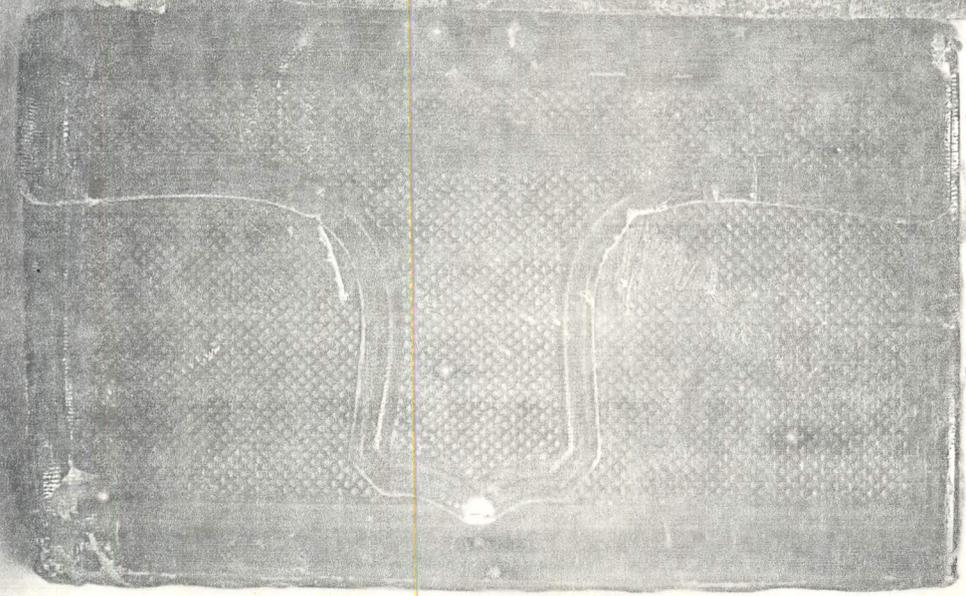
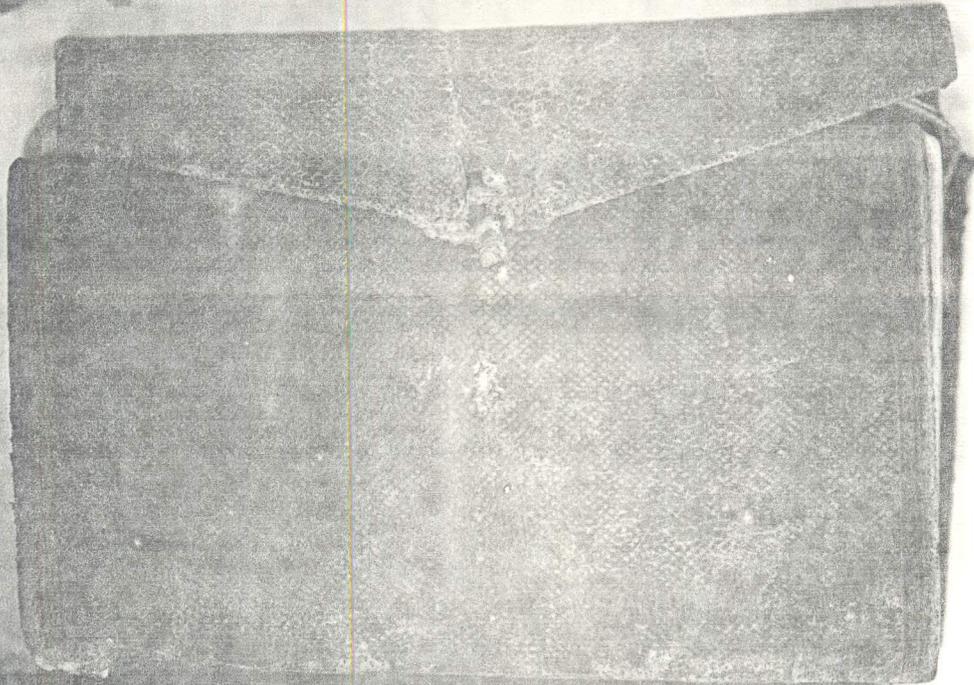
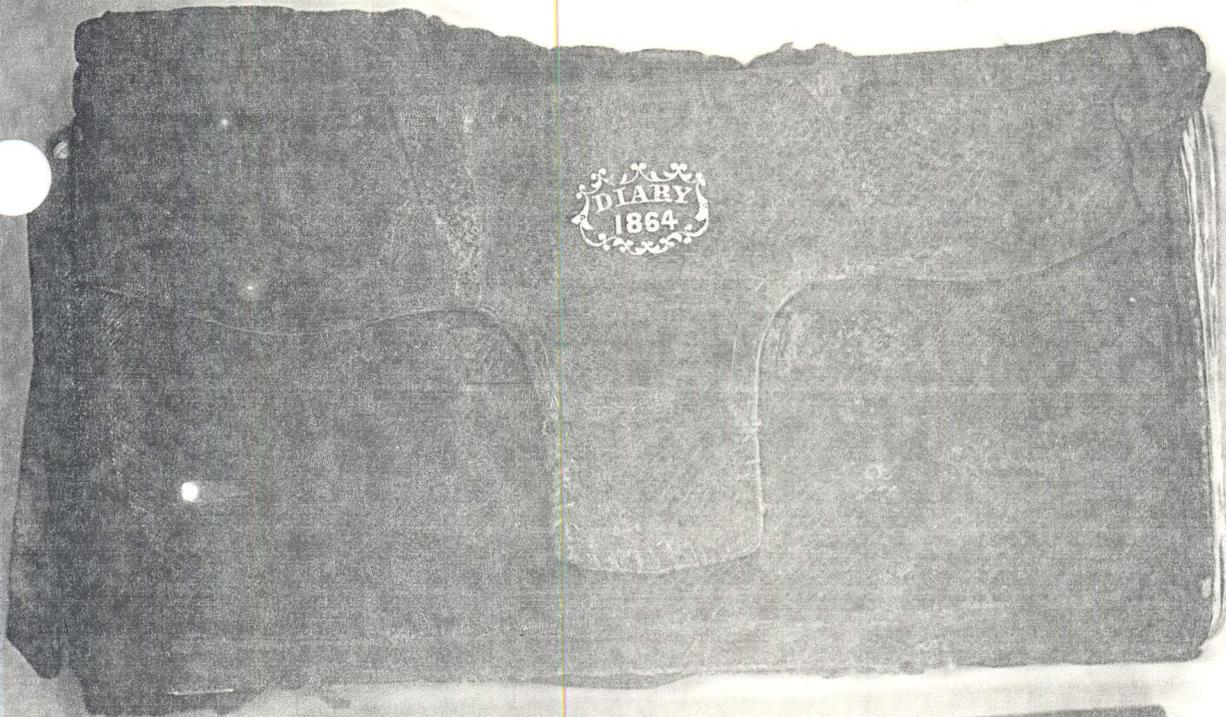


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Company started for
about ten leaving a
number of us behind under
deck and myself a Mought the
Mought's Sunday of laid in
Camp all day the skel
Capt Murprows

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Tried to get carried down
to the hospital but could not
Started this morning and
reached to Murprows by saw
young Mungy Deat Webb
in the Dottlefish

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sent for the doctor but he
did not come I staid in
Camp all Day the convales
ants and our tents came

JANUARY.

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was a little better to day
the Doc came to day but gave
me no medicine I did not
I staid in Camp

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was rather on the gain the
Doc came to see me but did
not give me anything
I staid in Camp and
wrote Home

••••• 9. •••••

was some better to day
some talk of the boys going
to Elizabeth town those that
were able to walk went on
I staid in Camp and
wrote Home

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1864.

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1864.

SUNDAY 3

WEDNESDAY 6

MONDAY 4

THURSDAY 7

Started in Camp
and some fighting
went to the
Home

Started this morning
and went to
and heavy fighting
the left received
a letter from home

Camp all
the boys got
and went to
the left
and heavy fighting
the left received
a letter from home

Started this morning
and went about three
miles towards the river
and fought heavy
fighting

Started in camp all
day, not much fighting
went on received
a letter from home

James H. Hester
1878

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Secretary, Union, & C.
Mich. Infantry, 9th
A. S. Co. 9th

- January 1, 1862 - Written in Pen - Was taken sick on Muldrough Hill and sent to our Captain for some medicine.
- 1-2 Was very sick and in great pain. Our Captain came in and gave me some medicine that eased.
- 1-3 The Company were ordered to get ready to move to Elizabethtown.
- 1-4 Our Company started for Elizabethtown leaving a number of us behind. Uncle Eck and myself amongst the number.
- 1-5 Tried to get carried down to the hospital, but could not.
- 1-6 Sent for the doctor but he did not come.
- 1-7 Was a little better today. The doctor came today but gave me no medicine.
- 1-8 Was rather on the gain the doctor came to see me but did not give me anything.
- 1-9 Was some better today. Some talk of the boys going to Elizabethtown, those that were able to walk.
- 1-10 Was some better. Wrote home
- 1-11 Started for Elizabethtown, it was rather hard work but I felt better come to get out of the shanties.
- 1-12 Sunday arrived at Elizabethtown and was very tired.
- 1-13 Was glad to be in camp once more with the boys. Wrote home.
- 1-14 Was rather better today. Received a letter from home.
- 1-15 Wrote home. Felt quite smart this day and begin to feel like myself again.
- 1-16 Was real smart today. Received a letter from home and was very glad to hear that they were all well.
- 1-17 Felt very well today. Went on guard.
- 1-18 Health good. Came off guard.
- 1-19 Received a letter from home. Nothing of importance occurred.
- 1-20 Heard of the defeat of Zollicoffer (Brig. General Felix Kirk) at Mill Springs
- 1-21 Nothing of importance occurred. Only the usual duties.
- 1-22 Camp quiet and nothing doing. Wrote home.
- 1-23 News confirmed of the defeat of Zollicoffer at Mill Springs (Is spelled Yolicoffer) in diary).

- 1-24 Nothing doing in camp.
- 1-25 Went on Guard and wrote home
- 1-26 Came off guard. Nothing of any account doing in camp.
- 1-27 Chopped wood for the quartermaster.
- 1-28 Nothing doing in camp. Received a letter from home.
- 1-29 Wrote home.
- 1-30 Went on guard
- 1-31 Came off guard.
- 2-1-62 Nothing doing in camp.
- 2-2 Everything still in camp. Wrote home.
- 2-3 Went on guard.
- 2-4 Came Off Guard
- 2-5 Went on guard. Received a letter from home.
- 2-6 Came off guard. Staid in camp.
- 2-7 Chopped wood for the quartermaster. Received a letter from home.
- 2-8 Nothing doing.
- 2-0 Wrote Home
- 2-10 Wrote to James
- 2-11 Went on Guard
- 2-12 Came Off guard.
- 2-13 Received a letter from home.
- 2-14 This is my 45th Birthday. Troops arrived at Elizabethtown. Wrote home today.
- 2-15 Max Cooks and Nelson Brigade passed through Elizabethtown today.
- 2-16 Wrote home.
- 2-17 News of a hard battle at Fort Donelson
- 2-18 Went off guard at the Middle Bridge
- 2-19 Came off guard. Received a letter from home. Wrote home.

- 2-20 Weather rainy and bad.
- 2-21 Went out after straw. Went out on the Railroad and went through the tunnel 3/4 of a mile.
- 2-22 The Thirteenth Michigan Infantry came to Elizabethtown.
- 2-23 Some of the boys of the Thirteenth came over to camp. Wrote home.
- 2-24 Went on guard
- 2-25 Came off guard police.
- 2-26 This day we had drill.
- 2-27 This day we went on Battalion Drill.
- 2-28 Went out for monthly inspection.
- 3-1-62 It is snowing today good and strong. Received a letter from home.
- 3-2 Sunday we are having a regular thunder storm.
- 3-3 Went out on guard
- 3-4 Came off guard. Received orders to be ready to march.
- 3-5 Today we are having another snowstorm.
- 3-6 Wrote home.
- 3-7 Received a letter from home. Went on guard.
- 3-8 Received our new guns.
- 3-9 Went out and tried our new guns - shooting at a mink.
- 3-10 Wrote home. Company "F" came to camp.
- 3-11 Started for West Point and traveled some twelve miles and camped for the night. Received two letters from home.
- 3-12 Started this morning and went to West Point and pitched our tents.
- 3-13 Had a glorious time ditching around our tents in the mud and water.
- 3-14 Raining and nothing doing.
- 3-15 Still raining and the river arising - wrote home.
- 3-16 Cold and muddy.
- 3-17 Received a letter from home.
- 3-18 Went to West Point Village and got some things to last us down the river.
- 3-19 Went on board the Jacob Struder half by deep. Started down the River Ohio about twelve o'clock.

- 3-20 Weather fine. The boat had to stop in the night on account of the fog. Started again at five in the morning. Had a fine view on each side of the river. Stayed at Hawsville at noon. Have the boats all got together. The Lady Jackson and Jacob Struder and Nashville _____.
- 3-21 _____ arrived at Smith Launch at the mouth of the Cumberland and ran til dark and then laid up til morning.
- 3-22 Started this morning running by Ft. Donelson about 9 in the forenoon. Stayed at Clarksville until 2 o'clock. Run til dark then laid up for the night.
- 3-23 Arrived at Nashville in the morning. Got unloaded and marched out of town some 2 miles and camped.
- 3-24 Had to police the camp. Went on guard.
- 3-25 Came off guard. Wrote home.
- 3-26 Weather fine. Had drill. One farmed planted his corn. Peach and Cherry Trees in bloom.
- 3-27 Weather fine and plenty of drill.
- 3-28 Went over to the burying ground where we saw some of the finest vaults that I ever saw. Had orders to march for Murfreesboro. Received a letter from home. Wrote home.
- 3-29 Started from camp and traveled twelve miles. Saw some very fine country. Pitched our tents for the night.
- 3-30 Sunday started this morning and went as far as Clarks River and stopped for dinner. Saw cotton fields for the first time. Went six miles and camped.
- 3-31 Started this morning and went within two miles of Murfreesboro. Making 30 miles from Nashville to Murfreesboro. Here we found some three thousand troops with Loomis Battery.
- 4-1-62 Moved our camp to the south side of the Village 1/2 mile. Received a letter.
- 4-2 Policed up our streets and grounds. Wrote home.
- 4-3 Loomis Battery and other troops started south. The Cavalry went to guard bridges.
- 4-4 Took a rebels mail. More troops passed through here south for Mitchell.
- 4-5 Went out on guard. Picket guard on the Winchester Pike
- 4-6 Sunday. Came in from Picket Guard. Weather fine.
- 4-7 Went out on the Nashville Pike on Picket Guard.

- 4-8 Came off guard, arrived at camp at one o'clock. Wrote home.
- 4-9 Went on Guard at the Depot.
- 4-10 Came off guard and received a letter from home.
- 4-11 Went to chop wood and then had to go on guard. There was news that the Rebels were at Wave Trace. Part of the Regiment went down. Part of them came back the same evening.
- 4-12 Came of guard. The rest of the boys came back without having any fight.
- 4-13 Sunday wrote home.
- 4-14 Went out on Picket.
- 4-15 Came in from guard. Received a letter from home. Raised a flag at the Court House in Murfreesboro.
- 4-16 No news of any importance.
- 4-17 Staid in camp and wrote home.
- 4-18 Went on guard, received a letter from home.
- 4-19 One of the soldiers of the Kentucky Eight shot a man for running the guard.
- 4-20 Sunday. Staid in camp. Rainy. Did not feel very well.
- 4-21 Feel rather down. Still raining.
- 4-22 Weather fine. Wrote home. ^{One of} /Co. R. shot off his thumb while on guard.
- 4-23 Weather fine. Had orders to March to Corinth.
- 4-24 Orders to March. Countermanded. Received a letter from home. Wrote home.
- 4-25 Went on guard
- 4-26 Came off guard. Went out after brush.
- 4-27 Sunday. Went down to Church. Went to the Cavelry mens funeral. Had orders to prepare for inspection.
- 4-28 Wrote home.
- 4-29 Went on Picket Guard. Got our pay.
- 4-30 Came off guard. Went on inspection. Sent our money home by the governor.
- 5-1-62 Went to Murfreesboro
- 5-2 Sick in tent
- 5-3 Went to Shelbyville and camped over night.

- 5-4 Sunday. Left Shelbyville for Murfreesboro. Stopped at two small towns and took six prisoners 13 horses and two mules and some two tons of ham and bacon.
- 5-5 Went on guard. The Cavalry had a fight at Lebanon with Morgans Cavalry, killed a number and took 150 prisoners.
- 5-6 Came off guard - wrote home. Had an alarm was called out at midnight. Put on our cartridge box and laid down and went to sleep.
- 5-7 Had orders to march at a moments warning. But it was only to go and see the prisoners come in to the Depot. Received a letter from home.
- 5-8 Wrote home.
- 5-9 Received a letter from home. Went out to the bridge on picket.
- 5-10 Came in from Picket. Drew white gloves. Drew pair pants. The Colonel on his way to camp from the City was fired at by some citizens.
- 5-11 Sunday. Went to Church. Wrote to Nellie.
- 5-12 Staid in Camp. Wrote home.
- 5-13 Went on the sick list.
- 5-14 Staid in Camp. Received a letter from home.
- 5-15 Staid in camp on the sick list.
- 5-16 Weather fine. Staid in camp on the sick list.
- 5-17 Weather fine. On the sick list. Received a letter from home.
- 5-18 Sunday. Weather fine and my health better. Wrote home. Received a letter from James.
- 5-19 Went on Picket on the Manchester Pike had two good meals of strawberries.
- 5-20 Came off guard in the rain.
- 5-21 The weather rainy. Got a letter from home.
- 5-22 Went out on Picket guard out on the Shelbyville Pike.
- 5-23 Came off guard. Wrote home.
- 5-24 Union mens meeting at Murfreesboro.
- 5-25 Sunday. Went to Church to the Presbyterian and was called out to go and salute the Governor when he left on the cars (Trains) for Nashville. Came back and went on dress parade.
- 5-26 Weather fine. Went on Guard
- 5-27 Weather fine. Came off guard

- 5-28 Had orders to march. I left a six in the morning to guard a wagon train to Shelbyville. Arrived at one in the morning.
- 5-29 The Regiment came down on the cars about noon, the wagons were loaded and we marched 7 miles and camped for the night.
- 5-30 Weather fine. Marched 14 miles and camped for the night.
- 5-31 Started at six o'clock. Weather fine and warm. Arrived at Fayetteville about eleven o'clock and camped on the bank of the Elk River.
- 6-1-62 Sunday went out in the fields and found some bulberries had one of our men drowned while in Battery in Elk River. Wrote home.
- 6-2 Started for Chattanooga at six in the morning with the whole division. Went to Talicomo, 32 miles. Arrived there at eleven oclock at night.
- 6-3 Started from Talicomo and traveled three miles south of Winchester.
- 6-4 Started this morning and commenced climbing the first mountain and camped on the other side. Vegreys Division had a skirmish with the Rebel Cavalry.
- 6-5 Started this morning and went down the hill and stopped for dinner at Blue Springs on the Battle ground of the day previous.
- 6-6 Started this morning down the Sequachoe Valley. Passed thru the Village of Fraser. Very nice little place. Decker shot by a cavalry man.
- 6-7 Started this morning and went over the Sicomb Mountain and arrived within 1½ miles of the Tennessee River. Meglier Brigade took 110 prisoners and commenced shelling Chattanooga. We arrived at 11 o'clock at night.
- 6-8 Our trains arrived at two this morning. After breakfast the Regt. were ordered to march. We were marched down to the River behind the bank. The Battery threw a few shells. We were marched up the bank. Fired our guns at the City and left for the top of the mountain on our way to Murfreesboro.
- 6-9 Started this morning from the top of the mountain after having the finest view that I ever had of the Tennessee Valley, the hills in Georgia and South Carolina.
- 6-10 Left camp and marched to Altamont twenty seven miles and camped for the night. Killed and tied out 32 mules and horses.
- 6-11 Left Altamont and marched 23 miles. Marched through Manchester and marched through Beech Grove and camped for the night.
- 6-12 Marched this morning on the Pike Murfreesboro. Arrived at three oc'clock.
- 6-13 Started this morning and marched 14 miles and stopped for dinner. Went 4 miles and arrived at Murfreesboro at three in the afternoon. Received a letter from Nelly.
- 6-14 Had a Holiday and went downtown. Saw Eck and the rest of the boys from the hospital.

- 6-15 Sunday - Went on Guard - Wrote home.
- 6-16 Came off guard. Went to the hospital to see the boys.
- 6-17 Moved our camp and got our pay.
- 6-18 Got a letter from home. Wrote home and sent ten dollars.
- 6-19 Went on guard. Wrote home. Sent ten dollars.
- 6-20 Came off guard. Received two letters from home dated the 20th and 25th of May.
- 6-21 Weather fine. Saw Uncle Eck. He is on the gain.
- 6-22 Sunday. Weather fine. Went on dress parade.
- 6-23 Went on Picket Guard - out on the Shelbyville Pike.
- 6-24 Came off guard. Weather rainy.
- 6-25 Wrote home. Received a letter from home.
- 6-26 Went on guard.
- 6-27 Came off guard.
- 6-28 Weather rainy.
- 6-29 Sunday. Had a sermon in Camp. Received a letter from home. Orders on Dress Parade to march to Tallahonia.
- 6-30 Four Companies Co. "D" and "E" started for Tallahoma. Arrived there at five in the evening. Went on guard.
- 7-1-62 Came off guard. Pitched our tents.
- 7-2 Fixed our tent and policed our ground. Went on guard.
- 7-3 Came on picket guard. Staid in tent.
- 7-4 Independence Day. ^{But} /Nothing doing in camp or in town.
- 7-5 Went on guard. Col. Fox came down from Murfreesboro. The Kentucky Cavalry came here with two peaces of Artillery.
- 7-6 Came off guard.
- 7-7 Capt. Smith came from Corinth. Went on guard.
- 7-8 Came off guard. Started on a tramp - went to Hillsboro. Started at 6 p.m. arrived there at one the next morning.
- 7-9 Staid there until 7 p.m. and started back for camp. Marched 9 miles and staid until morning.

- 7-10 Started at six in the morning and arrived at camp at ten in the forenoon.
- 7-11 Weather rainy. Went on guard.
- 7-12 Came off guard. Weather fine. Received a letter from home.
- 7-13 Weather fine, went out and got some apples. Heard that Murfreesboro was taken by the Rebels.
- 7-14 Had orders to march. Struck our tents and got aboard the cars in the evening and went to Wurtrace. Staid all night.
- 7-15 Started back for Tullahoma. Arrived at camp at 7 p.m.
- 7-16 Went out a foragering. Drew a bag of meat. Company "F" went to Wartrue.
- 7-17 Had orders to march in 30 minutes. Orders countermanded. Went on guard.
- 7-18 Came off guard. Moved our tents on the other side of town. Heard from Murfreesboro.
- 7-19 Went out scouting. Got two loads of flour and fourteen loads of hay.
- 7-20 Sunday, cars went to Nashville.
- 7-21 Went out to wash our clothes. Wrote home.
- 7-22 Started at five in the morning for Manchester. Arrived there at three p.m. Went down with a battery of six guns.
- 7-23 Started back for Tallahomo. Arrived at 7 p.m.
- 7-24 Went to work on the entrenchments.
- 7-25 Six Companies 18th Ohio came here from the Bridge. Our Companies went to Manchester.
- 7-26 All hands staid in camp.
- 7-27 Sunday, the Rebels attached our Pickets at four in the morning. We had one killed one wounded and 15 prisoners. Received 3 letters.
- 7-28 Were called out at three in the morning. Expected another attack, were not disturbed. Went out on picket.
- 7-29 Weather fine. Went out on Picket Guard.
- 7-30 Stood guard, weather rainy.
- 7-31 Cris and the boys came down from Tullahoma. Received a letter from home.
- 8-1-62 Weather fine. Some of the boys went back to Tullahoma.
- 8-2 Weather fine. Went on guard. Went back to Tullahoma. Arrived there at 4 p.m.

- 8-3 Sunday, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry left for Manchester: 6 trains passed through at noon. Wrote home.
- 8-4 Went on Picket.
- 8-5 Weather fine. Came off guard, moved our camp this afternoon.
- 8-6 Went to work putting up telegraph poles and wire. Went to Manchester.
- 8-7 Went back to Tullahoma. General MacCooks remains went through on the cars.
- 8-8 Weather fine. Three of the boys went home discharged.
- 8-9 Weather fine. Received a letter from Eck.
- 8-10 Sunday, went on guard, wrote home. Received a letter from home.
- 8-11 Came off guard. Received a letter from home.
- 8-12 Moved our camp. Weather fine.
- 8-13 Cavalry went to Manchester. Went on guard for the first time as Corporal.
- 8-14 Came off guard, weather fine.
- 8-15 Had a fine shower last night. Today weather is fine.
- 8-16 Went on guard then went to work on the entrenchments.
- 8-17 Sunday, came off guard. Wrote home.
- 8-18 Weather fine. Moved into the Stochade.
- 8-19 Went to work on the Stochade.
- 8-20 Went out with a party, after negros. Brought back five.
- 8-21 Weather fine, went out and brought in some fruit.
- 8-22 Received a letter that I wrote to Eck the 7th July. Went on Picket guard.
- 8-23 Came off guard, went out after fruit.
- 8-24 Sunday, weather fine and dry. Heard that the Rebels were agoing to attack us.
- 8-25 Sherman started out for Nashville, were called out in the night.
- 8-26 Weather fine, went on Picket guard.
- 8-27 Came off guard, went down the railroad after peaches on a hand car.
- 8-28 Our Company went down the railroad to within 12 miles of McMinville to guard a Railroad bridge. We had with us two Companies of the 28th Ohio.
- 8-29 Men detailed to work on the Stockade, finished it at 12 o'clock. Were attacked at two by old Foust. We had six men wounded. The Rebs had 13 killed and some 40 wounded.

- 8-30 Finished ditching from the Stockade and fixed up a small bridge that the Rebels burnt.
- 8-31 Sunday, went out and got some fruit and potatoes. Went on picked guard, wrote home.
- 9-1-62 Went out after fruit, found some fine apples. Moved our camp back to Tullahoma.
- 9-2 Convalesants went to Murfreesboro.
- 9-3 Our four companies started at six for Murfreesboro. Went 3 miles beyond Wartruce, stopped at 12 at night.
- 9-4 Started at 4 a.m. and arrived at Murfreesboro at 11 p.m.
- 9-5 Started at five in the morning for Mashville. Marched 26 miles. Stopped at $\frac{1}{2}$ two in the morning.
- 9-6 Stopped $\frac{1}{4}$ miles from Nashville, moved our troops within two miles of Nashville. Received a letter from home.
- 9-7 Sunday, wrote home, moved our camp on the west side of town.
- 9-8 Men detailed to go to the Convalesant had orders to march, started at 5 p.m. for Bowlin Green Pike - went 10 miles.
- 9-9 Marched 10 miles and camped, took two prisoners.
- 9-10 Started for Springfield. Marched 4 miles had orders to turn back. Went 4 miles on the Bowlin Green Pike and camped for the night.
- 9-11 Started this morning and went to Lyrol Springs some 5 miles. Were attacked by Old Forest. Had three men wounded. Lt. Fox died. Rebels lost some five or six. Marched 7 miles and camped.
- 9-12 This day marched 10 miles and camped.
- 9-13 Sunday, started this morning and marched 25 miles and camped.
- 9-14 Started this morning and marched two miles and camped. The sick boys started for Nashville and came back.
- 9-15 Were in camp all day, went down in the cave after water.
- 9-16 Moved our camp to town.
- 9-17 Moved over to the Fort on Collage Hill.
- 9-18 Went on guard - Troops moving on the Green River.
- 9-19 Came off guard, went to town.
- 9-20 Heard that our men were whipped at Green River. 4000 arrived on Parade.

- 9-21 Sunday, went to the Presbyterian Church for Meeting. Had a large number of Soldiers there.
- 9-22 Staid in camp sick.
- 9-23 Sick in Camp
- 9-24 Sick in Camp. Maj. Fox started for home with Charles remains. Edgar new man went home.
- 9-25 Sick in Camp.
- 9-26 Sick in Camp. The amunition wagons left for Green River.
- 9-27 Sick in camp.
- 9-28 Staid in camp sick and read my testament.
- 9-29 Sick in Camp.
- 9-30 Sick in Camp.
- 10-1-62 Sick in Camp.
- 10-2 Sick in Camp.
- 10-3 In Camp sick. Hospital moved down town.
- 10-4 Sick in Tent.
- 10-5 In Camp sick.
- 10-6 Sick in Camp. Corp. Southwick died, was buried.
- 10-7 Sick in Camp. Wrote home.
- 10-8 Sick in Camp - getting better.
- 10-9 Getting better
- 10-10 Still sick in camp.
- 10-11 Still in tent but getting better. Had good news from Gent. Pierson and his Commannnd.
- 10-12 Sunday, still sick in tent
- 10-13 Lusher shot in the leg by one of the Kentucky Cavelry man that was in jail.
- 10-14 Nothing doing and no news from home.
- 10-15 Weather fine.. No news from the Army.
- 10-16 Nothing doing and no news

- 10-17 Nothing a going on. Still unable to do duty.
- 10-18 No news from home. On the gain.
- 10-19 Sunday. Had an alarm in the evening. But no Rebels seen.
- 10-20 Our Officers are afraid of an attack - had orders to fall in at a moments notice.
- 10-21 Went on guard for the first time in five weeks.
- 10-22 Came off guard. Received four letters from home, one from James and one from Eck.
- 10-23 Received two letters from home. Wrote home.
- 10-24 Weather fine.
- 10-25 Weather cloudy and cold with some rain. Commenced snowing in the evening.
- 10-26 Went on guard. Cold with snow on the ground. Wrote home.
- 10-27 Came off guard. Weather fine.
- 10-28 Weather fine.
- 10-29 Weather fine. Some of the boys received mail. Heard of Eb Smith's death.
- 10-30 Received two letters from home October 12th and 19th. Went on Patrol down town.
- 10-31 Came off guard. Had inspection for muster. Wrote home. Troops passing through town for Nashville.
- 11-1-62 Went downtown. I saw 21 Mich and 101 Ohio Regts. Saw Jacob Yager and Dick Smith.
- 11-2 Went on guard. J. Yager staid with us last night.
- 11-3 Came off guard. Wrote to James.
- 11-4 The 21st and 101 have left town for Nashville. Had a letter from home.
- 11-5 Some of the boys talked of enlisting in the Regulars. But none did.
- 11-6 Nothing doing.
- 11-7 Went on guard. Snowing.
- 11-8 Came off guard. Weather fine.
- 11-9 Sunday. Weather fine. More troops marching through for Nashville.
- 11-10 Weather fine. Wrote to Elkanah and wrote home.
- 11-11 Some fifty of the boys came from Detroit and Louiville.

- 11-12 The Parolled boys refuse to do duty. Received a letter from home and one from H.C. Carpenter.
- 11-13 Went out on drill.
- 11-14 Went on guard. Wrote to George Phelan.
- 11-15 Came off guard. Received a letter from home dated October 10th.
- 11-16 Sunday, wrote home.
- 11-17 Weather rainy and nothing doing.
- 11-18 Weather rainy.
- 11-19 Weather rainy and no drill
- 11-20 Weather fine, but cool. Drilled twice.
- 11-21 Went out on dress parade.
- 11-22 Weather fine.
- 11-23 Went to Catholic Church
- 11-24 Wrote home. Went on Brigade Drill.
- 11-25 Weather cold but went out on Brigade drill.
- 11-26 Weather cold.
- 11-27 Thanksgiving Day, had chicken soup and fried cakes for dinner.
- 11-28 Had orders to hold ourselves in readynefs to march at short notice.
- 11-29 Went on guard.
- 11-30 Sunday, came off guard. Wrote home. Received a letter from home.
- 12-1-62 Had a hard rain last evening and orders to march Tuesday morning for Nashville.
- 12-2 Started at eight in the morning and marched 13 miles and camped at four in the evening.
- 12-3 Started at seven in the morning and went 2 miles south of Mitchellville in Tennessee and camped.
- 12-4 Started before sunrise and went as far as Tyrol Springs and took dinner. Marched to within 15 miles of Nashville and camped.
- 12-5 Started and went to Nashville and camped on the north side of the river. Snowed all the forenoon. Morgan burnt the Tyrol Spring House.
- 12-6 Went to town for our things.

- 12-7 Sunday, weather fine. Wrote home.
- 12-8 Weather fine had a walk through the town of Edgefield where we are encamped.
- 12-9 Weather fine. Received a letter from George.
- 12-10 The troops moved forward. Signed the pay roll.
- 12-11 Went on guard. Received four months pay. Received a letter from home with one dollar in it.
- 12-12 Camm off guard and wrote home.
- 12-13 Went over to Nashville and exchanged our money. Sent 25 dollars home.
- 12-14 Moved our camp nearer town and wrote home.
- 12-15 Rainy. Rained all day.
- 12-16 Weather fine. Had orders to march tomorrow morning. Went over to town and received a letter from home and one from James.
- 12-17 Started this morning for Gallatin. Marched 9 miles and stopped for dinner. Received orders to turn back. Marched back to our old camp at dark.
- 12-18 Started this morning and marched out on the Franklin Pike and camped.
- 12-19 Staid in camp all day. Wrote home.
- 12-20 Went out to the 101 st. Ohio and saw J. Yager.
- 12-21 Sunday. Weather fine - Staid in camp all day.
- 12-22 Lieutenant More and some of the other boys came to camp. Went on guard.
- 12-23 Came off guard. Had orders to march.
- 12-24 Moved this morning $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles towards Nashville. Lieut. Col Parkhurst came to the Regt.
- 12-25 Christmas. Had an oyster dinner. Had order to march tomorrow morning. Wrote home. Were attached to General Thomases headquarters.
- 12-26 Marched out on the Edmonson Pike and camped. Heard cannonading in front.
- 12-27 Struck our tents and marched on the Robinson Pike. Marched 10 miles and camped. The teams came up at 2 in the morning.
- 12-28 Sunday, marched on the Murfreesboro Pike. Came up with the main army some eight miles from Murfreesboro and camped for the night.

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- 12-29-62 Staid in camp. Our front drove the Rebels back to near the river. Wrote home.
- 12-30 Struck our tents and marched some five miles to the front and camped for the night.
- 12-31 Our men commenced the fight in good earnest. We were deployed across the road to stop the stampede. We stopped the 1st. Tennessee cavalry that were on the retreat. We staid drawn up in the line of battle all day. At night were marched down near the line of battle to Thomases Headquarters and staid all night.

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- 1-1-63 Started at 4 in the morning for Nashville with the Gents (General's) Train and our own. Arrived there at 8 in the evening.
- 1-2 Moved our camp into town and staid til next morning.
- 1-3 Started this morning for the Arm to guard a Plantation. Arrived at camp at 8 p.m.
- 1-4 Staid in camp all day. The Rebels left Murfreesboro.
- 1-5 Started this morning and marched to Murfreesboro. Saw a good many dead Rebels on the Battlefield.
- 1-6 Staid in camp all day, the convalenants and our tents came.
- 1-7 Policed our ground and staid in camp.
- 1-8 Staid in camp and wrote home.
- 1-9 Went on guard. Received 2 letters from home.
- 1-10 Came off guard. Went on Inspection. Wrote home.
- 1-11 Sunday went on inspection.
- 1-12 Weather fine and warm.
- 1-13 Weather fine and warm. Wrote home.
- 1-14 Rainy. Were mustered for pay.
- 1-15 Cold and rainy.
- 1-16 Cold, ground white with snow.
- 1-17 Weather fine and warm. Wrote home.
- 1-18 Weather fine and warm.
- 1-19 Weather fine and warm.
- 1-20 Weather rainy. Went on guard. A. S. Paxton died.
- 1-21 Came off guard. Went our forageing.
- 1-22 Staid in camp.
- 1-23 Staid in camp and drilled. Our train went to Nashville.
- 1-24 Weather rainy.
- 1-25 Sunday, had inspection. Wrote home.

- 1-26 Our train came from Nashville.
- 1-27 Weather warm and cloudy. Received a letter from home dated Jan 18th.
- 1-28 Cold and the ground white with snow.
- 1-29 Went on guard down to General Thomases Headquarters.
- 1-30 Came off guard. Wrote home.
- 1-31 Went on the Molinsville Pike on a forageing expedition. Received two letters. One from Eck and one from home.
- 2-1-63 Sunday, weather rainy. Went to Drefs parade (Actual spelling)
- 2-2 Went over to the 101st Ohio, Went to the Courthouse and saw Swagert.
- 2-3 Wrote home. Swagert had his arm taken off. Received two letters from home.
- 2-4 Wrote home.
- 2-5 Weather stormy. Some snow.
- 2-6 Regt. went out forgeing.
- 2-7 Staid in Camp.
- 2-8 Sunday, had inspection. Received a letter from home.
- 2-9 Weather fine and warm.
- 2-10 Received a letter from home.
- 2-11 Wrote home, weather fine and warm.
- 2-12 Warm and rainy.
- 2-13 Weather fine.
- 2-14 My 46th Birthday. Went out Forgeing, weather rainy.
- 2-15 Sunday went on guard. Wrote home.
- 2-16 Came off guard.
- 2-17 Weather rainy.
- 2-18 Weather rainy
- 2-19 Received our pay. Received a letter from home.
- 2-20 Sent our money by Scofield.
- 2-21 Received a letter from home.
- 2-22 Sunday, wrote home

- 2-23 Weather fine.
- 2-24 Weather fine.
- 2-25 Weather fine.
- 2-26 Rainy. Went on guard.
- 2-27 Came off guard. Weather fine.
- 2-28 Had monthly inspection. Received a letter from home.
- 2-29 Wrote home.
- 3-1-63 Sunday, weather fine.
- 3-2 Weather fine. Wrote home.
- 3-3 Heard that Charles Hamonds wife came to Nashville.
- 3-4 Weather fine. Col. Parkhurst presented with a sword.
- 3-5 Weather warm.
- 3-6 Weather warm and rainy.
- 3-7 Warm and rainy
- 3-8 Sunday warm and rainy
- 3-9 Went on guard, Received a letter from home.
- 3-10 Came off guard.
- 3-11 Weather fine. Wrote home
- 3-12 Received a letter from home.
- 3-13 Weather fine
- 3-14 Weather fine
- 3-15 Sunday, wrote home.
- 3-16 Weather fine and warm. Received a letter from home. Heard from our box.
- 3-17 Went out to the 21st and 101st.
- 3-18 Went on guard. Received our new tents.
- 3-19 Came off guard
- 3-20 Weather rainy.

- 3-21 Wrote to James.
- 3-22 Wrote home, received a letter from home.
- 3-23 Weather rainy.
- 3-24 Weather rainy and cold
- 3-25 Wet and cold.
- 3-26 Weather fine.
- 3-27 Weather fine and warm.
- 3-28 Weather rainy and disagreeable.
- 3-29 Sunday, cold wrote home.
- 3-30 Weather cold.
- 3-31 Weather fine. Went on inspection
- 4-1-63 Received our box. Received a letter from home.
- 4-2 Wrote home.
- 4-3 Went on guard.
- 4-4 Came off guard.
- 4-5 Sunday went on inspection. C. J. Yager was here.
- 4-6 Weather warm. Wrote home. Sent \$5.00.
- 4-7 Weather fine.
- 4-8 Weather fine.
- 4-9 Weather fine.
- 4-10 Weather fine and warm. Had muster. The mail train from Murfreesboro to Nashville was captured.
- 4-11 Received a letter from home.
- 4-12 Sunday, wrote home.
- 4-13 Weather fine. Nothing a doing.
- 4-14 Had a fine shower.
- 4-15 Cold and rainy.

- 4-16 Cold and cloudy.
- 4-17 Weather fine and warm.
- 4-18 Weather fine. Went on guard. Received a letter from home.
- 4-19 Came off guard. Wrote home.
- 4-20 Weather fine. Nothing doing.
- 4-21 Received a letter from James. Received our pay.
- 4-22 Weather fine. Received a letter from home.
- 4-23 Wrote home. Sent five dollars.
- 4-24 Weather still fine. Wrote to Uncle Eck.
- 4-25 Weather fine. Nothing doing.
- 4-26 Sunday. Had review by Gen. Thomas.
- 4-27 Regt. went to liberty. Went on guard. Wrote home. Sent ten dollars.
- 4-28 Camm off guard. Rainy.
- 4-29 Cloudy. Went on guard. Received a letter from GEorge.
- 4-20 Came off guard. Received a letter from home. The Regt. came back.
- 5-1-63 Weather fine. Wrote home. Sent 5 dollars.
- 5-2 Weather fine. All quiet in camp.
- 5-3 Sunday. Had review.
- 5-4 Got our shelter tents and received a letter from home.
- 5-5 Rainy. Wrote home.
- 5-6 Weather cold and rainy.
- 5-7 Cold and rainy.
- 5-8 Weather fine. Received a letter from home.
- 5-9 Weather fine. Wrote home.
- 5-10 Sunday. Had inspection.
- 5-11 Went on guard.
- 5-12 Came off guard. Weather fine.