

Aug. 31. Sunday---Cloudy & hot. Marched at 3 this A. M., crossed over Walling's Ridge to Jas. Robinson's, a distance of 16 miles, and camped for the night.

Sept. 1. Monday---Hot, with showers. Paid W. J. Fuston \$21 for B. T. Green. I was detailed by Genl. Polk to go to Col. Frank Bridgeman's distillery and destroy all the whisky & brandy, but on searching found none. Marched into Pikeville early this morning, where we remained till 6 in the evening, when the army resumed the march in the direction of Sparta, and marched all night.

Sept. 2. Tuesday---Clear & hot. Came down the mountain at Biga Crane's early this morning and camped for the day on Cane creek, where we were. All still and quiet during the day. Sold goods all day for Rufus Simpson.

Sept. 3. Wednesday---Hot & clear. Marched from Cane creek at 8 o'clock A. M. and reached Sparta by 2 P. M. Took dinner at W. P. Goodbar's, and went thence to camps two miles out on the Gainsboro road.

Sept. 4. Thursday---Clear & hot. Paid Dr. C. K. Mauzy \$100 borrowed money. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

Sept. 5. Friday---Clear & hot. All quiet today. Many of our relatives & friends have delighted us with their presence today, giving us an opportunity to hear from almost all our people at home.

Sept. 6. Saturday---Clear & hot. Resumed the march this morning at 7 o'clock, and went 17 miles in the direction of Gainsboro. Paid J. W. Bratcher \$50.00.

Sept. 7. Sunday---Clear & hot. Marched out at 5 o'clock this morning and reached Gainsboro at three in the evening, went thence west 2 miles and encamped on the south side of Cumberland river. Mrs. W. came late this P. M. to Gainsboro where I went and spent the night.

Sept. 8. Monday---Clear & hot. Accompanied by Mrs. Womack I left Gainsboro at 11. A. M. and arrived at her mothers near Celina about 5 P. M. where we spent the night.

Sept. 9. Tuesday---Hot, with showers. Gave my wife \$100. Rejoined the army near Tompkinsville, Ky. and camped one mile south of that place at night.

Sept. 10. Wednesday---Hot & showery. By command of Gen. Polk I was detailed to go to Warren county, Tenn. on recruiting service, and left the army late in the evening for Celina, where I arrived at 10 o'clock P. M. and stayed all night.

Sept. 11. Thursday---Very warm. We left Celina early this morning and traveled to Cookeville and stayed all night.

Sept. 12. Friday---Hot & showery. Traveled to brother B. R.'s and stayed all night.

Sept. 13. Saturday---Hot & showery. Rode all day hunting recruits and trying to induce them to join the army and defend their homes. Spent the night at Father's.

Sept. 14. Sunday---Hot & showery. Went from Father's to uncle R. P. Womack's and stayed all night.

Sept. 15. Monday---Clear & hot. Went to McMinnville and spent the day, thence to Father's and stayed all night.

Sept. 16. Tuesday---Clear & hot. Purchased a splendid bay mare of Wiley Riggs for \$225.00. Spent the day riding, and the night at R. P. W.'s.

Sept. 17. Wednesday---Hot, with heavy rains. Went to brother B. R.'s and stayed all night.

Sept. 18. Thursday---Cloudy & warm. Went to public meeting at Abe Miller's, on Mud creek, and returned to brother B. R.'s.

Sept. 19. Friday---Clear & pleasant. Went to McMinnville and spent the day. Paid Wiley Riggs \$65.00, balance due for a horse. Spent the night with father.

Sept. 20. Saturday---Clear & hot. Went to McMinnville and thence to brother B. R.'s. and stayed all night. After spending a few days among

my fellow citizens at home I am forced to the conclusion that but few men, now at home, can be induced to volunteer in the service of their country. Many young men with whom I have met ought to be in the service, but their patriotism is blank.

Sept. 21. Sunday---Clear & warm. Left for the army and went to Cookeville.

Sept. 22. Monday---Clear & warm. Went to Celina and crossed over to J. J. Amonett's and stayed all night.

Sept. 23. Tuesday---Light showers. Remained at Kinderhook all day.

Sept. 24. Wednesday---Clear & warm. Spent the day in Celina visiting, and wrote Capt. D. C. Spurlock & W. P. Womack letters. Returned to Kinderhook.

Sept. 25. Thursday---Clear & pleasant. Went to Celina and spent an hour.

Sept. 26. Friday---Warm & cloudy. Remained at Kinderhook all day.

Sept. 27. Saturday---Gentle showers. Went to Celina, where I made the acquaintance of Dr. W. Shields. Returned to Kinderhook.

Sept. 28. Sunday---Clear & warm. Spent the day searching the scriptures.

Sept. 29. Monday---Warm & cloudy. Spent the day in Celina.

Sept. 30. Tuesday---Clear & hot. Wrote Col. Jno. P. Murray a letter instructing him to pay over to Lt. J. J. Amonett \$200 due me from him.

Oct. 1. Wednesday---Clear & warm. I left Celina, a small village on the south bank of the Cumberland river, for Gen. Bragg's army, now on the march through Kentucky, and went six miles up said river to a Mr. William Short's, traveling with Capt. Hamilton's Co. and stayed all night.

Oct. 2. Thursday---Cloudy & hot. Went to Burksville, Ky. and after an hour's stay went with the command four miles west to Nathan Elliot's on Narrowsbone creek, and stayed all night. Mr. Elliot was a true southern man.

Oct. 3. Friday---Very warm, with showers. Came alone to Burksville and remained here all day expecting to join another command with whom I could proceed through Kentucky, it not being safe to travel alone; but no company arriving I remained all night. Here I made the acquaintance of Jo. Alexander and others, who were good southern men. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

Oct. 4. Saturday---Heavy showers. Rejoined Capt. Hamilton at Burksville and traveled all day, and at eleven o'clock at night we reached Columbia, where I fell behind the command and slept till day in the barn of one William Cheatham, who lives two miles north of Columbia, and who was so fanatically southern that he had been compelled to absent himself from home.

Oct. 5. Sunday---Clear & warm. Traveled all day through a beautiful country, without the occurrence of anything worthy of note, and stopped at a little village called New Market and stayed all night.

Oct. 6. Monday---Clear & warm. Went to Lebanon which is a very nice little town, where I remained till late in the day. Considerable excitement prevailed, and the streets were alive with C. S. cavalry nearly all day.

Just before night I fell in with Col. J. P. Murray, of Col. Wharton's (since General) command and traveled with them all night, or till just before daylight, when we halted by the roadside and took a short nap of sleep, about twelve miles south of Danville, and three from Perryville.

Oct. 7. Tuesday---Clear & warm. Got a warm breakfast at the house of a Mr. Boyce, where we found ourselves at daylight, and moved on with the command through Perryville, where the cavalry halted; and rode thence on to Harrodsburg where I joined my own command. Soon after my arrival we received marching orders, and moved off about five o'clock P. M. and at midnight arrived at Perryville, east, and in rear

of which place our division was drawn up in battle line and there slept upon our arms till near daylight. Rockets were thrown up by the enemy on their extreme right, supposed to indicate their readiness to bring on the attack at day.

Oct. 8. Wednesday--Clear & hot. The enemy began cannonading at sunrise and continued slowly till about nine o'clock in the morning, occasionally answered by our batteries, when the enemy drove in our skirmishers and some pretty brisk firing was heard along our front lines. Our division (Cheatham's) changed position from where we first formed in rear of Perryville to our extreme right and took a position in the front line about this time. Here our division remained till about noon, all of which time considerable cannonading was going on along most of the line. About twelve o'clock the batteries of our division were put in position and brought to bear on one of the enemy's now opened just in our front. The duel between these two lasted about two hours, and was said to be the briskest of the day. Here one of our Brigadiers, whose name I do not now remember, was wounded in the head by one of the enemy's shells. About this time the battery of our brigade (General Donoldson's) commanded by Capt. Carns, moved from its present position farther to the right, immediately after which, the whole Division moved in double quick, forward, near one mile across some fields, and again halted and formed. Here we remained but a short time, stopping only long enough to pile away all the extra weight about us, such as blankets, knapsacks etc. Again we moved forward across a narrow wood through which ran a small creek, and quietly formed in line of battle behind the top of the hill, lying, till the whole line would have time to cross over and form.

We now occupied ground about three hundred yards from where the enemy lay concealed in an enclosed wood, about one quarter of a mile in length north and south. At each extremity of this wood they had placed a battery. The one at the northern extremity, of 7 guns, that at the southern about the same. "Victory" for our motto was shouted all along our line, and fearlessly and gallantly we charged them. The Regt. to which I belonged (Col. Savage's) was on the extreme right of Cheatham's division, which now made the extreme right of Gen. Bragg's army,

by Capt. J. J. Womack

and was directly in front of the seven-gun battery before spoken of. Donoldson's brigade either executed orders too promptly, or else other commands not hastily enough, in consequence of which this brigade, and the 16th regiment especially, was exposed to a most terrific fire from both the above batteries and at the same time an opening line of infantry. Here at the onset we suffered very much both in officers and men.

The men from drought and fatigue were almost exhausted at the opening, but they made the charge & received the fire of the enemy, although the first battle in which most of them had ever engaged, in a manner worthy the cause in which they were engaged.

With two batteries and the whole line of infantry occupying a chosen position, pouring a destructive fire upon us, (one brigade) we were compelled, after the most stubborn resistance possibly to be made, to fall back, not without however, having first dislodged the enemy from his stronghold and chosen ground.

With our numbers now much weakened we rallied and charged them a second time, with about the same success as at first. Again we were compelled to fall back, and again formed and charged them a third time, but our forces were so diminished by this time that I am not at all sure we would have been able to drive them from their guns had it not been for the timely arrival of reinforcements on our right. Fortunately however they appeared in time to gain the day, although they scarcely fired a gun themselves. But their appearance on the field struck terror to the already retreating enemy, who fell back about three hundred yards, on their second line, but the resistance they made was very slight compared with that of their first.

They had now not only left their splendid battery of seven cross pieces in our hands, which they had been commanded never to desert, together with many a one of their fellows slain and wounded, but also their general, the gallant Jackson, who fell exhorting his men never to abandon the field. Soon after this, about five o'clock in the evening, the sixteenth regiment, together with the other regiments of the first Tennessee brigade were withdrawn and held in reserve for half an hour, when about sunset they were marched in again; but night coming on and the enemy still retreating they were ordered to pursue no further.

Farther down the line to our left, just at sunset the canage was terrible indeed.

Thus closed the ever memorable eighth of October, 1862, on which the fierce and bloody battle of Perryville was bravely fought and nobly won.

Our loss on this occasion was heavy, but not near so heavy as that of the enemy. The 16th regiment went into action with about 400 men, fifty percent of whom were killed and wounded, the Col. among the latter.

Just fifty percent of my Company (E) was wounded, but not a man killed upon the field; five or six had, notwithstanding, received mortal wounds.

We occupied the field all night, taking care of the wounded; the enemy as well as our own comrades.

When the broad-faced moon began to shed her silvery beams on the faces of the dead and dying, the field presented a most horrible spectacle indeed; and the shrieks and groans of the wounded constantly pointed to where another brave and gallant fellow had sacrificed his all on the altar of liberty.

Oct. 9. Thursday---Clear, dry & warm. Before the dawn of day the General in command had determined not to risk another battle upon the same field, consequently, orders for a general retreat were immediately issued; and before the sun had risen the van of the army was on the march toward Harrodsburg, through which place the whole army passed during the day and marched eastward till late at night, stopping in the vicinity of Camp Dick Robinson, about eight miles from Harrodsburg, and remained till daylight.

Oct. 10. Friday---Cloudy & rainy. We marched out about three miles to Bryantsville and pitched tents or rather spread a few flies and blankets, such as we had, and cooked two days rations preparatory to the reception of the advancing enemy.

Oct. 11. Saturday---Cool & cloudy. Spent the day attending to the ordinary duties of camp life, and also made out triplicate reports of the casualties of my company on the field at Perryville. Wrote father a letter.

Oct. 12. Sunday---Cloudy & cool. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter, and cooked four days rations preparatory to a march tomorrow.

Oct. 13. Monday---Cool & misty. Marched from camps at daylight, passing through Camp Dick Robinson, the village of Lancaster and on in the direction of Cumberland Gap, the enemy catching up with and considerably annoying our rear.

Oct. 14. Tuesday---Cloudy & warmer. Marched all day through rather a poor section of country, the army falling out on the roadside late at night, in the vicinity of one Dick Nailer's and there slept as best they could till morning. The enemy continued to annoy our flanks and rear all day, hovering close in our wake at night.

Oct. 15. Wednesday---Clear & warm. Moved off at three o'clock in the morning and marched constantly all day through a thin and broken country, and encamped at night on the north bank of Rock-castle river. The skirmish with the enemy this evening in our rear was very heavy.

Oct. 16. Thursday---Cloudy & warm. The army moved off this morning at four o'clock and marched on till we had passed two miles south of Wild-cat creek, Cheathams division being in the rear and the enemy pressing very closely, it was ordered back to said creek to remain till morning. By this time we had a combatant in our midst almost as troublesome as that in the rear. Our rations had given out, our haversacks were all empty and we had not yet overtaken our supply train. Hence there was considerable clamor for bread. Late at night we received a small ration of fresh beef which we toasted over our little brush fires, and considerably satiated our gnawing appetites with this saltless article without any bread at all.

Oct. 17. Friday---Clear & warm. We resumed the march at five o'clock in the morning, and reached London, a small town, about eleven, and continued the march about six miles in the direction of Barbourville and halted on a little muddy creek, the name of which I did not learn, and spent the evening cooking and eating, having here caught up with our train. The enemy left off following us this morning and our army was now left to its own options. This days march was very severe, as we were compelled to make it without one morsel to eat, after our scanty living yesterday. Borrowed \$50 of John McDaniel.

Oct. 18. Saturday---Frost this morning, the first of the season. We resumed the march this morning about eleven o'clock and continued it until some time after dark, when we arrived at a little town on the Cumberland river called Barbourville, about 18 miles from where we started in the morning, and encamped for the night. Here we reduced to the necessity of camping in an open field and of burning plank and rail fences to make fires, which we did without much mercy.

Oct. 19. Sunday---Warm & cloudy. Marched from camps at seven o'clock in the morning, moving along the north bank of the river up to what is known as the Cumberland ford, where we crossed over and encamped. On account of the scarcity of provisions we were compelled to live on quarter rations of bread and saltless beef on the ballance of this march.

Oct. 20. Monday---Clear & warm. Marched from camps at sunrise and reached Cumberland gap at one o'clock in the evening. Moved on thence two miles and encamped for the night.

The natural scenery about the gap is delightful and sublime. The Geologist, and the Cover of nature will ever be delighted to visit this majestic and towering spur of the Cumberland. The loftiest point about the gap, which is a few degrees north of east from it, along the Virginia and Kentucky line towers so high up into the heavens that the tall and stalwart giant when standing upon that jutting pinnacle dwindles into the size of a small boy. From this point the beholder may obtain an unobstructed view, as far as vision extends, of the most varied and beautiful scenery the natural eye ever beheld. Not only the magnificent undulations of the broken surface of the surrounding country is presented, but the beholder is deliciously feasted with an extended view far down the continued meanderings of the beautiful Tennessee.

On both sides of the mountain most splendid defensive works have been erected, such as will enable a very small force to hold the place against any attacking power on either side. A large polished stone is standing immediately in the gap, on the north side of the road, in the Tennessee line, on which the states of Virginia and Kentucky corner.

Oct. 21. Tuesday---Clear & pleasant. We made a short march of about three miles today and encamped on the clear and beautiful stream of Powell River. Here it was expected we would meet with a train laden with flour, but no such fortunate occurrence was to befall the hungry soldiers, consequently, we had still to subsist on saltless beef and quarter rations of bread.

Oct. 22. Wednesday---Clear & pleasant. We marched from camps at daylight, passing through Gazwell, and on the Clinch river, which stream we cross and camped on its bank - a march of about twenty miles.

Oct. 23. Thursday---Clear & cool. Left camp at daylight and marched thirteen miles, and encamped at a man's by the name of Owler, three miles south of Maynardsville; which village we passed through.

Oct. 24. Friday---Clear & windy. Left camps at daylight and marched about thirteen miles and pitched tents, with the view of resting a few days. We were now about five miles from Knoxville. Being suddenly taken ill this morning I did not march with the army but fell back with the trains.

Oct. 25. Saturday---Cloudy & cool. The army remains in place today, happy once more to get an ample supply to eat. I wrote Mrs. W. a letter descriptive of the engagement at Perryville, and received one from brother J. B. at Chattanooga, where I left him sick last June.

Oct. 26. Sunday---Cold, rainy & disagreeable. A snow fell at night to the depth of five inches, covering the leaves upon the trees and all else upon the ground while yet perfectly green.

Oct. 27. Monday---Clear & cool. Sent today to Chattanooga Lossen Keiff, John Vanhooser and W. T. Moores from my company to the hospital at that place, on account of wounds received at Perryville. Paid Sgt. W. N. Lowry five dollars, money due Maj. Wm. Lowry at McMinnville. Wrote father a letter, and sent one to Mrs. W. by Capt. J. J. Amonett.

Oct. 28. Tuesday---Clear & pleasant. Detailed Sgt. R. A. Webb from my company to go into Warren County, Tenn to procure winter clothing for the

company; our friends being regarded as a much more reliable source from whom we might draw than the general government, it being at this time rather poorly supplied. I gave said R. A. Webb ten dollars, with which to purchase me a pair of boots when he should get home.

Oct. 29. Wednesday---Clear & cool. Cheathams division moved today to Knoxville, my regiment leaving camps at two o'clock in the evening, and left Knoxville together with the ballance of the division not already gone, for Chattanooga, at six P. M. I received from Capt. J. M. Womack today two hundred dollars, money due brother B. R. on a pay account, transferred by him to me at Tupelo, Mississippi.

Oct. 30. Thursday---Clear & cool. After traveling all night, we arrived in Chattanooga about eleven o'clock in the morning, and without delaying but 4 1/2 hours we were aboard another train for Bridgeport, which place we reached at ten o'clock at night, and there remained till morning. The time we were waiting for a train I spent in hunting for my brother J. B. whom I supposed, if living, to be in one of the hospitals in that city; but I neither found him nor got any satisfactory information about him.

Oct. 31. Friday---Clear & cool. On account of the R. R. bridge over Tennessee river not being complete we had to carry our entire baggage on our shoulders about four hundred yards down to the river, and after it was ferried over, the same was repeated to get it across the island, except the assistance of a few waggons, which occupied the morning till eleven o'clock. We remained here on the north bank of the river waiting for a train till five o'clock in the evening, when we left for Tullahoma, which place we reached at ten P. M. Here we met with the recruiting officers, detailed in Kentucky at the same time with myself, and about one hundred and eighty recruits.

Nov. 1. Saturday---Clear & cool. Early in the day we moved out & pitched our tents, such as we had, near the Tullahoma Grave yard, about one quarter of a mile west of town. I wrote brother J. B. a letter whom I had now learned was at home, also one to Mrs. Womack.

Great anxiety began now to be expressed on the part of both officers and men in Donaldson's brigade to be allowed to visit their homes, the great majority of whom were near them, and had not been permitted to return since their enlistment in the service. This protracted absence, a thing the soldiers did not expect at the time of their enlistment, was ripening into a source of frequent desertions, and was very annoying indeed.

Nov. 2. Sunday---Cloudy but more pleasant. All was quiet in the army today. Heavy skirmishing about Nashville.

Nov. 3. Monday---Clear & cool. The army inactive. I this day discharged J. R. Shelton from the service, on the recommendation of a surgeon, of inability to perform the duties of a soldier.

On account of the constant clamor about going home, and the high authority I had for its approval, I made out and presented at Regimental Hd. Qrts. a furlough for my company for days, which was not approved, but called forth further assurances that the men would in a very short time have furloughs granted them.

I loaned W. N. Lowry ten dollars and paid A. J. VanHooser eight dollars.

Nov. 4. Tuesday---Clear & pleasant. Received of Capt. George Daskieil \$780 seven hundred and eighty dollars, my pay account from the first day of May to the thirty first day of October, 1862. I paid Lt. William Eter one hundred dollars, borrowed from him at Corinth, Miss.

Nov. 5. Wednesday---Cool & blustery. Furloughed Lt. B. P. Green, Sgt. A. M. Mason, Corpl. J. W. Bratcher, Michael Mauzy & Luke Purser for five days, to visit their homes in Warren County. At the same time I loaned the four last mentioned \$20 twenty dollars each. Wrote letters to Mrs. W. & father.

Nov. 6. Thursday---Clear, with brisk winds. Everything perfectly quiet, and nothing done worthy of note.

Nov. 7. Friday---Windy & snowing. Wrote sister Martha a letter.

Nov. 8. Saturday---Clear, cool & windy. Wrote uncle Nathan Byars a long letter. Paid Arch Munnelly \$10 ten dollars for an ordinary pair of home made shoes.

Nov. 9. Sunday---Clear & cool. Not having an opportunity to attend Divine service anywhere, I spent the day about my tent. Mrs. Womack paid me a visit, arriving after dark.

Nov. 10. Monday---Clear & pleasant. Accompanied Mrs. Womack to Manchester and spent the night with our friend Capt. C. C. Brewer. Gave Mrs. W. \$700 seven hundred dollars.

Nov. 11. Tuesday---Cloudy & warmer. Paid Mrs. Joanna Briney fifteen dollars, remainder on an account for boarding. After spending the forenoon in town, I left for camps at one o'clock, where I arrived at dark, and wrote Mrs. W. a receipt for making GRAY jeans.

Lt. Jesse Walling returned to camps, having overstayed his leave of absence a short time.

Nov. 12. Wednesday---Warm & rainy. Nothing worth a place in my journal accomplished today.

Nov. 13. Thursday---Clear & pleasant. Lt. B. P. Green returned to camps after an absence of eight days. I drew \$65 sixty five dollars from Capt. Geo. Daskiehl, division Q. M. money due J. R. Skelton at the time of his discharge. Detailed Lt. J. K. P. Webb to go to Warren County and recruit for my company ten days.

Nov. 14. Friday---Clear & warm. Gave Furloughs to W. C. Womack, Sr., H. A. VanHooser, John L. Tanner and David Bonner for five days. Paid Dr. A. F. Claywell \$11 eleven dollars for dentistry done in June 1860.

Nov. 15. Saturday---Warm & cloudy. I left Tullahoma at nine o'clock in the morning, on a leave of absence for five days, and arrived in McMinnville at eight in the evening, and without making any halt went immediately to father's, arriving before ten; where I found the family well except sister M. A.

Nov. 16. Sunday---Cloudy & rainy. Spent the day in the family circle, around the hearthstone of my early childhood.

Nov. 17. Monday---Warm & rainy. Went to McMinnville and back to father's. The Conscript law is at this time being enforced in the McMinnville district, which causes the place to be constantly crowded with citizens.

Nov. 18. Tuesday---Warm & cloudy. Visited at their respective residences my brothers A. M., W. P. & S. M. and returned to father's.

Nov. 19. Wednesday---Warm & rainy. I left father's at eight o'clock in the morning intending to go to Tullahoma before stopping at night, but on account of some unexpected delay in McMinnville I did not get there, but camped at night about 6 miles north of Manchester, brother J. B. being with me.

Nov. 20. Thursday---Cloudy & cold. We started at daylight for Tullahoma where we arrived at two o'clock P. M. After our arrival in camps I sold about fifteen bushels of apples for brother S. M. for \$53.00 and wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

Nov. 21. Friday---Cold & cloudy. Made out a pay roll for the months of July & August. Cheatham's division not having received pay since June. We received orders to be ready to march tomorrow morning at daylight, with three days rations in the haversacks.

I wrote R. P. and J. B. Womack letters informing them of the orders we were under, and that our probable destination was Murfreesboro.

Nov. 22. Saturday---Clear & cool. In compliance with yesterday's orders we struck tents and marched from Tullahoma at ten o'clock in the morning, and arrived at Manchester at sunset, Donaldson's Brigade being the van of the army. The whole force crossed Little Duck and encamped for the night. I spent the night in town at Mrs. Joanna Briney's a former boarding house of mine, accompanied by Lt. B. P. Green. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

Nov. 23. Sunday---Clear & cool. We marched from camps at Manchester at eleven in the morning, and encamped at two miles north of Beechgrove, on Garrettson's Fork at night. I spent the night at the house of my old friend Alphonse Jacobs.

Nov. 24. Monday---Clear & pleasant. We resumed the march at 8 o'clock in the morning and arrived at Murfreesboro at four in the evening, and marched about one mile down the Nashville & Chattanooga R. R. and pitched our tents on the margin of a little creek.

Nov. 25. Tuesday---Cloudy & cool. We lay quietly in our camps all day; but the army generally was moving in and pitching their tents, which were situated south, west and northwest of town, on the north, or rather east, side of Stone's River.

Nov. 26. Wednesday---Cloudy & cold. The 16th Tenn. Regt. and some others of the first Tenn. Brigade changed ground across the R. R. toward town, and encamped near the turnpike; where we were told we would probably spend the winter. W. C. Womack after being detained at home some days by illness returned to camps. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

Nov. 27. Thursday---Cloudy with cold winds. I made out a Muster Roll for the months of Sept. and Oct. In the evening heavy cannonading was heard at Lavergne for about three hours. The enemy entered the village, burnt it, and retired.

Nov. 28. Friday---Cloudy & cold. I spent the day making out company Pay rolls, and wrote brother J. B. a letter.

Nov. 29 Saturday---Cloudy & cool. I made out one Payroll today. All quiet.

Nov. 30. Sunday---Warmer, with light showers. Had an opportunity of attending Divine service once more in the field. Rev. Doctor Cross, a near sighted man being the preacher. I wrote Mrs. W. a long serious letter, the effect of the impression made by the sermon. Walked out to town during the twilight and returned to camps. Thus terminated the first month since the army came from Ky. and encamped at Tullahoma.

Dec. 1. Monday---Cloudy & cool. I went to Murfreesboro and spent an hour in the "Rebel Banner" office, making the acquaintance of the editor and others connected with the press. Subscribed for the paper for one month to be sent to Mrs. Womack at McMinnville.

Paid John McDaniel \$50 fifty dollars, borrowed from him while on the march in Ky.

Dec. 2. Tuesday---Cloudy & cold. All quiet. Lt. J. K. P. Webb returned to camps, after having been retained some time conscripting.

Dec. 3. Wednesday---Cloudy & cool. I paid Col. Robt. Webb \$3.00 three dollars, the amount of a store bill due him from me on his books at home.

Dec. 4. Thursday---Cloudy & cool. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter. Received orders to cook three days rations, which was done by midnight.

Dec. 5. Friday---Cold & disagreeable. Considerable snow storm from ten o'clock in the morning till twelve, covering the ground two inches deep. Two brigades of Cheatham's division (Donaldson's and Smith's) marched from camps at eleven o'clock for Lavergne, a depo midway between Nashville and Murfreesboro, where we arrived just at dark. The snow-storm was drifting at a rapid rate when the command "fall in" was given, and just then could be heard all through the encampment hooping and yelling equalled only by a victorious army after a flying enemy, and thus did it continue for some time after we had left the encampment.

But the most delightful hour came with the darkness of night, finding us halting in the woods without axes, the ground beautifully covered with snow, and blankets by no means plentiful. Here we had a fine time raking and clawing away the snow, clearing up ground upon which to spread our blankets for the night. As my Regt. was thrown out in front of the main command, we chanced to halt near a small lot that, fortunately for us had been fenced with cedar rails, and never did I see them burn more freely in my life. So we spent a merry night in the suburbs of the famous Lavergne.

Dec. 6. Saturday---Cold & clear. Marched from Lavergne at ten o'clock in the morning and went

down the pike about three miles, where we halted and remained till sunset, when we came back to our camps of last night. The honors of the day belong to the cavalry, who captured about forty five prisoners, sixty five or seventy mules and horses, fifteen wagons, together with 125 pork hogs. But we failed to get the main foraging party that we were after.

Dec. 7. Sunday---Cold & clear. We moved from camps at twelve o'clock, and arrived at Murfreesboro a little after sunset.

Dec. 8. Monday---Clear & cool. I was appointed a member of a Regimental Court Martial, which met, but without attending to any of the business before it adjourned till tomorrow. Brother J. B. after a long absence on account of ill health, returned to camps and reported for duty.

Dec. 9. Tuesday---Clear & cold. Our court convened again this morning and arraigned before it was of Company (D), upon the charge of having abandoned his colors while on outpost duty and returned to camps, of which he was found guilty, and sentenced to perform 105 hours hard labor, and to forfeit to the government one months wages.

Went to Murfreesboro in the evening and spent fifty five dollars for dry goods. Wrote Mrs. W. & brother B. R. letters. Being in command of the Regt. this evening, it became my duty for the first time since I became a soldier, to hold dress parade.

Dec. 10. Wednesday---Clear & cool. All quiet today.

Dec. 11. Thursday---Clear & pleasant. Saw today the paroled Yankees, 2104 in number, captured by Gen. Morgan on the 7th inst. at Hartsville, Tenn. on their way to Nashville.

Dec. 12. Friday---Mild & smoky. Drilling today by brigades. Notwithstanding I have been drilling the last twenty months yet today was my engagement in brigade drill, with which I was not well pleased. I appointed brother J. B. 2nd Sgt. of my Co.

Dec. 13. Saturday---Clear, windy & dusty. Today the army of Tennessee was reviewed by President Davis. It was truly an imposing scene, and a time of rejoicing throughout the army and surrounding country, the Ladies, old men, children and negroes turning out enmass to see their esteemed president and the army.

Dec. 14. Sunday---Cloudy & warm. Attended Divine service at the C. P. Church in Murfreesboro, sermon by Dr. McDonald of Lebanon, Tenn. who discoursed very logically.

General John H. Morgan and Miss Mattie, daughter of Col. Charles Ready of Murfreesboro, were married this evening at the residence of the bride's father, by the Right Rev. bishop L. Polk. Sister Martha A. died this P. M. at seven o'clock.

Dec. 15. Monday---Cold & stormy. Nothing done all day.

Dec. 16. Tuesday---Clear & cold. All quiet today and by the fire.

Dec. 17. Wednesday---Clear & cold. I left camps at eleven o'clock in the morning and rode to father's by nine in the evening, where, on my arrival I learned that my sister Martha, to see whom I had come, had been gathered unto her fathers three days.

Dec. 18. Thursday---Clear & cold. I rode to R. P. Womack's and back to father's.

Dec. 19. Friday---Clear & cold. I left father's at nine o'clock in the morning and arrived in camps at Murfreesboro at 7 in the evening.

Dec. 20. Saturday---Clear & cold. I drew for and paid to my Company \$1249.00 twelve hundred and forty nine dollars. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter in answer to a very excellent one from her, received by the kindness of R. P. W.

Dec. 21. Sunday---Cloudy & cool. Went to the Christian Church in Murfreesboro and heard one sermon. Paid D. W. Blackwell \$40 forty dollars borrowed money, or rather deposited money. Such transactions as the last mentioned are not uncommon on the sabbath, among the great majority of the men that compose the army - a shameful fact!

Dec. 22. Monday---Cloudy & mild. Borrowed of brother J. B. \$40 00.

Dec. 23. Tuesday---Cloudy & warmer. Spent the day building a brick chimney to my tent, which, after I finished, was a complete success. It drew finely, and made my tent as comfortable as a stove. Col. Savage returned to camp this evening, after having been absent since the battle at Perryville, but has not yet resumed command.

Dec. 24. Wednesday---Cloudy, but pleasant. Drew from Capt. Geo. Daskiell \$130 one hundred and thirty dollars, pay for the month of November. Paid Dyon C. Randals \$100 one hundred dollars, borrowed from him at Tupelo, Miss. Wrote Mrs. J. J. Amonette a letter. The approach of Christmas makes camps very boisterous today.

Dec. 25. Thursday---Warm & cloudy. Another Christmas is passed and gone! How differently spent from that of sixty one! That I passed in Charleston and fort Sumpter, where I was delighted and pleased; this I have spent in my tent by the fire near Murfreesboro, attending to many of the daily duties of the soldier. May the coming Christmas in sixty three find our now distracted and unhappy country reposing in the lap of an infantile and glorious peace.

Discharged Charles T. Lawrence from the service on account of the loss of sight. Wrote sister Bettie a letter.

Dec. 26. Friday---Warm & rainy. This morning the enemy moved from Nashville in force, with five days rations in the haversacks, & encountered our cavalry between that city and Lavergne, driving them as they came. Heavy cannonading was kept up all the afternoon. I paid Sam'l McGee \$65 sixty five dollars, money due J. R. Skelton at the time of his discharge. Wrote Capt. Lange of the 5th Tennessee Vols. T. A. a note, agreeing to the exchange of D. W. Blackwell of my Company for J. S. Womack of his.

Dec. 27. Saturday---Cooler, but still raining. Orders were received at one o'clock in the morning to cook three days rations and be ready to march at daylight. The enemy advanced to Stewart's

creek, five miles this side of Lavergne. Our army took position to meet the advancing foe, about two miles in front of Murfreesboro. Heavy skirmishing all day.

Dec. 28. Sunday---Clear & cool. Donaldson's brigade, together with the whole of Cheatham's division, except Manney's brigade, which was in front falling back before the enemy, formed line and stacked arms at nine in the morning, and remained in camps all day, we being the reserve corps. Our troops are all in readiness to meet the coming foe, and confident of success when he is met. That eagerness that pervades in the bosom of the army of Tennessee to drive the insulting enemy beyond the limits of this state inspires the belief that they will be able to do it, notwithstanding they contend with odds in point of numbers.

Dec. 29. Monday---Cold & rainy. We moved from camps at the dawn of day, crossed Stone river and took position immediately west of that stream; the division forming nearly as practicable parallel with it. Here we lay all day without any interruption, save that of an occasional shell from a distant battery of the enemy which we did not desire to disturb, lest our exact position should be discovered.

Dec. 30. Tuesday---Rainy, cold & disagreeable. Heavy, and, at times, very brisk skirmishing all through the day; but the different lines all remained in statue quo till about sunset, when a part of Breckinridge's force was sent from the right and posted on the extreme left, where there were strong intimations of the intention of the enemy to make the first heavy blow.

Lt. Col. Donnell, on account of severe neuralgia of the face, was compelled to leave the field today and seek some place less exposed to the rigors of winter. The Regt. being without a Major, this placed Capt. L. N. Savage second in command, the Col. having assumed command yesterday. Late in the evening I was despatched to go to our train, now four miles in rear of Murfreesboro, on the Shelbyville pike, to have rations prepared. On my return to town I found every street leading out towards the front strongly

guarded, with special orders to let no one pass without the Countersign, something I did not have nor could not get. So the alternative of getting through plank fences as best I could was all that was left me, which I did without discovery, and went to our old campground and slept about four hours. During the night Donaldson's brigade relieved Chalmer's, who had now lain in the mud and rain in our front for three long days.

Dec. 31. Wednesday--Cold & cloudy. The brigade after having passed a piercing cold, rainy and windy night in the front line, returned at four o'clock in the morning to their place in the rear. In accordance with orders from the General commanding, at the dawn of day our left made a vigorous attack on their right, driving them successively at each repeated assault till about nine o'clock in the morning. At this time their right was driven to a position almost at right angles with their center.

Our front line having now moved out in the center, to keep pace with the left which was swinging handsomely around, we, the center reserve, were ordered forward to occupy the ground by them so recently deserted. Having gained this position we occupied it but a few minutes till we were ordered into the charge. The enemy at the time we went into the engagement was driven back into a thick cedar grove, from which we calculated to drive them, but did not succeed. Soon after our division entered the line of fire their reserve was brought up, when the contest became most severe.

At this time they advanced a few paces, emerging from the cedars and keeping up an incessant fire. The space between the two lines was now an unobstructed plain of about one hundred yards; we lying and shooting, they standing. While in this position, about twelve o'clock, my right arm was broken and I retired from the scene. On account of the loss of blood I became very faint, and late in the evening was brought to Murfreesboro and placed in Soule College for treatment. Here I fell into the hands of my brothers S. M. and B. R. who procured a private house for me and carried me to it; where they also carried brother J. B. who was wounded a few minutes before I was, but not so seriously.

Jan. 1. Thursday---Rainy & cold. Father and brother W. P. having heard of our being wounded, came to Murfreesboro to see us, and found us at the house of one Wm. J. Wilson, opposite the Soule College, on depot st. Here I remained till the first day of February, without being able to keep any account of passing events.

Jan. 2, Friday---Some very hard fighting late this evening. Gen. Bragg began the evacuation of Murfreesboro about dark, and gave orders to the army to take up quarters at Shelbyville.

Jan. 3. Saturday---Father and brother W. P. left me at two o'clock in the morning for home. The rear guard of the army left town this morning by ten o'clock.

Jan. 5. Monday---Gen. Rosecrans occupied Murfreesboro this morning.

Jan. 9. Friday---Mississippi seceded from the Federal Union 1861.

Jan. 11. Sunday---Alabama and Florida seceded from the Federal Union 1861.

Jan. 20. Tuesday---Georgia seceded from the Federal Union 1861.

Jan. 26. Monday---Louisiana seceded from the Federal Union 1861.

Jan. 31. Saturday---Today I was placed upon a litter and carried from the house of W. J. Wilson to the residence of W. L. Anderson, on the street leading north from the N. E. corner of the square, second door from the M. E. Church. At this time I was too feeble to walk alone, and doubtless very irritable; and Mr. Wilson being a lively jocular man, I determined to remain with him no longer, notwithstanding he and his family had been very kind to me at all times.

Feb. 1. Sunday---Mrs. Womack came to Murfreesboro today. Texas seceded from the Federal Union 1861.

Feb. 4. Wednesday---The National Peace Conference convened in Washington 1861.

A Convention of the delegates from the seceded states met in Montgomery, Ala. Feb. 4, 1861 and adopted a Constitution on the 8th.

Feb. 28. Saturday---Mrs. Womack, after repeated efforts, obtained a passport to go to McMinnville, but on account of some delay on the part of her escort, she did not get off.

March 2. Monday---Mrs. Womack left this morning for McMinnville via. Readyville and Woodbury

March 9. Monday---Sister Sarah M. Departed this life today about twelve o'clock, aged eighteen years ___ months ___ days.

March 12. Thursday---Pleasant but cloudy. Capt. L. N. Savage was gathered unto his fathers this evening at four o'clock. He was mortally wounded in the engagement before Murfreesboro, on Wednesday the 31st of Dec. 1862, while acting Lt. Col. of the 16th Tenn. Vols. Since that time his suffering has been beyond description.

I am indebted to Mrs. Capt. Owen Davis, sister of Capt. Savage, for direct intelligence from home; she having arrived here this evening.

March 13. Friday---Cloudy but pleasant. Received a letter from brother J. B. at camp Morton, Indiana.

March 14. Saturday---Fair & pleasant. Sent brother J. B.'s letter home by Mrs. Davis, who left for McMinnville this morning with the remains of Capt. Savage.

I took an evening walk down Academy street, the first out-of-door walking since I was wounded. Today is Mrs. Womack's twentieth anniversary.

March 15. Sunday---Clear & delightful. Studied the scriptures recorded by St. Luke. Took an evening walk on the Liberty pike, accompanied by Wat. L. Eastham.

March 16. Monday---Fair & pleasant. The troops of Gen. Rosecrans march in review before his Hd. quarters, his lady witnessing the grand procession.

Both officers and men display considerable military training.

March 17. Tuesday---Clear & pleasant. This evening I visited Gen. Cheatham's hospital, and was pleased to find nearly all the remaining wounded in an advanced state of convalescence; many having died and many others gone to different camps North.

I left off dressing my arm today, it having so nearly healed up as to require it no longer, but it remains for it to become straight and useful.

March 18. Wednesday---Warm & cloudy. Spent the day perusing Dr. Dick's works, which is both interesting and valuable. Wrote brother J. B. a letter.

March 19. Thursday---Cloudy & quite warm. I walked up into town, purchased a diary for 1863, and posted it up to this date.

March 20. Friday---Cloudy & cooler. I received intelligence of the death of sister Sarah M. This is my first matrimonial anniversary.

March 21. Saturday---Cool & cloudy. W. P. L. Eastham left here today for the army of Tennessee, now at Shelbyville. I loaned him fourteen dollars C. S. money, and gave him an order to H. H. Harrison of Nashville, for twenty five Greenbacks.

March 22. Sunday---Cloudy & warmer. Read the book of Proverbs and other scriptures, together with the dissertations of Dr. Dick on the ten commandments.

March 23. Monday---Light showers. Received a letter from Mrs. Womack which was highly gratifying. Accompanying the letter was one hundred and fifty dollars Tennessee & Ky. money, and eight yards of nice gray janes, both of which was very acceptable.

March 24. Tuesday---Rainy & cool. Spent the day reading and writing.

March 25. Wednesday---Blustery, showery and some snow. Spent the day reading & writing. With the

exception of the changes in the weather, these days of confinement are almost facsimiles of each other.

March 26. Thursday---Clear & cool. Spent the day reading Dr. Dick.

March 27. Friday---Warmer, with heavy rains and thunder storms.

March 28. Saturday---Cloudy but pleasant. I received my gray suit today, no garment of which suits me - pants too large and the coat not in style.

March 29. Sunday---Cloudy & cold. Read the book of Hebrews, together with the twelve concluding chapters of St. Luke; also a section in Dick's Works "on the relation of the Natural attributes of Deity to religion."

March 30. Monday---Cloudy, with snow showers.

March 31. Tuesday---Cold & blustery, with occasional snowflakes. I remained in my room all day studying a plan to get away from the Yankees.

The Commissioners, from some cause, having disagreed with regard to the exchange of officers, none on either side are being returned; and taking McDonald's maxim, "all is fair in war," to be right, at least in my case, I intend to extricate myself from their imprisonment.

April 1. Wednesday---Frosty, clear & cool. Wrote Mrs. Amonett a letter, and through the kindness of a soldier from Ohio, got it into the Ky. mail without inspection. He professed to be a southern man, and to convince me of his sincerity gave me the Countersign for tonight, which was "Fourteen", and assured me I should have it at any other time I wished it. His name I cannot tell, nor need not if I could - suffice it to say he was one of Gen. Rosecrans' Orderlys.

I learned today through the Nashville Papers that officers are again being exchanged - glad tidings to me!

April 2. Thursday---Clear & pleasant. Received an order to be ready to leave Murfreesboro tomorrow for City Point, Va. the place of exchange.

Paid Wm. J. Anderson thirty dollars, Tenn. money for Mrs. Womack's board for the month of February. For myself and nurse he would have nothing.

April 3. Friday---Clear, cool & windy. I arose early and put everything in readiness to take the cars for Nashville, but failed to get off, from some cause, to me unknown, hence, I am tonight as usual by my old familiar table.

Finished reading the first volume of Dick's Works.

April 4. Saturday---Clear, calm & pleasant.

Arose with the sun again announced my readiness to leave. Sat down and composed seven stanzas of poetry and left them on my table. Remained in my room all day expecting orders to leave but none came. Read fifteen Chapters. In the beginning of Mathew and retired.

April 5. Sunday---Bright & pleasant. Rose at half past six, and a third time prepared to take the cars for Nashville. I left W. J. Anderson's at ten o'clock A. M. and reported immediately at the office of Provost Marshall, Col. Charles Ready's parlor. Having all necessary preliminaries in readiness, about twenty five of us, surgeons, officers and nurses, under the control of Col. Wilkinson of the 8th Miss. took the cars at two o'clock P. M., and arrived in Nashville at five, and put up at the City Hotel.

April 6. Monday---Mild & smoky. Our train was all in readiness by 8 A. M. at which time we left for Louisville, Ky. and without the occurrence of anything special, arrived in that city at 6 P. M. We went to the Louisville Hotel for supper, where we fared sumptuously and received the attention due to gentlemen. But while our sympathisers, and they were not few in Louisville, were lavishing upon us their many attentions and favors, there were those who looked as if they wished we were at their mercy for treatment. Supper all over, we took the omnibuses at 9 for the depot on the opposite side of the river, never forgetting the kindness of the proprietor of the Louisville Hotel, nor the many favors of various citizens. Took the cars for Cincinnati about eleven o'clock. Through the kindness of a merchant, whose name I do not

recollect, I procured a very nice shawl for the sum of ten dollars.

April 7. Tuesday---Clear & cool. After traveling all night, we arrived in Cincinnati at nine o'clock A. M., and as we were to spend the day in the city, we put up at the Henry House, where, notwithstanding its abolition proclivities, we fared very well. Boarders remarked they wished some of the Secesh would call every day, they improved the table so much. I spent the evening walking about the city, and in the mean time purchased a suit of casonet goods for twenty five dollars, a buffalo rug for ten dollars, a valise for ten dollars, and a fine soft hat for four & half dollars. In this city, where I least expected it, I find a respectable minority of Southern sympathisers - speaking too pretty boldly.

April 8. Wednesday---Cold & snowy. We arrived in Pittsburg at four o'clock P. M. and left as soon as we could change cars, for Harrisburg, Pa., through which city we passed during the night.

April 9. Thursday---Clear & cold - snow two inches deep. We arrived in Baltimore, Ma. at 8 o'clock A. M., and learning we could not get a steamer till 6 P. M., we put up at Barnum's Hotel, an avowed Southern House. Here we were sensibly reminded of the Louisville Hotel. Everything contributing to the gratification of the palate, together with all that could be desired, otherwise, was lavished upon us most profusely; and all too at the expense of their kind hospitality. Offers of money, goods, and other valuables were made us on every hand. But no sooner had our arrival been announced at the Provost Marshall's office, than an order was issued for the immediate arrest of our whole party, which was being done before we were through eating breakfast. We were all assembled at the pvo. vo's office, and there kept about two hours in a narrow, filthy little back room, unfit for the penning of swine. From this foul pit we were sent back to the Hotel, under orders to collect our baggage and go immediately to Fort McHenry, under guard, a distance of 3 miles. By the time our baggage was collected in front of the Hotel, curiosity and excitement had thronged the streets so densely that it became

necessary to form us on the pavement with a strong guard in front, lest the citizens should steal an opportunity to speak a word with us or present us with some little memento. As we marched off down the street the excitement seemed to be that produced by a moving managiere, mingled with the sentiment of rioters. Far down the City they continued to follow us; some, to get the last glimps of the mighty wonder, a band of the Secesh, others to pay us the highest tokens of lasting respect.

Arrived within the enclosures of the fort, we were placed within the walls of a small renovated stable, and upon giving a very binding parole, not to go about the fort proper, we were allowed the privilege of the pound until 6 in the evening, when we were to leave.

About the appointed hour the steamer Adalaide came puffing down from the city, which we signaled and went aboard for fortress Monroe.

This whole proceeding on the part of the Provost Marshall was a violation of the orders of Gen. Rosecrans, under which we were traveling; and exhibited only that illiberality of soul and despotic disposition characteristic of a Yankee. Our orders guaranteed to us the liberties of the City, and the lordly Marshall would have gladly extended them, had there been none present but scoffers, but because of those who delighted to have us among them, we were arrested.

April 10. Friday---Clear & cool. At 6 o'clock A. M. we arrived at Fortress Monroe, and without going ashore, lay at the docks till 5 P. M., when we were towed out about 1/2 of a mile on an old shackling tug and anchored for the night. At midnight we were again towed back to the docks, and ordered down into the hold of a large ship that was lying up, loading for Port Royal.

April 11. Saturday---Clear & pleasant. At one o'clock this evening we left our sable abode in the hold of the Port Royal sailor, and again went aboard the flag of truce boat, Adalaide, and left for City Point, Va. where we arrived at 7 o'clock P. M. On account of the darkness of the night, we were prevented from gratifying our most anxious and unbounded desires to step once more on Dixie shore. Our desires were heightened on account of

the Malaria attending our boat, which had become so insufferable that the surgeons were alarmed for the lives of their men. We were suffering too from a want of rations, as none had been furnished in two days.

On coming aboard the Adalaide this evening I had the pleasure of meeting my brother J. B. who left me in Murfreesboro two months ago.

April 12. Sunday---Cloudy but pleasant. We came ashore at City Point about twelve o'clock today, and after giving full expression to our long pent up feelings, by cheering long and vociferously for the Southern Confederacy, we took the cars for Petersburg, where we arrived at four in the evening and put up at the Bowling Hotel.

April 13. Monday---Cloudy & cool. I went out this morning south about three miles, to the parole camp, and procured an order for a passport and transportation to Tullahoma, Tenn. Returned to the City, drew \$130 pay for the month of December, 1862, obtained my passport and transportation, paid brother J. B. twenty dollars, and left on the South side train, at five o'clock P.M. for Tennessee.

Here I left my nephew J. S. Womack, who had been my nurse from the time I was wounded, and constantly in attendance, on account of a refusal to grant his transportation. He has been a true and faithful nurse, as he has ever been a soldier, and his kindness and punctuality will never be forgotten; but will prove to him to be "bread upon the waters." His loss to me is seriously felt, as I can very poorly attend to my own wants, not even dress myself without assistance.

April 14. Tuesday---Cold & cloudy. Arrived in Lynchburg at five o'clock this morning and changed cars for Bristol, and after traveling all day arrived in that place at 9 o'clock in the evening, and took a waiting train for Knoxville.

April 15. Wednesday---Cold & rainy. Arrived in Knoxville at 9 o'clock A. M. and left at once for Chattanooga, where we arrived at 7 P. M. and put up at the Chattanooga House.

April 16. Thursday---Clear & pleasant. I left Chattanooga about 7 A. M. and arrived at Tullahoma at 3 P. M. Here I found my command, but much changed and reduced since I left them on the field at Murfreesboro. But it was gratifying to find no diminution of that ardor and zeal that characterized them when they first espoused the cause. On the contrary, they were more determined, if possible, than ever before, to sacrifice their lives, if need be, on the altar of liberty and independence.

April 17. Friday---Very pleasant. Have spent today visiting my friends about Tullahoma, without the occurrence of anything worth perpetuation. Virginia seceded from the U. S. Apr. 17, 1861.

April 18. Saturday---Clear & warm. I spent the forenoon with Gen'l Claiborn's brigade, and in the afternoon accompanied some ladies down to Cascade falls, about four miles north-west from Tullahoma, which is a very nice fall of about 80 or 100 feet, and admired on account of the rugged scenery. The stream being small, it furnishes a most splendid shower bath, much resorted to by the soldiers; and although a little unwell, I could not deny myself the pleasure of so fine a luxury.

April 19. Sunday---Gentle rains. Spent the day in camps with my company. Was granted a leave of absence for thirty days, because of disability.

Luke Purser presented me with twenty dollars, money loaned him at this place in Nov. 1862.

Wrote Mrs. Womack a letter asking her not to expect me at home, for it now became doubtful about my going.

April 20. Monday---Cloudy & pleasant. Spent the day in camps. Having on yesterday been granted a leave of absence to visit my people in McMinnville and it requiring six or eight days to get the papers to Hd. Qrts. and returned, I procured a citizens passport to carry me to that place.

April 21. Tuesday---Clear & pleasant. Took the train at Tullahoma about 9 o'clock A. M. for McMinnville, but the appearance of a small command of the enemy on the Rail Road at Summitville,

caused the train to return to Tullahoma, I getting off at Manchester, and stayed all night. The troops at the latter place were ordered off at eleven o'clock tonight, in the direction of McMinnville. I spent the night with my old friend and fellow-citizen, James Koger.

April 22. Wednesday---Rain & sunshine. Uncle E. H. Green and daughter Mary, and I left Manchester in a wagon, at 8 o'clock A. M. for McMinnville, via Hillsboro. When we had gotten within ten miles of McMinnville we concluded to travel on the main highway no further, consequently, turned our teamster back, left cousin Mary at Huston Hammonds and set out on foot across the mountain, in the direction of Irving College. Before arriving there however, we learned the Yankees had only remained in McM. last night, and left this morning; whereupon, we turned directly for that place again, and went within six miles of town, to David Sanfly's, and stayed all night. Having traveled till some time after night we were glad indeed to fall down and rest our weary limbs. From our hurried walk across the mountain, for we wanted to cross Collins river before night, I had become very much fatigued, it being the first traveling on foot I had done since I was wounded; and my uncle began to complain much more loudly than myself.

April 23. Thursday---Clear & warm. We set out very early this morning, on soar legs and blistered feet, and reached McM. by 9 o'clock, where we found the enemy had done a deal of mischief. They had burned the R. R. & turnpike bridges. The depot and several houses around it, the planing and flouring mills, the factory, and some private dwellings, together with the Post office department and other valuable things. They stole and robbed promiscuously; took all the horses and mules they could find, and some negroes.

After a short stay in town I set off again for father's, where I arrived about noon, finding Mrs. Womack sick of fever, the balance of the family well. Doctor Smartt called this evening, having been sent for before my arrival.

April 24. Friday---Cloudy & cool. I passed the day at the bedside. Mrs. W.'s fever ran very high.

April 25. Saturday---Clear & warm. I went to McMinnville for medicine. Mrs. W.'s fever not so high today. Gen. Wheeler reoccupied McMinnville today.

April 26. Sunday---Warm & cloudy. Mrs. W. apparently better today, but pretty high fever not with standing.

April 27. Monday---Genital showers. Mrs. Womack no better today. I went again to town for drugs. The doctor prescribed quinine in addition to what she has heretofore taken.

April 28. Tuesday---Cloudy & warm. Remained at the bedside all day. Mrs. W. appears better, no fever today. Beginning now to become hopeful that I would so far recover from my wound as to be able to attend to some kind of post duty, I wrote to Gen'l. Bragg asking to be assigned to that department. But after further reflection declined to forward my letter.

April 29. Wednesday---Warm & showery. Mrs. W. still better today. She received a note from her sister Jennie, who arrived at McMinnville yesterday, from New Orleans.

April 30. Thursday---Quite pleasant. Mrs. W. still appears better. Lt. Kirkpatrick and wife are paying us a visit today.

May 1. Friday---Quite a warm, but cloudy May day. Mrs. W. very sick today - went for doctor Smartt in the evening, who answered the call.

May 2. Saturday---Warm, with distant showers. Mrs. W. not so sick as on yesterday. I went to brother B. R.'s. and back.

May 3. Sunday---Warm & showery. Doctor Smartt called to see Mrs. Womack again today, and pronounced her better. Lt. Kirkpatrick & wife returned to McMinnville.

May 4. Monday---Warm & rainy. Dr. Smartt called again this evening, and thinks Mrs. W. is still mending.

May 5. Tuesday---Warm & cloudy. Mrs. Womack very sick today.

May 6. Wednesday---Cold & rainy. Dr. Smartt called again today, and thought it unnecessary to continue his visits if the case did not change for the worse.

May 7. Thursday---Dark, cold & rainy. Mrs. W. is evidently convalescing. Wrote a letter to J. B. & W. C. Womack.

May 8. Friday---Cloudy & cool. Mrs. W. continues to improve.

May 9. Saturday---Clear & pleasant. Mrs. W. not so well today.

May 10. Sunday---Clear & warm. I went to McM. for Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Womack very sick today.

May 11. Monday---Clear & warm. Went to Increase for doctor Warder, but returned without seeing him. Mrs. Womack's fever pretty high today.

May 12. Tuesday---Clear & warm. Doctors Smartt & Warder both called today, and agree in opinion with regard to the case; and recommend that leaching be done in connection with the former course, also they change the composition of her pills slightly. She again appears better today.

May 13. Wednesday---Warm & cloudy. Mrs. W.'s fever not so high today. I went to McMinnville and back.

May 14. Thursday---Clear & warm. Mrs. W. had but little fever today. Drs. Smartt & Warder called this morning. I went this evening to Sam'l Fuston's to catch leaches, but found none.

Today the Yankees occupied the Capitol of Mississippi.

May 15. Friday---Clear & warm. Went to Wm. Lusk's after leaches, where I succeeded in catching a few, and returned and applied them.

Mrs. Womack has been free from fever all day. Believing that I shall be unable for some time yet to resume the duties of my office, and perhaps

never at all; and also, that he who is having to perform my labors and duties should receive my compensation, therefore, I have this day prepared my resignation as Capt. of Co. (E) of the 16th Tenn. Regt., having been in the service just two years.

May 16. Saturday---Clear & warm. Mrs. W. feverless all day. Drs. Smartt & Warder called again this morning.

May 17. Sunday---Clear & warm. Made a second application of the leaches. Mrs. W. is clear of fever today, and appears better.

May 18. Monday---Clear & cool. Dr. Smartt called again today. Mrs. W. decidedly better.

The Confederates reoccupied Jackson, Mississippi today.

May 19. Tuesday---Clear & cool. I went this morning to the Central factory, thence to McM. and then home.

May 20. Wednesday---Clear & warm. Mrs. Womack is so much improved as to be able to sit up a while today.

May 21. Thursday---Clear & warm. Went again to the factory for thread, and to McMinnville today.

May 22. Friday---Clear & warm. Mrs. Womack set up again today.

May 23. Saturday---Clear & warm. Went to the factory again today, and succeeded in getting sixty dozen of spun yarn, for which I paid sixty dollars.

May 24. Sunday---Clear & warm. Spent the day reading the scriptures.

May 25. Monday---Clear & warm. In consequence of the approach of the Yankees west of McM., I left home and went to brother B. R.'s. and stayed all night. I borrowed of R. P. Womack \$50 fifty dollars, C. S. Money.

May 26. Tuesday---Clear & warm. Came back to father's this morning, and found the enemy had not been any nearer than Prater's mills.

May 27. Wednesday---Clear & warm. I traded horses this morning with a soldier, who said he was a Texas Ranger.

May 28. Thursday---Warm, with light sprinkles. I went to R. P. Womack's and paid him \$50. fifty dollars, borrowed on last Monday. Received of aunt Nancy R. P. nine dollars to be invested in indigo.

May 29. Friday---Cool & rainy. Borrowed of father \$50.00.

May 30. Saturday---Warm & showery. Father and I went to Shelbyville on a visit to our friends in the army. We found them generally well, and encamped on the river, about one mile or more from town.

May 31. Sunday---Intermittent heavy showers. I passed the day in camps very pleasantly, with my old friends of the 1st brigade. Attended Divine service, and heard a sermon by Rev. Mr. Hill of Murfreesboro.

June 1. Monday---Heavy showers. I sold to J. W. Bratcher my pay account from 1st January, 1863, to the 15th of May, 1863, for \$585.00, the full amount of my wages for that time. Took the cars about 6 o'clock A. M. and arrived at McMinnville about 3 P. M. and came directly home.

June 2. Tuesday---Warm & showery. Spent the day at home and paid father \$50 fifty dollars, borrowed from him on the 29th ult.

June 3. Wednesday---Cloudy & cool. Mrs. W. and I went to R. P. Womack's and stayed all night.

June 4. Thursday---Warm & showery. R. R. Womack, brother B. R. & I went to Caneyfork river, and spent the day fishing. We stayed all night with old Robt. Martin, Esqr. Had poor luck fishing.

June 5. Friday---Cloudy & cool. We raised our lines at ten o'clock this morning and left the

river, went to Melbert Halterman's and took dinner, came thence to brother B. R.'s and stayed all night. The Yankees attacked our cavalry this morning at Liberty and drove them all day, leaving off their pursuit at dark, 3 miles south of Smithville.

June 6. Saturday---Cloudy, but pleasant. Remained at B. R.'s all day, on the alert for the Yankees, but none came. They turned back where they left off the pursuit yesterday.

June 7. Sunday---Cloudy & warm. We left B. R.'s in the evening and went to uncle John G. Borens and stayed all night.

June 8. Monday---Clear & cool. We crossed over Mountain creek this evening to uncle E. H. Green's and stayed all night.

June 9. Tuesday---Cloudy & warmer. Today we came to uncle Nathan Byars' and stayed all night Swaped back for the horse I traded off a few days ago, because the proper owner had not traded with me.

June 10. Wednesday---Warm & showery. We returned to father's this evening, after being considerably troubled on the way by the breaking down of our buggy.

June 11. Thursday---Heavy showers. Went with Mother back to uncle N. Byars' and stayed all night.

June 12. Friday---Warm & cloudy. I received of N. Byars \$39.00, twenty one for himself, and eighteen for his son S. H. Byars, to be given to the agent for this county to purchase salt. Returned to father's.

June 13. Saturday. Very warm. Went to McM. and paid over to Jno. W. Towles the money received yesterday from Nathan Byars.

I was pained today to see Rufus Simpson being sent to the army without his own consent, being a tanner, he claimed to be exempt from service. Returned home and went to brother W. P.'s. and stayed all night.

June 14. Sunday---Very warm, and showery. Went to brother A. M's. and spent the day, and came late this evening to father's.

June 15. Monday---Very warm. Went to McM. and back.

June 16. Tuesday---Clear & hot. I wrote Col. D. M. Donnell a letter enclosing a duplicate of my Resignation, the original being informal in some particular, and consequently not acceptable. Bought a horse for \$170.00.

June 17. Wednesday---Hot, with heavy rains and wind. I went to brother B. R's. and back. Borrowed of D. W. Webb the history of the first year of the war.

June 18. Thursday---Hot & showery. Spent the day reading the "First year of the war."

June 19. Friday---Warm & cloudy. Went to William Freeman's and got my buggy, and then went to uncle N. Byars' & back.

June 20. Saturday---Hot & cloudy. Went to McMinnville and spent the day - paid fifteen dollars for an ordinary pair of cloth shoes.

June 21. Sunday---Cool & cloudy. Spent the day reading the scriptures and entertaining my friends.

June 22. Monday---Cloudy & cool. Finished reading the first years history of the war, which is a tolerably fair and impartial sketch, at least, of that part of the scenes in which I was acting myself.

June 23. Tuesday---Cloudy & warmer. Went to McMinnville and back to father's; thence to sister Bettie's and stayed all night. Considerable cannonading this evening in the vicinity of Murfreesboro.

June 24. Wednesday---Raining gently all day. Spent the day at B. H. W's. Cannonading continued all day in the direction of Murfreesboro.

June 25. Thursday---Showery. We came back to father's this evening. Late this evening the cannonading was very brisk.

June 26. Friday---Heavy rains. Went to McMinnville & returned. Brisk cannonading in the vicinity of Belbuckel today - the indications are that, a forward movement on the part of the enemy is about to begin, or has already begun, which is to try, the second time, the strength of Gens. Bragg & Rosecrans. Paid C. L. Briant \$100. boot in a horse trade.

June 27. Saturday---Warm & showery. Went to McMinnville with brother A. M. who is trying to join his command, now stationed at Shelbyville, if not on the march.

June 28. Sunday---Warm & cloudy. Spent the day at father's and the night at brother A. M's.

June 29. Monday---Warm & showery. Went to brother B. R's. and stayed all night. The Yankees came today within five miles of McMinnville.

June 30. Tuesday---Warm & showery. Spent the day reading.

July 1. Wednesday---Very warm. I went today to Rufus Simpson's and borrowed of Mrs. Simpson \$390 three hundred and ninety dollars, two hundred of which was Georgia money, and the balance Tennessee. Went thence to father's and thence back to B. R's.

July 2. Thursday---Very warm, with distant showers. Nothing worth perpetuating accomplished today.

July 3. Friday---Very warm, with drenching rains. We left B. R's. this morning to go to Celina, but failing to get across Canyfork river, which was smartly swollen, we were compelled to return and take another rout.

July 4. Saturday---Very warm with distant showers. I went back to the river today, hunting for a spy glass I lost yesterday, but failed to find it.

July 5. Sunday---Warm & showery. Left B. R.'s. again this morning and went to Concord church, where an old baptist sermon was delivered by parson Isaac Denton. From church we went to Absolem Clark's on Collin's river, and spent the night. Apprehensions begin to be very seriously felt, lest Gen. Bragg's command falls back and the country be occupied by the enemy.

July 6. Monday---Warm & rainy. We left Mr. Clark's after dinner, for Celina, and went to Cyrus Miller's and stayed all night. The Yankees came near McMinnville this evening, but did not come in.

July 7. Tuesday---Warm & rainy. After considerable trouble and delay we crossed Caneyfork river, at Rock Island, and went to Lt. H. Denton's near Cookeville, and stayed all night. The enemy without resistance, occupied McMinnville this evening. Today is my twenty ninth anniversary.

July 8. Wednesday---Hot & cloudy. We went to Livingston and spent the night with Col. P. M. Armstrong.

July 9. Thursday---Hot & smoky. Visited today my friends A. J. Goodbar and Lt. Wm. Turner; and spent the night with doctor Colquet.

July 10. Friday---Hot & smoky. Left Livingston this morning and went to Celina, and leaving our buggy and horse on the south side of the river, crossed over to Kinderhook farm, where we met and found our people all well. The Yankees had been to see them, and with vandal hand had robbed them of negroes, horses, oxen and many other valuables, not necessary to mention.

July 11. Saturday---Hot & smoky. Spent the day at Capt. Amonett's.

July 12. Sunday---Hot & very smoky. Today three companies, Capt. Amonett's among them, started on a raid to Glasgow, Ky. B. R. and R. R. Womack arrived here today, having been run off from home by the Yankees.

July 13. Monday---Hot & showery.

July 14. Tuesday---Hot, with very heavy rains.

July 15. Wednesday---Hot & cloudy. Went to Capt. Walker's to spend the day, but soon after dinner crossed the river on account of a false report that the Yankees were in the settlement. Crossed back late in the evening to Kinderhook. Brother B. R. & R. R. W. left here this morning for Chattanooga. I loaned Richard R. \$20. C. S. money, and gave A. C. Kirkpatrick \$25 to purchase me a pair of shoes.

July 16. Thursday---Hot & smoky. Spent the day at Kinderhook.

July 17. Friday---Cloudy & warm. Spent the day at Mrs. Stone's.

July 18. Saturday---Clear & hot. I went to Celina and returned. Received the first intelligence of the fight at Gattysburg.

July 19. Sunday---Hot & cloudy. Spent the day reading and studying the scriptures.

July 20. Monday---Clear & hot. Spent the day reading. Received of A. C. Kirkpatrick \$25, money given him last Wednesday to purchase shoes. Heavy rains at night.

July 21. Tuesday---Warm & cloudy. Spent the day reading the "Pictorial biography of Andrew Jackson."

July 22. Wednesday---Warm & cloudy. Spent the day reading.

July 23. Thursday---Hot & clear. Finished reading Frost's life of Jackson, and began the history of England, complete in one volume.

July 24. Friday---Clear & hot. Spent the day reading.

July 25. Saturday---Hot, with some rain.

July 26. Sunday---Hot, with heavy rains. Suffering from severe cold.

- July 27. Monday---Very warm. Spent the day reading.
- July 28. Tuesday---Clear & warm. Spent the day reading.
- July 29. Wednesday---Hot, with heavy rains. The enemy being reported near, I went to Celina and spent the day, and at night went to Wm. Walker's.
- July 30. Thursday---Warm, with heavy rains. Returned to Kinderhook.
- July 31. Friday---Warm & rainy. Visited doctor D. Ryan today.
- Aug. 1. Saturday---Hot & showery. Spent the day reading.
- Aug. 2. Sunday---Hot with showers. Mrs. Womack started up into Kentucky with the view of purchasing goods and other necessaries. I read the book of "Acts."
- Aug. 3. Monday---Hot, with thunder showers. Spent the day reading.
- Aug. 4. Tuesday---Hot with showers. Finished reading the reign of King Henry VIII, an Emperor devoid of that liberality of soul that should ever characterize a King, but at the same time much more noble than many of his predecessors. His conduct toward his Queens was inhuman in a very high degree.
- Aug. 5. Wednesday---Hot, with heavy rains. Spent the day reading. Mrs. Womack returned from Ky. having had to go as far up as Goosehorne before she could procure the articles wanted.
- Aug. 6. Thursday---Hot & showery. Went to Celina and voted for Robt. L. Carnuthers for Governor of the state, and the state ticket for Congress.
- Aug. 7. Friday---Hot, with showers. Finished the first book of Keightley's history of England.

- Aug. 8. Saturday---Hot & sultry. Wrote brothers A. M. & J. B. a letter giving my views with regard to desertion and obedience to orders.
- Aug. 9. Sunday---Hot, with heavy rains. Went to church at Celina, sermon by Rev. Mr. Owensby of Hillham. Went to Dr. Wm. Shields and stayed all night.
- Aug. 10. Monday---Hot, with thunder showers. Came to Kinderhook and began reading the second volume of the history of England.
- Aug. 11. Tuesday---Hot & showery. Went to Celina to see L. W. Oglesby, who moved down the Cumberland today to his Buchanan farm, six miles above Gainsboro.
- Aug. 12. Wednesday---Hot & cloudy. Spent the day reading.
- Aug. 13. Thursday---Hot with light showers. Spent the day reading.
- Aug. 14. Friday---Hot & showery. Paid A. P. Green forty five dollars which Tennie borrowed from him last January. Finished reading the reign of King Charles I.
- Aug. 15. Saturday---Very hot, with showers. Finished reading the reign of Cromwell, or the "Protectorate."
- Aug. 16. Sunday---Very hot & showery. Spent the day studying the scriptures.
- Aug. 17. Monday---Hot & showery. Spent the day reading.
- Aug. 18. Tuesday---Hot, with light showers. Spent the day reading. Finished the reign of James II.
- Aug. 19. Wednesday---Hot & cloudy. Spent the day reading.
- Aug. 20. Thursday---Hot & cloudy. Finished reading the dynasty of the Stuarts, which ends the year 1714.

Aug. 21. Friday---Hot, with sprinkles. Finished reading the history of England.

Aug. 22. Saturday---Very hot & cloudy. Reading promiscuously, and among other things, some romances in the wild west, characteristic of the early settlers of this country, both diverting and instructive. The vanguard of Burnside's army reached Celina this evening.

Aug. 23. Sunday---Clear & hot. Burnside's men remaining at Celina today caused me to betake myself to the hills where I remained watching their movements till all was quiet at night. Two squads of them came to Capt. Amnett's during the day, ten in the morning, and 28 for supper.

Aug. 24. Monday---Hot with showers. The Yanks left Celina at daylight, for Livingston.

Aug. 25. Tuesday---Cool & misty. All quiet today. A small squad of Yanks passed by Celina this morning, following after the army.

Aug. 26. Wednesday---Cool & cloudy. All quiet today.

Aug. 27. Thursday---Cool & cloudy. Gave Mrs. A. C. Kirkpatrick \$40.00 to buy goods for me in Kentucky. Wrote brother J. B. a letter.

Aug. 28. Friday---Warm & showery. Col. O. P. Hamilton's command crossed to the north side of Cumberland river on a scouting expedition. I forwarded my letters to brothers A. M. & J. B. in care of Col. H.

Aug. 29. Saturday---Cool, with showers. Went to doctor D. Ryon's and spent the day.

Aug. 30. Sunday---Clear & quite cool. Read a portion of the Psalms and other scriptures. Considerable frost this morning all over this country.

Aug. 31. Monday---Clear & cool. I went to Dr. Ryon's and had an extender put on my arm to straighten it. Mrs. Amnett started to Kentucky, and Mrs. Kirkpatrick returned from there; bringing for me a pair of boots, 1/2 doz. collars, & other

little articles. Kentuckians discounted Tennessee money at 25 per cent. Mrs. K. refunded \$16 money given her when she started.

Sept. 1. Tuesday-- Cloudy & warmer. From some unknown cause I had a very sick spell this evening which lasted about one hour.

Sept. 2. Wednesday--Clear & warm. Read the Declaration of Independence of 1776, and the Constitution of the United States.

Sept. 3. Thursday - Warm, cloudy & murky. Began reading the second volume of Marshall's life of Washington, and read three chapters. Mrs. Womack's eyes, which have been very painful for five days are much better today.

Sept. 4. Friday-- Clear & warm. Spent the day reading. From the early history of the United States it is to be seen that the individual states were as reluctant to yield any of their sovereign powers, as they have more recently been to resume them again. But justice and equity demanded more loudly the latter than the former on their respective parts. Without the consent of the states to yield a part of their individual powers for the benefit of the whole, the Union could never have been formed; and without the resumption of those powers by a portion of the states, and their organization under an amended Constitution, similar to that of the U. S., the sun of American liberty would now be set, it is to be feared, in eternal darkness. The government of the U. S. having fallen into the hands of a demented faction who have for forty years been bent upon the destruction of the institutions of the Southern States, and which has caused their withdrawal therefrom, there remains but little hope for reconstruction.

Sept. 5. Saturday--Clear & warm. Spent the day reading. Col. Hamilton crossed his command over the river today and started to Glasgow, Ky.

Sept. 6. Sunday---Clear & warm. Read the book of Genesis up to the 31st Chapt. and then compared the writings of Matthew and Mark.

Sept. 7. Monday---Clear & warm. Spent the day reading. Col. Hamilton's command returned today, without having accomplished any other good than the capture of two men and thirteen horses. They procured vi et arms plenty of dry goods.

Sept. 8. Tuesday---Clear & warm. Spent the day reading. Rode over to Marion Gaw's in the evening.

Sept. 9. Wednesday---Clouds indicate rain, quite warm. Spent the day reading, and among other valuable and instructive matter was the Valedictory of the Father of his Country; in which is strongly and prophetically portrayed the very causes of the now pending national difficulties, to wit - sectional strife.

Sept. 10. Thursday---Clear & warm. Finished reading the second volume of Marshall's Life of Washington. The enemy followed Hamilton to the river today and after exchanging a few shots they retired. C. S. loss, 2 men wounded. U. S. unknown.

Sept. 11. Friday---Clear & warm. Prepared thirteen rules for the guidance of a boy fifteen years old, who is leaving home to enter a boarding school. Read a part of the general history of France.

Sept. 12. Saturday---Hot, with light showers. Went to doctor Shields' to get drugs for Loucetbat's eyes.

Sept. 13. Sunday---Cloudy & cooler. Finished reading the book of Genesis and began that of Exodus. I have suffered very much today from severe cold.

Sept. 14. Monday---Clear & warm. Finished reading outlines of France, given in the "Volume of the World" and began those of England.

Capt. Amonett returned from the C. S. Army today, and reports the men in buoyant spirits & confident of success in the end, notwithstanding the recent reverses.

Sept. 15. Tuesday---Clear & warm. Nothing to note today.

Sept. 16. Wednesday---Warm, with light sprinkle. Rufus Simpson of Warren County paid me a visit today. He brings me the sorrowful intelligence that the enemy has compelled the citizens in all that section of country to take the oath of allegiance to the U. S. with such foul additions as they have thought fit to add. He tells me too of the commission crimes characteristic only of Yankees.

Sept. 17. Thursday---Warm, with light showers. I paid Rufus Simpson two hundred and fifty dollars, which I received from Mrs. Simpson on the first day of last July and with which, I was to procure him a substitute in the army if I could. I still owe him one hundred and forty dollars - Tenn. money. He paid me \$25.00 in C. S. money for a horse he bought from brother A. M. at Chattanooga, about the first of last August. Wrote father a letter by Mr. Simpson.

Sept. 18. Friday---Cool & misty. Spent the day in promiscuous reading.

Sept. 19. Saturday---Frosty & clear. Finished reading the book of Exodus. The battle of Chicamauga was begun this morning and was hotly fought all day.

Sept. 20. Sunday---Clear & cool. Read consecutively the first 15 chapters of the third book of Moses, and other scriptures. The battle on the Chicamauga ended today.

Sept. 21. Monday---Clear & pleasant. Went about six miles toward Hillham, to Rilly Boman's shop, and had my horse shod. On my return to Celina I met with Capt. Richardson and a small squad of men starting into Ky.

Sept. 22. Tuesday---Clear & pleasant. Finished reading the third book of Moses and began the fourth. B. F. & P. M. Amonett started to school up into Ky. They board with Ben Whitesides.

Sept. 23. Wednesday---Clear & pleasant. Spent the day reading and talking with visiting friends. I have had the pleasure today of extending my acquaintance with Mrs. Florintha Roberts and her sister Miss Bell Lankford, both of whom are very pleasant ladies.

Sept. 24. Thursday---Clear & warm. Finished reading the fourth book of Moses, and began the first volume of Marshall's life of Washington.

Sept. 25. Friday---Cloudy & cooler. Spent the day reading.

Sept. 26. Saturday---Clear & pleasant. Spent the day reading.

Sept. 27. Sunday---Clear & sarene. Read the fifth and last book of Moses, who, after leading the children of Israel out of Egypt, across the wilderness, to the borders of the land of Canaan, died because of disobedience, on the top of Mt. Nebo, at the mature old age of one hundred and twenty years.

Sept. 28. Monday---Clear & warm. Went to Gainsboro, and thence 3 miles down the river to MaJ. Wm. Botts and stayed all night.

Sept. 29. Tuesday---Clear & warm. Came to Gainsboro and paid five dollars for cutting a coat & pr. of pants. Heard a verbal account of the battle of Chicamauga, in which, according to Yankee statements the Rebels killed & wounded 40000. Went to the Circuit Clerk's office and took a copy of Mrs. Womack's account with her guardian, as recorded in his book, which shows her guardian indebted to her \$3296.98. Returned to Celina.

Sept. 30. Friday---Warm & springling. Spent the day reading.

Oct. 1. Thursday---Fine showers. Spent the day reading. Capt. Amonett came home again today.

Oct. 2. Friday---Clear & cool. Read a portion of today.

Oct. 3. Saturday---Clear & cool. Spent the day reading.

Oct. 4. Sunday---High, cool winds & cloudy. Heard Read 14 chapters in the beginning of Joshua. Heard of the occupancy of McMinnville by Gen. Wheeler.

Oct. 5. Monday---Cloudy & very cool. I intended to start to McMinnville this morning, but after learning that Col. Hughes was starting to Glasgow, Ky. concluded to go with him. We left the vicinity of Celina about ten o'clock in the morning, with one hundred and fifteen men, rank and file, and moved quietly along all day, passing south of Tompkinsville about four miles, and on to Gintown, Ky. Here the accidental fire of a pistol, connected with rumor, led to the conclusion that we were approaching the enemy's sentinel, which, however we soon found to be false, and again moved off in the direction of Roseville, where we halted about one hour and struck up a little fire, it being now nearly day, and very frosty.

Oct. 6. Tuesday---Cool & frosty & rainy. We captured two sets of pickets and reached the suburbs of Glasgow about the break of day, unobserved by the enemy. We then charged through town and on into the fort, which was about one half mile west from the court house. In the charge at the fort we killed one man and wounded four or five others, and in town we wounded three of the provost guard who were encamped in the Court yard. All the arms, together with their quartermaster and Commissary stores fell into our hands, also about one hundred and eighty horses and rigging. The strength of the enemy was about three hundred, one hundred and fifty of whom we captured; and had not a part of them been absent we would doubtless have caught the entire command. Our casualties were three men wounded, one mortally, another severely, and a third slightly. We remained in town till about nine o'clock A. M., when we left and came back about four miles east of Tompkinsville and stopped for the night, it being so dark the men could not follow the road.

Oct. 7. Wednesday---Rainy & disagreeable. This morning the command moved across the river at Turkey-neck bend and paroled the prisoners. They then moved down to Celina and stayed all night. I left them at camps and came to Kinderhook.

Oct. 8. Thursday---Clear & cool. Col. Hughes moved his command up Obey's river to John Barksdale's where we spent the day in selling horses and other articles captured at Glasgow. Horses

sold from one hundred to six hundred dollars per head.

Oct. 9. Friday---Clear & warm. Went again today to John Barksdale's to attend the distribution of the proceeds of the captured property, but did not get through with it. I paid eighteen dollars for a bridole and ten for a blanket, and returned to Kinderhook.

Oct. 10. Saturday---Clear & pleasant. I received from Capt. Amonett three hundred dollars for my interest in the property and stores captured at Glasgow.

Oct. 11. Sunday---Clear & pleasant. I left Kinderhook at 8 o'clock this morning, and arrived at Lt. H. Denton's 1 1/2 mile south of Cookville at dusk and stayed all night.

Oct. 12. Monday---Cloudy, cool & rainy. Left Denton's about 8 in the morning and went to bro. B. R.'s. by 8 at night, traveling alone all day through a country thickly infested with robbers and cutthroats.

Oct. 13. Tuesday---Rainy. Left B. R.'s. this morning and went to father's, and found the family in a better condition than I had expected, although they had taken horses, sheep, forage and other things from the premises. They have left however, a scanty subsistence, and one good mare with which another crop can be started.

Father in common with the citizens generally has had to take oath of allegiance to the U. S. Such are the fruits of war, and such is the conduct of men in all countries where military authority is superior to civil.

Oct. 14. Wednesday---Pleasant rains. Left father's early in the day and went to brother S. M.'s. and spent the day. Sent a man to McM. to ascertain the position, condition and strength of the enemy now posted at that place, who reported them about 300 strong and in an indefensible condition. Left S. M.'s. at sunset and went back to brother B. R.'s. and stayed all night.

Oct. 15. Thursday---Heavy rains. Left B.R.'s. early in the morning with the view of procuring a command that would attack the enemy at McMinnville. I fell in with Capt. Phillips' Co. (C.S.) before reaching Canyford river, which stream we found too much swollen to ford, and consequently, got no further than Jas. Rodes' on its north bank and stayed all night.

Oct. 16. Friday---Cloudy, with high winds. I set out early this morning to carry out my intentions of yesterday and before traveling a great way met with Col. T. B. Murray, who told me he would gladly go to McMinnville if he could be sufficiently reenforced. So I set out to see Col. Hamilton, whom I expected to find about Hillham, Overton Co. and went to Holland Denton's near Cookville and stayed all night.

Oct. 17. Saturday---Clear, with high winds. Set out again this morning to see Col. Hamilton, but not finding him at Hillham I went to his residence and left an urgent note for him to join Col. Murray and take McMinnville. At dark I found him at his father's, and he conditionally promised me that he would start to McM. on next Monday. I arrived at Kinderhook about 7 P. M.

Oct. 18. Sunday---Early rains. Finished reading the book of Joshua.

Oct. 19. Monday---Clear & pleasant. Spent the day reading ' writing, and numbering the pages of this book.

Oct. 20. Tuesday---Clear & pleasant. Spent the day transcribing into my journal, from my pocket diary. Received of A. C. Kirkpatrick \$100, which he borrowed from me about the 10th of last August.

Oct. 21. Wednesday---Fine rains. Spent the day writing in my journal and reading the life of Washington.

Oct. 22. Thursday---Clear & cool. Spent the day reading & writing.

Oct. 23: Friday---Cool & showery. Spent the day reading & writing.

Oct. 24. Saturday---Cloudy & cold. Ice this morning, the first of the season. Spent the day reading & writing. Mrs. Womack started into Ky. trading.

Oct. 25. Sunday---Clear & cool. Read the books of Judges and Ruth.

Oct. 26. Monday---Cool & cloudy. Spent the morning reading, and in the evening went to Celina to purchase salt, but did not get it.

Oct. 27. Tuesday---Cool, with sprinkles. Went to Jas. Stone's to see Jas. Embanks of Ky. to whom I sold a splendid horse for \$80 eighty dollars, U. S. money. Went thence to Ben Whitesides to buy salt, thence back to Jas. Stone's and stayed all night.

Oct. 28. Wednesday---Cool & cloudy. Came to Kinderhook and finished reading the life of Washington, and wrote the ballance of the day in my journal

Oct. 29. Thursday---Clear & pleasant. Spent this morning in the forest sporting among the squirrels, which are very plentiful in our woods at this time, and the evening writing in my journal. Mrs. Womack and Mrs. Kirkpatrick are spending the night at Mrs. Lankford's.

Oct. 30. Friday---Raining all day. Spent the day writing in my journal.

Oct. 31. Saturday---Cloudy & cool. Went to Celina and thence to doctor Shield's to purchase a horse and some salt, but bought neither.

Nov. 1. Sunday---Clear & cool. Spent the day studying the scriptures. Read consecutively the book of I Samuel, in which, Samuel & Saul and David & Johnathan are the principal characters. Johnathan loves David as a brother and saves him from the hands of Saul. David spares the life of Saul twice when he knew Saul was seeking his. He slew the Phillistian chieftain, Goliath.

Nov. 2. Monday---Cloudy & warm. Spent the morning writing, and in the evening went to Ben. Whitesides' and stayed all night.

Nov. 3. Tuesday---Misty today. Remained at Whitesides' till late in the evening and then came down to James Stone's and stayed all night. Just at dark I learned that 400 Yankees were in this vicinity, having passed through Tompkinsville at ten o'clock this morning. I bought a horse this morning from Jef. Headspeith for \$600 in C.S. money and sold a better one this evening for \$80 U.S. money.

Nov. 4. Wednesday---Cloudy & warm. I arose at four o'clock this morning and went up to Osburn Stone's and took breakfast, went thence up the river to Mr. Sym's where I crossed Cumberland and went thence down to the mouth of Obeys, crossed it, and went down to Col. Hamilton's and stayed all night with John F. Tinsley.

Nov. 5. Thursday---Raining all day. Went up to Ferd. Hamilton's blacksmith shop and stayed there till late in the evening, when I went to doctor Shields' and stayed all night.

Nov. 6. Friday---Clear & pleasant. Spent the day at doctor Shields' reading.

Nov. 7. Saturday---Clear & pleasant. Passed the day at doctor Shields' reading the history of the war of 1812. Came in the evening to Kinderhook.

Nov. 8. Sunday---Cloudy & cool. Read ten chapt's in the beginning of the second book of Samuel, and other scriptures.

Nov. 9. Monday---Cloudy & cold. L. T. Armstrong, J. J. Amonett, A. C. Kirkpatrick, Alph Carson and I left Kinderhook very suddenly about nine o'clock this A.M. on account of the reported approach of the Yankees; crossed the river below Mr. Walker's, & went up to Celina, thence up Obeys to Milton Meadows, thence down to doctor Shields for supper, thence to Isaac Davis' and stayed all night.

Nov. 10. Tuesday---Clear & freezing. Stayed at Davis' till evening and came to Celina and stoped a few minutes, and then crossed back to Kinderhook, finding the report from which we ran to be false. Mrs. Womack went to Burksville, accompanied by Miss Cornelia Hemphill & Mrs. Jackson Coe.

Nov. 11. Wednesday---Clear & cold. Spent the forenoon reading, and in the evening went over to Isaac Davis' & back. At night I read Fremonts expeditions in the northwest.

Nov. 12. Thursday---Clear & cool. Took a stroll on the top of the lofty summit just south of the Kinderhook homestead, a towering point that overlooks the surrounding country for many miles around. Mrs. Womack returned from Burksville.

Nov. 13. Friday---Warm & cloudy. Went to Celina in the morning and in the evening wrote in my journal.

Nov. 14. Saturday---Heavy thunder showers. Spent the day transcribing into my journal.

Nov. 15. Sunday---Cloudy & cool. Read from the 10th chapt. to the close of II Samuel, and also the Sermon on the Mount, together with other scriptures.

Nov. 16. Monday---Cool & misty. Went to Celina, thence to I. Davis', thence to Henderson Smith's, from whom I bought two barrels of salt, at one dollar per pound C.S. Money. Returned to Kinderhook in the evening.

Nov. 17. Tuesday---Milder, but cloudy. Transcribed a while into my journal. I borrowed of Mrs. J. J. Amonett \$550.00 C.S. money.

Nov. 18. Wednesday---Clear & pleasant. Spent the day transcribing into my journal, and in the evening went to doctor Shields' and spent the night.

Nov. 19. Thursday---Warm & cloudy. Came to Mrs. Bennet Stone's and took dinner, and while there, Sim. Neavin was shot dead in Celina, by Lt. Hi. Tinsley of Col. Hamilton's Bat., charged with ___ Paid Henderson Smith \$550.00 for salt.

Nov. 20. Friday---Raining all day. Wrote a letter for Mrs. Kirkpatrick to Mrs. Kinard of Nashville, and spent the ballance of the day transcribing into my journal.

Nov. 21. Saturday---Cool & misty. Spent the day transcribing.

Nov. 22. Sunday---Cool & cloudy. Spent the day perusing the scriptures. Read the first fifteen chapt. of I Kings, where we are informed of the superiority of the wisdom of Solomon, and also of his departure from the course of his father David, and the will of the Lord.

Nov. 23. Monday---Cool & cloudy. I went up to Ben, Whitesides' this morning and spent the day.

Nov. 24. Tuesday---Cool & rainy. Spent the day at Ben. W's. and late in the evening came back to Kinderhook.

Nov. 25. Wednesday---Clear & cool. Spent the morning writing and in the evening went to doctor Shields' to get medicine for my eyes, which are becoming very sore.

Nov. 26. Thursday---Clear & cool. Went across to Isaac Davis' this morning, and this evening wrote in my journal.

Nov. 27. Friday---Cloudy & cool. Spent the day writing.

Nov. 28. Saturday---Warmer, with heavy rains. Wrote father a letter giving my opinion of the probable duration of the war, and the grounds and principles upon which it should be conducted. Wrote letters also to H. Denton of Cookville, and Jas. Rodes of White Co. Tenn. Wrote some in my journal.

Nov. 29. Sunday---Cold & rainy. Spent the morning reading the scriptures, and in the evening went to doctor Shields' and stayed all night.

Nov. 30. Monday---Clear & very cold. Mrs. Womack started to Warren County and I accompanied her out near Hillham, when I returned to doctor Shields' and stayed all night. Johnie Shields goes with Mrs. W. to McMinnville.

Dec. 1. Tuesday---Clear & cold. Spent the day at doctor Shields' killing pork. Late in the

evening I went to Ryal Boman's and stayed all night. This flight was in consequence of the appearance of Maj. Sam'l. Martin with about 100 men opposite Celina, who, after firing a few rounds left the river and fell back to Mrs. B. Stone's and pitched for the night, but our boys believing they could scare them away, concluded to make a line of fires sufficient for the accommodation of an ordinary Regt. with the view, which had the desired effect. They beat a hasty retreat, not waiting for the moon to rise.

Dec. 2. Wednesday---Clear & cold. Came back to Celina early this morning and from there to doctor Shields' and stayed all night.

Dec. 3. Thursday---Clear & cool. I crossed back to Kinderhook this morning. Mrs. Jno. McDonald and Miss Sibbie Oglesby paid us a visit this evening.

Dec. 4. Friday---Cloudy & warmer. Spent the day killing and taking care of Capt. Amonett's pork.

Dec. 5. Saturday---Cloudy & warmer. Finished reading II Kings, and read a few chapters in the Acts of the apostles.

Dec. 6. Sunday---Clear & cool. Read the book of I Chronicles and other scriptures.

Dec. 7. Monday---Clear & cool. I went down to Wm. Walker's and crossed the river, and in a very few minutes afterwards a company of Yankees came along, but without stopping, passed immediately on up the river. They were looking for Gen'l. John H. Morgan. Stayed all night at Mrs. Gearheart's.

Dec. 8. Tuesday---Rainy & cool. I recrossed the river soon this A.M. and breakfasted at A. J. B. Walkers; and at eleven o'clock started down the river on a flat-boat with L. T. Armstrong. We arrived safely at L. W. Oglesby's six miles above Gainsboro, about sunset, and stayed all night.

Dec. 9. Wednesday---Clear & warm. Spent the day with Maj. L. W. Oglesby. Gen. Morgan, who made his escape from the Ohio penitentiary on the night of the 27th ult, is in this vicinity today, on his way to Richmond.

Dec. 10. Thursday---Cloudy & warm. I went this morning to Gainsboro to file a petition for a division of the remaining negroes belonging to the heirs of Wm. Amonett decd. but on account of the dissolution of the County Court I failed to do it. Came back to Oglesby's and spent the night.

Dec. 11. Friday---Cloudy & warm. Left Oglesby's after noon and went to Jasper Brown's, near Celina, and stayed all night.

Dec. 12. Saturday---Cloudy & rainy. Came to Celina this morning and stayed an hour or two, then went out to Isaac Davis' and read two or three hours, came back to Celina and crossed over to Kinderhook.

Dec. 13. Sunday---Warm & rainy. Read the book of II Chronicles & other scriptures. Mrs. Womack returned from Warren in good health, after an absence of two weeks, narrowly escaping the enemy at different points along the way. The intelligence from my people and fellow countrymen in that oppressed section is more cheering than I had expected to receive; but to bear without resentment the cruelty that has been inflicted on my parents by thieves & ruffians, requires more than ordinary forbearance, or could reasonably be expected.

Dec. 14. Monday---Cold, with rain & snow. Read the book of Ezra, and borrowed of Mrs. Amonett \$25.00 C.S. dollars.

Dec. 15. Tuesday---Clear & pleasant. I went over to doctor Shields' and back.

Dec. 16. Wednesday---Warm, with some rain. Passed part of the day reading scriptures. I sold a horse for \$65.00 U.S. Money. Capt. Amonett came home at eleven this P.M.

Dec. 17. Thursday---Blustery, with rain & snow. Went to A. J. B. Walker's to see P. M. Amonett, who fell from a horse this morning and bruised his face very badly. Went for doctor Shields and then returned.

Dec. 18. Friday---Cold & snowing. Began reading Geo. Comb's System of Phenology.

Dec. 19. Saturday---Clear & cold. Spent the day reading. Went to A. J. B. Walker's and stayed all night. Sold a barrel of salt for five dollars per bushel, U.S. money.

Dec. 20. Sunday---Clear & cold. Went to Wm. Walker's and spent the day, and then returned to Kinderhook.
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Dec. 21. Monday---Clear & cold. This morning I started to Warren Co. but on account of doctor Shields not being ready to accompany me I declined going.

I received and read the Message of Gov. Bramlett of Ky. which, in point of sentiment & independence at least, is a narrow, beggarly document.

Dec. 22. Tuesday---Clear & cold. Went today to R. Boman's shop, and thence to old Thos. Davis' and stayed all night.

Dec. 23. Wednesday---Colder, & cloudy. Went again to Boman's shop, where I had my horse shod and returned home.

Dec. 24. Thursday---Clear & cold. Borrowed of A. C. Kirkpatrick \$200.00, two hundred dollars C.S. money, and paid Mr. Sinkhorn \$300.00. Left Celina and went to Livingston and spent the night at doctor Calquett's.

Dec. 25. Friday---Cloudy & cold. We went to Col. P. M. Armstrong's and took dinner, and in the evening went to Monroe, and spent the night with our old grandpa, Landon Armstrong.

Dec. 26. Saturday---Warmer, with showers. Went to Ned culloom's Esqr. to dinner, where we had quite a nice time, and then returned to Landon Armstrong's and spent the night.

Dec. 27. Sunday---Cool & showery. This morning we came back to Livingston and took dinner with doctor Colquet, and afterward went to G. W. H. Butler's and spent the night.

Dec. 28. Monday---Cloudy & cold. Spent the day in Livingston, visiting my friends and relatives. Took dinner with Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Goodbar, and tea with Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Goodpasture. Spent the day very pleasantly.

Dec. 29. Tuesday---Clear & cool. We left Livingston this morning and came to John Barksdale's on Obey's River, and stayed all night. Cannonading down Cumberland river all day.

Dec. 30. Wednesday---Cloudy but pleasant. Left Barksdale's early this morning and went down to the mouth of Mill creek, and after learning that boats were on the river, I went on up to Celina, where they had landed, two in No., about 9 o'clock & then went on up the river. They carried eleven guns.

Dec. 31. Thursday---Changeable. Spent the day at Kinderhook.

Thus ends the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty three; and of American Independence the eighty seventh; and the Great American Rebellion the third.

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