to the Republic. Over to town in the morning. The streets and business places thronged with citizens, principally women. Not much attention paid to fashion. See but one or two ladies tastefully dressed. Read yesterday and to day. "Rogers Pleasures of Memory" and Campbells Pleasures of Hope.

2.

Sunday. Very warm and sultry. Guns of the regiment stacked in line and quarters inspected by Col Sedgrick. Write letters to the 79th and to Angie. Brigade reviewed in the evening by Generals Knuft and Hazen. Send ten dollars home in Angies letter. Read in part McHenrys Pleasures of Friendship. Col Bissees wife and other northern ladies in camp.

3.

Monday. Warm and sultry. Read Popes Life "the Rape of the Lock" and a part of the Iliad. Read Harpers Monthly and also the Weekly. Receive letters from Addison Davies and from Buldah Howell. Learn from a Review that Dinah Mariah Mulock (Miss) is author of "John Halifax Gentleman." Town crowded by hundreds of citizens - intelligence not to do former

in getting our knapsacks and in getting into line. The majority of the boys got their blankets safe and we certainly enjoy the sleeping tents and rubber blankets. Blacks knapsack cannot be found but I find his pocket book and a volume of poems. Receive yesterday a letter from Maria Lewis. and Republics of the 28 and 29. Night cloudy with a multitude of sound and rage.

Tuesday June 9, Day very pleasant. Col Key left for Murfreesboro to

bring over our wounded, taking with him blankets and knapsacks. Our company strike tents and move to the right of the line and Co D. Morning over place. Late in the afternoon the division moves back about a mile encamping on a beautiful grove with fine water. Tents and get things fixed when we receive orders to be ready to move to Shelbyville tonight in the morning. The 9th Ohio being rear guard. Tennessee as Union men meet and our brigade

AUGUST.

4.

Tuesday. Very warm. Col. Enyart and Captain arrive on the train from Cincinnati. Col. Enyart paints from test and takes conclusions. Pioneer and Cohen to Murfreesboro. Many Convalescents arrive from Murfreesboro among them Sheubly and Sullivan.

Write a letter to the Republic and receive Republics of the 27. July. Sprecher comes up on the train. Regiments ordered to draw 10. days rations.

5.

Wednesday. Forenoon very warm. Afternoon severe thunder shower cools the air. Write letters for Joy to Isaac Betts and friends in Cincinnati. Write to Addison Jones. Read during the day 4 books of the Iliad. 10 days rations issued to the different Companies. Train does not arrive like last bring my but little mail. Camp overflowed in spite of ditches and much fun in spite of damp.

6.

Thursday. Very warm. Receive letters from Pomeroy, Mary and from E. E. H. Explanatory and satisfactory the last. Cars returns from Tullahoma. Capt Baker commands at Dress Parade. At night a fire in Co A. A great commotion and little damage

AUGUST.

7.

Friday. Warm with pleasant breeze. Write a letter to Louisa sending home Ten dollars. Give my gun a general overhauling. This takes up the day. Again receive orders to have 10 days Rations packed ready to move. Rumored that our line is to be extended to the left. our division moving to McMinnville. A wounded soldier in camp exhibiting views of noted places, battle &c. 50. cts a peep.

8.

Saturday. Very warm. Regular the monthly inspection at 10 o'clock. Every thing in good order. Write a letter, a long one, to E & H. Receive Bulletins of the 1st. Late at night receive orders to move on the morrow at daylight with two days ration. Our company asked Co A. to go as train guard to Tullahoma. Do not get to sleep much on account of the boys having a romp.

9.

Sunday. Warm with pleasant breeze. Start early as rear guard to a train of 200 wagons loaded with ammunition reaching Tullahoma about 3 o'clock P. M. Quarter in an unfurnished house allowed freedom like morning. Visit Mason and Stilwell finding the former recovering from sickness. A great fire at night. Much excitement and alarm.

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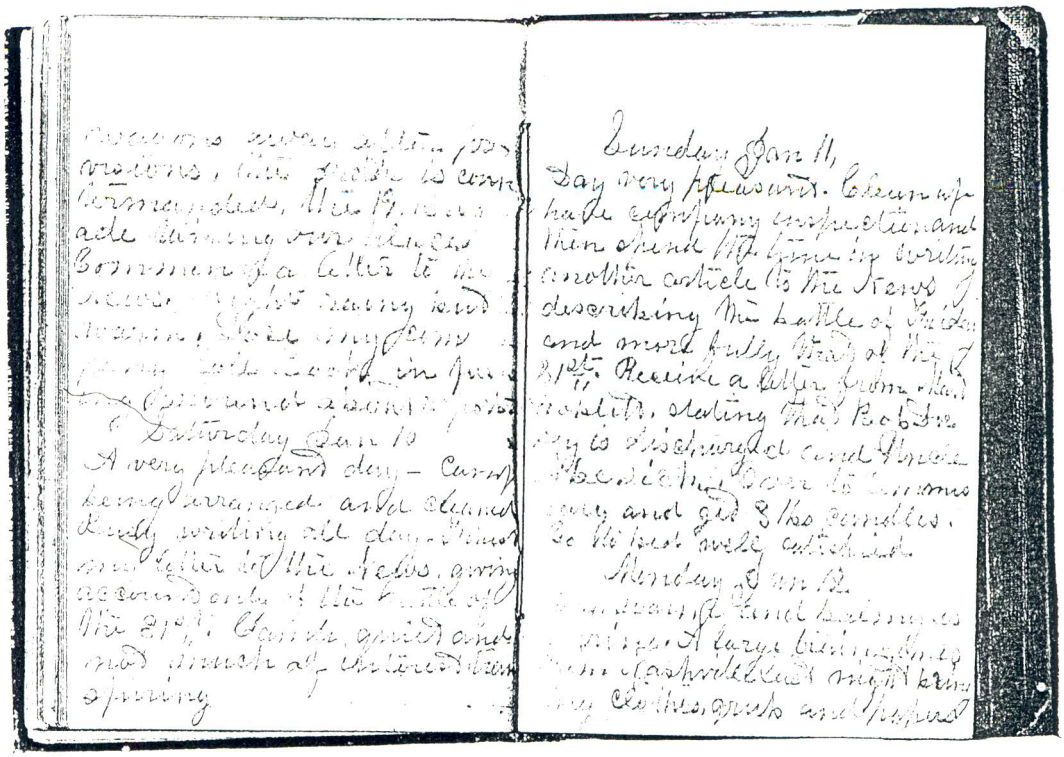

Receives orders to [illegible] for
Virginia, this Regt to be com
manded by Col. Wm. P. [illegible]
ade during our stay
Commences a letter to Mr
News. Night [illegible] heavy
warm. Heard my name
from [illegible] in [illegible]
Command [illegible]

Saturday Jan 10
A very pleasant day – Comp
being arranged and cleaned
Busily writing all day – Finish
my letter to Mr Hollis, giving
account of the battle of
the 21st. Capts. quiet and
and much of interest from
[illegible]

Sunday Jan 11,
Day very pleasant. Clean up
hade cigar[illegible] company inspection and
then shave. Write home by evening
another article to the News
describing the battle of Friday
and every thing at the C
21st. Receive a letter from Mary
Smith, stating that Bob Bre
ry is discharged and Uncle
Mr. Sidell [illegible] to Tennessee
very sick and [illegible] Penrose.
Be the last week entitled.

Monday Jan 12.
[illegible] and business
[illegible] A large [illegible]
from Nashville last night bring
my clothes, quilts and [illegible]

AUGUST.

10.

Monday. Warmer than yesterday. Start-
about 9 o'clock from Tullahoma, march
6 miles, stop for dinner-eat-then by easy
marches reach Camp before noon.
The house burned last night – a rebel hospital
supposed to have been fired by an incendiary
Women frightened, men working in confusion
and rogues stealing with impunity. Tullahoma
not as large nor as pretty a place as Manchester

11.

Tuesday. Warm with pleasant breeze.
Clothing issued to the companies. Some
trouble forseen. Read to day Mrs Greys
"Flirt" a plain naturally told tale of Eng-
lish fashionable life. Read also Reynolds
"Rosalie Dupont" one of his series of attractive
Revolutionary tales. Receive Republics of
the 9th. The outer line of fortifications at Tulla-
homa about a mile from town and the main work

12.

Wednesday. Very warm. Write letters to
Hallidah, Scott-about to Aunt. Marin Matson.
Receive a letter from Lycurgus Wilcoxon
Johnson sent back sick. Train does not
arrive till late. Trouble in Co "A." Read to day
Mrs Greys "The Duke and the Cousin" a re
markably good tale – one of the best.

AUGUST.

13.

Thursday. Weather about the same as yesterday
Receive a letter from Marion Jones.
Much whiskey in camp and much con
fusion well [illegible] in consequence
Co. K. drunk as Scott, and drunk as Bacchus
[illegible] Holland several times. Reread in part
the Duke and the Cousin admiring the manly dig
nity of the duke, the noble unwonted frankness
of Blanche the touching simplicity & beauty of Eva's

14.

Friday. Pleasant warm with violent rain
afternoon. Lane Rose receives a commission as
2nd Lieut in Co B but is not sworn in. Read
"Amalie or The Lady of Pearls" a tale by Alex
ander Dumas the younger. a tale french in
morals and in scene but well told and for
a good object – Proof that illegitimate love can-
not bring true happiness.

15.

Saturday. Pleasant and showery. Regular
Tri monthly inspection at 2 o'clock. Receive
letters from Father and Mother with Postage
Stamps inclosed. Get my watch fixed at
C. Chas. paying $1.50 for a Main Spring. Send
Crittenden Thurmond. Receive orders late at
night to be ready to move at daylight.

Have a grand time reading N.Y. papers we found in the Camp vacated at this point. The old ground bottles here. Before we finish rebelling we ordered to Lafe in for a forage Expedition. Start about 10 o'clock go through Murfreesboro and five miles and the Nolinsville Pike to Wilkinsons Cross Roads. Murfreesboro not very pleasant looking - has all the gloom of a hospital - Rebel nurses and surgeons hiding around with considerable style and some young ladies visiting the wounded Rebs. Get a better view of the battle ground before. See plainly Hardees position and how gallantly even we were all the things to the Rebs on the right. See where Gen Cook formed and before the rebel breastworks and traces his advance and retreat by the marks of carnage. Hundreds of horses, half decaying lie thickly, over the field for two and three miles back. Every house along the road sports the red flag, and gentlemen some of whom are the rebel wounded. The latter are the ones needs cares

AUGUST.

16.

Sunday. Morning pleasant but long delay here during the day till near night. After much confusion leave camp about 8 o'clock the different Brigades marching in order as numbered, our regt. in the rear of our Brigade. Take the Hickory Creek Road, striking Murfreesboro and camping at the settlement at Wallens Store, known as Vidalia or Viola. Knapsacks carried and the march very fatiguing.

17.

Monday. Pleasant with light shower. Move from camp about 9 o'clock toward the mountains. March 12 miles and camp on Cotton Creek near Irving College an old primitive establishment. Road almost in ruins very rough; water scarce and march very exhausting. Gen Crittenden join us. Col Enyart acted Provost severely wounded yesterday. Country to day a valley of rich farming lands

18.

Tuesday. Pleasant. Leave camp at College Creek early, march toward Dunlap fording Collins River, moving by easy marches up this beautiful, rich valley some 6 miles then climb a steep mountain, camp for dinner at the summit; move about 2 miles further along the ridge and camp for the night. — 11 miles

AUGUST.

19.

Wednesday. Pleasant. Leave camp just after daylight, march along the mountain ridge road good for 15 miles then commence the abrupt descent of the mountain to the Sequatchie valley, 3 miles of precipitous plunges & cliffs camp at Dunlap a small village, county seat of Sequatchie County. Wilder in before us having a skirmish, capturing some 20 prisoners. March to day very exhausting. Crittenden Hd Qrs

20.

Thursday. Pleasant. Remain at Dunlap all day. Wagons and Gun Carriages badly broken coming down the mountain. Wilder moves forward he got got in yesterday in time to save some Union Scouts about to be hung by rebel guerrillas. The village here a modern affair but the settlement and old one. — 2½ miles from Chattanooga. Crittenden has with him his little boy, who sports the generals insignia.

21.

Friday. Pleasant: Still at Dunlap. Many people, intelligent and well dressed visit camp. Daily refreshing to hear Union sentiments freely outspoken and to be welcomed by the people. Write a letter home, to Father, Mother and Mary but do not mail it. Gen Palmer with Wilders advance at Harrisons Landing, drive Rebs

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No are absent[ed] ourselves
at the usual time are sent
to our respective and have
orders to [illegible] guns and
cartridges. Have a skirmish
drill home and [illegible]
into Camp. The Camp is [illegible]
Lantern-ing over [illegible]
and every [illegible]
to [illegible]. Received to day
a letter from Angie.

Tuesday Jan 13.

A warm and pleasant day.
Many smoking and measles
reported. Attention of [illegible]
[illegible] of our regiment,
Co E enjoy leave for home
Furn Blankets issued to
the troops. Dismount drill in
the forenoon and Dress Parade
in the evening.

Wednesday Jan 14

Rainy and unpleasant. Write
to the company's agent and
write a letter to Geo. Smith
Near evening rain [illegible] to
a storm. Go on picket at 4 p.m.
to the right of the Lebanon
pike. The rain pouring very
fiercely. Disagreeable. Station at
reserve on a stable. Fix beds of
cornblades and build fires
in the stable. Rain all night
and dismal all night
and the sleepy horses, men and
dogs in one stable, and the dim

AUGUST.

22.

Saturday. Warm, threatening rain. Gen Palmer returns from the front. Rebels re-ported evacuating. Many people in camp. Mountaineers report Castle near Knoxville and Burnside at Sparta. A report also that Davis Division is on the mountain. Roasting ears handed in and issued out. Rolls cut every two hours. Read Mrs Grey's "Passion and Principle" a good tale.

23.

Sunday. Warm but pleasant. Inspection at 10 o'clock. Details sent for potatoes. News from Wilder indicate a strong rebel force at Chattanooga. He attacked at 3 different points but had to retire. Forage trains came in well loaded. Rebels in east Tennessee seem to have anticipated the present movement. Read to day "The Pride of life" by Lady Scott a tale similar to Better for Worse

24.

Monday. Warm, threatening rain. Camp policed and rearranged in form. A large mail arrives bringing to me letters from Angie, Webster, Reed Lewis, and Asa Blair back. Write immediately to Angie mailing any other letters home visiting Lt. A Tenn Regt. being recruited here. Commence reading Confidants by Miss Shelhard.

AUGUST.

25.

Tuesday. Cloudy and warm. Companies inspected by Wynedelle, Brigade Inspector, Potatoes brought in and issued to the Companies Carson the Guerrilla shot by citizens at Mc Minnville. The Union men on the mountains very bitter almost bloodthirsty. Refugees from the rebel lines being organized into regiments or sent north. Hundreds have reported here. Continue the Confidants" well pleased

26.

Wednesday. Clear and Pleasant. night very cold. Quarters well policed. Hamlin sent to Post Hospital. J. C. Williams ordered to the company. News that Fort Sumpter and Wagner have been taken by our troops. Finish reading Elizabeth Sheppards Confidants a peculiarly brilliant tale but not a pleasant one More like a flash of lightning than the radiance of the sun but still no one regrets.

27.

Thursday. Clear and pleasant. Write letters to Webster and the Bulletin. Gen Hagen reports the fall of Charleston and a Union victory on the Potomac. Wilder took yesterday a large rebel forage party, who declared their intention to drive into our lines. Read Eva St Clair and other short tales by James. Pleasant as usual

line of sentinels & us, a good picture for Leslie. Do not sleep any the nearly 3 o'clock. Miss Pike in among the bleeders and have a good laugh. Gobaugh and Gilson have an disgraceful fight in the morning

Thursday Jan 15

Rain still continues, the angel hing colder and the rain changing to snow in the afternoon. Sleep nearly all the forenoon and in the afternoon read the "Bandits of the Osage" by Rynall not as well told as Lone Star. Relieved about 4 o'clock by the 86, Ind and return to camp to find the camps in part overflowed. Find the Lieuts alive in our tent and a good fire and are very comfortable. The boys have a jolly time, sent them and Guthrie staying with us. Night very cold but slept comfortably.

Friday Jan 16.

Day one of the coldest of the season. Commence a letter to day to the Republic. In the evening Dress Parade not with standing the cold. At night go to Gen Daniels, sign the papers papers and receive $6.20 from as pay for letter. Lucky in the Commissary way, by a can of butter and lapse a

28.

Friday. Clear and pleasant. Make out the monthly return. Write to the Republic. Read "Agnes Grey" a plain quiet tale by Charlotte Bronte. No effort made to be brilliant but much to appear common place. Quite an excitement in camp some bummers reporting rebel cavalry as having chased them and captured some of the boys. The "Rebels" prove to be our own Mounted Scouts

29.

Saturday. Clear and pleasant. Night very cool. Our regiment move camp to get more room. Co K. takes the right of the Regt and we take their place 3rd in line. Ground very dusty and much trouble to clean. A large mail arrives and is distributed late at night. Receive a letter from Louise and Bulletins of the 15 and 22, Also one Republic. Duff and Pyet our knapsacks.

30.

Sunday. Clear and pleasant. Much Policeing done. Take two wagon loads of dirt from our street. Company inspection at 10, o'clock and Dress Parade in the evening. Hear that Capt Hunt is under arrest. Supply train arrives. Attend church in the forenoon. A large audience, Ladies, civilians and soldiers.

31.

Monday. Clear and pleasant. Regular muster day and regimental muster by Lieut Winchell. Write a letter to Louisa but do not mail it. Ditch our street and police. At night receive orders to move at 6 o'clock in the morning. Wood camped in the valley 6 miles below.

Our corps flag, red white and blue three stripes with large blue star the same in number as the number of the division, with the number of the Brigade marked in white upon each star. Thomas corps flag - Blue arranged the same in regard to stars and figures. McCook's flag red — Learn from Frank Leslie that the author of "Romola" "Adam Bede" &c is Miss Evans, writing under the nom de plume of George Elliott. Instead of being the wife of M. G. Lewes she is his "Mistress" and for this reason they live retired, visited by Robert Browning and Leigh Hunt. Lewes first married a Miss Jervis twelve years with Thornton Hunt, then deserted by her, he "lives and loves" with Miss Evans. This bit of gossip known to all can better understand why he wrote the "Monk". The flag of the Reserve Corps is pointed one half red and half blue with white crescents and numbers in the middle of stars. Our Corps Hd. Qr. flag. Three stripes Red, White and Blue, a spread eagle with the No. 21, marked on it

good supper. Night very cold.

Saturday Jan 17.

Clear and fine at sunshine but cold. Finish writing letter to the Republic. Make out a descriptive roll for Chas. Rees. Remain in camp. He is regularly detailed key Rossmans as nurse in the Hospital at Murfreesboro. Hardy & others receive orders to move but after getting ready the orders countermanded. Expect to move tomorrow morning. Write a letter to Lucy to-day in the evening. Mr Hall moved and to-day [illegible] good fire

comfortable

Sunday Jan 18

Day tolerably cold but clear and beautiful. Move about 9 o'clock from camp and out the Nic. Murfreesboro road 6 miles to Stony Creek. A wagon to each company, knapsacks and baggage hauled and all to all the trip a pleasant one. The scenery magnificent, grand hills and dales and mountains half covered with snow adding to the picturesque. Little cedar trees were native as old acquaintances and each brought fondest memories. We camped along

SEPTEMBER.

1.

Tuesday. Clear and pleasant. Leave camp early moving down the valley. A good level road but very dusty. Pass Woods vacated camp and Wilders Transportation about 6 miles from Dunlap. Were moved yesterday. March regularly with regular rests, stopping an hour at noon and marching till near sundown making 22 miles, camping on [illegible] creek 15 miles from Dunlap. All fatigued but come into camp, music playing

2.

Wednesday. Clear and pleasant. In camp all day on Little Sequatchie. Visit a large cave pertaining far into the mountain, chambers large, following the course of a subterranean stream. Hundreds of soldiers with torches flit like ghosts lighting up its gloomy sublimity. Water and air inside very cool. The valley here widens and mountains less steep. Commence reading Dumas "Louise".

3.

Thursday. Pleasant. Move about 10. o'clock through Jasper, cross the Sequatchie about a mile from town, stop in a beautifully shaded bottom and rest 2 hours. Move to the Tennessee and rest till 11 o'clock then cross the river on flat boats and camp at Shellmound Station. Sleep in quarters occupied by Rebels. March 12 miles

SEPTEMBER.

4.

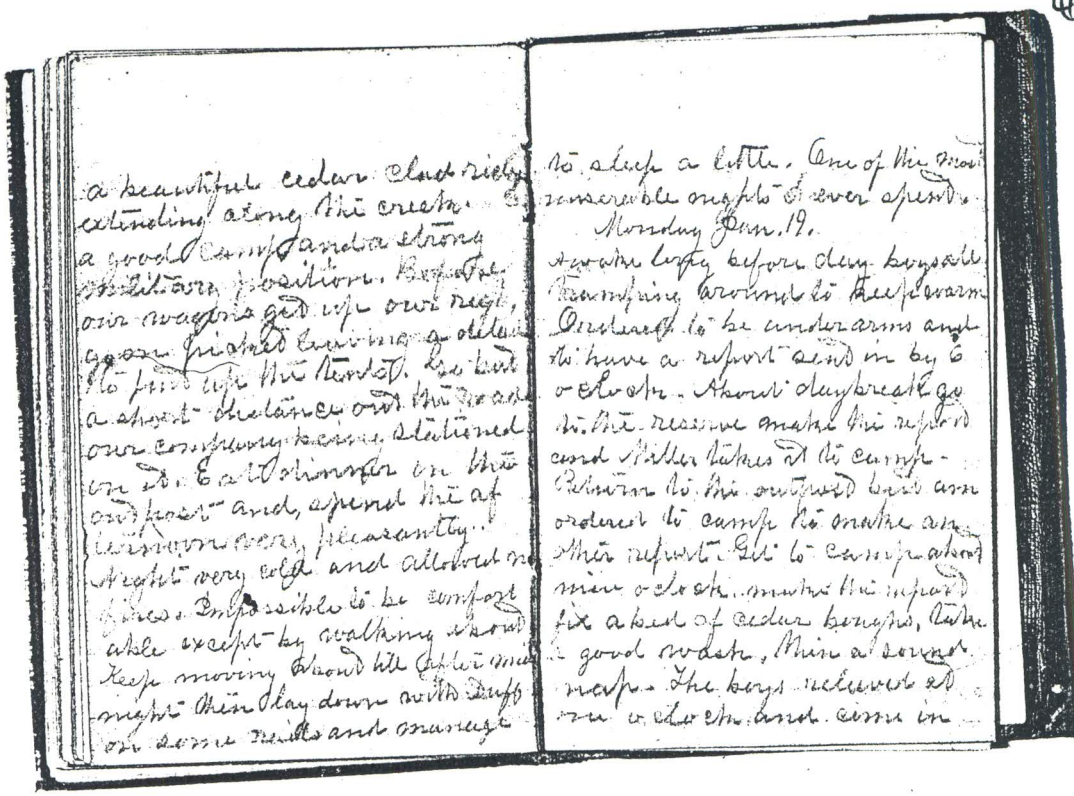
Friday. Pleasant. Camped in Tenn within sight of Georgia and Alabama. Starkey and Wagley cross the river. Meet Billy of the 17 Ohio and Wm Corse. Brannons Division about and see the Boys in the 31. Ohio. See Lieut. Thatcher just returned from Wilmington. Visit the large Salt Peter cave extending in different veins far into the mountain. This mine worked by the rebels and a pounds in their time of occupation. Mail my letter to Louise.

5.

Saturday. Pleasant. Pleasant at night. Write a letter to Father and Mother and commence one to Maria Jones. Receive letters from Aunt Maria Hixson and from Mrs Hoblitt. Move in the evening 8 or 10 miles up the River Road toward Chattanooga. Wood in advance. Road very rough and have a miserable time stumbling along in the dark. Pass the ruins of the R. R. Bridge destroyed by the rebels across a gorge.

6.

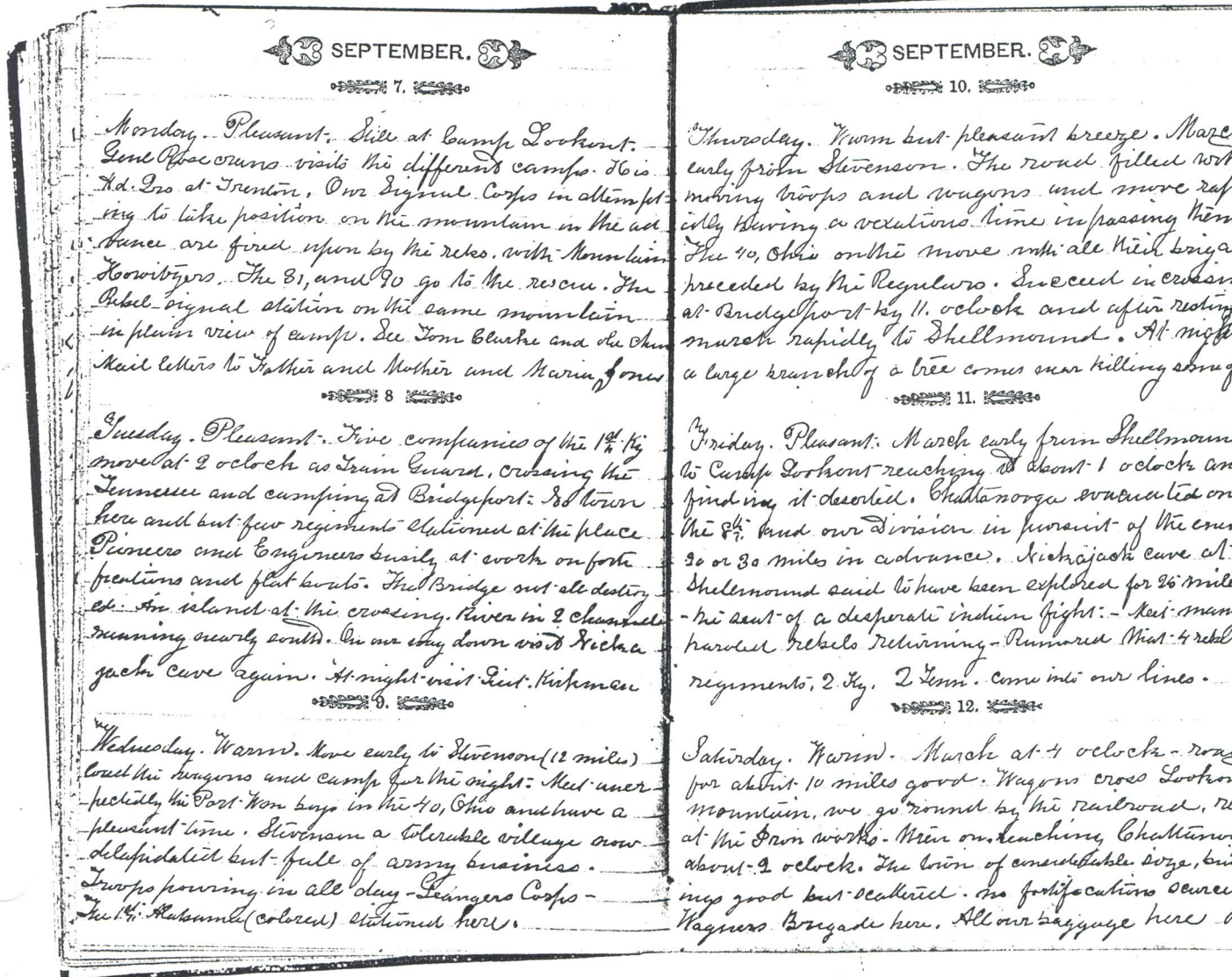
Sunday. Pleasant. Move early 6 or 8 miles in a southerly direction toward Trenton Georgia. Camp 15 miles from Trenton near Brannons Division which came over the mountain near the great coal mine. See the boys of the 31. meet Billy Clarke and learn that Tom Cobb is in Co. B. 64. Ohio. Country rough and thinly settled.



a beautiful cedar clad ridge extending along the creek a good Camp and a strong military position. Before our wagons got up our regt. was ordered to find the Rebels. We had a short skirmish and the 2nd and our company became stationed on Dr. Colbaugh on the east front and, spend the afternoon very pleasantly. Night very cold and allowed no fires. Impossible to be comfortable except by walking around. Keep moving around till after midnight then lay down with Duff on some rails and manage to sleep a little. One of the most miserable nights I ever spent.

Monday Jan. 19.

Awoke very early before day brought Rations, received to be under arms and to have a report sent in by 6 o'clock. About daybreak go to the reserve make the report and settle down at Camp. Return to the outpost and are ordered to camp to make another report. Get to camp about nine o'clock, make the report fix a bed of cedar boughs, take a good wash, thus ends a second night. The boys relieved at six o'clock and come in



SEPTEMBER.

7.

Monday. Pleasant. Still at Camp Lookout. Gen Rosecrans visits the different camps. He is Hd. Qrs at Trenton. Our Signal Corps in attempting to take position on the mountain in the advance are fired upon by the rebs. with Mountain Howitzers. The 81, and 90 go to the rescue. The Rebel signal station on the same mountain in plain view of camp. See Tom Clarke and he sends Mail letters to Father and Mother and Maria Jones

8

Tuesday. Pleasant. Five companies of the 18th Ky moved at 2 o'clock as Train Guard, crossing the Tennessee and camping at Bridgeport. 86 Town here and but few regiments stationed at this place. Pioneers and Engineers busily at work on forts fortifications and flat boats. The Bridge not all destroyed. An island at the crossing. River in 2 channels running nearly south. On our way down visit Nickajack Cave again. At night visit Lieut. Kirkman

9.

Wednesday. Warm. Move early to Stevenson (12 miles) Count the wagons and camp for the night. Meet unexpectedly the Post Town boys in the 40, Ohio and have a pleasant time. Stevenson a tolerable village now dilapidated but full of army business. Troops pouring in all day. Teamsters Corps. The 14th Alabama (colored) stationed here.

SEPTEMBER.

10.

Thursday. Warm but pleasant breeze. March early from Stevenson. The road filled with moving troops and wagons and move rapidly leaving a vacations time in passing them. The 40, Ohio on the move with all their brigade preceded by the Regulars. Succeed in crossing at Bridgeport by 11. o'clock and after resting march rapidly to Shellmound. At night a large branch of a tree comes near killing among

11.

Friday. Pleasant. March early from Shellmound to Camp Lookout reaching it about 1 o'clock and find it deserted. Chattanooga evacuated on the 8th and our division in pursuit of the enemy 20 or 30 miles in advance. Nickajack Cave at Shellmound said to have been explored for 26 miles. Hear sound of a desperate Indian fight. Meet many paroled Rebels returning. Rumored that 4 rebel regiments, 2 Ky. 2 Tenn. come into our lines.

12.

Saturday. Warm. March at 4 o'clock. Road for about 10 miles good. Wagons cross Lookout mountain, we go around by the railroad, reach at the Iron works. When on reaching Chattanooga about 2 o'clock. The town of considerable size, buildings good but scattered. No fortifications several Wagoners Brigade here. All our baggage here

with horses sadly [illegible] great. Storm and cold became raging. Commenced a letter to Angie. Have to stop [illegible] Picket shots during Tuesday and Wednesday and that Shenneyan is not expected to live.

Tuesday Jan 20

A damp cold disagreeable day. Just after [illegible] our company ordered as a Train guard off to Murfreesboro The Cities in charge of Roberts and the boys rode in the cars. Do not go to the town but to the division commissary at our old camp. After loading the wagons we remain

him to the future and remain with the 72, but on picketed [illegible] well in the afternoon. Apart of the road on guard duty the other patrols the road between town and our camps, the road also well protected by cavalry. Have a rough ride to camp getting there before dark. Finish my letter

Wednesday Jan 21

Raw damp and cloudy. Details from the companies busy building breastworks, a complete line around the whole camp. Write a letter to Mattie Pickett and receive letters from Minnie, Adolphus and Lucretia

SEPTEMBER.

13.

Sunday. Warm and clear. Start early with the train back to Stevenson having in charge 500 prisoners, principally rebel deserters belonging to Tenn. Regiments. Many of these meet friends along the road. Every house full of people. The prisoners intelligent and inclined to be social as we have a pleasant time. Go the River Road and camp 8 miles from Shellmound at our old place. Meet the 40, Ohio going the front. 21st Ky. camped here

14.

Monday. Clear and warm. Move early, crossing at Bridgeport about noon and reaching Stevenson about 5 o'clock. Turn the prisoners over to the Provost Marshal and camp for the night on our old ground. Distance from here to Chattanooga, by rail 37 miles, by river road 43 miles, by the Wills Valley route 50 miles. The latter the head. Cumberland Gap surrendered unconditionally. Rebels said to be at Winchester - 500 cavalry burning all things.

15.

Tuesday. Pleasant - Afternoon threatening rain. Load the wagons and rest in camp. The negro kept camped near us some disturbance. The 38th Ohio here with but 2 Com. Officers. Dei Coffee - John Simmons in the Hospital. Ward Master. 21st Ky arrives from Clarksville. Troops of the Reserve moving forward. Brisk. Write a letter to Hattie and Mother

SEPTEMBER.

16.

Wednesday. Pleasant. March from Stevenson to Shellmound, 16 miles by rail, 20 miles by the road. Our company rear guard and there having been rain not have a pleasant time free from dust. Some families, owning property in Chattanooga, some artists and refugees moving with us. Meet here a train loaded with prisoners - Thomas Corps - Meet Harry Prunty here

17.

Thursday. Pleasant. March from Shellmound the a stream within 12 miles of Chattanooga coming the Wills Valley route. Distance 18 miles. Duff sick with a sore hand - George unwell. A negro killed yesterday - on the day before by one of Co A. and he now a prisoner at Stevenson. Night very cold with a sprinkle of rain. At Whiteside 8 miles from Shellmound visit a cave said to have been a haunt of John A Murrel

18.

Friday. Very cold with sky clouded. Reach the Pickets at Chattanooga about noon and do not camp till 3 o'clock Gen Wagoner still here. Lieut Snediker very sick with inflammation rheumatism left as Col Parris, 6 miles from town. Get to Chattanooga better than before. Finds it one of the prettiest towns in the South. Meet here Henry Barlow now a Lieut and in 1st Bde Pioneer Corps Co A -

Jones. A train of 30 wagons
reported to have been captured
by the rebels on the Liberty
Pike. Our regiment 55 cases
well supplied with Oil Blankets
and Coats.

Thursday Jan 22.

A very pleasant day. Reveille
before day and much earlier
than usual. The regiment
formed in line of battle stand-
ing till after daybreak - Stacks
arms on the other line and re-
turn to quarters. Busy all the
forenoon making out an
annual report of Clothing &c.
Our regiment on picket at
five o'clock - Our company

posted to the right of where
we were before, our reserve on
the creek and our other posts
along the line. Had allowed
fires and the night being cold
and frosty do not experience
much discomfort. Much more
comfortable than when lying
on picket. While nearly all
are listening to a lecture of Rev
Brownlow, Rebel and
Tory, raise a row and Chase
Brownlow about their beds.
Hope to get Duff on some roots
and have a tolerably good supper

SEPTEMBER.

19.

Saturday. Day pleasant: night very cool. A hot
fire battle progressing in front: the rebels reinforced by
Longstreet: remain in line drawing clothing and rations till
2 o'clock. March as train guard to the front - make 12 miles by
midnight and rest till morning. Pass on the way our
division hospital filled with wounded among them Captains
Bodine and Stacey of the 2nd Ky. Our Division suffered severely,
being in the thickest of the fight. The rebels from the east advanced
with the battle cry "Longstreet". Some made prisoners 2 hours after words

20.

Sunday. Clear and pleasant: night: cold. A memorable and
sorrowful day. Leave our camp early, march along the entire
line of battle, passing with the train at one time in front of
the skirmishers and of Wilder's advance. Heavy firing
soon commences. a heavy force thrown against our division.
The ground a series of rolling hills, ascending in strong position
but scarce of water. Return to the river camping first at Ross
ville then coming to Chattanooga. The road a moving mass of strag-
glers, wounded men, stragglers and injured artillery.

21.

Monday. Clear and pleasant. Trains crossing the
river all night. We cross with the train early this
morning, camping near the river. 1235 rebels prison-
ers, Deputy Commissaries and Texans sent to Bridgeport.
Portion of co K found among them. Burnside re-
ported as making a junction. Heavy fighting in
front: but our Brigade not particularly engaged.
Many wounded come in. Write to Father and Mother.

SEPTEMBER.

22.

Tuesday. Clear and pleasant. Move to the shade
on the hill. Some severe fighting in front: Rosecrans
reduces his lines coming nearer town his right
resting on Rossville the left on the river above
us. The rebels make an attempt to cross the river
at the ford above. Wilder and a part of the re-
serve on this side. Bragg reports severe loss to him
self, says he has taken 25 pieces of artillery & 2500 pris
oners. One of our regiments taken and retaken during the night

23.

Wednesday. Clear and pleasant: Afternoon cross the
river and join the regiment in first line of intrench
ments, known as Fort Palmer. The rebels occupy
Missionary Ridge. the two armies in plain view of each
other. Rosecrans lines well posted, several lines of breast
works joining the Forts erected by the rebels. Our
Division on the right of our corps joining Rossville.
On the 19. our regt: lost 28 killed and wounded and of
the men. Genl Rosecrans visits the lines cheered upon seeing

24.

Thursday. Clear and pleasant. Waked early by sounds of
artillery on the right: Still working on intrenchments.
Rebels appear occasionally on the ridge. About 4 o'clock P.M.
Hazens Brigade supported by others from the right make a
demonstration against the rebels. Artillery engagement
very rapid for a few minutes. About 10 o'clock at night the rebels
make an attack on our picket lines. Considerable fighting
for 2 hours. All quiet this forenoon.

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Friday June 28.

Morning cool but the day be comes warm and beautiful as [illegible]. The birds sing and flutter about among the scarcely moving branches of the green trees, the water in the stream sparkling mysteriously as a rill runs laughing & burning jewels from the rays of the summer bright sun, nature seems dreaming a bright luxurious dream of [illegible] splendor and the boys [illegible] rounds in listless [illegible] Knights. half asleep – a drowsy [illegible] Existence a time for rest. No fires allowed night or day since this day ends wonderful

The stream "Cripple Creek" last night full and rolling is this morning almost dry. The water running beneath the trees. Relieved at 2 o'clock by the 90 and go direct to camp along the Stream – the Camp Percussion upon the cliff, nestling almost hidden among the chestnut trees, with the long shed lines of [illegible] huts, and the sunset burning over them, all crowned with the silver [illegible] and a starry heaven over the whole. [illegible] present a beautiful and magnificent scene. [illegible] evening watch [illegible]

SEPTEMBER.

25.

Friday. Clear and pleasant. Lines tolerably quiet. Rebels gain a position on Seafront and for the first time use artillery but with little effect. All working on intrenchments, a traverse [illegible] being erected. In the morning early waked by the bands playing the national airs. At night the bands of the 84, &c. goes to the advance post and plays Yankee Doodle &c, for the benefit of rebels during round in memorable face on the ridge. Write to Angie.

26.

Saturday. Clear and pleasant. Line of battle in the trenches at 4 o'clock. Some spirited picket firing along the line about daylight. At night visit the 94 Pa. finding only Daughey of my acquaintances. Addison Jones reported killed. Shot through the head. Tully McKinney missing. Capt. Wade visits no. 2 commence a letter to the Republic describing the late battles.

27.

Sunday. Clear and pleasant. Again a picket skirmish in front about daylight. Company inspection. Visit the 81 Pa. Capt. Wade with one man killed, 11 wounded and 3 missing. At night our company on picket. Stand 6 hours relief. Deployed as skirmishers lying on the ground. Equidistant from both camps. Music, cheers and work of such favorable [illegible] Many wounded come in [illegible]

SEPTEMBER.

28.

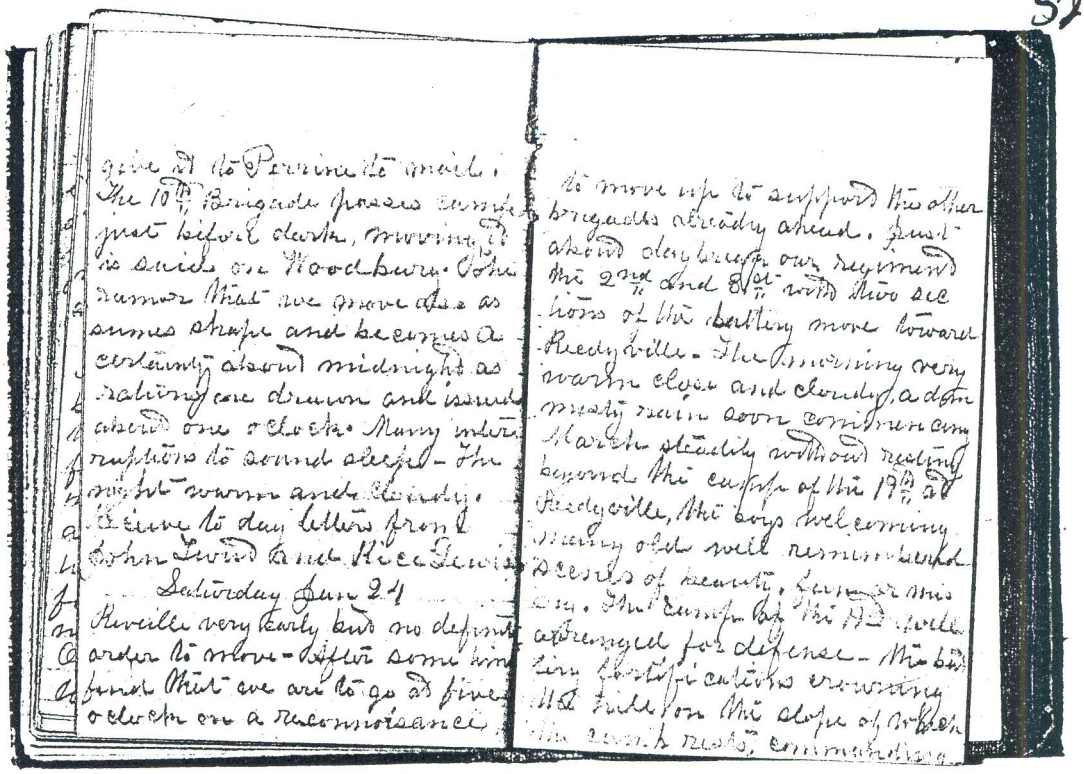
Monday. Clear and pleasant. Last nights work paralyzes us as [illegible] as long in the cool air. The rebel pickets are very near – sometimes slipping up within a few yards. No interruption on our front – but firing to the right at the bridge. Reveille in our camps at 2 o'clock, in the rebels not till 5. Again their bands both brass and fife discourse music, ours playing the national airs, Hail Columbia, Yankee Doodle, Bonnie Blue Flag, Star Spangled Banner &c. – Yankee Doodle and Dixie received with [illegible] provocations cheers. Relieved at 9.

29.

Tuesday. Clear and pleasant. Lines quiet to day. Picket of our division all taken from our Brigade, one company from the regiment every 12 hours. Pickets agree not to fire except in case of formal advance. Meet half way and exchange papers. – Hails as late as the 27th. Their camps and works becoming visible as they cut down trees. The beautiful house in front of us in down to day. Baggage removed to camp.

30.

Wednesday. Cloudy towards evening becoming rainy. Write a letter to day to the Republic. Raining. Still at camp arrangements all have tents; get our knapsacks and again at home. Our wounded being brought into our own lines. Regular monthly reports made to day. Buy Harper for September.



give it to Perrine to mail.
The 10th Brigade passes camp just before dark, moving it is said on Woodbury. Other rumor that we move also assumes shape and becomes a certainty about midnight as marching orders are drawn and issued about one o'clock. Many interruptions to sound sleep - The night warm and cloudy.
Receive to day letters from John Lord and Rec'd Lewis.

Saturday June 24
Reveille very early but no definite order to move - Later some hint that we are to go at five o'clock on a reconnoisance

to move up to support the other brigades already ahead. Just about daybreak our regiment the 2nd and 81st with two sections of the battery move toward Readyville. The morning very warm close and cloudy, a dense misty rain soon commences and lasts steadily without ceasing beyond the capture of the 19th at Readyville, the boys welcoming many old well remembered friends of season, fare or mis on. The camp by the R.R. wells arranged for defense - The 6th Ill. firing pickets exchanging shots from on the slope of Rocky Fork creek, commanding

OCTOBER.

1.

A rainy dreary Thursday. Cold rain all day and the greater part of the night. Cannot write to spend the time in reading from Harper and Ballou. In the morning early receive letters from Father, Mother, Louisa, Huldah Howell and Mary Mary and. Papers - Republics of the 16. 21. and 23d and Bulletins of the 14 containing Lincoln Proclamation: Dr. Sprague at Home.

2.

Friday. Clear and pleasant: Busy all day at company business. Rebel movements plainly discernible to day. Some change real or effected taking place. 16 regiments of infantry 8 batteries of artillery and a wagon train move along the pike toward our right. Some think the move all for bunkum to deceive. Rebel cavalry cross the river above moving on the Pikeville road. Guerrillas destroy about 50 wagons

3.

Saturday. Clear and pleasant with bracing breeze. Write letters to Louisa and Sukie. Capt Gamble arrives in camp coming from Springfield. An assault expected this morning and all troops under arms early. Make out Descriptive Roll for Tom Fuller.

OCTOBER.

4.

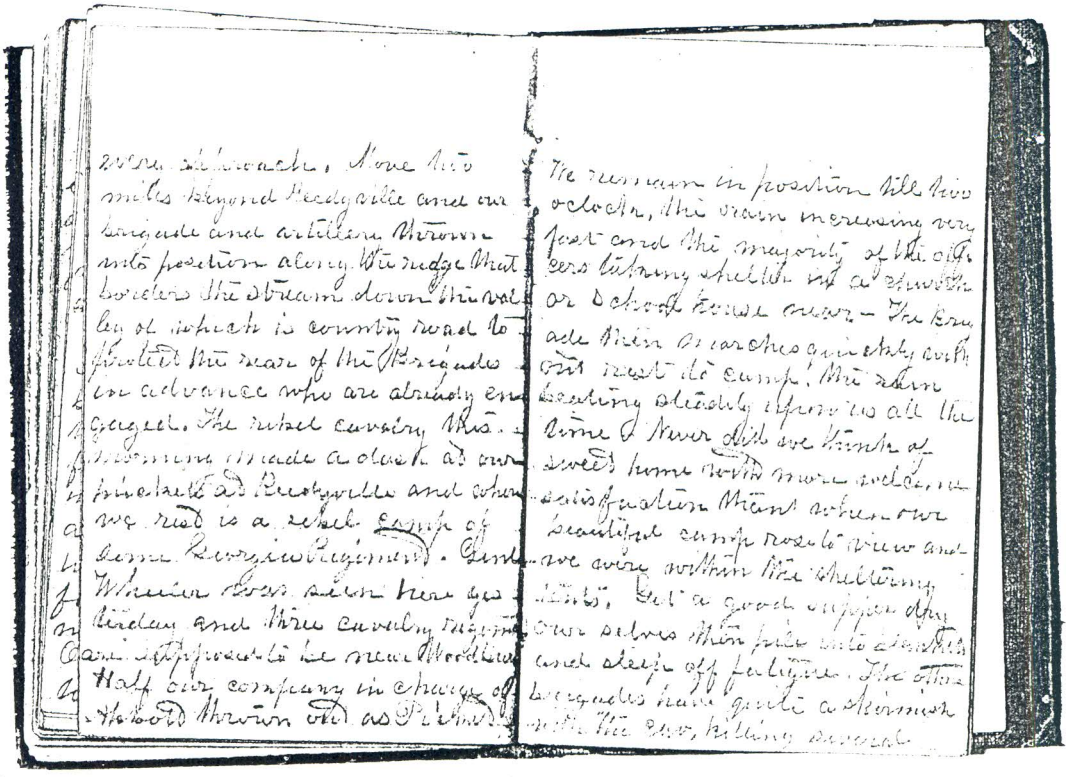
Sunday. Clear but the wind blows a perfect hurricane. Impossible to write so spend the time reading Aurora Floyd and rambling about the works. Have a splendid view of pickets changing papers from Fort Wood. Visit also Field Hospitals and Brannans Division. The writer of the letter in the Gazette said to be Wm. D. Gray. Rumored that our cavalry have routed the rebels.

5.

Monday. Clear but cold. Write a long letter to the Republic in reply to "U. S." in the Gazette. About noon the rebels commence shelling our camps, continuing a desultory firing till night from a thirty-two pounder in front of Negley and to our left and from several batteries on Lookout. Shells planted in our midst but not much damage done. During the night several shells came whistling around us.

6.

Tuesday. Rainy and cold. A dreary, dismal day. Write a letter to Father and Mother & mistake the date was clear until evening. The night was stormy. Hear to day that our corps and the Cooks are to be consolidated and called the 4th under command of Gordon Granger. The lines quiet to day not a shot being fired



were skirmishing. Move two miles beyond Ringgold and our brigade and artillery thrown into position along the ridge that borders the stream down the valley of which is county road to protect the rear of the Brigades in advance who are already engaged. The rebel cavalry this afternoon made a dash at our pickets at Parkersville and when we rest is a rebel camp of Texas Rangers Regiment. Gen. Wheeler does seem here yet Forrest and Wheeler cavalry reported Cavalry supposed to be near Woodbury Half our company in charge of Colonel thrown out as Pickets

We remain in position till two o'clock, the train meanwhile very fast and the majority of the officers listening shelling up at Rossville or Lookout Mount near. The brigade then marches quietly out and rest to camp. The above heard distinctly upon us all the time I never did we thinks of sweet home with more welcome satisfaction than when our gallant camp rose to view and we were within the shattering limbs. But a good supper after our selves then fire into slumber and sleep off fatigue. The other brigades have gone a skirmish with the rear, killing several

OCTOBER.

7.

Wednesday. Forenoon rainy afternoon, clear cold and windy. Finish reading Aurora Floyd and read the War Paths, 2nd Series. Miss Braddons story is rather a peculiar one, a dashing girls history told in dashing style. The Army big to place and work an advance battery but are dislodged by our guns. Jake Kenteh visits us in the evening. Valley not heard from yet.

8.

Thursday. Clear and pleasant. Do not awake this morning till after daylight. Write an article to the Republic. "Camp like Days" Find in the Commercial of Sept. 30. a bitter editorial condemning Sherman and Thomas. a bully thing. Just the words we wanted say. Still-hunt again. At 4 o'clock go on picket to the right of where we were before. Have fine at the reserve and the men only stand 2 hour relief

9.

Friday. Morning foggy, day becoming clear and pleasant. Rebels very quiet both last night and to day. Refuse to exchange papers in the morning but afterwards a Lieut (rebel) offers exchange and King sends him giving the Press of 2nd for the Rebel of the 8th. Several shots fired from our forts both to day and yesterday

OCTOBER.

10.

Saturday. Pleasant. A sorrowful day for the 21st Army Corps. Genl Geo. D. Cruikenden to day bids each regiment a formal and impressive Farewell. Attended by his subordinates he rode from regiment to regiment formed to receive him, and his "Good Bye" will long be recollected as the most impressive spectacle of the The 11th and 12th Army Corps said to be at Bridgeport; two regiments across the river.

11.

Sunday. Pleasant. Write a letter to the Republic and receive the paper of the 28th. Mack Young comes me and we have a good time. Perrine reported as taken prisoner with all the R. M. papers at McMinnville during Wheelers late raid. A rebel shell fired this afternoon, went this morning carelessly kicked into a fire and exploded killing the Sergt Major of the 38th and wounding several Negroes. Dress Parade and Cruikendens farewell order

12.

Monday. Day pleasant but night rainy. Finish my letter to the Republic. Do Cruikendens Brother relieved from duty in the C.S. and R.M. Dept. by Regular Officers. Unexpectedly meet David Perkins in the morning and leave Union Dead at Chickamauga. 1800 Killed 2500 prisoners, 8700 wounded

among them a Colonel - 8 or 10
of our men severely wounded.
Night - continues freezing -

Sunday Jan 25

Sleep like. Very late and feel
not much the worse for
wear. Company inspection as
usual. Make out Links Des-
cription Rolls and command
a letter to him. Snedeker
unwell and despondent.
Day beautifully clouded and
very warm. Rebel Cavalry
said to have been inside
our pickets last night and
near our picket line to day
Night pleasant. Made letter
late and sleep well.

Monday Jan. 26

Reveille 6 o'clock - Roll call and
Police guard - Commence
writing after guard mount
and am interrupted by the
bugle sounding the assem-
bly for the regiment to go a
foraging - Ride in the wagons
and go a south westerly course
from Murfreesboro through the woods about
three miles. The roughest
ever experienced. Soon load
the wagons at different farms
with corn and blades while
boys strip the farms of
potatoes, dressed in a mot-
ley - that beggars one. No
one would take to regard and

OCTOBER.

13.

Tuesday. A rainy disagreeable day throughout
Election Day with all its home gloominess
and energetic work. Votes in our regiment
ale for Brough (140) last is vulendonghem vote
given in our Brigade and Mine in the 90. Ohio
97 votes polled in our Company for Governor.
Snedeker, Cregg and Bolkin Judges. Buskey
and Pfister Clerks. Much enthusiasm among
Ohio troops.

14.

Wednesday. Rainy, cold and disagreeable.
Send off Elected Returns and receive Letters
from E. E. H. and from Aunt Dorcas J. Henkle.
Aunt resides at Des Moines City. Rebel papers
received speak well of our army and
especially of Cuttenden's Corps. Seem to think
Rosecrans has the advantage in position and
the battle as naught - to them without Challenge.
Read Miss Braddons "Captain of the Vultures"

15.

Thursday. Rainy, cold and disagreeable.
News received of the election of Brough and
the Ohio Regiments cheering enthusiastically
and approvingly. Working parties side at
work in spite of the rain. Hear that Wheeler
has been defeated by Crook at Shelbyville and
that Guerrillas are in Ky again.

OCTOBER.

16.

Friday. A clearing up day. Tolerably pleasant.
Peruse D'Israeli's Vendiæ and find it more
interesting now than before. Commence a
letter to E. E. H. Last night - Rebels planted a
rapt down against the Pontoons injuring them
much. Rebels have moved from valley further
up the ridge, their tents showing almost as
plain as our own. Learn that Col. McCook
commanded the Cav. Expedition that routed the Rebs in Sequatchie valley

17.

Saturday. Very pleasant -- morning foggy.
At town early - purchase a coat and shirt -
paying $11.56 for the one and $4.00 for the other
Finish my letter and receive Republic of
the 15. Purchase Harpers Weekly and find a
notice speaking of W. F. G. Shanks as equal
to Russel or Napier as a correspondent -- Pshaw.
At night Ohio Regiments cheering uproariously
Brough announced to have 8 or 10,000 majority.

18.

Sunday. Forenoon rainy, afternoon pleasant
Fix up our tent during the shower. Rumored
in camp that the rebels were attacked and
badly beaten at Running Water Bridge. 800 killed
and the rebels driven 7 miles. Commence a
letter to Father and Mother. Take Henkle visits
me in the evening. Dress Parade at 5 o'clock.

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people generally too much frightened to say much. Returns to camp about 2 o'clock P.M. Finish and mail my letter to Linda – This morning a brigade of cavalry passed coming from Woodard Ready rifles. Rumors in camp that we move back to Nashville tomorrow or soon. Night disagreeable and rainy.

Tuesday Jan 27

Waked early by reveille to find a storm of rain and sleet blowing a dismal gloom over every thing but notwithstanding this we commence form in line & battle. The line formed about daylight Capt. Mitchell acting as commander of the regiment. Mail in camp but two letters from home Jen receives several papers that are eagerly grabbed for and contents greedily devoured. Go on picket at 12 o'clock taking our old post by the creek. The day and night cold with a steady driving storm. Big fires on reserve post makes it bearable however and we do not suffer very much at all. Night not especially comfortable. Papers received in camp up to day containing full reports of other engagements

OCTOBER.

19.

Monday. Very pleasant. Finish my letter home and write a letter for Duff. At town and catch my first glimpse of the "Annals of the Army of the Cumberland" a very superior book. Neither Confederate nor Granger photographs given because they would not have them so used. The author said to be Judge Fitch. Receive a letter from Maria Jones. See Hawley at night, nothing from Adel

20

Tuesday. Very pleasant. Rumored this morning that Genl Rosecrans is relieved from command with orders to report at Cincinnati, Genl Thomas taking his place here and Genl Grant commanding the new Dept. of the West. – Write to Rice Lewis and Asa Starbuck. – Troops changing position. Willich coming to Wood. Rumored in the evening that Forrest surrendered his entire command. Genl Mitchell at Muscle Shoals this morning at 8 o'clock.

21.

Wednesday. Warm and warmer and showery. The 101st Ohio, 81st Ind. 38th and 21st Ill. join our Brigade. Hoyt Brindale of co D 21 reported missing. Write a letter to Aunt Dorcas. Company on Picket at 4 o'clock taking position further to the right than before. Rebels plainly in view, exposing themselves with more carelessness than usual. Night becomes clear

OCTOBER.

22.

Thursday. Very pleasant. The rebel pickets standing in groups around fires or walking about. Ours still stationed as skirmishers but standing up or lolling carelessly about. Receive a letter from Angie and Republic of the 9. Our position changed a little further to the right and past afternoon relieved and go to camp. Cincinnati Papers of the 16 read. A mistake about Forrest being captured. Dress parade and Grant assigned

23

Friday. Rainy, cold and disagreeable. Commence a letter to Angie but too cold to write with ease. The order read last night was that relieving Rosecrans, announcing Genl Thomas as his successor and Genl Grant as commander of the Division of the Mississippi. Last night a shell fired into the rebel lines from Fort Wood every half hour.

24.

Saturday. Rainy, slightly – cold and disagreeable. Finish army letter to Angie and receive letters from Father and Brother dated the 15 and Republics of the 12 and 14, &c. The latter my letter of Sept. 30. At night receive orders to be ready to move at 2 o'clock in the morning. Draw rations and pack up. Ordered to leave tents standing

on Stone River and boys were pleased to find the country rightly appreciating Gen. Crittenden.

Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Day stormy but not so much as yesterday. Relieved at 2 o'clock and return to camp to find a mail awaiting us. Receive two Republics containing "domestic economy of half Delaware letter" to Father and Mother published with all its errors caused by haste and in all its familiar style and with many modifies to spoil ing, many of the names spelled wrong and regiments wrongly enumerated. A severe thing at best. Can't understand why News published. Resolve to write no more and send the Company no papers. Procure at Murfreesboro a New York Tribune of Oct. 13, and read Parton and Greeley's account of the battle before Murfreesboro. Impartial and more truthful than Otts, it well merits reading. Thos. Farrer, Carr and Lefferson return from the Corps, Camp and Guard for duty. A report in camp that our Brigade is to be mounted as mules. Yesterday got my boots mended by a Yankee, pay ing him one dollar. Nights very cold and frosty.

OCTOBER.

25.

Sunday. Cloudy and cool. Leave camp at 3 o'clock, cross the river, move first down the Stevenson Road, then come back and take the Mount Road — very muddy and have a hard time ascending the mountain Walnut Ridge. Reach the top, camp temporarily and our Regiment sent back to help the wagons up the mountain. Have a very unpleasant time working in mud knee deep until dark. Camp (our regiment) on the Ridge 7 miles from Chattanooga.

26.

Monday. Clear and pleasant afternoon. Move forward about 4 miles to where the Brigade crossed, drawn fully rations next day, move forward about 5 miles further with the Brigade and rest an hour waiting on the 2nd Brigade, then move along the ridge gradually nearing and sloping toward the Tennessee. At last moving along it down the river making about 4 miles, camping on the ridge in advance of Cross.

27.

Tuesday. Cool and pleasant. Start from camp about 9 o'clock, move down the ridge parallel with the Tennessee descending about sunset through Kelleys Cove into the Valley and camp for the night making 15 miles. The afternoons march was very fatiguing being a series of ups and downs as the turns along a obtuse

OCTOBER.

28.

Wednesday. Forenoon rainy, afternoon pleasant. Reveille at 3 o'clock. Start from camp at 6, move for a time over the muddiest of roads along the river bank then on an excellent road to Bankins Ferry on the Tennessee some 4 miles above Shellmound. Ascend to about the 1st, 2d and 3d. This move rapidly down the river cross at Shellmound and camp on the old Hamping ground. Gen Hooker passed up the river to day with 2 Divisions and we come to point the Pontoons here.

29.

Thursday. A very pleasant day. The boys make a regular descent on Bell, Pork &c. and camp suffers an inundation of good things. Last night Lieut Wilson of the Pioneer Corps visits us. To day camp moved and arranged under the direction of Genl Morton. Our company on picket in the evening. During the night the remainder of our Brigade crosses over and camps. Picket reinforced. Commences Raining Latter part of night.

30.

Friday. Rainy, cold and disagreeable. One of Slocums Brigades, 5th, 7th & 66th Ohio and 20th Penn pass up toward Whitside. Also Cross's Brigade of our Division move the same way. Rain continues at night and with wet blankets and but hastily constructed bowers shelters we pass a most miserable night

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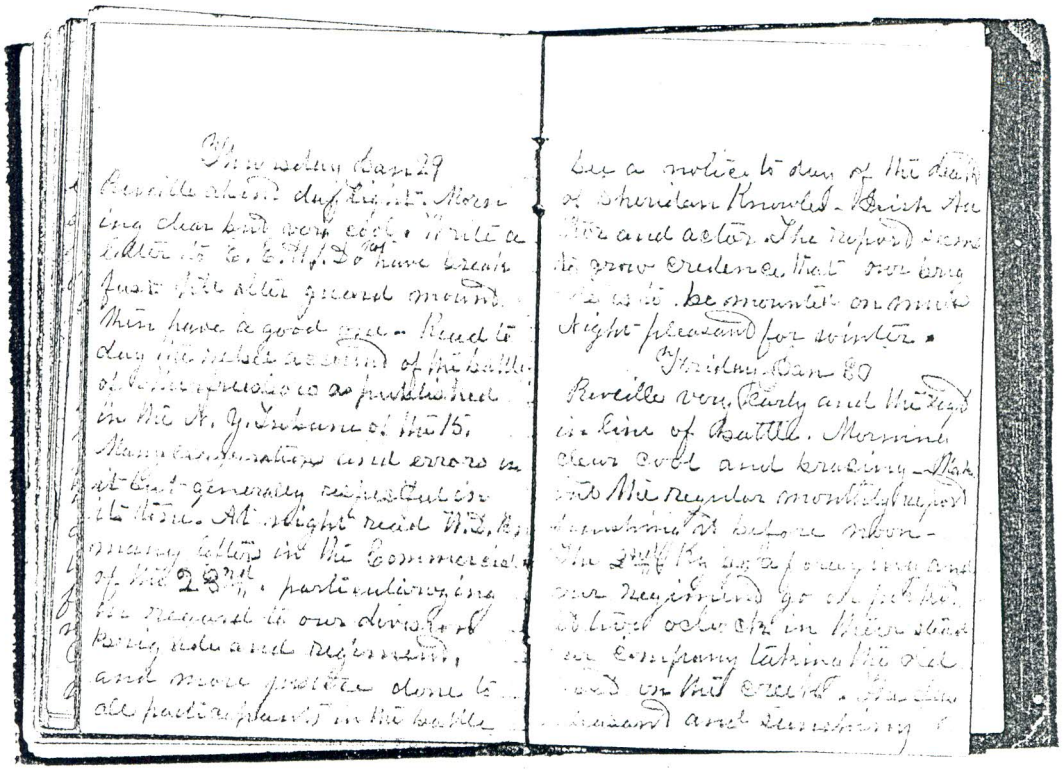


Wednesday Jan 29
Reveille about daylight. Morning clear and cool. Write a letter to C. C. H. Do have breakfast. Hit the grand mound. Men have a good time. Read today the official account of the battle of Chickamauga as published in the N. Y. Tribune of the 15th. Many confirmations and errors in it. But generally satisfactory to those. At night read W. C. B's many letters in the Commercial of the 23rd. particularizing the request to our division being rude and determined, and more praise done to the particular part in the battle

be a notice to-day of the death of Sheridan Knowles - British Actor and author. The report seems to grow credence that our brigade is to be mounted on mules. Night pleasant for winter.

Thursday Jan 30
Reveille very early and the head in line of battle. Morning clear cold and bracing. Marched with the regular mounted brigade and remained at before noon. The 2nd Ky has a foraging train and our regiment to go out for it. Colonel Oschott in charge and Company Latimer the advance on this ground. Weather pleasant and invigorating

OCTOBER.

31.

Saturday. Forenoon cloudy and cool. Afternoon pleasant. Camp again rearranged and preparations made to erect permanent quarters. The Station House completely torn down for brick. The Pontoons moved above. Our regiment on detail carrying and cutting rails for wood for the Steamboat. The boat made her first passage from Bridgeport to Renkins Ferry on Thursday and on Friday the Paint Cloud came down from Chattanooga. The Boat to-day has the pontoons up in addition to a load of rations. A wagon to-day arrived from Chattanooga making the trip on this side. A large mail arrives bringing me letters from Father, Mother and Sister and the Republics in two of which are my letters of the 5th and "Camp Fire Gas". In spite of the fatigue of the last march I read and enjoyed hugely the Tale of "Rutledge". A beautiful picture of a capricious natural lasting woman told with charming carelessness elegance. The authors name is not given but we guess Fanny Fern.

NOVEMBER.

1.

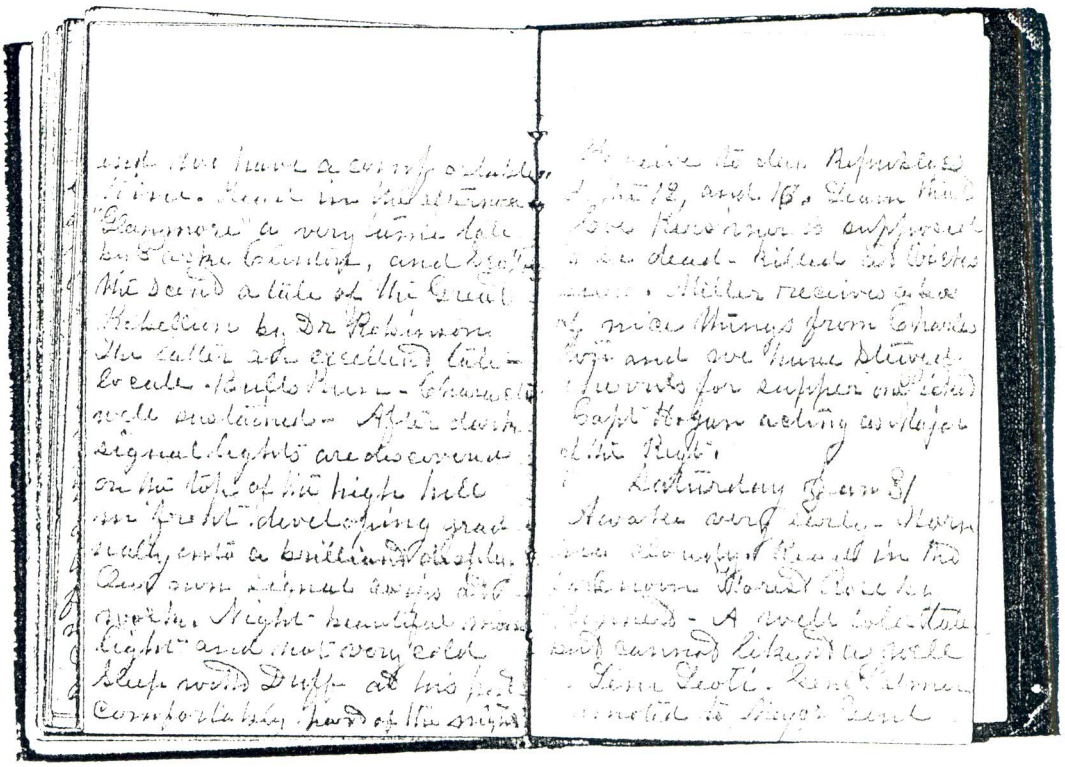
Sunday. Very pleasant. Write a letter to Father and Mother and receive Republics of the 26 containing my Crittenden letter. Boys to-day busy fixing up quarters, tearing down houses in the neighborhood for boards and lumber. About 3 o'clock the 2nd Ky leaves and moves up Nickajack cove, rumor says to guard the pass that has been guarded by Hookers men. Rumored that we move to Bridgeport.

2.

Monday. Pleasant. Gen Crufts arrives early and remains sometime at Brigade Hd Qrs. A part of the Brigade leaves for Bridgeport afternoon. Whitakers Brigade arrives in the evening coming from Browns Ferry 6 miles below Chattanooga. Pontoons pontied down from Chattanooga and form a bridge there. Wagon and Hooker having cleared in part Lookout Mountain and wagons come from the ferry down this side.

3.

Tuesday. Morning warm and cloudy. Afternoon warm with sunshine. Have a good time last night with the boys of the 40. Ohio. Move early for Bridgeport making the trip quick by marching on the railroad. Bend camping South of the river on a very nice place. Duff and others raft our lumber down.



...ash but have a comfortable time. Read in the Atlantic "Clammore" a very fine tale by Sophie Kimball, and began Mr Dicey's Life of Mr Cromwell. Robinson the sutler has excellent table. Bugle Rose - Chamois well and clean. Rebel signal lights are discovered on the tops of the high hill in front developing great activity and a building of fires. Quiet even silence except the work. Night beautiful moon light and not very cold. Slept would Duff at his feet comfortably heard of the night

Receive the dem. Republics of the 12, and 16. Learn that Gen Rosecrans is supposed to be dead - killed at Chickamauga. Miller receives a box of nice things from Charles Fox and we have stewed oysters for supper and Richard Capt Hogan acting as major of the Regt.

Saturday Nov 31

Awaken very early - Hear from the night Reveille in the Confederate Bivouac Close by - A wild bold tune and answered likewise by the Union Scott. Land Salmon arrives to Major Rand

4.

Wednesday. A very pleasant day. Busy building our quarters. Mine tents going in one. Hear a 12th N. New York here guarding Pontoons. The Officers of the eastern regiments put on considerable style much to our boys aggravation. Sutler stores and army supplies in abundance here. Heavy fatigue parties sent out to blockade the roads below on the river and to fix bridges above.

5.

Thursday. Rainy and warm. Still busy fixing our quarters. Details for fatigue duty return having thoroughly blockaded the river road about two miles below camp. Five days full rations drawn. The 28th New York move to the North side of the river. An old Locomotive found in the coal mines above to day gives its first life returning snort.

6.

Friday. Very pleasant. Write to the Republics and receive Republics of the 7, and 30, the former having in it my Chickamauga letter. Geo. Rom Adolphe and Eugene Funston of the 66, Ohio visit me. Gene the same old boy. The 2nd Ky. and 101, Ohio move to the hill up the river.

Have returns from Chattanooga

7.

Wednesday. Very pleasant. Write a letter to Powers, make out Reports and commence on the Pay Rolls, working without reference to books. Men busy making boards to be shelters. The teams start for Chattanooga for the Baggage. Colonel returned on 6th reports to the Surgeon in Charge at Bridgeport. Dorin returns to the company.

Hayes originally Colonel of the 41, Ohio.

8.

Sunday. Clear but very cold. Finish the Pay Rolls. A Cast supplied with Shoes. Working Party on the Fortifications. Rumored to day that Hooker had rebridged 4 miles. Powers to be all judge. Reported also that Negley is to command our division and that we are transferred to the 14, Army Corps. Rather Braggerish. The Trains were turned back from this side of the River and sent up on the other side. Evans originally Col of the 21st Ill.

9.

Monday. Clear but cool. Every body busy getting out Clapboards to shield Roofs. Received Wednesday in getting timber across the swamp. Cincinnati Enquirer and Nashville Papers arrive daily. Houses are springing up as if by magic and we will soon be comfortable in spite of difficulties

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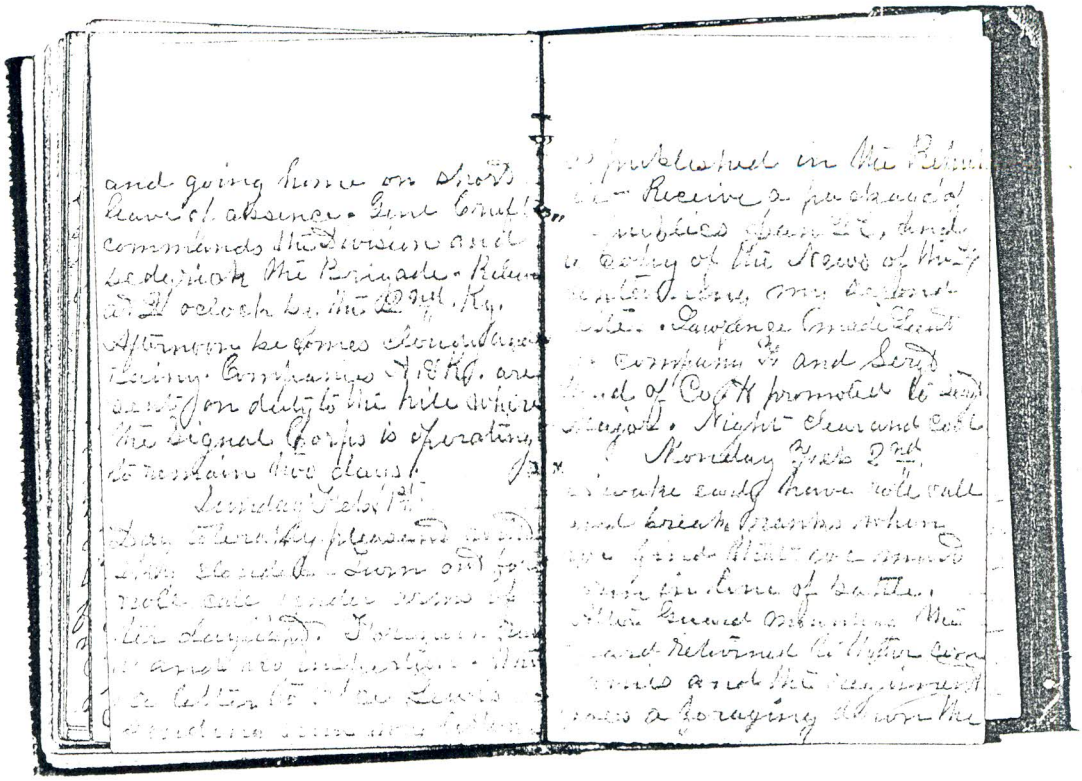

and going home on Sixty days leave of absence. Gen Crufts commands this Division and is despatch the Brigade. Return at 2 o'clock to the 22nd Ky.

Afternoon becomes Stormy. Evening. Companies H & K. are sent on duty to the hills where the Signal Corps is operating to remain two days.

Sunday Feb 21st

Dan Chandler pleasant evening. Shave & Wash. Snow all night. Rolls and tents were sent to the Regiment. Stormy. Pleasant and cold. Read Testament. Write a letter to Mrs Lewis. Reading some more letters

to publication in the Republic. Receive a proclamation of Jefferson Davis Feb 22, and a copy of the News of the week. Lawrence Cruft Gen commands the Brigade and Lieut Col of Co K promoted to Lieut Colonel. Night Sentinel and Cook.

Monday Feb 22nd

Awake and have roll call and breakfast. Franks return from the front. Are issued Rifle Pits in line of battle. Men guard Mountain Pass and Returned to Hdqtrs Co. Rolls and the Regiment goes a foraging down the

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10.

Tuesday. Clear but cool. Receive a letter from Louisa. Learn from Mrs Tilley McKinney was taken prisoner at Chickamauga and is now at Richmond. Slave Will married Lotty Miss Sallie Dewey. Over in town and have a chat with Winston. The D. M's of Hoathers Corps Stile quartered here. Details working on the rail road. Carry stone and build a chimney. Are comfortable at night in spite of the cold.

11.

Wednesday. Clear and more pleasant than yesterday. Our baggage arrives from Chattanooga, Schuldt and Higgins returning. Learn from Schuldt that Nelse Bell and other Clarke county boys, last arrived as recruits for Co. G, 94, Ohio. Winston and Randolph leave for the front. Visit no in the evening. At night finish our home and commence a letter to Louisa.

12.

Thursday. Clear and pleasant. Regiment goes to Chelmound as Train Guard. Snedicker and I remain in camp to fix up Pay Rolls. Work on them all day, pulling from the Clothing account for settlement. Make out monthly Return. At night finish my letter to Louisa.

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13.

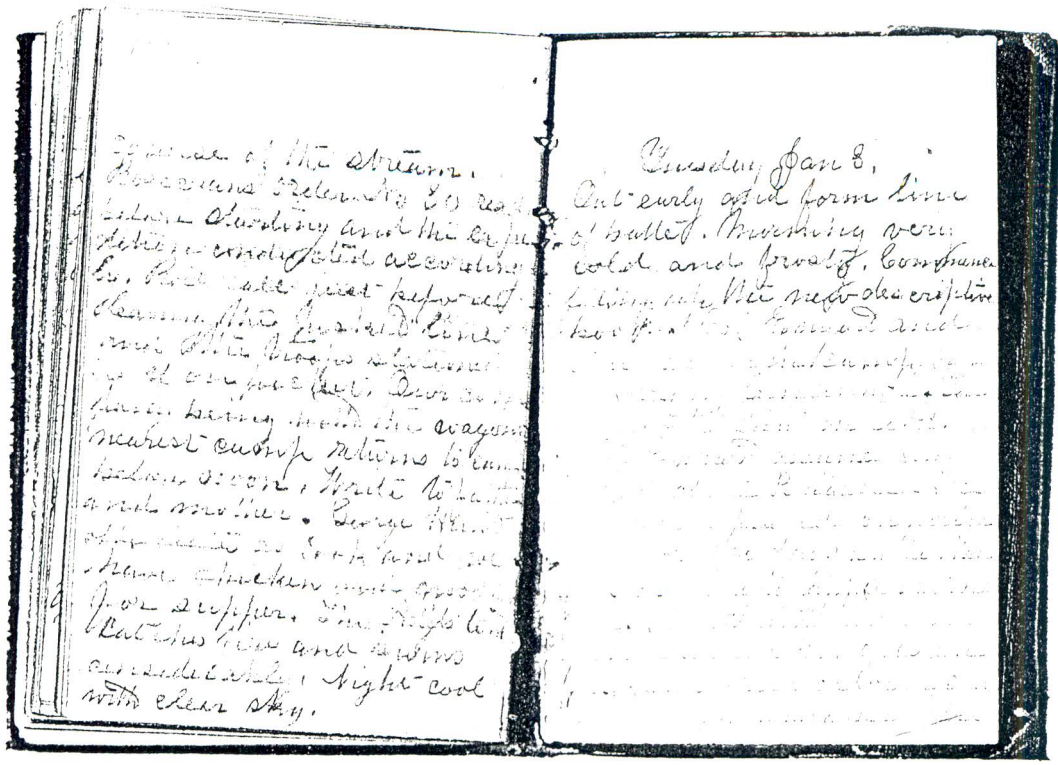
Friday. Warm and pleasant. Finish the Pay Rolls, wash all of my clothes and post up the Clothing Book. Receive letters from Father and Mother and from Dukie. Receive another Republic of Oct. 17. Col Enyart and Capt Hogan arrive in the evening bringing with them the splendid fife presented to Gen Knefler.

14.

Saturday. Warm and cloudy with rain at times. Clothing account adjusted on the Pay Rolls. Paid by being paid to day by Maj Knapp. Republics of the 9, received. In the evening commence a letter to Dukie. Boys to day discover wild Turkies in the woods and feast on Beech nuts and persimmons. A part of Shermans Corps arrives and camps on the north side of the river.

15.

Sunday. Warm, clear and pleasant. Brigade reviewed to day by Genl Cruft; Col Enyart commanding Brigade. Finish my letter to Dukie and write to Mary Hazard. The new regiments in our Brigade first visited on our field of reviews. Appear as for Genl Inspection with full equipments.



Tuesday Jan 8,
Cut early and form line of battle. Morning very cold and frosty. Continue [illegible]

Crossing of the Stream.
Recrossing Telegraphs to rear Lookout Mountain and the Ochmulgee country [illegible] accounts. Rain [illegible] Chattanooga Creek and Citico Creek. Our troops [illegible] Our position [illegible] Our pickets being [illegible] nearest enemy returns to camp [illegible] Wait [illegible] and more [illegible] George Wilson [illegible] Thomas Chicken [illegible] Our pickets. Our [illegible] Rations [illegible] and wives [illegible] Night cool with clear sky.

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16.

Monday. Pleasant. The greater part of the company on Picket: Wm Newcome arrives coming from Nashville. The Locomotive with one car attached making two regular trips per day as far up as Running Water, transporting lumber for the Bridge there. Heavy cannonading heard up the river very rapid about 9 o'clock. In the evening commence a letter to Father. To day have a great time after Beech nuts.

17.

Tuesday. Very pleasant. Finish my letter to Father and Mother. Shermans troops commence crossing the River early. Seem to be rather out of humor and some of them pretty much how come you so. Our Boys and them have a lively time with hard hits and sharp replies. Gen. Palmer to day passed to the front. Gen Stanley it is reported takes command of our Division. Pd. Ord. paid to day.

18.

Wednesday. Very pleasant: Shermans troops still crossing. His command is rumored is near 40.000 strong. Rumors of one Corps crossing near Stevenson. Write a letter to the Republic. Heavy details working on the Railroad on the north side. Sutler [illegible] all cleaned out by the late arrivals. Turn my new coat over to Dreicher

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19.

Thursday. Warm and pleasant. Shermans troops still pour across the River. Rumors afloat that the Brigades of our Division move in the morning. Order countermanded at night. Rosecrans takes command of the District of the Cumberland in the place of Granger, Genl Johnson (R. W.) taking command of his division. Finish and mail my letter to the Republic and receive Republics of the 18 containing and excellent letter from B. F. T.

20.

Friday. Another pleasant day. Camp policed, pay rolls signed and things arranged generally. Shermans troops still crossing. They have cleaned out every thing in shape of Sutler Shops and Bakery here. Read during the day and evening Reeds Poems "Rough by the Sea" and the New Pastime in part. Enjoy the letter very. Read aloud for the boys benefit and have a good time.

21.

Saturday. Warm and rainy. Company paid by Maj. Knapp up to Oct. 31, 1863. Clothing acct. settled. To day commence a description letter to the Republic. At night Chuckaluck and whiskey cause considerable [illegible] in Camp. Continue the new Pastoral. Receive to day $68.82. Clothing acct. $3.18

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22.

Sunday. Warm and pleasant. Waked early to make details for fatigue duty. Receive a letter from Aunt Dorcas and the Republic of the 16 containing my letter of the 6th. Finish and mail my letter to Republic. Buy a pair of Boots of Huff paying $11.50 Orders come to recruit for the veteran service. Genl Cruft and Staff leave for White side. The Genl to take command of a scout.

23.

Monday. Warm and cloudy. Some rain at night. Company on picket early just above the 2nd Ky. camp on the hill, our line extending to the river. Have a quiet time. Finish the volume of Reads Poems well pleased with all. Learn that our favorite "B. F. T." is Benjamin F. Taylor of the Chicago Journal. His sketches of army life are certainly excellent: the best of the time. Maj. Baldwin returned.

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Tuesday. Warm, damp and almost rainy. Releived by the 90, Ohio. Feel unwell and keep still all day. Some of the "Shoulder Straps" "pretty much how come you so." The Dutch full of ear splitting music at night. Michael Newman of Co. H. Shot by Frank Wallack who was on guard at a Sutler Shop.

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25.

Wednesday. Very pleasant. Waked twice during the night to make details for guard. Much excitement caused by whiskey and the shooting of Newman. The guard severely blamed for shooting. Newman buried to day in camp with military honors. Indian remains found in digging near the fortifications to day. Four well preserved human skeletons, skeleton of a dog and darts and tablets with inscriptions

26.

Thursday. Very pleasant. Over to town early and see some 1400 rebels, prisoners taken at Lookout Mountain, start on the cars for Nashville. Surprised and taken in a combined attack on Tuesday. Rumors of hard fighting at Chattanooga all three of the grand divisions participating. Lookout Peak, Mission Ridge taken by assault, report says with 10.000 prisoners. The Dunbar, sidewheeler, comes down.

27.

Friday. Very pleasant. Rumors reach us that Ringgold is occupied by our forces, that the rebels have been routed, that Breckenridges son and his chief of Staff were captured and that Grant was confident of forcing Bragg to another disastrous battle. Buy to day Thomas Balscombe a novel by Smith. The Officers (except ours) on a big drunk.