

Maurice Williams Diary

DIARY OF
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TENTH BRIGADE FOURTH DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF THE OHIO
GENERAL BUELL COMMANDING

VOLUME SECOND
(FROM JUNE 20th 1862 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31st 1862.)

29th November—All quiet in camp today.

Sunday. November 30th—General inspection of arms to day. I am on guard again to day. We have brigade guard now. Mounted at brigade headquarters.

Monday. December 1st—The firearms of our regt [sic] were inspected to day. By the brigade inspector [sic].

Tuesday. 2nd December—No drill to day fine day.

Wednesday [sic]. December 3rd—Our division was reviewed [sic] at ten o'clock [sic] this morning by General Rosecrans at the assylum [sic] grounds 6, miles east of Nashville. It was a grand affair General Rosecrans was mounted on a fine gray horse. And made a splendid appearance. He is a remarkable looking man with a countenance which when once seen. Could never be forgotten. Fine day.

Thursday. 4th December 1862—This morning our brigade went out with a forage train towards Murfreesboro went eight miles got plenty of forage and returned at night. Warm day.

Friday. December 5th—Slight fall of snow last night cold cloudy.

Saturday. December 6th—I am on guard to day as sargent [sic] our sargents [sic] are all sick.

Tuesday. December 9th—Got a pass this morning and went to Nashville to see some boys in the 37th Indiana. Came to camp in the evening and found that our regt. had gone out to strengthen a picket post.

Wednesday [sic]. December 10th—Our regiment [sic] returned about noon. To day with five prisoners and two horses.

Wednesday [sic]. 17th December—This morning I was sent out by Col. Grose with five men. To bring in a wagon. Which was upset last night about a mile outside of the picket line. While coming in with forage brought it in all right.

Saturday. December 20th—We were aroused this morning at three a.m. and at 7 a.m. we started (our division) on a scout to the left of Murfreesboro. Went ten miles and. Returned at night cold day. Saw no rebels [sic].

Sunday. December 21st—Usual inspection of arms and clothing this morning.

Monday. December 22nd—Our brigade and the 22nd went foraging to day passed through Nashville and went out on the Hillsboro Pike. Went about 12 miles got plenty of forage. And returned to camp by 7 p.m. warm day.

Tuesday. 23rd December—All quiet in camp to day. Built a brick furnace in our tent we are very comfortable now. Fine day.

Wednesday [sic]. Dec. 24th—This morning at three o'clock [sic] we were ordered to get up and get our breakfast. And be ready to march at daylight we laid in readiness all day. But did not go.

Thursday. December 25th—Christmas Day. Our regiment [sic] went on picket this morning went about four miles and a little to the Murfreesboro Pike and relieved the 23rd KY. Regiment.

Friday. 26th December—This morning at four a.m. received orders for us to join our division on the pike as it was going to march. This we did at daylight and found that we were going to advance upon the rebels [sic]. At Murfreesboro. Van. Cleaves [sic] Division is in advance our division and Woods are on the same pike. While the balance [sic] of the Army has taken the different pikes to our right. Our regiment [sic] was scattered [sic] along the ammunition train and this was kept close up with the advancing column. About 9 a.m. we drove in the outposts of the enemy and skirmishing began. The enemy retreated slowly. Fighting stubbornly, they had a battery of light guns which they used on us but with little effect about sundown having driven the enemy to Laverge [sic] a small town 15 miles from Nashville. The pursuit was ended for the day and we bivouacked for the night in a large cedar woods to the left of the pike. It began to rain heavy this morning when we started and continued with occasional intermissions all day. From the heavy rolls of musketry on our right we judge. General Rosecrans has all he can do.

Saturday, December 27th—It rained nearly all last night and is still raining [sic] laid in woods until [sic] noon. Waiting [sic] for the troops on our right to advance some farther. Our regiment [sic] is on the flank of our division and we can plainly see our cavalry skirmishing with that of the enemy. About 1 p.m. we started Woods division in advance the rain falling in torrents the enemy was very stubborn for awhile but soon gave way before the pressure [sic] of our heavy columns. After going about six miles we bivouacked about half a mile to the right of the pike near a large cave and spring. The enemy had been camped here for his camp fires were still burning.

Sunday, December 28th 1862—Generals Negley's [sic] Division crossed over from the Nelsonsville [sic] Pike this morning and gained on our right. About three p.m. our brigade moved up to the edge of the woods facing a large open field which extended nearly out to the pike and our company and Company H. were put out on picket can see the enemy's [sic] pickets plainly. Our pickets from our other brigade to our left are talking with them and occasionally [sic] exchanging [sic] shots. The weather to day is bright and clear but rather cool. I believe that I have neglected to state heretofore that our division has a new Commander. Wm. S. Smith was relieved. About the 16th of this month by Brigadier Gen. John A. Palmer. He is well liked by the boys. As a commander. [sic]

Monday, December 29th 1862—Last night was very cold with frost. About daylight we were called in got our breakfast. Line of battle then formed. Our regiment [sic] in front. Supported by the Sixth Ohio. The whole brigade thus formed in double line with artillery on the left. Negley's on our right before starting our artillery shelled the woods in front to dislodge [sic] the enemy's [sic] cavalry [sic]. And then we marched forward [sic]. Through fields fording Stewarts Creek and skirmishing all the time. The left of our division resting on the pike in this manner we marched about nine miles in line of battle arriving about sundown in site of the enemy's [sic] rifle pits [sic] on Stone [sic] River. And bivouacked in a strip of cedar woods at the edge of a cotton field and began to get supper about this time a large brick mansion. A few hundred yards in front which afforded shelter for a good number of the enemy's [sic] sharpshooters was fired by a shell from one of our guns. And in a few minutes the flames burst out from the roof and window-casting a glare of light on the military [sic] array around us that was grand to behold. About this time some of Woods [sic] skirmishers on our left charged a rebel [sic] picket post. And reserve and the rattle of musketry and the screams of the wounded was for a while awful to hear. It was evident from the busy [sic] running of the cars and other signs [sic] that the enemy was evacuating and at 9 o'clock [sic] we were called out under arms to take possession [sic] of the town. But while the preparations [sic] were going on for this our spies returned with the information that it was a ruse. That the enemy were laying in their rifle pits [sic] awaiting us. So we retired to the edge of the woods built large fires for the night was cool. And rested.

Tuesday, December 30th—Got up at daylight. And after breakfast formed our line of battle in the cotton field the Sixth Ohio in front. The sharpshooters wounded a number of our men. About 8 a.m. the enemy opened on the left of our division. With two pieces [sic] of artillery. But they were soon silenced and we could plainly see them withdraw. And move off to our right. The artillery fighting now became general on our right and lasted all day. About dark the enemy opened on our division again. With artillery. But our battery having cross fire on them soon silenced them. General Palmer who was passing by. Said seek cover. Boys one private is worth three brigadiers. It has been raining and drizzling [sic] all day.

December, 31st Wensday [sic], 1862—Got up at four o'clock [sic] and got our breakfast. At daylight prepared for battle an order was read to each regiment from Gen. Rosecrans requesting us to charge bayonets upon the enemy at every opportunity. Our brigade was now relieved by the 19th of our division and we moved a short distance to the rear. We had scarcely taken our new position when the firing which had been very heavy on the right all morning suddenly became alarmingly close and more to the rear our brigade instantly faced about and marched about two hundred yards farther [sic] to the rear and to the left and took position in the dense thicket of cedar [sic]. Where the enemy who had drove our right back came against our brigade with full force, compelling us to fall back to the pike. At the first fire Major Kinley was mortally [sic] wounded and his horse killed under him the two ranking captains who were mounted and assisting to command had their horses killed our second lieutenant badly wounded and two of our boys. Falling back to the pike we fought them with terrible effect their columns seemed to melt before our deadly fire as they came out of the woods. 12 of our company were wounded here besides our captain and first lieutenant. About two p.m. we fell back to the rail road and fought them with artillery until [sic] nearly sundown our regt. supporting the battery. At dark we were relieved and moved half mile to rear to get some rest.

(END OF VOLUME TWO)

Note—From the time General Rosecrans superceeded [sic] Buell this army has been called the Department of the Cumberland Buell. Superceeded [sic] by Rosecrans. (About middle Nov. 1862)

VOLUME THIRD

(FROM JANUARY 1ST 1863 TO AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 14TH 1863)

Thursday, January 1st 1863—Last night at midnight our brigade went out to the front again at the pike. Enemys [sic] lines not more than two hundred yards distant. Pulled down a

large log house and made a breastworks along the pike. At daylight left a company from each regt. and then returned to the rear in a cedar thicket. Just then the rebs [sic] charged in heavy columns on the breastworks. Our pickets retired and our artillery which had previously been massed at that point opened on them and litterly [sic] mowed them. This seemed to satisfy them for the day. About noon our brigade crossed Stone [sic] River and took a position on the extreme left remained untill [sic] 3 p.m. when we returned to our thicket [sic] again. But had no sooner stacked arms than the enemy again shelled us severly [sic]. But as we did not reply they soon quit. Last night was bitter cold with frost but to day has been mild with apperance [sic] of rain. Our captain with us to day.

Friday, January 2nd 1863—This morning at sunrise the enemy again shelled us. Our battery replied and for about half an hour ensued one of the most terrible artillery duels that I ever heard. The enemy finding they could do nothing at this point retired and our brigade again mooved [sic] across the river and took up position on the extreme left. At our old farm house. Which had been deserted during the battle. The 6th Ohio having arrived our regt [sic] built a kind of breastwork close to the house Van.Cleaves. [sic] Division and Negleys on our right heavy skirmishing all day. Between four and five p.m. the enemy charged across the open field in front of us in three solid columns yelling like devils they drove the division back upon us. By this time they were checked. They wavered and they fled in disorder pursued by our force cross the field we captured five piecies [sic] of their Washington artillery. This fight lasted about an hour and in 40 minutes the enemy lost ten thousand men. Our captain was killed at the breastwork in the forepart of the charge returned to our old position for the night. Day warm and cloudy.

Saturday, January 3rd 1863—Last night at midnight it began to rain very hard and is still raning [sic] this morning. Occupy the same position we did yesterday burying our dead. Company G had three men killed last evening. Heavy skirmishing all day. Shortly after dark. A sortier [sic] was made on their center. By some of our Tennessee [sic] troops. Fight lasted about an hour do not know the result still raining. Chilly and disagreeable [sic].

Sunday, January 4th 1863—The sun rose clear this morning but the air is very cold at 9 a.m. this morning our division moved across the field where the charge was made on Friday. To recouniter [sic] found the enemy had fled their dead lay in heaps all over the field we then retired forded the river marched down the railroad a short distance and went into camp in a grove near Davises [sic] Division our troops are still following the rebbels [sic] can hear the artillery. The boys found a lot of meat stored in a house near camp confiscated it all for our own use for meat is scarce some of the troops on the

right had to eat horse meat. This morning I saw a black horse hams had been skinned [sic] out and eaten great many dead unburied.

Monday. January 5th 1863—Still in camp our baggage has not come from Nashville yet Col. Carey came up to us to day he has been at some [illegible] camp could not get up in time for the fight a heavy detail was made this morning to go over the field and bury the dead. The loss in our division and brigade was heavy our regiment lost 130 killed and wounded and a number of prisoners. Our company lost three taken prisoners our captain killed and both lieutenants wounded and 12 of the men. Lieutenant Fentens commanding our company.

Tuesday. January 6th 1863—Still in camp nothing worthy of note Davises [sic] Division moved out to another camp this eve.

Wensday [sic]. January 7th 1863—About one p.m. to day our division marched out on the McMinville [sic] Pike three miles and camped at the Big Springs. About dark our trains came up with our tents and baggage from Nashville and we are now comfortable once more. Day warm and cloudy.

Thursday, January 8th 1863—About one p.m. our regiment went forageing [sic] went three miles east found plenty of corn and foder [sic] weather warm and cloudy.

Friday. January 9th 1863—To day our division is ordered to move back about a mile and half started at one p.m. half of our teams have gone to Nashville for rations. So it is slow moveing [sic] camped at the left of the road it is rather low ground and wet but in a grove so wood is handy got our tents all up about dark just as it began to rain

Saturday. January 10th 1863—Rained a little last night cold and very disagreeable [sic] to day.

Sunday. January 11th 1863—Inspection of arms this morning our regiment went on picket this eve marching about half mile to the front weather fine and clear.

Monday. January 12th 1863—Our regiment relieved this evening we drew five days rations weather cool. Pleasant.

Wensday [sic]. January 14th 1863—Nothing of note. It began to rain about ten a.m. and rained all day about night our camp was all under water and still raining my mess and I took our things and went to an old house about quarter of a mile distant and staid [sic] all night very comfortable built a good fire and dried our clothes.

Thursday. January 15th 1863—Still raining this morning. Went up to camp this morning and found the water about three feet deep. All over the camp towards evening it began to snow and at four p.m. our regt. had to go on picket snowed all night had a miserable time.

Friday. January 16th 1863—Still on picket very cold took a squad of men and went to camp towards evening and moved our companies [sic] tents out of the water and put them up on dry ground the regiment was relieved [sic] about five p.m. drew five days rations.

Saturday. January 17th 1863—Cold but pleasant over head. In the afternoon all the companies except A and C moved their tents about one hundred yards father [sic] to the right on higher and better ground.

Sunday. January 18th 1863—Inspection of arms this morning at four p.m. our regt [sic] went on picket again. Very pleasant day.

Monday. January 19th 1863—Cold cloudy rather cold last night relieved [sic] this evening by the 84th Ill. Regt. Just as we got to camp it began to rain hard.

Tuesday. January 20th 1863—Rained all night last night. 24th Ohio and 23 KY. went with the train for forage. This morning our regt. had orders to prepare to escort the supply train to Nashville tomorrow we are to be gone three days.

Wednesday. January 21st 1863—This morning at six a.m. we started six men riding in each wagon have about three hundred prisoners with us taking them to Nashville reached the fair grounds about six p.m. nearly froze [sic] for the days have been very cold and chilly. Quartered [sic] in the round house.

Thursday 22nd January 1863—This morning at 7 a.m. went up town to load the wagons when this was done we were told to go where we pleased and report at the round house in the evening every man came up alright. We had a nice stroll over town for it has been a beautiful day for the season.

Friday. January 23rd 1863—This morning at six a.m. we started for Murfreesboro again with the train we had also in charge 150 head of new horses a new battery of four guns and some new wagons the day was pleasant and we got along very well crossed Stone [sic] River about dark and bivouacked [sic] inside the picket lines till morning one of our regt. Company E. I think accidentally shot himself in hand.

Saturday. January 24th 1863—Went to church this morning began to rain just as we got there found that the ballance [sic] of our brigade had gone on a scout towards Woodbury bad rainy and disagreeable [sic] day.

Sunday. January 25th 1863—Had inspection at 9 a.m. then drawed [sic] rations for five days. Have orders to go to Nashville tomorrow with the train it is rumored that our brigade has had a skirmish at Woodbury.

Monday. January 26th 1863—Started with the train at six a.m. this morning stopped at Murfreesboro and got several wagon loads of guns and accoutriments [sic] gathered off the battle field also had about 100 prisoners. Began to rain about 11 a.m. and rained all day reached the fair grounds about 8 o'clock [sic] at night wet to the skin for we had to walk part of the way and let another regt. ride the 26th Ohio I believe it was it was every man for himself to night.

Tuesday. January 27th 1863—The col. turned us loose in town to day. Did not see much pleasure as it is very cold. Got all our wagons loaded returned to the round house.

Wensday [sic]. January 28th 1863—Started for Murfreesboro this morning. It is very cold and the road is badly cut up and it is hard to get along camped at night on Stewarts Creek. Where the 10th Illinois is stationed. Ten miles from Murfreesboro.

Thursday. January 29th 1863—Started at daylight this morning and reached our camp about noon. Met a very large train going out. Very cold day.

Friday January 30th 1863—Cold rain and disagreeable [sic] day. Bought myself a pair of boots at sutlers.

Saturday. January 31st—This morning Lieutenant Dunlap of the Second Ind. Cavalary [sic] W.L [illegible] of our courier [sic] line between here and Nashville came to get the body of our Capt. James H. King who was killed at Stone [sic] River two of his friends had come for his corpse but could get no farther than Nashville so Harry had agreed to take the corpse to them. Accordingly our adjutant myself and Wm Duvall P. Agen N. Mcomas and A. Hall went with Dunlap to the division hospital grounds about mile and half beyond Stone [sic] River on the Nashville Pike where he was buried. We readily found the grave took up the corpse which we placed in a rude box which we had made. We also took up the body of John Hall of Company K and put it in a box. We were disapointed [sic] in getting an ambulance to carry the bodys [sic] to Nashville. So we placed them in an out house. Near the hospital and staid [sic] with them till morning.

Sunday. February [sic] 1st 1863—A wagon came along this morning. Placed the bodys [sic] in it and sent them to Nashville. And then we returned to camp. By the way I met an acquaintance [sic] of mine named Henry Laring who had come for the body of Robert Creig of Mount Carmel Ind. who was killed at Stone [sic] River. He was a member of Co. G 37th Ind. Regt. This is a very cloudy chilly and disagreeable [sic] day it is all quiet in camp.

Monday. February 2nd 1863—I was taken down with a severe cold. Very sick. Cold day.

Tuesday. February [sic] 3rd 1863—Very cold morning. Our regt [sic] went out forageing [sic] but the picket would not let them out because they had no artillery with them so they came back.

Wensday [sic]. February [sic] 4th 1863—This is a very cold morning. A little snow fell last night. Our regt. went forageing [sic] again this morning part of our battery went with them. They returned about 8 p.m. allright [sic].

Saturday. February [sic] 7th 1863—Pleasant day. I am able for duty once more. Moved our camp this morning about half mile east it is a beautiful place where we are now camped. The two brigades of our division moved out the other day. The 19th had gone to Reedeville a small place between here and Woodbury and the 22nd is at Cripple Creek a little this side of Reedeville since the battle our command has been changed in number we are now [illegible] Division and 21st Army Corps. Our brigade is 3rd the old 19th is now the 2nd and the 22nd is the First Brigade. I do not admire the change much by any means.

Sunday. February [sic] 8th 1863—Very pleasant day. Had inspection of arms and clothing. This morning an order was read to each company to cease this previous discharge of firearms during the day it is getting to be quite an evil.

Monday. February [sic] 9th 1863—This after noon began build a line of fortifications in front of our brigade dig rifle pits [sic] through the fields and build log breastworks through the timber. Very fine weather.

Tuesday. February 10th 1863—Still at work on our fortifications all quiet in camp. Fine day.

Wensday [sic]. February 11th 1863—Slight fall of rain last night. Our fortifications were completed to day. They are very strong but dont [sic] see their use here.

Friday. Febuary [sic] 13th 1863—I am on picket to day. At one p.m. we picket now by detail from each company. Have a squad of six men on outpost.

Saturday. Febuary 14th 1863—Nothing worthy of note last night. We were relieved at one p.m. to day returned to camp our regt. had gone forageing [sic] they returned late at night it began to rain about dark and continued all night.

Sunday. Febuary [sic] 15th 1863—Drew five days rations this morning. At one p.m. had inspection of arms. This evening an order was received from General Rosecrans to choose five men and one corporal and one sargent [sic] from each company in our regt. in this department. These men to be noted for bravery and good conduct then three of the best of these five and three corporals and two sargents [sic] from each regiment to be mounted for light calvary for scouting purposes. And to be called the roll of honor. They are to be armed with Remington rifles and to camp at brigade quarters.

Monday. Febuary [sic] 16th 1863—Our company elected their roll of honor this morning. I am elected as corporal. John P. Swisher as sargent [sic] the others are John Parker. G Perkoffer. C Hand. H Goodlander. And I.M. Albert we will be mounted the order says as soon as possible.

Wensday [sic]. Febuary [sic] 18th 1863—Had battalion drill to day at three p.m. for the first time. Very cold and disagreeable [sic]

Thursday. Febuary [sic] 19th 1863—Arms and clothing inspected to day by. The brigade inspector [sic]. It is a pleasant day but windy.

Sunday. Febuary [sic] 22nd 1863—Had inspection of arms at ten a.m. This is Washingtons [sic] birthday. The day is cool and cloudy. At sunset a national salute was fired from every battery in the chain it sounded rather heavy.

Tuesday. Febuary [sic] 24th 1863—Our regt. and Sixth Ohio went with the train after forage. At six a.m. this morning we passed through Murfreesboro and went twenty miles through a small town called Smyria [sic] on the railroad near Lavernge found a lot of corn hid in the woods got our wagons loaded and started for camp. Which we reached about midnight. Day cloudy.

Wensday [sic]. Febuary [sic] 25th 1863—Have orders to get ready for inspection of everything this afternoon at three but it began to rain about noon so it was put off untill [sic] tomorrow. This inspection is a bore.

Thursday. February [sic] 26th 1863—It continued to rain all night and. This morning untill [sic] ten a.m. every thing was inspected by. The brigade inspector [sic] at three p.m.

Friday. February [sic] 27th 1863—Nothing worthy of note except that we signed our pay rolls for two months [sic] pay. We have six due us but the paymaster says he can only pay us two at present. But will pay again soon.

Saturday. February [sic] 28th 1863—Received two months [sic] pay to day from paymaster Diving he is quite a srewd [sic] fellow he was formerly a private in a New York battery his clerk was also a private in a New York regt. and was discharged on acount [sic] of injuries received at Antietam [sic].

Sunday. March 1st 1863—At dress parade this evening an order from General Rosecrans was read stating that hereafter he would punish desertions the full extent of the law. He also stated that he would shortly have a system organized by which a certain number from each company could have furloughs for a short time.

Wensday [sic]. March 4th 1863—Cold but pleasant day Col. Grose started home this morning on leave of absence. Colonel Anderson of the Sixth is at home wounded. So it will devolve upon Col. Waters of the 84th Ill. to command the brigade.

Thursday. March 5th 1863—I am on picket this morning. Guard mounting at 8 a.m. assigned to the outpost with eight men. Have orders to arrest all persons. Who show themselves in front uniformed or not.

Friday. March 6th 1863—It began to rain about day break this morning. We were relieved at 9 a.m. and went to camp. All quiet.

Saturday. March 7th 1863—We signed the pay roll again this morning. For two months. Have orders to keep three days rations in our haversacks and be ready to march at any minute. Also have orders to prepare for a general inspection of every thing to morrow at 9 a.m.

Sunday. March 8th 1863—Had inspection this morning by the division inspector. General Palmer and staff were present. The general seemed well pleased with our apperance [sic]. He has just returned from a leave of absence and I see by his shoulder strapps [sic] that he is now a major.

Monday. March 9th 1863—This morning about 8 a.m. orders came for us to strike tents and prepare to march. We got all ready and everything loaded in the wagons. But no

marching orders came. So after laying around until [sic] night we were ordered to put up our tents again. The paymaster has been paying some of our brigade to day. – call -

Tuesday. March 10th 1863—It began to rain last night at dark. And has been raining [sic] hard ever since. Had to sign the pay roll this morning again as the others were spoiled. In the afternoon we received two months [sic] pay. From Paymaster Division we are still under marching orders.

Wednesday [sic]. 11th March 1863—Cold clear day. No drill I sent 25 dollars home to day by the agent. We are to have a brigade drill every day from this time on.

Friday. March 13th 1863—I am on guard to. day. Had brigade drill again to day.

Saturday. March 14th 1863—This evening at dress parade it was announced that Adjutant McClung (formerly our second liut. [sic] of our company) would now be our captain. And that Liut. [sic] Lemmon. of Company E. would be Adjutant. Day warm pleasant.

Sunday. March 15th 1863—Our new capt. [sic] Entered upon this duties this morning. And Lieutenant [sic] Fentress returned to his company. Had regimental inspection of arms at 8 a.m. Got a pass to day and went to visit the 37th Ind. Saw many of my old friends. Had dress parade this evening our new Adjutant [sic] performed the boys are uncommon noisy this evening. Cause imzbeing [sic] to [sic] much beer. At the sutlers [sic] tent several fights have been the consequence. Warm day.

Tuesday. March 17th 1863—Drill again to day. As usual. Did not drill long this afternoon as a brigade of artillery wanted the field to review in. Warm.

Wednesday [sic]. March 18th 1863—This morning early we were ordered to prepare for a grand review at ten a.m. accordingly at the appointed time. We marched out with all our traps on. The ground chosen for the occasion was a large plain between our camp and Murfreesboro and between the Liberty and McMinnville Pikes. It proved to be a review of our whole choir by General Rosecrans. He passed down the line about one p.m. on a splendid sorrel horse and accompanied [sic] by his numerous staff he was all smiles and good nature as usual and as he passed our regt. remarked to our Liut. [sic] Col. that those smooth faced boys did their duty at Stone [sic] River. As soon as the general returned to the head of the column we wheeled by companies to the right and marched in review past the general. It was a grand affair. Certain. We returned to camp about three p.m. The day has been very warm. Cloudy.

Thursday. March 19th 1863—Drilled again to day. I procured a pass this afternoon and went to Murfreesboro. And expressed my overcoat home. They are very busy at the express office there is a vast amount of rations piled up at the depot. I think we will move soon warm day.

Friday. March 20th 1863—No drill this morning. Cleaned up in rear of our camp. Brigade drill this afternoon by General Palmer during the drill the general ordered each battalion to form a hollow square there were three battalions and ours formed the best square now. Suppose I were a thousand rebel calvary. Said Palmer as he rode towards us bracing his feet in the stirrups (for he expected us to charge bayonets with the yell) present arms said Col. Carey the general looked nonplussed for a moment. Then bursting into a hearty laugh. At the joke he dismissed [sic] us for the day.

Saturday. March 21st 1863—No drill to day. Heavy cannonading on our right. Have no particulars.

Sunday. March 22nd 1863—Had inspection of arms and clothing this morning. This evening Liutenant [sic] Smith of our company came up he has been home has recovered from his wounds. Have orders to prepare to move camp tomorrow. This has been a beautiful day.

Monday. March 23rd 1863—We moved camp this morning about half mile nearer town. Into a corn field. It has been trying to rain all day I think this move was made to render the lines more compact and impregnable. We have burned all the stalks since putting up our tents and by leveling the ground and setting out cedar trees we will have a pretty good camp.

Tuesday. March 24th 1863—I was detailed for picket this morning went out at 8 a.m. assigned to the outpost with 8 men. Our post was in the door yard of a wealthy planter named Wasson the day being wet and bad we occupied one of the deserted negro huts. Palmer visited the lines to day.

Wensday [sic]. March 25th 1863—We were relieved this morning at eight a.m. Still raining but ceased about ten a.m. and turned cold wrote a letter to E.M.L. to day.

Thursday. March 26th 1863—A detail of five hundred from our brigade was made this morning. To build another line of breastworks. Very fine day washed my clothes to day. Drew shelter tents to day they are very convenient. Have orders this eve. To prepare three days rations to march in the morning at daylight. Suppose we are going out to

watch for the approach of the enemy as we are expecting an attack soon. Six siege guns arrived at town to day

Friday. March 27th 1863—Our brigade started at daylight and marched out to within a mile of Cripple Creek and bivouacked [sic] in the woods near our other brigade stationed here it began to rain about ten a.m. continued all day.

Saturday. March 28th 1863—Cleared off this morning. Cold and windy several squads of prisners [sic] brought in by the calvary. To day is believe that General Palmer intended to attack the rebbles [sic] at Woodbury last night had it not been for the storm. But perhaps not.

Sunday. March 29th 1863—Still laying in the woods tolerable cold day. Our company went on picket at 12 o'clock [sic] about two p.m. we were called in and the brigade marched to camp.

Monday. March 30th 1863—A heavy detail made again to day to work on the breastworks.

Tuesday. March 31st 1863—Working on the breastworks again to day Col. Grose returned to day Mr. Brunded of the 93rd Ohio came to see me this evening he has been home. I was glad to see him.

Wensday [sic]. April 1st 1863—Still at work to day. Have orders this evening to prepare one days rations to march at daylight we are going to surround the town of Woodbury. 21 miles distant and try and capture the rebble [sic] calvary there it will be a good tramp.

Thursday. April 2nd 1863—Instead of wating [sic] untill [sic] daylight we got up and marched at midnight our other two brigades at Cripple Creek and Redderville [sic] had been instructed to march upon Woodbury at the same time thus playing the shove up game. On reaching Cripple Creek the 24th Ohio and 23rd KY. wear left to guard the camp while the ballance [sic] of our brigade went to Reedville to guard the camp of the Second Brigade they returned at 3 p.m. haviming [sic] completely surprised the enemy at Woodbury. Captured a number of them and several wagons of provisions. We now marched back to camp. Which we reached at dark very tired. Very warm.

Friday. April 3rd 1863—Our brigade has orders this morning to march at ten a.m. with five days rations. Started at the appointed time our battery (the Fourth Artillery) and the 1st Penn. Calvary. With us reached Readyville at four p.m. and bivouacked [sic] in the woods for the night. The weather is fine and we would rather be here than in camp.

Saturday. April 14th 1863—The 6th Ohio and 24th with the calvary march at two o'clock [sic] this morning we followed at daylight with the brigade. The right which went out at two were stationed along the road while the calvary went ahead and drove the enemy six miles beyond Woodbury. We reached the town about noon and remained there till evening. When we fell back about a mile and camped. As we went back the boys fired a large livery stable near the road one of the Sixth Ohio boys was murdered near it last summer it soon burned down.

Sunday. April 5th 1863—This morning at 8 a.m. our regt. and the 84th Ills. started on a scout took the dirt road to the left of Woodbury and marched six miles and halted at what is called the Devils Half Acre. Here we halted and sent out a detachment of calvary. They returned in the evening having captured several prisoners and two sutlers [sic] wagons loaded with tobacco valued at 3,000 dollars. We then returned to our camp at Woodbury. Warm day.

Monday. April 6th 1863—Sent the teams back to Readyville this morning for rations also sent out two regiments and some calvary to scout. The ballance [sic] of us remained here our scouts returned at dark followed by the enemy.

April. Tuesday 7th 1863—This morning at two o'clock [sic] our regt. and 84th Ill. went out and surrounded the town. But the rebs [sic] were like the Irishmans [sic] flea they were not there. At 8 a.m. we (the brigade) started back took a by road to the right after marching about six miles we halted near Readyville. For the purpose of getting dinner and giving the calvary a chance to scout around. At two p.m. we started for camp the calvary has not come back yet. Marched about six miles and bivouacked again for the night. Our calvary has not returned yet and General Palmer is very uneasy about them. He says he told them not to go far. And out of hearing. He is afraid they are captured. About dark General Palmers [sic] aid de camp took ten men from our regt. and went across to the post at Readyville on business.

Wensday [sic]. April 8th 1863—Moved out on the road this morning ready to march. The calvary has not returned yet. Sent out two companies to enquire for them but they returned about ten a.m. without getting any clue to the missing and we started to camp which we reached about 1 p.m. and to our great joy found that our calvary which we thought captured. Returned yesterday evening with 50 prisoners. We signed the pay roll this evening.

Thursday. April 9th 1863—I am on picket to day went out at 8 a.m. Fine day.

Friday, April 10th 1863—I was relieved this morning at 8 a.m. Mustered for pay this morning. Had dress parade this evening an order was read that a member of the Sixth Ky. Regt of our division is to be shot for deserting on the 14th of this month. Very fine weather.

Saturday, April 11th 1863—We received two months [sic] pay. This morning. I got a pass went to town and sent 20 dollars home by the Adams Express Co. The train going down yesterday was captured by Wheelers [sic] Calvary. And about 18,000 dollars captured from the Express Co. together with the mail and a number of prisoners amongst others Col. Wood of the 15th Ind. Regt. two confederate officers. Who were on the train as prisoners were killed. By the enemy.

April, Sunday 12th 1863—Inspection this morning as usual. Have orders to keep five days rations in our haversacks and be ready to march at any minute.

Tuesday, April 14th 1863—Drilled to day. Dress parade this evening an order read from the war announcing [sic] the death of General Summer the order paid a tribute to his memory as a soldier and a gentleman. And regrets very much the death of such a valuable man.

Saturday, April 18th 1863—There has been nothing worthy of note for several days. We have had beautiful weather for some time past I am on guard to day at camp. At dress parade this evening an order was read from headquarters in which the inspector general gave our brigade the praise of having the cleanest and finest and best regulated camp in the whole Army choir. Very warm to day.

Sunday, April 19th 1863—Had regimental inspection this morning are ordered to have two days rations in our haversacks and ready to march at any moment. Warm.

Wensday [sic], April 22nd 1863—Very hot day. Drilled to day as usual. A force of infantry went out East on a scout this morning.

Thursday, April 23rd 1863—Very hot day. Drilling again. More troops went out this morning. Have orders. This evening to prepare for a brigade dress parade to morrow at four p.m. to witness the punishment of James Lawson of Co. I of our regt. for cowardice. He is to have his head shaved and be drummed through the brigade with the words coward on his back and then returned to his company. For duty. I would rather not see it at all.

Friday, April 24th 1863—Very warm. More troops went to the front this morning. At four p.m. the parade came off it was a grand affair after the line was formed the fine brass band of the 84th Ill. beat off playing a slow and mournful air the field bands of the differant [sic] regments [sic] marched with them. In coming back. The field bands took the front playing Beaureguards [sic] Retreat. The brass band silent arriving at their old position Lawson was led out and marched in front of the parade at the point of the bayonet a field band playing the Rogues March it was a humiliating scene. And I never wish to see another. He was marched up the front. And then down the rear of the line untill [sic] opposite his company and then returned for duty.

Saturday, April 25th 1863—Very warm. Nothing of importance. Have a new chaplain in our regiment.

Sunday, April 26th 1863—Very warm, regimental inspection this morning. About noon some of the troops that went out the other day. Returned with 150 prisoners they have been out beyond McMinnville under command of General Renolds [sic] the expedition has been a complete success. A train of cars was destroyed. Also a large quantity of meat and comisary [sic] stores and a large number of horses and prisoners have fallen into our hands. The notorious Dick McEean [sic] was captured.

Monday, April 27th 1863—Warm day. Our arms and amunition [sic] was inspected to day. At two p.m. the brigade inspector. All quiet in front.

Wensday [sic], April 29th 1863—I am on picket this morning on the extreme left of General Woods [sic] line. Their division is out and we have to picket for them. Liut. Carr of Co. A is in command of our post.

Thursday, April 30th 1863—Relieved this morning by the 100th Ill. Regt. This is a day of fast appointed by the President. And is strictly observed throughout this department. Woods [sic] Division came in about noon. With a large train of reffuges [sic] with their families. What suffering this rebbelion [sic] has brought upon [sic] a certain class of people in the South. Mustered for pay at two p.m.

May, Friday 1st 1863—Nothing worthy of note to day. Warm day

Saturday May, 2nd 1863—Warm day. No. Drill orders at dress parade to keep five days rations constantly on hands and to collect the entrenchment tools together clean them and store them away.

Sunday, May, 3rd 1863—Had regimental inspection this morning. Warm day.

May. Monday 4th 1863—Nothing new had brigade drill at 9 a.m. General Palmer present.

Tuesday. May 5th 1863—Brigade drill this afternoon. Rained hard. We got very wet.

Friday. May 8th 1863—It has been raining constantly for the last three days and our shelter tents. Are very uncomfortable. I for got to state that our other tents were all taken away from us on the 29th and sent to Nashville. We have exciting news to day from the Army of the Potomac it is rumored that Hooker has taken Richmond or that Reeyes took it by way of Yorktown while Hooker was engaged at Fredricksburg [sic] Vir.

Saturday. May 9th 1863—The boys were uncomon [sic] noisy last night in consequence of the good news and Col. Grose has ordered us to drill for it to day. But Liut. Col. Carey refues [sic] on the grounds that he had orders from higher authority not to drill on Saturdays. Hurrah for Carey.

Sunday. May 10th 1863—Warm day. Regimental inspection this morning Hookers [sic] victory confirmed.

Monday. May 11th 1863—Very hot day. Had brigade drill this afternoon

Tuesday. May 12th 1863—Last night at dark received orders to prepare to march at midnight with every thing. Did not get much sleep. Started at midnight and marched to within a mile of Cripple Creek and halted in the woods. At daylight moved about three hundred yards and put up our shelter tents. I am on picket to day it is very warm all quiet.

Wensday [sic]. May 13th 1863—Came off picket this morning and at 9 a.m. moved camp about mile and half north east of the pike to a nice grove on the farm of. One Mr. Jones I understand that the reason we left Murfresboro [sic] so sudden the other night was that one of Rosecrans [sic] staff officers had been out this way. That day inspecting the lines and going back drunk requested Gen. Breckenridges [sic] whole choir at Woodbury. Fortifing [sic] and that our line should be straightened.

Thursday. May 14th 1863—This morning at 8 a.m. our regt. and 24th Ohio went out on a scout. Went a north east course to the Liberty Pike distance three miles. Halted at the house of one Donaldson Brek. About two hours he has 1000 bushels of corn cribed [sic] he had an old slave who was with General Jacksons [sic] Army when it left Nashville for Natchees [sic]. In 1812. Had quite a long chat with the old fellow. We returned to camp in the evening. Warm day.

Saturday. May 16th 1863—Very warm day. Five men were detailed from each company. To go to Murfresboro [sic] with some kind of a train.

Sunday. 17th 1863—Had regimental inspection this morning. At 10 a.m. General Palmer while riding out near Bradyville to day with his staff and a company of the First Tennessee Calvary suddenly discovered a party of co. rebble [sic] calvary trying to surround him. He instantly ordered a charge and lead it himself two of the rebbles [sic] were killed several wounded and 20 taken prisoners. Four of our men were wounded. It was the third [possibly missing text]

Monday. May 18th 1863—Very hot day. Had drill to day company. In the forenoon and battallion [sic] in the afternoon.

Wensday [sic]. May 20th 1863—Very hot day. Nothing of importance. At dress parade this evening an order from Rosecrans informing us. That hereafter a general inspection will take place. on the 1st, 8th. 15th. And 21st of every month.

Thursday. 21st 1863—Very hot. I am on regimental guard to day very hot.

Friday. May 22nd 1863—Was relieved this morning very warm day. Did not drill to day as we are busy packing up our extra baggage to send to Nashville for by an order. Received recently we are only allowed to cary [sic] one shirt and pair drawers. Besides what we wear and one oil and one wolen [sic] blanket.

Saturday. May 23rd 1863—Very warm day. Nearly all of our company is on duty to day. Several on camp guard a number on picket and our capt. [sic] a sargent [sic] and five men have gone to town with the train for provisions.

Sunday. May 24th 1863—This is a very pleasant day had company. Inspection of arm and clothing to day at 9 a.m. this morning a dispatch from the President to Rosecrans proclaims a complete victory for Grant at Vicksburg.

Monday. May 25th 1863—Very hot nothing of importance to day. Drill again as usual.

Tuesday. May 26th 1863—Very warm. Drilled again to day. At dress parade an order was read that the calvary. Detailed as orderlys [sic] for commanders of brigades and divisions be returned to their commands and that their places be supplied by details from the infantry regiments. More good news from Grant.

Wednesday [sic]. May 27th 1863—I am on picket this morning about half mile west of camp. Very hot day our brigade is drilling together this afternoon. I am glad I am on picket.

Thursday. May 28th 1863—We were relieved this morning about 9 a.m. on reaching camp learned that our division got orders last night to prepare to march this morning with three days rations. But we did not go. Had brigade drill this afternoon. Had not been out long when it began to rain.

Friday. May 29th 1863—All quiet had brigade drill this afternoon it began to rain in the eve. This is my birthday. 23 years.

Saturday. May 30th 1863—Rained hard all night and still raining this morning. Did not have our inspection to day.

Sunday. May 31st 1863—Raining again last night very warm day inspection at ten a.m. by the brigade inspector and in the evening five p.m. our brigade was reviewed by General Palmer. A number of officers present from the brig.

Monday. June 1st 1863—Another hard rain last night. Col. Gross drilled our regt. this morning battalion [sic] drill had brigade drill in the afternoon very fine day.

Tuesday. June 2nd 1863—Heavy rains last night again. And still at it. It is singular weather for the time of year. No drill this morning. In the afternoon the First Brigade came over and drilled with us. Palmers [sic] body guard A Company. Of Tennessee Calvary and the 110th Ill. Regt. drilled together in another part of the field. It was an amusing scene. This regt. used to belong to the 2nd Brigade but when the brigade went out to Reedyville to stay they went to deserting to the enemy. And indeed they never were much account so they were brought in and put on guard at Palmers [sic] Headquarters and the 23rd Ky. of our brigade was sent in its place

Wednesday [sic]. June 3th 1863—Rained hard nearly all night had company drill in the morning. And division drill in the p.m. Same as yesterday all quiet.

Thursday. June 4th 1863—I am on regimental guard to day. There has been heavy artillery firing on the right to day. In the direction of Franklin no particulars yet. Fine day but rain at night.

Friday. June 5th 1863—I was relieved this morning. Rained hard all night. Had brigade drill in afternoon. I forgot to mention a singular [sic] order. Which we received on the eve of

the 3rd. Namely to keep three days rations in our haversacks and four days coffe [sic] sugar and hard bread in our knapsacks making in all 7 days rations to be carried.

Saturday. June 6th 1863—Pleasant day. No drill to day. All quiet no news.

Sunday. June 7th 1863—Had regimental inspection at ten a.m. and review at four p.m. by General Cruft as Palmer and Grose to town.

Monday. June 8th 1863—Nothing of importance to day. Several of our company who were taken prisoners at Stone [sic] River returned last evening. Had the usual drill to day very fine weather but hot.

Tuesday. June 9th 1863—Captain Gilbert Trusler of Company H. Received a commission as major. To day he was surrounded in the evening by the brigade band. Quarter master Limpus will now return to his company. And Liutenant [sic] Thomas of Co. B. is acting quartermaster.

Wensday [sic]. June 10th 1863—I am on regimental guard to day. Officer of guard Liut. Butter of Company D. Regimental drill in morn. Brigade drill in eve.

Thursday. June 11th 1863—Inspection of arms and acoutriments [sic] this morning by the brigade inspector. Regimental drill this afternoon.

Friday. June 12th 1863—All quiet to day. Drill as usual. No news to day.

Saturday. June 13th 1863—Very fine day. Nothing of note very busy cleaning camp.

Sunday. June 14th 1863—Inspection of arms and clothing at 9 a.m. at four p.m. our brigade was reviewed by General Cruft. General Crittenden was to have been present but failed to appear. Just as we returned to camp it began to rain and for about two hours it poured down with fury. With heavy thunder.

Monday. June 15th 1863—Had company drill this morning as Col. Carey is officer of the guard. Had brigade drill in the afternoon 4 p.m. General Crittenden was present. At dress parade this evening have orders to be prepared [sic] for action at any moment as the enemys [sic] calvary are lurking about our front in considerable numbers.

Tuesday. June 16th 1863—Battillion [sic] drill this morning. About noon our company was ordered to go and relieve Co. H who are stationed a short distance beyond the picket

line and on the creek to give more security to our animals passing to and forth to water pleasant position we are to stay three days.

Wednesday [sic]. June 17th 1863—Still on outpost duty nothing worthy of note hard rain.

Thursday. June 18th 1863—Still on outpost duty very hard rain this evening.

Friday. June 19th 1863—This morning at ten a.m. we were relieved by a company of the 84th Ill. and we went to camp had brigade drill in the afternoon. At dress parade it was ordered that as the enemy were still on our front a regiment would be detailed every day. To be in readiness [sic] to reinforce the pickets at any moment their arms stacked and ready.

Saturday. June 20th 1863—Very warm day. Busy cleaning up camp. At dress parade this evening the line officers of our regiment presented Col. Grose with a splendid sword. And belt. The presentation address was made by Capt. Simms to which Col. Grose. Made a feeling response [sic]. In which he paid an everlasting tribute to the memory of the slain of the 36th Regt. and complimented the living. For their good conduct.

Sunday. June 21st 1863—I am on guard this morning regimental our regt. is held in readiness [sic] to day to reinforce the pickets if necessary review in the afternoon and our regiment had to go out.

