

## Nouse Diary

December 1862

Dec 1. Rec from the Board of Trade supplies one shirt, one pair of gloves. Mr. Stevens left- for Nashville.

2 Inspected by inspector general and received marching orders. Mr. Campbell harness maker transfered [sic] to our squad from the 102 Reg. Ohio Vol.

3 Rec from [illegible] cap. Organized 30 men as infantry and received arms.

4 1st and 2nd sec of the bat. started for Nashville, 3rd remained to guard the town.

Dec 5 Snowed from 8 to 10. Started for Nash at half past 11, arrived at Mitchellville 27m. at 9 oc'k. [sic]

6 Started again at 8 oc'k [sic] marched 27 miles and camped at 7 oc'k.[sic]

7 Started at six oc'k [sic] and marched to camp at Nashville. Rec a letter from Father dated 27th. Orderly Seargent [sic] Stevens promoted to second lieutenant

8 Moved our camp

9 Started to chase guerillas but returned to camp again.

10 Wrote a letter to Mary.

Dec 11No. 3 received 12 black horses John Beach exchanged his horses.

12 Broke camp and marched with the 15th Regulars five miles on the Franklin Pike. Left the Regulars and retreated two miles and camped. I drove on the lead.

13 The flags having got very wet were brought out to dry and were then boxed again.

14 Sunday Inspection. There was foraging forty sent out three miles beyond our pickets, consisting of Lieutenant Stevens, H. Baker, Corporal Tinsley, J. Sleman, T.N. Williams, Buckingham, F. Richmond, J. Carrol, and three wagons with Richardson, Rutledge, and Bowers as drivers. They were attacked by guerillas and lost four horses, captured two killed and the Lieutenant wounded and J. Carrol was wounded in the back. H. Baker, J. Sleman, F. Richmond, J.H. Buckingham, T.N. Williams, and Corporal T. Tinsley were captured. Lieutenant fought well and then made his escape.

16 Stood guard until 8 P.M.

17 Inspected by inspector General on Gen. Negley's staff.

18 Camp called at two o'clock expecting a heavy attack on our left but had no engagement. Rec. a letter from father one from mother.

Dec 20 Wrote to father and mother. Rec. a letter from father dated 13th Dec.

The left section went as guard to a forage train.

21 Found T.Giffie on detail in the Pioneer Regiment from the 74th Ohio Reg. Vol. Infantry.

22 Received one pair pants, one jacket, one cap cover. The bugler received two new bugles

24 Fare [sic] on the front. The battery went four miles to the front and back.

25 Christmas in camp a quarter of a mile from the residence of Widow Brown wife of Ex- Postmaster General Brown and sister of General Pillow. I dined today on pork and coffee.

26 Retreated to Nashville and advanced eleven miles on the Murfreesboro Pike. Rode in the rain all day and slept in it at night.

27 Stood knee-deep in mud all day. Fighting in front all day. Rebels retreated.

28 Started at four o'clock marched four miles. passed Lavergne. It was nearly burned down last fall by the federals.

29 Started at eight o'clock marched five miles to Bear Break. The left half battery was detailed to go up the creek with the Pioneers to build a bridge. The first half B\_\_\_ went down the creek to build a bridge.

30 Started at eight o'clock to marched seven miles to the front and were stationed at Stone River. There was heavy skirmishing all day and night.

31 Shelled out of camp at seven o'clock, advanced half a mile, and opened fire on the rebels. We drove them back and advanced again, held our ground against the rebels all day and night against four battery and three infantry charges and they came within fifty feet of the guns. We gave them canister and when the smoke cleared off the "rebs" [sic] were not there, most of them were dead. Gen. Rosecrans told us that if we would hold them one hour we would gain the day, and we held it all day and night, did not sleep one moment all night. The 6 gun broke its axle [illegible] the first of the fight and got one Ohio gun that was drawn off by the infantry in its place. No 1 gun broke its axle [illegible] about noon and came on again at dusk.

Killed A. Finney and W.H. Willey killed by one solid shot through the bowels. They were buried on the field at night. J.S. Stagg killed by a shell, carried to hospital.

Wounded A.H. Carver shot in the hip. J.C. Camburg shot in the leg. Lieut. T. D. Griffin, shot in the shoulder. Sergt. [sic] A. L. Adams shot in the ankle.[sic] W.H. Odell stunned. J. D. Howard struck by a piece of a shell in the forehead. J. W. Bloom in the face by a premature discharge.

Buried Willey and Finney on the spot exactly three miles from Murfreesboro. Lieut. Robinson's horse was shot.

January 1863

Jan. 1 The 'rebs" [sic] opened on us at seven o'clock. We silenced them and stood in position all day. At night we were relieved by Standard Ohio Battery Company B, and retired to the rear for the night.

2 The front was attacked at seven o'clock. The sixth Ohio Battery was driven in by a rebel battery. Standard Ohio Battery ran from the same Battery. We were called up and silenced the rebels and then were ordered to retire which we did and stood in the rear until four o'clock, when the rebels drove the left wing in and we were ordered to the front and drove the "rebs" [sic] back saving Gen. Negley's division from defeat and camped two miles further to the front when we were ordered to retire.

3 Remained in the rear until night when we were ordered to support the pioneers building a bridge across the river. There was not any fighting until dark when our troops advanced one mile to the front and carried the first breastworks.

4 Remained in camp, unharnessed our horses and cleaned them. The rebels skedadled [sic] and withdrew their outposts at four o'clock a.m. I wrote a letter home.

5 The battery remained in camp. I walked over the battlefield and heled fix the boys' graves.

6 Moved camp to Murfreesboro.

7 Went to the river and washed.

9 [sic] Walked through the rebel camps and forts. Hildreth and Johnson went into the country to get horses.

9 Paid a woman 30 ct. for washing.

10 Hildreth and Johnson came into camp as released prisoners. Messrs [sic] Moody and Maple arrived from Chicago.

Jan 10 Rec. a letter from father.

11 Had services conducted by the captain.

12 Corporal Baker went to the hospital. Hildreth and Johnson left camp.

13 Mr. Maple started for home and carried a letter for F J. Flenning went to the hospital.

Mr. [illegible] of the Galena Railroad took a package from me to father.

14 Wrote a letter to Sergt. [sic] A. L. Adams and A. Merrill. Commenced raining at 3 o'clock and continued until eight o'clock.

15 The river rose twelve (12) feet and washed the Railroad bridge away.

16 Snowed all day. Extremely cold.

17 Maple and Durand returned to camp. Rec'd a letter from father dated the 22nd of Dec., one from Capt. Kovats [sic] dated 31st Dec, one from C. Hammond dated 31st Dec.

18 Fish all day. Capt. Maple left the battery.

19 Fleming and Lieut [sic] returned to camp. Commenced raining at three (3) o'clock and rained for twenty-four (24) hours.

20 Frank returned to camp he also wrote to Edward and Mother.

21 All quiet in camp.

Jan 22 J. Bloom returned to camp from the hospital at Nashville and brought with him my package from home containing writing paper, News-papers, oil silk bags, ink bottle, pens, and holder. Rec'd a letter from Edward dated Dec. 31st also one from Mary of the same date.

23 In camp, weather cloudy.

24 Mr. Adams brother of the Seargent [sic] visited us in camp. Frank wrote to Mary. Mr. Bloom came to camp in the afternoon. Rained all day.

24 Corporal Lake went to the hospital. Corporal Olcot took command of the squad.

25 Wrote a letter to J. H. Nourse. Frank wrote to Edward. Lieut [sic] Stevens returned to camp.

26 Mr. Bloom left for Chicago. Placed our guns and cleaned the camp.

27 Rained all day. Snowed all night.

28 Snow two inches deep; extremely cold.

29 Pleasant. Washed my clothes. Went on guard at night. Corporal Miller appointed to Squad 6. Corporal Baker resumed command of this squad.

30 Mrs. Hosmer and another Chicago lady visited the Capt. in camp.

31 Rainy

February

Feb 1. Visited in camp by Mr. Vaughn. Wrote a letter to mother F. wrote to father.

Baker rec'd a letter from Sergt. [sic] Adams saying that Carver died in Nashville Jan 30th.

2 F. wrote to Mr. Stanley.

3 Mr. Vaughn came to camp and I gave him a letter to carry home. Rec'd word that [illegible] Coster was dead.

4 Oiled harness and greased gun and caison [sic] wheels. Mrs. Aikens arrived in camp from Chicago with packages for the boys. Heavy firing in the front all day. Weather- rain and snow all night.

5 Weather extremely cold.

6 Weather clear and cold. Wrote a letter to C. Hammond.

7 F. wrote a letter to father. Sergt [sic] Hand rec'd a letter from Annapolis, Md. written by the boys that were captured.

8 Mrs. Aikens left for Chicago. Attended services