

Civil War Journal of Thomas Hogarth III

Transcription by 2nd Great Granddaughter Denise Hogarth Bumford

Introduction

Civil War Journal 1863

Thomas Hogarth III (1843-1906)

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[Note: About the transcription:

I believe that historic writing is meant to be transcribed exactly as written; however, I have not done that since I wanted it to be easily readable, and the lack of punctuation would leave each entry as a long, run-on of topics. There are surely transcription errors and inconsistencies, which may eventually be corrected by more experienced readers. I'm hopeful an archivist will properly digitize and make available the original document.

The handwriting is a slightly curly script likely common for the period. It is mostly legible and consistent, but missing punctuation so I punctuated as I imagined him speaking it. There are many random capitalizations. Every word beginning with C, I, L or Q is capitalized regardless of where it appears in a sentence. Apparently, there was a convention to use periods with numerals, which he does, and which I sometimes included in transcription. His spellings may follow conventions of the day or poor spelling - "thay" for they, "plane" for plain, "releaved" for relieved. I sometimes corrected these to contemporary spelling. Although his spelling of some words and names varies, he is careful to improve as he learns corrections - "vetrans" becomes veterans, "fateage" becomes fatigue. Today's compound words are written as two words - to day, to night, to morrow. He seems to use "of" interchangeably for of or off, and "to" for to or too, so I made choices from context.

Some of the text represents uncertain, best-guess interpretation of unfamiliar terms or indecipherable writing. Some represents my voice, including added notes. If I looked something or someone up, I may have inserted a link. Some text represents names of the many soldiers mentioned. I gave best guesses on them based on familiarity with his handwriting, majority same spellings of a name, and a few internet searches. These men are indexed in a separate document with corresponding dates to the diary.

His Uncle James' younger brother was Col. George Humphrey, an experienced officer at the start of this war, and Thomas sees him during service in 1863. His teenage sweetheart, Desdemona Wilson, shows up variously as Miss Destimonia Wilson, Miss Desty or sometimes D.W. They married after the war. He has his 20th birthday in March 1863; she's 16 the same month.]

About Thomas Hogarth III:

He was born 1843 in New York City to Margaret Anderson Hogarth and Thomas Hogarth II, a stone cutter. Thomas and Margaret had immigrated from the Scottish Borders area arriving in NY in 1834 together with his parents, Thomas Hogarth I and Jean Stoddart Hogarth, and sisters, Jean and Elizabeth Hogarth. The Hogarth and Stoddart families both originated from

the same village in Scotland. It is not yet known what prompted this family's migration, but Jean Stoddart Hogarth's brother, Robert Stoddart, was well established in New York by the time of their arrival in 1834.

In 1837 Jean Hogarth married another Scottish immigrant, James Humphrey, also a stone cutter, in NYC; and they soon moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where they established themselves as community leaders. Elizabeth Hogarth married an Irishman, Timothy O'Leary, and they lived in New York. Aunt Elizabeth remained in New York until after the war, when she, too, moved to Fort Wayne. At this time there are few records to say what became of Mr. O'Leary.

Both Thomas III's parents had died by the time he was six years old. Thomas and older sister Margaret have not been found in the 1850 census, but it is believed that they lived with Aunt Elizabeth O'Leary in New York. Older sister Jeannetta married Charles Bailey in 1850 at age 16. Margaret married Benjamin Tilton in 1854 at age 18 and moved to Keyport, New Jersey, home of her husband's family. In this journal of 1863 Thomas records correspondence not only with Margaret, but also others in Keyport, indicating that he was acquainted with people in that community.

The July 1860 census finds 17-year-old Thomas in Fort Wayne living with Aunt Jean and Uncle James Humphrey and cousins: Thomas, Matthew, Jean and Agnes

Col. George Humphrey also made his home and raised his family in Fort Wayne. The families lived next door to one another.

In September 1861 in Fort Wayne, the two young cousin Thomases [sic], both 18, both born of Scottish immigrant parents, enlisted in the 30th Indiana Volunteers of the Union Army. This diary tells a small part of that story.

Following the war, Thomas Hogarth became a railroad engineer and lived in Indiana and Ohio prior to retiring in Stuart, Florida around 1900. He died in 1906.

[image: picture of Thomas Hogarth III]

[image: picture of Col. George Humphrey]

Notes on Diary Pages

Transcription

Handwritten on the inside cover:

Ohio

Camp Denison

Feb. 4, 1863 [see footnote below]

Thomas Hogarth

C and E 30th Regiment
Indiana Volunteers
His Book

[footnote: Apparently he copied all Jan entries to this journal from another source since on Feb 4 he records that Uncle James gave him "this book."]

Interior Printed pages include:
"Pocket Diary 1863
Published annually Denton and Wood
Cambridgeport, Mass."

The first pages are Almanac-style tables of assorted helpful information: distances between various cities, postage rates, sun-moon rises, etc. The pocket diary section of the journal is laid out with 3 dated spaces for handwritten entries on each page.

[image: Picture of blank ledger pages from the journal]

At the back of the journal are blank ledger pages where he records a few expenses and notes.

Transcription of the Journal

JOURNAL

[Note: For context Thomas was wounded in the left shoulder Dec 31, 1862 (Battle of Murfreesboro he tells us) and begins the year 1863 in recovery.]

January 1863

Thursday, Jan 1, 1863 - This morning my shoulder feels quite bad. I am at Mrs. Bowers' residence one mile west of Lavergne, Tenn. I get an ambulance and am on my way toward Nashville. I ride to the 16 milestone and I get out and walk and get left behind and go into the 4 Division Hospital and have my arm dressed up.

Fri Jan 2 - Still in hospital 3 miles from Nashville. The doctor takes 4 pieces of bone from the wound that I received at the Battle of Murfreesboro on the 31st of December. Nothing much to eat, put me on sick men's rations. Shoulder hurts quite much indeed. All right other ways.

Sat Jan 3 - Still in hospital, nothing much to eat. 8 men out of the 110 Illinois Regiment in this room sick. The doctor is of the 31 Indiana Regiment. Shoulder hurts as usual. Think of going to Nashville, Tennessee Hospital for better care.

Sun Jan 4 - This morning I get up and get nothing to eat but some coffee, get angry and start for Nashville. On my way I fall in with James Kimberly, Milton Fulton and Dean Slott all setting by a stump. Rest a while with them and then go on to town. 12 o'clock I get to Hospital No. 8. 5 Ward

Mon Jan 5 - Still in Hospital No. 8 Nashville, Tenn. In the afternoon I am moved over in the Rebs [sic] Church. I go in, no fire, quite cold. I have William Wright of the 26th Ill Regiment for a pardner [sic]. Talk of sending us wounded to Louisville, Kentucky, but I cannot say how soon they will do so.

Tue Jan 6 - Still in the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee No .8. Ward .4. There is 3 of the Fort Wayne Battery in this ward sick with a disease of a Luder Matses [sic] Samuel Keelken, William Stenn and Harry I-don't-know-what.

Wed Jan 7 - Still in the Hospital No. 8 ward 4 in the church, take a walk out a little today to go down and see Frank and William Sten and Edward Strack, a corporal in our company. Find them all right ride up with that are up in the Corate House. There is about 300 parrolled [sic] men here taken at Murfreesboro.

Thur [sic] Jan 8 - Still in the same hospital, get up to take another walk out and down a Collage Street down by the Sulfur Springs and back. Hurts me to walk far at a time. Weather fine and nice and warm.

Fri Jan 9 - Weather cold and cloudy with rain. Streets muddy, plenty of soldiers in town. Take our names for to go to Louisville, Kentucky. Albert Knapp is cook in my ward. They take 18 names to go to KY. Raining very bad and hard.

Sat Jan 10 - This morning cloudy and raining a little. Fall into line and march to the lower landing and get on board the Emma Duncan bound for Louisville with wounded soldiers about 300. Gen. Van Cleave [sic] is aboard, wounded in his leg. He is from Minnesota.

Sun Jan 11 - Today we are on the way up the river to Louisville. No more of any account today, only that I have to lay on a hard plank. Louis Straton is on the boat and is wounded. He belongs to the 15th Indiana Regiment. He is wounded in the calf of his leg.

Mon Jan 12 - Pass Clarkville [sic] and another small town today. Night dark. Met the steamer with some .50 Indiana and Illinois ladys [sic] on the way down to tend to the wounded soldiers from their two states.

Tues Jan 13 - Still on the boat Emma Duncan a plying our way towards Louisville. Pass Evensville [sic], Indiana this afternoon. Nothing much to eat or nothing much today on at all.

Wed Jan 14 - Well, still on the boat today, but more prospects of getting off tonight. We arrived at Louisville tonight. As soon as we get to the wharf, they put guards on to keep us on board. Lay on deck all night. Rain all night.

Thur [sic] Jan 15 - This morning the ambulances all come down and we had to get in and be left around to hospitals. I was put in No.10 on street between Handcoxe [sic] and Jackson Streets. Quite sick today, was washed and went to bed and did not get up till 5 days after I had been there, did not eat anything at all.

Fri Jan 16 - Still in the hospital Louisville, KY, No .10. ward .5. bunk .3. Dr. Brown in charge

Sat Jan 17 - Still in the hospital as above. Thomas Humphrey was up and seen me, nothing more of any account happened.

Sun Jan 18 - Still in the hospital Louisville. Bones came from my shoulder today. In Hospital No. 10.

Mon Jan 19 - Nothing of any account today. Thomas came up today. Sargent [sic] Robert Murphy came up today to see me. Christ. Boserrken came up today.

Tues Jan 20 - Nothing new

Wed Jan 21 - Nothing new of any account

Thur [sic] Jan 22 - More bone came from the wound today. They give me some oyster soup today.

Fri Jan 23 - Nothing new today

Sat Jan 24 - They send me to Cincinnati, Ohio on the Gen Buell

Sun Jan 25 - Get to Cincinnati, Ohio at half past fore [sic] o'clock this morning, go up to the Soldiers [sic] home and get our dinner and at 2 o'clock was sent across the river to Covington, Kentucky and I went to Greenup St Hospital right on the bank of the Ohio River

February

Sun February 1 - I was sent across the river and was got onto the cars. In a little while I was in Camp Dennison in a little shanty with .36. beds. Go to bed No .18. Ward .42. I sleep better this night than any since I have been wounded.

Tues Feb 3 - Today is cold. Uncle James Humphrey came down to see me today. I was asleep when he came. I was not expecting him at all today. I am in No. 42 Hospital, Camp Dennison, Ohio. The doctor's name is Cartwright, a young man about 35 years of age. Quite lonesome here.

Wed Feb 4 - I received this book today from my Uncle James H. Camp Dennison, Ohio. Staying here on account of a wound received at the Battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Received on the last day of December 1862, wounded in the left shoulder.

Thurs Feb 5 - Write to Destimonia Wilson Maysville Harlan Post Office, Allen County, Indiana. I wrote to Homer Robinson of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Snowing very hard today. I am in the No. 42. ward in Camp Dennison.

Fri Feb 6 - Wrote to Mr. Stins at Keyport, N.J. and to Mr. John Smith, same plase [sic]. Got my likeness taken today. I received a paper today, the Gazette Cincinnati, Ohio. Clear today. The snow is getting off very fast. Got a pound of butter, beef and soup for dinner today.

Sat Feb 7 - Clear this day. Snow about 8 inches deep and thawing. Received the Cincinnati. No letters today. Still in Camp Dennison 18 miles from the city of Cincinnati. I went up to depot and got some oysters stewed. Looking for a letter from home now every day.

Sun Feb 8 - Today is pleasant. In Hospital No. 42 Camp Dennison, Ohio. I write to Frank Stin direct to Camp Chase, Ohio. I wrote to Minnie Fisher last night. No letters received yet. Went up to the depot to get some oysters. No mail today.

Mon Feb 9 - This morning cloudy and warm, Got sore hands, looking for letters today from the hospital at Covington, Kentucky. I have written about 25 letters since I have been wounded. There is four or five of the 88th Regiment Indiana Vols in this ward.

Tue Feb 10 - Today is pleasant, sun remaining all day. Got a letter from New York from Aunty. All well.

Wed Feb 11 - Today still in Camp Dennison, Ohio. Received a letter from Fort Wayne, Indiana, Uncle James. Joseph Rice resigned his commission.

Thur [sic] Feb 12 - Today I write to Colonel Dodge. Raining hard today awfull [sic] muddy In Camp Dennison, Ohio. Expect a letter today. Looking for a box of good things to eat from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Send a likeness to New York City to Aunty Elizabeth Leary 194 Madison Street, New York.

Fri Feb 13 - Cloudy today, look for a box and a letter too. Nothing more of any account has happened today

Sat Feb 14 - Weather clear and warm with some wind. Received a letter today from my sister, Margretta Tilton. Write back to her today again wound recovering slowly and healing up fast. No letter from the Regt yet but expecting one

Sun Feb 15 - Clear today and warm and pleasant. Still in Camp Dennison, Ohio. Wrote to Thomas Humphry at Louisville, Kentucky.

Mon Feb 16 - Weather clear and warm. The doctor takes the names of a number to go to their regiments and go tomorrow morning on the 10 o'clock train. Rain tonight.

Tue Feb 17 - Today is cloudy and unpleasant, awful muddy. Rain today. Wrote to Sergeant Jones today, me and Samuel Shain of Co. E. 30th Regiment.

Wed Feb 18 - Today rainy and cool. Got a letter from Mr. Dick Ivins, from Keyport, Monmouth County, New Jersey. Still in Camp Dennison, Ohio. Wrote a letter to James Ivins in the 48th Regiment New York Vol, Fort Tilaski [sic] Georgia.

Thu Feb 19 - This morning cloudy and raining, chilly. Received. expecting a box today. Samuel Shain enlists on a gun boat out Co. E. 30th Regiment Indiana Vols now at Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Fri Feb 20 - Received a letter from John C. Smith, Keyport, Monmouth Cty. [sic], New Jersey, write one back to him.

Sat Feb 21 - Weather clear and pleasant and a little cool. Received a letter from Aunty Elizabeth and from Cousin Thomas Humphrey in Louisville, Kentucky barrack No. one. Nothing new. The doctor will not let me go to my regiment until it heals up completely. Expect a box today from Fort Wayne.

Sun Feb 22 - Last night there was five ladies came in to sing to the sick soldiers some songs and we enjoyed ourselves very much. It is snowing very hard today. Wrote to my Uncle James Humphrey Fort Wayne Allen County Indiana

Mon Feb 23 - This morning clear and cool. Received a letter from Agness Brown Fort Wayne. Awful lonesome in Camp Dennison, Ohio. Wrote back to them today.

Tue Feb 24 - Weather clear and warm. Received a letter from Thomas Humphrey in Louisville, Kentucky. Write to Aunty Elizabeth

Wed Feb 25 - Weather clear and pleasant. Receive a letter from Destimonia W. Expect a box from home today and it came tonight, one shirt, two papers, two cans of apples stewed.

Thur [sic] Feb 26 - Today weather cloudy and warm, Received two letters, one from Thomas Humphrey and one from Uncle James. Wrote back to them.

Fri Feb 27 - The weather pleasant and warm. Receive my Descriptive Roll from Colonel Dodge Murfreesboro, Tenn. Got a letter from my sister Margretta Tilton Keyport Monmouth County New Jersey

Sat Feb 28 - This is the last day of this month. Received a paper from New Jersey and the Cincinnati. Wrote to sister Margaret Tilton. Took a walk this afternoon up on the hill and seen two tubs set to catch sugar water to make molasses. Went up to draw some clothes and I could not.

March

Sun MARCH 1 - Rainy today. The brass band played this afternoon.

Mon Mar 2 - Clear today, quite cool. Tried to go to my regiment at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, but they would not let me go there was nothing Pieces of bone came from my wound this morning. Received a paper from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tue Mar 3 - Weather cloudy and snowing and raining. Snowed about 2 inch deep, quite cold this morning. Received the Cincinnati Gazette. Nothing more of any account. Write to Sergeant Jones. Me and Samuel Shain of my company was wounded in the cheek at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Wed Mar 4 - Today is pleasant and warm. Received a letter from Miss Desti Wilson Fort Wayne Indiana. Received the Cincinnati Gazette this morning.

Thu Mar 5 - Weather clear and cool. Received 3 letters one from Homer Robinson, James Humphrey and the Ederten [sic] of the Cincinnati Gazette. Write to Uncle James. Had a oyster supper at the ward. Two ladies was there Mrs. Deaters and Mrs. Teters.

Fri Mar 6 - The weather cloudy and raining a little. Wrote a letter to Uncle.

Sat Mar 7 - Weather raining and snowing, all slush under foot. Received the Cincinnati Gazette this morning. No letters today. Expect to start to my regiment on Monday next.

Sun Mar 8 - Weather cloudy today. Put my name down to go to my regiment, me and Sam Shain.

Mon Mar 9 - Go up to Headquarters and they call my name to go to my Regt. Get on the 10 o'clock train and start for Cincinnati, Ohio. Get there and we have our dinners, a good one too. Expect to start to Murfreesboro tomorrow morning at the Soldiers' Home Cincinnati. Go down on the boat but did not keep on it so came back.

Tue Mar 10 - This morning clear but cold. Still at the Soldiers' Home Cincinnati.

Wed Mar 11 - Leave Cincinnati, Ohio on one way to Louisville, Kentucky. Current with us on the river. We are on the Steamer Goldenean.

Thu Mar 12 - We arrive at Louisville this morning. Lay up until 10 o'clock today. Weather clear and cold, wind very high. Start, pass New Albany, Portland.

Fri Mar 13 - On our way this morning, pass a steamer making its way to Louisville with sick and wounded soldiers. Get to Smithland tonight.

Sat Mar 14 - Start at daylight and get to Fort Donelson today. Lay up till 8 o'clock and start on again towards Clarksville, Tennessee. Get to that place at 4 o'clock today. Lay there all night, get off and take a walk. The 102 Ohio Regiment here doing guard duty. Lay here till morning .4. o'clock.

Sun Mar 15 - This morning clear and warm, start to Nashville at 4 o'clock this morning. Swift current against us all the way. Tomorrow I will be 20 years old. Will get to Nashville, Tennessee this afternoon.

Mon Mar 16 - In Nashville today roaming around the streets waiting for transportation to my regiment at Murfreesboro.

Tue Mar 17 - Came to the Regt today. They are encamped in the breastworks [sic] at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Wrote to the ward master at Camp Dennison, Ohio and to Uncle James Humphrey. Went over and seen Col. Humphrey of the 88th Indiana Volunteers at this place just across the stream.

Wed Mar 18 - Nothing to do today chare [sic] Me and Thomas Humphrey went out on the battlefield where I was wounded. Get back, write a letter to sister Jennette. I am 5th Sergeant of Company E.

Thu Mar 19 - The company goes out on the fortification to work. Wrote to Destimonia today.

Fri Mar 20 - The weather cloudy and cool. The Brigade goes out on general review. Nothing much of any account. Chas M Jones is our 1st Lieut [sic] and George Murphy Second Lieut., Wheeler Orderly Sergeant. Go over and see Homer Robinson, 72 Regiment Indiana Volunteers.

Sat Mar 21 - This morning cloudy and cool. Heavy firing on the right wing. Nothing much of any account.

Sun Mar 22 - Today me and James gets a pass and goes up to the place called Lavergne, 10 miles. Start from Murfreesboro at 2 o'clock and get there at 3 o'clock. Come back tonight on the 10 o'clock train.

Mon Mar 23 - A little rainy today. Tonight we go up to Capt [sic] Whilken quarters and get examined, all the sergeants of Comp. E. 30th Regt.

Tue Mar 24 - This morning still raining. Company drill, the right wing goes on the breastworks this morning and the left wing goes out in the afternoon.

Wed Mar 25 - This morning rainy, clears off about 9 o'clock in the morning. The boys goes out to work on the breastworks. Wind is blowing a little get on a little space.

Tonight I get my papers as sergeant today, fifth sergeant Company E. 30th Regt. Ind. Vols.

Thu Mar 26 - This morning is clear and pleasant. The right wing goes out on the works this morning and the left wing goes out this afternoon. Lieut [sic] George Murphy takes the company out on company drill. I am on the Roll of Honor to be mounted to get the revolving rifles. Feel all right this morning, My wound hurts a little.

Fri Mar 27 - Clear and pleasant this morning. The boys has gone out to work on the breastworks. Rain this afternoon.

Sat Mar 28 - Muddy and cloudy this morning. Company drill Lieut [sic] Murphy drill them. Awful loud thunder last night.

Sun Mar 29 -

Mon Mar 30 - Cloudy and rain today. We get our new regimental flags. The whole regiment goes out to work on the Breastworks. Got a letter from George Atchins Co. H 10th Indiana Volunteers camped at Stewart Creek, Tennessee.

Tue Mar 31 - The sun comes out today, but the wind is high. Homer Robinson comes over

to see us Company E. He is on Gen Renalds [sic] staff orderly. The boys is out on the works today. Still camped at the fortifications Murfreesboro, Tenn.

April

Wed April 1 – [Note: Fragment of poetry found printed in “Ballou’s Dollar Monthly Magazine” 1863, a sort of Reader’s Digest collection of literary items. Thomas apparently copied a few lines. Ballou's Dollar Monthly Magazine Jan-Jul 1863]

I think of thee at evening time
When all beside is still
And silvery tinted moonbeams dance
Upon the rippling mill
I hear thy voice - thy low sad tone
Thy sweet young smile I see
My soul is filled with melody
With thoughts sweet girl of thee

Fri Apr 3

[Note: The following song lyric is written on the page for the next 3 days’ entries, followed by no entries for the subsequent 3 days. There are many references to this online. “NOTES [399 words]: This is widely believed to be the most popular of the war songs (at least among Union troops)” <http://www.fresnostate.edu/folklore/ballads/SCW42.html>]

Sat Apr 4 - Weeping sad and lonely
Dearest Love do you remember
When we last did meet
There you told me that you loved me
Kneeling at my feet.
Oh how proud you stood before me
In your suit of blues
When you vowed to me and your
Country ever to prove true

Fri Apr 5 - Weeping sad and lonely
Hopes and fears how vain
Get praying
When this cruel war is over
Praying that we meet again

[Note: Then written sideways across the page:]

“Written to me by Miss Desty A Wilson, Maysville Harlan Post Office, Allen County Indiana

Written down here on the 13th day of November White Sides Depot, Ten 1863"

When the summer breezes is sighing
Mournfully along
Or when Autumn leaves are fallen
Sadly breathes the song
Oft in dreams I see thee lying
On the battle plain
Lonely wounded ever dying
Calling but in vain

Next entry:

Fri Apr 10 - The Daughter's Appeal
Save us Father from the Tempter
And his clear seductive charms
Save us if you would not have us
Rushing to big negroes [sic] arms
For our hearts are very yielding
And ourselves we dare not trust
With the dear sweet darkies near us
We must love them, aye we must.

(Sat Apr 11)

They are beauties all remembered
In their kinky oily hair
And a sweetly scented odor
All around them fills the air
Drive them, Father, drive them from us
For our hearts do hold them dear
And will never cease to love them
While their presence lingers near

(Sun Apr 12)

Can we, Father, e're [sic] resist them
With the charms they possess
While their rolling eyes are telling
Movingly their dark distress
And while their lips are pleading
Eloquently to be kissed
Can you think Van leindig hanner

That your daughters will resist

Written for the Fort Wayne Gazette

Note: Did not find this in the FWG or any other source]

Mon Apr 13 - Receive a letter from Destimonia Wilson and answer it today. Am looking for a letter from Camp Dennison and one from Fort Wayne.

Tue Apr 14 - We signed the pay roll this morning, expect to get our pay soon. Rain today

Sat Apr 18 - Expect to get our pay tomorrow. The pay master is paying the 78 Illinois Regiment. They are in this brigade. There is 12 months due me now, 168. The weather is very warm today,

Sun Apr 19 - Received our pay today. I drewed [sic] 10 months pay today \$121 dollars.

Mon Apr 27 - Expressed \$40 to James Humphrey by Adam Ex Company

Thu Apr 30 - Today was set apart for fast and prayers by order of Major General Rosecrans

May

Fri May 1 - Suppose in riding through the west a stranger found a Voosers nest, in other words a Buck eye Cabin just learge [sic] enough to hold Queen Mabin. Its situation was low and airy on the border of a prairie

(Rough excerpt of a long form poem) The Hoosier's Nest

Thu May 7 - I think of thee at peep of morn

When slumber quits the soldier's bed

And clanging horn and beating drum

Announces the weary watch hour sped

Sun May 10 - Received my sister's likeness today. Write back to her. Received a letter from Frank Stin today.

"The Soldier's Grave" Found in print here Nov 1863 The Soldier's Grave

Sat May 16 - Oh hear you that music so mournful and low

As it wails on the banks of the Shenandoah

And see you that sorrowful funeral train

Round the grave of the warrior who in battle was slain

They dug him a grave full deep and wide

In the flowery dell of the Shenandoah side

With the flag of his country wrapped around his bold form

He sleeps undisturbed by the battle's loud storm

He has fought his last battle O disturb not rest
Of freedom's proud sons he was bravest and best
A nation shall weep for the loss of her brave
Defender who feared not her foes or the grave

Mon May 18 - His mother or sister or wife will not know
Where the dear one lies sleeping by the dark Shenandoah
No mother or sister or wife will ere weep
Ore [sic] the grave where the loved one so calmly doth sleep

Sun May 31 - Frank Stin returned today, looks well and hearty at present. Goes to cooking for Jones and Murphy Company E 30th Regiment Indiana Vols. Camp near Murfreesboro, Tenn. Expect to get our pay soon now.

June
Mon June 1 -

Tue Jun 2 - Lieut [sic] C. M. Jones hands in his resignation

Wed Jun 3 - Got orders to cook 7 days rations and be ready to march at a moment's notice, 3 days' rations in haversack and four in knapsack.

Thu Jun 4 - Regiment out of fortifications, some signs of marching soon. Speech by Governor Williams of Indiana, fighting out on our front. Fight at Franklin, Tennessee today Forrest the Rebel General made the attack on our men. We whipped them and lost 78 all together [sic].

Fri Jun 5 - This morning cloudy with a little rain. Regiment at work on the fortifications. Get lost thought?

Sat Jun 6 - Clear today, get a pass and go to the 88th Regiment Indiana Vols. Get two letters today, one from Uncle James and one from William Blyler of Chicago, Illinois. No dress parade tonight, Governor Williams speaks at the 88 tonight.

Sun Jun 7 - Took a walk over to the battle field today me, Frank Stin, Benjamin Blyler, Sergt. [sic] Fulton, James Boyd, get plenty of mulberries to eat. William Stin and Josh Kelly came from Indiana fli [sic] this morning. Cloudy today. Talk about going to the front to drill and do picket duty too.

Mon Jun 8 - Clear today. The regiment drills today. Received two letters from Miss Wilson.

Want me to take the flag to carry now, but I don't know whether I shall or not now. Go out on dress parade tonight, stars and stripes long may they wave over the land of the free and the brave.

Tue Jun 9 - Nice and clear this morning. Expect to draw our pay soon. Company drill today, two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon. Had to put our extra tents out of sight of the Inspecting Officer until the inspecting is over all together. Then we will fetch them back. Received two letters from Miss Destimonia Wilson

Wed Jun 10 - Weather cloudy and rain today. Expect our pay this afternoon. The first drill that I have been on since the 31st day of December 1862 at Stones River. Expect our pay tomorrow, two months of pay.

Thu Jun 11 - Started to go out on regimental drill and return to camp and draw our pay. Rain today. Get a pass and go down town, me and Willie Stin, buy a pair of shoes, pay six dollars for them. Write to Miss Destimonia Wilson, Fort Wayne Allen County Indiana

Fri Jun 12 - Weather clear and warm. Regimental drill this morning. Drill in the afternoon. Regt go to the Negro show shown by the soldiers of the 3 Brigade 2 Division. McCooks' [sic] Corps done very well for soldiers in the woods.

Sat Jun 13 - Regimental drill this morning, get a pass, go down and get a likeness, send it to Miss Destimonia Wilson Lieut. C.M. Jones receives his papers to leave the service. Dress parade this afternoon.

Sun Jun 14 - Clear and warm this morning. Inspection this morning of the company, a slight headache this morning. Go outside the picket to see the battle field. Go to Mrs. Hickersons, get a note to Carrie [sic] to Lieut. Charles C. Short 37 Indiana Vols. Received a paper from sister Margaret. Get a letter from Atchison of Ind

Mon Jun 15 - The regiment got out on detail picket duty this morning. Rained last night and clear this morning, little muddy. Lieut. G.E. Murphy in command of Company E 30th Regiment Ind Vols. Seen Miss Larra Smith and her sister Albon at Mr. Dickerson's 6 miles from camp Murfreesboro, Tenn [sic] got our dinner at Mrs. Dickerson's house yesterday.

Tue Jun 16 - Regimental drill this morning, Brigade in this afternoon. Go down town today. Chales Jones starts for home today.

Wed Jun 17 Regimental drill and Brigade drill. Weather very warm. prospect of a fight at Antiatham [sic].

Thu Jun 18 - Weather clear and very warm. Regimental drill in the morning. Receive a letter from Uncle James Humphrey by Jeff Hansen of our regiment.

Fri Jun 19 - Battalion drill this afternoon, brigade drill this afternoon, come in at dark.

Sat Jun 20 - Get a pass and go over to 88th Ind Vols. See a man shot for desertion. He belonged to the Fourth Ind Batt., Capt [sic] Bush's battery. Go and see Homer Robinson at Gen Randolph's quarters. Get our dinner down town, me and Thomas, Hogarth and Humphrey.

Sun Jun 21 - Today clear and warm. Today go out with the team and out ten miles from Murfreesboro, Tenn. Seen about 15 young ladies. Got the wagons loaded with Grass and returned to camp. The 124th Ohio Regiment came over from the Franklin Pike today to Murfreesboro, Tenn. Received my sister's picture today from Ft. Wayne.

Mon Jun 22 - Clear and warm today. Regiment goes out on regimental drill this morning. Hubb carries the flag out. I was a drilling some of Company E the bayonet exercise.

Tue Jun 23 - Weather clear and pleasant. Regimental drill this morning, no drill in the afternoon. Got orders to fix for a march. All the sick go to hospital E H Gelkins, Samuel Shane, William Stin, James S. Kleinbert

Wed Jun 24 - Left Murfreesboro this morning on the Shelbyville Pike, marched 6 miles, turned off and took a lane across the country to Liberty Gap. Fall in with Rebels, capture two of Fifth Arkansas Rangers. Gen Willich is in the advance.

Thu Jun 25 - The left wing goes out this morning on picket. We are 14 miles from Shelbyville, Tenn. Our brigade got in a fight today. Col. Miller gets wounded in the left eye. He was in command of the brigade. A cannon ball came within two yards of taking me and the flag

Fri Jun 26 - Still raining. Our company comes in off picket and get something to eat, formed brigade, laid down to rest. Rained a little

Sat Jun 27 - Clear this morning. Started and marched 15 miles to Manchester Pike. We encamp 13 miles from Manchester, Tenn. receive 3 letters.

Sun Jun 28 - 13 miles from Manchester. General Thomas is in our front march. All the wagons is ahead of us. Go very slow, march all night. Camp 3 o'clock this morning. About 75 men came up with the regiment.

Mon Jun 29 - Get up, march about 3 quarters of a mile and camp again, but I do not know how long. Colonel Dodge returns to command this brigade. Brought me a commission as Second Lieut. And George Murphy First Lieut. Kimberly gone to Nashville, Tennessee.

Tue Jun 30 - Clear this morning. Roads very muddy and hard to travel. General Dodge sent a note around praising the Second Brigade. He takes command of the brigade. Col. Rose had command, received orders to go to Murfreesboro as train guard. Starts off the afternoon march 6 miles.

July

Wed July 1 - Clear today, march about 8 miles and camp. Go on picket, nothing much to eat. 3 miles from Bradysville [sic] and stake the pike in that place.

Thu Jul 2 - Start on and march to the pike, get in the wagon and ride to Murfreesboro and get there about four o'clock, encamp right on the ground on the 52nd Indiana's old camp most starved to death, get something to eat and go to sleep.

Fri Jul 3 - At Murfreesboro this morning, rain this morning. Lieut [sic] Murphy gone to town. Orderly Wheeler gone to town. Me in command of the Company. Waiting to return to man Chester [sic] with Grub, Lieut [sic] Murphy gets into a fight with some of the 10th Ohio Regt while down town.

Sat Jul 4 - Still at Murfreesboro waiting for the train to receive its load so that we can start back. They [sic] fire guns here today. Grant takes Vicksburg today. 20,000 prisoners taken too.

Sun Jul Jul [sic] 5 - We march toward Shelbyville this morning, arrive at that place about dark, rain tonight. The people seem to be good Union all along this road by the flags hanging out at each house.

[Note: On blank pages at the back of the journal are these dated notes:]

July 5, 1863 Left Murfreesboro this morning about 2 o'clock and marched to Shelbyville distance .25 miles. Rain this afternoon. Sunday all the darkies dressed up to kill. Lay all night at Shelbyville.

Mon Jul 6 - March again this morning in a northeasterly direction towards Wartrace 11 miles from Shelbyville. Get to Wartrace about 6 o'clock. The 92nd, 115th, 96th Ill Regt and 40 Ohio staying at this place.

Tue Jul 7 - March again this morning and go 4 miles and cross Duck River and camp on the bank. Go in a swimming and Olvine came very near drowning [sic]. Plenty of pork and

mutton around and I don't think of starving.

[Note: Also in back dated 7/7:]

Start to march at about 7 o'clock, keep the railroad a short distance, turn off and get to Duck River 4 miles from Wartrace. 8 miles from Tullahoma. Rain this afternoon. Get on the 39 Ind Vols horses and ride over the river. Camp up on the bank of the stream.

Wed Jul 8 - Move on towards Tullahoma, go about 4 miles, have a hard time getting up it. Get up and march about one mile and the left wing of the 30th goes ahead and makes roads along and I stay with the guns all night.

[Note: Also in back dated 7/8:]

Cloudy and a little rainy today. Move out this morning. Cross a stream about 4 times, good water all along the road. Come to a hill, send down teams a different road and we take the hill. Awful muddie [sic]. Send the 30th Regiment ahead to make roads for the wagons. I stay with the guns. Me and Nickolas Dering start on and go about 200 yards and stop for the night.

Thu Jul 9 - Stay until about 2 o'clock, move out and have very hard times getting along with the wagons. Reach train about half past 9 o'clock. In the morning I find the left 30th in a clearing up a camp. The right wing gets up about noon all right. Send 395 Secesh up to Camp Chase. [Note: Camp Chase now a Confederate Cem. [sic]]

Fri Jul 10 - Stay in camp at Tullahoma, Tenn. Nothing much going on. I am detailed to report with twenty men, 10 with guns and 10 with axes. Report to Lieut [sic] Baker, Post Quartermaster. Write a letter to Desty Wilson, write to Jennetta Bailey, write to John Smith Keysport.

Sat Jul 11 - Go out two miles and cut wood for the locomotive. 20 men, put 10 men on picket and set the rest at work a chopping wood. Order for all men that is not mustered into service must return to rank again, that is them that has received commission and not mustered in.

Sun Jul 12 - Some signs of rain today. Some of our men goes out on picket detail about one mile from camp.

Mon Jul 13 - Cloudy and rainy today, another picket detail today Lieut [sic] George Murphy, Lieut [sic] Eckley and Lieut [sic] Phillips of Co. D. Rain most all day. Get a woman to hem my pocket handkerchief.

Tue Jul 14 - Another detail today for picket. Rain today. Orderly Wheeler takes a contract to supply the table with Lieut [sic] Murphy.

Wed Jul 15 - Weather clear and warm. Look for a letter today. George Murphy talk of Resigning soon, but I don't think he means it at all. He seems to be getting sick of the service. Wrote a letter to Aunt Elizabeth, New York City, 194 Maddison Street, East River. In camp at Tullahoma, Tenn [sic], 70 miles from Nashville.

Thu Jul 16 - Misty and cloudy most all day today. On picket at the east corner of the Reble [sic] fort at Tullahoma. In a Hollow received news of Port Hudson's fall by Banks. 7,000 prisners [sic] 25 pieces of Art. One 30th Indiana Capt. John Thompson and myself made this post.

Fri Jul 17 - Get relieved this morning about half past 8 o'clock by detail from the 30th Ind Vols Lieut [sic] Phillips and Lieut [sic] Lash of Company H 30th Ind Vols. Expect a letter today.

Sat Jul 18 - Clear and warm today. Get up and go outside the picket with 15 men out of Co. E. H Co. to pick Berries, get back about noon all pails full so was out on the McMinnville Railroad. Private Albert Knapp returned to his company today, looks well and fat enough to make a good soldier. Received a letter from Mr. Henton.

Sun Jul 19 - Cloudy but warm. Lieut [sic] Murphy goes on picket today. Still lay at Tullahoma, Tennessee. Same Heck [sic] now about one week. Mon we draw our pay today 54 dollars paid to me. I go out and relieve the Lieut [sic] while he comes in and draws his pay. Plenty whisky afloat today on the picket line and the men in camp. I received a letter from Miss Agness Brown.

Mon Jul 20 - Clear and pleasant this morning. I write to Miss Destimonia Wilson. Lieut [sic] George Murphy comes in off picket relieved. Paid 10 ten dollars for a fine pair of boots and socks. A great many men drunk today. Built a Brush arber [sic] to our tent today and makes it quite comfortable now. Someone stold [sic] one pound of candles and one pie today from us.

Tue Jul 21 - Lieut [sic] George E Murphy officer of the day. Little rainy this morning. I am on picket today at Tullahoma, Tenn [sic] Station No. 2 33 men, 8 noncommissioned and fifteen Commissioned Officers, Capt. J W Whittaker Co. D and myself on this post. Clears up this afternoon. Rec 3 letters, two from Uncle James H and one from Miss Desty Wilson.

Wed Jul 22 - Cloudy and fogs a little. We get relieved this morning by Captain Lawton and Lieut [sic] Lash, Co. F 30th Ind Vols. Major Fitzimmons [sic] Officer of the Day. Our sutler rec'd some Bloomingdale Beer and the boys all feel frisky enough tonight. I rec'd two letters

from Miss Wilson and one from John C. Smith Keyport Monmouth Co. New Jersey. Write to Miss Brown.

Thu Jul 23 - Clear this morning. Get up at roll call. Lieut [sic] McPreston Co. G Officer of the Day. In camp men police up their quarters this morning. Our sutler L.M. Bowser has plenty of beer to sell. Talk of moving toward Chattanooga. Regimental inspection by Lieut. Co. Hurd. Commanding Regiment reported that Morgan was Captained up in Kentucky by Gen Hobson.

Fri Jul 24 - most a splendid morning. Four men and a Corporal goes out on picket out Co. E. -my heart for love is beating-
Wrote a letter to Chas Bailey last night. We are still at Tullahoma, Tennessee find a dilisious [sic] spring and me and Orderly Wheeler takes a good wash off. Plenty of beer agoing [sic] tonight. Boys feels quite good. Sent up a paper for liefie [sic] of absents [sic] 72 hours.

Sat Jul 25 - Cloudy and rainy today. Lieut [sic] Murphy and Lieut [sic] Chance of Co. K goes on picket this morning. Expect a letter soon. My furlough comes to me while asleep and I don't look at it and get on the train and when we get to Normandy Station I look at my pass and find it disapproved. I do not know what to do so I goes on up to Murfreesboro and stay all night.

Note: Written sideways in the margin across other text] Sutler of the 24th Wilson stayed here all night. Had fun.

Sun Jul 26 - Get up this morning about five o'clock, go down and take a walk about town. The name of the lady where I stayed was McDonald, learge [sic] white house Murfreesboro, Tenn. I hardly know what to do with myself. I get on the first freight train and come through to Tullahoma 40 miles from Murfreesboro, get to camp all right.

Mon Jul 27 - Clear and pleasant. Camp cleaned up right nice today. I go to sleep and sleep very near 4 hours. Expect a letter and likeness today. They say it is no use to bye [sic] clothing until I am mustered as 2nd Lieut. Plenty of beer around again today. The drafted men goes [sic] home tomorrow. They are mighty glad of it too.

Tue Jul 28 - Weather clear and warm. Roll call at 5 o'clock, inspection of the company by Lieut. Murphy. Capt. Thompson gets a pass to go out Black Berrying but did not go out. Lieut [sic] Murphy goes off on horse back with Lieut [sic] Williams of Co. B 30. I have to attend Regimental inspections. We was inspected by Lieut [sic] Davis of the 77 Regt Penn Vols.

Wed Jul 29 - Go on picket this morning me and Capt [sic] Whittaker on post number two 35 men 8 non Commission officers. Weather clear and warm. Still in camp at the train Tullahoma, Tenn. Some talk of going to Normandy, a station 8 miles from Tullahoma. Talk of keeping us on 48 hours. Received a letter from James Kimberly and Uncle James.

Thu Jul 30 - Weather clear and pleasant with some wind. Relieved by Lieutenant Nelson Borden and William do not relieve the boys at all this morning. Have to stand 24 hours more they [sic] are quite mad. It rains very hard this afternoon. Write to Uncle James, Kimberly and Agnes H

Fri Jul 31 - Clear and pleasant with some wind. The Regiment gets relieved by the 78th Regt. Ill Volunteers. Draw clothing today draw one hat \$1.68 one pair pants \$3.55 pair sock 32 Cts. [sic] Lieut [sic] Murphy gone out into the Counties with Lieut [sic] Williams Co. B 30th Ind Vols.

August

Sat August 1 - Clear and pleasant this morning. Regt was inspected by the Colonel. Still in camp at Tullahoma Tenn [sic] .70. miles from Nashville. A greate [sic] many enlisting for three years or the war. Rain this afternoon, go downtown this afternoon. Aidjunt [sic] takes the date of my commission. I don't know what it was for though.

Sun Aug 2 - Clear and most awful warm today. There is 50 men and two Officers. I get a pass and got out a Berrying. Lieutenant Bar and myself go out the railroad 3 miles and turn off through the country, found a fine spring of Dilisous [sic] water go to swim Guns 4 miles from Tullahoma. Go in and find 3 girls a berrying. I help them but they will use that darn snuff smoke it like the Devil

Mon Aug 3 - Corporal Samuel Shane returns. Get up this morning feel quite well. Have drill today. Company drill from (7) until 10 o'clock in the morning Company Drill from (4) until (.6) I drill the company. Lieut [sic] Murphy making out returns for last month. Receive Miss Desty W photograph today. Looks very much like her Indeed. Write to her Innetusin [sic] today.

Tue Aug 4 - Clear and warm. The Regt goes out on picket today. I am on post number five with Lieut [sic] McPreston Co. G 30th Ind. I receive Sister Lizzes [sic] photograph while on picket, most awful warm, no shade at all. Second Lieut [sic] Col Hurd Officer of the Day came around twice to inspect the line. Gen Johnson came around the entire line. Nothing more of any account.

Wed Aug 5 - Warm and the 29th Indiana Volunteers relieves us this morning. Get into camp quite tired out. Expect a letter today. Again rain this afternoon. Quite hard. Mail train did not come in until 3 o'clock this afternoon being thrown off the track by something or other.

Murphy gets on a drunk today and talks something we are that I don't like much, but I have to take it not being mustered in.

Thu Aug 6 - Clear warm and we have to drill twice a day, Company drill from .7. to .9. o'clock in the morning Company drill in the afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock. Lieutenant Murphy drills the company today, drill skirmish. Receive a letter from John B. Smith 19 U.S. Inftry [sic] today. I sat a part for fasting and prayer. Received notice to be ready for marching orders at any moment.

Fri Aug 7 - Clear and warm today. Nothing going on today. Marching orders be ready at any moment to move. Company drill this afternoon from four till (6) six o'clock. Lieutenant Murphy drills the company. Dress parade tonight. Col. Hurd in command. He inspect the regt [sic] tomorrow at 9 o'clock. Pleasant evening this take a smoke and have a little chatt [sic] with Peter Ednell and Thomas Humphrey.

Sat Aug 8 - Clear and pleasant with a fine wind a blowing from the southwest. Drill this morning. I drill the company. Lieutenant George Murphy Officer of the Day in camp. Serg. [sic] Thomas Humphrey is up to Division Headquarters on a witness base. Regimental inspection by Col Hurd 30th Indiana Volunteers. Skirmish drill this afternoon by Lieut [sic] Murphy. Dress parade tonight. I take the company out tonight.

Sun Aug 9 - Regiment goes out on picket today, weather clear and warm. Orderly Wheeler goes out in the country on horseback. Says that off [sic] all the girls he every [sic] saw thay [sic] beat the girls of Baltimore. In this country. Lieut [sic] Murphy is on picket today. I am not on today. George is on Post No. 5. Captain John Thompson Co. K is in command. There is a fire in town tonight. A hotel.

Mon Aug 10 - Weather clear and warm. Regt comes in off picket about 8 o'clock, nothing new this morning. Write to Agness Brown today. Thomas Humphrey on that witness case this morning, receive a letter from Willie Stin and Uncle Humphrey. Both well. The guard takes a man out of Company A 30th, puts hand cuffs on him and took him off to Indianapolis to be tryed [sic] for the murder of his father-in-law about two years ago. I suppose that he will have to swing yet.

Tue Aug 11 - Weather clear and most awful warm. Thay [sic] detail five men for forage guard and four men for picket with the 79th Illinois Regiment so we will not have battalion drill today. Had some great peaches to eat today. Expect a letter today. Received one from Mr. John B. Smith 19th Regulars. In hospital at Nashville for other duty. They detail four men and they go guard, nothing more of any account.

Wed Aug 12 - Weather clear and warm. Go and get some green brush fix up my house a little. Drill this morning with 15 men in the Company, Drill Skirmish all together now the drill in the afternoon with 18 men drill skirmish. Get a letter from Mr. John C. Smith from Keyport Monmouth County NJ. I drill the company and take it out on dress parade tonight.

Thu Aug 13 - Clear and warm this morning. Drill this morning by Lieutenant Murphy. Rains a little this afternoon. Write to Sergt. [sic] George W. Humphrey .207th New York Vols Washington D.C. Skirmish drill this afternoon, dress parade tonight. The Adjutant reads the sentence of one John Wood of the 77th Pennsylvania Volunteers to be shot to death but was set [illegible] with 12 dollars from [illegible] Stopped on each [illegible] 12 months only one dollar ea [sic] month for going to sleep on his post while on picket.

[image: Photo of a page from the Journal]

Fri Aug 14 - Clear and warm this morning. Regiment goes out on picket today. I am on Post No. 4. Lieutenant William Culbertson on this station with me. The 40th Ohio lays on the outside of us. Lieut [sic] Murphy in camp today. We are still at Tullahoma, Tennessee. Plenty of pies and peaches and apples and cakes at the picket lines. I stand the first post of the night. Rain this afternoon.

Sat Aug 15 - Clear this morning. Get relieved by the 29th Ind Vols. Get into camp at 9 o'clock. Very warm this morning. The Brigade Surgeon inspects the Regt. quarters. Reports them the dirtiest quarters in the division. No drill today. Dress parade tonight. Nothing much of any account else. Write to Sebastian Keller Fort Wayne, Indiana. Expect a letter tomorrow. Sertain [sic] shure [sic] my heart for love is beating.

Sun Aug 16 - This sabbath morning and still at the Gearte [sic] city Tullahoma, Tenn. 29th Division Gen Johnson is in command of the rest of our camp. Is at Winchester, Decherd, Tenn [sic] and Stevenson Alabama. Company inspections this morning. The 30th Indiana is in as good trim now as ever they was. I think they can not be beat much on clean guns. Start and march 7 miles tonight and camp on the bank of Elk River tonight.

Mon Aug 17 - Start at three o'clock this morning, are the 4th Regiment from the right of the Brigade. Some very near being fine country about here, awful warm, most awful muddie [sic] fare through Winchester this morning. March five miles and camp and stop for the night. Lieut [sic] Murphy on picket tonight. Plenty corn and peaches. Boys straggled very much today about 40 men stacked guns when the regiment comes up.

Tues Aug 18 - Start out this morning and are on our way towards Salem and very warm. Stop at a creek one mile from Salem and drink some water, nice and cool and fine. Start to move on at 12 o'clock, very bad roads today, march through a mud hole knee deep for over a half mile and stop at the foot of a mountain. Get into camp at 20 minutes past (10) o'clock.

Water plenty today. I am sick today and have to ride.

Wed Aug 19 - March about six miles and camp to the foot of a large mountain and are in the lead of the brigade. Start up and have to put 18 horses on one wagon to get up the hill. Stop about half way up and lay down and sleep until morning. Quite sick all night, plenty of rattle snakes up on the mountain too.

[Note: It's well into the diary at this point, but he has a better pen, easier to read, so taking time to more precisely show random use of capitalization and punctuation in the following entries. Previously I've made the choice to edit for contemporary readability.]

Thu Aug 20 - weather Clear and warm to day. I am Quite sick today yet we arrive at the top of the mountain and rest ourselves a little the rest of the Brigade is at the Bottom of the Hill yet march on 8 miles and Camp at the Edge of the mountain, make a fire and Cook up Some Supper I sleep with Frank Stin Some one stold [sic] my oil Cloth and shelter tent out of the Ambulences [sic] today.

Fri Aug 21 - Started this morning towards the Edge of the mountain and most awful warm and Dusty on the road to day pass plenty of union people on the road down the mountain get to the foot about noon distance .5. miles from our old Camping ground Last night Quite a number of houses along this road but all Log huts some pretty wemen [sic] here arrive at Bellefonte to day about .4. o'clock get mail to day

Sat Aug 22 - put up our tents and are fixed up Quite nice the 34 Illinois goes up In Bellefonte to do Guard duty we are .8. miles from the town of Stevenson Alabama received three letters today one from miss wilson [sic] and one from William Sten and one from Elizabeth Hogarth New York City plenty good water here at this plase [sic] one mile from the Tenn [sic] river

Sun Aug 23 - weather Clear and warm and most uncomfortable Indeed nothing much to eat at present we are Laying In Camp .8. miles from Stevenson Alabama at Bellefonte Alabama wrote two letters to day one to William Sten and one to Elizabeth Hogarth orders Came to go on picket tonight at Bellefonte Alabama feel well and good to night nothing much to eat

Mon Aug 24 - weather Clear and pleasant to day go out on picket this morning at Camp Van Trebana [sic] Bellefonte about .600 yards from Camp Lieut [sic] McPreston Co. G on this post with me the boys are Quite Hungrey [sic] to day thay [sic] kill two Hogs and one Cow for meat to Eat get mail to day Thomas Humphrey gets Elizabeth Hogarth's photograph to day

Tue Aug 25 - rain this morning and thunder Quite a great deal get relieved by the .79. Illinois regiment draw rations to day get Some red Beats [sic] thare [sic] Is Some officers a going

Home out of this Regiment to bring the Conscripts down to the 30th Indiana Lt. Colonel Hurd Captain John Thompson Co. H. and Lieut [sic] Nelson Borden Co. F 30th all well to day write to Miss Wilson to day

[Note: This ends the attempt to exactly convey the writing.]

Wed Aug 26 - Clear and warm today, clean up the Company Quarters for General Inspection. Write a letter to James Ivins today. He discharged from the 30th and is at home Injoying [sic] himself most splendid indeed. Write a letter to one Irica Ivins Keyport Monmouth County New Jersey. We still are Camp Von Grebia Bellefonte Alabama 24 miles from Battle Creek Tenn [sic] report to that fort that their Rombardines [sic] Charleston SC

[Left margin:] wrote to Jones today

[Right margin:] Sumter and Wagner has fallen

Thu Aug 27 - Weather clear and warm today. Good news Last night of Sumter and Wagoner being ours once more. Received a letter from Mr. John Hounstine Fort Wayne, Indiana. Wrote back to him this morning and wrote him a good long letter, wrote to Charles James, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Weather very warm today. Corp Samuel J. Shane came to the company today. Looks quite good all night in camp.

Fri Aug 28 - Clear and most awful warm today. We lay still in camp Van Innetra Bellefonte, Alabama one mile from the Tenn [sic] River and 9 miles from the foot of the large mountain, plenty of water about. Lieutenant Murphy hands in his resignation papers today, but I do not think the Colonel will sign the papers at all. George has tried that too often and can't make it work. The Regiment goes out on picket this morning. Murphy is on today. A shower this afternoon. Wrote to Aunt Jane today.

Sat Aug 29 - Clear and warm today. I am on police in camp at Bellefonte Alabama. Quarters cleaned up quite well this morning. This is the finest camp the 30th Regt has had since most splendid water at this sweet and dark color. Capt [sic] John Thompson is officer of the day. The 29th Indiana relieves the 30th on picket this morning. Came off at 7 o'clock. I go to work and fix up my tent today with Sedar [sic] brush and it is nice and cool now. Col Hunt goes to the town of Stevenson last night and Capt [sic] Dawson goes home on leave of absence 20 days. Ben Blyler takes the post office today.

Sun Aug 30 - We have orders to move at four o'clock this morning. Don't know which way we will go. We expect to move in the direction of Chattanooga, Tenn. We are on the road at 8 o'clock. The road is very dusty. March 9 miles, come to Mudd Creek and Cane Creek, ford both streams. County quiet rolling along the road. Not many houses on Cane Creek. Halt on our old company ground one year ago today.

Mon Aug 31 - Go up on line of march this morning at half past 7 o'clock. March to the river one mile and find the pontoon ready and we marched over, the pontoon at this point is 1302 feet long. We rest on the south side of the river.

September

Tue September 1 - We are still on the south side of the Tenn [sic] River right on the bank. Go in a swimming today, the water is quite warm. Plenty of corn to eat at this place. Milton Fulton returns to the company for duty. They reduce our baggage too and only three wagons to a regiment. Send the rest back to the supply train. Noah Wilson gets his discharge today. Negley's Division passes us today.

Wed Sept 2 - Move out this morning at half past 5 o'clock. Climb up the mountain Sand Mountain. It is one mile and a half High Quite Rocky. Stop one mile from the edge on the Trenton Road. Plenty of fine timber on the top. Most awful warm. Order came to muster all them that have received commissions on the 20th of June.

Thu Sept 3 - Take up our line of march this morning and are the fifth Regiment In the Brig. and are rear Guard. It is warm today. A negro digs today. The timber along the road is mostly fine and ok. Cross flat rock creek, not much water. March 11 miles. Camp on a fine stream, have some pancakes for supper tonight.

Fri Sept 4 - Lay still on Sand Mountain four mile from the foot until 12 o'clock and then we move forward. Came to the edge of Sand Hill, can see Lookout Mountain in the distance. Davis is four miles in our front at the foot of the mountain he moves out and we take his place on a nice stream, warm and awful dusty want some rain bad.

Sat Sept 5 - Lay at the foot of Sand Mountain. Send some out foraging, get some fine peaches and sweet potatoes and apples Turkeys and Geese and corn. Captain Thompson Co. K goes out with them. We have a mountain on both sides of us poor country down about here. No houses here at all, only one about every five miles. Make out our month Returns today, draw some Shoes and Stoking [sic].

Sun Sept 6 - Still at foot of Sand Mountain. Regt goes out on picket. Write a letter to Dave Munchy. Lieut [sic] Murphy goes on picket today. Very warm today. We hear Cannonading this afternoon. It is reported that Rosecranz [sic] Headquarters is at Rome Georgia 45 miles from this place. No mail goes out today. I hope that we will leave this place soon for it smells bad with Dead Horses and etc.

Mon Sept 7 - We still lay in the shade at the foot of Sand Mountain, a nice spring of water at this place. The Regiment come in off picket at 8 o'clock. Get mail this afternoon. Get a letter from William Sten from Nashville Tenn. The men folks are all Inlisting [sic] in the Union Army to fight to get back the union as it was. Write to Sten and to David Munchuy Fort Wayne

Allen Ind

Tue Sept 8 - Laid at the foot of Sand Mountain until 12 o'clock and then we strick [sic] our tents and moved over about two miles to the left at a mill and plenty of water at this place. Get to our camp and they detail Brigade out off [sic] the 35. Ind. Vols and the 77 Penn Vols is on picket and the 79 Illinois Vols is at our old place at the mountain on guard. Lieut. Bentley, Lieut. Williams and Capt. Lawton and myself go on Brigade guard 35 men apiece.

Wed Sept 9 - Weather clear and most awful warm today. Still on Brigade guard with 35 men under my charge. Get mail today. Get letter from D.W. all well. Some talk of going to guard train. Company F has gone to Stevenson, Ala to train guard for supply of our Brigade.

Thu Sept 10 - Left our camping ground at half past 7 o'clock and marched toward Vincent, a small town in the valley at the foot of Lookout Mountain. Gen. Davis goes up the Hill this morning ahead of us. We get up at about 10 o'clock. Quite sandy road up this hill. It is 1000 feet high. The 22 Regiment Ind Vols lay on the top of the mountain. [illegible] off quite level. A stream runs through this part called Little River. Don't find any Rebs here.

Fri Sept 11 - This morning we lay at the foot of Lookout Mountain in the valley. Plenty of forage here. We got down the mountain last night at one o'clock. There was five men wounded and one killed and 3 horses killed of the 25th Ohio Battery. Sherdan [sic] came down the mountain. Today we start out on Brigade and go 9 miles into Georgia to Neils Gap to guard it a while until the army gets up the mountain. Negley had a fight today on our left.

Sat Sept 12 - Very warm today. One of the 29 men falls dead. Don't know what was the matter with him. Cut him open but can not find anything. He leaves a wife and ten children at home. Bury him along side a rock. The boys go in heavy on sheep and potatoes at this place.

Sun Sept 13 - Lay at Neals Gap three miles from the Ala line. At 12 o'clock we fall out again towards our old ground. Distance 9 miles, arrive about half past four, get our supplies and go to the foot of the hill. The 79 Ill Regt is detailed to help the Battery up the hill. Get up at 12 o'clock at night and go 4 miles and stop for the night. One Brigade here of Sherdan's [sic] Division behind us [illegible] Same. Hurry and go to sleep.

Mon Sept 14 - Sheridan's Division pulls out this morning ahead of us. We start at half past six and march about 9 miles and go into the woods at this place and for what length of time we did not know. Splendid water here, falls a distance of 72 feet. Good place to wash off. Desoto fort at this side of the stream. Built 3.63 years ago.

Tue Sept 15 - Still lay on the mountain at the Cater nuct [sic]. Go over and see the 11 Indiana Batt. No mail now for 7 days now. Get mail today. One from Charles M. Jones and

one from Uncle James Humphrey Fort Wayne.

Wed Sept 16 - One of the 20 Ohio brakes [sic] his leg today. James Huffman came to the company today, has the palsy in his leg and arm and I expect him to be Courtmarshalled [sic] too. But I think he will get discharged from the service of the United States. Move out this morning towards Chattanooga and march along the top of Lookout Mountain. Halt about 2 o'clock on the Edge of the mountain and can have a splendid view from the top. We came 9 miles today.

Thu Sept 17 - Moved out again this morning towards Chattanooga, go back one mile and turn to the right. Gen Little comdg [sic] us. Not much water on the road at all, very dusty on the road. 30th in the rear today of our Brigade. We left the team on the top and go down to the Valley. The Rebs [sic] lines is two miles and a half from ours In our front Rebs has blockaded this hill. This is one and a half mile high. We lay in line of battle at the foot of the hill.

[Note: side margin] We marched 18 miles today.

Fri Sept 18 - Get up this morning and stand under arms from 4 until daylight. Rainy but it didn't rain, very Cold. Get mail today. We can hear the drums a beating flame over in the Rebs [sic] line. March five miles and come to rildero [sic] Brigade. Saw Homer Robinson today. We halted long enough to draw 60 rounds cartridges and moved in on picket tonight. Very still in our front.

Sat Sept 19 - Came off of picket, draw some rations and move on towards Chattanooga. Very Cool and dusty. The fences are all on fire and the dust and smoke together are awful Indeed. It Hard But Honest. We come up with Gen Thomases [sic] Camp about half past ten and they seem to be Ingaged [sic] in a fight. We move on and pass Gen Negley's Headquarters [sic]. We go in to Battle at 12 o'clock and Lieut [sic] Murphy gets wounded.

Sun Sept 20 - We fell back last night one mile and a half and formed a new line and this morning they came on to us very heavy and we drive them back. Thomas Humphrey is missing. They drive us at half past four o'clock farm at Vassville [sic] two miles from the field. Leave our dead and wounded on the field In the hands of the Rebels. Battle.
Chickamauga

Mon Sept 21 - Lay in an Intrenchment all day. I go on picket half a mile In our front. Rebels in our front strong. We leave this place at three o'clock In the morning. The wagons makes a most awful rattling all night. We go back half a mile to skirmish line and then assemble on the center and march towards Chattanooga. Saw Alfred Wilson today. Saw the 88 Ind.

Tue Sept 22 - We still lay in our Intrenchments in Chickamauga Valley about four miles from Chattanooga. The Rebs are in our front. They followed us right up and we have skirmishes

with them. They shell us and we shell them back again. Get mail today, get one from Miss Destimonia Wilson and James Kimberly today. Nothing more of any account.

Wed Sept 23 - We have been In the United States Service two years tomorrow.

Thu Sept 24 - We have been two years in service today and many of our Brave Boys are Laid Low By the enemy Balls or the Hand of Death. Write to James Humphrey and Desty Wilson.

Fri Sept 25 - The Rebs feel inclined to trouble us this morning, but we drive them back to their old stamping ground. We moved back towards town and stop In the Edge of town. Nothing much to eat and no clean clothes to wear at all. Go out on picket. One of the 79th Ill got killed today by a Rebel Sharp Shooter.

Sat 26 - I lay in my dog tent today. Quite warm to no rain for over one month. Quite dusty. The Regt comes in off picket. Draw two Negroes today for cooks. Their names are Gneafe and Greari. Draw Rations this morning.

Sun Sept 27 - I am detailed with 40 men to go work on fortifications at Col. Dodge's headquarters. Get done at five o'clock to go out on picket tonight. The whole Regt go out. We have a skirmish with them tonight. One man wounded on our side. Nothing more of any account. The negroes desert us after getting full rations.

Mon Sept 28 - Come In off picket outpost at four o'clock and stop all day in the Intrenchment until night. Didn't get relieved tonight. Only a Detail was left here. Go to sleep and have a good sleep all night. Sun very warm. Mr. Alfred Wilson comes and sees me today while on picket. He is well. No sign of rain yet.

Tue Sept 29 - Still on picket today. Nothing much disturbed us last night. The Rebs say that Gen Longstreet was killed on last Sun week at the Battle Chickamauga Valley at half past two In the Afternoon. Some signs of rain now.

Wed Sept 30 - Cloudy today, want some rain bad. I took a walk through the Hospital and But I can only find two of the 30th Ind, one out of Co. C and one out of Co. F. One has his left leg off and does suffer a great deal.

October

Thu October 1 - We still lay at Chattanooga in the Chickamauga Valley, nothing much a going on I can not Hear from Home no way in shape. I saw the Col. 88 Ind. He is well and never looked finer In Health. Wrote a letter to my Aunty Elizabeth 194 Madison Street New York City. It rains today very hard. Get wet through tent.

Fri Oct 2 - The Regt. comes in off of picket this morning wet through to the skin. My clerk came over the river this morning, put up a fly tent and cannot get boards enough to make me a bed. Lieut [sic] Joseph McHenry of Co. H Ind Vols takes Command of the Company today. Make out the monthly rations today.

Sat Oct 3 - A line written today not much a going on today about camp as usual. I am detailed to go and work on the fortifications with 40 men of the 30th Indiana. Samuel Shane came to the company from the other side Tennessee River. Quite cool tonight. Mail comes in and nothing again on the road for me. I write to Charles M. Jones, Fort Wayne Ind.

Sun Oct 4 - Clear and quite cool. Not much wood to get at in this part of the world. The boys takes up the railroad ties to make a fire with. Five men detailed to work on the fortifications near the town of Chattanooga, Tenn. Lieut [sic] Joseph McKay makes out pay rolls today. It is one awful job to do up nice altogether. It is reported that the fight will commence tomorrow morning. Wrote to John Hanestine/Hauestine [sic] today

Mon Oct 5 - Clear and cool this morning. Making out another payroll this morning. Cannonading on our left this morning. They still detail men out of the 30th to work on fortifications up on our right on a Hill, torn down a large brick house to put up a fort there. Mail every day now, but none for me, but one from Jacob Fanerger wounded in the Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia. The Rebs send some cannon balls into our camp and kill three of the tenth Ohio Regt.

Tue Oct 6 - Clear and cool this morning. The Rebs throw three shells into camp last night about 11 o'clock but did no damage that I can hear from. I make out a muster roll, go up to the 15 Indiana Regt. They lay up on the mountain at the river. Saw William Dougal. He is well. I think that the secesh have left the hill. They do not bother us today. Still cool.

[Note: 3 more entries of uncorrected writing.]

Wed Oct 7 - It Is raining this morning Quite Cool this morning Look for a Letter. this morning draw Beef not more than enough for one mess for the Company we have 29 men In the Co. 17 men for the Duty In the Regt the Rebs do not feel Inclined to trouble us go over and take Dinner with Homer Robinson at Generals Reynolds [sic] head Quarters write to James S. Kimberley Late of Co. E. 30th. See Col. Humphrey to day well and Hearty to [sic] windy today

Thu Oct 8 - Clear and Cool today the Rebs don't molest us much now waiten [sic] for a mail for a Letter thay [sic] detail .50 men to day to work on fortifications at Chattanooga Tenn [sic] We are getting fixed up very strong at this place mail comes In none for me nothing going on to day

Fri Oct 9 - Clear and Quite warm to day draw clothing to day pants and Boots and Shoes I draw one pair pants and one pair Shoes Homer Robinson of the 72 Ind Vols was here this morning a talks of going to his Company to morrow [sic] or next day I was to See Henry D Fulton to day he looks well his wound hurts him much now the Sutler comes up to day nothing but Cheese and tobacco go on picket to morrow

Sat Oct 10 - Go on picket at 4 this morning on the reserve. Most awful warm. The Rebs are still in our front. There are some two or three men in Co. E that makes a good thing a playing off always about picket time John Bunter Milton S. Fulton, D.D. Scott. I think that thay [sic] had better be sent to a near hospital for men that can be sick and Eat full rations, ought to be every wares [sic] but In the field

Sun Oct 11 - We come to the front line this morning. Col. Hurd is sick this morning. Capt. Lauthin is in command of the Regiment. I go down to the creek to wash and have a chat with a Reble [sic] of the Fourth Texas Regt. He says that the Confederate officers will not let the soldiers talk to us. I get a paper the name Southern Confederacy. Get a letter from D. W. Draw sow belly and hard tack today.

Mon Oct 12 - We got relieved this morning by the 79 Ill Regt. Col Allen Buckner have two days to stand yet comes as rain this evening and fills up the ditches so that we cannot stay in them. Cannot sleep tonight. Draw half rations this afternoon. Nothing much going on the front today. We shell the Rebles [sic] some today. They try to work on their fortifications and we have orders to fire on them when they try to work on them.

Tue Oct 13 - This morning wet through to the skin. Go out to the front line and relieve the 79th Ill Regt. Little fire, and fire wood cannot be had on any conditions at all. Rebels plenty in our front this morning. They don't seem to mind the Yankees much for they run around in the open fields. Orders not to shoot them at all without they advance on us. Some talk of getting relieved by Sherdan [sic] Div.

Wed Oct 14 - Rain all night last night, wet through. Get relieved by the first Ohio Regt. this morning. Get a letter from Uncle James Humphrey today. Capt. Silver gets notice today to settle up with the Government his accounts while with Co. E 30th Ind Vols. Come in off picket and find my tent drouded [sic] out very near. Eat some Red White and Blue soup today for dinner.

Thu Oct 15 - Still raining this morning. Wet through to the skin. Take a walk up to the field hospital. See Henry D. Fulton. No mail today. Had some sow belly soup and crackers broke into it. The sun comes out about two o'clock and I hang my blankets out to dry. Send John D. Banta, Milton S. Fulton, Dewain D. Scott, James Huffman to hospital and hope that they will stay too. Write to Uncle James.

Fri Oct 16 - Still rainy. Some men detailed to go on picket. Capt. Joseph Whitaker and Lieut. Lash goes with. Most awful muddy this morning. Draw rations this morning for five days. Get the Sutler's wagon and haul some bricks and build me a chimney to my tent. John [illegible] and Nickolas [illegible] help me. It is quite comfortable now. John Strong of the 44th Ind Vols comes and sees me today. No mail today. Clear off and warm.

Sat Oct 17 - very foggy [sic] this morning. Mail comes in this morning. Frank Stin comes from the field hospital to see us and is going back again. Wind is blowing most awful hard. The boys are fixing up for inspections. Lieut [sic] [illegible] [illegible] And we are detailed to work on the fortifications with .70. Men from the 33 Ind and some from the 77 Penn Vols. Quite a lot of fighting Orders comes to report to Division HQ to the mustering officer.

Sun Oct 18 - Rain this morning. Me, Lieut [sic] Camachy of Co. H and Lieut [sic] Kay/Ray [sic] of Co. G gets mustered in as 2nd Lieuts [sic] , mine to date from June 29, 1863 and theirs to date from May 30, 1863. Rain very hard at spells No mail today. Write to Uncle James. Clear off at about .6. o'clock. They still detail men to work on the fortifications around Chattanooga Tenn. Quite cool this morning, set by my fire very near all day.

Mon Oct 19 - Clear and cool this morning. Me and Orderly Wheeler talks over matters about my commission. McKay wants to get away and let me have command of the Co. I don't want him to go until Lieut [sic] Murphy comes back to the company. Go on picket at .6. o'clock tonight, quite cool. No mail yet today. My discharge has not come yet. Can see plenty of fire over on the Rebles [sic] lines.

Tue Oct 20 - Go out on the front line at 6 o'clock this morning. Cannot see the Secesh this morning. It is very foggy. Get relieved at half past 7 o'clock and come into camp and get orders to move out. Take down our tents and march over towards the left to Palmer's Division. Nothing to eat today. I take command of Co. E 30th this morning. No mail yet. Sergt [sic] Hamilton Fulton messes with me.

Wed Oct 21 - Cloudy and rainy this morning. Get in camp and build a hut. Me and Sergt [sic] Fulton puts up a fly tent and I think we will live high after awhile.

Thu Oct 22 - Cloudy and Cool this morning. Go on picket this morning with 29 men on this station. Can see the rebs [sic] quite plane [sic]. They seem quite bold to me, comes out and shakes a paper at me and then runs back again. Clears off about ten o'clock and gets to be quite warm today. They throw some shells into the Rebles [sic] camps this afternoon but get no reply from get mail today, first in some time.

Fri Oct 23 - Came on to rain this morning at half past two o'clock and rained with unabated fury until daylight when it held up a little. Can see the rebs [sic] this morning as thick as ever. Our men shelled them last night from 11 o'clock until three every half hour. Some

shells busted over our heads. Get relieved this morning at half past .8. o'clock, the old guard on the right of the new.

Sat Oct 24 - Cloudy and wet under foot. Sergt [sic] Fulton goes on picket this morning. Get some beef soup to eat and hard tack. William Foss Gets a letter from Sergt [sic] Jacob Fembling. He gets a 30 day furlough to go home. Get mail today, get orders to get ready to go over the river and march to Stevenson, Alabama and get orders to stay until (2)two o'clock in the morning. Rain tonight.

Sun Oct 25 - Leave our camp at two o'clock this morning and crost [sic] over the pontoon bridge at daylight, very bad roads all the way. Came to the foot of one of the Cumberland Mountains, most awful steep. Fine water running down and all the while mules lay all along the road up the mountain. Reach the top about 10 o'clock this morning. Nothing much to eat, pass a supply train and come to a halt about twelve o'clock. We draw rations. Plenty of rails up on this mountain. We house here.

Mon Oct 26 - Lay on top of the mountain this morning. Clears up this morning and is quite comfortable with a good fire. Are waiting for orders to go ahead. There is a grate [sic] many reports about where we are a going. I think that we will go to Shell Mound down the river to up our line of march at 12 o'clock and marched .8. miles and stopped on the edge of the mountain, look down and can see wagons on the move. Cooked sow belly and eat.

Tue Oct 27 - We get up and march at 7 oclock [sic] this morning towards the valley. Commences to rain this morning. E.H. Dudkins (Judkins) cooks something to eat. We march down and up a large ravine about one mile and a half, march along the mountain. Plenty of good water. Get to the valley about dark and build a fire. Lay down and sleep good all night.

Wed Oct 28 - The 30th Indiana is in the lead of the Division and march over some awful roads this morning. Came on to rain a little this morning, but clears up in the afternoon. We came to the 2nd Michigan Cav and the first Ohio Battery Co. H. We halt close to them. They give the boys some meat and hard tack. Some Body steals of thay [sic] coffee. I draw some coffee from the quarter master. The 12 Army Corp goes a long [sic] the other side the Tenn [sic] River.

Thu Oct 29 - Cannonading to wards [sic] Chattanooga last night. Go out Side our Camp Lines and come up with the 101st Regiment Ohio patrole [sic] Guard took Me and Sergt [sic] Fulton. March to Shell mound, cross the pontoon bridge and lay close to the railroad. Cannot draw any grub for myself. Wind blows most awful hard, rains tonight, most awful muddy tonight.

Fri Oct 30 - Still lay at Shell mound this morning. Raining this morning very hard. Some of the Potomac troop pass us this morning towards Chattanooga. The troop draw rations this

morning. Took up our line of march at four o'clock and move towards Chattanooga Tenn [sic], pass the 7th Ohio on the way. Halt in the woods and go on picket. Rain very hard until nine o'clock. Me and Sergt [sic] Fulton on the same post and ten men of Co. C and G 30th Indiana.

Sat Oct 31 - Clear and cold this morning. The Division moves out at .6. o'clock in the direction of fallen Water Bridge. Came right off picket and marched on the railroad to White Sides Depot 15 miles from Chattanooga. Arrived at White Sides about .12.o'clock. The bridge over the fallen water was burnt by Gen Bragg when on retreat from Stone [sic] River last December. Go into camp at fallen water, Get mustered for pay this afternoon.

November

Mon November 1 - Clear and cool this morning, a very hard frost last night. The 60th New York Regiment was on picket last night at White Side Depot. We are on the Georgia and Tenn [sic] line now in a valley. The bridge over fallen water is 480 feet, mostly iron at that end. Draw rations this afternoon. Can hear cannonading in the direction of Chattanooga. We have not had any mail for the time we left Chattanooga. I have not drawn ration for some time now.

Tue Nov 2 - Clear and cool. Write to Uncle James. Clouds up and looks as though it would rain. Get a hogs [sic] head and have it cooked up into soup and is very good to these hard times. They send in an order to detail one non Commissioned Officer to go home to recruit for the Regiment, one out of each company to go. Sergt [sic] Fulton is detailed from Co. E 30th.

Tue Nov 3 - The sun comes up clear and warm. They detail pickets out the 30th today. Capt [sic] Joseph Whitaker Co. D and Lieut [sic] Jas Kennedy Co. A and 60 men get orders to regulate camp. So the boys puts up winter Qrts [sic]. Get mail today. Lieut [sic] Baluin/ Babrin [sic] 77th Regt Pennsylvania Vols brings it from Chattanooga. I receive two letters, one from Aunt Elizabeth and one from Uncle James Humphrey. Nothing much going on about camp.

Wed Nov 4 - Do not feel well this morning. Clear and warm today. The boys are hard at work at putting up winter quarters. Another detail for picket. We are still at White Sides Depot 18 miles from Bridgeport, Tenn. We are now on the Georgia line in mountains.

Thu Nov 5 - Comes on to rain this morning, quite disagreeable today. I have a large boil on my lip. My face is swelled up most awfully indeed, can hardly see out of my eye at all. Comp H comes from Chattanooga, Tenn [sic] with mail and the Desks. I get three letters today. Rain all day today. Capt [sic] Lawton and Lieut [sic] Day is on picket duty today, hard time, I expect, too.

Fri Nov 6 - Still laying at White Sides Depot on the Georgia state line. My face hurts most awful bad, but I think it will get well soon now. Make out Sergt [sic] Forbing and Jacob Fearinger Discriptive [sic] Rolls and send them to them. Have some fresh pork soup for dinner. The boys are busy indeed putting up their shantys [sic]. They will be quite comfortable when they get them up. My house is not up yet.

Sat Nov 7 - Clear and quite cool in the morning, had a very heavy frost last night. Quarter Master William Furgerson and Peter Edsall Qrt. [sic] M.S. has gone to Stevenson, Alabama after goods turned over at the river. Our brigade draws clothing today. My head still hurts me much. Captain McElfatrick comes too and stays at the Regt all day today. The boys draw some clothing and some beef.

Sun Nov 8 - This morning quite cool but clear. Go to work on the fortifications at 8 o'clock and work till ten. Send a receipt to Annapolis and for James Manns [sic] Descriptive list. All we want now to make us sleep comfortable is blankets and tents. The campaines [sic] are making out their muster rolls. Can hear no church bells ring tonight.

Mon Nov 9 - Clear and cool today. Wind is blowing quite hard, most froze last night. Mail comes in today. A locomotive comes down to the bridge today and one last night. My face feels better today. Receive Rantces and Milton S. Fulton's descriptive rolls from Chattanooga today. No tent to live in yet, but got full rations and that goes good.

Tue Nov 10 - Clear and warm today, put up a good chimney at my tent or shanty. Jasper Ohlvine and William Hoss and Henry Bush, Quartermaster Furgurson came back from Stevenson with our things. Frank Sten returned to the Co. from Chattanooga. I get a Reble [sic] wall tent tonight and will put it up tomorrow. Snug and nice. Still at White Sides Depot Georgia.

Wed Nov 11 - Clear and awful cold. Like to froze my feet last night. I am on picket today. Bought a watch off Sergt [sic] Fulton today. Me and Capt [sic] Boydsen Co.B was on picket in Willis Valley. I go on out post with 25 men, and he stays in reserve with 25 men. I go up on the mountain to find a post and come very near getting lost in the mountain. Very warm all day. Capt [sic] goes up and could not find the post.

Thu Nov 12 - Very clear and warm today. Get relieved at ten minutes past 7 o'clock by the 24 Ohio Regt. Came in, come and get a good breakfast of warm cakes and roast meat. E.F. Judkins cooks it for me and Sergt [sic] Fulton and Corp Gardiner. Putting up my shanty, got up my chimney and draws fine. Can draw no rations for myself yet. Capt [sic] Griswold went out .6. Miles 50 men after forage for teams, got back at dusk tonight.

Fri Nov 13 - Clear and warm this morning. It gets cloudy towards evening and looks like rain. Capt [sic] Thompson and Lieut [sic] Day goes on picket this morning. Sergt [sic] Fulton

goes on too. The mail comes in and I get three letters, one from Uncle James, one from John Smith, and one from Miss Wilson. Hear from the boys that was taken at Chickamauga. Making out pay rolls today, making out two.

Sat Nov 14 - Clear and rainy this morning. Had some awful tough beef for breakfast this morning. It came near taking my teeth out of my jaw. In shelter, can't get wet today. Wrote letter to Mr. John C. Smith. Was sent with fateague [sic] party to unload a train of cars. 6.00 boxes of hard bread, got through at twelve o'clock. Cleaned up camp today. Inspections tomorrow.

Sun Nov 15 - Clear and a little cool this morning. Cleaning up quarters for inspections today. Make out [sic] Sergt Fulton's descriptive roll and he starts to Nashville this afternoon going home on recruiting service. Capt [sic] Dawson goes too. Orderly Sergt [sic] Robert Swan, of Co. D, Orderly Dewey of Co. C 30th goes too. Frank Stin comes and stays with me. Reported that the enemy is close on our front. Let them come.

Mon Nov 16 - Clear this morning, but cool. Five men and a corporal detailed to go on picket as grand guard. Get up this morning at .4.o'clock without the sound of the bugle and stack arms and the men keeps on their cartrages [sic] Rexs [sic] until day light and then stay to work the fortifications. Frank Stin rebuilds my chimney, don't smoke now. Finish my five muster rolls and send them to re inspections. Muster rolls comes back is right.

Tue Nov 17 - Cloudy this morning. Lieut [sic] Lash and Capt [sic] Hart comes in off picket this morning. Capt [sic] Griswold goes on fatigue with 30 men. The 12th Regt comes to Bridgeport, Tenn. James Huffman came to the Regiment yesterday. Sent him to Brigade under guard. Sent him changes and specifications to the Provost Marshall [sic]. Sign one pay roll tonight. 24 Ohio gets pay today.

Wed Nov 18 - Clear and warm this morning. Write a letter to Joseph H. Cutshall Fort Wayne, IN. Capt [sic] Hart goes out with a fatigue party to work on fortifications at White Sides, Tenn. Make out new charges and specifications against James Huffman. Mail came tonight, nothing for me. The 16th and 15th army Corp turns off at Shell Mound and goes towards Trenton, Georgia. Do not get to see them.

Thur Nov 19 - Clear and cool this morning. Go on fatigue on the fortifications at White Sides, Tenn. Get orders to march tomorrow morning. Some of Gen. Grant's men comes by this way today. Saw one of the 12th Ind boys out Company B. Write to Charlie Fisher and send by him. His name is Stewart and he gave information of the 12th Ind Vols on another road. [illegible] on picket.

Fri Nov 20 - Sat up until 2 o'clock this morning making out pay rolls. Make them out for four months. Got two sign up last night and had them signed by the Brigade Inspector this

morning. Sergt [sic] Staner Co. H, returns last night. The 12th Indiana train laid over at this place last night. They stold [sic] them blind most. Sergt [sic] Forbing returns today. I and Capt [sic] Boydson goes on picket this afternoon.

Sat Nov 21 - Rained all night last night, did not sleep any all night, wet through to the skin. About ten o'clock the relief comes from 30th Ind. Capt [sic] Thompson and Sergt [sic] Forbing acting lieut [sic] of the outpost. I receive a letter from James Ivins 48th Regiment, New York, Beaufort S.C. He bely [sic] to the Band. I write right back to him today. Send Judkins after grub to Brigade Head Quarters. Get some today al [sic] right again.

Sun Nov 22 - Clear and wind blowing quite hard from the northeast. My fire place smokes this morning. Sergt [sic] Forbing comes in off picket at night. Grant's train pulls out this morning. Order comes to read Gen. Order Dept. 80 and .248. to the companies.

Mon Nov 23 – [There are 3 lines of very faint text and then] and the 3rd Brigade pulls out behind them. I am on post with Companies B, E, H of the 35th Regt, a detail from it. Trains of wagons passing all the time. Caravans passing all the time. Heavy cannonading in the direction of Chattanooga. Convalescents passing 900. nine hundred from Nashville.

Tue Nov 24 - Comes on to rain this morning at daylight, but not hard though. We get relieved at .8. o'clock. Lieut [sic] Lash commanding Co. H 30th Ind Vols. Sergt [sic] Forbing in picket today. I send 200 dollars with Capt [sic] Whittaker to Stevenson for to get express to Uncle James Humphrey Fort Wayne. Peter Edsal comes in my tent and have some fun with his speaking and singing. Take a good smoke and go to bed.

Wed Nov 25 – [Again lines of badly faded text, best guesses of what can be made out] Clear and quite cool this morning. Paid [illegible] Lieut [sic] Jeffrey goes [illegible] today Col. Bill Hurd commanding post at White Sides, Tenn.

Miller acting [illegible]

Sergt [sic] Wood [illegible] Sergt [sic] Major

Capt [sic] H.W. Lawton commands the Regiment.

Wrote a letter to Miss Belle Briant Fort Wayne, Indiana. I go on picket tomorrow

Thur [sic] Nov 26 - Go on picket on the shell mound road this morning. Relieve Lieut [sic] James Kennedy Co. B 30th Ind. 1300 and 30 Reble [sic] prisoners past ([sic] here last night at o'clock. I have 14 men and three non commissioned officers Corp John Miller Co. C 30th is in with me. Am bothered with wound a great deal today. Get some milk tonight. About 300 recruits passes us today from Nashville.

Fri Nov 27 - Quite cool this morning. Get relieved at 8 o'clock by Lieut [sic] Sam Bentley Co. D 30th. Come into camp, stop and give my report and get a good breakfast. Looking for a

letter from home. Write home to Uncle James. Looks a little like rain tonight. It is reported that Gens Cheatham, Breckinridge is captured at Chattanooga. About 200 Secesh pass today walking on the railroad.

Sat Nov 28 - Raining this morning. My tent let a little water last night. Pickets goes out. Turns to be very cool, looks like snow. Lieut [sic] Kennedy goes on picket. Nothing from the front. Capt [sic] Whittaker comes from Stevenson, Ala. Joseph Cope comes back today. I write to Augustus Bailey today.

Sun Nov 29 – [weather report, company activity too faded] I rec a letter from Uncle James Humphrey tonight. All will go on picket tomorrow morning. My fire place gets a fire and quite hard to go out again. James Henderson comes up and I pay him ten dollars.

Mon Nov 30 - Get up this morning at four o'clock [sic], make a good fire. Go out and see 37.00 Rebs pass on the road. I go on picket at .8. o'clock. Orderly Curry of Co. F is on with me. Send him on the front line and I stay on the reserve with 18 men. Sergt [sic] Stone of Co. C is on with me. Awful cold today all day. Does not thaw in the shade at all today. No mail today. I am expecting a letter.

December

Tues December 1 - Still on picket this morning at 8 o'clock. Capt [sic] Thompson of Co. K and Sergt [sic] Mike Bennett is acting lieut [sic] on with him. Come in camp, get some warm pancakes and mutton for breakfast. My head aking [sic]. At 12 o'clock Joseph Bryant of our company but absent since the 31st day of Dec 1862 at the Battle of Stones River returned under arrest. Took him to the Hurd Camp post.

Wed Dec 2 - Clear and warm this morning. Captain Lawton goes on picket this morning. The train comes in this morning. No mail. Last night 4.00 Rebles [sic] pass our Brigade camp from the Ring gold [sic]. This afternoon I was sent with 25 men to the double log house three quarters of a mile outside the picket line to help the wagon train. Do not get back until 8 o'clock tonight. The camp fires do shine tonight since the Brigade came in.

Thu Dec 3 - Clear and quite cool this morning. The rest of the Brigade goes on picket today. The boys are all makeing [sic] a grate [sic] fuss over the vetran [sic] service. Any officer who can get 2 d/z of his company to relist again gets from .30. to .90. days furlough. Capt [sic] Griswold thinks that he can get a whole company to go in again. I can't see it at all. In this light the mountain is afire tonight and looks splendid. Capt [sic] Frank Aveline was killed a few days ago, and his father came after him today. Elijah Judkins stopped cooking and Frank Sten takes the stand.

Fri Dec 4 - This morning clear and cool. I am detailed to work on the road in Raccoon Hollow leading toward Chattanooga. Wagon trains passing all the morning going toward

Bridgeport, Ala. Saw Gens Osterhouse and Woods pass this afternoon. Work until recall sounds for us to quit work. The troop that came in today lay in the valley at White Sides Tennessee. I am in hopes the 12th Regt will come this way if they go back at all. No mail today yet.

Sat Dec 5 - Cloudy and rainy this morning. Lieut [sic] H H Day of Co. G goes out with 25 men to work on the road in Chattanooga Valley. The division that laid down in the valley here moved out this morning. Trains is passing all day. They are going to open the railroad to Huntsville, Ala. No mail tonight. Get Lieut [sic] Joseph Williams of Co. B returned this evening after being absent since the Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia. I don't know what they will do with him, though.

Sun Dec 6 - Clear and pleasant this morning. Get orders to get ready for general inspection. Get ready and an order came to go out with one day rations in haversacks and guns and one man with a axe. We started and marched four miles. Come to a train of supplies for the fourth army corps. Capt [sic] Griswold gets into a mess with a wagon master. The man calls Capt [sic] a liar. Capt [sic] draws his sword and strikes him. Col puts the wagon master under arrest. We get to camp at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Get mail tonight.

Mon Dec 7 - Clear and warm this morning. Charles Broughton come from Bridgeport, Ala. Benjamin F. Blyler came too from the same place where he has been absent four or five days without leave. I bye [sic] some cheese off him. Will Foss washes some shirts today. Sergt [sic] Butts is on his way to the 88th Ind. Stops at Capt [sic] Whittaker Co. D. Mail tonight.

Tue Dec 8 - Cloudy and rainy this morning. The Adjt [sic] Came around wanting vetrans [sic] to enlist out of the thirtieth. Sergt [sic] Edgley Joseph Cope, and I think Sergt [sic] Wheeler has joined too. Mail today, but none for me. I cannot think what is up at home that they do not write to me oftener for the mail comes in regular and nothing to hinder the letters from coming through. Raining tonight yet.

Wed Dec 9 - Woke up this morning, clear and pleasant, cleared up last night. I go over to Brigade Sutler and byes [sic] a carpet sack, give ten dollars for it. Qtr [sic] Master William Ferguson is leave of absence. I think that I shall send and get a sword by him on his return. Lieut [sic] Bentley was on fatigue today. I am on tomorrow. Frank Sten, Orderly Wheeler. Sergt [sic] Forbing is makeing [sic] mony [sic] fast now. I was looking for Lieut [sic] George E. Murphy to return today, did not.

Thur [sic] Dec 10 - Clear and warm this morning. I am detailed to go with 25 men and work on the roads. Go over and report at Brigade Head Qtr. They send me down by the Fallen Water Bridge. Go to work carting stone to fill the road up, cut timber to make a small bridge. No mail. Lieut [sic] McPreston returns today from home. Lieut [sic] James Kennedy goes to

Stevenson to see about his muster. Lieuts [sic] Day and Lee Weldon returns today. Saw Louis Bridey today.

Fri Dec 11 - Clear and warm with signs of rain this morning. Captain John Thompson is Officer of the Day today. I am expecting Lieut[sic] to return today. Mail came in today. I got a letter from Uncle James Humphrey. Hear from Cousin Thomas today through Uncle's letter. Nothing more of any account. Frank Sten sews shoulder straps on to my coat too, the first time ever wore them.

Sat Dec 12 - Cloudy and signs of rain. Lieut [sic] Lee Weldon takes charge of a squad 25 men goes on the road to work. I am looking for Lieut [sic] Murphy to return today. I receive a letter from Aunty in New York. They are well. Lieut [sic] G.E. Murphy does not come today yet.

Sun Dec 13 - Raining this morning. No detail today out of our regt [sic] for fatigue. The 24th Ohio goes on picket this morning. I am expecting a letter today, but I cannot tell whether I will get one or not yet. I settled with E. F. Judkins 5 dollars and 32 cents for board. This does not seem like Sunday to me. Muddy and raining still.

Mon Dec 14 - Still continues to rain and be disagreeable. Main comes in today about now. I get one letter from Mr. John C. Smith Keyport Monmouth County New Jersey. Enlisting volunteers for three years still goes on. Co. H has enlisted for a man, and the 9th Indiana has gone in again all but about 25 men and will start for home soon. They try big to get the 30th, but don't think that they feel disposed.

Tues Dec 15 - Cloudy and rainie [sic] at spells. Lieut [sic] Lash goes on picket today, not on picket but on fatigue out on the Chattanooga mudd [sic] road. Clears up this afternoon, Quite cool. The band plays retreat at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Get order to go with 25 men on fatigue duty. I get no mail today. I cannot see what keep Lieut [sic] Murphy so long in Nashville. Work on the roads at Fallen Water Bridge.

Wed Dec 16 - Clear and windy today. The boys are cleaning up camp this morning. No mail today. It comes on to rain towards night. I get orders to go on picket tomorrow morning. Col Oz Hurd is sick and Capt [sic] Joseph W. Whittaker is commanding the Regt. The wind blows awful hard tonight.

Thur [sic] Dec 17 - Still rainy this morning. Capt [sic] Hart of Co. C, myself and Lieut [sic] Day of Co. G goes on picket. I take ten men and four non commissioned officers and go up on the mountain on the Browns ferry road. I relieve the 24th Ohio. Very windy and cool today. Quite a grate [sic] deal of travle [sic] on this road. I get a letter today from Sergt [sic] Hamilton Fulton from Ft. Wayne. All well at home now, nothing more.

Fri Dec 18 - At 8 I was relieved by a Lieut [sic] and ten men from the 84th Illinois. Pick up things and arrive at camp safe and sound. Had breakfast. Boys are a cleaning up camp. Very cool and it is quite comfortable at the fireplace in my tent. Mail comes in tonight. After roll call the news came to camp that the 12th Regt was two miles from us. I and Peter Edsall, Frank Sten went out and brought in some of the boys, Charles Fisher, George Jones, Fred Freck, Will Morrissey, Fred Myers. I got a letter from Uncle James today.

Sat Dec 19 - Cool and clear this morning. Charles Fisher slept with me last night. They stay until 12 o'clock. Then they move out on the railroad towards Bridgeport, Alabama. No mail today. I give Amos Stealy a pass to go to Chattanooga to get some things sent to him from home and is to start tomorrow morning to come back on Monday night. Awful cool for this time of year the people say that live here.

Sun Dec 20 - Clear and most awful cool this morning. Capt [sic] John Thompson starts home on leave of absence 20 days. Amos Stealy goes to Chattanooga this morning. No mail today. I get notice to go on fatigue duty tomorrow. Major Baldwin of the 12th Ind was here today but did not see him. I cannot see what can be the matter. The mail does not come in at all now. Reported that a bridge is broke down.

Mon Dec 21 - Clear and most awful cold this morning. I get out with my (25) men and report at Brigade Head Quarters and go to work down by the picket on the Shell Mound road. Lieut [sic] Kennedy of Co. A is on picket. I am at work putting a bridge in the road. Get a team and haul some timbers for the bridge. Lieut [sic] Murphy is not back yet. Sergt [sic] Jacob Forbing is on picket today. Amos Stealy comes back from Chattanooga. Nothing new today from front.

Tue Dec 22 - Clear and warm this morning. The boys has the rooster cocks a fighting today. Companys [sic] I and C Sergt [sic] Forbing and Kennedy comes in off picket. I look for Lieut [sic] Murphy today. Mail comes in today. I get a letter from Mr. Augustus F. Bailey. Quite warm tonight. The band gets out and plays three or four tunes tonight at 9 o'clock I write to my sister Jennetta tonight.

Wed Dec 23 - Clear and moderate this morning, but it clouds up some this afternoon. Mail came in. I get a notice that I have a letter in the Chattanooga post office. I send for it. I write to Augustus Bailey. The report is in camp that we have to go to Knoxville, Tennessee, but I do not beleave [sic] it though. Nothing new other ways. Take down my old chimney and Frank Sten puts up one in the back end of the tent.

Thu Dec 24 - Clear and quite windy this morning. The 30th is on picket today. I move my bed the other side of the tent, and my shanty is quite a good house now. Heard from Murphy. Samuel Hamilton came to the company today. Get muster rolls today. The 9th Ind gets mustered into the veterans' service today. Frank Sten makes [sic] some twister and

vinegar pies. Wrote out Milton Fulton's discipline list.

Fri Dec 25 - Clear and a little cool this morning. Christmas doughnuts and vinaigar [sic] pies for dinner, baked beans. Frank Sten and Corporal Shane gets a pass go up on the mountain. I have made out part of a muster rolls today. Orderly Sergt [sic] Wheeler goes out in the country. Peter Edsall comes down and have a good time. Joseph Bryant makes a cave dance tonight. Come to rain.

Sat Dec 26 - Cloudy and rainie [sic] this morning. Nothing much going on today. I get two letters today, one from James G. Ivins and one from James E. Swaine. Lieut [sic] James Kennedy came this morning and have a long chatt [sic]. Capt [sic] G W Hart of Co. C comes in. Get my watch fixed at the 24th Ohio this afternoon.

Sun Dec 27 - Still raining this morning, quite disagreeable in camp today. My tent leaks some. No mail. Capt [sic] Griswold is to Bridgeport, Alabama. Looking for a mustering officer to muster Co. H into the Veteran Service. No detail today to fatigue or picket. Nothing much going on today. Capt [sic] Joseph W. Whittaker command the regt [sic] now in the absence of Col. Hurd.

Mon Dec 28 - Cloudy this morning. I go on picket this morning with 12 men and four corporals on the Shell Mound road. About 6700 convalescence [sic] come in today from Nashville. Mail comes in today. I get nothing to eat today. Frank Sten don't know which road I am on. The boys shoot tonight something on the lines makes a light.

Tue Dec 29 - Clear this morning and warm, get relieved this morning at half past 8 o'clock. Capt [sic] Whittaker is an officer of the Grand Guard. I am relieved by the 84th Illinois Regt. this morning. Get orders that I am on Officer of the Day tomorrow. Lieuts [sic] Phillip P. Lash, H. H. Day and myself are detailed to examine a box of hard bread in the hands of Co. E 30th. Find them bad.

Wed Dec 30 - Clear and quite comfortable in camp this morning. Lieut [sic] H.H. Day goes on fatigue with 25 men. Capt [sic] G. W. Hart is on special duty getting at railroad ties. I am on Officer of the Day today cleaning up camp. See Nelson Borden Sutler in Co in camp with White Sutler of the 88th Indiana. I receive a paper from Fort Wayne.

Thu Dec 31 - Rained all night last night, but I did not get wet. It is just two years ago tonight since I was at home on a sick furlough and one year ago since the Battle of Stone [sic] River, Tennessee. It is a raining yet. We had general muster this morning. Lieut [sic] Murphy is not back yet, but I am looking for him. No mail.