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Battle of Stones River is progress today. Our division was engaged
yesterday. Regiment ordered to camp last night with wagon train five
miles from front and marched to Nashville today with the train.

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Our train was attacked at four o'clock yesterday three miles north of
Lawrence. Ours held the train and saved the train. I was in the
right and after I took an orderly horse to Nashville, arriving
there at six o'clock at night. I stayed all night with a Michigan regiment. I
found P. E. Tenney and remained with him. Could not get back to
Nashville.

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Hospital No. 2, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Am able to walk
around today. I visited my today. Brought me two letters one
from Sister, one from Cousin James Shideler. I was very glad
to hear from them and was
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visited all the boys found them in good
health. I returned to the hospital in the evening. Weather clear and warm.
I was very sick this morning and all night. P. E. Tenney Reg. O.V.I. in camp
near the place.

Tuesday, April 14th
Hospital No. 2, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I was very sick all last
night and today but am getting much better. City Hill and W
- Although visited me this morning. I continued during the evening and
is gone now. Health better. I was in camp
near town.

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1863

- Thursday, January 1st Battle of Stones River in progress today. Our division was repulsed yesterday. Regiment returned to camp last night with wagon trains five miles from battlefields and marched to Nashville today with the trains.
- Friday, January 2nd Our train was attacked at four o'clock yesterday three miles north of Laverne. Our cavalry repulsed the enemy and saved the train. I was in the fight and after it was over I rode an artillery horse to Nashville, arriving there at six o'clock at night. I stayed all night with a Michigan regiment. I found P. E. Tucker today and remained with him. Could not get back to Murfreesboro.
- Sunday, April 12th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Am able to walk around today. A. B. Smultz visited me today. Brought me two letters one from Sister Mattie and one from Cousin Jennie Shideler. I was very glad to hear from home. Weather clear and warm.
- Monday, April 13th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Getting some better. I visited 69th Ohio Regiment today. Seen all the boys found them in good health. I returned to the hospital in the evening. Weather clear and warm. I was very sick this morning and all night. P.S. 93rd Regt. O.V.I. in camp near this place.
- Tuesday, April 14th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I was very sick all last night and today but am getting much better. Clay Hoff and W. McCullough visited me this morning. Commenced raining this evening and is quite cool. Nothing of interest to write. 93rd Regt. O.V.I. yet in camp near town.
- Wednesday, April 15th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I am some better today yet have a severe cold. I am getting tired of this place and hope soon to be able to return to my regiment. Rained all last night and today and is quite cold. 93rd Regiment O.V.I. in camp near town.

Thursday, April 16th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I am still in the hospital getting some better. I hope soon to be well. New surgeon took charge of hospital today. Nothing of interest to write. Weather clear and warm. 93rd Regiment still in camp near here.

Friday, April 17th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I was confined to my bed almost all day. Feel better this evening. Took a walk through town this evening. Nothing of interest to write. Weather clear and warm.

Saturday, April 18th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I was examined today by medical committee. I have not yet learned the result. I feel badly today. Was confined to my bed most of the time. Weather clear and very warm.

Sunday, April 19th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. We had meeting in our ward today at ten o'clock. I received two letters one from both Will and one from P. Setiliger. Took a walk this evening through town. Weather rainy today. 93rd in camp near here.

Monday, April 20th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Nothing of interest today. I think my health is slowly improving. I took a walk this evening through Murfreesboro past Rosencrans headquarters. Weather clear and warm. 93rd Regiment O.V.P. in camp near here.

Tuesday, April 21st Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Weather clear and warm. I took a walk through town this evening. Passed General Rosencrans headquarters. I have not yet been to my regiment. Nothing of interest to write.

Wednesday, April 22nd Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Nothing of interest to write today. Took a walk this evening through town. Weather warm and clear. 93rd Ohio Regiment in camp near town.

Thursday, April 23rd Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Nothing of interest to write today. Weather clear and warm. I took a walk through town this evening. I do not feel very well today. 93rd Regiment out on a reconnaissance.

Friday, April 24th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Nothing of interest to write. D.C. Rees was here to see me this afternoon. We went to telegraph office. Weather clear and warm. Eight o'clock at night while I am writing. 93rd Regiment still out on reconnaissance.

Saturday, April 25th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Weather warm and clear today. I do not feel as well as I did yesterday. Doctor prescribed for me this morning. 93rd Regiment came back to camp this morning. Nothing of interest to write.

Sunday, April 26th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I was quite sick this morning. Feel much better tonight. Received a letter today from my friend L.E.C. of Cincinnati. Wm. McCullough visited me today. Fred Keitzel and I took a walk through town this evening. Weather clear and warm. Nine o'clock at night while writing.

Monday, April 27th Hospital No. 3, Ward 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. I received a letter today from sister Mattie. Weather clear and warm. Commenced raining this evening. It is raining hard tonight. I wrote a letter home tonight. Eight o'clock while writing. 93rd in camp near here.

Thursday, May 14th I was transferred today from Hospital No. 3 at Murfreesboro to Nashville. Left Murfreesboro at two o'clock p.m. Arrived at Nashville at five o'clock and was sent to Hospital No. 1. Weather very warm and clear. I visited cousin Gabriel Shideler this morning. We went to the depot together.

Saturday, May 23rd Hospital No. 1, Ward 1st, Nashville, Tennessee. I wrote a letter today to William McCullough at Murfreesboro. Martin Keller was here to see me this afternoon. Weather clear and very warm.

Thursday, May 28th Hospital No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee. I took a walk this afternoon to the cemetery. Seen General Zollicoffers grave. Returned to hospital in the evening. Weather very warm.

Wednesday, July 1st M.Y. Phyant. Ward C.

Sunday, July 12th Hospital No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee. Lieut. P.E. Tucker and Pete Tucker were here to visit me this afternoon. Remained until four o'clock. Weather clear and very warm.

Monday, July 13th Hospital No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee. I resolved today to quit the use of tobacco. Hope I can keep my resolution. Think I can. Weather very warm and clear. P.S. We signed the payrolls today.

Monday, August 3rd Hospital No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee. I started for my regiment today. Went to the convalescent barracks in the morning. Spent a miserable day and night in that dirty place. To be bound to stop in such a place is enough to weaken any person's patriotism. We are to leave here at three o'clock in the morning. Weather very warm.

Tuesday, August 4th At three o'clock this morning we took the railroad for Tullahoma and after a warm and dusty ride of seventy-five miles arrived at Tullahoma about 7:00 p.m. I reported at headquarters and immediately went to my regiment. I found the boys all well and glad to see me. Weather hot.

Wednesday, August 5th Nothing of interest in camp today. I have not done any duty yet. Rained very hard today.

Thursday, August 6th Camp Reed near Tullahoma. Cousin Dan Shideler returned today. He looks well and hearty. I have not done any duty yet. Weather very warm.

Friday, August 7th Nothing of interest in camp today. Weather very warm at Camp Reed.

Saturday, August 8th Camp Reed. I went on Picket this morning on Post No. 3, east of Tullahoma. Went to a house and bought a pie and some apples. Weather warm.

Sunday, August 9th Camp Reed. I came off of Picket duty this morning. Was very tired and fatigued. Inspection this morning. Weather warm.

Monday, August 10th Nothing of interest in camp today. Skirmish drill this afternoon.

Tuesday, August 11th Was detailed for fatigue duty today. Went to Tullahoma to unload ammunition. Order was countermanded. We cleared an old warehouse and returned to camp. Battalion drill this afternoon. I was not very well and fear I will be sick. Weather excessively warm.

Wednesday, Aug. 12th Was detailed to go foraging today. Left camp at five o'clock in the morning. Had not time to get my breakfast. Consequently went hungry all day. Our train consisted of 20 wagons. We went 9 miles southwest of Tullahoma. Found forage rather scarce. Got some wheat and green corn. I got some peaches, also some green corn. Returned to camp at five o'clock. Weather very warm.

- Thursday, August 13th Camp Reed near Tullahoma. Nothing of interest in camp today. Skirmish drill this afternoon. Weather clear and warm.
- Friday, August 14th Camp Reed at Tullahoma, Tennessee. Nothing of interest in camp today. We had battalion drill this afternoon. It commenced raining while we were on drill and we returned to camp. Weather rainy while writing.
- Saturday, August 15th Camp Reed. I went on Picket this morning at Post No. 1, south of Tullahoma. Cousin Daniel Shideler was with me. We expect to get marching orders every day. I do not know our destination. Weather very warm.
- Sunday, August 16th Camp Reed. We received marching orders this afternoon. I was lying in my tent at the time and must confess that I was disappointed. We marched at three o'clock, 93rd taking the advance. We arrived at Elk River after dark. A distance of 8 miles, and went in camp in a large orchard. I do not know our destination but think it is Alabama. Weather warm today.
- Monday, August 17th Camp 5 miles west of Winchester. Arrived at this camp about two o'clock today. Left camp at Elk River about five o'clock this morning. Passed through Winchester at ten o'clock. It is one of the finest towns that I have seen in Tennessee. We passed through some beautiful country today. Weather is very warm. Many soldiers give out on the road.
- Tuesday, August 18th Camp 15 miles south of Salem, Tennessee. Left camp 5 miles west of Winchester at four o'clock this morning and arrived at this camp at six o'clock in the evening. Passed through Salem at ten o'clock. It is not much of a town. Only a few houses. We stopped at the Creek to get water. Roads bad and weather very warm. We crossed state line today.
- Wednesday, Aug. 19th Paint Rock, Alabama. We arrived at this place about one o'clock today after a march of 12 miles. We are now in camp upon the mountain side. We cannot go farther until our train gets up the mountain. Passed over some miserable roads today. Company B was detailed to assist in getting the train up. We have plenty of peaches here. Weather warm.
- Thursday, August 20th Camp on Paint Rock. We are yet in camp on Paint Rock waiting for the train to get up the mountain. We will not get off today. Having good times generally. Nothing to do. Plenty of peaches and green corn and are living well. Weather very warm.
- Friday, August 21st We succeeded in getting up the mountain about noon today. Rested a while then marched 6 miles and went in camp at dark. Rained some this afternoon. I was very tired when we arrived in camp. Camped in a thick woods.

- Saturday, August 22nd Marched this morning at four o'clock. Third brigade in the rear. Commenced descending the mountain at ten o'clock. We passed through some fine country today. Marched 18 miles and arrived at Bellefonte about sundown. I was nearly exhausted with fatigue. Many gave out today. Weather very warm.
- Sunday, August 23rd Camp Von Trebra near Bellefonte, Alabama. I was detailed to go on Picket at four o'clock this morning. Had to go without breakfast. Picket line 1 mile north of Bellefonte. Weather very warm.
- Monday, August 24th Camp Von Trebra near Bellefonte, Alabama. I came off of Picket duty at nine o'clock this morning. When I arrived in camp I found the boys all busy putting up tents, and I immediately put mine up. Rained some this evening. Nights are very cold here.
- Tuesday, August 25th Camp Von Trebra near Bellefonte, Alabama. I was very busy all day putting up my tent. I carried boards last night. I have one of the best tents in the company. Clay Hoff came off Picket this morning and assisted me. I took dinner with D.C. Rees today. Weather warm.
- Wednesday, Aug. 26th Camp Von Trebra near Bellefonte, Alabama. Nothing of interest in camp today. Brigade drill this afternoon. This is a very unhealthy location. We had orders this evening to build large fires in camp late at evening and early in the mornings. Warm weather.
- Thursday, August 27th Camp Von Trebra near Bellefonte, Alabama. Nothing of interest in camp today. Battalion drill this afternoon. Weather very warm.
- Friday, August 28th Camp Von Trebra near Bellefonte, Alabama. I was detailed for Picket this morning. Albert Bear went with me. We are on Station No. 1, ½ mile east of camp.
- Myself and four others went 1 mile outside of Picket line this afternoon for corn. We visited a house and bought some milk and bread.
- Saturday, August 29th Camp Von Trebra near Bellefonte, Alabama. Nothing of interest in camp today except the drumming out of a soldier belonging to 93rd Regiment. His offence - desertion. He was drummed out of service at nine o'clock this morning. I came off of Picket this morning.
- Sunday, August 30th We marched from Camp Von Breda at eight o'clock this morning. Marched 12 miles and are now in camp 4 miles from Stephenson. We will remain here all night. I was very tired when I arrived in camp. I don't know our destination. I am thinking of home and friends while writing. Weather warm. Sun is just going down while writing.

- Monday, August 31st Left camp this morning at five o'clock. Two miles from Tennessee River. Have just crossed the river on Pontoon Bridge. It is a splendid stream, ¼ mile wide. It takes 63 pontoons for the Bridge. We are resting while I am writing. Fifteen minutes after eight o'clock in morning. Camped this evening 1 mile from the River near the foot of the mountain.
- Four o'clock afternoon. I am sitting on Pontoon Bridge on the Tennessee River 4 miles from Stephenson. Henry C. Hoff and I have just been bathing in the River. Camp 1 mile from here and I must go back. This is a grand scene. I can see miles up and down the River. Henry Hoff with me while writing.
- Tuesday, Sept. 1st Camp 1 mile from the Tennessee River. We remained in camp here all day waiting for rations and sending all useless baggage back. I wrote a letter this afternoon to Miss Agnes Doty. I was detailed this evening to go to the River on fatigue duty. Went to the River but could not find any person to report to. Returned to camp at nine o'clock.
- Wednesday, Sept. 2nd Camp on the Mountain 3 miles from Tennessee River. We marched this morning at six o'clock. Arrived at the top of the Mountain at eight o'clock. Went 1½ miles and went in camp. Will remain here until morning and until we get rations. I have just partaken of a supper of coffee and flapjacks. It's evening while writing. I am seated on camp stool. Weather splendid.
- Thursday, Sept. 3rd 93rd Brigade left Camp this morning at eight o'clock. 93rd Regiment was in the rear of the Division left behind to guard train. We stacked arms beside the road. 2nd Indiana Cavalry passed and their band discoursed some fine music for us. I seen Mr. Sebe(?) Russel. This day's march was a hard one. Very dusty. We arrived in camp at dusk. Marched 12 miles.
- Friday, September 4th Remained in camp on the mountain until two o'clock this afternoon. Then marched 3 miles. Descended the mountain and camped in the valley. The road was very dusty and weather very hot. I expected a letter from Home but was sadly disappointed. Nothing of interest transpired in camp today.
- Saturday, Sept. 5th Remained in camp in the valley all this day. I was detailed to draw rations this morning. Also clothing. I am on Picket tonight. First arrived on post a few minutes since I was writing this when I received a letter from "Bro Will". Oh how glad I am to hear from home. Dan is sitting beside me.

- Sunday, September 6th 93rd in camp at the foot of Sand Mountain. I am on Picket today. Was relieved at five o'clock this evening. Returned to camp and went on dress parade. Heard Lieutenant read out of service (Miller). Weather very warm today. We expect to march in morning. It is just getting dark while I am writing.
- Monday, Sept. 7th Camp at the foot of Sand Mountain. Nothing of interest in camp today. Weather very warm.
- Tuesday, Sept. 8th Camp in Lookout Valley. We moved camp to this place this morning. Arrived here about ten o'clock a.m. As soon as the Regiment stacked arms the boys all started for boards. They were tearing them off an old mill when the Provo Marshall charged upon them arresting many. I escaped after a long race. My legs dead tired. Only Dan and I are on Picket this evening west of camp. Weather fair.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9th Camp in Lookout Valley. Cousin "Daniel Shideler" and I are on Picket today. We were relieved at five o'clock this evening. Returned to camp and found all the boys on Brigade Guard but two. We received marching orders at eleven o'clock this night. Drew three days rations. Weather warm.
- Thursday, Sept. 10th Camp at Lookout Valley. Our Division marched at six o'clock this morning. Our Company remained in camp to guard up our train. We were on Picket all day. Sheridan's supply train came in this afternoon and are encamped near the Big Spring. Weather very warm.
- Friday, September 11th Camp in Lookout Valley. Our Company was relieved from Picket this morning by a company of the 5th Kentucky. We went beside the road, stacked arms and expected to remain all day. "Major Buest" (?) wanted ten men to arrest prisoners. Cos. "Dan" and I went. Marched 2 miles but could not find them. I was very dirty.
- Saturday, Sept. 12th Co. E marched from Big Spring at noon yesterday. We met our train at the foot of the mountain. Two men were detailed to go with each wagon. We marched until eleven o'clock at night and went in camp. All of us are very tired. We marched this morning at six o'clock. Went within 1½ miles of our Division, but got orders to return. A battle is expected at any moment. We are in camp at the same place we were last night.
- Sunday, Sept. 13th Co. E marched some more.

- Monday, Sept. 14th Our Division counter marched this morning at five o'clock and returned to our old camp at Big Springs in Lookout Valley. Co. E was with supply train and did not arrive in camp until nine o'clock. This was a hard day's march. I am on guard tonight. I feel very tired and worn down. We expect to return to Regiment in the morning. Marched 17 miles today.
- Tuesday, Sept. 15th Camp at Big Spring. Co. E joined the Regiment this morning. We marched at eleven o'clock. Went 4 miles on the road that we came yesterday. Crossed the Mountain and camped for the night in a small valley. We marched 12 miles today. We remained here all this day. Nothing of interest.
- Wednesday, Sept. 16th Our Division left camp at Big Spring at nine o'clock this morning. Counter marched 4 miles. Crossed the Mountain and took the left-hand road bearing north east. We went in camp at sundown. Marched 12 miles today. Weather very clear and warm. Camp on the Mountain.
- Thursday, Sept. 17th Our Division left camp on the Mountain at five o'clock this morning. 93rd in advance of the Division. Co. E in the rear of the Regiment. This was a hard day's march of 28 miles. We are camped tonight in the Valley in front of the enemy lines. We are in line of battle. No fires allowed tonight. Weather cold.
- Friday, September 18th 93rd in camp.
- Thursday, Sept. 24th 3rd Brigade was in the Breast Works at the foot of the Mountain of (all?) day. We are busy fortifying. Rebels shelled us this evening and their Sharpshooters were firing on us nearly all day. Shot two in our Regiment. Our lines were attacked at eleven o'clock tonight. The battle lasted an hour. Rebels were repulsed. Weather very warm.
- Friday, September 25th Our Brigade left the Breast Works at the foot of the Mountain at four o'clock this morning and retired to the fortifications occupied by the first Brigade. We remained in the rifle pits until dark and was then relieved by the 2nd Brigade and Regts. by (of?) the 77th Pennsylvania. We returned to the rear. Rebels shelled us this evening. I visited 69th Ohio today in the fortifications.
- Saturday, Sept. 26th 93rd in camp at Chattanooga. I wrote a letter to Brother William this afternoon. I went to the River this evening with Mr. Albert Bear and took a fine bath. Nothing of interest in camp today. All is quiet on the front. A battle is expected every day. Weather is very warm. Evening while writing.

Sunday, Sept. 27th 93rd in camp at Chattanooga. I visited 69th Ohio Regiment this morning and seen "Ole Tucker" from home. We commenced building fortifications this afternoon in the rear of our Regiment. We are on half rations and are about half starved. Drew four crackers yesterday for two day's rations. Weather very warm.

Monday, Sept. 28th 93rd in camp at Chattanooga. We worked on entrenchments about two hours. Then we got orders to move camp. We moved three hundred yards to the right and are now encamped near a large brick house. Nothing of interest in camp today. All is quiet on the Front. Weather warm.

Tuesday, Sept. 29th 93rd in camp at Chattanooga. Nothing of interest in camp today. All quiet on the Front. A battle is expected any day. I went to the River this afternoon and took a bath. Weather is very warm. The nights are cold. Night while I am writing. Sitting by the fire.

Wednesday, Sept. 30th 93rd in camp at Chattanooga. Nothing of interest in camp today. All quiet on the front. I wrote a letter to "Sister Mattie" this afternoon. Raining this evening. Our Brigade went on Picket in entrenchments this evening. Raining very hard.

Thursday, October 1st Our Brigade went on Picket at dark tonight. 93rd went on Sentinel Line, the other Regiments of the Brigade remained in the reserve. We remained on the Sentinel line all night without any relief. It rained nearly all night. I never came nearer freezing in all my life. Packed no blanket to cover me, and only one cracker to eat for two days.

Friday, October 2nd 93rd on Picket in the entrenchments. We were on Sentinel line all day. Sharpshooters were firing at us nearly all day. I did not sleep any last night. Was very sleepy all day. We were relieved from Sentinel line after dark this evening by the 6th Indiana. We went back in reserve. Weather cool.

Saturday, October 3rd 93rd on Picket at Chattanooga. We are in the reserve today and in the entrenchment. All quiet on the front but a battle is expected at any day. I visited the 69th Ohio Regiment today and seen all the boys. Some cannonading this evening. We are on short rations. I have been for several days. Weather very warm during the day but cold at night.

Sunday, October 4th 93rd on Picket in the entrenchments. Nothing of interest in camp today. All quiet on the Front. Battle expected soon. Weather clear.

Monday, October 5th 93rd on Picket in the entrenchments. Rebels shelled us this afternoon. They commenced about eleven o'clock and kept it up until evening. One shell fell in our entrenchments. Did not do any damage except to cover us with dirt. Solid shot and shells flew all around us. 93rd went on the "Sentinel Line" this evening. I was sick and could not go. Returned to camp.

Tuesday, October 6th 93rd returned from Picket at daylight this morning. We are in camp near the new "fort" west of Chattanooga. I was very sick all day. We are on half rations. I have had but little to eat for two days. Rained today and weather cool.

Wednesday, Oct. 7th 93rd in camp at Chattanooga. Not much of interest transpired in camp today. We are all out of rations and about half starved. I visited the 69th Ohio Regiment today and seen most of the boys. Took dinner with Otis Tucker and T.V. Horne. All quiet on the front today.

Thursday, October 8th Chattanooga. 93rd working on fortifications today. I was detailed to work on the fort near the River. Worked from twelve o'clock a.m. until one o'clock p.m. Then returned to camp. Have no rations and feel kind'a slim about the bread box. Weather fair.

Friday, October 9th Chattanooga. 93rd in camp near the River. Nothing of interest to write today. All quiet on the Front. We drew rations today. Weather fair. Thinking of home and friends there.

Saturday, October 10th Chattanooga. 93rd in camp near the River. Not much of interest in camp today. I was detailed to chop wood this morning. Worked until noon. Weather fair.

Sunday, October 11th Chattanooga. Nothing of interest in camp today. I visited 69th Regiment today. Seen most of the boys. Weather clear.

Monday, October 12th Chattanooga. 93rd in camp near the River. Nothing of interest to write. Raining some today. I have been thinking of home today. Feel a little melancholy. I hope to get a letter tomorrow. All quiet on the front.

Tuesday, October 13th Chattanooga. 93rd in camp near the River west of Chattanooga. Rained hard all day. We held an election today for Governor and County Officers. I was appointed one of the Judges from Co. E, 93rd O.V.I. Only 16 votes cast in the Company. We did not get through making out returns until ten o'clock this p.m. Rained hard all night.

Wednesday, Oct. 14th Chattanooga. On Picket today. We left camp at five o'clock this morning and went on Picket at our old Breast Works. Raining very hard all day. I went down to the Creek today at four o'clock and had a talk with the Confederate Pickets. They are very sociable. I crossed the creek to where they were and traded them my pipe, penknife and some coffee for tobacco. Made a good trade.

Thursday, Oct. 15th Chattanooga. On Picket today in the front Breastworks. Still raining very hard. It has been all day. I think last night the severest one I ever experienced. It rained all night and we could have but little fire. I was up all night. I could not sleep any. Was on Sentinel post from 30 minutes after two o'clock until three o'clock. My post was near the creek. I went to town today after rations. We drew from our new Brigade.

Friday, October 16th Chattanooga. 93rd on Picket today. We were relieved from the Sentinel line at four o'clock this morning and are now on the reserve. Still raining hard. Rained last night. I did not sleep much. I went to camp this today, but no letter came for me. Oh how anxious I am to hear from home. Sitting behind a stump while writing. Can see the enemy tents. Just witnessed a Flag of Truce going out from our lines. Four o'clock p.m.

Saturday, October 24th Chattanooga. In camp on the line east of Chattanooga. I was on guard all this day guarding Earthworks. I was very cold all day. I got about two bushels of corn this night from a Battery that moved out. I also got some boards for a tent. Was up all night. Nothing of interest in camp.

Sunday, October 25th Chattanooga. In camp on the line east of Chattanooga. I was busy all day fixing myself a tent. I am sorry to work on Sunday but necessity compels me to. I would like to attend Church at home today. Oh how soon will that be. I was relieved from guard this morning. I was up all night last night. Feel very sleepy.

Tuesday, October 27th

On the Mountain -- West of Chattanooga. We left camp at ten o'clock last night. Crossed the Tennessee River at Chattanooga and marched 2 miles. Rested until four o'clock. Then recrossed the River and attacked this mountain. Repulsed the enemy and now have possession of it. We crossed the River under a heavy fire. Our loss was not heavy. We crossed on pontoons. Weather clear.

Half after five o'clock in the evening. I am sitting on Lookout Mountain. Have just been chopping trees down to form Breastworks. We crossed the Tennessee River this morning before daylight and attacked this place and took it. I crossed the River about two o'clock this afternoon. Beautiful scene from here. I can see the Tennessee River for miles. Weather clear and warm.

Wednesday, Oct. 28th

On the Mountain west of Chattanooga. I am at this moment enjoying a splendid scene. I am sitting on the Breastworks witnessing the arrival of the 11th Army Corps. They are going in camp in the valley. The enemy is shelling them from Lookout Mountain but with little effect. Cannonading at this moment. Four and a half o'clock while writing. Weather splendid.

I am sitting on the Breastworks west of Lookout Mountain. Hooker's Army Corps is just going in camp in the Valley before us. Brass band is discoursing some splendid music and the Rebs are shelling us from Lookout Mountain. This is a splendid scene. Four and a half o'clock while writing. Hooker's band playing "Hail Columbia".

Thursday, Oct. 29th

On the Mountain west of Chattanooga. Not much of interest here today except heavy artillery firing from Lookout Mountain. There was a hard battle fought last night 1 mile from here between Hooker's forces and Bragg's. The battle lasted two hours. We could plainly hear the musketry from here. It was terrific. I have not yet learned what our casualties are. Weather clear.

Friday, October 30th

On the Mountain West of Chattanooga. Was detailed for fatigue duty this morning. Left camp at four o'clock. Had no breakfast. Crossed the River on Pontoon Bridge and went to work constructing a road from the River to Chattanooga. Rained hard all the time. Was relieved at one o'clock and ordered to camp. I was very much fatigued with the work and wading through the mud. Rained all day and night.

Sunday, Nov. 15th In Camp at Chattanooga. Myself and fifteen others from 93rd Regiment were detailed at one o'clock today for fatigue duty. We reported at Brigade Headquarters and was sent from there to Dr. Blacks (Medical Director). He ordered us to report at Division Hospital. We are all on guard tonight. Weather cold.

Monday, Nov. 16th 93rd in Camp at Chattanooga. I am still doing duty in Hospital. Sgt. Cook from Co. K is in charge of us. Nothing of interest to write.

Tuesday, Nov. 17th 93rd in Camp at Chattanooga. I am on duty at Division Hospital. Expect to return to the Regiment today. Nothing of interest to write. Weather clear.

Wednesday, Nov. 18th 93rd in Camp at Chattanooga. I am still on duty at Division Hospital. I received a note from P. E. Tucker today informing me that he was going home soon and desired to see me before he left. I expect to visit him tomorrow. Weather clear.

Thursday, Nov. 19th 93rd in Camp at Chattanooga. On duty at Division Hospital. We moved our quarters today in a building across the street. Now have a very comfortable place. I visited Pete and Joe Tucker today. Spent a few hours very pleasantly. Weather clear.

Friday, November 20th 93rd in Camp at Chattanooga. Still on duty at Division Hospital. We were ordered to our Regiment at dark this evening. We returned and drew one hundred rounds of cartridges. We are expecting a battle tomorrow. Raining hard tonight.

Saturday, Nov. 21st 93rd in Camp at Chattanooga. We returned our cartridges this morning. No fight today. General Hooker's Corps camped in front of us this evening. We are anticipating a battle soon. Weather rainy.

Sunday, Nov. 22nd 93rd in Camp at Chattanooga. We drew 100 rounds of cartridges today and again turned them over tonight. Battle is again postponed. I cut my toe severely this evening while chopping wood. Weather clear and cold.

Monday, Nov. 23rd 93rd in Camp near Chattanooga. My friend Pete Tucker visited me this morning. He is discharged and is going home. I am sorry to see him leave yet glad that he can go home. I did not think when I bid him goodbye that I would be in a battle before night, but such was the case. We charged the enemy's outer works at three o'clock this afternoon. We gained the works but with heavy loss. 93rd lost 11 killed and 49 wounded.

- Tuesday, Nov. 24th We are yet in possession of the enemy outer works. We were busy all last night throwing up entrenchments. We are in line of battle in the trenches. 41st Ohio Regiment and ours is consolidated for the present. I witnessed the battle on Lookout Mountain today. It was terrific yet was a splendid sight. We lost Major Burch yesterday. A brave and noble man.
- Wednesday, Nov. 25th We held possession of the enemy's works until four o'clock today when we were again formed in line and started for Missionary Ridge. After a terrible battle of 1½ hours we gained possession of the Ridge. Our Brigade alone taking 16 pieces of artillery and many prisoners. This was the hardest battle that I was ever in. 93rd lost about 95 in killed and wounded.
- Thursday, Nov. 26th In camp upon the Ridge until seven o'clock this evening when we got marching orders. We returned to camp at Chattanooga at eight o'clock. We are under marching orders and expect to march at any moment. I think that our destination is Knoxville, Tennessee. I was over the battlefield today. The battle was terrific.
- Friday, November 27th In Camp at Chattanooga. We are under marching orders. I expect to march at any moment. Raining today. I wrote a letter to Brother Will this morning. Had dress parade this evening. Co. E only had five men on parade. The Reg't. only about eighty. Arnold Rosenlodge(?) returned to our company today. Nothing more of interest. Writing this on camp at Harrisburg by firelight.
- Saturday, Nov. 28th Our Division left camp at Chattanooga at three o'clock this afternoon. Marched down the Atlanta Rail Road. Camped tonight near the Tennessee River 5 miles from Chattanooga. My foot is very sore. I can hardly march at all. Weather clear but cold. Rained some this morning. Writing this in camp at Harrisburg. Eight o'clock at night.
- Sunday, Nov. 29th We left camp 5 miles from Chattanooga at five o'clock this morning. Passed over some very muddy roads. Had to stop two hours and build Cordery Road. Arrived at the River at ten o'clock. Crossed Chickamonga Creek on pontoons where it empties in the Tennessee River. We then proceeded up the River. Passed through some fire country. We are in camp at Harrisburg, a small village. Writing by firelight. Weather cold. My foot is very sore.

- Monday, Nov. 30th Left camp at Harrisburg this morning at five o'clock, taking a North Eastern direction. Marched 21 miles and camped this night near the Ossornay(?) River. My foot was very sore and I fell 4 miles in the rear. Did not get in camp until nine o'clock. Jim Gibbons and I stopped at a citizen's house and got supper. We passed through some fire country today. Marched 12 miles yesterday. Passed through Georgetown today.
- Tuesday, December 1st Remained in camp near Hiawathia (Hiwassee?) River until three o'clock this afternoon. Then we crossed the River on a steamboat. Myself and forty others from the 93rd Regiment were detailed to pull wagons up the hill. We worked until eleven o'clock. Then went to camp 1 mile from the River. This is a splendid valley. Is good land and pretty well improved.
- Wednesday, Dec. 2nd Left camp near Hiawathia River at five o'clock this morning. 2nd Brigade taking the advance. Camped this night 20 miles from last night's campground. This was a hard day's march. My feet were very sore and I could not keep up. Passed through Decatur (Decaturville?) this afternoon. Small village. The people are mostly seceders. We got plenty of forage
- Friday, December 4th Left camp at "Sweet Water" this morning at five o'clock taking an easterly direction. March 20 miles today and camped 2 miles west of the Little Tennessee River. Passed through some fine country today. Weather clear and warm.
- Saturday, Dec. 5th Left camp near Little Tennessee River at five o'clock this morning. Crossed the River on a trestle bridge built by "Sherman's" troops which we passed by at the River. Passed through Morgantown, a small village on the River. Tennessee River is a beautiful stream, not deep but wide and very clear. Weather clear. 93rd on Picket tonight.
- Sunday, December 6th Left camp near Maryville at six o'clock this morning. Passed through

- Monday, December 7th Left camp this morning at seven o'clock and arrived 2 miles from Knoxville at four o'clock in the evening. Are now encamped in a woods on a high piece of ground. All very tired. We expect to remain here some days. I seen many good Union People today. Weather clear and warm.
- Tuesday, December 8th In camp 2 miles south of Knoxville. Not much of interest in camp today. We are all very tired and nearly worn out with marching. We expect to remain here some days. I wrote a letter to Sister Mattie today. Weather clear and warm.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9th In camp 2 miles south of Knoxville. Nothing of interest in camp today. Many of the boys are in town. Weather clear and warm.
- Thursday, Dec. 10th In camp 2 miles south of Knoxville. Nothing of interest in camp today. Weather clear.
- Friday, December 11th In camp 2 miles south of Knoxville. I visited Knoxville today. I found it a much larger place than I expected and more beautiful. I met Joseph Pritchard in town today. We went to a citizens house and took dinner. We returned to camp in the evening and I took supper with him. Weather clear.
- Saturday, Dec. 12th In camp 2 miles south of Knoxville. Not much of interest in camp today. Sgt. Mason went to Knoxville today. I wrote a letter to Bro. Will this morning. Weather cloudy.
- Sunday, Dec. 13th In camp 2 miles south of Knoxville. 93rd went on Picket at daylight this morning. We relieved the 6th Ohio Regiment. Picket line ½ mile east of camp. Rained nearly all last night and is raining today. I went on Picket post at half after twelve o'clock.
- Monday, Dec. 14th In camp 2 miles south of Knoxville. 93rd came off Picket at six o'clock this morning. I was on Post from four until six o'clock. Rained very hard last night. Weather is clearing up today. Nothing of interest transpired in camp today.
- Tuesday, Dec. 15th In camp 2 miles south of Knoxville until two o'clock this afternoon when we got marching orders. We marched 2 miles north of Knoxville and went in camp for the night., We passed through Knoxville at three o'clock. Weather cold tonight. We do not know our destination but think it is after Longstreet.

- Wednesday, Dec. 16th We left camp 2 miles north of Knoxville at three and a half o'clock this morning. Taking the Strawberry Plains Road. We marched 13 miles today and went in camp near Plains Cross Road. My feet are very sore and I did not get in camp until late at night. I am very tired and worn out. We passed "Burnsides" train returning to Knoxville. Also many straggling soldiers.
- Thursday, Dec. 17th We left camp near Cross Roads at ten o'clock today and marched 2 miles in a north easterly direction. We went in camp in a gap which I have not yet learned the name of. Our Brigade is in line of battle and we are busy throwing up Breast Works. My shoes are worn out and I am not doing duty. 93rd is in line upon a high hill. Rained last night.
- Friday, December 18th Our Brigade still in line of battle. We are expecting Longstreet to advance every day. It is very cold where we are in camp. I am half sick today and lay in my tent all the time. My shoes are worn out and I am in a manner shoeless. I hardly know what to do unless I get shoes.
- Saturday, Dec. 19th In Camp near Lanes Cross Roads, Tennessee. Not much of interest in camp today. Our camp is very smoky and we can hardly stay in our tents. Fair weather.
- Sunday, Dec. 20th In Camp near Lanes Cross Roads, Tenn. Nothing of interest in camp today. Weather clear.
- Monday, Dec. 21st In Camp near Lanes Cross Roads, Tenn. John Hager, Zip Levengood and I went foraging today. Walked 14 miles, got three canteens full of molasses. I killed a hog and toted it to camp. Arrived in camp at dark. Weather fair.
- Tuesday, Dec. 22nd In Camp near Lanes Cross Roads. Issac Miller, John Hager and I went foraging today. We walked about 16 miles. We bought some potatoes, milk. I found some onions in a garden. We took dinner at a farmer's house. Arrived in camp at dusk. Weather fair. Drew new shoes today.
- Wednesday, Dec. 23rd In Camp near Lanes Cross Roads, Tennessee. I went foraging today with Headquarters teams. Started at eight o'clock this morning. Went 13 miles and got four loads of oats. I took supper at a farm house. We did not arrive in camp until eight o'clock at night. I walked all the way back. Weather clear.

Thursday, Dec. 24th Three o'clock in afternoon. I am sitting by the fire on Clinch Mountain. I have just ascended the Mountain. I have a fine view of our Army encampment. Can see 40 miles. Five soldiers on the Mountain. Sgt. Mason, John Conifer and Zip Livengood from my Company and two strangers. 93rd on Picket in the Valley. Weather clear.

Three o'clock in the afternoon, Dec. 24th, 1863. I have just ascended Clinch Mountain after a hard climb of 1¼ hours. I am now sitting by the fire writing. I have a splendid view of the surrounding country. Can see 40 miles. Pretty cool up here.

Friday, December 25th In Camp near Lanes Cross Roads, Tennessee. Christmas Day but a dull Christmas with us here. No turkey roast today. I partook of a very good dinner today consisting of corn bread, hard bread, potatoes, fresh pork, molasses, sugar and coffee. I am thinking of home today and wishing myself there with my friends. Returned from Picket this morning. Weather cool.

Saturday, Dec. 26th In Camp near Lanes Cross Roads, Tennessee. Nothing of interest in camp today. I am on guard tonight doing Corporals duty. Rainy all day and night.

Sunday, Dec. 27th In Camp near Lanes Cross Roads. Not much of interest in camp today. I would like to be at home today to attend Church. Raining some.

Monday, Dec. 28th In Camp near Lanes Cross Roads. Nothing of interest in camp today. Raining today.

Tuesday, Dec. 29th 93rd in Camp near Lanes Cross Roads. We moved camp this morning at eight o'clock in the woods ½ mile from old camp. We are now camped in a beautiful place. I have been busy all day putting up my tent. Not much of interest in camp today. Weather clear.

Thursday, Dec. 31st Twelve o'clock New Years Night 1864. I have just come off Picket post. Am now sitting by the fire. John Stutler and I were on the outpost together. Weather very cold. The ground is frozen hard. On Picket at the foot of Clinch Mountain, Tenn.

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Saturday, March 15th

Five o'clock, on Picket at Big Spring 12 miles east of New Market, Tennessee. Marched 13 miles today. I am on Sentinel Post while writing. Sitting on the fence. Beautiful evening. Thinking of friends and home far away. Very tired.

Mother You will please put this Book in a secure place until my return. July 28/1864 D.L. Shideler pension agents.

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January 18th

Made last pension affidavit today.