

## Rufus W. Daniel's Diary

### 6th Arkansas Infantry

31st: Rose early in the morning pursued our march. Very warm and dusty caught us with our baggage train at sundown at Baldwyn, stoped [sic] for the night, feel very sore and all very tired come twelve miles.

June entries

June 1st AD 1862: Rested all day, no news, the Yankees are pursueing [sic] us. The Second Confederate reg't. [sic] had a skirmish with them at Tecumsa river on 29th reg't [sic] killed several of them 3 or 4 of our men were wounded none killed, very warm day [Pages missing]

vessel, two wagons staid [sic] to have the cooking vessels. Ordered out on review at 4 o'clock PM 6th ordered to cook another days ration making 3 days on hand. To be ready by 12 o'clock, marched 7 or 8 miles, stoped [sic] for the night.

8th: Rose early in the morning, Left at daybreak did not eat any breakfast traveled 6 or 8 miles stoped [sic] to eat dinner, rested 2 or 3 hours when we pursued our march. Reached Tupelo an hour by sun, all very tired, my feet are very sore. (Top of this page, Gen. Wm. J. Hardee's Division)

9th: Moved over to our new camp a very nice camp ground but water very scarce, wrote home. S. Ace Barber in our Co. today, he reports Dock sick with the mumps.

10th: Cleaning up camps at night, Parson Winfield preached to our reg't. [sic] from Matthew 19th chapt., [sic] 10 verse, Memphis has fallen into the hand of the Yankees. Our fleet totally destroyed, received a Letter from home by Robert A. Lea.

11th: Went over to the 18th [illegible] reg't [sic] found Dock sick.

June 12th AD 1862

12th Company drill at 9o'clock AM also and 4 o'clock PM. The 2 companies belonging to the 12th Ark. reg't. [sic] reorganized, elected officers and were permanently marched to 6th by order Maj. Gen. Hardee.

13th: Company drill morning and evening. Dress parage 6 o'clock P.M.

14th: Drill in the morning, nothing new in camps. Drew 2 months pay, very scanty rations of bacon.

15th: A beautiful sabbath, Parson Winfield preached his farewell sermon this morning. His text was David's last words to his son Solomon. Company inspection this morning.

16th: Company drillin [sic] this morning, dress code parade 6 o'clock. Capt. Archer and Lt. F. Gregory was rejected and not assigned to duty by order of G. Govan Cole. A heavy guard from our reg't [sic] to guard 7th Arks. reg't.[sic] to keep the men from trying to go home.

17th: On guard in the evening, the Brigade was ordered out to see one of the 7th Ark. reg't [sic] shot for Mutiny. He refused to do duty of any kind in defiance [sic] of military [illegible]. I am sorry any one from Arkansas should disgrace such a good and glorious cause as the one in which we are engaged.

18th: Nothing new in camps.

19th: Visited 18 Ark. reg't. [sic] found the boys all well, no news.

20th: Company drill morning and evening. Press parade 6 o'clock PM.

21st: Nothing new in camps.

22nd: A beautiful sabbath, on guard, wrote home.

23rd: Very warm and dusty.

24th: General inspection by Col. Ledell Co. comd. brigade, nothing new.

25th: Very warm and dusty.

26th: Warm, dusty and very dry.

27th: On post guard, 100 men detailed from 6th Arks reg't. [sic] for post guard.

28th: Our brigade ordered out to see 2 7th Ark reg't. [sic] whiped [sic] and drumed [sic] out of service for trying to desert. They were tied to a wagon wheel and struck 30 lashes with a cat of nine tails upon their naked backs, one of them fainted while whipping him. One side of their head shaved and then drumed [sic] out of the service.

29th: A beautiful sabbath, heard good news from Va., Our forces had completely routed them from Richmond, taken 3600 prisoners, Stonewall Jackson completely in their rear and Gen Lee pursuing [sic] them.

30th: General muster, 2 of 21st Tenn. reg't [sic] shot for deserting. R. W. Watson, one of my mess mates, very sick. More good news from Richmond.

July 1862 Entries

July 1st: Detailed to go with Lt. Selman to Okalona after the Books and clothes belonging to Co. C.

2nd: Returned to camps, had a very pleasant ride. Robt. Ross appointed 3rd Lt. in C. Company, 6th Ark. reg't. [sic] and assigned to duty in said co.

3rd: Nothing new in camps.

4th: On can guard.

5th: J. M. Mann and H. M. Mitchel started for home. They were discharged from Co. C 6th Ark reg't. [sic] Cannons were fired at 12 o'clock in honorto [sic] our victory won in Virginia. By order of Gen Braggs. We taken [sic] several generals and completely routed McClellan whole arm except a few who escaped [sic] on their transports. Huzza for Dixie. [illegible] AM "Telegraph from Richmond." ---- The battle of Richmond has lasted 8 days and is not yet finished. Thus far, the enemy has been beaten in every fight has been driven from all his entrenchments, lost all his supplies of every kind. And is now surrounded by our victorious army. Every effort is being made to prevent his escape by way of James river. But tis feared some part of his arm will succeed in reaching the river and escape on their boat. We estimate the no. prisoners, 7,000, no cannon, 75 pieces besides 45 spiked and [illegible] and by them last night. The no. others killed and wounded cannot be less than 70,000. Captured 15,000 stands of arm and an immense amount of valuable property. The Maj. Gen. 3 or 4 brigadiers. Our loss has been severe, at least 10,000 but the only one general killed is Brigadier Gen. Griffith of Miss. The magnificent strategy of Gen Lee is beyond all praise, July 4th.

6th: Nothing new in camps, lonely Sabbath.

7th: Visited Carroll reg't. [sic] found J.R. Taylor very sick. Two 7th reg't. [sic] Arks Vol were shot for deserting. The brigade ordered out to see it. These make 5 men that have been shot for deserting at this place. Preaching in camps at night by the Chaplain of 7th Ark reg't. [sic]

8th: Brigade drill in the morning by Col. Ledelle, Comad [sic] Brigade. One reg't. [sic] detailed in the evening to clean off drill ground ,very hot, dusty and dry.

9th: Brigade drill in the morning caompany [sic] drill in the evening. J. R. Stewart returned from Dallas, no news.

10th: Rain in the morning.

11th: On campguard [sic]

12th: Visited by D. Jones. Preaching in camps atnight [sic] by Parson Ducan Pasto of Shiloh church an Hardshell Baptist.

14th: Division review. We marched out to an old field, 4 miles, very hot and dusty. All of Gen Hardee Division out, Dr. McRhea in our camps.

15th Brigade drill in the morning, no news.

16th: Visited 18th Ark Reg't. [sic] Dock is sick with fever.

17th: On post guard down in town (rain).

18th: Nothing new in camps.

19th: Visited by Capt. Jackson, very warm day.

20th: Vistied [sic] 18th Ark. Doc, is still sick.

21st: Nathen Green of Company C., 6th reg't. [sic] died with fever and was buried the same day.

22nd: Troops leaving for parts unknown. Rain at night.

23rd: It is ordered that the 2nd Ark., 6th Ark., 7th Ark., and Roberts Battery of this Brigade have Shiloh stomped upon their colors in honor of their brave conduct while on the battlefield by order Gen. Wood.

24th: Preparing to leave, got a fine watermelon.

#### Editor's Note

The information above was copied from an old ledger diary kept by Rufus W. Daniel while serving in the CSA during the Civil War. The Dock mentioned in the diary is his younger brother William L. (Dock) Daniel.

#### Certificate of Confederate Service Form

Arkansas History Commission

Old State Road

Little Rock, Arkansas

#### CERTIFICATE OF CONFEDERATE SERVICE

of RUFUS W. DANIEL

PRIVATE \*1ST CORPORAL \*2ND CORP.\* 3RD CORP.\* 4TH SERGT.

(Rank in Company, Regiment or Brigade)

COMPANY C, 6TH ARKANSAS REGIMENT OF INFANTRYMEN

(Company in which enlisted, original [illegible], official designated after joining Regiment)

DALLAS COUNTY, ARKANSAS

(County, City Town or Community from which Co. was enlisted)

COL. HINDMAN – ENLISTED JULY 28, 1861

(Officer receiving Company [illegible] service: Place and date of enlistment, length of active service, parole)

6TH ARKANSAS INFANTRY

(Regiment to which Company was assigned, when, where infantry, Artillery, or Cavalry)

COL. SAMUEL G. SMITH \* CAPT. J.G. FLETCHER

(Name of Company commissioner officers, 1861 to 1865)

CAPT. M.M. DUFFIE CAPT. F. J. CAMERON

(Names of Companies in Regiment, original names, names after joining Regiment, Captains of each)

COL. HINDMAN'S REGIMENT.

(Names of Regimental of "Commanding Officers")

The facts above constitute the complete record as we have it this 2d day of May 1960

Ted R. Worley (signed)

### CIVIL WAR DIARY OF RUFUS W. DANIEL

Started on March 6, 1862

Flyleaf: R. W. Daniel, Princeton, Arkansas Corporal, 6th Arkansas Regiment And if I should die on the battlefield and any person finding it about my person or clothes will please direct it to William Daniel, Princeton, Arkansas.

March Entries

Atlanta, Ga. March 6, 1862

Nothing new, I am still improving slowly. A very cold, snowy day.

7th: Nothing new, still improving. Went to church, fast and prayer day in town.

8th: No news, went to the concteurs [sic] night, a very good entertainment.

9th: A beautiful sabbath, went to church, heard a very good sermon. Got transportation to the regiment, left 7 o'clock PM. Got to Chattanooga four o'clock All got breakfast at the hotel, a very rainy morning.

10th: Left Chattanooga [sic] at 7 o'clock AM got to Stephenson at 11 o'clock left there at 12 got to Huntsville at 5 PM. Stayed all night, slept in the depot. Got breakfast next morning at a boarding house.

11th: Left Huntsville on the 9 o'clock train, got to Decatur at 11 o'clock. The reg't [sic] left this morning for Courtland before I got here. I went up to Hindmans Hospital, found Dr. Kitchen there, he told me to stay here for two or three days until I could get transportation to the Regt. A good many sick in this hospital, a very pretty day but cool for this time of year.

12th: Still a Decatur nothing new, more troops coming in Woods brigade came in.

13th: A very rainy morning, a very scanty breakfast, no news, Wrizle very sick.

14th: Left on the 8 o'clock train for the reg't. [sic] at Courtland. Stayed all night at the Depot. did not sleep but very little, cloudy weather. The Yankees came up to the Mussel Shoals with their gunboats on the 12th and fired on our troops. We returned the fire and soon drove them back.

15th: Got to the reg't. [sic] They had orders to leave. All our baggage was put on the cars and the wagons were sent through by land. Stayed on the cars all night did not sleep but very little.

16th: Reached Corinth at 2 o'clock, went out one mile and camped. Got to Camp at sundown struck our tent, cook supped, all very sleepy and tired. My eyes are very sore and pain me a good deal. A very good camping ground. H and C

17th: A beautiful day. Sunning and drying blankets and clothes. Inspection at 3 o'clock. Mr. Starson left for [blank]. It is reported yanks got our freight to night.

18th: My eyes are very sore and pain me a great deal. The reg't. [sic] was formed and went through the firing and [illegible] of [illegible]. Commander Charley Cameron ordered [blank] up and cook three days rations. We have to wait until the comession [sic] went to [blank] and [blank]. We never got back until 12 o'clock. We [illegible] it commenced raining and put out all the fire. Our tent fell down in the hardest of the rain and we had an awful time.

19th: Got up and finished cooking our rations. A wet, damp morning, threatening rain. Expecting orders to march. We are to leave all out clothes here and carry nothing but one blanket and our rations in our knapsacks. It is reported the yankees [sic] are advancing on us in large numbers.

29th: A beautiful spring morning. My eyes are not better. No news from the yankees [sic] this morning. Batallion [sic] drill 10 o'clock this morning. A heavy detail from each

company to cut out a road. Cloudy. and windy. Several of the First Ark. reg't. [sic] in our camp. It is reported the yankees [sic] have fallen back to the river, Corinth, Miss.

21st: Cold and cloudy morning, sleeted some. On guard duty last night. A very cold night and windy. Jeff Woods put under guard for refusing to go on duty. The proposition of reenlisting was read to our reg't. [sic] yesterday. And a speech from Col. Hawthorn. Fifteen of our Co. have reenlisted for 2 years longer.

22nd: Our wagons came up from Courtland, out ream [sic] badly worsted. Moves to a new camping ground about 4 miles. We are camped on the railroad and very good camping ground. A very cold day and windy. I was very tired when we got to camp.

23rd: A very cold cloudy morning and sleeted some. Inspection of arms at 10 o'clock. A dreary Sabbath day and cold. Those who reenlisted elected their recruiting officers to send home after recruits. Lieut. Harley, Ed McKay, and T. H. Owen were elected.

24th: Those reenlisting were sworn in by Col. Hawthorn. Wrote to Pa and will send it by Leiut. [sic] Harley. I felt very unwell today. I was sick all night with the flux. A cold windy day, no news from the yankees. [sic]

25th: One of the Fifers Batallion [sic] was whipped and drummed out of service for stealing. He once belonged to our reg't. [sic] to the [blank] Co. and was transferred while at Bell Station. His name was Ed. Fulks. I felt very unwell today. I have had the flux for the last 4 days. A beautiful day and warm.

26th: Ordered at 12 o'clock to cook three days rations and be ready to march. The reg't. [sic] left at dark for parts unknown but from what I can lear [sic], they are going 12 miles tonight. . I did not go with the reg't. [sic] for I feel unable to march. There was 13 of our Co. left in camp. Got a letter from home posted March 11th. All was well, no news. Dull times in old Dallas. Everybody gone to war.

27th: The reg't. [sic] was up 6 miles above here on the railroad. This morning Leiut. [sic] Harley and Ed McKay started for home. James Stuart and Jim Key got back to the reg't. [sic] from the Hospital. There was another one of Fifers Batallion [sic] drummed out of the service yesterday for stealing.

28th: A beautiful morning no news from the reg't. [sic] This morning I feel some better but am very weak. B. Burch is quick sick. The rest of the boys are all mending in camp. The reg't. [sic] got back this evening. They made no discoveries of the yankees. [sic] They were all very tired wrote to Zack T. Lantorn.

29th: Beautiful spring morning, cleaning up of camps. Brigade drill at 10 o'clock, no news in camp. It is thought the Yankees will not fight us at this place. (At bottom of Page) Rufus W. Daniel Book V. W. Wright, one of our company was killed accidentally by an intimate friend. He was shot through the head with a musket. He left here in the prime of life to serve his country, but now lies in the cold and silent grave. This reminds us of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. And how necessary it is that we

should be prepared to meet death. For we know not how soon we may be laid in the cold and icy arms of death. Prepare to meet they God.

30th: A beautiful Sabbath morning. V. W. Wright was buried this morning in military honor, a solemn occasion. B. Burch is very sick with pneumonia. B. G. Selman and myself went out in the country and got a good old family dinner, hot head and turnip salad, butter milk and corn bread. We got back to camp, found Burch dead. Also Lieut. Shea of the Lady Davies Guards. There is a great deal of sickness in the reg't.[sic] and seems to be very fatal.

31st: Cloudy smoky morning, Buried Beuford Burch in military honor, Brigade drill, 10 o'clock AM. No news from the yankees. [sic] General cleaning up of camps. Buried Lietu. [sic] Shea of the Lady Davies Guards in the evening in military honor.

#### April 1862 Entries

April 1, 1862: Abeautiful [sic] spring morning. Cleaning up of camps. Drewed [sic] our state pay from Arkansas to the amount of \$25 dollars.

2nd: Brigadedrill [sic] 10 o'clock. Ben Owens and myself went out in the country and got dinner, price 25 cents.

3rd: Rose early in the morning. Ordered to draw and cook 5 days rations to carry 3 in our knapsack and put 2 in the wagon. We only carry 2 tents to the company. Our destination is unknown, but some hard march on hand. Left cam at 12 o'clock and march 10 or 12 miles in the direction of Tenn. river. Struck camp at 8 or 9 o'clock at night, very tired. Rain all night.

4th: Rose early in the morning, at breakfast and pursued our march toward the enemy. Marched until 12 o'clock, stop tor rest. A very hard rain. We all got wet. Our Cavalry and the enemy had an engagement. We taken 7 or 8 prisoners and the field officer of the day. None of our men killed. Our reg't. [sic] was formed in [illegible] of battle. We double quicked [sic] over the hills and hollows for 2 hours. The boys threw away a good many of their knapsacks and blankets. We remained in line of battle until dark, shot off our guns, stacked arms, buildt [sic] fires, and lay down to rest. False alarm at 10 o'clock. Sent 2 men from each company back to our wagons after the remainder of our rations. Rain nearly all night. We all got wet.

5th: Pursued our march early in the morning toward the enemy. We went double quick the most of the time. I threw away my blanket. The roads were strewn with blankets and knapsacks for miles. We formed a line of battle at 10 o'clock. Our reg't. [sic] was placed in front of Capt. Twear's battery to protect it. We were in line of battle all day. No fighting going on except the pickets and skirmishers. At dark our reg't. [sic] was ordered out to stand picket. We stood picket all night. Avery [sic] cold night.

6th: At daybreak the pickets commenced fighting. Our reg't [sic] was ordered back in the line of battle, and formed and advanced on the enemy and drove them back [sic] to their camps, and charged on them and drove them out of there. A great many of our reg't. [sic] was wounded and killed in the charge. Several of our company was wounded. We still pursued them and drove them back. Our reg't [sic] charged 7 times. The fight continued all day. Our forces drove them back on the river to their gunboats. Our reg't [sic] was ordered off the field at 3 o'clock in the evening and fell back to the rear. Fourteen of our Company was wounded, none killed. 1 came out unhurt. At dark all was silent and calm, but a day long to be remembered by the remains of the 6th reg't. [sic] Rain at night did not sleep but little, no rest for a soldier. Went down to the Yankee camp late in the evening with some more of our boys. Got me a yankee [sic] cap and haversack. There was a great many things in their camps, such as shoes, clothing, blankets and C and C. Some of our boys, as soon as we charged on their camps and drove out fell back iching [sic] to plunder and pick up everything they could find. Such men are not worthy the name of soldier.

7th: The battle was renewed again early in the morning. Heavy cannonading going on from the yankee [sic] gun boats. Our reg't. [sic] was formed and marched to the battlefield, Only 11 privates of our co. went on the battlefield. The Cannon and Musketry play heavily on the yankees [sic] until 3 or 4 o'clock in the evening when our brigade was ordered back to the rear. The reg't. [sic] retreated in good order. Our forces drove them back in shelter of their gunboats. None of our company was wounded on Monday. Some of our reg't. [sic] marched back to our old camp at Corinth, 25 miles Dapt Duffie and myself and 4 or 5 of our boys found a tent by the side of the road and put it up and stayed all night. Very tired, rain nearly all night. Got wet.

8th: Rose early in the morning and started for camps, did not have any breakfast. We got to camp at 10 o'clock after marching through mud and water waist deep. Col. Hawthorn was slightly wounded on the field Monday by a cannon ball but not serious.

9th: Lay in camp all day, very tired and sore. Heard the report of the killed and wounded of our regiment, 116 wounded, 20 killed, total 136. G.H. Robinson started hom [sic] on furlough, he was wounded in the head.

10th: A beautiful day, inspection at 10 o'clock, sunning and drying of blankets. Heard that our cavalry and the yankees [sic] were fighting yesterday. Our troops still hold the field.

April 11th: Still in camps, nothing new, a very rainy wet time.

12th: Our wounded boys started for home. A. P. Archer was detailed to go with them. I sent \$25 dollars by B. B. Owens to Pa. Some of Reeds Cavalry are in our camps today. Cage Eubanks, Frank Russell, and Bill Martin. Cage says he saw Dock at Memphis last Tuesday, he was well. Capt. Dill, of the Lafayette Guards died last night from his wounds which he received on the battlefield while leading his brave boys on to victory. He was brought to Corinth and there died. Also one of the Invinsibies [sic] died

yesterday from his wounds. H.M. Mitchell and myself went over to Fifers Battallion [sic] this evening, no news in camp, rain this morning. Capt. M.M. Duffie returned from town this evening and reports Sargeant [sic] William Hamilton of our company was dying. He was wounded in the ankle and his leg was cut off and mortification has taken place. And without great change he soon will go the way of all the earth to try the realities of an unknown world to us. A soldier never knows his doom. Today he may be in the bloom of life and tomorrow be laid in the cold and silent grave. And how necessary it is for us to be prepared, for we know not how soon we may be laid in the cold and icy arms of death. "Be ye also ready for such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

A great many troops coming in. Three car loads come in this evening. It is reported the yankees [sic] have possession of Huntsville, Ala. But I hope it is not true.

13th: A beautiful Sabbath day, sunning and drying clothes and blankets Capt. Sam H. Dill was buried this morning in military honors. Also one of the Columbia Guards. Dr. Sam Sanders is in our camp today. He brings the sad news that nearly all the twelve reg't. [sic] was taken prisoner at Island no. 10. I was truly sorry to hear it but I hope we will soon be able to take them back again.

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battlefield. We received the Enfield rifle in their place. A better gun then those we gave up. A cloudy warm day, no news in camp.

18th: Detailed to work on the road to town. Built a bridge across the creek. Rain in the evening, no news.

19th: A very rainy wet morning, disagreeable time for soldiers. Rained all day and nearly all night, did not get any supper. Very wet and muddy in Camp. R.W.D.

20th: Still cloudy and rainy. Buried Capt. Austin of the Columbia Guards in military honor. He died from his wound he received in the Battle of Shiloh.

21st: A cold and coudy [sic] day, rain and hail, no news, wrote to Bill Garrett.

22nd: A beautiful day, wash my clothes, sunning and drying of blankets.

23rd: Five companies of 6th Reg't. [sic] detailed to cut rifle pits. The remainder of the reg't. [sic] taken our place at 12 o'clock.

24th: Half the reg't. [sic] detailed to work on fortification until 12 o'clock the reminder of the reg't. [sic] taken their places. Lieut. Harley got back from Dallas, he brought no letters. He sliped [sic] off and did not let our people know when he left for he did not want to be pestered with letters and other things they might wish to send us. He brought no recruits as I expected before he started. He says there is great excitement back there.

April 25th: A very wet rainy morning.

26th: Our reg't. [sic] detailed to work on fortifications.

27th: A beautiful Sabbath day. Washed my clothes this morning for the first time on Sunday. [sic] But we are detailed every day it was my only chance. G. Selman and myself went over to 17th La and first Ark reg't [sic] this evening. Dress parade at 6 o'clock. The order of the conscript was read out. Some of the Reg't. [sic] very much dissatisfied, but if Old Jeff thinks best I am satisfied. But I would like to get a transfer to another co. where all my old friends and acquaintances [sic] are, for I had rather be with them. But if I cannot get a transfer I will try and be contented in my old company.

28th: Went out in the country and got dinner. False alarm in the evening. Visited by some of Capt. Holmes Co. Rain at night. Ordered to sleep on our arms and be ready at any moment.

29th: On guard. Sent off all the sick from our reg't. [sic] to the hospital. Ordered to get up and cook 3 days rations at 12 o'clock at night.

30th: Moved to our new camp near town, on the Mobile and Ohio R. Road. Fighting going on at the battlefield of Shiloh. Though not many forces engaged on our side. Mr. Dawson and George Gray returned yesterday from Dallas. Got a letter from home.

#### May Entries

May 1st AD 1862: General muster, cleaned up our encampment. Several of our reg't. [sic] detailed to work on fortifications. Troops coming in, Col. Carrolls [sic] reg't. [sic] is here. I want to get over to see them tomorrow if I can get off. Mr. Walsh and John Tony are in our camps tonight. They told me Dock and all the neighborhood boys were left at Pillow sick. Dock had the measles. (Dock is the author's [sic] youngest brother)

2nd: Visited Carroll reg't. [sic] Saw several of my old acquaintances. R. B. Thrasher and Neal Clark is with us tonight from Carroll reg't. [sic]

3rd: Dock came up from Memphis, came into our camp. I went with him to his reg't. [sic] Fighting going on in the evening between the pickets. We were ordered into ditches. We stayed near our pits all night.

4th: Went into our pits at day (dawn). At 12 o'clock ordered out 2 miles on picket. A very [sic] rainy night. Saw nothing of the Yankees. [sic]

5th: Relieved from picket by Co. Shaver reg't. [sic] at 12 o'clock. Returned to camp. The creek was overflowed and we had to wade to get back. All tired and sleepy.

6th: Our co. ordered out on picket at 2 o'clock PM. Made no discoveries, very cool night.

7th: Relieved by Two Co. of our reg't. [sic] Returned to camps. Found Gants reg't. [sic] there, consisting of 250 men. Saw several of my old friends and acquaintances. Very tired and sleepy.

8th: Fighting going on between the pickets. Our reg't. [sic] was ordered out to our rifle pits at 2 o'clock PM. Lay out there all night.

9th: Returned to camps early in the morning. Proceeded to reorganize the Company, and elected officers which resulted as follows: M.M. Duffie, Captain, B. G. Selman 1st Liut., [sic] J. H. Harley 2nd Lt., J. T. Gregor 3rd Lt. At 9 o'clock we were ordered to march in the direction of Farmington, and [blank] The enemy was attacked by Vandorn. They fled in large numbers. Our forces pursued them by the result is unknown at present. Marched back to camp, all very tired.

10th: Proceed to elect non commissioned officers for our Co. but the Co. was split us and some got mad and would not vote. Capt. Duffie stoped [sic] and appointed them to wit,

(Officers of the 6th Reg't. [sic] assigned to duty, May 14th, under the act of re-organization. B.C.S)

M. T. Harley, 2nd sergt. [sic]

A. G. Archer 3rd Sergt. [sic]

C.U. Brown 4th Sergt. [sic]

J. V. [illegible] 5th Sergt. [sic]

G. T. Rhodes 1st Corp.

Q. M. Owens 2nd Corp.

R. W. Daniel 3rd Corp.

F. W. Williams 4th Corp.

E. K. McKay 5th Corp.

At 10 o'clock the officers held an election for the field officers of the reg't. [sic] which resulted as follows.

Sam C. Smith, Col.

F. J. Camron Lieut. Col

Wm. L. Douglas, Major.

11th: Nothing of interest in camp, Parson Winfield preached to our reg't [sic] in the evening. At 4 o'clock ordered to our ditches, some of the reg't. [sic] ordered out to picket.

12th: Returned to camp at sundown, ordered to cook 5 days ration and to be carried in haversacks and 2 in the wagon to carry one blanket and to be ready to march in morning in the direction of the enemy.

13th: Rose early in the morning, making preparations to leave camp on an unknown march to many of us. But are sure we are goint [sic] to meet the invaders of our land and country and I trust in God that we may be able to drive them back, and soon maintain our freedom and enjoy the seats [sic] of liberty and the company of friends and loved ones far away. I left 20 dollars with M. Green and until I come back. I leave camp with 14 ½ in pocket. Left camps at 3 o'clock marched ½ mile, stoped [sic] recieved [sic] orders to march back to camps and to keep 3 days cooked rations on hand and be ready to march in a moments warning. At night Parson Winified [sic] preached to our reg't. [sic] on the causes, effects, and designs of this war, from Matthew, 24th chapter, 6th verse. It was one of his best talks.

14th: Nothing new in camps, a beautiful morning, in the evening ordered out to the rifle pits, lay out there all night.

15th: Returned to camps at sundown had review at 5 o'clock by Col. Shaver.

16th: Ordered to fast and pray by Jeff Davis for the success of our cause but no fasting in our reg't. [sic] General Hardees [sic] division was marched in the evening near the ditches and heard a very good sermon from Psalm 144 chpt. [sic] First verse by Parson Palmer.

17th: Nothing new in camps, on guard today. J. R. Taylor came up from Memphis, Dock, and several others of our old neighborhood boys are with me today. It seems like old times to be with so many of my old friends. And I look forward with bright anticipations to the time when we all shall return home and enjoy the [illegible] of Liberty in a peaceful land as we have once in days gone by.

18th: Ordered to take 3 days rations in our havre [sic] sacks and go immediately to the ditches. Returned to camps at 10 o'clock AM standing orders to keep 3 days cook rations onhand [sic]. Preaching at 1 o'clock by Parson Winfield. Lieut. Wiley left for home. Capt. Flippin got back from Dallas. In the evening our reg't. [sic] was ordered out on picket, saw no Yankees.

19th: Relieve from picket after [illegible] by 21st Tenn. reg't. [sic] a very hard rain during the night.

20th: Our reg't. [sic] detailed to wait on fortification, sent two men from each Co. the cook ration returned to camp at 12 o'clock, cooked 3 days rations. Orders in the evening to take 3 days ration in our havresacks [sic] and 2 in the wagon and to march but the order was countermand, I suppose on account of the weather, it being very rainy bad night.

21st: Rainy, damp morning at 3 o'clock ordered to march, marched 3 miles stopped for the night.

22nd: Continued our march at day break marched 7 or 8 miles in the direction of the enemy. We were ordered back to camps. The cause unknown to us. Got back to camp at dark all very tired.

23rd: Our reg't. [sic] detailed to work on fortification. Avery [sic] rainy day nothing new.

24th: Rainy damp morning. Ordered to have 1 day cooked rations by 4 o'clock PM. This evening heard Gen. Beauregard official report of the battle of Shiloh. He states our loss in 2 days fight was 1,723 killed, 8,012 wounded, 650 missing, total in all 10,355. Enemy loss, 2,000 killed, wounded and missing. We fought on Sunday the division of Gen. Prentice, Sherman, Hulbert, McClennard, and Smith, 9,000 men each or at least 45,000 men. This force was reinforced on Sunday night by the division of Gens. Nelson, McCook, Crittendon, and Thomas of Maj. Gen. Buel [sic] army of 25,000 strong. Also, Gen Wallace division of Grant army making at [sic] least 33,000 fresh troops which added the remains of Gen. Grants [sic] army of 20,000, Monday morning, making in all a force of 53,000 men at least arrayed against us at that day. When we could not muster 20,000 troops on the field. But never did troops retreat in better order than did ours. The enemy attacked our pickets and drove them back. Our reg't. [sic] ordered out on picket. All was quiet we could hear the enemy drums very plain.

25th: Stood picket all day. Returned 5 o'clock ordered 3 days cooked ration.

26th: On guard today, Yankees shellin [sic] our pickets this evening. The reg't [sic] ordered out formed a line of battle. Returned to camp at 11 o'clock AM.

27th: Our reg't [sic] worked on fortification all day, returned to camp in the evening ordered to prepare ourselves with eight days rations, 4 cooked, the remainder raw. It is reported Gen Hindman left for Arkansas to raise troops to defend the state.

28th: Heavy cannoning today in the direction of Farmington. Our reg't. [sic] ordered to strike tents and load our wagons. We are allowed only 4 tents to the company. Left camps at 12 o'clock marched out to our places in the rifle pits. Heavy skirmishing going on this evening on the out post of our pickets. We are expecting a general engagement. Lay in our pits all night, heard that our loss this evening was near one hundred killed, wounded and missing. While that of the enemy unknown but supposed to be much greater.

29th: Rose early in the morning, all was calm and silent. At 9 o'clock ordered out on picket, the enemy were sheeling [sic] our pickets nearly all day. Preparing to evacuate Corinth. But unknown to us at dark our reg't [sic] was formed in line of battle, stood for some time, then marched back near our rifle pits, stayed there 2 or 3 hours then marched in the direction of Rienzi, marched all night but very slow did not sleep any marched 8 or 10 miles.

30th: Marched until 12 o'clock.

Left Princeton homes and friend to fight for our liberties and freedom.

I hope the good Lord will soon enable us to turn the invader from our land and restore peace.

31st: Rose early in the morning pursued our march. Very warm and dusty caught us with our baggage train at sundown at Baldwyn, stoped [sic] for the night, feel very sore and all very tired come twelve miles.

June entries

June 1st AD 1862: Rested all day, no news, the Yankees are pursueing [sic] us. The Second Confederate reg't. [sic] had a skirmish with them at Tecumsa river on 29th reg't [sic] killed several of them 3 or 4 of our men were wounded none killed, very warm day [Pages missing]

vessel, two wagons staid [sic] to have the cooking vessels. Ordered out on review at 4 o'clock PM 6th ordered to cook another days ration making 3 days on hand. To be ready by 12 o'clock, marched 7 or 8 miles, stoped [sic] for the night.

8th: Rose early in the morning, Left at daybreak did not eat any breakfast traveled 6 or 8 miles stoped [sic] to eat dinner, rested 2 or 3 hours when we pursued our march. Reached Tupelo an hour by sun, all very tired, my feet are very sore. (Top of this page, Gen. Wm. J. Hardee's Division)

9th: Moved over to our new camp a very nice camp ground but water very scarce, wrote home. S. Ace Barber in our Co. today, he reports Dock sick with the mumps.

10th: Cleaning up camps at night, Parson Winfield preached to our reg't. [sic] from Matthew 19th chapt., [sic] 10 verse, Memphis has fallen into the hand of the Yankees. Our fleet totally destroyed, received a Letter from home by Robert A. Lea.

11th: Went over to the 18th [illegible] reg't [sic] found Dock sick.

June 12th AD 1862

12th Company drill at 9o'clock AM also and 4 o'clock PM. The 2 companies belonging to the 12th Ark. reg't. [sic] reorganized, elected officers and were permanently marched to 6th by order Maj. Gen. Hardee.

13th: Company drill morning and evening. Dress parage 6 o'clock P.M.

14th: Drill in the morning, nothing new in camps. Drew 2 months pay, very scanty rations of bacon.

15th: A beautiful sabbath, Parson Winfield preached his farewell sermon this morning. His text was David's last words to his son Solomon. Company inspection this morning.

16th: Company drillin [sic] this morning, dress code parade 6 o'clock. Capt. Archer and Lt. F. Gregory was rejected and not assigned to duty by order of G. Govan Cole. A heavy guard from our reg't [sic] to guard 7th Arks. reg't.[sic] to keep the men from trying to go home.

17th: On guard in the evening, the Brigade was ordered out to see one of the 7th Ark. reg't [sic] shot for Mutiny. He refused to do duty of any kind in defiance [sic] of military [illegible]. I am sorry any one from Arkansas should disgrace such a good and glorious cause as the one in which we are engaged.

18th: Nothing new in camps.

19th: Visited 18 Ark. reg't. [sic] found the boys all well, no news.

20th: Company drill morning and evening. Press parade 6 o'clock PM.

21st: Nothing new in camps.

22nd: A beautiful sabbath, on guard, wrote home.

23rd: Very warm and dusty.

24th: General inspection by Col. Ledell Co. cmd. brigade, nothing new.

25th: Very warm and dusty.

26th: Warm, dusty and very dry.

27th: On post guard, 100 men detailed from 6th Arks reg't. [sic] for post guard.

28th: Our brigade ordered out to see 2 7th Ark reg't. [sic] whiped [sic] and drumed [sic] out of service for trying to desert. They were tied to a wagon wheel and struck 30 lashes with a cat of nine tails upon their naked backs, one of them fainted while whipping him. One side of their head shaved and then drumed [sic] out of the service.

29th: A beautiful sabbath, heard good news from Va., Our forces had completely routed them from Richmond, taken 3600 prisoners, Stonewall Jackson completely in their rear and Gen Lee pursuing [sic] them.

30th: General muster, 2 of 21st Tenn. reg't [sic] shot for deserting. R. W. Watson, one of my mess mates, very sick. More good news from Richmond.

#### July 1862 Entries

July 1st: Detailed to go with Lt. Selman to Okalona after the Books and clothes belonging to Co. C.

2nd: Returned to camps, had a very pleasant ride. Robt. Ross appointed 3rd Lt. in C. Company, 6th Ark. reg't. [sic] and assigned to duty in said co.

3rd: Nothing new in camps.

4th: On can guard.

5th: J. M. Mann and H. M. Mitchel started for home. They were discharged from Co. C 6th Ark reg't. [sic] Cannons were fired at 12 o'clock in honorto [sic] our victory won in Virginia. By order of Gen Braggs. We taken [sic] several generals and completely routed McClellan whole arm except a few who escaped [sic] on their transports. Huzza for Dixie. [illegible] AM "Telegraph from Richmond." ---- The battle of Richmond has lasted 8 days and is not yet finished. Thus far, the enemy has been beaten in every fight has been driven from all his entrenchments, lost all his supplies of every kind. And is now surrounded by our victorious army. Every effort is being made to prevent his escape by way of James river. But tis feared some part of his arm will succeed in reaching the river and escape on their boat. We estimate the no. prisoners, 7,000, no cannon, 75 pieces besides 45 spiked and [illegible] and by them last night. The no. others killed and wounded cannot be less than 70,000. Captured 15,000 stands of arm and an immense amount of valuable property. The Maj. Gen. 3 or 4 brigadiers. Our loss has been severe, at least 10,000 but the only one general killed is Brigadier Gen. Griffith of Miss. The magnificent strategy of Gen Lee is beyond all praise, July 4th.

6th: Nothing new in camps, lonely Sabbath.

7th: Visited Carroll reg't. [sic] found J.R. Taylor very sick. Two 7th reg't. [sic] Arks Vol were shot for deserting. The brigade ordered out to see it. These make 5 men that have been shot for deserting at this place. Preaching in camps at night by the Chaplain of 7th Ark reg't. [sic]

8th: Brigade drill in the morning by Col. Ledelle, Comad [sic] Brigade. One reg't. [sic] detailed in the evening to clean off drill ground ,very hot, dusty and dry.

9th: Brigade drill in the morning caompany [sic] drill in the evening. J. R. Stewart returned from Dallas, no news.

10th: Rain in the morning.

11th: On campguard [sic]

12th: Visited by D. Jones. Preaching in camps atnight [sic] by Parson Ducan Pasto of Shiloh church an Hardshell Baptist.

14th: Division review. We marched out to an old field, 4 miles, very hot and dusty. All of Gen Hardee Division out, Dr. McRhea in our camps.

15th Brigade drill in the morning, no news.

16th: Visited 18th Ark Reg't. [sic] Dock is sick with fever.

17th: On post guard down in town (rain).

18th: Nothing new in camps.

19th: Visited by Capt. Jackson, very warm day.

20th: Vistied [sic] 18th Ark. Doc, is still sick.

21st: Nathen Green of Company C., 6th reg't. [sic] died with fever and was buried the same day.

22nd: Troops leaving for parts unknown. Rain at night.

23rd: It is ordered that the 2nd Ark., 6th Ark., 7th Ark., and Roberts Battery of this Brigade have Shiloh stomped upon their colors in honor of their brave conduct while on the battlefield by order Gen. Wood.

24th: Preparing to leave, got a fine watermelon.

25th: General washing and cleaning of clothes and blankets, visited 18th Ark. Preaching in camps to night.

26th: The 8th and 7th reg't. [sic] Arks vol are cooking up ration to leave, Drew 2 months pay. The [illegible] conscripts of our company got their discharged.

27th: Inspection in the morning of guns, knapsacks, canteens and C. The ordered to cook 3 days ration immediately left camps at 3 o'clock PM. Marched down to town, got on the cars at 8 o'clock PM traveled all night. Ate breakfast next morning at Artesia.

28th: On the cars all day, got to the Enterprise at dark, stop for a while and then traveled on. Slept very well.

29th: Got to Mobile, 12 o'clock, got off the cars at the Depot, marched through town down to the penitentiary [crossed out] warehouse and we are not allowed to go out at all.

30th: Left Mobile, 8 o'clock AM, marched down to the warf [sic] went aboard the steamer, Natches [sic], came down the Tensaw [sic] reiver [sic], 27 miles, Landed at Tensaw [sic] station. There taken the cars for Montgomery. Left Tensaw [sic] station at 2 o'clock PM, run until night, stoped [sic], lay over all night, slept on the cars.

31st: Left at day break, got to Montgomery at 2 o'clock. Hauled our baggage across to the other R. Road. Formed the reg't., [sic] marched through town, marched down to the Fair ground, camped all night, ordered to cook 3 days ration.

#### August Entries

August 1st: Left on the cars, 6 o'clock AM, passed through several towns. The Ladies gave us fruits of different kind and provisions for the sick. At all places treated very kindly by the patriotic ladies of Ala. West Point, late in the evening changed cars, lay there all night, a very hard rain, one of 8 Ark reg't. [sic] was killed by the cars.

2nd: Left at day, got to Atlanta 2 o'clock. Drew cooked rations got plenty of Watermelons, stayed there an hour, then left for Chattanooga. Passed through Marietta, Cartersville, Kingston, and several other places, got to Chattanooga just before day.

3rd: Awoke in the morning found myself at Chattanooga, stayed there 2 or 3 hours then went back 12 miles to camp, got off the cars at Chickamooga [sic], marched out 6 miles to a spring to camp. Rain in the evening. Stayed there all night. Myself and Mort went out in the country and got supper.

4th: Went back 2 or 3 miles near Claibourne. H. W. brought up some of the cooking vessels in the evening, stayed there all night.

5th: Left early in the morning, marched back near the Depot where we first got off, clean up camp grounds.

6th: Finished cleaning up camp ground.

7th: On guard, six of company 11. transfered [sic] to Caompany [sic] C.

8th: Brigade drill in the evening.

9th: Brigade drill in the evening, no news.

10th: Inspection in the morning 8 o'clock, preaching in camps today by Parson Pledger.

11th: Went out in the country, got a good dinner. Brigade Drill.

12th: Company Drill in the morning, Brigade Drill in the evening, very hot and dry.

13th: Drill as usual.

14th: Drill as usual. Went out in the country got dinner and some peaches.

15th: Pursured [sic] out daily vocation.

16th: Our reg't. [sic] drew new Endfield rifles. Our Brig. is now armed with rifles. Our wagon came up.

17th: Lonely sabbath, got a letter from Pa.

18th: Battallion [sic] drill in the morning, inspection at 10 o'clock AM. In the evening ordered to cook two days rations, left camps at dark, marched to Chattanooga, crossed the river, stopped, rested the remainder of the night.

19th: left the river at 10 o'clock, marched 3 miles and camped.

20th: in camps all day, very scanty rations.

21st: Nothing new.

22nd: On guard, a very hard rain at night.

23rd: Nothing new. Drew two month wages. Alas comutation [sic] money for six months deducting out expense for clothing since 1st June, 1862.

24th: Division review by Gen. S. B. Buckner, Maj. Gen. Commanding 3rd Division Army of Mississippi, Bardees Corps. very hot day.

25th: Nothing new.

26th: Drill as usual.

27th: Ordered to cook 4 days ration and wash up our clothes and havre [sic] sacks and be ready to move in the morning at 8 o'clock AM. The companies have to be divided into messes, ten men in each mess, by order Col. Smith Col. Comd.

28th: Rose early in the morning, left camps at daybreak, marched 4 or 5 miles, came to Waldee's ridge about 2 miles high we finally got to the top of it. But a very tiresome march. In some places the artillery had to be pulled up by hand, a detail from our regt. to help the wagon up. We then marched; 6 or 7 miles on a very good level road. Camped at a creek, all very tired. My feet are very sore and blistered.

29th: Pursued our march, traveled ten or twelve miles, came down the mountain, camped in the Sequatchie Valley. Our 2 days rations are out tonight, our waggons [sic] have come up. We are all without rations except roasting ears and mussels. Three deserters came over to us today from the Northern army.

30th: In camp all day. Our wagon broke down and did not get up, very scanty rations. Some of our company went out in the country and bought a hog and some bread. Several men in the Regt. drunk. No news from Yankeedom.

31st: Moved 1 ½ miles to a new camp ground. Camped at the foot of the Cumberland Mountain at one of the best springs of water, I ever saw.

#### September Entries

Sept 1st: In camp all day. Went out in the country and got a good dinner. Ordered to cook 2 days rations and leave in the morning.

2nd: Our brigade ordered to march in the rear of the Division, left camp at 10 o'clock in the night, all very tired. Heard good news from Virginia Gen. Lee had completely rounted [sic] the whole combined force in the old Manassa [sic] battle ground.

3rd: Pursued our march early in the morning. Went up to Cumberland Mountain, marched 10 or 12 miles. Ordered to cook 2 days ration. On guard.

4th: Left camps early in the morning. Marched 3 or 4 miles. Our company was sent out as skirmishes. We skirmished all day over the hills and hollows without scarcely any water. S. M. Peterson, one of our company fainted and give out, fainted from the want

of water, got to camps 2 or 3 hours by sun, all very tired, very bad water. Ordered to cook another days rations. Heard the yankees [sic] ride leaving McMinville [sic].

5th: Left camps and hour before day,, traveled until 10 or 11 o'clock stop to rest, marched on 10 miles, stopped to camp. Stayed there until sundown, then ordered to go on five miles farther to Sparta. Got there 10 o'clock at night. Camped in an old field very bad water, all very tired, very dusty road.

6th: Left camps, marched through town, marched 1 ½ miles to camp. Ordered to wash our Hayer [sic] sack and cook 3 days ration. Brigade inspection in the evening. After inspection our brigade was ordered to see three of 5th companies regt. put to death for disobeying orders and trying to ravish a young lady in Sequatchie Valley on the night 1st. Sept. but the sentence was not executed for what cause, I know not. One was a Lieut. one a Sergt. [sic] and one a private.

7th: Left camps early in the morning, traveled 15 miles over a very good road.

8th: Pursued our march, traveled 25 or 26 miles, several men died on road from sunstroke and a good many broke down, left sick on the road. some ladies that left Nashville, yesterday, 2 o'clock. They say the ya[missing] are leaving in great haste.

9th: Rose early in the morning, found ourselves in the Valley of the Cumberland, pursued our march at 9 o'clock. We marched merily [sic] along considering the fatigue of the past days march. Marched 4 miles which bought us to the noth [sic] side of the Cumberland River. We with pleasure followed the retreating enemy over the trails which our army had made during the past winter.

10th: Rose early in the morning, ordered to cook one days rations. But left camps before we had time to cook scarcely any. Marched 15 miles, got to camps, 4 o'clock P. M. Our commissary wagon did not get up until late. we drew nothing but some meat.

11th: Left camps before day, marched 18 or 20 miles over very thinly settled country. Camped on Barren River, Ky., 5 miles from the line.

12th: Left camps early in the morning, marched 14 or 15 miles, camped on a little creek.

13th: Left camps before day. Our brigade at liberty to fall back and build up fires, if we wished. But our regt. did not move, later in the evening, sent back three men from each co. to the waggon [sic] to cook rations. Distance from Cave City, 12 miles.

17th: The yankees [sic] were marched out of the fort and grounded their arms ear[missing] in the morning and laid off the knapsacks. But we were not allowed to go near them. They numbered 4200, they were Paroled. There was several of them sick left at Woodeenville [sic]. Our brigade marched across the river and camped; very rainy, wet night. Heard that Buel [sic] was coming up from Bowling Green.

18th: Ordered out in line of Battle in the evening. Me and 3 other of the boys went back to the waggon [sic] to cook 3 days ration for the co. We cooked nearly all night. We captured from Fort Durham, 10 or 12 pieces of cannon, a good many commissaries and small arms.

19th: Early in the morning, our Division was ordered down the road towards Horse Cave, some fighting between the pickets. late in the evening ordered back 2 or 3 miles and there staid [sic] until 12 o'clock, then marched back to our place in lie of Battle  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile east of town. Detail sent back to the waggons [sic] to cook 2 more days rations.

20th: Stayed in line of battle until 2 or 3 o'clock P. M. Then marched through town across the river and marched in the direction of Louisville, Marched 14 miles. Got to cam 11 o'clock in the night. All very tired.

21st: Pursued our march, early in the morning, marched 16 or 18 miles. Camped at Hodgeville.

22nd: Left camp at 3 o'clock travled 15 miles, passed thought New Haven, got to camp at dark. N. Parker of our company very sick, all tired.

23rd: Left camps early in the morning, traveled 10 or 12 miles, camped near Bardstown.

24th: Washed our clothes in the morning, at 12 o'clock our Reg't. [sic] was invited up to town by the ladies to see a Secession [sic] flag raised. Gen. Braggs and several other officers made a very appropriate little speech.

25th: Rested all day, nothing new in camps.

26th: Myself and W.D. Jones went out in the country; got our dinner. Dress parade in the evening.

27th: In camp all day.

28th: Alonely [sic] sabbath. Went to the Roman Catholic Church.

29th: Nothing new. Went out in the country and got some milk with W. D. Jones.

Sept. 30th, 1862: Moved to a new camping ground.

#### October Entries

Oct. 1, 1862: In camp all day.. No news.

2nd: Ordered to cook two days ration.

3rd: Ordered to cook 2 days rations and be ready to leave. Loaded up the waggons [sic] with tent flies in the evening and sent them off.

4th: Left camps early in the morning, marched 10 miles, camped at Danville, a little fight at Bardstown, our forces taken some prisoners.

5th: Pursued on march, passed through Springfield, marched 17 miles, camped on slat river, cooked another days rations.

6th: Left camps early in the morning, marched 10 or 12 miles, reached Perryville in the evening, formed line of battle. Lay in line of battle all night, fighting going on between our rear guard and the enemy.

7th: Moved back one mile and formed line of battle, stood in line all day, fighting going on our out post and while I am writing the balls from the enemies [sic] cannon are whistling over my head.

8th: Lay in line of battle all night, last night, earlyin [sic] the morning our Brigade brought on the attack, the 7th and 5th Ark. Regt. were engaged, our Brigade was ordered to fall back. We stayed in read nearly all day, late in the evening we were ordered forward and about dark we charged 22nd, 2nd Regt. and taken nearly all of them prisoners. There was heavy fighting going on all day, our loss killed and wounded was tood [sic] many but the enemies suppose to be greater. We had 1 killed in our Regt. and 2 wounded. Adj. Harris of our Regt. had his leg broken by a cannon ball. After we taken that regt. prisoners we lay in line of battle until 12 o'clock, our company was sent out on skirmishes. We stayed out until 12 o'clock when we were ordered back we fell back 1 mile and remained until day.

9th: Left early in the morning and marched in the direction of Harrisonburg, reached there 12 or 1 o'clock, distance of 10 miles. I supposed we came on here to keep the enemy from flanking us, they had left Perryville last night before we did. We stayed at Harrisonburg until nearly sundown then left and marched 12 miles, camped on Dicks River, got to camps 12 o'clock at night, all very tired and sleepy.

10th: Left camps early in the morning, marched 2 miles and stopped to cook 2 days ration, very rainy evening.

11th: In camps all day. Heard the yankees [sic] were advancing.

12th: Ordered to cook 4 days ration.

13th: Left camps early in the morning with 4 days half ration, passed through camp Dick Robinson where the yankees [sic] were camped last winter. Stopped there 2 or 3 hours. Destroyed a good many Commissaries, ammution and tents that we could not bring away that was captured at Lexinton [sic] by Kerby Smithe, traveled 12 miles and camped, passed through the town of Cr[missing] Orchard marching 18 miles got to camp at sundown.

15th: Pursued our march early in the morning, marched 10 or 13 miles over a very rough road, crossed Rock Castle River passed Wild Cat where the Yankees were fortified last winter and where Zolhicoffer fought them.

16th: Marched 17 miles passed through the town of London got to camps at dark, camped at Big Laurel Creek. Ordered to cook 3 days ration, did not draw but half ration. I have not got but 10 biscuits to last 3 days.

17th: Continued our march, traveled 13 miles camped at Barbersville on the Cumberland river, my feet are very sore.

18th: Left camps late in the evening, marched 6 miles got to camps 12 o'clock at night. Drew one days ration of Beef and 2 ears of corn to the man to parch up nearly allnight, [sic] did not sleep but little.

19th: Left camps early in the morning with nothing to eat but 2 ears of corn and some beef. Marched 18 miles, crossed the Cumberland ford, got to camps at dark.

20th: Continued our march passed through Cumberland gap, one of the best natural fortifications in America. Marched 10 or 12 miles and camped. Drew 1 days ration of beef and flour. But do not know how long it is to last. Some person stole half of our beef after we had it cooked

21st: Left camps early in the morning passed through Tazewell, marched 16 or 18 miles. Drew another half days ration of flour but no meat.

22nd: Continued our march, crossed Clinch River, marched 12 miles. Drew another half days of 2 days half ration of flour that was brought from Knoxville but no bacon. Got to camps went out to a house and got dinner, the first time I have had enough to eat in 4 or 5 days.

23rd: Marched 14 miles, passed through Maynardville got to camp late in the evening, very near down broken.

24th: Left camps early in the morning, camped in three miles of Knoxville, marched 11 miles, got to camps 1 or 2 o'clock P.M. my feet are nearly worn out and are very sore.

25th: Washed my clothes in the morning got a letter from home dated August 30th.

26th: Rested allday [sic]; for the first time in nearly 2 months after making a long and tiresome march of 500 miles. Snowed all day and very cold and good many of our boys are barefooted and nearly naked for clothes.

27th: In camps all day,

28th: Nothing new, drew some clothing for the regt.

29th: Drew more clothes, I drew a coat for guard.

30th: Nothing new.

31st: General muster.

## November Entries

Nov. 1st, 1862: Went to town. Ordered to cook 2 days ration in the evening, struck tents, loaded the waggons [sic] and formed the regt. to leave but the order was countermanded and we were ordered to wait for further orders.

Nov. 2nd: In camp near Knoxville. Troops are hastening off for Chattanooga. J; M. Owens, Lt. D. Aunders Left the wars for a more quiet life at home. As they are after serving 18 months discharged from the C.S. A.

3rd: Called up a 1 ½ o'clock A. M. to prepare to leave all ready and marched into Knoxville by daylight. But no one ready for us. So I calmly seat myself this beautiful morn to see the dazzling sunrise, and take a full view of Old Kentucky. The red leaves of the Sour Wood as well as those of the hictory [sic] are fast falling to the ground. Every bird has its winter supplies – very bad clad for cold winter. But the soldiers of the C. S. A. hath no residence for mor [sic] than a fortnight. Though it is hard for us to endure all the toils of the series of wars but right for us to fight for our Independence, for Liberty is never so sweet as when fought for. 13 miles.

4th: Claibourne Brigade left this moning [sic] for Chattanooga, ordered to cook 2 more days ration, making 4 days.

5th: Troops leaving for Chattanooga, a rainy wet morning.

6th: Early in the moning [sic] ordered to carry own baggage to the rail road. But for want of cars our company and 3 orthers [sic] was left. The remainder of the regt. went down to the depot but did not get off, late in the evening they came back to camps ordered to cook another days rations. RWD.

7th: Got to the cars 7 o'clock A.M. and left for Chattanooga, reached there 11 o'clock at night. Lay in the cars all night.

8th: Change cars left early in the morning for Bridgeport reached river, crossed over on Steam boat.

9th: Moved up to the railroad, lay there all day waiting for cars.

10th: Got on the cars jutbefore [sic] day and left for Allisenda, got there in the morning unloaded and struck tents.

11th: Moved to a new camp ground cleaning and fixing up camps as though we will stay here for some time.

12th: Still cleaning p camps, rainy, wet morning,

13th: Washed my clothes.

14th: Dr. Suanders got to our camps, he brings sad news from Prices Army a good many of my friends and acquaintances [sic] was killed in the fight at Corinth. On camp guard.

15th: Nothing new.

16th: Brigade drill in the morning.

17th: Capt. Triggs and Lieut. Treble started to Arks. after the ten that have been furloughed home and conscripts.

18th: Ordered to cook 2 days ration and keep 2 on hand and be ready to move at any time.

19th: Cold and cloudy.

21st: Brigade drill in the evening, no news.

22nd: Brigade Drill, Capt. Flippa; in our camps from Ark.

23rd: Left early in the morning, for Shelbyville, marched 17 miles, a very cold night. On guard. Capt. Filppa left for home this morning.

24th: Continued our march ame [sic] 13 miles, camped in 1 mile of Shelbyville. My feet are very sore. Capt. Duffie got back from Atlanta. J. W. Smith got back to us. We left him at Munfordville, Ky. sick. He has been paroled by the yankees. [sic]

25th: General review by General Buckner, after review Division drill, drilled all evening.

26th: Brigade drill.

27th: Division drill, sent a letter home.

28th: Brigade drill in the evening, no news.

29th: Wash day, no drill.

30th: Those men belonging 12 Ark. Regt. are preparing to leave for their old regiment. They turned over their guns this morning and left at 2 o'clock P. M. General review in the evening.

#### December Entries

Dec. 1st: No news.

2nd: Cold, rainy day. On 30th Nov. 1862, sergeant G. W. Williard of Co. D. and sergeant A. C. Archer of Co. C. exchanged places in order to be with ther [sic] brothers.

3rd: Nothing new.

4th: Brigade drill, a party in town tonight given by the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, A. M. nearly all the officers gone, very cold.

5th: Orders to cook 2 days ration and leave by 8 o'clock A. M. very cold and snowy morning. The order was countermanded on account of the weather until tomorrow morning. 6th Sept. Dob Thornton left for home.

6th: Left camps 10 A. M. marched 9 miles, very cold night – but slept.. very comfortably.. by a large fire.

7th: Left camps early in the morning, marched 20 miles, very cold day, very tired at night, passed through Uniontown and Eagleville.

8th: In camp all day.

9th: Still in camps.

10th: Moved  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to a new camp ground.

11th: Skirmish drill in the morning by Col. Smith.

12th: Left camps early in the morning on a scouting expedition [sic], marched up to Petesburg [sic] and camped. The yankees [sic] came over to Franklin and destroyed a mill.

13th: Went back to our old camp, feet are very sore and blistered. Wrote a letter home.

14th: Lonesome sabbath, review in the evening by Gen. Buckner.

15th: Review in the morning by Gen. Buckner. He leaves today to take command in Mobile. Got a letter from home, a very rainy night.

16th: Nothing new.

17th: Got a letter from S. S. Lanton, no news. 18th, 6th Ark. And 7th Ark Regt, Murfessboro [sic] marched out 1 mile north of town and camped. Expecting a fight; all the troops are gone out from Murfessboro [sic] to meet the enemy, fighting yesterday and day before in the line.

29th: Lay in line of Battle all day. Skirmishing all day. At night ordered to cook 3 days ration. Rain at night.

30th: Still held back in the reserve, heavy skirmishing all day, late in the evening our division ordered on the extreme left, lay in line of battle all night.

31st: Early in the morning ordered forward and soon got in the engagement. I was wounded early in the morning in the shoulder and left the field. But our boys still went on and drove them for every position. killing many but a good many fell in the engagement. The battle continuing until late in the evening, the casualties unknown. But our loss heavy.

## January 1863 Entries

January 1st 1863: Some cannons firing on the lines this moning [sic], but no general engatement [sic]. I suffered a good deal last night from my wound. The ball is still in my shoulder, the Dr. thinks it best not to take it out. It is very painful. Left on the cars 5 o'clock P. M. for Chattanooga. On the cars all night, a very cold night, suffered a good deal with cold.

2nd: Early in the morning the cars run off the track and killed 7 wounded men. Went back to Stephenson after more cars. Left there in the evening, got to Chattanooga at dark. Went up to the Hospital, had my wound dressed and had a good place to sleep.

3rd: Got up at 1 o'clock A. M. and went down to the Depot, left on the cars at 2 o'clock for Rome, GA., got to Kingston 10 o'clock A.M. changed cars, left there 11:30 o'clock, got to Rome 2 o'clock P. M. Went to the hospital, had my wound dressed and got something to eat, a very good place to stay. W.L. Dzles and R.N. Brown of our company are both wounded and are here with me. I have not heard from the Regt. since I left Murfessboro [sic].

4th: A lonely sabbath, in the hospital all day.

5th: F. M. and S. W. Williams of our company got here from Murfessboro [sic], they are both wounded, a good many of the wounded came in, no news.

6th: Still in the hospital.

7th: Got a furlough for 30 days. Went down to the depot and got transportation on the stage.

8th: Left on the stage, 3 o'clock P.M. traveled 12 or 15 miles, the stage broke down, stopped at Cave Springs got supper, waited there 4 hours for the stage to be fixed. Left there 12 o'clock at night, traveled all night, the stage was crowded. I suffered a good deal from my shoulder wound.

9th: Got to Jacksonville, 9 o'clock A.M., stopped there and got breakfast and left there on the stage at 10 o'clock for Blue Mountain. Got there at 12 o'clock. In the evening had a very hard chill and high fever all night, stayed at the Hotel all night.

10th: left on the cars at 6 o'clock A.M. for Talladega, got there 8 o'clock A. M. Went up in town and found one of Uncle Slades friends he taken his buggy and carried me out to his house. I never shall forget him for his kindness to me, got to Uncle Slades at 12 o'clock found all well. The remainder of the month was spent in the enjoyment of friends and relatives for 2 or 3 weeks. I suffered a good deal from my wound after that time the pain was not so severe and the time passed off very pleasantly enjoying the comforts of country life, quite a contrast to the life of a soldier. The fourth of February I had my furlough extended for 30 days by the examining board at Talladega. On the 2nd of March I started for the Regt., got on the cars at Talladega, 4 o'clock P. M. Reached

Blue Mountains at 6, left on the stage for Jacksonville at 6 o'clock P. M. got there 8 o'clock. Stayed all night at the Hotel.

#### March Entries

March 3rd: Left early in the morning on the stage for Rome, got there 10 o'clock in the night, stayed at the hotel.

4th: Left on the 8 o'clock train for Kingston, reached there 10 o'clock changed cars for Chattanooga, got there 6 o'clock P. M. put up at the Hotel.

5th: Left on the 8 o'clock train for War trace. Reached there 4 o'clock P.M. found the boys all well, heard that Jimmie Williams was dead. He died from his wound at Rome about 1st February 1863. His kind mother has lost an affectionate son, the Army a good soldier and me a kind mess mate. How necessary for us to be ready for we know not how soon we may be called away by the hands of death.

6th: A very rainy, wet day.

7th: Nothing new in camps.

8th: Went to church, heard a good sermon. Rain in the evening.

9th: On fatigue duty.

10th: A very wet morning, rained all night last night. B. C. Otwell left for Arkansas, he was discharged.

11th: Went out in the country foraging, found everything very scarce.

12th: Battallion [sic] Drill, 2 o'clock. Col. Gillaspie takes commond [sic] of the Regt.

13th: No news in camps,

14th: Batallion [sic] Drill.

15th: A beautiful sabbath, went to preaching at the Presbyterian Church.

16th: Company drill in the morning also inspection,

17th: Inspection and Drill by Maj Gen. Cleburne, beautiful day.

18th: Company drill.

20th: In the evening, the Regt. went out Rabbit hunting in an old field near here and surrounded it. We killed and caught 99 rabbits, it was fine sport for the boys.

21st: Went rabbit hunting in the evening, our company killed 21 with sticks and rocks.

22nd: Went to church.

23rd: Battallion [sic] and company drill.

24th: A rainy wet day.

25th: Nothing new.

26th: Brigade drill.

27th: A day of fasting and prayer, ordered by Jeff Davis. But little fasting in our Regt.

28th: A very wet morning.

29th: Went to church.

30th: Very cool for this time of year, elected this morning, no news, snowed in the evening.

31st: Drill as usual.

#### April Entries

April 1st 1863: Pursued our daily vocation.

2nd: Battallion [sic] Drill, on camp guard.

3rd: Brigade drill, very windy and cold, Capt. Duffie returned to camps.

4th: Battallion [sic] drill.

5th: Lonely sabbath, nothing done in camps,

6th: Inspected and reviewed by Gen. Hardee.

7th: On picket guard, general cleaning up of camp.

8th: Battallion [sic] drill.

9th: Brigade and company drill.

10th: Company drill, Lt. Harley got back from Ark., got a letter from home. He brought 2 recruits.

11th: Wash day In camps.

12th: Went to church, beautiful sabbath day, no news.

13th: Drill as usual.

14th: Rainy day.

15th: Drill, no news.

16th: On picket guard.

17th: Brigade drill in the evening. Drew 2 months pay, nothing new.

18th: Wash day in camps.

19th: Went to church.

20th: Brigade drill.

21st: On picket guard.

22nd: Turned over our tents and are allowed only 5 flies to the co. in the evening ordered to cook 2 days ration. But the order was countermanded. Reported the yankees [sic] are coming.

23rd: Nothing new.

24th: In camps all day, at night went seining, caught a fine mess of fish

25th: Stuck tents and loaded up the wagons, marched 5 miles up to Bell Buckle and camped at 9 o'clock at night, ordered to cook 1 days ration.

26th: Got up at 3 o'clock and got ready to leave. But the order was countermanded.

27th: In camps all day. Late in the evening our company was ordered to cook 3 days ration and go on picket guard.

28th: Left camps early in the morning went out 6 miles on picket guard. The company was divided into three reliefs, and each relief stands twenty four hours without sleeping or being relieved.

29th: Still on guard.

30th: Went out to the outpost picket and signal Corps. and taken a full view of Murfessboro [sic].

#### May Entries

Friday, May 1st 1863: Relieved from picket guard by 2 compaines [sic] from our Regt. Got back to camps 12 o'clock nothing new. Meeting has been going on in the Brigade for 3 or 4 days, several professions preaching to night.

2nd: Shot our guns at target – 300 yds in the evening Brigade drill. Preaching at night by Parson Taylor, Chaplain of 23rd Tenn. A very goo [sic] meeting, 4 or 5 professions, good many mourners.

3rd: Beautiful sabbath day, preaching at 10 o'clock A. M. also at 3 o'clock P.M. and at night. At night several proffessions [sic] and a great many morners [sic].

4th: On camp guard. Preaching at night. A very good meeting.

5th: Brigade drill in the evening. Preaching at night, several professions and the alter [sic] was crowded with mourners. Oh, that God will continue to carry on his good heaven work, and may he hasten the day when all shall know him from the least to the greatest – whom to know a right is life everlasting.

6th: Nothing new, meeting at night, rainy day.

7th: Meeting still going on, rainy wet day.

8th: Battallion [sic] drill in the evening, preaching at night.

9th: Wash day in the morning, brigade drill in the evening, preaching at night.

10th: A beautiful sabbath day, preaching at 10 o'clock. The Christian Association of Liddells Brigade met at 3 o'clock. The object of this society is to abstain from all wicked habits, such as playing cards or any other game for money or its equivelent [sic], to abstain from profane language and the use of all alcohol liquors as a beverage. And to reverence to sabbath day unless we are ordered to duty by superior officers. Myself with several others of our company joined it. There was several joined from every Regt. and some from almost from every company. I am proud to see the soldiers manifesting such interest and attaching themselves to this society. And I hope it will be the cause of much good being done. And the promotion of God's cause on earth.

11th: Company drill in the morning. Battallion [sic] drill in the evening. Preaching at night.

12th: Company and battalion [sic] drill, preaching at night.

13th: Drill as usual, preaching at night.

14th: Company drill, preaching at night.

15th: Meeting at night.

16th: Our company worked on R. R. until 12 o'clock A. M. The Christian Association met at 3 o'clock P. M. several joined, preaching at night.

17th: A beautiful sabbath day, preaching at 10 o'clock, baptising [sic] at 3 o'clock P. M. There was 20 baptized, 10 by immersion, 10 by pouring The ordinance was finished, tired.

18th: Company drill in themorning [sic]. Our company worked on RR in the evening. Wrote home, preaching at night.

19th: Company drill in the morning. Our company worked [crossed out] had drill.

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21st: Drill, preaching at night by Dr. Mcferrin

22nd: Early in the morning, the yankees [sic] came round in near our Cavalry and takin [sic] and surprised the. taking about 100 prisoners. At 1 o'clock our brigade ordered out on the Fosterville road, went out 3 miles. But the yankees [sic] went back and late in the evening we came back to camp. prayer meeting at night.

23rd: Wash day at 3 o'clock the Christian Association met, several joined.

24th: A beautiful sabbath, preaching at 10 o'clock also at night.

25th: Brigade drill in the evening, at dark ordered to cook 2 days ration and be ready at any time.

26th: Called up at day and formed the Regt. Broke ranks and went to company quarters, standing order to keep 1 days cooked ration on hand. Prayer meeting at night. Lt. B.C. Selman of Co. C. 6th Ark appointed drill master for Regt.

27th: R. W. Watson and W. D. Verser of Co. C. left for the hospital.

28th: Company drill, wrote home, Lt. Wycough. Preaching at night. Text. 3rd. Ch. 9 Verse, Acts.

29th: On camp guard. Relieved in the evening, our company ordered to cook 3 days ration and go out on picket in the morning, rain at night.

30th: Rainy wet morning, left camps at 7 o'clock A.M. with 3 days ration. Went out 5 miles to Leberly [sic] Cap and relieved a company of 15th Arkansas.

31st: A beautiful sabbath, still on guard, no news.

#### June Entries

Monday, June 1st, 1863: Rainy morning heard the yankee [sic] drums all day some fightingon [sic] out post.

2nd: All quiet this morning. Relieved at 10 o'clock A. M. marched back to camps. Rainy wet morning, got to camps 12 o'clock in the evening. Ordered to cook another days ration.

3rd: Left camps early in the morning with 2 days ration and 1 blanket apiece. Marched in the direction of Murfeesboro [sic]. About 2 o'clock in the evening we reached the enemies pickets, 6 miles this side of town. The 5th Ark Regt of our brigade were sent forward and deploy as skirmishes. They fought the enemy sometime and then were drawn off. Our loss, 1 killed. We came back 3 miles and camped all night. The intention of the move was to make a fence so Wheeler could get in the rear and destroy the railroad.

4th: Marched back to camps, got to camps 12 o'clock. All very tired and sore.

5th: A very rainy wet morning, ordered to cook 1 days ration.

6th: Wash day in the morning. In the evening ordered to cook one days rations. Prayer meeting at night.

7th: A beautiful sabbath, prayer meeting at night.

8th: Company drill also battallion [sic], no news.

9th: Drill as usual, no news.

10th: A rainy wet morning.

11th: Drill morning and evening. Preaching at night by Parson Casy [sic].

12th: Company drill at 8 o'clock A.M. The regimental association met and collected the dues from each member. This is a branch of the general association composed of the members of our own regt. We meet weekly. Battallion [sic] drill in evening.

13th: Company drill in the morning, regemental [sic] inspection in the evening by Capt. Dulin.

14th: A beautiful sabbath, preaching at 11 o'clock by Parson Davis Chaplain 1st Arks. Regt., preaching also at night.

15th: Rainy wet morning, drill as usual.

16th: Company drill in the morning. The 1st Ark went out to relieve 2nd on outpost duty.

17th: Company drill.

18th: Nothing to do in camps. There is a Picnic given today by the officers of our Regt. very near all the ladies in the neighborhood attended. The day was spent in revelry and dancing by the most of them. On camp guard, rain in the evening.

19th: No drill. Dress parade in the evening. The regimental association met at 10 o'clock A. M. for worship. The preaching is still going on every night. Several professions last night.

20th: Nothing done in camps.

21st: A beautiful sabbath. Prayer meeting at night.

22nd; At 7 o'clock our Regt. was ordered out 4 or 5 miles. Marched out there and came back. This was done to exercise the troops no news from the front.

24th: Preparing for a Barbecue given by the Mason of our Brigade.

24th: At 12 o'clock the enemy attacked our pickets at Liberty Gap and drove them back. Two regt. of our brigade were in thre [sic]. They were over powered and driven back. At 3 o'clock in the evening the brigade was ordered out. We went out 4 miles and met

the enemy. Skirmished with the enemy until the evening our Regt. lost 2 wounded. At night marched back to camps all very wet and muddy.

25th: Left camps early in the morning, marched 3 miles and formed lines of battle. Our company out on skirmishes. Skirmishing with the enemy all day, in the evening they advanced on us 6 and 2nd were engaged and had to give back with considerable loss. At night marched back to camps. Raining and very wet.

26th: Marched back and formed lines of battle. Skirmishing all day, no general engagement. After night marched back to camps. Still raining and very muddy.

27th. Commenced retreating on account of being out flanked. We came round by Shelbyville, marched 12 or 15 miles and camped.

28th: Continued our march, reached Tullahoma in the evening, very hard rain all wet. I have been we and muddy [sic] for the last 4 days and have not slept but very little, my feet are very sore and blistered. There is a good many troops concentrating at this place, everything has the appearance of a big fight.

29th: Early in the morning ordered to strike tents and load up the wagons. Marched out in an old field and remained all day. Rain nearly all day. Sent back and cooked 2 days ration. At dark our brigade was ordered to Alisonia to guard the Railroad. Marched down to the depot and got on the train, reached Alisonia 12 o'clock at night.

30th: In camps all day, in the evening ordered to cook 2 days ration, expecting attack. At night loaded up the wagons ready to leave.

#### July Entries

July 1st: Left camps early in the morning, marched out 2 or 3 miles stopped, lay there all day, at night had a very hard chill, sick all night.

2nd: Continued our march, sick all day. Camp at the foot of the Cumberland mountain, heavy skirmishing between our cavalry and the enemy at [sic] Duck river, traveled 12 or 15 miles.

4th: Marched all day came down the mountain, a very rough road, marched 18 miles.

5th: Continued our march, traveled 12 miles, camped on Tenn. River.

6th: Pursued our march, traveled 11 miles, camped on RR 6 miles from Chattanooga, on guard, rainy day.

7th: In camps all day, rain in the evening. At 12 o'clock at night ordered to cook 1 days ration and be ready to leave at 6 o'clock.

8th: In camps all day. Heard that Vicksburg had fallen but proved to be untrue.

9th: Loaded up the wagons with the cooking vessels and sent them to Chickamooga [sic]. Lay on the railroad all day waiting for the cars, rainy day.

10th: Got on the cars 10 o'clock A. M. for Chickamooga [sic], marched there in the evening, camped on our old camp ground, went out in the country and got supper. Heard the fall of Vicksburg which occurred [sic] on the 4th, which is sad news. But I hope the tide will soon change.

11th: In camps all day, cleaned up camps, meeting at night.

12th: Went out in the country and got dinner, orders to be ready to leave at any time, no news.

13th: In camps all day.

14th: On guard, very hard rain. Sending of the sick.

15th: Nothing new.

16th: Preaching in camp, 4 o'clock P.M. by Parson Benedict.

20th: Nothing new has transpired for the last 4 days, laying in camps doing nothing. Preaching every night,

27th: Nothing new for the last week, on 24th our company was ordered to Graysville, 5 miles above there to clean off camp ground at night order was countermanded. Next [sic] morning we came back to camps. Orders to drill twice a day until further orders by Lt. Col. Snyder. Bombardment of Charleston continued.

31st: Drilling every day. Gen. review on 29th by Lt. Gen. D. Hill of Virginia. He has taken command of Gen. Hardee's Corps. Gen. Hardee having been assigned the duty in the arm of Miss. We regret to give him up for his beloved by every true lover of liberty.

#### August Entries

Sunday, August 9, 1863: Nothing of interest has occurred [sic] during the past week, all is quiet. Preaching today by Parson Wills of Ga., also tonight by Parson Moore. The meeting continued every night.

16th: All quiet for the past week. Seven desertions from our brigade. Preaching today by Parson Friarson of S.C. Gen. Hindman arrived in [sic] our camp today. He is hailed with joy by the troops composing his old brigade. He made a very patriotic speech which was listened to with unusual attention.

Aug. 21st: All quiet up to this time. This morning at 2 o'clock ordered to cook 2 days ration. The enemy attacked Chattanooga and shelled the town all day killing 3 men and

wounding several. In the evening ordered to cook another days ration and be ready to move at any time. Today was set apart fasting and prayer by the President of the C.S. Preaching at 10 o'clock by Parson Stay, also at night by Parson Moore.

22nd: The enemy is still around Chattanooga fortifying on the opposite side of the river, no shelling today.

23rd: All quiet from the seat of war, moving the sick and Hospital store from Chattanooga. Wallthal [sic] brigade came up from Atlanta and stopped at this place. It is supposed our brigade with his will be held in reserve.

24th: No news from the front. Rev Dr. Palmer addressed the troops out [rest missing]

28th: Nothing new, cannons were fired yesterday in the direction of the enemy. Brigade drill every [illegible] Preaching at the stand last night also tonight by Rev. [illegible] of Memphis.

30th: Ordered last night at 1 o'clock to cook 3 days ration and be ready to move at any time. Preaching at the stand 10 o'clock. Baptizing in the evening. Eleven were baptized by Parson Teesdale. A beautiful scene to behold the soldiers buried with Christ in baptism.

#### September Entries

Sept. 1st: All quiet up to this morning, ordered to cook 3 days ration and be in readiness for any emergency.

Sept. 6th: A beautiful sabbath morning, preaching at 10 o'clock by Dr. McFerrin, Walkers Division. Left yesterday for Rome. The enemy were shelling Chattanooga yesterday, no damage. We are fortifying Chickamauga. Heavy detail every day to work on fortification. Very dry and dusty. Preaching every night in Walthalls [sic] Brigade. At 12 o'clock ordered to cook 3 days ration and be ready to leave at night ordered to strike tents and load up the wagons. At night on fatigue nearly all day at the depot loading commissaries [sic] wagons and cars.

7th: Lay in readiness all day. At 7 o'clock ordered to leave, marched all night, camped at Ringold [sic] 12 miles.

8th: Rested all day, at night [sic] taken up line of march, came 6 miles and camped at 11 o'clock at night.

9th: Left camps 8 o'clock A. M. marched 16 miles camped at Lafayette, very hot and dusty and feet very sore and blistered.

10th: Rested all day in the evening, cooked 2 days ration and drew 1 of hard bread.

11th: Marched 5 miles up Wills Valley to take I some yankees. [sic] But did not succeed [sic]. At night marched back to Lafayette and camped.

12th: In the evening marched in the direction of Chattanooga, marched 8 miles, stopped to camp at 9 o'clock at night.

13th: Left at 3 o'clock in the morning, marched 4 miles, formed line of battle, lay all day. At night moved farther to the left, lay in battle all night.

14th: At 9 o'clock marched back to Lafayette, 10 miles. The yankees [sic] fell back. At night ordered to cook 2 days ration.

15th: Rested all day, at night cooked 2 days ration.

16th: Rested all day.

17th: Left camp 9 o'clock A. M. marched in the direction of Chattanooga, traveled 10 miles and camped.

18th: Taken up line of march; early in the morning marched 4 miles formed line of battle. In the evening Walthalls [sic] brigade attacked the enemy and drove them back. Pursued our march, crossed Chickamauga at night and camped.

19th: Our brigade engaged the enemy early in the morning. But was flanked and give back with heavy loss. Heavy fighting all day, in the evening we engaged them again but was flanked and give back with considerable loss. Gen Cleburne's Division relieved us and drove the enemy from the field. Our company lost 15 killed and wounded and 2 taken prisoners. Our Regt. lost 110 killed and wounded. Slept all night in line of battle on the field.

20th: The fighting commenced early in the morning and continued all day. We drove the enemy from every position, capturing a good deal of his artillery and good many prisoners. At night the enemy fell back. Our brigade lay in line of battle in front all night. Our casualties unknown But our loss heavy. Capt. Duffie was wounded early in the engagement. Our company lost in the 2 days fight, 28 killed, wounded, and missing. Only 1 killed dead on the field

21st: Rested until 2 o'clock A.M. then marched in the direction of Chickamauga. Traveled 6 or 8 miles and camped. Some cannonading this evening in the direction of Chattanooga. Burying our dead this morning.

22nd: Rested all day. The enemy has fallen back to Chattanooga. Reported our forces crossing the river.

23rd: Marched in the direction of Chattanooga, formed line of battle, in 2 miles of town. Some shelling in the evening from the enemy. Lay in line of battle all night.

24th: Lay in line of battle all day, at night moved back on the Miss. ridge. Skirmish fighting at night.

25th: Lay in line of battle all day. In the evening our regt. worked on fortification until dark. Then marched back to our old position and lay all night. Day before yesterday our Cavalry captured 247 wagons loaded with commissaries coming up [sic] from Bridgeport. Pickets fighting continually.

26th: Lay in line of battle all day. Some fighting between the pickets. Heavy detail from the Regt. to work on fortifications.

27th: Our regt. was sent out in front [sic] on picket duty, some fighting between the pickets. No one hurt.

28th: Relieved from picket by the 2nd Ark. Marched back to our position. Remained quiet all day.

29th: All quiet today. Exchange of wounded prisoners.

30th: Doing nothing, lay in our position, eating all we draw.

#### October Entries

Oct. 1st 1863: Our regt. went on picket, rained all night, last night. Continued to rain all day until 12 o'clock at night. Saw the result of the Chickamauga fight which was as follows; captured 7,000 prisoners, 30,000 stand of arms, 30 colors, 40 pieces of artillery. Our loss 14,000. The enemy, 28,000.

2nd: Relieved from picket by 2nd Ark Regt.

3rd: Our brigade went to Chickamauga river to wash and cleaning our clothes.

4th: Returned back to our old position, found everything quiet around Chattanooga.

5th: Our brigade relieved Desslers in the Breastwork, while they went back to the wagon train to wash. At Chickamauga, shelling the enemy today from our batteries. Result unknown.

6th: Dessler's brigade returned and we went back to our position on the Missionary Ridge. In the evening our Regt worked on the fortification

7th: All quiet today.

8th: Shelling from our batteries in the evening. Result unknown.

9th: All quiet. In the evening our brigade moved under the hill. Sent a letter home.

10th: Our regt. went on picket. President Davis visited our army today. At night made a speech to the soldiers. But our regt. being on picket did not get to hear him.

11th: Relieved from picket by some of Desslers Brigade. Our brigade went to the wagon train to wash.

12th: Returned back to our old camps.

13th: Avery [sic] rainy day.

14th: Continue to rain in torrents.

15th: Still raining, all quiet in Yankeedom.

16th: Our Regt. on picket, no news.

17th: Relieved from picket by 2nd Arkansas.

20th: All quiet for the last 3 days. Our regt. on picket again this morning.

25th: All quiet up to this time. Our brigade moved down to Birds Mill and detailed to work on the raod [sic] across the bottom.

26th: Fixed up camps.

28th: The regt. worked on the road yesterday and today. Fighting yesterday and day before on the line.

29th: All quiet today. Preaching tonight by Parson H. S. Moore who has [page cut off]

#### November Entries

Nov. 1st: All quiet for the last 2 days.

Sunday, 8th: The last week has passed quietly away. Longstreet Corp. have been moving around towards East Tenn. His place has been supplied by the Vicksburg troops. Our brigade still working on the road. Our regt. still working on the road. Our regt. still works every other day.

20th: The last 2 weeks have passed quietly away. We have all built some little houses. But our brigade ordered to the front and did not get to enjoy the comfort of them. Left camps in the evening reached the front at dark. Taken Johnson brigade place. He having moved to the left. Rainy wet night.

21st: In camps, quiet all day.

22nd: Ordered to cook 2 days ration. Left late in the evening, marched round the point of Missionary Ridge to the left. Reached Chickamauga at 12 or 1 o'clock at night. It is supposed our division will take the cars for East Tenn.

23rd: Troops leaving on the cars. Cooked more ration. In the evening the order was countermanded. And we marched back to the front. The enemy advanced and taken our picket line, on the right fighting all eveing [sic].

24th: Heavy detail from the regt. to work on fortification. In the evening ordered to the right, reached there at night and formed line of battle. Our company sent out on picket, very cold. Relieved at 12 o'clock at night.

25th: The enemy advanced on us and attacked our brigade. The 2nd Ark. was sent to reinforce them. The yankees [sic] charged them several times. But were driven back every time with heavy loss. At one time they charged up with 20 or 30 steps of our men. And our men fought them with rocks. We held our ground all day. But our troops on the left were repulsed and driven out of the Breastwork; at night the whole arm withdrew to Chickamauga. Our brigade sent to guard a bridge [pages missing]

Night without sleep. This retreat has been one of the greatest disasters of this army and the worst defeat it ever had. It has been acknowledged that Gen. Cleburne's division saved the army, also the wagons trains. Our loss heavy, great many stragglers also sixty pieces of artillery.

#### December Entries

Dec. 1st: Moved camps to ge [sic] wood and water.

2nd: On guard. Gen. Bragg has been relieved from duty at his own request. I believe this will have a bad effect upon our arm. Though the citizens are down on him, yet the soldiers have the utmost confidence in him. Consequently, do not blame him. But those that run and disgraced their country.

5th: All quiet for the last 3 days, no news.

11th: No news, we have been fortifying and building winter quarters.

[Editor's Note: The information contained herein was copied from an old ledger diary kept by Rufus W. Daniel while serving in the CSA during the Civil War. The references to Dock refer to his younger brother William L. Daniel (Dock).]