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sounded throughout the whole country; that, here before Chattanooga would be fought "the great decisive battle of the war". Well, one, two battles, have been fought and nothing decided, such a battle may be fought but we have but little evidence of such an event as being likely to take place. But we shall wait patiently and see.

Friday Jan. 1, 1864. The new year, as far as weather is concerned, opened rather roughly. Last night the wind blew at a terrible rate and turned very cold. Today is the coldest of the season. The pontoon bridge was swept out last night and the buoy pontoons were filled with water. New year is not celebrated as upon other occasions on account of the coldness of the weather and other causes. However last night the boys seemed to be determined off a crack and the flash and rattle of musketry sounded a heavy skirmish. But few extra meals were provided. Provisions too scarce.

Sat. Jan. 2nd. This morning is cold but cloudy with a prospect of moderating. Today one year ago we met the enemy upon the bloody field of Stones River. Since then many changes have taken place. Many heads have gone under the sod and many hearts have been made sad. Hard battles have been fought and some dearly won, but despite all opposition we have gradually gained ground. Today the enemy stands aloof nor does anybody apprehend any danger or expect offensive action from him. Reinlistments go on at a pretty fair rate in this army, thus showing that we are neither tired fighting, are very patriotic or that large bounties are the price of one patriotism,

Sund. Jan. 3rd. I have been unwell for several days. No religious service within my knowledge. I read a few chapters in the testament and some articles in Christian Journals. Weather is gradually growing warmer. In most respects Sunday cannot be distinguished from any other day, for at the present wood is being chopped, tents erected &c. Many of these things cannot be helped, while at the same time the observance of the Sabbath might be improved to a great. So far as I can see the christian commission has but a meager supply of reading matter. My opinion is the officials attend to other things first.

Mond. Jan. 4th. It has been raining nearly all day and for awhile quite a sheet of ice covered the ground. However all seems to go on quite lively. The situation, Hardees headquarters are said to be at Ringgold some 20 miles from here. How near the enemy approaches here I am not informed. Nor am I advised of the condition and location of our forces in the front. Sherman moved down some where within the vicinity of Stephenson but where he is now I cannot tell. The railroad is said to be finished to within fifteen miles of here and we think it will not be long until it will be in running order to this place.

Tues. Jan. 5th. Weather rather pleasant during the day but in it began to to grow cold and the mud soon disappeared from congealation. No special business in progress. The ferry boat however was kept in motion as it affords the only way of crossing the river. The 33rd Ohio is reinlisting lively. Newspapers of Cin. Ohio of date 30th & 31st ult and Nashville of Jan. 1st in camp. We are very scarcely supplied with newspapers of late. But very little amusement can be found, and trading huxtering and the like has been reduced to a very slow ebb as the material for trading is very scarce. We pass our time in reading old books and papers as best we can.

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Wednes. Jan. 6th. Cold and cloudy with a northwest wind. I have been unwell for several days past but thank kind Providence I feel much better today and hope to be able for duty soon.

Mond. Jan. 11th. During the past few days nothing of special impact has taken place. The workmen upon the bridge are pushing the work ahead with no small amount of energy. And vigorous efforts are being made toward building the steam ferry boat, which is to operate at this place. A party of ship or boat builders are here from Pomeroy O. who are to build the ferry boat. Several of the boat builders talk of going home on account of hard and scarce fare and also from the fact that they have not been paid according to contract. Col. Stanley and several of the officers have and are building winter quarters. We are now very well supplied with provisions and are receiving a better supply of clothing. The 33rd Ohio has nearly all reinlisted and expect to go home soon. The weather has been quite cold remaining frozen most of the time. No religious meetings so far as we are informed. A slight snow fell a few days ago.

Tues. Jan 12th. Major Welsh returned to camp last night. Lieut. Baldwin has a sick leave of absence of 20 days and will be off for home in a few days. I helped get a stick of timber for one of the steamers being built here.

Wednes. Jan. 13th. We are ordered to police at camp this morning. Weather cloudy but pleasant. We take meals at regular hours and at the sound of the drum. I am now placed upon detail to work upon one of the steam ferry boats which is being built here. Lieut. Grubb of the Co. F is the bulder or foreman.

Thurs. Jan. 14th. Lieut. Carlen Co. C returned this morning. He migrates upon two crutches. It will be remembered that he was wounded at Chickamauga.

Friday Jan. 15th. Weather cold and cloudy. The steamer Lookout came up last night and passed upon its way to Knoxville.

Sat. Jan. 16th. Weather clear and thawing in the shade.

Sund. Jan. 17th. Weather clear and pleasant most of the day. Col. Stanley commands, our, the engineer brigade, and Major Welsh takes command of the Regt. By order of Major Welsh the hour for taking supper is changed from 5½ to 5 o'clock. It is understood that Stanley is promoted to brigadier general. Though we are not officially informed of such fact. No religious service in camp. No work done save under the head of "military necessity".

Mond. Jan. 18th. Weather changed and is cloudy. Mists, rain, and snow and a cold wind is blowing. Work was done yesterday on the bridge by details from some Regt. and by citizen workmen. Very disagreeable working today. Waves run high and the river shows white from the broken waves and spray.

Tuesday 19th. Wind blows hard and cold but work still goes on. Steamer Point Rock arrived from bridgeport heavily loaded with provisions and the boiler engine and other machinery for one of the steam ferry was shipped here on the Point Rock.

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Wednes. Jan 20th. Weather clear and very pleasant. Business and work goes on briskly.

Friday Jan. 22nd. A new recruit for our Co. arrived here today. He is a Pemsylvanian but was enrolled at Chillicothe Ohio by Sergeant Phillips of our Co. The peers wooden cribs for the bridge are being place in the river. The cribs are to be filled with stone. Portions of Cos. D and F relieved Co. I a day or two ago. Co. I was up at North Chickamauga cutting saw logs and getting out timbers.

Sat. Jan. 23rd. We fit the frame work on our boat the dredgeboat today. We are ready to put on the bottom. The regular steam ferry boat is being placed upon stocks. Weather pleasant.

Sund. Jan. 24th. I attended preaching at the chaple at night, no services in our camp. Work was done upon the bridge. Inspection this morning of arms and equipments. Weather very fine, but little frost.

Mond. Jan. 25th. I am not at work today as we are out of lumber. The 26 Ohio having reinlisted was paid off today and expect to start for home tomorrow. Weather very warm and pleasant.

Tuesday Jan. 26th. I am not on duty as we have no lumber to work upon. Weather fine, clear and pleasant.

Wednes. Jan. 27th. Lumber is furnished and we are at work. Preaching at the chappelle. The attendance was large and attentive.

Thurs. Jan. 28th. Weather still remains very warm. Work goes on very prosperously. Col. Stanley started for Bridgeport this morning upon the steamer Point Rock. A steamer started for Knoxville today.

Friday Jan. 29th. Weather fine and work goes on briskly. A large storehouse is being built in front of the steamboat landing by the 21st Michigan. The third pier is commenced for the bridge.

Sat. Jan. 30th. Cloudy and raining, though in the afternoon it became clear and the weather became pleasant.

Thurs. Jan. 31st. Weather clear and pleasant. No religious in our camp but services were held in the churches in town. By orders of the commanders we were kept at work today. Work was prosecuted upon most of the jobs, the party building the steam ferryboat excepted. The necessity of working today is not obvious to our minds; and so far as we can see we deem it most proper to suspend work and rely upon a higher power than man or men for the success we so much desire. I attended church tonight. The house was pretty well filled though there are but few seats in it. What has been done with the seats we do not know; but we were told that Gen. Johnson assures the ministers that the house shall soon be seated. A large number who attend carry their stools with them. This looks very strange and forms a new feature in church going. The main object held forth in the sermon was that of becoming "intelligent christians" and an argument in favor of "free speech in the pulpit" also "the sacrifice of life for the sake of our fellow men".

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Mond. Feb. 1st. Slightly cloudy but soon cleared off and the day became pleasant. The veteran fever has again revived and several enlisted last night and today for three more years or during the war. I attended church tonight. The seemed to be pretty well filled with what seemed to be a sober thinking, quiet and earnest seekers of religion. We were addressed by Capt. Whitehead, Chaplain of the 65th Ind. The main points of the discourse was "faith in the promises of God". I have a little bit of "history" to record, although there is some real color about it, yet I have no doubts about in regard to the truth of the statement. John a negro who has made himself free by leaving his master and coming into our lines, says he was in the employ of the following persons and was dismissed with the several sums annex to the said persons names due him. Capt. Miller Co. A 18th Ohio Dr for three months and two shirts. Lieut. McNeil Co. A 18 Ohio Dr for two months and cash borrowed money \$16,00. Lieut. Davidson Co. A 18 Ohio Dr for three months and \$8,00 in trade and in addition to this, John was accused of stealing Capt. Browne's Co. A 18th Ohio pocketbook and charged for some \$35,00. It is not generally believed that John stole the money.

Tues. Feb. 2nd. The weather changed in the afternoon and at night became very windy accompanied with some rain. Two more recruits came in for our Co. today. Was recruited by C. J. Phillips.

Wednes. Feb 3rd. Steamer Lookout came down from Loudon. Weather cold and a little windy but clear. Recruiting in the veteran service still goes on slowly.

Thurs. Feb. 4th. The weather has been fine today, a stiring breeze with warm sunshine. The steamer Point Rock cameup this morning. The work on the various constructions is being pushed forward rapidly. The mail comes in very regularly and we are quite well supplied with clothing and provisions. The steamer being built here which was intended for a ferry boat is now being changed to a regular steamboat. "Our" party are now engaged in applying steam power to an old houseferry. We will have it running soon.

Friday Feb. 5th. We completed the motive power of our craft and gave it a trial trip this afternoon. It did well, much better than we expected. Weather very good but a little windy.

Friday Feb. 6th. Sprinkled rain at intervals and was very disagreeable most of the day. More or less work was done but at considerable disadvantage on account of the inclemency of the weather. I went to church tonight. The text was thou hast been weighed in a ballance but are found wanting.

Sund. Feb. 7th. I am required to work. It is Col. Stanleys request that we continue our work.

Mond. Feb. 8th. Today was occupied in trying to turn our flat or dredge boat. We launched it bottom upward. Weather good.

Tues. Feb. 9th. After working faithfully all day we succeeded in turning our boat by means of block and tackle attached to the piers of the bridge. The boat was turned just at sundown. Weather clear, air cool. We signed the pay rolls at night. Expect pay soon.

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Wednes. Feb. 10th. Two of our veterans started home today. Also a squad for conscripts. Officers accompanied the squad. Weather fine.

Mond. Feb. 15th. Rained all the forenoon but was pretty fair in the afternoon for work.

Tues. Feb. 16th. Clear and pretty cold. Reported that the 15 or 16th army corps passed here on its way to Knoxville.

Wednes. Feb. 17th. Weather very cold, almost as cold as any night this winter. Our Regt. is paid today for two months. We have never been better supplied with provisions since in the service than at the present.

Mond. Feb. 22nd. Thursday, Friday and Saturday the weather was more or less disagreeable and cold. But yesterday and today has much the appearance of spring and is very pleasant and warm. Active operations seem to be on foot. The 11th A. C. is reported to be upon the move.

Tues. 23rd. Weather very fine. Preparations are being made to meet any emergency.

Wednes. 24th. The army in front seems to be at work. Prisoners are being brought in from beyond Dalton. The extent of the operations have not been reported to us. We do not know the strength of the force operating. The enemies cavalry are reported somewhere within the Cumberland Mountains.

Sund. Feb. 28th. The weather is very fine. The church bell has just rang but as the hearers is very. I think it unnecessary for me to go as I could not get a seat and to stand while hearing a discourse is uncomfortable. We have but little reliable news from the front yet though we are told that fighting has been going on and that we have lost several in killed and wounded. We are building coal barges one of which was towed up the river yesterday by the steamer Lookout. Large store houses are being erected along the wharf and the wharf is being academized. The piers for the bridge are nearly finished and one trestle is up. This evening we have a kind of dress parade. The first since in this camp but we were called together for the purpose of hearing an address by Col. Stanley upon the subject of reenlistments. The Col. urged the reenlistment as a step necessary, proper and a privilege which we should enjoy from merit. In all his remarks were pertinent but they failed in stirring up the "veteran fever". The boys seem afraid of "coming officers".

Mond. Feb. 29th. Today is the last day allowed for veteran enlistment and we were astonished upon hearing that our officers furnished us whiskey as a last resort to obtain our enlistment. We regard it an outrage, as an insult, we say shame upon such acts! We claim to be men of sense and do not ask the excitement of knaves and fools as a means necessary to prompt us to action, but we are gratified to know that their trick played against them instead of for them. The boys understood the game, and though they drank the whiskey they declined "they couldn't see it" and very few reenlisted. Tonight we received two new recruits for our Co. The weather rainy.

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Thurs. March 3rd. Monday and Tuesday it rained most of the time. Wednes. was clear with a cool wind. Today is fine. Some thirty two of our Regt. started home. It being the second "batch" of veterans. Sergeant Shotts of our Co. is one of the number. The river is as high as it has been this winter. The piers for the bridge are almost finished and secure from high water. We drew butter a few days ago the first since in the service.

Frid. March 4th. Weather fine but at night it grew cool and windy. The river rises slowly.

Sat. March 5th. Clear and cool but not unpleasant. The large storehouse is finished and an other much larger and under full headway is being erected. Our Squad is still working at flat boat building.

Sund. March 6th. Religious service today and at night. Dress parade this evening. Weather fine.

Mond. March 7th. Today I with others visit the 73rd Ohio who are encamped in Lookout Valley. A large number of their new recruits are sick with the measles; are in the hospital. We had a long walk and were quite tired out when we got back to our camp. The 73rd are veterans and are out for three years more but they think the war will be over long before the expiration of their present term. My opinion is that the war will last two and a half years from the first present months and that veterans will be retained the full extent of their time, three years. The enemy seems to be willing and I think are able to fight us with varied success and defeat for more than two years.

Tues. March 8th. Considerable rain last night. Clear and pleasant today. The steamer Lookout knocked her chimneys down as she was leaving port for up the river last night. She ran against a portion of the bridge or piers.

Sat. March 12th. Last Wednes. I think it was that one of our boys got drunk and for this offense was arrested, a heavy guard placed over him and the guard ordered to remain out over night out doors and it raining. This seems quite inconsistant with the policy of a few days ago when the whole Regt. was invited to get drunk and no account taken of it. We have had one or two thunder showers of late. Yesterday we received eight new recruits all I believe from Ross Co. Ohio. Others are expected today. The weather is fine and has the garb of spring. We launched another flat boat today it being the fourth one of our building. The hull of the steamer being built here will be ready for launching soon. Day before yesterday the steamer the Missionary built at Bridgeport arrived here bound up the river.

Sund. March 13th. The mortal remains of Col. Micalotzy of the 24 Ills. was interred in the National cemetery and with full military honors. His wife was present. A large crowd assembled to pay their last respects to the honored dead. Our Regt. and the 24th Ills. had long been associated. We formed what is known as the old eighth brigade and operated together under Gen. O. M. Mitchell in middle Tenn. and N. Ala. The 24th are encamped about 12 miles from here. They came in without blankets or provisions and as the weather was unpleasant our Regt. quartered the greater portion of them and gave them supper and breakfast. Our Co. quartered some fifty.

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Mond. March 14th. This morning they took the line for the front. The 14th U. S. Colored Regt. moved to the north side of the river this morning. Don't know where they are bound for. Weather windy and a little unpleasant.

Tues. March 15th. Two more recruits came in last night. They were intended for our Co. but they were sent to Co. E by order of the Major. They are very much displeased at being treated thus.

Wednes. March 16th. The weather is very cold and disagreeable. The hull of the new steamer was launched this morning. Gen. Thomas was present to see the thing take water. John Goodwin and an old member of our Co., now belonging to the O. H. Artillery were here this morning.

Thurs. March 17th. The Point Rock took the hull built at this place in tow for Bridgeport. Col. Grovenor, C. H. Phillips and others returned this evening. A report is going about camp to the effect that a train was burned yesterday captured by the enemy. Our Chaplain also returned with Col. Grovenor. C. H. Phillips comes back as second Lieut. and several others comes back newly commissioned.

Sat. March 19th. Weather clear but cool enough to make it unpleasant. Our party are now constructing a new ferryboat. Two store houses are nearly finished and the third one is in rapid construction. One arch of the bridge is formed and another half up.

Sund. March 20th. Inspection this morning by Co's. Preaching by Chaplain Dillon at 10 A.M. Dress parade in the evening. Meetings at Post Chaple during the day and at night. I visited the sick boys of the 73rd Ohio in field hospital. They are doing well.

Mond. March 24th. Geo. Coder of our Co. who was wounded at Stones River returned today and Jacob Shotts a new recruit and cousin of mine came in today. I am not at work today as we have but little lumber. Weather clear and cold.

Tues. March 22nd. It commenced snowing last night, I think, about 11 o'clock and continued untill about 3 o'clock this afternoon. The snow fell thick and fast and the greatest depth obtained was about ten (10) inches. This is the deepest snow we have seen since soldering and its depth is quite beyond ordinary snow in this section of the south. In fact we seldom have such snows in our own state, Ohio, at this season of the year. When the snow commenced falling the ground was dry and twas not long untill it commenced thawing and this prevented a greater depth. Business generally suspended on account of the snow. "Snow balling" in regular old school boy stile took place of work and formed the principle amusement of the day.

Wednes. March 23rd. Clear and sun shines warm, snow melting fast. I spent half the day hunting but found no game.

Thurs. March 24th. Snow not all gone yet, not withstanding two days sun upon it. Our first "batch" of veterans returned today but are minus one third their number. 10 citizens employed in cutting wood for the boats have been attempting to blow the boats up by charging the wood with powder.

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Fortunately no serious damage has occurred and it has been found that bits of rock have been placed in saw logs and for this outrage parties have been arrested.

Frid. March 25th. Commence raining last night but soon turned to snow. Today is cloudy and raining and the snow is fast disappearing.

Sat, March 26th. Started the new ferry boat but it was hung to a wire cable and it soon broke.

Sunday March 27th. Our Capt. off on duty therefore no inspection today. Chaplin Dillon preached at 10 A.M. Heard an excellent sermon at post chapel to night. Speakers a number of the Christian commission.

Mond. March 28th. Rained this afternoon and work is suspended.

Tues. March 29th. Our party has commenced another flat boat. Weather changeable and not very pleasant. Our new recruits are drilled more or less by non-commissioned officers. We denounce the bounty law of Ohio. It provides that all the money donated for bounties shall be refunded to the contributor by a general tax. Too much money is used in this war and the rich man shares all the favors and blessings.

Wednes. March 30th. Weather very pleasant. Work goes on briskly. The second span of the bridge was commenced on Monday. A branch of the railroad is being laid down to the storehouses upon the bank of the river at the boat landing.

Thurs. March 31st. Weather fine. Capt. McElroy and some others left for home on leave of absence a few days ago. They are to continue the business of recruiting.

Friday April 1st. Today is known as all fools day and some extreme efforts are being made to fool somebody.

Mond. April 4th. Rained last night and today. Yesterday we had inspection, after which religious service. One of the Christian commission preached to us. He is from Lancaster, Ohio. At night prayer meeting was held at the Chaplains quarters. Work is generally suspended on Sabbath but in some places laborers continue their work with all seeming indifference.

Tues. April 5th. Windy and cloudy but some work is done. Some of our officers in their eagerness to get the required number to secure commissions has the impertinence to send negro recruits to our Regt. The poor met rough treatment, their reception was decidedly hostile. The third "batch" of our veterans were mustered today and I think started for home.

Wednes. April 6th. Weather very good but not pleasant from cold wind.

Thurs. April 7th. I think the last "batch" of veterans were not mustered Wednesday but are being mustered today. I think T. R. Stanley started home on furlough today. Lieut. J. H. Acton resigned, also Quarter Master Rain John Grovenor took his place. Work goes on briskly. Our squad is repairing some old pontoons which are to be used as buoys to the cable of the ferry boat.

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Mond. April 11th. I have neglected my daily remarks for several days and since last writing the weather has fluctuated in temperature as usual. We have had about an equal amount of cold, heat, rain and sunshine. Col. Stanley did not start home upon the previously stated but a day or two ago he took his leave. Lieut. Rain our Quarter Master has resigned, also J. H. Acton, and both have taken their leave for home. Lieut. Grivenor newly commissioned take the Q. M. Dept. Several of the boys of the 73rd visited us today. Ferry boat broke lose last night but was towed back by the steamer Missionary. Some 8 or 10 in the guard house for drunkenness.

Tues. April 12th. Rain and sunshine alternately through the day, clear at night. D. T. Shotts one of our veterans returned today. He brought many little valuables which seem to make the heart glad tunes the hearts of the recipients to dear ones at home. A soldiers life is a hard one. But these little tokens make him the better, and both soul and body becomes sanguine with faith and hope.

Wednes. April 13th. The second "batch" of veterans returned today at least a portion of them. Like the first a portion are left behind. Have not learned how many. A detail from our brigade were sent upon Lookout Mountain a few days ago to make garden.

Friday April 15th. Slightly cloudy with cold wind, Work goes on briskly. Prayer meeting at Chaplains quarters last night. Quite a lot of the new recruits were sent down to the south today. Or rather Co. G takes Co. Es place and the latter comes back to the regt.

Sat. April 16th. Quite a fire occured in town today. The brick were burned and several frame houses torn down to arrest the further advance of the fire. Some government and sanitary property was destroyed.

Sund. April 17th. All hands are ordered to work today, don't know who is the author of such command. "Our squad" however didn't work. Weather changeable.

Mond. April 18th. Weather very changeable and still cold wind stirring.

F. Apr. 22nd. Weather very pleasant with slight indications of rain. Work goes on briskly and supplies of all kind come in rapidly filling up storehouses as fast as finished.

Sund. Apr. 24th. Rained and in consequence no inspection is had. Our party are required to work today. At least to get the ferry boat ready for use.

Wednes. Apr. 27th. We commenced a new boat today, a life boat to the ferry or perhaps some would call it a John boat. A new steamer came up from Bridgeport two days ago. It is not named yet, is a wide wheel boat. Co. E went up to Chickamauga today to get out timbers for fortifications. The weather warm. the warmest of the season.

Thurs. Apr. 28th. The past five or six days has been uniformly warm day and night and it is bringing vegetation out with a rush. Fish are being caught plentiful and sell at 25 cts per pound.

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Sund. May 1st. Today two years ago our Regt. performed what is called a disorderly retreat from Athens, Ala. It was also considered disreputable but long since our reputation has been retrieved, and the Athens retreat is looked upon as one of those military blunders common to the inexperienced men and officers of our army. That days affair has often been ironically, our May party. Weather pleasant.

Mond. May 2nd. From surrounding appearances a general movement is on foot. Several regts. and detachments struck tents this morning and took the line for the front. So far as I have learned some of our brigade have gone or are to go. Weather cool windy and unpleasant.

Thurs. May 5th. Troops still continue to move to the front. The 16th or at least Genl. Dogies division is moving through here toward the front. Col. Grovenor is ordered to report to Gen. Turchin for duty on the front. Capt. Irwin of our Co. goes with the Col. Our Regt. is ordered to be ready for action at any moment. Weather fine and work progressing finely. Yesterday and today "I and bunk,ates" erected a new tent. It is made entirely of boards, is twelve feet long and eight wide and about five feet four inches high with with a three feet garrette.

Sund. March 8th. Preaching by Chaplain at 10 and class at two P.M. Surgeon Johnson of our regt. returned this evening. Dress parade at 6,15 at which time orders were read announcing several promotions and appointments in the non commissioned line. I was appointed without my knowledge of it and as soon as informed of the fact I made known my intention not to accept. This is the third time this place has been offered me and I have refused to accept. Troops still come in and pass on to the front. The weather is fine today, probably the warmest of the season.

Sat. May 14th. We have but little new from the front. Some fighting however has been going on as several hundred wounded have been brought in. The past two day has been quite cool. Our flat boat squad was broken up a few days ago. Don't know what I shall go at next. Our new house is now furnished with table, cupboard, three stools, the best arranged quarters in the Co. or regt. Work in camp goes on about as usual.

May 19th. All goes on quietly here in Chattanooga but how it is upon the front we cannot tell as we get but little news. The 22nd Michigan of our brigade moved upon Lookout today. Our orderly sergeant returned to the regt. I think last Saturday and A. Gorrell last Monday May 16th both of whom had been wounded at Chickamauga. The weather is fine.

Sat, May 21st. I have just returned from a pleasure and fishing excursion up at South Chickamauga. The trip was pleasant but unfruitful of fish. Work goes on finely and the weather is beautiful.

Thurs. May 26th. Today a squad of mechanics from our regt. were sent down to Mockasin Point to frame a magazine to be erected in Chickamauga. I am among the number detailed.

Wednes. June 1st. We are enjoying ourselves finely upon Mockasin Point. The last month left us with beautiful weather and this month left us with beautiful weather and this month opens with fine prospects of good weather being clear warm and pleasant. Pleasant in the shade but some what warm in the sunshine.

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Wednes. June 8th. The weather for the last three or five days has been very warm and heavy rains have fallen. Today a portion of our squad were relieved and have gone to camp. Co. K returned to the regt. several days ago. They had been running the steamer Point Rock.

Tues. June 14th. Col. Stanley returned from home June 12 last Sunday. He takes command of the brigade today. The Col's. daughter accompanied him and is taking a stay in Chattanooga. Capt. Jones also returned and is upon duty in the regt., has command of his Co. (B). Col. Grovenor and Major Welch's wives are here. Col. Grovenor returned several days ago. The 22nd Michigan of our brigade removed upon Lookout today. The most of the present month has been cloudy and rainy but today is quite clear and has the appearance of a clear spell.

Sund. June 19th. Capt. Miles with a Co. of 34 men arrived at our regt. days ago. He was formerly a Capt. in our regt., was discharged but has a new commission and is now assigned to Co. F. His men has been distributed to the several Cos. The 24 Ohio are discharged and the veterans and new recruits numbering 160 have been attached to our regt. They came in last week. Today is cloudy and rainy.

Friday June 24th. Cos. I and F went upon Lookout today. Col. Grovenor is reported as having gone home. The weather has been clear for several days and today appeared to be the hottest of the season. Our squad is now framing a block house to be erected in Chattanooga. No news from the front.

July 1st. A portion of our squad was relieved yesterday and among them our cook and in consequence of this I am called upon to discharge that "very responsible duty" that of cooking. Today embraces my first trial in that line. The weather is very warm and clear, too warm to be comfortable. The nights are agreeably warm. The month of June closed yesterday with a fine shower of rain in the afternoon. Col. T. R. Stanley is post commander at Chattanooga. A large number of wounded are reported coming in from the front. Work seems to be a drag in our department.

Mond. July 4th. This morning was ushered in by booming of cannon. A salute of thirteen guns were fired by a one hundred pounder from Cameron Hill. All work was suspended and a gen'l holiday was had. The officers of the post a meeting and party upon Lookout. The day was clear and pleasant Several Cos. of our regt. <sup>got up</sup> what is called a "big dinner". Our Co. had a few extras such as new Irish potatoes, blackberries and Lager beer. Considerable drinking occurred in the morning but in the afternoon all the shops were closed and but few drunken men were seen upon the streets. News from the front report Sherman in good position.

Tues. 19th. The bridge spanning the Tenn. River opposite Chattanooga is very nearly finished though not quite but teams, horses and pedestrians pass over it. The work of erecting buildings and strengthening the various forts &c still goes on with more or less rapidity. The weather has been clear and warm for sometime past. Sherman crossed the Chattahoocha River several days ago and is supposed to be in or near Atlanta. Co. D of our regt. is running the Mockasin Point saw mill.

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Sund. July 24th. Yesterday evening Col. Stanley called upon Col. Grovenor to furnish a Co. to accompany corpse of Gen'l. McPherson as escort to Nashville. Instead of selecting a Co. the Col. caused a detail to be made from the regt. Our Co. furnished 10 men, one corporal, one sergeant. I was among the number. We drew "white gloves" for the occasion. We went up to the depot and awaited the arrival of the corpse which did not arrive untill four o'clock A.M. Sunday morning. We escorted the corpse to the quarters of Col. Stanley Sunday morning after breakfast in camp. We remained at Col. Stanleys quarters untill the procession was formed when we escorted the remains to the depot. Arriving there we were informed that but half of us could go, whereupon half of us returned to camp. The others took the train at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P.M.

Mond. July 25th. I am still under command of Col. Bartlett Co. B and our "squad" is now working at a "traverse" for artillery. Weather fine but unusually smokey.

Thurs. Aug. 4th. Today has been set apart by the President as a day of fasting and prayer but I think but very little attention is paid to it save by the religious community. A reverend McClure of Delaware, Ohio preached at the post Chaple tonight. Yesterday quite a storm of dust dashed over Chattanooga but little rain accompanied it. Co. A of our regt. is upon North Chickamauga Creek, it relieved Co. E, the latter Co. is upon Lookout, making in all four Cos. upon the mountain. Yesterday and today our Co. has been repairing a bridge across the railroad. The weather is very warm and we have frequent showers of rain but little or no clothing is needed at night for covering. Our regular supply of rations has been cut down but from what cause we are not advised. Nor are we allowed to exchange with Citizens. No news from the front.

Sund. Aug. 7th. Chaplain Dillon was relieved from preaching by a member of the Christian commission who addressed us. We were paid today for two months at 16 dollars per month. We did not learn the necessity of being paid on Sunday but it may have been necessary.

Tues. Aug. 16th. The enemies cavalry have been reported at Dalton but not the garrison. A force was sent from here and drove them away. The 14th African is said to have played a conspicuous part. This evening our regt. was sent out to garrison one of the forts. I not being well remained in camp. The weather is very warm and it rains nearly every day.

Tues. Aug. 23rd. This morning we were ordered out as we understood to build a bridge near Dalton. We got our tools ready and the regt. was on board the cars before noon. About 1 o'clock we pulled out but upon arriving at Chickamauga Station the program seemed to change and we were run up to Charleston in company with some twelve regts. We started on foot in search of the rebel Genl. Wheeler. We arrived at Charleston in the night remained on the cars untill morning and then struck out made 17 miles and encamped four miles east of Athens.

Thurs. Aug. 25th. We moved out some 8 miles toward madisonville and finding no enemy returned a mile and a half and encamped for the night.

Friday Aug. 26th. Marched back near Athens and encamped upon a small stream.

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Sat. Aug. 27th. Marched about nine miles to where the railroad had been repaired and waited the arrival of the train.

Sun. Aug. 28th. We boarded the trains about noon and started for Chattanooga where we arrived about 9 o'clock. What good the expedition did know not. Gen. Steadman was in command. We have not been used to marching and quite a number of the boys gave out. The country is none of the best though the valleys are good and fruit and green corn were plenty. Cleaveland and Athens are handsome country towns. Cleaveland is located upon the H River. The inhabitants seem to be overjoyed at our coming and at the prospect of Wheeler driven out. Yesterday we were ordered to be ready to take the trains at six this morning and we were at the depot at 7 and took the train and were off about 9½ o'clock. We run down to Murfreesboro where we arrived about 10½ o'clock having made 15 miles. There are three brigades of us commanded by Genl. Steadman. We remained at Savergue untill about 5 when our regt. made a reconnoissance upon the Lebanon pike discovered in force. We then returned and stoped for the night at Stewarts Creek having made 10 miles.

Sat. Sept. 3rd. We started north east was called back went about a mile toward Murfreesboro then took a north east line and struck the Lebanon pike and went to Stones River. About five started for the railroad where we arrived about 9 P.M. and remained untill morning. Today we traveled about 12 miles.

Sund. Sept. 4th. Took the train run to Stephenson, then to Huntsville where we arrived next morning.

Tues. Sept. 6th. We remained here (in H) until after dinner then took the cars and run down to Athens, changed camp once or twice and finally took quarters in the Courthouse yard. The other two brigades moved out toward Florence today. Three years ago we were mustered into service.

Thurs. Sept. 8th. Genl. Rosecrans and command came in today but as soon as supplied with rations started toward Florence.

Frid. Sept. 9th. Last night considerable firing took place on the railroad at a point near the town, we were in line twice but nothing of not occured.

Sat. Sept. 10th. We remained in town untill about six where we took the line for Browns ferry upon Elk River. We arrived and crossed the river about two o'clock and was in camp about three. Made 15 miles.

Sund. Sept. 11th. Today we laid idle untill about 6, recrossed the river and took the line for Athens arrived about 1 o'clock.

Mond. Sept. 12th. Today we took the cars for Chattanooga 10½ o'clock arrived at 11 and went into our old quarters.

Tues. Sept 13th. We are idle in camp today.

Wednes. Sept. 14th. Co. F mutined on account of the expiration of their time, and for this act they are sent to the front with cattle so says report. They leave today and are relieved from duty on the mountain by Co. D 24th Ohio. Weather warm and dry.

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Tues. Sept. 15th. I was upon Lookout today, the first since in Chattanooga.

Sat. Sept. 17th. In company with Aaron Gregory and C. L. Lee I visited Lookout Mountain and the notorious lake and falls. The lake is situated some seven miles from the point and in a ravine, is some thirty feet deep and some fifty yards in diameter. The falls are situated some distance below the lake and are said to be 125 feet high but I think they over 85 feet. The scenery surrounding Lookout is grand and baffles all attempts at description. The lake is some 300 feet below the top of the mountain.

Sund. Sept. 18th. Last night we encamped and slept upon the rocks just above the falls. We returned to Chattanooga.

Sat. Sept. 24th. A few days ago our regt. was detailed from the Engineer Brigade. I think we were detailed about the 21st of this of this month and since then the greater portion of the regt. has been called together I think all except a few details and Co. D. We are said to be assigned to Ordinance duty. Considerably rain has fallen lately. Cloudy today.

Sunday Sept. 28th. Last night about eleven o'clock we were very much surprised upon being awakened and informed of a call to prepare three days rations, one hundred rounds ammunition for a march. On account of a bile I was not able to accompany the regt. The regt. took the and moved toward Nashville. Last night was the coolest of the season. Weather clear.

Frid. 7th. Oct. We have heard but little from the regt. since it left. But we learned this much, that it went from here to Huntsville, Ala. turned back, went to Nashville, thence to Pulaska, Tenn. Lay in line of battle one night in front of the enemy, skirmished a little, returned to Nashville and back to Tullahoma; then back to Nashville and were mounted on horseback. When mounted they went down toward Columbia via Franklin. The rebel Gen. Forrest is commanding the raiders 8,000 strong with twenty pieces of artillery. Today we learned that the enemys wagon train has been captured, and that they are on the retreat. It has been very wet and rainy for several days past but today has been very pleasant and clear. Sometime since Col. Stanley procured for the Brigade, a burying place in the National Cemetery. Today a detail from our regt. soded a portion of the ground. Trains and mules are very irregular since Forest has made his appearance in middle Tennessee. Nashville and Chattanooga papers sell at 10 cts retailers. Several new and newly rigged steamers have made their appearance at the wharf. Some of them are semi-gunboats in appearance and perhaps are merely used as such.

Friday Oct. 14th. There has been considerable excitement and stir here for the last twenty four hours. The enemy, Hood's army, is said to be flanking Sherman. Report say Dalton and Ringold have both been captured by the rebels and report say that tonight they are within twenty miles of here. All available forces are working in the ditches, save our regt. Those in Camp Cleveland was evacuated today by the 1st O.V.I. We have no news from Sherman but believe him safe and able to make Hood's position untenable. The forces that were in pursuit of Forest are beginning to return. A dispatch was received today stating that our regt. would be

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in Chattanooga tomorrow morning. Weather clear. An election was held in our regt. last Tuesday pursuant to the Laws of Ohio. Allowing soldiers to vote for County, State and United States officers The total vote of our precinct were 11064. 31 of these were democratic, or rebel. I believe 89 counties were represented at the poles. Most all the Ohio troops stationed here voted at our regt.

Sat. 15th. The regt. returned today about two o'clock P.M. They had been absent 21 days. When the regt. left here it went to Huntsville, Ala. then to Nashville by way of Stephenson thence to Pulaski then back to Tullahoma via Nashville again to Nashville where they were mounted on horseback and took the line for Florence, Ala. and after going west from F some 15 or 20 miles they returned to Athens, Ala. there "turned over" their horses, took the cars and came on here. The Decatur and Nashville railroad is badly damaged, think it will not be repaired under twenty days. The regt. done some skimishing at Pulaski where they laid in line of battle about 24 hours. One man wounded the only loss the past ten days. The boys were compelled to live upon the country by foraging. The rebel Gen. Forest seems to have met with pretty good luck, besides the damage done the railroad. He is said to have captured four thousand prisoners and made his escape in safety.

Mond. Oct. 17th. Our regt. was paid off today, paid for two months. This afternoon we were informed that we would start for Ohio on Wednesday next and the best of spirits and considerable enthusiasm prevails. News from Sherman good. Hoods army said to be in a trap.

Wednes. Oct. 19th. We have no news from the front today. Col. Grovenor, the Chaplain and others started for Nashville and Col. Stanley tok command of the regt. We had dress parade this evening. The first for sometime and perhaps the last in Chattanooga. Co. F who have been down at Atlanta returned this evening. We expect to start for home tomorrow. Weather pleasant.

Thursday 20th. Left Chattanooga at dusk arrived at Tantalow ay day light.

Friday Oct. 21st. Arrived at Murfreesboro at 10 o'clock and remained there until dark. Arrived at Nashville about 2 o'clock A.M.

Sat. Oct. 22nd. Draw clothing. Our train was drawn across the Cumberland River stoped awhile in Edgefield thence drawn down one mile out and left until morning.

Sunday Oct. 23rd. Left Nashville at sunup and arrived at Louisville about 2 o'clock A.M.

Mond. Oct. 24th. Took breakfast at the soldiers rest after which we went the river wharf and after waiting a while boarded the steamer Genl. Buell. Started for Cincinnati at 11 o'clock but on account of a dense fog were compelled to tie until daylight.

Tues. Oct. 25th. This morning we started up the river as soon as the fog lifted sufficiently to see the channel and arrived at Cincinnati about 10 o'clock. We disembarked and marched up into the city and took dinner at

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a "Soldiers barracks". Our dinner consisted of soft bread, salt beef sweetened coffee. Went to the depot and started for Columbus about four o'clock, arrived at Columbus at 2 o'clock A.M. and took quarters in the state house.

Wednes. Oct. 26th. Took breakfast at Todd's Barricks after which we marched out to Camp Chase and were provided with tents for quarters.

Turs. Oct. 27th. This morning cloudy and rainy. Turned over our guns and equipments.

Frid. Oct. 28th. Quite a number of the boys broke through the fence and guard lines this morning and amused themselves outside camp.

Thurs. Nov. 3rd. I visited the state prison.

Friday Nov. 4th. We were formally mustered out of service. We numbered forty privates and several non-commissioned officers. All that wanted them were given furlows and allowed to go home. They will be paid and receive their discharge at home. Some twenty eight of the Co. still remain.

Sat. Nov. 5th. Quite cool today. Last it rained and snowed a little. Clear today.

Sund. Nov. 6th. Went to church at the state prison also at the German Catholic Church. And attended church at post Chappel at Camp Chase.

Mond. Nov. 7th. Started for home tomorrow today. Left Camp Chase about 12-3/4. Took passage on the regular packet. Capital (canal boat) at one o'clock and started for Chillicothe where we arrived at 6 six in the morning.

Tues. Nov. 8th. Took up the "line of march" for home. Stopped at the Huntington Tp precinct and poled a vote for Old Abe and Andy. Went on home where I arrived about sun down.

Tues. Nov. 15th. The past few days have been spent at home and vicinity. Today our Co. met at Frankfort, Ohio where an elegant supper was prepared for us and were paid off and discharged. We are now free from military service for awhile.

Head Quarters 18th Ohio Vols.  
Camp Chase Ohio. Nove. 4th 1864

General Order)  
No. )

) The time has at length arrived when we, the officers and soldiers of this regiment are about to render the associations of the last three years, and lay aside the duties and sufferings of Soldiers and return to civil life.

Having served your country honorably, you now return, I trust, better than when you volunteered in that service. You realize what it costs to sustain a good Government. During all these years, in camp, in Bivouac, on the march and on the Battlefield you have done your duty. We went forth nine hundred and thirty strong. Now we number three hundred and thirty.

Eightynine of our number are left behind as veterans. The sanguinary fields of Stone River, Davis Cross Roads, Chickamauga and the other Battles and skirmishes in which you participated, with the diseases incident to a Soldiers life and death, will will account for the sixhundred. May their memory be ever fresh in our recollection, and may we emulate their virtues and heroism, while we forget their rongs. A greatful country will not fail to honor the living, and hold in remembrance, the memory of the diseased.

When you volunteered you knew I was to be your commanding officer. Almost without exception you have yielded a ready, cheerful obedience. How well I have discharged my duty is not for me to say. I can stand before God and you this day, and say that I have always had your welfare and care, first in my thoughts. I have not placed my own ease or comfort before yours. I have not suffered the cares of my family, or my own profit in any way to interfere with my duties to you. I thank God that it has been my privalege to be your commanding officer. Most of the time, however, I have been seperated from you by being placed in higher commands. I have always left you thus with regret and now in our parting let none but pleasant, kind remembrances have place. You have been to me as my sons. I take leave of you as a father. May God have and keep you in peace and safety to the end.

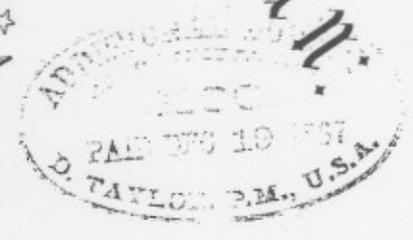
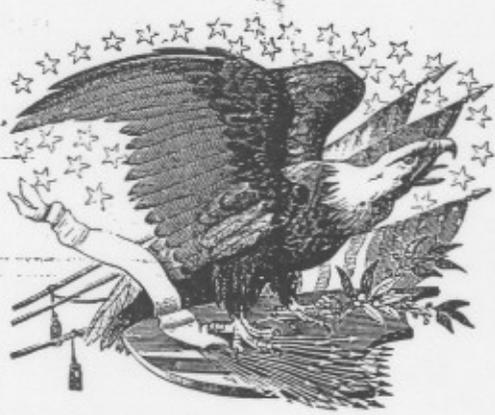
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of General  
Russell  
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To all whom it may

Concern



Know ye, That David C. Shotts a  
Private of Captain Henry G. Brown  
Company, (A.) 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Ohio Infantry  
 VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August  
 one thousand eight hundred and forty one to serve Three years or  
 during the war, is hereby **Discharged** from the service of the United States,  
 this ninth day of November, 1864, at Camp  
Chase Ohio by reason of Expiration of term of enlistment  
 (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said David C. Shotts was born in Roscoe  
 in the State of Ohio, is twenty five years of age,  
five feet eight 1/2 inches high, fair complexion, gray eyes,  
dark hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer  
 Given at Camp Chase Ohio this ninth day of  
November 1864

L. R. Parley

Commanding the Regt

D. W. Apperson  
C. H. ...  
M. J.

\* This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.

[A. G. O. No. 99.] Henry G. Brown  
Capt. (Adj. Gen.) Co. 41st Regt.

This letter by David C. Shotts has been copied from the original.

Camp near Nashville, Tenn. March 18, 1862

To the receiver G. W. Bishop and friends at home.

Received your letters and have answered to you will see I have a little book which when you get it, if ever you do, will contain a sketch of our march from Nashville to someplace else. I don't know where. D.C.S. (preface by author)

Tues. March 18, 1862. Camp near Nashville, Tenn. Yesterday we had an inspection of knapsacks to ascertain whether not had any unauthorized articles therein or not. It was known generally that we would march today. We were ordered to be upon the road hard by and ready to move at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  A.M. At present the sun is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour high and our tents are struck, loaded in waggon, so are nearly all our other traps. Now we are ordered to sling knapsacks. We fell in stacked arms, are now waiting till time to start. We take 6 days rations with us. One of course cooked and in our haversacks. Our First Lieut. starts for home this morning. We have now left camp, are now upon the Tenn. & Chattanooga Turnpike, have stacked arms and are awaiting the trains of waggons. Our knapsacks are very heavy and the waggons are loaded to the extreme. Six mules to the waggon and stalling all the time. Attention: now we move on about 1 mile and stack arms and rest. Remember we have been moving since 5 this morning. The morning has presented a fine scene. Mule and horse teams stalling, mules kicking, half a dozen men whipping, swearing and as many more pushing at the wheels and all urging the stubborn animals to go ahead. No private can tell how many Regts. are moving today or tell the order of march. Though the 8th Brigade (ours) are to take the rear of line. Our sick are left at Nashville, Co. A leaves two. Just now a squad of sappers and miners are passing, follow them the 2nd Ohio, next the 21st Ohio. They have new Belgium muskets or Rifles. Now the 33rd Ohio, next the 10th Wis. about 1,300 strong. We are now fully recruited, are well clothed and shod, and ought I know every thing is starting in order but no doubt will be separated and maybe will suffer privations. Edgertens flying artillery are passing. Here come another battery each 6 pieces and 6 pounders. Their provisions and forage waggons are just passing. Each waggon has a guard of two or three persons. This is followed up in all marches when near the enemy. 'Tis now 10 o'clock and the cry is "and still they come!" Perhaps the teams will not pass us much before noon. Understand we are to go in the rear of waggons. Upon the right of us is a hillside, the timber of which is trimmed and topped. And on the hill is a fine house presented the appearance of a rich planter. The 37th Ind. and 11th Ill. were out on picket last night. This in part accounts for our Brigade being behind. These on picket cannot get ready to move much before noon. This country affords fine cedar and evergreen. Just by my side is a nice specimen about 8 inches high and has the appearance of good health. What a nice ornament; pity it has none to care for it. Well when the war closes somebody will care for it. Adieu, thou esteemed ornament of this cold rough earth, for a time farewell.

Sam Slick of the old 22nd now of the 33rd Regt. just now is passing. He is an edity and wares a high hat. Attention: we now

move forward and are divided into squads to guard waggons another rule and we have to double quick to catch up with the head of Co. Now there is one Co. to every 14 waggons. 6 miles from Nashville we passed the Insane Assylum (perhaps this is misspelled) and we move on at short intervals, the train being long we cannot move steadily. 12 o'clock and we meet the 13th Regt. O. going back toward Nashville. And they say they are ordered to join the Crittenden's Division. Here we load our guns preparing for emergencies. Something has occurred in front and causes a halt - now we move off at "double quick". I prefer a slower pace and act accordingly. 15 miles from Nashville we passed a village called Defarn (or some other name). A mile farther and our road increases to two. We take the left hand road. We are now passing through a section of country timbered with cedar - it varies from the small bush to the tree of 18 inches diameter. Our division is encamping, we having been guards our knapsacks were hauled and now we have a good time getting them - the train on a down grade and stop for nobody. Arms are stacked, teams in and if we get water for coffee we will soon be sneezing. 'Tis sun down.

Wednesday March 19. This morning it commenced raining about 5 o'clock and poured down a continued shower until about 10 o'clock. But we went ahead regardless of rain, mud or water of which there was plenty. Some, yes nearly all of us, have wet feet and are pretty well drenched all over. We have passed one small town and over two smartly sized ~~streets~~ - I understand we left the straight forward road on account of bridges being destroyed. Our Brigade is in the advance this morning. Order of march - 1st 19th Ills. 2nd 24th Ills. third 18th O. 4th 37th Ind. We are taking a rest and bands are playing. The artillery are now moving forward and a squad of cavalry. "Attention" and we move ahead about an hour and halt for dinner. We are and have been passing numerous and some large cotton fields. We are in "the land of cotton". These were the first cotton fields we have seen and they drew considerable attention. The hills to our left are still decorated with evergreen. We have "double cape thorn" or some other caps - we had been traveling south of east but now we make a short tack to the south west. 4 o'clock and our advance are in possession of Murfreesborough. No enemy was there to dispute the right of possession. Mergans band of desperadoes passed through about 3 or 4 o'clock last night. I suppose General Mitchell will claim to have achieved another great victory. We are now in camp and have passed through Murfreesborough. It is a nice looking place though it was quite dark when we passed through. It is a town of about 3,000 inhabitants. Our days march is now finished. 'Twas a hard march. We having to wade through mud and water and I think nearly everyone get his feet wet. Some waded crotch deep in preference to going around. Our feet are quite sore. We marched about 22 miles. We are encamped upon an old secesh camp. Supper is over, a cup of hot coffee is drunk and without pitching tents, we go to bed.

Camp near Murfreesborough. Thurs. morn. March 20, 1862. This morning it commenced raining about 4½ o'clock and chased us out of bed. By 7 or 8 it ceased raining and now 'tis clear. Our Brigade forms the advance and we will soon move on 2 miles further and pitch tents perhaps to remain a while. Some of the boys complain of being pretty sore this morning from yesterdays march. I never felt much better. The weather is splendid and the pastures look quite green, peach trees at half bloom.

No mail has overtaken us yet. This is fine looking country, well timbered and the land is principally level, assuming a rather undulating character. Just now a fellow is being carried to an ambulance, his legs are so swollen he cannot walk. The drum beats are we are called into line and away we go for a new camp. We are now encamped upon the farm of a rich planter and secessionist. He has two sons in the Confederate Army. Since leaving the other camp, the weather has changed. The wind blows hard and cold and tis cloudy. This planter here has about 100 slaves. He raises cotten and has a cotten gin er gin on the plantation.

Friday mornning March 21, 1862. The mornning is quite cool but the wind has ceased blowing. About 200 waggens start for Nashville this mornning for provisians. They will be gone about 4 days. Don't think we will move until they come back.

Saturday March 22nd 1862. As yet we have received no mail since leaving Nashville. This mornning is cool and cloudy and rains a little. We go on picket duty at 1 o'clock this P.M. and fearing a mail should go out while we are gone, will close this epistle and leave it in camp. We are in good health but S. M. Greve and G. W. Bishop are complaining, though they steed the march quite well.

Respectfully,

D. C. Shetts

I cannot promise a weekly report.

Enclosed you will find a specimen of Tennessee cotten. D. C. S.

## EIGHTEENTH OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

The organization of this regiment was commenced at Camp Wool, Athens, Ohio in August, 1861, and completed at Camp Dennison, November 4, 1861. The regiment, nine hundred and thirty strong, left Camp Dennison November 6, 1861, and reported to General W. T. Sherman, at Louisville, the next day. Thence it marched down the river to West Point. On the 15th it reported at Elizabethtown, and was organized into a brigade comprising the Nineteenth Illinois, Eighteenth Ohio, Thirty-Seventh Indiana, and Twenty-Fourth Illinois, under command of Colonel Turchin, Nineteenth Illinois, General O. M. Mitchel's division of the Army of the Ohio. Remaining at Elizabethtown about a month, the division marched thence to Bacon Creek, where, for nearly two months, the command was instructed and drilled under the eye of General Mitchel.

On February 7th General Mitchel commenced in earnest his brilliant progress; he passed General McCook at Green River, encamped on its south bank, and on the 8th marched for Bowling Green, occupied in force by the enemy. On the night of the 9th the regiment for the first time bivouacked and on the morning of the 10th showed hillocks of men covered with snow. The day the regiment reached the vicinity of Bowling Green, the place was reported deserted by the Rebels, and the bridge and public stores in flames. A difficulty in crossing the river was overcome by the ingenuity of Colonel Stanley, who detailed a number of men, and quickly constructed a bridge. The brigade marched down the bank, and, silently, that snowy night, the crossing was made, and at daylight Colonel Turchin, with his command, marched into Bowling Green. Large quantities of supplies and subsistence were captured, but more had been destroyed.

On February 23rd General Mitchel moved for Nashville, sixty-two miles distant, reaching it in three days. Here, as at Bowling Green, the Fourth Ohio Cavalry preceded the infantry, and found the railroad bridge and the fine suspension bridge over the Cumberland River destroyed, but means of crossing were soon found and the City of Nashville was taken. The whole National army, under General Buell, encamped in and around the city.

General Mitchel's command being an independent one, that officer, March 18th, marched ~~from~~ ~~to~~ ~~for~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~city~~ ~~of~~ ~~Nashville~~, Alabama, taking possession of the country as he passed. This bold and timely advance surprised the Rebels, who fell back as the National troops advanced. The whole country, from Nashville to Huntsville, and the railroad east to Bridgeport and west to Tusculumbia, were taken by a single division of less than seven thousand men. The railroads, bridges, and turnpikes injured by the Rebels in their flight, were repaired, rendering the campaign very arduous. To the Michigan Engineers mainly belongs the credit of overcoming the difficulties in crossing bridgeless streams. The bridge over Stone River, two hundred and sixty feet long, was rebuilt in eight days, by a detail from the Eighteenth Ohio, with axes only.

On April 10th at midnight the command arrived within ten miles of Huntsville. A council of war was held at General Mitchel's head-quarters, and the plan of the capture of Huntsville decided upon. At three o'clock A. M. the command marched, and was in sight of Huntsville before the citizens

were out of their beds. Some three hundred prisoners were captured, seventeen locomotives, one hundred and fifty cars, and large amounts of supplies. The Eighteenth Ohio, with other forces, were detailed to work the railroad and transport troops and supplies.

Tuscumbia was occupied, and Colonel Turchin, the brigade commander with a small force, including the Eighteenth Ohio, made his head-quarters in the town, although almost surrounded by Rebel forces. Strategy was resorted to to deceive them as to the strength of the National forces. Names of officers from some dozen regiments were entered on the hotel books whose regiments were supposed to be in camp, but an inspection would have found but six hundred men there. Colonel Stanley was careful not to let any citizen leave. General Buell ordered all west of Decatur evacuated, and the regiment was sent to Athens to guard the railroad.

On May 1st, at daylight, Colonel Stanley's pickets were attacked by Scott's Rebel cavalry, six hundred strong and three pieces of artillery, yet the Rebels were held in check for three hours. Colonel Stanley, learning that the Rebels consisted of three battalions of infantry, ordered a retreat toward Huntsville. While the Eighteenth was yet in Decatur General Mitchell came from Huntsville to Decatur on the cars, and ordered Colonel Stanley to fall back in good order to a point where re-enforcements would be met. General Mitchell came near being captured, as the Rebels sent a small force across to a bridge, setting it on fire, but the General and his men ran over it while burning. At this bridge a spirited fight occurred, in which six Rebels were killed and a number wounded. The regiment lost three killed and several wounded.

On May 31st the Eighteenth joined the brigade at Fayetteville and marched thence, under General Negley, for Chattanooga. The town was bombarded from the north side of the river, by which it was believed the Rebels were deterred from a contemplated invasion of Kentucky. The distance marched in this movement was two hundred and forty miles, accomplished in twelve days, crossing Cumberland Mountain and Walden's Ridge.

From Fayetteville the regiment marched to Huntsville, thence to Stevenson and Battle Creek, where the Rebels were confronted; the Tennessee River being between the forces. The regiment built fortifications and remained at Battle Creek until July 11th, when it and half of the Twenty-Fourth Illinois, all under command of Colonel Stanley, marched across Cumberland Mountain, arriving at Decherd after midnight of the day in which General Forrest had captured Murfreesboro. The Eighteenth next moved to Elk River, and along the railroad to Cowan; down to Tullahoma and Manchester, and guarded the road from Tullahoma to McMinnville.

On August 29, 1862, companies A and I of the Eighteenth Ohio, and D of the Ninth Michigan, under the command of Captain Miller, Eighteenth Ohio, were attacked at a stockade, twelve miles from Winchester, by Forrest, who dismounted nine hundred of his men before making the attempt. The Rebels were soon repulsed, losing about one hundred men without the loss of a man on our side. General Thomas complimented them in general orders. The Rebels having retreated a short distance, commenced destroying the railroad. Captain Miller sent a squad after them, but they were so badly whipped that they instantly decamped.

The Eighteenth was the last regiment to leave Manchester with Buell's retreating column. At Nashville the regiment was brigaded with the Sixty-Ninth Ohio, Eleventh Michigan, and Nineteenth Illinois, forming the Twenty-Ninth Brigade, under Colonel Stanley, and with another brigade under Colonel Miller, was left for the defense of Nashville. Colonel Stanley commanded the brigade from September 10, 1862, until after the battle of Chickamauga.

The division in which the regiment was brigaded was the right of General Thomas's (Fourteenth) corps at the battle of Stone River. On Tuesday, the 30th of December, 1862, the division took post south of the Cedar Woods and drove the Rebel sharpshooters from several points. Early Wednesday the right, under General McCook, gave way and, after a short struggle, in which the Twenty-Ninth Brigade vainly battled with the Rebel masses, it was compelled to do likewise. During this fearful time, at a critical moment, under the lead of General Rousseau, the Eighteenth charged into the woods filled with Rebels, and checked their advance.

Friday found the division on the extreme left. Breckinridge attacked and drove the division, thrown across Stone River, in great confusion. General Rousseau ordered Colonel Stanley to take his brigade across the stream. It was a fearful thing to do, but the order was executed by his brigade. Advancing a little, to closer cover, the men fell upon their faces, and awaited the advancing foe. On came the Rebels, but they were received with a leaden storm which thinned their ranks fearfully, and without giving them a chance to recover, an order to charge was given which caused them to flee panic-stricken; meantime the artillery was doing its work. The brigade captured four pieces of artillery. In this action of forty minutes Breckenridge acknowledged the loss of one thousand seven hundred men. The Eighteenth lost Captains Fenton, Taylor and Stivers, Lieutenant Blacker, and thirty-two men killed; Lieutenant-Colonel Given, Captains Welch and Ross, Adjutant Minear, and one hundred and forty-three men wounded. In June it accompanied the advance on Tullahoma, across Lookout Mountain into McLamore's Cove, and, with Negley's and Baird's divisions, September 11th at Dug Gap, confronted Bragg's army. In this movement, at the foot of Mission Ridge, General Negley directed Colonel Stanley to hold his position. The enemy were pressing, but the brigade kept them at a respectable distance.

In a day or two commenced the march for Chickamauga. The regiment did not get into the thickest of the fight until Sunday, September 20th, but went gallantly through the battle, making several brilliant charges. Colonel Stanley in his report noticed the gallantry and coolness of Captains Grosvenor, McElroy, and Cable, Lieutenants Carlin, Benedict, Clark, Hennold, Grubb, Ryan, Carter, Acton, Ferrel, and Evans. Sergeant-Major George Hewitt and private Joseph Imbody, of company H, are noticed "for their gallantry in rescuing the colors of the regiment when they fell from Lieutenant Carlin's hands, and bringing them safely from the field."

The regiment performed Engineering-duty, and aided in building boats, warehouses, sawmills, and hospitals at Chattanooga, until October 20th, when it was ordered to Camp Chase to be mustered out of service. On the 9th of November, 1864, it was honorably discharged. Nearly one hundred men had re-enlisted as veterans, and there were enough recruits, whose time was not out, to make it up to two hundred and twenty-five men

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