

## Addison Stockham 1862 Civil War Diary

### Background Information

Addison Stockham was a blacksmith serving in Battery G of the First Ohio Light Artillery. Also serving in this unit was his younger brother, George Stockham.

[image – A. STOCKHAM, Blacksmith, Justice of the Peace, Hambden Tp. with the caption: The above photo was taken in approximately 1900.]

### Diary Pages

Saturday, October 4th 1862

We left here today at six PM. Went on the Louisville and Lexington Pike. Went through Middletown. Camped ten.

Sunday, October 5th 1862

Night very cold. Got up at six. We started for Shelbyville at 8:00 AM. Roads very dusty. Got to Shelbyville at noon. Had very bad weather for cooking.

Monday, October 6th 1862

Got up at two this morning. Did not move until sunrise. Was a little frost. Went through Clayville and roads very [illegible]. Went through Hartville. Got to Frankfort at seven. Drove the rebs from the town. Evening pleasant.

Tuesday, October 7th 1862

Morning we got up at six and we did not move. Boys were very busy working and writing. I was [illegible] of the. Received a letter from [illegible].

Wednesday, October 8th 1862

The weather is fair and pleasant. Got up at one. Ready to move at three. Started, did not cross the river. Roads very dusty and [illegible]. I had a horse to ride.

[margin note: Likely the Kentucky River]

Thursday, October 9th, 1862

We got up at four, moved at six. The road was very rough and hilly. Marched through woods the most of the way. Went to camp at eight. Our grub is [illegible].

Friday, October 10, 1862

Morning rainy and it was hard marching. Roads was quite muddy. We moved very late. Very hard cooking our grub.

Saturday, October 11, 1862

We got up at four and marched for Perryville. Went through Mackville. There we saw some wounded. Camped on Chaplin Hill in the battlefield. The dead was not all buried.

[margin note: The Battle of Perryville took place on October 8th]

Monday, October 12th, 1862

Was windy and cloudy and quite cold. Did not start very early in the morning. We went to [illegible], three miles from the battlefield. Camped in town at seven.

Monday, October 13th, 1862

We did not get up very early for the boys were all very tired. The day was taken up in writing and reading. The weather was very good.

October 14th, 1862

Was clear and warm. Not much news in camp. I quit cooking and worked at my [illegible] shoeing the mules and horses.

Wednesday, October 15th, 1862

Was cloudy and rained a little. Is very pleasant, but did not rain very much. I wrote a letter home. One to Hambden.

[margin note: Hambden is near Addison's home of Chardon Ohio (near Cleveland).]

Thursday, October 16th, 1862

It was quite cool and frosty. I was at work shoeing. Some of the boys was not very well.

Friday, October 17th, 1862

The morning was cool. The camp is close to a hospital and the wounded are dying every day. I worked today shoeing the most of the [illegible].

Saturday, October 18th, 1862

It was warm and pleasant. We had to bring our water about one mile. We had plenty of hogs to kill for fresh meat. I worked at shoeing.

Sunday, October 19th, 1862

Morning was very cool and windy. Boys at work picking up fragments of cannon on the battlefield. I write home to father.

Monday, October 20th, 1862

Morning cool and frosty and very windy through the day. Not much news in camp. We went on picket at night. It was frosty.

Tuesday, October 21st, 1862

Morning we was quite sleepy and cold. We ever was on picket. Boys did not feel very well for want of sleep.

Wednesday, October 22nd, 1862

Was very pleasant weather. It was not very warm. I was very busy shoeing. Had orders to go to Lebanon.

[margin note: Lebanon Kentucky]

Thursday, October 23rd, 1862

Morning was fair. Got ready to move. Marched at eight for Lebanon. Got there at four. Roads was very good. It is 20 miles.

Friday, October 24th, 1862

Got up at six. It was very windy. We turned over our forge and battery wagons. Some horses. We telegraphed to Louisville for letters, but got no information of any.

Saturday, October 25th, 1862

Was rainy and cold. We joined the cavalry and started for Rolling Fork. Got there at three. It is very cold. We was put in the [illegible]. Colonel Bennet

Sunday, October 26th, 1862

We got up in the morning and found six inches of snow on the ground. It was cold. The camp was in the [illegible].

Monday, October 27th, 1862

Was continued to be cold and cloudy and the snow did not go off. The boys kept close to the fire all day and a part of the night.

Tuesday, October 28th, 1862

The sun rose very bright and the snow soon disappeared. The day was taken up in writing and [illegible]. The [illegible].

Wednesday, October 29th, 1862

We started for Munfordville at seven. Which is sixty miles from this place. Road was very hilly and rough. Camped. Fair night and rather cold.

Thursday, October 30th, 1862

Got up at four, started at seven. Morning frosty. We crossed Green River in the fore noon and Little Barren in the afternoon. 42 towns. Saloma and Summersville. Camped at five.

Friday, October 31st, 1862

We did not get up very early. Got to Munfordville at noon. Went to camp. Boys felt very tired for it was warm. I [illegible]

Saturday, November 1st, 1862

We started for Bowling Green at nine. Roads very good but dusty. Weather warm. Went through a town Horse Cave and Cave City by Belltown. Camped at five. Water scarce.

Sunday, November 2nd, 1862

Morning got up at four, started at seven. The wind blew very hard and the dust made perfect smoke. Weather grew cold. Went into camp at noon. At night got some horses.

Monday, November 3rd, 1862

We got up at six. Morning clear. Did not march. The day was [illegible] and writing. I had horses in the evening.

Tuesday, November 4th, 1862

Morning got up at four. Started for Bowling Green at seven. Got there at noon. Crossed Green River. Went through very fast. Camped at eight by a spring.

Wednesday, November 5th, 1862

We started toward Nashville at seven. Roads good until we left the Pike. Then it was very rough. Went through Jacks and Adairville. Crossed the river, camped at five. Weather good. We drew [sic] rations in the evening.

[margin note: Adairville is West of Franklin Kentucky]

Thursday, November 6th, 1862

Got up at five, started at seven. Morning very cold. Some snow. Cross into Tennessee. Went to the town Springfield. Turned north. Camped at nine at night. Took [illegible].

Friday, November 7th, 1862

Morning started at seven. Weather cold. A little snow. Roads dusty. Went through S[illegible]. Camped at four.

Saturday, November 8th, 1862

Got up at five, did not move in the fore noon. Had plenty of time to rest and sleep. Moved at noon. About seven miles. Camped at five. Evening clear and cool.

Sunday, November 9th, 1862

Got up at four, started at six. Weather frosty and cold. We marched very fast until noon. Halted two hours. Camped at Gallatin.

Monday, November 10th, 1862

Got up at four, started at six. Weather cold in the morning. The day quite warm. Went to Hartsville double quick. Drove Morgan out. Shoed horses till eight. Went into camp at eleven PM.

Tuesday, November 11th, 1862

Shoed horses all day. Weather warm and dry. Camped one mile from Hartsville in the woods. It is a pleasant place on the bank of the Cumberland River.

Wednesday, November 12th, 1862

I shoed horses and [illegible] rained most of the day. Roads got rather muddy here. We got one darky cook. Fine looking fellow. Was all t[illegible].

Thursday, November 13th, 1862

It was a very pleasant morning. Sun shone clear and bright. Shod horses as usual. Got very tired. In the evening, warm and pleasant.

Friday, November 14th, 1862

Still warm. We started for Lebanon. Went across the Cumberland River. Advanced about five miles. Found the enemy too strong and then we fell back to our camp three PM.

Saturday, November 15th, 1862

The day was pleasant, but our rations was getting better for we kill some hogs. Our wagons was left behind fear of a fight.

Sunday, November 16th, 1862

Was very pleasant and warm. Rained in the evening. Drawed [sic] rations. It rains quite hard. Orders to move in the morning.

Monday, November 17th, 1862

In the morning, got up at four, moved at six. Weather warm but rainy. Went towards Gallatin again. Crossed the Cumberland River. It was very deep. Camped at three, one mile from the river.

Tuesday, November 18th, 1862

Got up at four, started at six. Roads very rough. Weather cloudy but warm. Went on the Nashville Pike. Camped at one PM. [illegible] was very wet, cold.

Wednesday, November 19th, 1862

We got up at four. Got ready to march, but did not go for the infantry was fanning and we put our tarpaulin for the night.

Thursday, November 20th, 1862

Got up at four, marched at seven, crossed the river bridge. Burnt [illegible] a little town, Spring Place. Weather was cold. Camped at three two miles from Nashville.

Friday, November 21st, 1862

Was very pleasant, did not move. Our camp is in front of Mount Olivet Cemetery. We have a pretty camp. [illegible].

Saturday, November 22nd, 1862

We was ordered on scout. Went seven miles south of Nashville and saw nothing. Got back to camp at three. It was very pleasant.

Sunday, November 23rd, 1862

Was in the [illegible] and writing. Weather was very fine. We had a very good rest. I wrote two letters. One to H.

[margin note: 'H' is Addison's girlfriend, Lucy Shattuck. Only after the end of the war does he refer to her by Lucy in his diaries.]

Monday, November 24th, 1862

Still in camp. Weather is fine. Teams went after corn. I wrote a letter to Warner.

Tuesday, November 25th, 1862

We went out in a scout. Weather rather cold but pleasant. Went on the Franklin Pike. We had a fight. Drove the rebs back at seven.

Wednesday, November 26th, 1862

Was very pleasant, clear and warm. Still in the old camp. Shod horses most of the day.

Thursday, November 27th, 1862

I went down town. The weather was cool and dry. The town looked rather rough. Plenty of soldiers there.

Friday, November 28th, 1862

I went to the battery OGS down town. At night went out on a scout. Had a skirmish. Got back at three in the morning.

Saturday, November 29th, 1862

Morning pleasant and warm, but cloudy. Rained in the afternoon. The boys very busy in writing letters.

Sunday, November 30th, 1862

Sunday I was busy writing and reading. It is very cold. Snowed in the evening. I wrote one letter to H.

Monday, December 1st, 1862

Morning very wet. Rained very hard all night. Still in our old camp. I wrote one letter. [illegible] was very [illegible].

Tuesday, December 2nd, 1862

Was a very dull day, weather same. [illegible] day was taken up in around fire our big kitchen and that is very [illegible].

Wednesday, December 3rd, 1862

Was pleasant, warm, and clear. Our wagons went after forage and was attacked by the rebs, but did not take them.

Thursday, December 4th, 1862

Very clear and warm. I worked at blacksmithing most of the day. Not much news in camp today.

Friday, December 5th, 1862

Was cold, snowed the most of the day. It was very unpleasant weather for soldiers. Evening was very cold and frosty.

Saturday, December 6th, 1862

This morning was very frosty and frozen. Snow did not go off. The wagons went after forage and it was very cold.

Sunday, December 7th, 1862

Morning clear and cold. Snow did not go off. The day was taken up in writing. I wrote one to H.

Monday, December 8th, 1862

In the morning it was very cold. Snow still stays on. Some signs of a move. I write a letter to Mrs. [illegible].

Tuesday, December 9th, 1862

Was very pleasant. Snow went off. I wrote one letter and worked at shoeing.

Wednesday, December 10th, 1862

Morning clear and warm through the day. I shod horses in the afternoon. Still in the old camp.

Thursday, December 11th, 1862

The morning was very frosty. The day was quite warm. Drewed [sic] three day's rations. Started on a scout. Went to [illegible] wood. Left the Pike. Did not camp at all.

Friday, December 12th, 1862

The morning was not very cold but had a little frost. Started for Franklin at five. Roads very rough. Went on double quick into town. Had a skirmish. Rebs lost seven killed and seven prisoners. One [illegible] not any. Got to Nashville at six.

Saturday, December 13th, 1862

Morning clear and warm. I worked at shoeing horses. Boys felt very tired after their scout for want of sleep.

Sunday, December 14th, 1862

Morning was very cloudy and warm but did not rain. Had dress parade. I did not go out, stayed in the camp and cooked dinner for the [illegible].

Thursday, December 18th, 1862

Was pleasant and warm in camp. Boys very busy writing. I wrote on to H.

Friday, December 19th, 1862

Morning frosty. Day warm and pleasant. I worked at shoeing horses and mules. Evening cold.

Saturday, December 20th, 1862

Was very dull. Not much going on in camp. Weather quite [illegible]. Heard cannoning [sic] in the evening.

Sunday, December 21st, 1862

Was as warm as summer. It was as pleasant as spring. I wrote one letter. Boys generally well. Not much news in camp.

Monday, December 22nd, 1862

Was warm. Some indication of rain. I worked at my trench. Still in the old camp. Boys having a very easy time.

Tuesday, December 23rd, 1862

Fair weather warm and cloudy. I worked at my trade. Not much news in camp today.

Wednesday, December 24th, 1862

The weather was warm and rained the most of the day. Ordered on scout, but did not go. I wrote one letter.

Thursday, December 25th, 1862

Today is Christmas. Boys all felt well. Weather warm. Ordered on a search or scout, but did not go. I wrote one letter to H.

Friday, December 26th, 1862

Moved camped and advanced on the Murfreesboro Pike. Rained all day. Had a hard fight at LaVergne, five miles from Nashville. One man killed. His name Cafin. Fought till dark. Rained all the time. Boys very tired.

Saturday, December 27th, 1862

Got up at four. Got ready to move. Rained all day. Moved at twelve. Went through LaVergne. Was ordered back to camp. Ordered to the front. Went four PM. Camped at eight in a cedar grove.

Sunday, December 28th, 1862

Morning clear and warm. Did not move. Boys was very busy drying their blankets and coats. Their [sic] was no fighting done. Evening pleasant. Received two letters.

Monday, December 29th, 1862

Morning pleasant. [illegible] begin to move. We was kept back with the wagons. On the advance seven miles. We started at two PM. Camped at eight. Evening rainy.

Tuesday, December 30th, 1862

Morning rainy. Got up at five at got ready to move, but did not go. Hard fighting on the right. Heavy losses on both sides.

Wednesday, December 31st, 1862

We was ordered back with wagons to guard them. Heavy fighting on the right. Our men drove back in the morning. Gained their ground the evening. We lost fifteen guns. We was an [illegible] at night.

[margin note: The Battle of Stone's River began on December 31st, 1862]

Thursday, January 1st, 1863

There was hard fighting. Our men did not gain much if any. We was order back to [illegible] for the baggage wagon. We had a hard fight and drove the rebs. Some of the wagons was burned.

Friday, January 2nd, 1863

Today our men hold their ground and are advancing a little, as the fighting very heavy. Cannonding [sic] all day and late in the evening. Rained all night.

Saturday, January 3rd, 1863

Rained all night. Our camp is getting very muddy. Fighting the same [illegible]. The enemy did not answer our fire. Our men suffering with hunger.

Sunday, January 4th, 1863

Everything still today. Weather clear and warm. We are out of rations and we are getting very hungry. The wounded going by all day to Nashville.

Monday, January 5th, 1863

Still at LaVergne. Weather clear and warm. The enemy has left. Our boys have been very busy. I sent two letters.

Tuesday, January 6th, 1863

Morning rainy and quite cold. Our camp getting very muddy. The boys did not like soldiering this way. Not much news.

Wednesday, January 7th, 1863

Thursday, January 8th, 1863

Today was cloudy and cold. The day was taken up in writing and washing. Snowed in the evening. We gathered in a house.

Friday, January 9th, 1863

Morning cloudy and cold. Some indication of rain. We moved to Murfreesboro at five. Went through town in the evening, then camped two miles from town.

Saturday, January 10th, 1863

Morning rainy and warm. Cleared off in the afternoon. We are with the cavalry again. We are in camp two miles from Murfreesboro.

Sunday, January 11th, 1863

Was a clear day, warm and pleasant. Ordered on a search with one day's rations. Went on the Salem Pike. Went through Salem. Got back at four.

Monday, January 12th, 1863

Was clear and warm. We are in camp today. Boys are busy writing and reading the news. I wrote two letters. Received one from H.

Tuesday, January 13th, 1863

It was very windy but clear and pleasant. Some indication of rain. I wrote two letters. Still in camp.

Wednesday, January 14th, 1863

Morning clear and warm, but very windy. Rained in the afternoon. Received two letters, one from H.

Thursday, January 15th, 1863

Morning was very rainy, snowed in the afternoon and froze very hard. The boys slept rather cold, but it was not [illegible].

Friday, January 16th, 1863

Still cold and frozen and snowed most of the day. Boys kept close to their fires in the big kitchen.

Saturday, January 17th, 1863

Morning very cold but clear. Snowed. Went after forge on the Salem Pike. We got very cold. We got a sleep and some horses.

Sunday, January 18th, 1863

It was pleasant and warm. Everything quick. Boys writing letters. I wrote two letters.

Monday, January 19th, 1863

Morning very hard. Camp getting very muddy. Our tent leaks as usual. Some of the boys have gone after corn, [illegible], kitchen, flour, leather, short [illegible].

Tuesday, January 20th, 1863

Morning rather cool and somewhat rainy. One of the boys of our camp and one of the other got to fight but died not [illegible].

Wednesday, January 21st, 1863

Morning cloudy but pleasant. Mud is drying up. Not much news in camp.

Thursday, January 22nd 1863

Morning cloudy, cleared off in the afternoon. Ordered on a scout in the evening. I wrote one letter to H.

Friday, January 23rd, 1863

Weather cloudy. Not much news in camp. Orders for a three day scout. Marched till twelve.

Saturday, January 24th, 1863

Warm and rained all day. Marched at seven. Went to [illegible]ville. Turned North, went over the mountain. Road very rough. I went to Wood[illegible]. Camped at eight.

Sunday, January 25th, 1863

Was cloudy and warm. Marched at eight at Murfreesboro. Went through Reedsville. Got to camp at four in the afternoon.

Monday, January 26th, 1863

Morning cloudy, We was ordered out on a s[illegible] with baggage train. Rained all day. Got to camp at nine. Boys got very wet.

Tuesday, January 27th, 1863

Was very rainy and cold and snowed in the afternoon and the boys was very tired after their last scout.

Wednesday, January 28th, 1863

Was very cold and snowed. Everything leaks. Very discouraging, but everything for the best. No news in camp today.

Thursday, January 29th, 1863

The day was quite pleasant for the winter. Weather was somewhat unusual. Received a letter from Aunt Sarah.

Friday, January 30th, 1863

Morning was quite cold and cloudy. We was ordered out on a scout. Three days rations. I did not go. Rained all day. The first time I did not go.

Saturday, January 31st, 1863

I was in camp almost alone and it was very lonesome for everything was so still and quiet. I was still unwell and our sergeant was sick with me.

Sunday, February 1st, 1863

Was a little rainy the most of the day. Grew cold in the evening. Started raining and cleared off.

Monday, February 2nd, 1863

Clear in the fore noon and cloudy in the after noon [sic]. Boys did not camp. I wrote two letters. One to H and one to Lan.

Tuesday, February 3rd, 1863

In the morning there was some snow on the ground, but went off during the day. Boys do not come.

Wednesday, February 4th, 1863

Morning rainy and grew cold. Snowed in the evening and was very cold. I was very lonesome without the boys.

Thursday, February 5th, 1863

Very windy and some snow. Grew very cold in the evening. I feel very uneasy about the boys. I wrote to A. Darmon.

Friday, February 6th, 1863

Morning very cold and frosty. Snow did not go off. Evening clear and cloud. How I think of the boys out in the cold.

Saturday, February 7th, 1863

Was quite warm and some indication of rain. Not much news in camp. I began to feel better.

Sunday, February 8th, 1863

Was pleasant but cloudy. Did not rain. Boys down as yet. Received two letters. One from Warner dated the 8th of January.

[margin note: Warner Stockham is Addison's older brother.]

Monday, February 9th, 1863

Was warm and pleasant. Cannonding [sic] was heard. I thought of the boys. Not much news in camp today. I wrote one letter to [illegible]'s mother.

Tuesday, February 10th, 1863

Morning was rainy. Lieutenant Beckwith died with the croup. He is the first to fall in our company. Very lonesome in camp.

Wednesday, February 11th, 1863

Was very windy. It is lonesome as we are alone in camp. I wrote three letters, received one from Mrs. Serl.

Thursday, February 12th, 1863

Was warm and rainy. Still alone in camp. We drew [sic] rations and grew cold in evening. Wrote one letter to H.

Friday, February 13th, 1863

The weather was warm and summer like. Not much news in camp but the boys have come at last. All well.

Saturday, February 14th, 1863

Was rainy. I was on guard. Getting very muddy in camp. Not much [illegible] today. Boys very tired after their scout.

Sunday, February 15th, 1863

Morning cloudy. Did not rain. Boys all very sleepy and some not very well.

Monday, February 16th, 1863

Morning cloudy. Wagons went after cars. Winchell went with them and came very nearly taken by the rebs. One team and George Blakely.

[margin note: George Winchell will later marry Addison's sister, Sophia Stockham]

Tuesday, February 17th, 1863

Morning very wet. Camp getting very muddy. George felt rather tired after yesterday's race with the rebs. I wrote one letter to Sophia.

Wednesday, February 18th, 1863

Today is very muddy and rainy. Had order to go on a scout. I wrote one letter to father.

Thursday, February 19th, 1863

Morning the boys started with three days rations. I was left in camp to shoe horses and received two letters from H.

Friday, February 20th, 1863

Was very pleasant and warm. I was sick and did not work. Camp getting quite dry. Not much news.

Saturday, February 21st, 1863

Morning looked very much like rain. Rained all afternoon very hard. Boys got back at four and was very wet.

Sunday, February 22nd, 1863

Was quite cold, but did not rain. We fired 34 rounds in memory of Washington's birth. Day did not seem like Sunday.

Monday, February 23rd, 1863

Was very fine. Did not leave camp. I am still not well. Not much news in camp. Wrote one letter to [illegible].

Tuesday, February 24th, 1863

Was very pleasant. Still in camp. Not much news today.

Wednesday, February 25th, 1863

Was cloudy and warm. Rained all the afternoon and grew cold. We drew [sic] our pay, \$45.90.

Thursday, February 26th, 1863

Was very wet and rainy. Not much news in camp. Got a letter form H, wrote to H.

Friday, February 27th, 1863

Was quite cool, but did not rain. Somewhat dried up, wrote a letter to father.

Saturday, February 28th, 1863

Did not rain. Quite cool. Have to make [illegible], but did not go. Had a letter from Mrs. Beckwith.

Sunday, March 1st, 1863

Was pleasant. We was ordered on a scout. Stared at six in the morning. Went the Readyville Pike. Went ten miles and camped for the night.

Monday, March 2nd, 1863

Morning clear. Got up at four, started at six. Went about one mile and battery went to camp with dried apples and hams. Everything we [illegible].

Tuesday, March 3rd, 1863

Morning cloudy and cold. Orders for a five day scout with plenty of rations. Drawed [sic] rations in the evening.

Wednesday, March 4th, 1863

Was cold and snowed a little. Started at sunrise. Went on the Salem Pike. Went fifteen miles, had a skirmish at Unionville. Took a hundred prisoners and thirteen wagons. Went to Eagleville, eleven miles. Camped at nine PM.

Thursday, March 5th, 1863

Morning cold and frosty. Got up at four. Did not move. Heard cannoning [sic] at Franklin.

Friday, March 6th, 1863

Morning cloudy. Got up at four, started at six toward Franklin. Went six miles. Camped for the night. Rained hard all night.

Saturday, March 7th, 1863

Morning rainy, Left camp at six. Went [illegible]ville and was ordered back again. Went by where we camped last night. Went to town and camped three miles from this place at seven. Rained all night.

Sunday, March 8th, 1863

Got up at four, started for Franklin at six. Roads was very muddy and stoney. Got there at four and camped for the night.

Monday, March 9th, 1863

Got up at four. Left at six for Spring Hill. Skies was [illegible] most of the way. Got to Spring Hill at three PM. Today, five killed, six wounded.

Tuesday, March 10th, 1863

Morning rainy, Left for the front at nine. Had a skirmish at Duck Creek. Had two men killed and three wounded. We fired three shot. Had to retreat back. Camped at six. Rained all day.

Wednesday, March 11th, 1863

Morning was clear and frosty. Got up at six. Saw the rebs and fired twenty one rounds of shell at them and drove them across the creek. Went to [illegible]. Camped at the creek.

Thursday, March 12th, 1863

Got up at six and started for Franklin. Got there at two PM. Went into camp.

Friday, March 13th, 1863

Started for Murfreesboro. Went to [illegible] and camped for the night at five. Roads very bad. Weather clear and warm.

Saturday, March 14th, 1863

Got up at three, started at daylight. Got to camp at four. I got a letter from Warner. Boys was very tired.

Sunday, March 15th, 1863

Was warm and the day was taken up in washing and writing. Not much news.

Monday, March 16th, 1863

Weather clear and warm. Mud is drying up. Did not move.

Tuesday, March 17th, 1863

Clear and warm. Seems very much like summer. I baked bread all day and got very tired.

Wednesday, March 18th, 1863

Warm and pleasant. Ordered one days rations in [illegible]. Went on the Salem Pike about four miles.

Thursday, March 19th, 1863

Morning cloudy and warm, but the clouds soon disappeared. I baked bread all day. Heard no news in camp. Got a letter from Sej[illegible].

Friday, March 20th, 1863

Looks very much like rain. Ordered two days rations. Went on the Liberty Pike. Went double quick all the way, twelve miles. Went to [illegible]. Camped at nine.

Sunday, May 31st, 1863

The day is pleasant. I got two letters, one from Mr. Hansen and one from H. Wrote three, one to Aunt Sarah, one to father, and one to H.

[margin note: Oliver Hansen was a blacksmith from Geauga County Ohio. Addison was his apprentice.]

Monday, June 1st, 1863

Morning looked very much like rain. I wrote one letter to Aunt Belinda. Not much news in camp.

Tuesday, June 2nd, 1863

Morning very wet. Rained very hard through the night. Good news from Grant's Army. Boys all feel well.

Wednesday, June 3rd, 1863

Morning rainy. The rebs thought to show us no fight. Today drove the pickets on the War Trace Road.

Thursday, June 4th, 1863

Morning rainy. Saw show for a fight. Cannonding [sic] is herd on the Shelbyville Pike. We was ordered out. Fired 12 rounds.

Friday, June 5th, 1863

Morning clear and pleasant. The pickets were driven about [illegible]. We were ordered out, but did not go into action. Our loss, 10 killed, 30 wounded. The rebs [sic] loss not known.

[memo: There was no entry again until June 18, 1863]

Thursday, June 18, 1863

Morning cloudy. Warm wind blew very hard. We got some soft bread. News of to day [sic] not very good. I wrote one letter to H.

Friday, June 19th, 1863

This morning is cloudy and quite warm. There is a horse race here today. I wrote one letter to Alonzo.

Saturday, June 20th, 1863

To day [sic] the weather is quite cool. We get no mail at all. No indication of a move. Every thing appears quiet.

Sunday, June 21st, 1863

Morning very cool. Not much news in camp. We got but little mail today. News rather discouraging.

Monday, June 22nd, 1863

Morning quite cold but clear. Boys very busy washing and writing. News little more favorable.

Tuesday, June 23rd, 1863

Morning cloudy. Orders for a forward move at eight. Went through Eagleville. The cavalry drove the enemy's pickets to river. Had a fight. Our loss was small. The rebs not known. Camped at 10.

[margin note: Eagleville is in central Tennessee]

Tuesday, June 30th, 1863

Morning got up at four. Moved at five. Went toward Manchester. Went to Hoover Gap. Roads very rough and muddy. Rained in the evening. Camped at seven, no rations.

[margin note: Manchester and Hoover's Gap is in central Tennessee]

Wednesday, July 1st, 1863

Morning clear and very warm. Did not move. The day was taken up in washing and no news from the front. Got 4 letters. Two from H, one from Aunt Belinda and Sophia.

Tuesday, July 2nd, 1863

Morning got up at five. Looked like rain. Moved at 9. Rained all the after noon [sic]. Went to [illegible] Station. Camped for the night. Had plenty black berries.

Friday, July 3rd, 1863

Morning got up at 1. Marched at three. Went to Manchester. Went east of Tullahoma. Cross Elk river just at sun down. Roads very muddy and rough. Camped at sun down.

Saturday, July 4th, 1863

To day [sic] we are in camp celebrating the fourth lying still and resting. Cannonading [sic] was herd [sic] in different camp celebrating the fourth.

Sunday, July 5th, 1863

Still in camp. No news of any note. Expect orders tomorrow. We have no chance to write. Rained in the afternoon.

Monday, July 6th, 1863

This morning we have orders to move. Roads very muddy. Went through Winchester and 5 miles from Salem Camp for the night. Rained in the evening.

Tuesday, July 7th, 1863

This morning got up at four. Did not move. Day was warm. Vicksburg has fallen and Lee badly whipped. We have but little to eat.

Wednesday, July 8th, 1863

Morning cloudy and very warm. We fired 35 rounds as a salute for the fall of Vicksburg. Rained a part of the day. Boys getting very hungry.

Thursday, July 9th, 1863

Today is clear and very warm. I got a letter from Aunt Lucy. It brought the news of the death of Uncle William. Wrote one letter to Sophia. Had nothing to eat.

Friday, July 10th, 1863

Morning cloudy and warm. Orders to move at 8. Went to Salem. Camped in a grove. Boys very hungry. Salem is a small town.

Saturday, July 11th, 1863

Morning got up at three and stood to arms. Killed a pig and now we have some meat. I got a letter from Salina. Weather warm.

[memo: There was no entry again until September 10th, 1863]

Thursday, September 10th, 1863

Morning got up at three. Stood to arms. The general preparing for an attack. Some cavalry [sic] went out on a scout. Had a fight, drove the enemy. George is some better today.

Friday, September 11th, 1863

This morning got up at three, moved at 9. Went 12 miles. Saw no rebs. Camped, got no sleep for fear of being attacked, but saw nothing. George is very sick today.

Saturday, September 12th, 1863

This morning we went back to Alpine. Started for Summerville. 14 miles. Got there at four. Drove the rebs across Chattaga [sic] river. Camped at 9 in Summerville. George was very sick and left back.

[margin note: Alpine and Summerville is in north Georgia]

Sunday, September 13th, 1863

Morning we moved to the front. Went to Chattaga [sic] River. Had skirmish. Had one killed. Went back to Alpine. Got there at ten. Roads very dusty. I was quite sick.

Monday, September 14th, 1863

Morning got up at four, moved at six. Went up Lookout Mountain. Hill very bad. No water to be had. I had a shake of [illegible]. George is getting some better. Camped at [illegible] any the n[illegible].

Tuesday, September 15th, 1863

Morning got up at four. Moved at five. Got over the mountain at 2 PM. Camped in our old camp by the old spring. George is better. I had a shake of the [illegible] and was quite sick.

Wednesday, September 16th, 1863

This morning we have orders to move. Marched in the after noon [sic]. Went back over Lookout Mountain again. Camped at 9. Evening cool.

Thursday, September 17th, 1863

In the morning moved down off the mountain. Fed our horses and got our breakfast. Lafayette, went six miles, camped for the night.

Friday, September 18th, 1863

We do not move this morning. Day very warm. Moved at three. Went seven miles to the front. Camped in Marchmaes [sic] Cave for the night. No fires allowed.

Saturday, September 19th, 1863

Chickamauga fight commenced today. Morning got up at three. Enemy pickets in sight. Moved at day light to the front. Then was attached [sic]. Hard fighting in front. Wounded are coming in. We gained nothing today. Camped at Crawfish Spring. Our loss heavy.

Sunday, September 20th, 1863

Morning very frosty and cold. Cannonading commenced at 10. It is very heavy. The enemy drove us 4 miles. The cavalry cut off. We went back toward Chattanooga. 7 miles. Camped at 11 PM. We have no rations. Night cold. Our loss heavy.

Monday, September 21st, 1863

Morning frosty. Some fighting in front. Our men still falling back. We have done no fighting as yet but say [sic] in Chattanooga [illegible]. Night very cold. Our loss heavy.

Tuesday, September 22nd, 1863

Morning got up at four. Stood to arms. Went back to Chattanooga. The rebs attacked us several times during the day but was repulsed. We cross the river. Drawed [sic] rations. Camped at 9.

Wednesday, September 23rd, 1863

Morning very cold. We moved about one mile where we stayed the rest of the day and night. Some fighting in front. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]ing cross the river.

Thursday, September 24th, 1863

Morning cold. We moved to the rear 4 miles for feed. The mail comes in. The enemy made an attack on the town to day [sic] but was driven back.

Friday, September 25th, 1863

Morning got up at 1. Rebs charged on Chattanooga but was driven back with great slaughter. Orders to move, did not go. Evening very cold.

Saturday, September 26th, 1863

Morning very cold. Moved in the after noon [sic] toward Bridgeport. Went over Baldwin Ridge. Roads up and down the Mt was very [illegible]. Camp in Sequatchie Valley at 10.

Sunday, September 27th, 1863

Morning got up at four. Did not move. Day quite warm. I did not feel well. I received three letters, two from H, and one from Ariel Hansen.

Monday, September 28th, 1863

Morning got up at three. Moved at six. Went through Jasper and over Battle Creek. Got Bridgeport at three and went in to camp.

Tuesday, September 29th, 1863

This morning got up at five. Move camp into the woods. [illegible] the park had a good camp [illegible], [illegible] to the Tennessee River. Drawed [sic] rations.

Wednesday, September 30th, 1863

To day [sic] I am busy washing. The rest of the boys are writing. The magazine exploded at the fort to day. Killed 12 men and several wounded. I rec. 3 letters. One from [illegible] and Sophia and Sarah Hansan.

Thursday, October 1st, 1863

Morning got up at six. Rained all night. Camp getting muddy. Order to move with days rations. Went to Jasper. Camped for the night. Rained all the after noon [sic].

Friday, October 2nd, 1863

This morning moved at 6. Went down Sequatchie Valley. Found the rebs burning our trains. Had a fight with them. Drove them the [illegible] [illegible] wagon. We killed 15 of them. Took 10 prisoners. Camp at 8. We had no fires.

Saturday, October 3rd, 1863

To day [sic] we do not move. Stood to arms all day. Day very warm. Evening quite cold and frosty. At night did not undress.

Sunday, October 4th, 1863

Morning got up at four, moved at 10. Went to Dunlap over the Cumberland Mountains. Stopped at 8 for feed. Move at twelve. Night very cold.

Monday, October 5th, 1863

Morning very cold. Two of the boys fell off the limber. Clem Watters broke his leg. Charlie Calhoon badly hurt. Went to McMinnville and to Woodbury and Readyville. Camped 2 AM. Night cold.

Tuesday, October 6th, 1863

Morning got up at five. Got to Murfreesboro at 10. Drawed [sic] rations. Boys very hungry. Moved at two PM. Went on the Shelbyville Pike. Went to Gies Gape. Camped at 9. Evening rainy.

Wednesday, October 7th, 1863

This morning got up at 2. It is very rainy. Moved at 9. Left the Pike, went to Unionville. Cross the Duck River at mills. Camped 9. Evening cold.

Thursday, October 8th, 1863

Morning went back cross Duck River. Took a new road. Went through Lewisburg and Gounesville [sic]. Went three miles. Camped for the night at 10. Getting short for rations.

Friday, October 9th, 1863

Morning got up at three. Went to Pulaski. It's a pretty town. Our advance in hot pursuit of the rebs. Some dead rebs left on the road. Went to Rdgersville [sic]. Camped at 10. Rebs cross the river at Barnss berrs [sic]. Marched at 4.