

## William H. Tyner Diary

William H. Tyner Book

Bought at Nashville, Tenn [sic] Dec 13th 1862

Company B 38th Reg't [sic] Ill Vols

Friday December 26th, 1862

Left camp at seven ocl. [sic] marched out on the pike, it commenced raining early in the morning and rained very hard and was very muddy and slippery. Stopped [sic] raining about noon. Our advance, the first brigade, skirmished with enemy all morning. When about ten miles out we left the pike to the right – formed in line of battle, marched a short distance and met the enemies Cavalry and artillery. When on a knowl [sic] in (a) cedar thicket we halted [sic] and fired a few rounds at the Cavalry in a fields about half mile distant and soon routed them. We then advanced and formed in the same field and waited their demonstration. They planted a battery on the east side of the pike on a hill. We lay down and they fired on us a few rounds slightly wounding one man in company E. Col Carlin ordered the 38th Ill to charge and take the battery. As we advanced they fled over the hill. We marched up and rested a short time where they was stationed. We then marched forward by the right, passing companies to the front toward the Nolensville Pike. Was passing over a mound in corn field was fired in to by rebel battery stationed on pike and hill half mile in front of us. Was ordered by co in to line then to charge and take that battery. We marched down the hill through (a) valley, then left the pike. We opened fire on them, still advancing, our battery in our rear playing on the rebels. When within 150 yards of them the rebels skedaddled leaving one piece which we captured and (a) casion, [sic] three prisoners. We could not learn their loss. Ours was 14 killed, wounded. We followed one mile further. Halted [sic] rested a short time – all being very tired it being so very muddy. Returned to where the rebels was posted. Camped for night. McCooks [sic] corps coming in camping. Rainy.

Saturday December 27th 1862

Reveille – daylight. Rained in night, very cold. Formed line in valley – stacked arms – rested until noon. Troops passing all the time. Lee, Andrew, Bailey and the advance fighting all day the(y) capture(d) of one battery from enemy four miles distant. Our Division marched at noon four miles – raining all time – very muddy. Camped on hill. Company was detailed after night for picket on the road leading to Murfreesboro – all quiet.

Sunday Dec 28th 1862

Still on picket – all quiet in camp, drawing rations. Troop firing off and cleaning up their arms. Contraband said the enemy was evacuating the town. Bought some apples from Darkey. [sic] Was relieved at sundown. All in fine spirits. Very muddy. Relieved by Co 15th Wis.

Monday December 29th 1862

Marched out at 7 on the road to Murfreesboro. Went over a mountain – could see a long ways. If it had been clear could of [sic] seen the town. It was a beautiful scenery. Marched through cedar forest to an open field. Stopped, rested, filled canteens. Was told that it was the only water for ten miles. Our next march was through thick cedar forest. Roads very rough for ten miles. Came to open fields four miles from the town. Our cavalry had skirmished with and drove in the rebel cavalry and pickets. The enemy was in ambush – our men lost a major and several privates. Formed line – rest about an hour then marched forward a mile in to the wood – camped. Was not allowed any fires until morning.

Tuesday December 30th 1862

Rained little in the night. Formed line, 21st Ill, 15th Wis on the advance of our brigade, 38th Ill, 101 Ohio on the reserve. Marched forward in line of battle skirmishing all the time. Marched within half mile of rebels [sic] breastworks. 21st, 15th charged rebel battery – was repulsed. Lost good many men. Our battery playing on rebels silenced their battery. We was under heavy fire until dark. Daniel Martin, Jeff Green wounded by shell, several in reg't [sic] also. Lieut [sic] White took our co out to fire of guns. Fired in to secessh. [sic] They returned heavy fire and advanced no(ne) of our men hurt. The battery gave them some grape to settle them (?).

Wednesday December 31 1862

Was in line before daylight. Moved up to where 15th Wis was stationed the day before. The rebels soon opened fire on us. James Smart was knocked down by a ball from (the) enemy. The battery moved back. We fell back to position occupied evening [sic] previous. Was ordered to get our knapsacks, part of boys did, so we fell back two hundred yards farther and to the left, the same before we halted. [sic] Fred Hollis was killed dead, John Thompson wounded was carried off the field. We halted [sic] – layed [sic] down – opened fire on the rebels. The rebels came up four deep opening galling fire on us. Our boys returning it with great success driving them back in front. They came up on flank – poured in cross fire driving back 101st Ohio. Then we was ordered to retreat – the rebels cross firing all the time. We retreated a crossed [sic] a cotton field. Good many was killed while crossing field. Baker and self got lost. Reg't [sic] in woods. Joined company guarding Rosecrans head quarter teams. The [sic] kept us running all the time to get out of rebel cavalry way. The(y) shelled us once we retreated a crossed [sic] the river to the pike, so our cavalry charge on the rebel cavalry twice and whip them. The rebels burned large [army] train on the Nashville Pike. Our men drove them

back, they surprised Johnson (Gen. Richard W. Johnson) on the extreme right. Our men held them in check all around.

Thursday January 1, 1863

Baker and self joined by daylight. Was in front lines. Lieut [sic] White took company, went on skirmish line. Co K went also. Our cavalry was in line on the advance. The enemy stationed battery in the woods 1/2 mile in front of our lines shelling our cavalry and driving them back. Their skirmishers advanced, we drove them back. They then advanced a column. Our men drove them back again. Continued skirmishing through out the day. Was relieved at dusk. Our skirmishers advanced – two companies of enemy threw down their arms – came in to our lines shouting – New Years [sic] gifts to our men, they was all drunk. Drewed [sic] a few crackers on line. All night without fires. Was skirmishing all (a)long lines at night.

Friday January 2d 1863

In line before daylight. Skirmishing commenced. Built fires. Company B and A went out on skirmish line firing at sharp shooters all day – none of our boys hurt. At 3 ocl [sic] PM heavy fighting commenced on the extreme left (by) the enemy. Our men drove the enemy and captured Washington Battery. Firing untill [sic] after night. It was complete victory. Was relieved after dark. Was ordered to join Regt on extreme left, crossed the river. On front lines building breast work all night. Not feeling well. Slept by fire. Rained in night. The reg't [sic] and Divis worked all night without fires. Very cold.

Saturday January 3d 1863

Up before daylight. Finished work. All quiet except firing of Sharp Shooter at our men – killed several. Raining part of the day. Gathered sticks and fodder to sleep on. Was permitted to build fires. Was enjoying our selves finly [sic] when sharp firing commenced on our right. Fires was all put out – expected to have fight. Raining nearly all night. At 2 ocl [sic] AM was ordered to be in line ready to march. Started at 3 ocl [sic] by left Flank to river. Mud knee deep. Waded the river. Marched on pike to rear. Camped. Built large fires warmed fine time. Stop raining. See (Uncl(l)e Len was well (?)

Sunday January 4th 1863

Cleared up, News came that enemy had evacuated. Great cheering in camp – all feeling better. Yates, Kite went to find our dead, wounded. Found H.C. Henry and David Hughes in hospital doing very well. See Jim Pence. Genl [sic] Palmers Divis. Camped by us. (lined out) Tran [sic] came in from Nashville with our baggage, Capt. Cole with them. Put up our tents in night, raining.

Monday January 5th 1863

All feeling better. Went with Lieut [sic] White and others to help bury our dead. Buried Fred Hollis and Henry Smith. See H.C. Henry was feeling better. David Hughes was sent to Nashville. Buried reg't [sic] dead in wood(s) – thirty in all. Returned to camp. Cousin Richard was there to see me. Monday 5th (continued) Went over to his reg't [sic] 9th Ind with him – eat supper. Returned to camp. Our train came in with baggage 12 ocl [sic] AM. Commenced raining. Put up tents. Capt [sic] came with them.

Tuesday January 6th 1863

Nothing of importance going on. In the morning Cousin Richard came over to see me. Wrote letter to J. Henry, one home. Rec'd orders to strike tents – march to new camp. Marched 2 ocl [sic] PM to Murfreesboro – took pike leading to Shelbyville. Marched 3 miles – arrived in camp 10 ocl [sic] at night. Quite cold – very tired.

Wednesday January 7th 1863

Cleaned up camp. Put up tents. Capt [sic] McCracken came to see from 98th Ill. All in good spirits. Went in country – several of us got corn fodder to sleep on. Had fine nights [sic] sleep. Weather fine. Water very scarce.

Thursday January 8th 1863

Campbell and self went over 98th lit to see the boys. All well and in fine spirits. Returned to camp at dark. All quiet. Rec'd letter from home.

Friday January 9th 1863

Cleaning up camp. All quiet in camp. Clear warm day. All fine spirits.

Saturday January 10th 1863

All quiet in camp. Fine day, in quarters all day. Wrote letter home.

Sunday January 11th 1863

Reveille 4 ocl. [sic] Was detailed to go with teams to Nashville. Started at 6 ocl [sic] AM. Arrived in city at six PM after 30 miles ride – roads muddy. A. Landreth and self eat supper with Secessh [sic] Lady. Was detailed for guard – up all night.

Monday January 12th 1863

On guard. Went up town. Dr. Sisson and self eat dinner, fine dinner. Most of Regt up town. Was relieved off guard dark. Humes, Campbell and self went up town. All quiet. Sleep fine by fire.

Tuesday January 13th 1863

Reveille early. Started for camp – daylight. Company A, B, C on rear guard. Walked 18 miles then got on waggons. [sic] Arrived in camp 7 ocl [sic] night – all right.

Wednesday January 14th 1863

In camp. Helped draw rations. Raining all day, in tent getting wet – not feeling very well.

Thursday January 15th 1863

Up early – the briggade [sic] was detailed for picket. Went out on Shelbyville Pike three miles. Our company on out post in old school house. Rained four [sic] noon, snowed, sleeted after. Very cold. Had fine fire. Had fine night rest. Rebel pickets in three miles.

Friday January 16th 1863

Was relieved 9 ocl [sic] AM. In tent ballance [sic] of day – very cold, had good fire, snowing. All quiet in camp.

Saturday January 17th 1863

In camp – nothing going on. Recd [sic] letter from home – one from Sussie. [sic] Wrote letter to Sussie, [sic] one home. Fine day – clear. Helped cut wood.

Sunday January 18th 1863

Nothing going on in camp all day. Thawing – very muddy.

Monday January 19th

Cloudy. Teams started for Nashville after rations. All quiet in camp.

Tuesday January 20th

Raining. Company went foraging on Columbia Pike out five miles. Country rough, mostly woody. Recd [sic] letter from home – Date 5th.

Wednesday January 21st

Plesant. [sic]

Thursday January 22d

Fine warm day. All quiet in camp. Recd [sic] letter from home.

Friday January 23d

Plesant. [sic] Helped get rails fire up (in) tent, warm.

Saturday January 24th

Reveille at 3 ocl [sic] AM. Was ordered to be ready to march with three rations in haversacks. Order countermanded. Another one day ration. Brigade [sic] out post duty three miles on Shelbyville Pike. Raining. Company on out post.

Sunday January 25th 1863

Was relieved at 6 ocl [sic] 15th Ohio. Roads very muddy. Cloudy. All quiet in camp. Claypool very sick.

Monday January 26th 1863

Fine day. Rather muddy.

Tuesday January 27th

Raining all day. Recd [sic] orders to march with three days rations in haversacks on 28th inst. Orders countermanded. Recd [sic] letter from home date 20th.

Wednesday January 28th

Snowing, Very muddy – cold. Wrote letter home. Had dress parade. Col Carlins [sic] circular complimenting our brigade [sic] was read, wrote letter home.

Colonel Carlin's Circular

Head Qtrs [sic] 2d Brigade [sic] 1st Division, January 27th 1863

Order

The Col Comdg [sic] wishes to present to the Officers and men of this brigade [sic] some of the proofs of their heroic conduct during the eventful campaign beginning December 26th, 1862 and ending January 4th, 1863. From an authentic abstract of the losses of this entire army, it appears that the 21st Ill Vol lost more men in killed and wounded than any other reg't [sic] in this army. It lost more than many entire brigades

[sic] equal to this in strength. Its loss in killed exceeded that of several large divisions which have claimed to have saved the day and the country. The 38th Ill Vols, excepting the 36th Ill Vols, lost more than any other Reg't [sic] in the whole Army out side [sic] of this brigade. [sic] The loss of officers and men killed and wounded in 101st Ohio and 15th Wisconsin Vol was greater than any other regiment not in this brigade [sic] in proportion to their number engaged. The loss of this whole brigade [sic] in officers and men killed far exceeds that of any other brigade [sic] in the army with an equal number of Regiments. Not a Regimental Color was lost but all were brought off proudly flying in the face of the overwhelming force of the enemy. Not a gun or caisson of our batteries [sic] was lost. You held your position and fought till all our forces on our right had fallen back and till you were attacked on the right flank and rear, and till our left flank was almost turned. You again formed a line at the fence near our position which we held so long and held that till we were almost surrounded. You again formed a line after crossing two open fields at the fence in the edge of the timber east of Griscoms [sic] house (our hospital) and maintained your position till ordered to retreat. You retired slowly and deliberately till we reached the cedar grove near the Nashville Pike where you made a stand and delivered a destructive volley [sic] in to the enemy. You fought on the 31st till half our officers and men were killed or wounded or almost unavoidably separated [sic] from their colors. On 2nd January when defeat seemed probably on our left across Stone [sic] River. The (??) Rosecrans sent for your commander and gave him these instructions. Take your command to the left and form it in to two lines and if you find our men driven back, let them press through your lines and when the enemy arrives near, give a whoop and a yell and go at them. This brigade [sic] had been reduced by hard fighting from 1900 to 700 men yet you marched again with firm hearts to the scene of conflict. But found that the enemy had already been defeated by our brother soldiers of the Union. You can boast of the exciting glory of charging the enemy on the right of Knob Gap, driving him from his position and capturing two of his guns and six of his men. Though your praises may not be sounded in newspapers, you have won for your respective regiments and battery a fame that will never die. When the truth shall be known the 2nd brigade [sic] will be honored. And as long as you live you will be proud to remember your conduct at Perryville, Knob Gap and Stone [sic] River.

By order Col W.P. Carlin, Sam P. Voris Capt [sic] and AAAG

Thursday January 29th

Fine day. Muddy. All quiet on Cumberland.

Friday January 30th

Weather bad – cloudy rainy little. Recd [sic] order to work on breast work. Worked all day. At night Recd [sic] orders to march with three days rations in haversacks, two in wagons.

Saturday January 31st

Reveille at 4 ocl. [sic] Started at 6 ocl [sic] on Salem Pike. Marched very fast. Raining. Road in bad condition. Country rocky, hilly. Marched 17 miles. Camped at Eagleville. Plenty Rebel cavalry had just left the place. Our cavalry captured six mule teams and hundred prisoners. Fine place to camp – plenty of rails to burn.

Sunday February 1st

Started 6 ocl [sic] on Nolensville Pike. Took road to Franklin – very rough over stony hills through cedar thickets. Raining all day. Marched 10 miles. Camped, our brigade in advance. Cavalry captured several prisoners. Very weary.

Monday February 2nd 1863

Started at 7 ocl [sic] – our brigade in rear. Had creeks to wade, rough roads to travel and marched very fast. Arrived in half mile of Franklin – stacked arms – rested several hours. Crossed the Harper River on a few plank, the bridges all being burned. Marched through town. Camp two miles from city on Columbia Pike. The 38th on picket. Our company on the pike had plenty chicken, etc.

Tuesday February 3rd

Very cold all night last – snowed and froze. Boys had plenty of chickens and fresh meat, etc. Mr. Harrison came to us while on picket. Invited us to go eat breakfast with him. A.A. Henry and self went, got splendid one. Was relieved by Co K 21st Ill. Camped in fine grove.

Wednesday February 4th

Humes, Blair and self walked up town. See some secessh [sic] woman – snuff suckers – dirty practice. Snowing and freezing.

Thursday February 5th

Snowed and rained all last night. Freeman, Smith, Yankee, and self went in country. Cavalry made us skedaddle back again. Very cold.

Friday February 6th

Smith, Freeman, Yankee, self got a pass – went out foraging. Out on pike three miles bought chicken egg, butter, hams, etc. Got fine dinner. Returned to camp 3 PM. Reg't [sic] had gone on picket. Secessh [sic] cavalry captured six of 2d Minn [sic] Battery. Co on picket west of camp.



Saturday February 7th

McCann, self went to house see Gen Ben McCullas [sic] sister, full blooded Secesh. [sic] 21st Ill, 15th Wis, 101 Ohio went out on scout to Spring Hill. Discovered nothing. Relieved by Co 21st 8 ocl [sic] PM.

Sunday February 8th

In camp. Weather fine.

Monday February 9th

Raining. W Green and Culbertson detailed with Batty.

Tuesday February 10th

Reg't [sic] on picket. Raining. Benefield and self in camp.

Wednesday February 11th

Beautiful day. Reg't [sic] relieved off picket 3 ocl [sic] PM. In the evening about 5 ocl [sic] PM the Divis was ordered out in line. Troops formed in line on each side of the pike. One piece of artillery was drove up in the center. The object of his display was to witness the punishment of five soldiers belonging to Penn Cav and one to the 4th Regulars who had been committing [sic] various depredations in the vicinity of Franklin – some of which was arson larceny Rape, etc. The sentence adjudged by Gen Jeff C. Davis was that their heads be shaved and that each one receive fifty (50) lashes on the bare back with a raw hide and then be dismissed from the service by being drummed out of our Camp. One of the culprits turned states [sic] evidence. He got clear of the lashes. But had his head shaved and he had to whip the others. One recd [sic] a Bullet in the affray by the girls [sic] Father. He was wounded so badly that he escaped punishment. The four fellows were tied up to the wheel of the caisson after their heads was shaved and recd [sic] their punishment due their crimes. The first one yelled and screamed and prayed loudly. The second never uttered a groan. The third stood it better than the first, But he whined considerable. [sic] Division now returned to camp. Prepared supper, retired to our humble cot of straw.

Thursday February 12th 1863

Was ordered to march at daylight crossed Harpeth River on road for Murfreesboro, way of Tryoon (Triune), turned east on pike five miles then turned north on road to Eagleville. Camped on same ground as previous. All very tired. Marched 26 miles.

Friday February 13th

Started for camp. Our Regt and Brigade in the advance. Arrived in camp 6 ocl [sic] PM. Marched 17 miles, road very muddy. Rec'd letters from Jennie, cousin Richard, H.C. Henry, eight from home.

Saturday February 14th

In camp. Recd [sic] letters from home, one from Sussie. [sic] Wrote letters to cousin Richard, Sussie, [sic] Raining, help get up wood, etc.

Sunday February 15th

Raining. Wrote letter to Chamberlain, one home.

Monday February 16th

Ordered to march on days rations, regiment rear of brigade on Salem Pike five miles. Turned to right on road leading west eight miles over rough and muddy roads. Found plenty of forage. Started back at 4 ocl [sic] PM. Raining, teams mired, etc. Arrived at camp at 10 ocl [sic] at night. All very much fatigued.

Tuesday February 17th

In quarters, raining. Wrote letter to Oscar.

Wednesday February 18th

Raining. Very disagreeable. Rec'd letter from home.

Thursday February 19th

Regiment on out post duty. In camp writing. Fine day, very muddy.

Friday February 20th

Regt came in at 10 ocl. [sic] Beautiful day.

Saturday February 21st

Raining. Recd [sic] letter from Richard, one from home.

Sunday February 22nd

In line at 4 ocl [sic] PM, eulogy of Gen Rosecrans to the Army on Washingtons [sic] birthday, a salute of 34 guns was fired from one battery in each Devison [sic] in the Army.

Monday February 23rd

Raining, all quiet.

Tuesday February 24th

A Beautiful day. Uncle Lew Pennwell came to see me.

Wednesday February 25th

Lew started for home. Helped get up fine lot of wood, commenced raining. Wrote letters mostly. We recd [sic] one from home.

Thursday February 26th

Raining. Wrote letter to cousin Louisa.

Friday February 27th

Beautiful day.

Saturday February 28th

Recd [sic] pay, musterd. [sic]

Sunday March 1st

Regiment on out post duty. In quarters. Recd [sic] letter from home. One from Simeon Wright. Wrote letter to same, Sussie, [sic] Charlie H.C. Kay.

Monday March 2d

Regiment came off duty – 10 ocl. [sic] Capt [sic] started for home. Had an election for officers resulting as follows – Lieut [sic] White for Capt., A.L. Walker for 1st Lieut., B.G. Humes 2d Lieut. Beautiful day.

Tuesday March 3d

Recd [sic] orders to march with two days rations. Beautiful day.

Wednesday March 4th

Started at 6 ocl. [sic] Crossed Stone [sic] River on by road leading south east in country through fields and forest over rough and muddy roads some fifteen miles. Met few rebs [sic] – skirmish. Came to Shelbyville Pike 9 1/2 miles from camp. Captured three men seven horses and all the pickets and returned to camp safe before dark. Recd [sic] letter from home

Thursday March 5th

In camp. Received orders to [march] in morning with two days rations.

Friday March 6th

Brigade started at 7 ocl. [sic] Our reg't [sic] in rear on Shelbyville Pike. Run in reb [sic] pickets 10 miles from camp. Had quite a skirmish. Co B was ordered to carry a dispatch to a brigade on the Middleton Road 12 miles from Shelbyville. Co had to go a by road to kee(p) the Rebes [sic] from gitting [sic] us caught up with brigade, as they was driving the Rebs [sic] out of the town. Had quite a little fight – our loss none – rebels 9 killed 9 wounded. A few houses was burned down. Our men fell back a mile or so. Camped in Cedar grove. Raining all day. Country perfectly deluged with mud. All very much fatigued. John Reel fell in reer, [sic] think taken prisoner.

Saturday March 7th 1863

2 ocl [sic] AM was ordered to return to cam(p). Co was attached to 89th Ill reg't [sic] – Johnson div. Started without any breakfast on road for camp. Muddy. Every one out of humor. Raining. All together a fine prospect. Our road lay through corn fields, over fences, acrossed [sic] creeks, mud holes, etc., etc. Struck Salem Pike three miles from camp. Arrived safe at camp at 10 ocl [sic] AM. All with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Then came the pleasing cry this way for your mail boys. All then in good humor. Recd [sic] letter from home. One from Jennie. Recd [sic] orders to march with three days rations all ready, was ordered to be ready at moments [sic] warning.

Sunday March 8th

In readiness in quarters. Wrote letter home to Jennie, cousin Will. Raining.

Monday March 9th

Started on out post duty. Was ordered back to have three day rations to move at moments [sic] warning. Started at 10 ocl [sic] our brigade on advance, marched 12 miles. Camp near Varsalles on fine creek. Rained all night.

Tuesday March 10 1863

Raining. Rec'd orders to march at 9 ocl. [sic] Turned to right – struck Eagleville Pike 4 miles from town. Roads very muddy. Halted at Eaglesville. Thought was going to camp. Carried up rails – built roaring fires. All preparing for a good nights [sic] rest, when the order “fall in boys for Tryoon (Triune) tonight” came round. Did not help to increase good humor. Our brigade in advance. The advance cavalry was fired on by pickets thought to be rebel. After preparing for skirmish they turned out to be Union Picket to a brigade stationed at Tryoon. [sic] Arrived within two miles of the town. Camped 11 ocl [sic] at night. Muddy. Dark. All being tired. No wood – only green rails, all together making a hard time. After hard work got fire started. Prepared to rest for the night.

Wednesday March 11th

McCann and self went out in country – found nothing. Reg't [sic] went out on out Post duty. Co A, B on pike south of camp. Allowed no fires. Fine day.

Thursday Mar 12th

Beautiful [sic] day. Humes, McCann and self went out to plantation. Got dinner. Was relieved by Co of 25th Ill vols. Returned to camp. Drewed [sic] 1/2 days rations. Recd [sic] orders to be ready to march at daylight.

Friday Mar 13th

Started at 7 ocl [sic] on pike for Eaglesville. Arrived and camped at 11 ocl [sic] AM. Rebels reported near. Some persons burned a Union mans [sic] house. Was ordered to be in line ready for an attack – none occuring. [sic] Retired to bed.

Saturday Mar 14th

Gen Sheridan divis passed us on road to camp. We started 9 ocl [sic] for Varsailles. Arrived there and camped 3 ocl [sic] on old camp ground. Harmon Smidth came from camp with rations. Rec'd letter Sussie, [sic] Oscar, three from home.

Sunday Mar 15th

Started on 12 ocl [sic] on pike for camp. Arrived 4 ocl [sic] PM. All in fine spirits. Recd [sic] letter from home.

Mar 16th

In quarters writing letters to Oscar, Cousin Richard, Sussie [sic] and home.

Tuesday March 17th 1863

Company in ...Battalion after Major Alden returned from Illinois, Col Gilmer started for Illinois. Received letter from home.

Wednesday Mar 18th

Recd [sic] orders to march at 2 ocl [sic] PM with one days cooked rations. Recd [sic] two months pay before starting. Crossed the river. Took pike for Salem four miles from camp. 38th Ill went on picket. Co A and B on out post duty at 4 ocl [sic] PM. Recd [sic] letter from Martha Way.

Thursday Mar 19th

Was relieved off Picket by 21st Ill vols. Regt camped in fine woods 1/2 mile from Salem. All quiet on line. Few rebel cavalry seen.

Friday Mar 20th

Battalion drill at 2 ocl [sic] PM. Fine drill. Rebel Pickets in sight, fired on ours several times. Co A and B was ordered at 8 ocl [sic] PM night to go on out post duty 3/4 of a mile beyond Picket line on pike to catch some rebel if they can. Had been there same day. Nothing occured [sic] to disturb our watchfull [sic] and vigilant pickets. Was on 2nd relief on extreme out post – expected to be attacked. The 3d Brigade came out and camped near us.

Saturday Mar 21st

Was ordered back to camp at 6 ocl [sic] AM. The enemy was in our rear between us and camp. Heavy skirmishing by our cavalry. The enemy force was cavalry. It got to be most to(o) warm for them, they retreated. The 1st Brigade came at (up) during the night. Our divis was fully prepared to give them a warm reception. Stacked arms. Rested. Was ready to fall in at moments [sic] warning. All firing creased. The enemy had retreated, loss not known. Recd [sic] letter from home. Fine day.

Sunday Mar 22nd

Clo..[sic] was detailed for a regimental guard. Wrote letter home. All quiet on picket line. Was relieved by Gen Johnsons [sic] division, camped within one mile of city on ground formerly occupied by Gen Rosecrans.

Monday 23rd

Relieved off guard 3 ocl [sic] AM. Helped pitch tents, clean up quarters, etc., etc. Learned that Will Hord had died on 22d of typhoid fever.

Tuesday Mar 24th

Cleaning up quarters. Received letter from Richard. Wrote letter to him. Raining.

Wednesday March 25th 1863

Went over to Pioneer Brigade to see David Kershner, from their [sic] to 98th Ill, see the boys. All well. On returning, found they had received orders to march in morning with one day Ration. Raining.

Thursday March 26th

Went on out post duty on Shelbyville Pike one mile from camp.

Friday March 27th

Was ordered to camp with a detail to clean up quarters for Gen inspection. Regt was relieved, returned to camp 8 ocl [sic] AM. At 12 ocl [sic] PM marched to a field west of camp for Gen Review. Was reviewed by Gen Rosecrans. Raining slightly. All passed off finly. [sic]

Saturday March 28th

Wrote letter home.

Sunday March 29th

Company inspection, very cold.

Monday March 30th

Batallion [sic] drill. Recd [sic] letters from home. Wrote one to Simeon Wright.

Tuesday March 31st

On out Post duty on Shelbyville Pike. Received letter from home from Jennie.

Wednesday April 1st 1863

Was relieved off picket by 9th Regt Ky Vols. Wrote letter home – one to Jennie.

Thursday April 2d

Went in company with John Hollis, Wyatt Bailey a crossed [sic] the river to 73d Ind Vols. Lee, Uncle Lew Penwell, also an old school mate, Lieut [sic] John Munday. Went from their [sic] over the battlefield. Returned to camp by the way of the city fortifications. Rec'd letters from home.

April 3d

Drilling company and battalion.

Saturday April 4th

Was on fatigue working on magazine.

Sunday April 5th

Company inspection. Wrote letters home. Recd [sic] letter from home from Sussie. [sic]

Monday April 6th

On out post duty, Shelbyville Pike. Recd [sic] letters from cousin Clay Tyner, H.C. Henry from home. Wrote letter to same, to Oscar.

Tuesday April 7th

Was relieved at 8 ocl [sic] by 73d Ill Regt. Returned to camp. Recd [sic] letter from cousin Richard, one from brother Washington, H.C. Henry and Clay Tyner.



Wednesday April 8th 1863

Drilling battalion and company.

Thursday April 9th

Drilling. Received letters from home, Oscar. Wrote letter home, one to cousin Richard.

Friday April 10th

Went after cedars to put in camp.

Saturday April 11th

On brigade, guard. Sent for Webster's army, navy Dictionary.

Sunday April 12th

Relieved at 9 ocl. [sic] Went over to 51st Ill, see Bailey Boys. Recd [sic] letter from home. Wrote letter home.

Monday April 13th

On Picket on Shelbyville Pike.

April 14th

Was relieved by 27th Ill. Raining. Wrote letter to cousin Addie and Sussie. [sic]

Wednesday April 15th

Brigade ordered on five days picket on Salem Pike three miles from camp. 38th Regt on out post duty.

Thursday April 16th

Relieved by 21st Ill. Camped 1/2 mile in rear. Received two letters from home.

Friday April 17th

On out post duty on former station. Wrote letter home.

Saturday April 18th 1863

Relieved by 21st Regt III. Camped on former ground. Received letter from cousin Richard.

Sunday April 19th

On out post duty on former station.

Monday April 20th

Relieved at 11 ocl [sic] AM by 27th III Regt. Brigade returned to camp. Received letter from cousin Louisa.

Tuesday April 21st

Reed [sic] orders to march at moments [sic] warning with three days rations in haversacks. Received letter from home. Wrote letter home.

Wednesday April 22d

Orders countermanded. Regt on picket on Shelbyville Pike. Rec'd letter from Jennie. Wrote one to Jennie. Went hospital to see Ben Claypool.

Thursday April 23d

Regt returned to camp. Sent overcoat home. Wrote letter home.

Friday April 24th

Rumors of capture of McMinnville Tenn [sic] by our forces. Most of Company on fatigue. Beautiful weather.

Saturday April 25th

Cleaning up quarters, etc. Wrote letter to Richard.

Sunday April 26th

Inspection, etc. Went over to 98th III and stayed all night with Friend Irwin.

Monday April 27th

Returned to camp via city. Majority of Co on fatigue.

Tuesday April 28th

On picket on former station, Shelbyville Pike.

Wednesday April 29th

Relieved at 8 ocl [sic] AM by 98th Ohio. Sibley tents turned over to Q.M. Roll of honor men ordered back to companies. Expressed money home. Weather fine.

Thursday April 30th

Gen enspection [sic] and muster. John Hollis and self went over to city. See the 98th Ill returning from a scout. Genl [sic] fast day. Attended divine service near Hd.Q. [sic] Recd [sic] letter from home from Washington. Wrote letter to Wm Pennwell. Beautifull [sic] day.

Friday May 1st

Detailed for Regt guard. Recd [sic] letter from Sussie. [sic] Wrote letter to Bro Washington and Louisa.

Saturday May 2d

Relieved at 8 ocl [sic] AM, J. Hughes and self went over the River. 73d Ind had gone to Nashville. Sadly dissappointed. [sic] Recd [sic] letter from Simeon Wright. Wrote letter to Simeon, one to Lew S. Pennwell.

Sunday May 3d 1863

On picket on former station. Shelbyville Pike. All quiet on lines. Recd [sic] letter from Lay Port Ind (La Porte).

Monday May 4th

Relieved by 88th Ill at 8 ocl, [sic] Wrote letter to Father, Mary, one to Sussie. [sic] Had likeness taken. Wrote letter to aunt Alvira.

Tuesday May 5th

Raining slightly. Wrote letter David, Dr. Baker. Capt [sic] White started home on leave of absence. Ben Claypool on a discharge.

Wednesday May 6th

Detailed for fatigue. Went over the river. Raining. Relieved at noon. Wrote letter to Miss Callie.

Thursday May 7th

Very disagreeable. Raining, cold. Recd [sic] letter from cousin Richard. Conflicting news from "Hooker".

Friday May 8th

Drilling. Muddy. Very disagreeable. News good from Hooker.

Saturday May 9th

Cleaning up quarters. Regt went (to) river, took a refreshing bathe.

Sunday May 10th

Inspection. [sic] Good news from Hooker and Grant.

Monday May 11th

Regt and brigade on picket on former Station. Reported capture of Richmond by Keyes, Grand Gulf and Fort Gibson by Grant.

Tuesday May 12th

Relieved at 9 ocl [sic] AM by 93d Ohio. Beautifull [sic] day. Wrote letter home.

Wednesday May 13th

Nothing of especial enterest [sic] going on.

Thursday May 14th

In woods cutting brush, poles, etc. for shades. 4 ocl [sic] PM received orders to be ready to march at 5 ocl [sic] PM with three days rations in haversacks. Started at 5 ocl

[sic] PM on Shelbyville Pike expecting a little fight. Bivouac on Manchester Heights four miles from camp, two miles beyond picket lines. Company B on picket. Rebels reported advancing.

Friday May 15th

Night passed pleasantly away. No signs of enemy. Approaches [sic] plainly seen from bivouac with naked eye, supposed to be pickets. Our advance night previous was for the purpose of establishing an advanced out post to be held by one brigade, to be relieved every five day or at the option of comdg [sic] gen. Fine shady forest. Time passed pleasantly away. Much better plan than camp, both for health and comfort. Recd [sic] letter from W.N. Pennwell, one from H.C. Henry. Relieved off picket by Co. A.

Saturday May 16th 1863

Routine same as previous day. No demonstrations made by enemy of hostile character. Time passed of(f) pleasantly to all. 4 ocl [sic] PM a Family of Union Refugees was sent to our lines from Shelbyville by order of Gen Bragg. Said Family consisted of following persons; Two Elder Ladies, one young and handsome lady of about 18 summers, and three small children. The trio seemed well-pleased to get once more under the protection of the Stars and Stripes. Was sent to Murfreesboro. Weather exceedingly beautifull. [sic] Rec'd letter from Sussie. [sic]

Sunday May 17th

Relieved by 3d Brigade. Col. Hague of 15 Wisconsin. On returning found all quiet. Had general inspection. Wrote letter to W.N. Pennwell, one to cousin Richard.

Monday May 18th

Detailed to regimental guard. Very warm. Wrote letter to H.C. Henry, one home.

Tuesday May 19th

Relieved at 8 ocl [sic] AM. Brigade drill afternoon. Fine drill. Was very warm and dusty.

Wednesday May 20th

Brigade on advance picket on former station. Recd [sic] orders to be ready to march at any time.

Thursday May 21st 1863

Relieved at 8 ocl [sic] AM. Marching order countermanded. Rec'd orders to send all extra baggage to be sent to rear. Expressed a box for Henry Billingsley, an acquaintance came to see the Friends of company I(?) Weather pleasant.

Friday May 22d

Nothing occurring to break the monotony of camp life. Wrote letter to Sussie. [sic]

Saturday May 23d

Went in company with R J Gibson, James Campbell to 4th Ind cavalry to visit acquaintances. 4th regular cavalry attacked and captured 300 rebels cavalry at Middleton, on Road to Shelbyville. [sic] Wrote letter to Oscar.

Sunday May 24th

Enspction, [sic] general; Rec'd news of the capture of a large amount of prisoners and cannon by "Grant" from the combined forces of Pemberton and Johnson. Victory said to be complete. Rec'd letter from Simeon Wright. Wrote letter to Miss Carrie. Weather beautifull. [sic]

Monday May 25th

Still better news from Grant. Victory over Pemberton complete. He (Reb) retreated to Vicksburg closely pursued by Grant who has the former place closely invested. Wrote letter to J.H. Rankin, Simeon Wright.

Tuesday May 26th 1863

Had an election of Non Com Officers, Resulted in Sergt, [sic] Blair for orderly, McCain Corp, Corp Bailey for Sergt, [sic] Privates Fields and Hill for Corporals. Nothing of interest going on.

Wednesday May 27th

Policing and ornimenting [sic] quarters.

Thursday May 28th

Brigade ordered on five day Picket on Shelbyville Pike. 21st Ill and 81st Ind went on advance post on Manchester Heights five miles from City. 38th Ill and 101st Ohio bivouaced [sic] on the bank of Stone [sic] River two miles in ear of out Post. In fine shady grove. Recd [sic] letter from cousin Richard.

Friday May 29th

All quiet on lines. Raining. Capt [sic] White returned from home. Received letter from Louisa.

Saturday May 30th

Raining. Received letter and tokens [sic] from home, letter from same. Wrote letter home to Bro Washington.

Sunday May 31st

Had divine service by our new chaplain, a Mr. Brown of Springfield, Ills. Regt was pleased with him. Rec'd letter from Wm Pennwell. Wrote letter to Wm., one to Richard. Time passing off pleasantly to all.

Monday June 1st 1863

A beautiful June day. Soldiers all enjoying the beauties of nature which was so gracefully displayed. All quiet in front. Raining slightly.

Tuesday June 2d

Sergt [sic] Bailey and self returned to camp after numerous articles [sic] for Co. Great activity in camps. Rumored advance of Bragg. Recd [sic] letter from Callie. Raining slightly.

Wednesday June 3d

Easy times picketing. No guarding to do. Roam when we pleased and all in fine health and spirits. Battalion drill, fine meadow for drilling ground. Rebels attacked and drive in Picket on Tulahoma [sic] Pike was driven back. Soon Regt'mts [sic] in readiness to move to front. Was ordered to have seven days rations in haversacks and knapsacks. Wrote letter to D.L. Tyner. 10 ocl [sic] PM all quiet.

Thursday June 4th

10 ocl [sic] AM skirmishing commenced on our Post – Regt was ordered to move to the support of those on Post. Sharp cannonading took place. Rebs [sic] getting pretty close. 3d Brigade Col Hague Comdg [sic] came out and advanced on pike. Ours (Carlins) then was ordered to flank Rebs [sic] on their left. Made a detour through woods to right of pike, crossing small stream twice. Tracked not less than eight (8) miles. Found no rebels in force, had all “skedaddled”. Came back on pike a few miles farther south then where first starting, 3rd brigade having drove the enemy that far. All skirmishing ocured

[sic] toward enemy. Returned. Bivouaced [sic] near Heights. The rebels has been feeling all along our lines. Very heavy cannonading in direction of "Franklin". We lost one man killed, several wounded in 81st Ind. Rebel loss not acertaind. [sic] Recd [sic] letters from home, one from Sussie. [sic] Rainey. [sic]

Friday June 5th

Rained quite hard all night last. Very disagreeable having no tents. In readiness to march at any time and no signs of enemy. Raining portion of day. Recd [sic] letter from Jennie, answered it.

Saturday June 6th

Still in "Bivouac". Time passing pleasantly, all quiet. Family of Union Refugees from Shelbyville came through our lines with personal baggage.[sic] Fine day and good news from Grant had a tendancy [sic] to raise our drooping spirits after so long a tour of picketing. Recd [sic] letter from brother Oscar, Duck Landry, La, answered it.

Sunday June 7th

Was relieved at 8 ocl [sic] by 3d Brigade. Returned to camp with a hearty good will. Found everything O.K. Heard fine sermon by chaplain. Cheering news from Grant, Hooker, Banks. Wrote letter home.

Monday June 8th

Companies J, K, A and B Detailed for chain picket. Co B on station No 21 east of river. Weather cool and cloudy. All quiet on lines.

Tuesday June 9th 1863

Relieved at 8 ocl [sic] A.M. by Co E 28th Ill. The 8th Regt returned from Nashville, joined our brigade. Fine Regt – 900 strong. The prisoners taken at Battle of Stone [sic] River returned today. A goodly number from this Regt. All exchanged in good health and fine spirits.

Wednesday June 10th

No further entries.

Sixteen days later William Tyner was wounded in battle at Liberty Gap Tennessee on June 26th and died of his wounds July 26th 1863 in a field hospital in Murfreesboro, TN. He was 26 years old.