

James Womack Diary

Biography

In civilian life James J. Womack was at various times a farmer, lawyer and newspaper publisher. He grew up on a farm in Warren County and for a number of years practiced law in McMinnville. In 1875 he established the short lived "Nashville Evening News". He was born July 7, 1834 and died on McMinnville July 18, 1922. He is buried in Riverside Cemetery, McMinnville.

"Capt. Jim" was of a Virginia family who came to Warren County from Rutherford County, North Carolina in 1810. His father was Abner Clemmons Womack and his grandfather the Warren County pioneer, Abner Womack. He married Miss Tennie Amonett of Celina, Tennessee. They left no descendants.

The Sixteenth Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers was raised in Warren and nearby counties. Company E was composed almost entirely of Warren County men.

[image: Captain James Womack as an older man with dates 1834-1922]

Muster Roll of Company E, Sixteenth Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers, CSA

Company E: Thomas B. Murray, Captain; Alfred P. Smartt, First Lieutenant; James Hill, Second Lieutenant; Thomas York, Third Lieutenant; Moss Macon, First Sergeant; William Lowry, Second Sergeant; James Green, Third Sergeant; Robert Webb, Fourth Sergeant; Hugh L. Moffitt, First Corporal; H.J. Christian, Second Corporal; S. W. Bratcher, Third Corporal; Duke Blackwell. Fourth Corporal.

Privates: John Bost, J.R. Brown, J.H. Brown, Asbury Brown, W.H. Brooks, Aaron Bouldin, R.P. Burks, John Boren, Harrel Byars, David Bonner, Lawson Cantrell, Samuel Cantrell, J.C. Corder, J.R. Countiss, Peter Countiss, John Countiss, W.C. Countiss, James Christian, Enoch Cooksey, Gillam Clark, Abe Douglass, Dock Douglass, Joseph England, Clark Edge, Polk Evans, W.M. Evans, Newt Fuston, Reese J. Fuston, W.J. Fuston, Joseph H. Goodbar, John Green, A.J. Gribble, B.P. Green, Elias Green, W.W. Gourd, E.H. Green, D. Holmes, J.H. Holmes, Read Holmes, James W. Hill, W.M. Hensley, W.M. Jones, Isaac Jones, E.J. Jones, James Jennings, Pleasant Jennings, Dock Jennings, Tillman Keener, Lawson Keif, Nelson Kirby, Robert Kirby, James Kirby, Jerry Killian, W. Lowry, Polk Lowry, James Laurence, George Martin, Isiah Moffitt, William Moores, John Martin, William Manning, John Medley, Michael Mauzy, William Mullican, W.C. Morton, W.T. Mabry, Allen Mason, William Mason, George McNeeley, James McGregor, Riley Nunnally, General Nunnally, Archie Nunnally, O.D. Neal, John Perser, Luke Perser, A.J. Paine, John R. Paine, Thomas Potter, E.W. Smartt, A.P.. Smartt, John S. Sanders, Carrol Stepp, J.R. Skelton, J.P. Smartt, Bryant Stroud, John Tanner, Isaac Tramble, Stephen Tate, John Van Hooser, J. Van Hooser, L.L. Van Hooser, John Van Hooser, Fate Van Hooser, Newt Van Hooser, Elias Womack, Jesse Walling, Robert Webb, Perry G. Webb, Rowland Ware, John R. Womack, W.C. Womack, R.R. Womack, A.M. Womack, Felix G. Womack, John S. Womack, John B.

Womack, John C. Watson, W.R. Wood, U.L. Wood, William Woods, George Wallace, Thomas York, George W. York.

Killed: Lieut. James Green, Franklin; J.H. Brown, Franklin; John Boren, Perryville; David Bonner, Murfreesboro; J.R. Countiss, Perryville; Lawson Cantrell, Murfreesboro; James Christian,, Perryville; Abe Douglas, Murfreesboro; Joseph England, Perryville; William Evans, Atlanta; Isaac Jones, Murfreesboro; James Kirby, Murfreesboro; Allen Mason, Perryville; James McGregor, Perryville; A.P. Smartt, Perryville; Stephen Tate, Corinth; L.L. Vanhooser, [sic] Unknown; Elias Womack, Perryville; Perry Webb, Perryville; Rowland Ware, Perryville; John B. Womack, Franklin; Thomas York, (transferred,) Perryville.

Died in service: Maj. J.H. Goodbar, Morristown, 1861; Polk Evans, Meadow Bluff; Reid Holmes, Warm Springs, Va.; Moss Mason, Prison, Rock Island; O.D. Neal, Huntersville, Va.; J.P. Smartt, Unknown; U.L. Wood, (transferred,) Home, 1861.

Wounded: Capt. J.J. Womack, Murfreesboro; Lieut. Jesse Walling, Murfreesboro; Lieut. W.C. Womack, Missionary Ridge; Enoch Cooksey, Perryville; John Medley, Perryville; Archie Nunnally, Perryville; R.R. Womack, Perryville; George W. York, Resaca; W.T. Mabry, Murfreesboro; G.N. Clark, Murfreesboro; J.B. Womack, Murfreesboro; A.M. Mason, Murfreesboro; Luke Perser, Murfreesboro; John Perser, Murfreesboro; Isiah Moffitt, Murfreesboro; G.W. Wallace, Murfreesboro; A.J. Van Hooser, Murfreesboro; J.S. Van Hooser, Murfreesboro.

Promoted: Thomas B. Murray, Lieut.-col., 1861; Joseph H. Goodbar, Major, 1861; J.J. Womack, Capt., 1861; John R. Paine, Adjutant, 1862; Jesse Walling, 1st Lieut., 1862; J.K.P. Webb, 2d Lieut., 1862, Capt., 1863; B.P. Green, 3d Lieutenant, 1864; W.C. Womack, 3d Lieut., 1863.

A Civil War Diary by Capt. J.J. Womack

May 16, 1861 Tuesday

This morning about 8 o'clock [sic] I left McMinnville, the county seat of Warren County, Tenn., my native home, a member of a Co. of soldiers, the first organized in that section of the state, styled "Warren Guards", for Alisonia [sic], a little ville [sic] where the Nashville and Chattanooga R.R. crosses Elk river, and about equidistance from both cities. Here, under the command of Capt. Thos. B. Murray, we went into quarters and began the regular routine of the soldier's life – drilling and otherwise disciplining for the army. Before our arrival however, several other companies had pitched at the above camp. (styled Camp Harris) but as this place had been selected only as a temporary rendezvous [sic], no further organization of the troops took place where we remained here, consequently each and every Captain was Commander-in-chief of his own forces. From this to the 20th inst. during which time I have neglected posting my diary, each day has been almost a facsimile of the preceding. All was life, fun and gaiety, very few, if any, imagining for one moment the requirements of the stupendous undertaking they are now engaging in. Notwithstanding we have enlisted for the defense of Tennessee

for twelve months, yet it is believed by very few that our services will be wanted in the field half that period. The idea is prevalent that the seceded states will be an Independent Government, and her soldiers returned home before the expiration of six months.

May 20, Monday

Warm and rainy – Having left Hd. quarters on last Saturday and come to McMinnville for the transaction of some private business, which being accomplished, I now leave again for Camp Harris – arrived and spent the evening drilling.

May 21. Tuesday

Drizzly and cooler. Wrote a note for the New Era, a paper published in McMinnville. Announced myself a candidate for Major of the Mountain regiment.

May 22. Wednesday

Clear and pleasant – Spent the day drilling – health in camps very good.

May 23. Thursday

Clear and warm – was detailed on a committee of three to investigate a charge of theft against [missing]. On examination he was found guilty of taking a blanket, and picking out the letters of the owner's name – Spent the evening drilling – B.R. Womack came to camps and spends the night.

May 24. Friday

Clear and warm. Acted as chief cook for the company today. Had a splendid time baking and boiling in broken skillets and battered pans, not having yet drawn cooking utensils for the Company.

May 25. Saturday

Clear and warm. Today Murray's, Savage's, Coffee's and Shield's companies are ordered to Camp Trousdale, about 45 miles north of Nashville, on the L. and N. R.R. Went myself to Winchester and spent the night at Dr. McCuthen's, where I had a very pleasant time with his family and female boarders.

May 26. Sunday

Clear and warm. Returned to camp Harris, took the cars thence for Nashville, where, after spending a few hours I took them again for Camp Trousdale.

May 27. Monday

Cloudy and warm. Drew and pitched tents at Richland station. wrote D.F. Wallace a note for the "New Era." Spent the day drilling

May 28. Tuesday

Very warm. Went about 4 miles west to public speaking at Paine's school house, where we enjoyed a very nice dinner.

May 29. Wednesday

Cool and showery. No drilling today.

May 30. Thursday

Cloudy and warmer. All the troops at this post assembled this evening for the first time to hear general orders – it could not be called dress parade.

May 31. Friday

Warm and cloudy. Drilling as usual. Wrote Miss T.G.A. a letter. Health of the camps not so good as formerly.

June 1. Saturday

Cloudy and warm. Many of the command sick of measles [sic], which contagion is spreading very fast: wrote father a letter.

June 2. Sunday

Warm and rainy. This has been my first sabbath spent in camps and the first day I have ever been on sentinel duty. I was put on my post at one o'clock this morning and was not relieved till daylight. Visited Capt. L.T. Armstrong at his quarters and returned to my company.

June 3. Monday

Very rainy, making our camps very disagreeable.

June 4. Tuesday

Warm and cloudy. Wrote a letter for the "New Era". Heard today the mournful intelligence of the death of Hon. Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois [sic], who was a statesman of the highest order of intellect, but on account of his political opinions is not regarded as a loss to the southern states.

June 5. Wednesday

Clear and warm. Unable to drill today. Wrote sister Martha A. a letter. General health of the command good, yet there is much suffering from measles [sic].

June 6. Thursday

Clear and hot. Spent the morning drilling and in the evening went about three miles north to creek to bathe and wash some cloths [sic]. Borrowed 25 cents from Lt. Dye of Capt. Armstrong's Co.

June 7. Friday

Clear and hot. Wrote off two duplicates of the "Warren Guards" Muster Roll to be used at election tomorrow. R.W. Ware was granted and indefinite sick furlough this morning, and left for home.

June 8. Saturday

Clear and hot. Went to Osburn precinct and cast my vote for "Separation and representation," a vote given more cheerfully, if possible, than any previous one I ever

cast. Guarded [missing] and [missing], members of my company during a drinking spree. Heavy rain late in the evening.

June 9. Sunday

Clear and hot. Spent the day drilling. I am shocked to see such a total disregard for the Holy sabbath. Commanders of the army may excuse themselves for thus occupying the holy hours given for man's rest and devotion to God, but I do not conclude the Great Ruler of battles will. Six days He has given, in which man is to labor, and on the seventh, which is the Lord's day, he is to rest. Went out to the new encampment, returned and wrote Miss T.G.A. a letter. Enjoyed a fine mess of mulberries. This is the first sabbath I have entirely neglected my bible [sic] in many months.

June 10. Monday

Clear and hot. Drilling today as usual. Ten Companies from the 4th Congressional district of Tennessee commanded by Capt's. [sic] Thos. B. Murray, L.N. Savage, P.M. Shields. P.H. Coffee, Dan Brown, C.C. Brewer, Harmon York, L.H. Meadows, D.M. Donnell and H.H. Dillard organized themselves into a regiment, by electing John H. Savage Col. Capt. T.B. Murray Lt. Col. (who was opposed by Capt. Donnell and J.H. Goodbar, of Capt. Murray's Co.) major – who had several opponents. I voted for Savage, Murray, and A.J. Paine, but would have voted for Goodbar but for previous obligations. Col. Murray's promotion left a vacancy for Captaincy, for which position I became a candidate.

June 11. Tuesday

Clear and hot. Col. Savage's regiment removed from Richland Station to Camp Trousdale, where we spent the evening at hard labor, clearing and arranging our camp ground. The situation is a very rugged one, covered with a scrubby growth of red oak and black jack, about 3 miles from the Station, N.E.

June 12. Wednesday

Clear and hot. In compliance with an order from Col. Savage, issued at the earnest request of the Company, the "Warren Guards" held an election for Captain, to fill the place vacated by the promotion of Col. Murray. John R. Paine and myself being the only aspirants, it resulted as follows, to wit: Paine 27 votes, myself 60 votes. With this result Mr. Paine (who has long been an intimate friend of mine, and one I delighted to esteem) became very much vexed – not to say enraged. Casting his vote more unworthily than I am willing to mention, and more so than his magnanimity [sic] will not have ground for regret in future – mine was cheerfully given for him

Health of the regiment generally good.

June 13. Thursday

Clear and hot. Assumed command of the "Warren Guards." My Lts. [sic] and one or two others, who succeeded, by caucussing [sic], in carry every office at the first organization, but whose duplicity now begins to be discoverable, being much apposed

[sic] to me. Gave P.A. Jennings an indefinite [sic] furlough, he being regarded unfit for duty in the field.

About eleven o'clock at night the alarm was given of the approach of the enemy, which was done at the instance of the commanders of the camp to test the courage of the soldiers, and resulted very satisfactorily to them. Companies and regiments were aroused and thrown into line with an alacrity that would scarcely have been expected of troops who had long been inured to the field. And notwithstanding we were entirely unarmed, had an enemy charged our camp he could not have escaped without having been severely flogged – for poles, clubs, rocks, shovels, spades, tongs and various other implements of war filled the brawny [sic] hands of the dauntless boys. Received and distributed to my company one bale of straw for bedding.

June 14. Friday

Clear and hot. Spent the day drilling. Acting officer of the day, my first appointment. Countersign from eight o'clock A.M. to 8 P.M. – “Bunevista”. from 8 P.M. to 8 A.M. “Mexico”.

June 15. Saturday

Clear and hot. Made out a requisition on the Quartermaster Genl., at Nashville, for 98 red and an equal number of gray flannel shirts: 98 pair of gray pants: 98 pair of drawers: 98 gray caps: and 10 pair of shoes. Countersign from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. “Beauregard” – and from 8 P.M. to 8 A.M. “Lee”. General health of the command good.

June 16. Sunday

Clear and hot. Spent the morning drilling and had Dress parade in the evening. Countersign for the day “Horse shoe,” and for the night “Talladega.”

June 17. Monday

Clear with cool winds. Gabriel McCraw of my Company, died this morning about eight o'clock, the first death that has occurred in the Mountain Regiment.

Granted J.R. Skelton a furlough for five days. Countersign for the night “Zollicoffer.” Spent the day drilling. Measels [sic] in camp very annoying.

June 18. Tuesday

Clear and hot. Furloughed B.P. Green, J.D. Killian, J.P. Lawrence, W.D. Wood and A.R. Holms for 20 days each, S.C. Corder for 15 days and Jno. [sic] W. Saunders for 10 days, and left camp with them to go to McMinnville. We arrived in Nashville about 6 P.M. and put up at the City Hotel.

June 19. Wednesday

Clear and hot. Went to McMinnville and thence to fathers.

June 20. Thursday

Clear and hot. Went to uncle R.P. Womack's and spent the day. Engaged his boy Jim for a cook in the army. Came back to father's and stayed all night.

June 21. Friday

Clear and hot. Visited my brothers this morning and this evening came to McMinnville and stayed all night. Bought a traveling trunk from M. Joseph for \$5.50.

June 22. Saturday

Hot and sultry. Went to Nashville and stayed all night. Spent \$3.25.

June 23. Sunday

Clear and hot. Came to Camp Trousdale and furloughed W. Potter, W.T. Mayberry and Michael Mauzy for 20 days each, and J.R. Paine for 5 days.

Health in camps better. Light sprinkles late in the evening.

June 24. Monday

Clear and warm. Spent the day drilling. Had the pleasure of an introduction to Mrs. Capt. Armstrong this evening, of Celina, Tenn.

June 25. Tuesday

Changable [sic]. Acting officer of the day – Countersign “Yorktown”. Health of my company very good.

June 26. Wednesday

Cloudy and hot. Spent the day drilling

June 27. Thursday

Very hot with heavy distant rains. Spent the day drilling. Mrs. Col. Murray visited our Camp. Received a letter from Miss T.G.A.

June 28. Friday

Hot and cloudy. Spent the day drilling. Company health good.

June 29. Saturday

Warm, with showers. Mrs. R.P. Womack and other relatives and friends from home are gratifying [sic] me with a visit today.

Borrowed of W.S. Hackett \$10.00 Heard a sermon by [missing]

June 30. Sunday

Heard a sermon by Rev. J.W. Poindexter, who has this day been elected Chaplain of the 16th Tenn. Regt. Wrote Miss T.G.A. a letter.

July 1. Monday

Warm and cloudy. Received for and issued to my company 80 pair of pants and 86 red flannel shirts.

Aunt Nancy Womack left for home this evening. A very brilliant Comet appears tonight a few degrees north of west, traveling in a southwesterly direction.

July 2. Tuesday

Clear and rather cool. Drew 96 canteens for my Company. Daniel Dodson returned to camps.

July 3. Wednesday

Clear and hot. Spent the day drilling Health of my Co. very good.

July 4. Thursday

Clear and hot. The 16th Tenn. Regt. was presented with a most beautiful flag today by the ladies of the Mountain district. Capt. A.L. Davis representing them and addressing the Regt. Col. Savage received it with a few appropriate remarks. Served as regimental officer of the day – conduct of the Regt. commendable. The Pay Master began paying off this brigade.

July 5. Friday

Warm and rainy. Drilling as usual. Drew 26 pair of shoes for my company.

July 6. Saturday

Warm and rainy. Drew pay for my Co. from 15th May to 1st July, \$16.86 for each man. Wrote sister Martha a letter. Received on deposit from G.N. McNelly \$10.00.

July 7. Sunday

Clear and hot. My 27th. anniversary. Wrote brother B.R. a letter asking him to raise a company for the war, be the period long or short. Carried one of my men, William Bell, to the hospital.

July 8. Monday

Hot and showery. Spent the day drilling. Drew from the Regt. Q.M. 2 tents.

July 9 Tuesday

Clear and warm. Wrote J. Henry Vannerson of McMinnville a letter. Health of Co. good. Drilling.

July 10. Wednesday

Clear and hot. Sgt. U.L. and Cpl. W.R. Wood came into camps, to whom Capt. Murray gave sick furloughs. Today we had our first regimental drill. Bought two loads of straw for bedding – cost \$2.50, individual money. Recd. a letter from J.H. Vannerson.

July 11. Thursday

Clear and warm. A deserter by the name of [missing] was mustered out of service this evening, with his head bare and half shaved, barefooted, his pants rolled above the knees, his shoes in hand, with "Deserter" marked in large letters on boards across his breast and shoulders, his knapsack on his back and wearing long white horns painted with red.

July 12. Friday

Warm and cloudy. Served as regimental officer of the day. Moved my markee [sic] 30 paces south to the rear. Health of Co. very good.

July 13. Saturday

Clear, with morning and evening. Received from the quarter master 7 pair of shoes.

July 14. Sunday

Clear and warm. Heard a sermon by Rev. J.W. Poindexter. came to Nashville and stoped [sic] at the Commercial Hotel.

July 15. Monday

Warm and rainy. Spent the day in the City and purchased material for a military suit, which, when finished will be worth \$61.50.

July 16. Tuesday

Warm, with heavy rains. Returned to camps and was pleased to find visiting friends from home. Uncles R.P. Womack, Nathan Byars, and others.

July 17. Wednesday

Warm and cloudy. Drilling by Co. and battalion.

July 18. Thursday

Warm and rainy. Spent the day drilling. Health of my Co. very good.

July 19. Friday

Hot and showery. Drilling as usual.

July 20. Saturday

Hot and showery. My regiment received an order to prepare to march and hold ourselves in readiness to move at an hour's warning. We marched up the Louisville R.R. about three miles with guns, knapsacks, haversacks, and canteens all on, the real object of which was to practice the men, but the pretense was that the enemy was approaching.

July 21. Sunday

Detailed office of the day, and consequently had to get up four days rations for the regiment. In compliance with an order from Hd. Quarters we struck tents at ten o'clock P.M. Heavy rains fell during the night.

July 22. Monday

Rain fell incessantly till 3 P.M. My Regt. left Camp Trousdale at daylight, marched to Richland Station, there took the cars, passed through Nashville at 4 P.M., took the Chattanooga train and passed Tullahoma by 9 P.M. A splendid dinner had been prepared for us in Nashville, which we enjoyed very much. While there many of the men and officers became beastly drunk, some of whom had to be left in the City and many

others were remarkably troublesome. While in Nashville we received the first telegrams of the glorious victory just achieved at Manassas, Va.

July 23. Tuesday

Quite pleasant. Arrived in Chattanooga about 9 o'clock A.M. and remained there till after 11 P.M. and then left for Knoxville. Before leaving Chattanooga seven rounds of ammunition [sic] were issued to the regiment, the first we had ever received.

July 24. Wednesday

Very warm. Arrived at Knoxville about 2 o'clock P.M., where Col. Savage, out of pretended respect for my sobriety, (there being but few sober officers now in the Regt.) detailed me as officer of the day, while his real object was to have me on duty so that others for whom he entertained kinder feelings might be at liberty to promenade [sic] over the City.

During the night my police found a female in camp whom they made prisoner and brought to me. On examination she told me she was searching for her lover, who had joined the army, and she supposed might be in our command. Her attire was that of a soldier, and being of opinion that she was an abandoned woman living in the City, I released her at the dawn of day to go home.

July 25. Thursday

We left Knoxville about 7 o'clock this morning and arrived at Hainsville about 9 P.M. and here remained the rest of the night.

July 26. Friday

Warm and showery. Moved west of town this morning about one quarter of a mile and pitched tents and then cooked till late at night. During the evening we practiced with our muskets a few rounds.

July 27. Saturday

Cloudy and rainy. Struck tents at 5 o'clock A.M. and moved back to the R.R. where we remained till 1 P.M. and left for Bristol, where we arrived at 5 P.M. and stayed all night.

July 28. Sunday

We left Bristol at 10 o'clock this morning and traveled all day and night.

July 29. Monday

Cloudy, with some rain. Arrived in Lynchburg, Va. about noon and marched south about 3 miles, and pitched tents just beyond the fair ground; in a very nice oak grove.

July 30. Tuesday

Very warm. Spent most of the day preparing my encampment, and in the evening took a walk into Lynchburg, a city situated in the south bank of James River.

July 31. Wednesday

Hot, with some rain. Acting officer of the day. Wrote Miss T.G.A. of Celina, Tenn. a letter.

Aug. 1. Thursday

Very warm with showers. Our regiment held an election today for the adoption or rejection of the Confederate States Constitution, the result in my company was for the Constitution sixty one votes, against it none.

Borrowed of Jas. M. Green \$10.00.

Aug. 2. Friday

Very warm. We struck tents this morning at five o'clock and as soon thereafter as possible the regiment took the cars for Staunton, Va. I remained at Lynchburg for the transaction of some company business. Discharged Decl. S. Dodson of my company from the service on account of disability and started him to Tennessee. Took dinner at the Norvel House, the best Hotel in the city, but on account of its rooms all being taken had lodge at Jordan House. Health of my Co. very good.

Aug. 3. Saturday

Very hot. Took the morning train for Charlottesville where I met with Mr. Lamb, a lawyer from Fayetteville [sic], Tenn. accompanied by whom I went to Montecello [sic], the home and resting place of Thos. Jefferson. A most beautiful mountain location, a superb mansion, and one of the most magnificent landscape views that the eye ever beheld. One unbroken range of mountains encircle the hallowed spot rising in the enchanting distance as far as the natural eye can see. This tomb stone, which stands inside a brick wall ten feet high and about fifty feet square, is very badly defaced, it having long been the custom of his visiting friends, from all parts of the country. to take a small fracture of it away with them. After spending an hour here among the relics of the sleeping hero we returned to Charlottesville [sic], where I soon after took the cars for Staunton, at which place I overtook my regt. and after a short stay here went thence on with it to Millborough [sic], from which depot we were to march across the mountain on foot.

Borrowed this morning of H.L. Meadows (Capt.) \$10.00

Aug. 4. Sunday

Hot and cloudy. This morning our regiment cleared off a place of encampment and pitched tents near the depo [sic].

I discharged from the service my Orderly Sgt. for disability (U.L. Wood) and practiced my Co. in the manuel [sic] of arms – firing one hundred yards.

Aug. 5. Monday

Hot and cloudy. I held an election this morning in my company for non-commissioned officers, and then struck tents, loaded our wagon train and marched three miles west on the road leading to Huntersville, and camped for the night.

Aug. 6. Tuesday

Very hot. We marched 12 miles today and encamped at Warm Springs, which has been a beautiful watering place – the water being as warm as the system can bear comfortably.

August 7. Wednesday

Hot and showery. Marched all day over a mountainous country, only raveling thirteen miles, and encamped for the night at Col. Gaitwoods'. The men this evening are very much fatigued.

Aug. 8. Thursday

Warm and showery. Marched to Huntersville today and here pitched tents, about one mile west of town, on a low, wet, and spongy tract of land, very unfit for a permanent encampment. This march from Millborough [sic], a distance of about 35 miles, over a very mountainous country, has been made in very good time, all things considered, but not without the loss of much of our camp equipage and clothing, such as tents, cooking utensils, knapsacks, etc.

August 9. Friday

Hot and showery. We spent this day putting our guns in good shooting order, being now in the enemy's country it becomes us to be always ready.

Aug. 10. Saturday

Hot, with showers. Resumed our old and regular employment today – drilling. Wrote brother B.R. a letter.

Aug. 11. Sunday

Hot and showery. Devoted a part of today to the study of the scriptures. Health of my company fast on the decline.

Aug. 12. Monday

Hot and showery. Bought a small five inch repeater for \$20.00.

Aug. 13. Tuesday

Showery, windy and cooler. Battalion drill this evening.

Aug. 14. Wednesday

Cool and showery. Health of Co. and Regt. still declining.

August 15 Thursday

Cool and cloudy. Drilling. This is the coolest weather I ever experienced in the month of August, enough so to make heavy coats and log fires very comfortable.

Aug. 16. Friday

Cool and cloudy. Wrote a letter home.

Aug. 17. Saturday

Cool, with rain. Drilling by Co. and Regt.

Aug. 18. Sunday

Very rainy. Wrote Miss T.G.A. a letter.

Aug. 19. Monday

Very heavy rains, completely saturating every thing and every body in camps.

Aug. 20. Tuesday

Cloudy and windy. Drilling all day.

Aug. 21. Wednesday

Rainy and cool.

Aug. 22. Thursday

Still raining and very cool.

Aug. 23. Friday

Cloudy and cool. Ice was discoverable at a very early hour this morning. Our regiment removed to a new camp-ground today, south of Huntersville about one half mile, on a very lofty hill, commanding a fine view of the surrounding country, and one which promises more comfort and better health.

Aug. 24. Saturday

Cloudy and cool. Went about three miles and procured a load of plank, returned and with it floored my tent and set up for living on a grand scale.

Aug. 25. Sunday

Clear and pleasant. Heard a sermon by Rev. Dr. Lindsley of Nashville, Tenn. Wrote Mother a letter. Acting field officer of the brigade.

Aug. 26. Monday

Cloudy and cool. Drilling as usual. Col. Robert Webb from Tenn. came into our camps this evening, making all our hearts glad with news from our people at home.

Aug. 27. Tuesday

Cloudy and rainy.

Aug. 28. Wednesday

Rainy and cool. Wrote brother W.P. a letter.

Aug. 29. Thursday

Quite rainy. Col. Webb left for home. Col. Savage convened all the Captains of his regiment today to have them recommand [sic] suitable persons for Surgeon, assistant Surgeon, Quarter Master, and Commissary, who after meeting adjourned till tomorrow.

Aug. 30. Friday

Cloudy and cool. We assembled again today to make the recommendations [sic] mentioned yesterday and adjourned sine die without recommending [sic] any one at all.

Aug. 31. Saturday

Cloudy but pleasant. Today our regiment was mustered into the Confederate States service by Maj. Canley of Tennessee.

Sept. 1. Sunday

Clear and pleasant. Acting officer of the day. Heard a sermon by Rev. J.W. Poindexter. Reports say cannonading has been heard today either on or in the vicinity Cheat Mountain.

Sept. 2. Monday

Warm and cloudy. Spent the day drilling.

Sept. 3. Tuesday

Very warm. O.D. Neal of my company died about one o'clock this evening. He was an exemplary boy, a good soldier, and died with a lively faith in the crucified Redeemer. He had no effects in hand, but had due him from the state of Tennessee two months and three days service.

Sept. 4. Wednesday

Warm and showery. We paid the last tribute of respect to the remains of our departed friend and fellow soldier O.D. Neal today, burying him on a high hill south from the Huntersville church about 300 paces, with military honors.

In consequence of either the neglect or inability C.S. government to supply our brigade with clothing Capts. [sic] of companies are ordered to ascertain the wants of their respective commands, and report a list of the same, to be sent by a detailed officer to our homes in Tennessee to solicit supplies from them, which order I have this day complied with.

Sept. 5. Thursday

Warm and cloudy. Wrote Hambleton Neal a letter of condolence. Father of O.D. Neal, who died 3 inst.

Sept. 6. Friday

Cloudy and warm. In obedience to orders from the Hd. quarters of this department, we struck tents this A.M. at 6 o'clock and moved for "Big Springs." In consequence of the almost impassable condition of the roads we only marched about ten miles during the day, halting and pitching tents at an old encampment called Edrey. Here we received intelligence, which, however, wanted confirmation, that an engagement had begun above Big Spring and that the rebels were driving every thing before them.

Sept. 7. Saturday

Clear and warm. No move today. All lying quietly. Battalion drill late in the evening by Gen. D.S. Donoldson our brigadier. Ordered to march at 6 ½ o'clock tomorrow morning

Sept. 8. Sunday

Heavy showers. We have marched about twelve miles today over a very rough road, indeed, the mud being so deep that our train has failed to come up, and we are spending a wet and weary night without covering from the weather or rations for the hungry. This, doubtless, is the beginning only of many privations and hardships yet to be endured before leaving this rugged mountain.

Sept. 9. Monday

Clear and warm. Marched to Big Spring, and thence to the top of Valley mountain, over an awful road, reaching the summit sometime after nightfall and there prepared four days rations. Only a few miles now separate us from the enemy, but the country we are told is very broken and rough over which we must travel to reach them.

Sept. 10. Tuesday

Cloudy and warm. We marched out down the mountain this morning at sunrise, in rear of the 8th Tenn. Regt., with which we caught up at Big Spring, and which now forms the right wing of Donoldson's brigade, and the 16th regiment (ours) the left wing, the two composing the first Tennessee brigade. The forces in this department now under Gen. Robt. E. Lee, said to be about sixteen thousand strong, was this morning divided into three columns and started in three different routs [sic] in the direction of Cheat mountain. Our brigade, composed of abut eighteen hundred men, marched about ten miles, much of the time through the woods, over the mountains, and across ravines, such as one would suppose had never been trodden by the foot of the white man before. It was the duty of our brigade, as I learned, to fall in rear of the enemy encamped in Tygart's valley, six or eight miles south of Huttonville [sic]. We marched till after dark and fell noislessly [sic] upon our arms for the night, on a farm, whose owner's name was Winnan.

Sept. 11. Wednesday

Very rainy. We took our line of march this morning at the dawn of day, and, regardless of the drenching rain, continued on in the direction of Cheat mountain, reaching the position assigned us a little after dark. Added to the slippery steeps we had to climb today, was the swollen rivulets and creeks, and although quite cold, the soldiers waded them for miles without a murmer [sic]. Today we came in sight of the first Yankee that any of our brigade has ever seen, consequently, all had a greater or less curiosity to see and talk with them. Where we came upon the outer picket our van guard killed one, mortally wounded another, and the third escaped; but at a double quick we moved on about 2 miles to where we came upon the second post, four in number, all of whom surrendered without firing a gun. Still down the run, one mile further, was the company to which these men belonged, and on we rushed hoping to secure the whole picket, so that our approach might not be reported at their main camp. And had not some of the

men been out from the post fishing we should have succeeded most handsomely; but these, on coming up in sight, naturally took the alarm and fled. We captured however about 40 of the number and then proceeded. We were now within a short distance of the enemy's camp, and just where we were to leave the main road leading to him, and file across the mountain to our assigned position.

Just as night closed in we marched in single file noislessly [sic] up the mountain to within sight of the enemy fires. Here we closed up, fell upon our arms by the roadside and slept under a drenching rain all night.

Sept. 12. Thursday

Cloudy but more pleasant. At four o'clock this morning all were aroused, arms inspected, and every thing put in readiness for battle before the break of day, for with the coming of that hour was to begin the battle in Tygart's valley. Just as the scattering rays of the morning sun began to make their appearance over the eastern hills, to the great surprise of the whole command, Gen. Lee and staff rode to the head of the brigade and gave orders for our retreat. This gallant officer and most exemplary man, fearing to risk a courier on this occasion, had spent the night, dark and stormy as it was, in his saddle trying to reach our command in order to extricate us from the critical position we now occupied. Some part of the general plan of the intended engagement had failed, which left our brigade between two bodies of the enemy, viz. the main body of his forces in our front, in his works in Tygart's valley, and a heavy detached force on Cheat mountain proper, in our rear.

About sunrise we moved down the mountain single file, left now in front. We had scarcely begun to move however, before our rear guard, (now become van.) met a company of about one hundred men, detached from the mountain to come to the camp in the valley, whom they fired upon and instantly charged, killing about fourteen and capturing seventeen, the ballance [sic] making their escape. we lost one man killed and two slightly wounded.

This little skirmish over and we resumed the retreat in the direction of Big Spring, and after marching till the day was well nigh spent we halted at [missing] and fed, the now very hungry brigade, on saltless beef, it being impossible to get bread in this vicinity, and it was still several miles to our train.

This being the first march this part of our men were ever on, absent from the supply train, and not supposing they would be allowed to suffer, had wasted their rations, or rather, eat them up at the outset of the march and had consequently, become very hungry – we called it starving.

Sept. 13. Friday

Clear and pleasant. We made no move till three o'clock in the evening, when we took up the line of march for Cheat mountain valley and went about four miles, to the place where we captured the company of pickets on our way out, and here slept upon our

arms all night. While at camps this morning I had the pleasure of reading letters from home, the first since I left that state.

Sept. 14. Saturday

Clear and pleasant. Our command remained quietly on Elk run all day, while a council of war was being held at the commanding general's Hd. quarters.

Sept. 15. Sunday

Warm, with showers. We left Elk run this morning and continued our retreat to Gen. Lowring's Hd. quarters, and thence down the Huntersville and Huttonville [sic] pike to Mingoflat [sic], a small village, where we halted and stayed the remainder of the night, it being now nearly midnight and the rain pouring in torrents. I was never more completely exhausted and worn out in my whole life than on this occasion. I was so entirely worn out that I was compeled [sic] to turn over the company to my Lts. [sic] and fall by the way-side, something I had never done before.

Sept. 16. Monday

Warm and rainy. We resumed our march at daylight this morning and arrived at Big Spring about noon very much fatigued and worn, several of the men being barefooted. Here I had the pleasure of receiving another batch of home letters, which were always a treat in these mountain regions.

Sept. 17. Tuesday

Cloudy and rainy. No movement made today, which was highly gratifying to the many sore-footed soldiers.

Sept. 18. Wednesday

Rainy and cooler. Wrote father a letter. Lt. H. Denton left today for Tennessee to procure winter clothing for our regiment.

Sept. 19. Thursday

Clear and pleasant. All quiet today, with details prepareing [sic] the road toward Huntersville.

Sept. 20. Friday

Clear and pleasant. Wrote Cousin Mary Womack, of Pine Bluff, Ark., a letter at Winchester, Tenn. In consequence of the firing of a gun at one of our picket posts we were thrown into line of battle tonight about eleven o'clock and here remained until we were apprised there was no danger.

Sept. 21. Saturday

Rainy and cool. All quiet, and no move today.

Sept. 22. Sunday

Rainy and cool. At early dawn this morning our brigade marched from camps at Big Spring on the Huntersville road, and camped at Gipson's. The road being so desperately muddy we only marched about ten miles. Unfortunately for me I had charge

of the rear guard on this occasion, and such another day's prising [sic] of waggons [sic] out of mud-holes and loading and unloading tents, pots, skillets etc. I hope never to have again.

Sept. 23. Monday

Clear, with the first frost of the season.

Today our march was continued to Greenbrier bridge, over Greenbrier river, six miles west from Huntersville, where we camped all night.

Sept. 24. Tuesday

Clear and pleasant. We remained in status quo today, meanwhile our regt. was temporarily transferred to Anderson's brigade, and orders given to march early on tomorrow morning.

Sept. 25. Wednesday

Warm and cloudy. This morning we cooked three days rations and in the evening marched for Lewisburg, traveling 12 miles before dark. Camped one-half mile west of the road.

Sept. 26. Thursday

Warm and rainy. We continued our march today about 18 miles, through some very beautiful country, and camped at a Mr. Nickolds, three miles north of Frankford. Here we passed a most disagreeable night, the rain fell so incessantly that we could not build fires, and consequently were compeled [sic] to take the drenching rain like our faithful horses which stood shivering by.

Sept. 27. Friday

The rain continued to pour till 5 o'clock this P.M. We resumed the march early this morning, and the Regt. continued it all day. I breakfasted in Frankford with the family of a Rev. Mr. Brooke, and spent the day in the village secureing [sic] some rooms and attendants for some of my men who are unable to march. I spent the night with a Mr. Scott, a very kind and hospitable gentleman, and who took care of my sick like a father.

Sept. 28. Saturday

Cloudy and cool. I walked 25 miles today, passing through Lewisburg, and overtaking my command before getting to Meadow-bluff, near which place we camped at night.

Sept. 29. Sunday

Clear and pleasant. We continued our march today to the top of Sewell mountain. We had to cross two small streams today, which, from the rain on Friday, were spread out near a half mile in width, and which the soldiers had to wade, causing us to be late at night when we arrived on the top of the mountain. Here, on the top of this lofty summit we pitched our camps, only one thousand yards from the enemy, who occupied a neighboring hill, separated from us only by a deep ravine. This was the most trying days march I have yet had to make.

Sept. 30. Monday

Clear and pleasant. We kept closely about our fires today watching the movements of the enemy and resting our weary limbs and worn out feet. We have now been without tents, and nearly without blankets since the 8th inst. and although we have needed them very much in that time, yet on no occasion have we felt their absence so sensibly as here, where the constant cutting winds sweep incessantly across the towering point.

Oct. 1. Tuesday

Clear and pleasant. All quiet today. Wrote sisters M.T. and M.A. a letter.

Oct. 2. Wednesday

Very rainy. No movements by either army today.

Oct. 3. Thursday

Cloudy and warm. All quiet again today, but at 8 o'clock this evening an order was issued to be ready for action by the dawn of day tomorrow morning.

Oct. 4. Friday

Clear and pleasant. The army spent today erecting breastworks, which indicates an intention on the part of Gen. Lee to act on the defensive.

Oct. 5. Saturday

Clear and pleasant. All quiet today. Wrote Miss T.G.A. of Celina, Tenn. a letter.

Oct. 6. Sunday

Cloudy and stormy. Very unexpectedly to our entire army we discovered that Gen. Rosecrans, with his entire force, had evacuated Big Sewell during the night and was too far gone to be overtaken before he would reach the position he desired. We started on pursuit but only followed a mile or two, and then returned to our camps.

Oct. 7. Monday

Very rainy, so constantly did the rain fall during both day and night that it was impossible to sleep in our rough brush houses, and we were reduced to the uncomfortable necessity of sitting up all night. I wrote brother S.M. a letter.

Oct. 8. Tuesday

Cloudy and cool. All quiet today.

Oct. 9. Wednesday

Frosty, cloudy and windy. Nothing transpiring today.

Oct. 10. Thursday

Cloudy and cool. All quiet today.

Oct. 11. Friday

Rainy and very disagreeable. wrote Miss Kate J.S. of Coffee County, Tenn. a letter.

Oct. 12. Saturday

Clear, cool and windy. Our regiment received marching orders today at twelve o'clock and late in the evening moved back down the mountain, four miles, in the direction of Lewisburg, and encamped on Sewell Creek. I received from Maj. Glover, C.S.A. Qr. master \$390.00 pay for the months of July, Aug. and Sept. Paid Capt. L.H. Meadows \$10.00 and Lt. Worthington \$20.00.

Oct. 13. Sunday

Clear and cool. We remained quietly in camp on Sewell Creek all day.

Oct. 14. Monday

Clear and frosty. Spent the day drilling.

Oct. 15. Tuesday

Warmer and cloudy. Drilling again today. Loaned Geo. W. York twenty dollars to carry with him to the Hospital, which his brother Thos. J. refunded. Wrote Uncle R.P. Womack a letter.

Oct. 16. Wednesday

Cloudy and warm. Wrote Miss Mary E. Henderson of McM. [sic] a letter. Drilling by company.

Oct. 17. Thursday

Cloudy and rainy. Spent the day drilling

Oct. 18. Friday

Warm and cloudy. Wrote a letter to father.

Oct. 19. Saturday

Light showers. Jas. K. Polk Evans, of my Company, aged about twenty years, a good soldier and a faithful christian [sic], died this A.M. at 2 o'clock.

Oct. 20. Sunday

Clear and pleasant. All quiet today.

Oct. 21. Monday

Cool and rainy. We moved from Meadow Creek early this morning and marched to Meadow bluff and camped for the night.

Oct. 22. Tuesday

Cloudy and cool. Marched our regiment today to Lewisburg and thence two miles north on the Huntersville road and bivouaced [sic] for the night.

Oct. 23. Wednesday

Very disagreeable. Marched to Frankford, and here fell behind the regiment to attend to some sick soldiers I left here on my way to Big Sewell. Found them doing very well. Loaned F.G. Womack \$20 and Elias N. Green \$5 for contingencies. My waiting boy,

Reese, whom I also left here with the soldiers, is still here, but very low – past recovering.

Oct. 24. Thursday

Clear and cool. Paid Mrs. Scott \$20 for her kindness to my sick, and then set off alone to overtake my command, which I did just at night, after walking twenty-four miles.

Oct. 25. Friday

Heavy frost and cloudy. Marched to Greenbrier bridge and pitched for the night. Here I drew 75 shirts and 85 pr. of drawers for my Company.

My boy at Frankford died this P.M. at 2 o'clock. He was a faithful servant, and expressed a lively hope in the atoneing [sic] blood of the Lamb of God.

Oct. 26. Saturday

Changable [sic]. Remained at the bridge all day.

Oct. 27. Sunday

Clear and pleasant. Received for and paid out to my Company \$1702.42. Paid B.J. Hill and Co. \$40.00 on a note they hold against me and took their receipt for the same. (Received on deposit from R.W. Ware \$15.00) Paid B.T. Green \$5.00. We marched this evening to Huntersville and camped 2 mi. N. of town.

Oct. 28. Monday

Clear and cool. After an absence from our tents of nearly two months, we again pitched them this morning and spent the day clearing our encampment of all trash and litter. Alsey Jones of Warren County, Tenn. arrived at our camps today, on a visit. As agent for Col. Robt. Webb, I recd. for him of the soldiers today \$119.00

Oct. 29 Tuesday

Clear and cool. Discharged for disability today, Isaac Trammel and W.A. Potter. Paid Enoch Cooksey \$22.00

Oct. 30. Wednesday

Cloudy with cool winds. Made out muster pay rolls for my company today, and paid H.H. Faulkner \$20.00 for Col. Robt. Webb.

Oct. 31. Thursday

Cloudy and cool. Wrote and started letters home today by the kindness of Alsey Jones, one containing \$170.00

Nov. 1. Friday

Cool, with some rain. Completed my Rolls and company reports.

Nov. 2. Saturday

Warmer and rainy. Remained in bed most of the day.

Nov. 3. Sunday

Cloudy and cool. Wrote Miss A.M.A. of McMinnville a letter.

Nov. 4. Monday

Cloudy and cool. I arrested [missing] of my company today, charged with having stolen from A.C. Bowlin \$32.20, of which offense he acknowledged he was guilty.

Nov. 5. Tuesday

Pleasant but cloudy. Drew up charges and specifications against [missing] and began making out a set of muster and pay rolls.

Nov. 6. Wednesday

Rain and sleet. This day an election for the first president and vice president of the Confederate States of America has been held throughout the government. Jefferson Davis of Miss. and Alexander H. Stephens of Geo. being the only candidates for the respective offices. They received my ballot most cordially, and when installed, I hope the welfare of the whole country may be their chiefest [sic] aim. Sold R.W. Ware a Colts repeater for \$17.00

Nov. 7. Thursday

Clear and cool. Wrote mother a letter enclosing her \$40.00. Also wrote to brother B.R.

Nov. 8. Friday

Clear and pleasant. W.A. Potter left for home today.

Nov. 9. Saturday

Rainy and disagreeable. Delivered my watch to Adj. McKinney of the 8th Tenn. Regt. to be repaired. Wrote Miss Mollie Scott of Frankford, Va. a letter.

Nov. 10. Sunday

All quiet today. Received orders to march tomorrow.

Nov. 11. Monday

Rainy and disagreeable. Struck tents and marched ten miles in the direction of Lewisburg.

Nov. 12. Tuesday

Clear and pleasant. Marched fourteen miles today.

Nov. 13. Wednesday

Warm and cloudy. Marched to Frankford and stayed all night. We had the pleasure of a sermon in our camp this evening by Rev.

Nov. 14. Thursday

The brigade moved on to Lewisburg today and I remained at Frankford. Miss M.S. Wrote in my diary the following lines: "And will Capt. W. remember his Frankford friends. And when this war ceases will he return here and visit those who are his friends. And

there is one friend at heart who will never forget him – it is not necessary to mention the name as he well knows.” This philanthropic hearted young lady was a noble soul, every fiber of her heart was in unison for the South, and she was truly the “friend” of every good soldier engaged in its cause. May she see the “war cease” and her beloved South freed from oppression, is the sincere wish of him whom she so cordially invites to her happy Frankford home.

Nov. 15. Friday

Cold and disagreeable. Confederate thanksgiving day. Heard two sermons before leaving Frankford. went to Lewisburg and stopped at the Lewisburg Hotel. Snow fell at night covering the ground. Wrote Miss Mollie Scott a letter.

Nov. 16. Saturday

Cloudy and cold. Bought two pair of shirts for thirteen dollars, an army hat for six dollars and fifty cents, paid two dollars for repairing my watch, and two dollars, Hotel bill.

Nov. 17. Sunday

Cold and cloudy. Attended church in Lewisburg. where we had excellent music, both vocal and instrumental, and a most splendid sermon.

Nov. 18. Monday

Changable [sic]. Capt. Brewer, Lts. [sic] Hackett and Stone, and myself were the members of a Court-Martial convened today for the trial of [missing], of Capt. Dillard’s Company, found him guilty of drunkenness and profanity.

Nov. 19. Tuesday

Cloudy and cold. Wrote a puff for Col. T.B. Murray and sent to the “New Era.” Discharged W.C. Stepp and P.A. Jennings for disability.

Nov. 20. Wednesday

Cold and rainy. Today the hearts of our regiment were made glad and our bleeding feet and protruding knees comfortable by the arrival of our winter goods, prepared for us by our friends at home. All honor to our Mothers, wives and sisters who have not forgotten our perils in these dreary mountains.

Nov. 21. Thursday

Clear and cool. Wrote sister Martha a letter.

Nov. 22. Friday

Cold and rainy. Having learned that Lt. Thos. J. York of my company had written and spoken words derogatory to me, and which I knew had been written and spoken, not because there was even the semblance of truth in them, but out of desire to spot my reputation only. I therefore called upon him today for satisfaction in the matter. After repeating to him what I had been informed he had said and written, and which I am still satisfied he had done, he stated to me positively that I had been misinformed, and that the statement, whether made by himself or anyone else, was to his knowledge utterly

false; and in order to satisfy me that he was wrongfully implicated, he agreed to write a letter satisfactory to me and send to the "New Era" a paper published in his and my county town for publication.

Wrote a letter to Maj. Jo. H. Goodbar at Morristown, Tennessee.

Nov. 23. Saturday

Cold and cloudy. Borrowed from D.W. Blackwell \$10, ten dollars, from R.A. Webb \$10 and from E.N. Green five dollars. Went to Lewisburg and gave ten dollars for a pair of heavy boots.

Nov. 24. Sunday

Cold and snowing. Capt. H.H. Dillard and I went to Frankford and spent the day.

Nov. 25. Monday

Cold and still snowing. Spent the day in Frankford, where I had the pleasure of introducing Capt. H.H. Dillard to Miss Boone Tompkins of Kanawha valley.

Nov. 26. Tuesday

Very cold. Returned to camps and wrote mother a letter.

Nov. 27. Wednesday

Cold and showery. Wrote uncle Nathan Byars a letter.

Nov. 28. Thursday

Cold rains. Discharged Peter Countiss and E.N. Green on account of disability. Paid E.N. Green four dollars for D.W. Blackwell, also paid nine dollars coach fare for the above parties to the Rail Road.

Nov. 29. Friday

Cold and rainy. All quiet today. Borrowed of W.C. Womack six dollars.

Nov. 30. Saturday

Clear and pleasant. Made out a monthly company report. Wrote Miss Tempie Ware a letter. Received marching orders for Red sulphur springs.

Dec. 1. Sunday

Cloudy and cold. In obedience to orders we marched from our encampment in the muddy hills near Lewisburg about sunrise and moved on about ten miles in the direction of Red sulphur springs over a very rough road.

Dec. 2. Monday

Cold with quite a snow storm in the evening. Marched through the little village of Union, passed Salt Sulphur Springs and camped at night on the road side.

Dec. 3. Tuesday

Cold and cloudy. Marched to Red sulphur springs, about 12 miles, but finding no rations there as was expected we fell back one mile to where we could get level ground to camp upon, and spent the night supperless.

Dec. 4. Wednesday

Clear and cool. Left camps today about noon and marched about eight miles in the direction of Newbern.

Dec. 5. Thursday

Clear and cold. Marched twelve miles today, passing through Peterstown and crossing New river about noon. The road was hard frozen and our encampment at night a ledge of loose rocks.

Dec. 6. Friday

Clear and pleasant. Marched through Parisburg [sic] early this morning and on up New river 12 to a bridge and encamped for the night.

Dec. 7. Saturday

Clear and pleasant. Marched nine miles today, to Doublin depo [sic], on the East Tenn. and Va. R.R. and pitched tents till further ordered.

Dec. 8. Sunday

Cloudy and warm. All still and quiet today. We were ordered today to Charleston, S.C. much to the surprise of every one, for we were expecting orders to Bowlinggreen [sic], Ky.

Dec. 9. Monday

Warm and cloudy. Cooked four days rations preparatory to starting to Charleston. received a letter from brother B.R.

Dec. 10. Tuesday

Quite warm. Remained in camps all day. Wrote a letter to the "New Era."

Dec. 11. Wednesday

Cooler. Left Doublin depo [sic] at nine o'clock this morning and arrived at Lynchburg, Va. at five in the evening. One of our cars ran off the rails today slightly brusing [sic] Capt. Donnell and 3 or 4 men. No other casualties befell us.

Dec. 12. Thursday

Clear and cool. On account of the lack of transportation for the whole of our regiment, my company and one or two others had to remain over at Lynchburg all day, which gave us an opportunity, to some extent, to outfit ourselves for living again, and which we could have done much more fully had we not have been almost out of money. I borrowed \$20.00 of W.D. Wood of my Co., then loaned Capt. C.C. Brewer \$5.00 and Robt. Kerby two dollars. Bought seven bakers for the use of my company, at \$1.50 each, paid five dollars for taking my daguereotype [sic], and loaned Maj. Cullom of the

8th Tenn. Regt. \$5.00. Discharged John R. Bost of my Co. for disability, and started him home; by whom I sent to sister Martha my likeness.

Dec. 13. Friday

Clear and cool. We took the cars at Lynchburg this morning at nine o'clock, and without any casualties, arrived in Petersburg at five this evening. The command of the whole force now with us having devolved on me, I procured quarters for the night in the City Guard Hall, on Broad street, then went to a bakery and procured bread, then to a cookery and had one hundred and fifty rations of bacon fried and broiled.

Dec. 14. Saturday

Clear and cold. After spending the day in Petersburg we took the cars at 5 o'clock in the evening for Wilmington N.C. We reached Weldon at nine o'clock P.M., immediately changed cars and started on for Wilmington again at ten.

Dec. 15. Sunday.

Arrived in Wilmington at twelve o'clock today, crossed Cape fear river at two o'clock P.M. and took the cars for Charleston, S.C.

Dec. 16. Monday.

Passed Florence this A.M. at one o'clock, arrived in Charleston at 3 P.M. and quartered the Regt. in the Charleston depo [sic], where a supper was awaiting our arrival. Took a walk in the City.

Dec. 17. Tuesday

Clear and warm. This morning our command marched over [missing] to the Savannah depo [sic], and encamped on one of the battlefields of the Collonial [sic] Revolution. In the evening I returned to Charleston, perambulated many of its streets, visited the Charleston battery, situated on the shore at the south eastern part of the City, from which I had an imperfect view of forts Sumpter [sic] and Moultry [sic], and Castle Pinkney. After spending the day very pleasantly in the very heart of rebeldom (much of which I had forgotten to say now lay in smoking ruins) I returned, much fatigued, to our recently established quarters near the Savannah depo [sic].

Dec. 18. Wednesday

Clear and warm. We left Savannah depo [sic] at three o'clock this evening and reached Pocotaligo Station about nine. Here we threw our baggage from the train and remained till morning.

Dec. 19. Thursday

Clear and warm. This morning we again pitched our tents, and for the first time in many a long and weary day set up in regular military style. Far removed from the rugged hills and mountains of western Virginia and situated on the sandy planes [sic] of South Carolina, we hope to do a greater amount of good with a much less degree of fatigue and exposure.

Received a letter from Mill T.G.A. of Celina, Tenn. also one from Mrs. Eliza Fuston and wrote one to father.

Dec. 20. Friday

Warm and cloudy. Heavy cannonading on the coast this morning. Being quite unwell I kept my bed most of the day.

Dec. 21. Saturday

Cooler and cloudy. All quiet [illegible]. On account of severe cold I was compeled [sic] to remain in and about my tent all day.

Dec. 22. Sunday

Cloudy and cool. All quiet today. Major A.J. Brown commenced paying off our Regt. today.

Dec. 23. Monday

Cool, with light showers. This morning our regiment about five miles south from Pocatigo on the road leading to Mackey's Point, Col. Murray, with Capt. Shields and my company were detached and sent two miles further down toward the coast and quartered in a large cotton field. I received various sums of money from different members of our detachment, amounting in all to \$1700.00, with the view of getting it changed off for smaller bills.

Dec. 24. Tuesday

Clear and cool. Went to Charleston and put up at the Charleston Hotel, room No. 55. Bought a vest for five dollars and a gold pen for \$3.25.

Dec. 25. Wednesday Christmas

Clear and cool. Bought a gold watch for \$60.00. Went out to Fort Sumpter [sic] and spent the day, where I made several acquaintances, had the pleasure of a telescopic view of Fort Moultrie, the Yankee blockading fleet, and the other surrounding batteries, and returned to Charleston just as the King of day sank behind the calm and placid waters. At night I wrote Miss T.G.A. of Celina, Tenn. a long letter.

Dec. 26. Thursday

Clear and pleasant. Spent the day in Charleston procureing [sic] some of the wants of my company. Bought one hundred and twenty six pounds of tobacco for \$42.00, ten pounds of soda for \$5.00, four cloth stools for \$5.50 and various other small articles amounting in all to about \$100.00. Went to the banks and exchanged about \$2000 dollars in large bills for smaller ones. Wrote Rufus Simpson of McMinnville a letter, also one to brother B.R. at Bowlinggreen [sic], Ky.

Dec. 27. Friday

Clear and pleasant. Left Charleston this morning at ten o'clock and arrived at camps at sunset, found the command all doing well.

Dec. 28 Saturday

Clear and cool. Refunded the money to the men received from them on the 23rd inst. Received a letter from Miss A.M.A. of McMinnville, also one from Miss M.C.S. of Frankford, Va.

Dec. 29. Sunday

Pleasant but cloudy. All quiet today. Wrote brother B.R. a letter, also one to Miss Mollie C. Scott.

Dec. 30. Monday

Clear and pleasant. Spent the day making out Muster and Pay rolls for November and December.

Dec. 31. Tuesday

Clear and warm. Cannonading on the coast today. Wrote Miss A.M.A. of McMinnville, Tenn. a letter.

Diary for 1862

Jan. 1. Wednesday

Clear and windy. Some fighting near Port Royal today, which causes considerable excitement.

May I spend the incoming year more usefully and prayerfully than I have the one just closed, and may God the Father guide and direct me in all I say and do.

Jan. 2. Thursday

Warm and cloudy. Skirmishing at Port Royal again today. Wrote R.P. Womack a letter.

Jan. 3 Friday

Light showers. Cannonading this evening in the vicinity of Page's Point. Received a letter from Miss M.S. of F-d, Va.

Jan. 4. Saturday

Warm and cloudy. Went to Pocotaligo Station today to procure impliments [sic] for fortifying.

Jan. 5. Sunday

Very rainy. Wrote Miss M.S. a letter of condolence.

Jan. 6. Monday

Clear and cool. I was detailed as topographical engineer to take ten men and examine the country between our Post and the Coosawhatchie river, and render a report, which I did. I found the country impassable to artillery, almost so to cavalry, and but few places where infantry could be moved with much alacrity; much of it being thick chapperel [sic] and canebreak [sic]. Wrote father a letter inclosing [sic] \$100.00.

Jan. 7. Tuesday

Clear and cool. My company began work on the Rocky Point fort. I drafted a set of resolutions of condolence, expressive of the deep regret felt by the 16th Tenn. regt. at the death of their much esteemed fellow soldier and Major, Jo. H. Goodbar, forward copies to the Nashville Union And American, The McMinnville New Era, and to the Major's parents.

Jan. 8. Wednesday

Cloudy and cool. Cannonading off Mackay's Point began at one o'clock this P.M. and continued until five. Received the daguerreotype of Miss T.G.A. of Celina, Tenn. and acknowledged it by letter.

Jan. 9. Thursday

Warm and cloudy. All quiet on the coast today.

Jan. 10. Friday

Clear and warm. All quiet today. Received a letter from sister Martha.

Jan. 11. Saturday

Cloudy and warm. Superintend the work today on Rocky Point fort. Received from Misses A.M.A. and M.E.H. of McMinnville a most beautiful pound cake and fine bottle of peach cordial. Long may those dear and worthy friends live to enjoy the sweets of a happy life.

Jan. 12. Sunday

Clear and warm. Jas. Spurlock sen. [sic], of McMinnville, paid us a visit today. He carries to father for me \$100.00. Wrote Misses A.M.A. and M.E.H. a letter.

Jan. 13. Monday

Warm and cloudy. All quiet today. Spent the night at Mackay's Point, on picket duty.

Jan. 14. Tuesday

Quite cool and cloudy. Remained on duty at the Point all day and night. Received a letter from brother B.R. Today I saw an oyster bed.

Jan. 15. Wednesday

Pleasant but cloudy. Returned from Mackay's Point and wrote brother B.R. a letter.

Jan. 16. Thursday

Light sprinkles. All quiet today. Received a lot blank Muster and Payrolls. Employed Fred Green, a boy of color, for a cook and waiter, for ten dollars per month.

Jan. 17. Friday

Cool and rainy. Made out two Muster and payrolls.

Jan. 18. Saturday

Cloudy and dull. Battle of fishing creek, Ky.

Jan. 19. Sunday

Cloudy and very warm. All quiet today. Asa Faulkner of McMinnville paid us a visit today.

Jan. 20. Monday

Warm and cloudy. Discharged for disability W.H. Byars.

Jan. 21. Tuesday

Warm, with thunder showers. Gave W. Jeff Fuston a furlough for fifteen days and started him home with W.H. Byars.

Jan. 22. Wednesday

Cool and rainy. Superintended the work on the western portion of Stony Point Fort. Wrote Mrs. Mary J. Kent a letter.

Jan. 23. Thursday

Rainy and cold. All quiet.

Jan. 24. Friday

Cold and rainy. All quiet. Received a letter from brother W.T.

Jan. 25. Saturday

Clear and cool. Held an election for Major of our Regt. to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Maj. Jo. H. Goodbar. My Co. voted unanimously for H.H. Faulkner, of Capt. Donnell's Co.

Jan. 26. Sunday

Clear and cool. Studied the scriptures.

Jan. 27. Monday

Cloudy and cool. Went to Pocotaligo station, and received a letter from Miss M.S. of F-d, Va.

Jan. 28. Tuesday

Clear and cool. Received a letter from Miss C.J.S. of Coffee county, Tenn., and replied to it. also wrote a letter to father. Cannonading in the vicinity of Savannah this P.M. for one hour.

Jan. 29. Wednesday

Clear and pleasant. L. Col. W.L. Moore of the 8th Tenn. Regt. took command of this detachment today. Some pieces of artillery were brought down to the fort. W.C. Womack and M. Mauzy of my Co. were arrested today, while on duty on the R.R., by a drunken Lt. of Col. Starks Va. Regt. He deserved reducing to the ranks.

Jan. 30. Thursday

Warm. with light rain. Detailed as officer of the day. Visited Mackay's Point and other posts on the line. Sold J.P. Green a gold watch for \$60.00. Sold a pair of boots for \$6.00.

Jan. 31. Friday

Cool sprinkles. Wrote Miss A.M.A. a letter.

Feb. 1. Saturday

Rainy. Received a letter from J. Henry Vannerson.

Feb. 2. Sunday

Cloudy and cool. All quiet today.

Feb. 3. Monday

Cloudy and warm. Cannonading all the forenoon near Savannah. Went to Pocotaligo and to Mackay's Point.

Feb. 4. Tuesday

Pleasant but cloudy. Wrote Miss M.S. of F-d, Va. a letter. Received of J.P. Green twenty dollars for a watch.

Feb. 5. Wednesday

Pleasant but cloudy. Made out a Muster Roll, stating the ages of all the men, to be forwarded to the Sect. of war at Richmond. Appointed Michael Mauzy Penny Post for this detachment.

Feb. 6. Thursday

Cloudy and warm. Went to Pocotaligo, thence to Regtl [sic] and brigade Hd. Qrts. [sic] Received of Maj. A.J. Brown Ast. [sic] C.S.A. Qr. M. \$260.00 pay for the months of Nov. and Dec. 1861.

Feb. 7. Friday

Warm with heavy rains. W. Jeff Fuston returned from Tenn. bringing me home letters and something rich to eat. Fort Henry surrendered to the Yankees.

Feb. 8. Saturday

Warm, with drenching rains. Took a detail of 16 men and went to Mackay's upper dwelling to prevent the landing of a small crew of the enemy, but contrary to our expectations they did not come. The night was black and rainy and passed without sleep.

Feb. 9. Sunday

Rainy and disagreeable. Furloughed Lt. J.D.W. Hill to Charleston for 2 days.

Feb. 10. Monday

Cloudy and cooler. Acting officer of the day. Visited the pickets at Mackay's Point and other posts. Heard with deep regret of the surrender of Ft. Donaldson, Tenn. which occurred on yesterday.

Feb. 11. Tuesday

Clear and cool. Went to Savannah, Ga. and took room No. 80 in Pulaski House. Savannah is quite a nice city, will compare well with any in the Confederacy; its streets are broad and beautifully shaded, and its squares most elegant in appearance. Spent \$24.85 for stationary [sic].

Feb. 12 Wednesday

Clear and pleasant. Remained in the city all day. Spent \$28.25 for sundries for my company. Was presented with three testaments and a No. of religious tracts, published in Nashville, Tenn. Wrote Miss L.C. of Warren Co. Tenn. a letter.

Feb. 13. Thursday

Clear and pleasant. Returned to camps today, where I found all quiet.

Feb. 14. Friday

Warm with showers. Had a whisky melee in camp this morning before day, resulting in the stabbing of W.T. Mayberry and severe bruising of 3 or 4 others. Acting officer of the day. Mailed to sister Martha $\frac{1}{4}$ of a ream of nice Frence [sic] note paper. Received an exquisitly [sic] nice little Valentine from "Hilda" (alias A.M.A.) accompanied by some most excellent original stanzas of poetry.

Feb. 15. Saturday

Showery. Cheering telegrams from Ft. Donaldson today.

Feb. 16. Sunday

Cold rains. Wrote Miss "Hilda" or (A.M.A.) a letter.

Feb. 17. Monday

Cold and drizzly. More favorable telegrams from Ft. Donaldson [sic].

Feb. 18. Tuesday

Cool, mirky [sic] and dripping. Acting officer of the day. Went to Pochaligo, where I received intelligence of the certain fall of Ft. Donaldson [sic] and surrender of Nashville together with the loss of 13000 men. This sad reverse casts the deepest sorrow and gloom over every Confederate soldier, especially the brave and gallant Tennesseans, who are now more fully determined than ever before to sacrifice their lives, if need be, for the invaded soil of their bleeding Country. If Nashville has fallen, as it possibly has, the infant Confederacy has sustained a heavy loss, and one too, from which she cannot soon recover. This sad lamentable information has caused every patriot heart to resolve that our Country's Independence must and shall be established, or we will fall in its attempt. The chivalrous Volunteer State will not be allowed to pass under Lincoln rule

without still more desperate struggles, and the fall of a far greater number of his hireling horde than have yet been slain at the hands of those who are striking for their liberties, homes, firesides, wives and children. Received a letter from brother B.R.

Permanent Congress convened in Richmond. May their proceedings be directed by that everruleing [sic] Providence who directs all things after the will of his own counsel.

Feb. 19. Wednesday

Showers. received dispatched confirming the fall of Ft. Donoldson [sic] and surrender of Nashville. Wrote out an article and presented to my Co. for two-year volunteers, the company when made to be styled "Warren Guards". Loaned Wm. Bell five dollars.

Feb. 20. Thursday

Clear and pleasant. Dispatches today deny the surrender of Nashville and the capture of Gens. Pillow and Buckner.

Feb. 21. Friday

Light showers. Yankees maneuvering on Broad river but without making their object known to us. Subscribed for the Daily Charleston Mercury.

Feb. 22. Saturday

Clear and warm. Acting officer of the day. Went to brigade Hd. Qrts. [sic] where I received from Maj. A.J. Brown \$1854.25 for my Co., which I returned with, and paid out to them. Brisk cannonading from 12 to one o'clock today in the vicinity of Savannah.

First President of the Confederate States inaugurated.

Feb. 23. Sunday

Changable [sic]. Carried Capt. Dillard down to see the curiosities of Mackay's Point, one of which was a sea crab dinner. Returned and wrote sister Marth a latter.

Feb. 24. Monday

Clear and windy. Gave Lt. A. P. Smartt a furlough for 48 hours to go to Savannah. Went to Regtl [sic] Hd [sic] Qrts. [sic] where I collected from Maj. Cullom five dollars, which I loaned him at Lynchburg, Va.

Feb. 25. Tuesday

Clear and cool. Attended, as a witness, the trial of Col. Jno. [sic] H. Savage, at old Pocotaligo. Received a letter from Miss A.M.A. of McMinnville.

Feb. 26. Wednesday

Cool and rainy. Attended Col. Savage's trial again today at old Pocotaligo. Wrote Miss C.J.S. a letter and sent by Capt. Brewer. Paid J.K.P. Webb \$50.00 and R.A. Webb \$22.00.

Feb. 27. Thursday

Clear and cool. Attended Col. Savage's trial. Wrote father a letter and enclosed him \$100.00 per Lt. H.H. Denton. Received of Wm. Bell \$5.00, loaned money.

Feb. 28. Friday

Clear and cool. General inspection by Lt. Col. W.L. Moore. Made out Muster and pay Rolls for Jan. and Feb. 1862.

Mar. 1. Saturday

Changable [sic]. Spent the day preparing discharges and pat certificates for members of my Co. heretofore discharged, but were not settled with. Sent \$50.00 to Charleston by Lt. J.D.W. Hill for a navy pistole. Received on deposit fifty dollars for B.P. Green.

Mar. 2. Sunday

Pleasant but cloudy. Spent the forenoon reading the scriptures and in the afternoon wrote Miss A.M.A. a letter. Received on deposit from A.M. Mason \$20.00.

Mar. 3. Monday

Rainy and changable [sic]. Attended Col. Savage's trial at Pocotaligo station it being removed to that place for continuance. Received a letter from cousin Samantha B. Womack of Athens, Ala.

Mar. 4. Tuesday

Clear and cool – some ice. Attended the Court Martial at Pocotaligo. Lt. Hill returned and brought me a navy- cost \$50.

Mar. 5. Wednesday

Clear and cool. Attended the Court Martial which closed today. Was detailed by Col. Murray to go to McMinnville, Tenn. Furloughed Asberry Brown for 20 days to go to Warren Co. Tenn. Received \$185.00 to carry to different persons at home.

Mar. 6. Thursday

Cool, with some rain. Left Pocotaligo at 3½ P/M/ for McM. [sic] Tenn., arrived in Savannah, Ga. at 5½ P.M., took supper at the Pulaski House, and left for Macon at 10.

Mar. 7. Friday

Clear and cold. Arrived in Macon this A.M. at 9 o'clock, took breakfast and left for Atlanta at 10, where we arrived at 5 P.M., took supper at the Washington Hall and left for Chattanooga, Tenn. at 7 P.M.

Mar. 8. Saturday

Clear and cold. Arrived in Chattanooga at 5 this A.M. and left for Tullahoma at 6½. We ran upon some crushed cars near Tunnel Hill, where we were detained about two hours. Missed the cars at Tullahoma, therefore took private conveyance to Manchester and stayed all night.

Mar. 9. Sunday

Clear and cool. Visited Miss C.J.S. at Concord station. Went to McMinnville, where I met with many of my old friends. a few of whom seemed to disrelish the Confederate uniform, and were therefore cool and distant. Went with Dr. Armstrong to his house, where, together with his family I unexpectedly met with Miss T.G.A.

Mar. 10. Monday

Cool rains. Called to see Miss T.G.A. this morning, then went to father's and spent the evening in the family circle, around the old homestead hearthstone – was delighted to meet with and find my people all well.

Mar. 11. Tuesday

Clear and cool. Went to Col. Robt. Webb's and paid his wife \$15, thence to B.H. Womack's, thence to Jno. [sic] W. Burk's and paid Mrs. Burks \$60, also paid W.N. Lowery \$12, money sent to them by their sons in the army, thence to R.P. Womack's and stayed all night. Found the people generally depressed in spirits on account of the near approach of the enemy, many believing the country will soon be overrun by them.

Mar. 12. Wednesday

Pleasant. Returned to father's, wrote a letter to the boys in camps, and then went to town. Received of father \$60.00. Bought a gold watch from L.D. Kent for \$85.00, paid fifty dollars and executed my note for the remainder. Called on Miss T.G.A. at 6 in the evening at doctor Armstrong's.

Mar. 13 Thursday

Pleasant. Went to father's and spent the night, where I met with J.M. Womack and brother B.R.

Mar. 14. Friday

Warm with showers. B.R. and I went this morning to uncle E.H. Green's; this evening to S.V. Greens, and paid Margret Green \$50.00, money sent her by her son J.P. Green; thence to uncle Nathan Byars' and spent the night.

Mar. 15. Saturday

Warm and rainy. We went to the Central factory and paid Mrs. Margret Countiss \$10.00, money from her son J.M. Countiss, thence to father's and spent the day.

Mar. 16. Sunday

Cloudy and cool. Went with J.M. Womack to McMinnville who left today for his command at Decater [sic], Ala. Heard a sermon by Rev. J.M. McMaury. Called on Miss Tennie G. Amonett this evening and arranged the preliminaries necessary to our marriage on the 20th inst.

Mar. 17. Monday

Clear and cool. Purchased dry goods to the amount of \$11.50 and then went to father's, thence A.C. Clark's and spent the night.

Mar. 18 Tuesday

Clear and pleasant. Went to McMinnville and thence to father's and spent the night.

Mar. 19. Wednesday

Warm and cloudy. Went to McMinnville, bought sundry little articles, and returned home.

Mar. 20. Thursday

Rainy and disagreeable. Went to McMinnville and wrote brother J.B. a letter. At 7½ P.M. was happily joined in matrimony with Miss Tennie G. Amonett, of Celina, Jackson County, Tenn., at doctor J.B. Armstrong's by Rev. J.M. McMaury.

Mar. 21. Friday

Cold, with rain and snow. Went this P.M., accompanied by Mrs. Womack and a few friends, to father's and spent the night.

Mar. 22. Saturday

Cold with snow. We went to uncle R.P. Womack's and stayed all night.

Mar. 23. Sunday

Cold and snowing. Returned to father's and went thence to McMinnville.

Mar. 24. Monday

Cold, with some snow. Paid R.P. Womack \$26.00, interest on a note due the Bank of Tenn., vs F.M. Cantrell, Administrator of R.B. Womack, dead.

Mar. 25. Tuesday

Milder but cloudy. Took leave of Mrs. W. at 9 A.M. for Chattanooga, and went to Dunlap, and stayed all night at William Rankins.

Mar. 26. Wednesday

Warm and cloudy. Went to Chattanooga and stoped [sic] at the Crutchfield House. Wrote Mrs. Womack a letter.

Mar. 27. Thursday

Cloudy but pleasant. Left Chattanooga this morning and arrived in Atlanta, Ga. at 4 P.M. and stoped [sic] at the Washington Hall.

Mar. 28. Friday

Clear and pleasant. Left Atlanta at 6 A.M. and arrived in Macon at 12 M. and left in half an hour for Savannah, where I arrived at 11 P.M. and stoped [sic] at the City Hotel.

Mar. 29. Saturday

Clear and mild. Left the City Hotel and went to the Pulaski House, room No. 115. Paid six dollars for repairing my watch. Bought a Morton No. 6 gold pen and had my name engraved upon it and my navy. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

Mar. 30. Sunday

Clear and pleasant. Left Savannah this A.M. at 7 and reached Pocatigo at 10½, soon afterwards I joined my Co. on Graham's Neck, found them all doing finely, save three, viz. [missing], [missing], and [missing] who were under arrest charged with burglary.

Mar. 31 Monday

Warm and smoky. Went to Gen. Donoldson's Hd. quarters, at Grahamsville. Found Col. Savage again in command of his Regt. Gave Lt. W.S. Hackett \$5.00 to purchase me a hat.

Apr. 1. Tuesday

Warm and cloudy. Col. Murray left for Tenn. carrying a letter and fifty dollars to Mrs. Womack. Dispatched to Capt. P.C. Shields at Charleston that the Yankees had retired from Port Royal ferry.

Apr. 2. Wednesday

Warm and cloudy. Went to the 8th Tenn. Regt. and returned, while there, made the acquaintance of Lt. A.C. Kirkpatrick. Furloughed J.R. Skelton for 20 days, to go to McMinnville, Tenn.

Apr. 3. Thursday

Warm and cloudy. All quiet today, and nothing doing.

Apr. 4. Friday

Warm and showery. All quiet and idle. Loaned S.C. Corder \$4.00.

Apr. 5. Saturday

Warm and cloudy. Spent the day reading the scriptures. Battle of Shiloh, Miss. begun.

Apr. 6. Sunday

Cooler with showers. Read from the 12th to the 24th of St. Matthew.

Apr. 7. Monday

Cloudy and cool. Acting officer of the day. Arrested 3 of Capt. McKinney's men for firing [sic] their guns contrary to orders. Paid brother J.B. \$10 also R.R. Womack \$10. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

Apr. 8 Tuesday

Clear and warm. Acted Judge Advocate in a regimental Court Martial, which had before it 4 men of Co. (C) 8th Tenn. Regt. One for willful absence and three for violation of orders against shooting. All acknowledged their guilt and were punished. Heard glorious news from Corinth, Miss.

Apr. 9. Wednesday

Heavy rains and high winds. Made out the proceedings in the case of the C.S. vs. E.J. [missing] et. al. of Co. (C) 8th Tenn. Regt. Capt. P.C. Shields Pres. of the court.

Apr. 10. Thursday

Clear and cool. Dispatched announce the falling back of Gen'l [sic] Beauregard to Corinth.

Apr. 11. Friday

Cool and cloudy. marched at dawn this morning to Pocotaligo – left there for Grahamsville at 11. Remained there till 5 P.M., then reversed engines and left for Charleston. Loaned D.W. Blackwell \$10.

Apr. 12. Saturday

Cool and cloudy. Arrived in Charleston at 8 A.M. and left for Augusta, Ga. at 10 P.M. Loaned W.C. Womack \$10 and J.M. Countiss \$5.

Apr. 13. Sunday

Cool rains. Arrived in Augusta at 3 A.M. and left for Atlanta at half past 8, where we arrived at 8 P.M.

Apr. 14. Monday

Rain. Left Atlanta at 4 A.M. went 60 ms [sic] on the Chattanooga R.R. halted, at 12 M. reversed engines and were at Marietta at 5 P.M. were again ordered to Chattanooga, reversed engines for that place and again started.

Apr. 15. Tuesday

Cloudy but more pleasant. Daylight found us at Dalton, where we received an order from Beauregard to return to Atlanta and come to Corinth via Mobile, Ala. So at 8 A.M. we left Dalton and arrived in Atlanta at 7 P.M. and the command again left at 8, for West Pt., where it was expected to stop and cook rations, there being none on hands. Being very unwell, I took room No. 31 in Washington Hall.

Apr. 16. Wednesday

Cloudy and warm. Spent the day in Atlanta. Wrote Mrs. W. and sister M.A. a letter. Our train ran off the track this morning at Newman mashing nine boxes, killing one man and wounding several other, also killed 6 horses.

Apr. 17. Thursday

Cloudy and warm. Made the acquaintance of Mrs. Gen'l [sic] Donoldson, also that of W.A. Carson of Celina, Tenn., by whom I sent Mrs. J.J. Amonett a letter.

Apr. 18. Friday

Warm and Cloudy. Received of Mrs. T.B. Murray \$50.00, money due from Col. T.B. Murray. Wrote father a letter, also one to Mrs. W.

Apr. 19. Saturday

Rain and sunshine. Left Atlanta at 3 A.M., having in charge Mrs. Col. W.L. Moore and children, and arrived in Montgomery at 3 P.M. and left on the steamer, Jeff Davis, at 6, for Mobile. Received of Mrs. Moore \$100 expense money.

Apr. 20. Sunday

Cool and rainy. Arrived at Selma at 6 A.M. and left nine.

Apr. 21. Monday

Cool and cloudy. Arrived in Mobile at 2 P.M. and stopped at the Battle House, Room No, 119.

Apr. 22. Tuesday

Cool and cloudy. Bought a small pistole for \$20. left Mobile at 4 P.M. for Corinth, arrived at Meridian at mid night, where I put Mrs. Moore in the care of Lt. W. Bonner and she left for Vicksburg, and I for Corinth.

Apr. 23. Wednesday

Clear and pleasant. Arrived at Corinth only one day behind my Regt. Met with brother B.R. of the 5th Tenn. and spent the night with him. Had the pleasure of seeing many old friends and acquaintances.

Apr. 24 Thursday

Cloudy and warm. Joined my Co. at Corinth. Called on Gen. Donoldson at the request of his wife. Saw many friends.

Apr. 25. Friday

Rainy and disagreeable. Wrote father a letter.

Apr. 26. Saturday

Clear and pleasant. Regtl. [sic] inspection today. Drew sixty four Canteens for my Co. Received of W.C. Womack \$10.

Apr. 27. Sunday

Clear and warm. Read 20 chapt. [sic] of the Acts of the Apostles.

Apr. 28. Monday

Warm and cloudy. Went to Corinth thence to the 5th Tenn. Regt. and made out my Muster and Pay rolls for March and April.

Apr. 29. Tuesday

Warm and rainy. Heavy skirmishing today. Gave Monroe Goodbar \$10 to purchase me a hat. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter and received one from her, also letters from my brothers and sisters. Made out Pay Roll for arrearages due from the state of Tennessee.

Apr. 30. Wednesday

Some Rain. Wrote father a letter. Moved from our camp east of Corinth to a more agreeable place about three miles north of town.

May 1. Thursday

Bright, clear and pleasant. A most lovely and tranquil May day. Nothing disturbs our quiet repose today, yet the enemy is cautiously feeling his way toward our line.

May 2. Friday

Clear and warm. Moved one half mile back in the direction of Corinth. Received a hat from Memphis, cost \$10.

May 3. Saturday

Clear and pleasant. Brisk cannonading from 4 this P.M. to 5, at Farmington, in which engagement we lost a few men in killed, wounded and prisoners. My Regt. was sent on the Purdy road on picket duty. Went to the 5th Tenn. and was presented with a nice Yankee sash by brother B.R., a trophy from the battle field of Shilo [sic].

May 4. Sunday

Very rainy and disagreeable. Lay at the rifle pits all day.

May 5. Monday

Cloudy and rainy. Remained in the pits all day, the enemy four miles distant from us.

May 6. Tuesday

Clear and pleasant. Still on picket duty at the outer pits.

May 7. Wednesday

Clear and warm. We were relieved from picket this morning by the 154th Tenn. and returned to our camps.

May. 8 Thursday

Clear and pleasant. Reorganized the 16th Tenn. Regt. today by reelecting Col. Savage, electing Capt. D.M. Donnell Lt. Col., and Capt. P.H. Coffee Maj. I was retained at the head of my Co. although I did not ask the position, while others did. None of my Lts. [sic] were retained. I received of A.J. Brown \$260 pay for the months of Jan. and Feb. Paid Lt. J.D.W. Hill \$155 and B.P. Green \$20. Sold B.P.G. a pistole for \$23. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

May. 9 Friday

Warm and cloudy. Our brigade went to the rifle pits at 4 o'clock this A.M. but as the enemy did [not] appear, we returned at 6. Our extreme right engaged part of today, result unknown. Acting officer of the day. Loaned R.R. Womack \$10. Wrote sister M.A. a letter.

May. 10 Saturday

Warm and clear. All quiet today. Drilling in skirmish drill.

May. 11 Sunday

Warm with showers. Heard a sermon by Rev. Mr. Hill of Nashville, founded on the 10th verse of the 48th chapt. [sic] of Jeremiah. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter, also heard from her verbally.

May. 12 Monday

Warm and cloudy. Went to Corinth. Great activity throughout the army. Five days rations issued and three cooked. Enemy advancing and we anxiously await his approach.

May 13. Tuesday

Clear and warm. Went to the rifle pits at night, where we remained undisturbed till morning.

May 14. Wednesday

Clear and warm. We remained in the rifle pits, 3 miles north of Corinth, till 11 o'clock A.M. and then returned to camps.

Twelve months ago today I left my happy and prosperous home in McMinnville, Tenn., to battle for my country's freedom and Independence, which were then denied her, and still are, by a vaunting and insulting enemy. In consequence of the odious and intolerable tyranny [sic] and duplicity beginning to be forced on the people of that, and other states, I felt it to be my duty not only to my country, but also to myself and family, to enlist in the C.S. army. So regarding it, I was instrumental in organizing the first Co. raised in my county, styled "The Warren Guards" (a title of my own selection) which has twice honored me with its Captaincy, and upon whose gallantry I fully rely, and of whose members its friends will in a coming [sic] day be proud.

During the year we have undergone many privations and hardships; especially was the fall and winter campaign among the mountains in western Va. severe. Here we were frequently deprived of even the few comforts that the soldier in the field might reasonably expect, having to sleep on the cold, wet and sometimes frozen ground, with no other covering than the canopy of Heaven. Day after day we marched over muddy roads and snow covered mountains, sometimes barefoot and almost without clothing. Notwithstanding all of this, and notwithstanding the clouds of war grew thicker and darker still, yet we have never seen the hour when we could give up the struggle for Southern Independence. And we never will, but by the help of God Liberty and Independence will yet be ours.

May 15. Thursday

Very warm. Acting officer of the day. Went to Corinth and thence to the 5th Tenn. Regt. Borrowed of R.A. Webb, J.C. Watson, W.N. Kerby, J.P. Lawrence, and Luke Purser twenty dollars each. Loaned R.R. Womack fifty dollars. Gave Capt. J.S. Gribble \$100.00 to carry to Mrs. Womack. Countersign for today Blythe.

May 16. Friday

Cloudy and very warm. Borrowed from Lts. [sic] Hackett and Etter, for brother B.R., one hundred dollars each. Gave him a lady's gold watch to be given to Mrs. W. in Atlanta. [missing], [missing], [missing], [missing], having deserted my Co. I went this P.M. in search of them, but found them not.

May 17. Saturday

Very warm and cloudy. Board of examiners for the examination of the newly elected officers of our Regt. are with us today. [missing] and [missing] returned today to duty.

May 18. Sunday

Cloudy and cooler. The army was rushed to the entrenchments at daylight this morning, some skirmishing on the right during the day, the left all quiet. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

May 19. Monday

Warm and cloudy. Cooked two days rations and went out on pickett [sic]. Heavy thunder and rain storms at night.

May 20. Tuesday

Heavy thunder showers. Carried my Co. on outpost duty and remained all day.

May 21. Wednesday

Bright and clear. Relieved from outpost duty and returned to camps at 6 o'clock P.M. Received orders to move against the enemy tomorrow at daybrake [sic]. I feel sanguine of success, and that God of battles will never forsake a people battleing [sic] for right and justice.

May 22. Thursday

Clear and hot. Moved at sunrise against the enemy and took position four hundred yds. in his front, where we remained till 3 in the evening, when, on account of our extreme right having failed to make the attack we returned within our intrenchments and remained during the night.

May 23. Friday

Rainy. Received a letter from Mrs. Womack, by the kindness of L.D. Kent. Considerable skirmishing today, our command moved in double-quick to the trenches. Sold R.W. Ware a pistole for \$20, ten of it on W.C. Womack.

May 24. Saturday

Cloudy and cooler. Some skirmishing today. Our Regt. spent the day quietly in camps. The new officers of the reorganization took their position in their companies.

May 25. Sunday

Cool and cloudy. All quiet along our lines today. At 4 P.M. we were ordered to the trenches, but there being no approach of the enemy we returned to camps.

May 26. Monday

Cloudy and warmer. Cooked two days rations and went to the Chambers house on picket, across the Tennessee line. Was assigned to the command of the line of skirmishers, where we had considerable sharp shooting, but at too great distance to effect [sic] a great deal – no loss on our side.

May 27. Tuesday

Clear and warmer. Remained on the skirmish line till 4 P.M., getting occasional shots at the Hessians as they dodged from tree to tree, when I was relieved and returned to my Regt. in the rear.

May 28. Wednesday

Clear and hot. The enemy advanced on our skirmishers this morning about ten o'clock, driving them as they came. A few of our men were wounded, among them was Stephen Tate of my Co., mortally. He was an extra soldier and fell at his post. About one o'clock P.M. while my Regt. was falling back before the enemy, my navy and canteen were shot from my left side by a small cannon ball or grape, the same cut off the legs of two men of Capt. Randals Co. who were just in front of me. We returned about 3 P.M. and retook our position, with some loss however to the 41st Ga. Regt., which fired a few rounds, and held it till we were released at dark.

May 29. Thursday

Clear and hot. Acting field officer of the day. Our camp equipage has all been shipped [sic] today to the rear and we ordered to be ready to march at 6 P.M., at which time we went to the rifle pits and there remained till 10, when we began the retreat from Corinth.

May 30. Friday

Clear and hot. After a toilsome, dark and muddy night's [sic] march, we reached the bridges on Tuscumbia river about 6 o'clock this morning and after blocking the road by felling trees, and destroying the bridges over the river halted in the swamp and lay quietly the balance [sic] of the day, - and that too without rations. The enemy occupied Corinth this morning and cautiously pursued.

May 31. Saturday

Hot and clear. We lay snug and still in the swamp all day, subsisting on such food only as we could procure from the negroes on the neighboring farms.

June 1. Sunday

Warm and showery. Acting officer of the day. Took charge of the line of pickets on the Tuscumbia river, where I remained on duty till 4 o'clock in the evening, at which time we resumed the march and continued on it all night in the direction of Okalona.

June 2. Monday

Warm, with heavy rains. Continued our march till nearly night this evening, making about ten miles, to where Gen. Breckinridge's command had halted, where we halted and fell by the roadside to spend the night, the men being almost worn out and tired down. We drew some poor beef and roasted over the fire which constituted our rations, not having drawn before in 8 days.

June 3. Tuesday

Hot and showery. Moved this morning to Gen'l [sic] Donaldson's Hd [sic] quarters, distance about 3 miles, and about the same distance west from Baldwin depo [sic].

Here we cleared off a camp ground, erected brush tents, drew two days rations and eat till the craving appetites of the hungry soldiers were once more completely satiated. Received a letter from Mrs. W.

June 4. Wednesday

Cloudy and warm. All quiet today. Made out a report of the casualties and conduct of my company in the engagement with the enemy before Corinth, on the 28th ult.

June 5. Thursday

Hot and cloudy. Our regiment went 2 miles north, to Twenty mile creek, on picket duty and remained during the day. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter. Paid A.M. Mason \$20.00.

June 6. Friday

Warm and cloudy. Remained on outpost duty till 4 P.M. when we were relieved and returned to camp.

June 7. Saturday

Hot with light showers. Moved from camps at one o'clock P.M. and marched about 8 miles in the direction of Tupelo. Brother J.B. left the command on account of ill health.

June 8. Sunday

Clear and hot. Marched about 5 miles today and camped near the Rail Road. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

June 9. Monday

Clear and hot. All still and quiet today.

June 10. Tuesday

Clear, hot and dusty. Moved from camps this morning at daylight and reached Tupelo about 2 o'clock P.M., and without halting marched four miles north and pitched tents on Town Creek. Acting officer of the day.

June 11. Wednesday

Clear and hot. All quiet today. Total eclipse of the moon at midnight.

June 12. Thursday

Clear and hot. All quiet. Marched some of the boys before the regiment for unbecomeing [sic] conduct during the skirmish before Corinth on the 28th ult.

June 13. Friday

Clear and hot. Began drilling

June 14. Saturday

Very hot. All quiet.

June 15. Sunday

The companies of our regiment were reestablished in their order from right to left, which changed my letter from the position of H to that of C.

June 16. Monday
Thunder showers.

June 17. Tuesday
Cooler

June 18. Wednesday
Showery and much cooler.

June 19. Thursday
Clear and cool.

June 20. Friday
Clear and cool. The respective captains of the regiment met at my tent today, by order of Col. Savage, to nominate a suitable man for Regt'l [sic] Quarter master, which resulted in the nomination of Frank Marchbanks. The last ballot was between the nominee and A.J. Paine, both of whom I regarded unfit for the duties of the office, therefore voted for neither.

June 21. Saturday
Clear and pleasant. Received my Pay Rolls from Okalona and began preparing [sic] them for the Pay Master, filling out the bounty and commutation columns.

June 22. Sunday
Clear and warm. After a week's confinement I began today to sit up again.

June 23. Monday
Clear and hot. Worked a while on my Pay Rolls.

June 24. Tuesday
Hot, with signs of rain. Made out one Pay Roll. My company and three others of the regt. were sent to a picket post on Bear creek, for 2 days.

June 25. Wednesday
Clear and hot. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

June 26. Thursday
Warm and cloudy. Made out two Pay Rolls.

June 27. Friday
Hot and sultry, with thunder showers. Drew new knapsacks for my company, and distributed to them. Borrowed of Dr. Charles K. Mauzy \$100.00.

June 28. Saturday
Warm, with showers. Received glorious tidings from Richmond. McClelland defeated and routed. Paid Lt. W.S. Hackett \$100.00 borrowed money.

June 29. Sunday

Clear and hot. Read 16 chaps. [sic] of the gospel recorded by St. Luke. Wrote Mrs. Womack a letter.

June 30. Monday

Clear and hot. General review of the army and inspection for pay. Finished reading the gospel of Luke.

July 1. Tuesday

Cooler and showery. Read half of the book of St. John. The news from Richmond continues of the most satisfactory character, the Confederates driving the Yankees at every point. Gen. Bragg's address to the soldiers, announcing himself the successor of Gen. Beauregard as commander of the army of the Mississippi, was read this evening to the troops.

July 2. Wednesday

Clear and hot. Finished reading the book of John. Borrowed of Capt. Ben Randals \$100, and paid to A.D. Mason of my company.

July 3. Thursday

Clear and hot. Prepared discharges for Jno. [sic] R. Bost and I.R. Jones. Wrote to father and Mrs. W. Borrowed of Dyon Randals and A.C. York \$100 each, and of J.P. Lawrence \$5.00. Sent \$200 to Mrs. Womack, at Atlanta, by Lt. W.S. Hackett, and paid him five dollars borrowed from him at Corinth.

July 4. Friday

Hot and sultry. All quiet. Read the book of Acts of the Apostles.

July 5. Saturday

Clear, and very hot. Read the book of Romans. A salute of 13 guns was fired today on receipt of the news of the glorious victory just achieved at Richmond, which is believed to be complete.

July 6. Sunday

Exceedingly hot. Read first and second Corinthians. Wrote Mrs. W. a scriptural letter. Heard a sermon by Mr. Cullom, of Tenn., who has been recommended for Chaplain of our Regt.

July 7. Monday

Hot and dry. My 28th anniversary. Capt. J.M. Womack paid me a visit, to whom I gave Pay certificates on his Regt. Qr. M., for collection, for \$200. May July 7, 1863 find this government peaceful and tranquil, and it's [sic] people quietly enjoying its placid serenity; and may I, till then, be more useful, prayerful and profitable than in any past year, is my humble prayer.

July 8. Tuesday

Clear and hot. All quiet today. Read the book of Gallations [sic].

July 9. Wednesday

Hot and sultry. Read the books of Ephesians, Philipians [sic], Colessians [sic], Thessalonians, 1st and 2nd Timothy, 1st and 2nd Titus, and Philemon, also Jackson's Proclamation on the nullification question.

July 10. Thursday

Warm, with general showers. Read Hebrews and James.

July 11. Friday

Warm, with thunder showers. Read 1st and 2nd Peter. 1st, 2nd and 3rd John, and Jude. Heard a most splendid sermon by Rev. Mr. Lane, of Ga.

July 12. Saturday

Clear and hot. Made out Pay Certificates for A.C. Edge, Wm. Countiss, Asberry Brown, Tillman Keener, S.C. Corder, W.C. Morton, and John P. Garretson, all of whom are non-conscripts and to be discharged from the service on the 16th inst.

July 13. Sunday

Exceedingly hot. Read the book of Revelation. Heard a sermon by a young Mr. Heiskell. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

July 14. Monday

Clear and hot. Wrote father a letter by Robert Jones, Esqr. [sic] of Mechanicsville, Tenn.

July 15. Tuesday

Very hot with distant showers. Finished the Pay Certificates and Discharges of my non-conscripts.

July 16. Wednesday

Hot, with fine rains. Suffering considerably from flux.

July 17. Thursday

Cooler, with light showers. Borrowed of W.T. Moores and W.E. Jones ten dollars each. Bought of Clay Eastham a trunk and dry goods amounting to \$20.50.

July 18. Friday

Clear and hot. Received a telegram announcing the capture of Murfreesboro, Tenn. by Genl. Forest [sic]. Received for E.N. Green and J.N. Fuston \$87.00. Received a letter from L.D. Kent.

July 19. Saturday

Clear and hot. All quiet today.

July 20. Sunday

Clear and very warm. Wrote bro. S.M. a letter.

July 21. Monday

Clear and hot. Received of A.D. Mason \$20 and paid E.N. Green \$40.00. Drew a lot of clothing for my company. Received marching orders for tomorrow morning.

July 22. Tuesday

Clear and hot. At sunrise my regt. marched for Tupelo, and on our arrival there went aboard of a waiting train which left for Mobile at 9 o'clock A.M. Maj. Martin, of Gen. Donoldson's staff, did me the lasting favor to carry me down in his buggy, seeing I was very feeble, and I left on the one o'clock train, which carried the 8th Tenn. Regt.

July 23. Wednesday

Cooler, with gentle showers. An accident occurred [sic] to one box in our train today causing several men to leap off, 7 or 8 of whom were badly bruised, and one broke his leg.

July 24. Thursday

Clear and hot. Arrived in Mobile at 8 o'clock A.M. where I joined the left wing of my Regt. under Maj. Coffee, the right having left for Montgomery up the river, and at 2 P.M. took the steamer Dawrence for the Montgomery depo [sic], 20 ms. [sic] up the Bay, on arriving took the cars for Montgomery.

July 25. Friday

Clear and hot. Arrived in Montgomery at 9 A.M. and left for Atlanta at 3 P.M., reached West Point at 10 P.M. and left at 11. Borrowed of Dr. C.K. Mauzy \$50.00

July 26. Saturday

Clear and very hot. Arrived in Atlanta at 5 o'clock this morning, and after obtaining a leave of absence for eight days, left on the train for Chattanooga at 3 this evening.

July 27. Sunday

Clear and hot. Arrived at Ringgold, Ga. at 4 A.M. and stoped [sic] over till 2 P.M., then left for Chattanooga, where I arrived at 3½ P.M. and without delay left for McMinnville and went 12 miles and stayed all night at a Mr. Rodgers.

July 28. Monday

Clear and hot. Traveled all day alone and stayed all night at Isaac Hill's – just at the top of the mountain.

July 29. Tuesday

Very warm. Went to Col. H.L.W. Hill's for breakfast and on to McMinnville by noon, where I had the pleasure of meeting my wife. Came thence to father's and spent the night, where I found the family all well.

July 30. Wednesday

Fine rains. Remained at father's all day, where I met with many relatives and old friends.

July 31. Thursday

Showery. Went to Col. P.M. Armstrong's near McMinnville and spent the night.

Aug. 1. Friday

Clear and hot. Went to McMinnville and thence to father's and stayed all night.

Aug. 2. Saturday

Warm and cloudy. Went to McM. [sic] and back to father's. The enemy were reported to be within five miles of the place when I left there, and marching upon it.

Aug. 3. Sunday

Hot, with showers. Went to Concord church, and from there to uncle E.H. Green's and stayed all night.

Aug. 4. Monday

Left uncle E.H.G's early this morning for Chattanooga. Crossed Caney-fork at Frank's ferry, went thence across the mountain, following little by-paths, and crossed it again at [missing] Mills, went thence to Spencer and on ten miles to Gillentines on the mountain and stayed all night. In our flank movement today we have narrowly escaped the enemy at different points on the route, especially where we crossed the McM. [sic] and Sparta road, at which place a regiment was fileing [sic] by as we rode up.

Aug. 5. Tuesday

Hot, with thunder showers. Went to Sam Robinsons in the valley for dinner, where I met with and made the acquaintance of Genl. Forest [sic], thence to C.S. Card's, on the mountain, and stayed all night.

Aug. 6. Wednesday

Hot, with showers. Arrived in Chattanooga, and after spending a short while. rejoined my command south east of the city about 4 miles.

Aug. 7. Thursday

Hot and showery. Went to Chattanooga after my trunk and returned to camps. Was relieved of my command by order of Col. Savage; an act that has every appearance of malice, and one which I am satisfied has been prompted by ill will toward me, and not because Justice demanded it.

Aug. 8. Friday

Very hot, with showers. Wrote an application to Gen. D.S. Donoldson to be restored to my command, to which, Col. Savage objected in extense [sic], and forwarded to Brigade Hd. Qrts. [sic] Gen. Donoldson, after examining the papers, wrote a letter in my defense and forwarded it, together with all the papers, to Gen. Cheatham, Col. Savage's relative. Here the whole matter rests. The charges made against me by Col. Savage, as I learn them from Gen. Donoldson, not having an opportunity to see them myself, are false as he could have pened [sic]; which only confirms the opinion that I have long entertained of him, that is, he is corrupt and will not do to rely upon. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

Aug. 09 Saturday

Clear and hot. All quiet today.

Aug. 10. Sunday

Hot, with showers. Heard two sermons, one by Rev. J.W. Poindexter, and the other by Rev. J.M. McCutchin.

Aug. 11. Monday

Clear and hot. Received of Maj. G.V. Young Qr. M. \$130 pay for the month of March. Sent my sword to Atlanta to have a new scabbard made for it.

Aug. 12. Tuesday

Thunder showers. Paid Dr. C.K. Mauzy \$50 and J.P. \$10.

Aug. 13. Wednesday

Hot, with showers. Made out another set of Pay Rolls for March and April, leaving out the columns for Bounty and Commutation.

Aug.14. Thursday

Very warm. Paid H.L. Moffitt \$30, R.A. Webb \$20, Luke Purser \$20, A.J. VanHooser \$12, W.E. Jones \$10, and J.B. Womack \$10. Our Regt. was today furnished with new Enfield rifles.

Aug. 15. Friday

Hot and cloudy. Paid W.T. Moores \$10 and Isaiah Moffitt \$10 for a pistole leaving three dollars unpaid. Sold a mare of father's for \$180 to Isaac Garretson.

Aug. 16. Saturday

Clear and hot. Struck tents and marched for Chattanooga this A.M. at eight o'clock, crossed Tennessee river at 2 P.M. and marched about 3 miles on the McMinnville road, or rather the Anderson road, and pitched our tents along a little branch.

Aug. 17. Sunday

Hot and clear. Heard a sermon by Rev. J.W. Poindexter. Resumed command of my company, and went to the ferry expecting to cross into the city and receive pay for my company, but returned without it.

Aug. 18. Monday

Clear and hot. Drew for the use of my company 27 pt. pants, 12 pr. drawers, and 10 pr. shoes. Received marching orders.

Aug. 19. Tuesday

Warm and cloudy. Loaned brother J.B. \$10 and sent him back to Chattanooga, he being unable to march. The brigade left camps at 11 A.M. and marched to Dallas, a little place 12 miles above Chattanooga, and camped in the woods.

Aug. 20. Wednesday

Cloudy and hot. All still and quiet today.

Aug. 21. Thursday

Hot and clear. Was detailed as president of a Regt'l. [sic] Court marshal [sic] for the trial of [missing] of Co. K. who was found guilty of the charges preferred, and sentenced to perform 15 days fatigue duty, and forfeit to the Government one month's pay. Col. Donold commanding

Aug. 22. Friday

Hot and cloudy. Resumed the march at 7 A.M. and went about 8 miles, to the Blue springs, and encamped. Acting officer of the day.

Aug. 23. Saturday

Hot, showers. All quiet today. Sent Mrs. W. and brother S.M. letters.

Aug. 24. Sunday

Received of Lt. E.C. Reed and R.W. Hays \$100 each to get exchanged for them for small bills. Went to Chattanooga and thence with Sam Donaldson to Tunnel Hill and spent the night.

Aug. 25. Monday

Clear and hot. Returned to Chattanooga by sunrise, and left at one P.M. and rejoined my command at night, where I left it. Paid E.C. Reed and R.W. Hays \$100 each.

Aug. 26 Tuesday

Very warm. Received for and paid out to my company \$5783.60, their pay for the months of March and April. A.D. Mason paid me \$80, R.W. Ware \$11.50, and W.H. Brooks \$10.00

Aug. 27. Wednesday

Warm and cloudy. Paid Capt. Ben. Randals and A.C. York \$100 each, borrowed from them at Tupelo, Miss.

Aug. 28. Thursday

Hot, with showers. Struck tents and left Wallace Chapel at 5 A.M. and marched up the Washington road about 10 miles and camped.

Aug. 29. Friday

Clear and hot. All still today. Drilling.

Aug. 30. Saturday

Clear and hot. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter. Paid J.W. Bratcher \$10, the money due W.H. Byars from the state of Tennessee. Made out a Roll and mustered my company for pay. Marched 8 miles.

Aug. 31. Sunday

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

Sept. 1. Monday

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

Sept. 2. Tuesday

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

Sept. 3. Wednesday

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

Sept. 4 Thursday

Clear and hot. Paid Dr. C.K. Mauzy \$100 borrowed money. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter.

Sept. 5. Friday

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

Sept. 6. Saturday

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

Sept. 7. Sunday

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

Sept. 8. Monday

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

Sept. 9. Tuesday

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

Sept. 10. Wednesday

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

Sept. 11. Thursday

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

Sept. 12. Friday

Hot and showery. Traveled to brother B.R's and stayed all night.

Sept. 13. Saturday

Hot and showery. Rode all day hunting recruits and trying to induce them to join the army and defend their homes. Spent the night at father's.

Sept. 14. Sunday

Hot and showery. Went from father's to uncle R.P. Womack's and stayed all night.

Sept. 15. Monday

Clear and hot. Went to McMinnville and spent the day, thence to father's and stayed all night.

Sept. 16. Tuesday

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

Sept. 17. Wednesday

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

Sept. 18. Thursday

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

Sept. 19. Friday

Clear and pleasant. Went to McMinnville and spent the day. Paid Wiley Riggs \$65.00, ballance [sic] due for a horse. Spent the night with father.

Sept. 20. Saturday

Clear and hot. Went to McMinnville and thence to brother B.R's. and stayed all night. After spending a few days among my fellow citizens at home I am forced to the conclusion that but few men, now at home, can be induced to volunteer in the service of their country. Many young men with whom I have met ought to be in the service, but their patriatism [sic] is blank.

Sept. 21. Sunday

Clear and warm. Left for the army and went to Cookville.

Sept. 22. Monday

Clear and warm. Went to Celina and crossed over to J.J. Amonett's and stayed all night.

Sept. 23. Tuesday

Light showers. Remained at Kinderhook all day.

Sept. 24. Wednesday

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

Sept. 25. Thursday

Clear and pleasant. Went to Celina and spent an hour.

Sept. 26. Friday

Warm and cloudy. Remained at Kinderhook all day.

Sept. 27. Saturday

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

Sept. 28. Sunday

Clear and warm. Spent the day searching the scriptures.

Sept. 29. Monday

Warm and cloudy. Spent the day in Celina.

Sept. 30. Tuesday

Clear and hot. Wrote Col. Jno. [sic] P. Murray a letter instructing him to pay over to Lt. J.J. Amonett \$200 due me from him.

Oct. 1. Wednesday

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

Oct. 2. Thursday

Cloudy and hot. Went to Burksville [sic], Ky. and after an hour's stay went with the command four miles west to Nathan Elliot's on Marrowbone creek, and stayed all night. Mr. Elliot was a true southern man.

Oct. 3. Friday

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

Oct. 4. Saturday

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

Oct. 5. Sunday

Clear and warm. Traveled all day through a beautiful country, without the occurrence of anything worthy of note, and stoped [sic] at a little village called New Market and stayed all night.

Oct. 6. Monday

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

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

Oct. 7. Tuesday

Clear and warm. Got a warm breakfast at the house of a Mr. Boyce, where we found ourselves at daylight, and moved on with the command through Perryville, where the cavalry halted; and rode thence on to Harrodsburg where I joined my own command. Soon after my arrival we received marching orders, and moved off about five o'clock P.M. and at midnight arrived at Perryville, east, and in rear of which place our division was drawn up in battle line and there slept upon our arms till near daylight. Rockets were thrown up by the enemy on their extreme right, supposed to indicate their readiness to bring on the attack at day.

Oct. 8. Wednesday

Clear and hot. The enemy began cannonading at sunrise and continued slowly till about nine o'clock in the morning, occasionally answered by our batteries, when the enemy drove in our skirmishers and some pretty brisk firing was heard along our front lines. Our division (Cheatham's) changed position from where we first formed in rear of Perryville to our extreme right and took a position in the front line about this time. Here our division remained till about noon, all of which time considerable cannonading was going on along most of the line. About twelve o'clock the batteries of our division were put in position and brought to bear on one of the enemy's now opened just in our front. The duel between these two lasted about two hours, and was said to be the briskest of the day. Here one of our Brigadiers, whose name I do not now remember, was wounded in the head by one of the enemy's shells. About this time the battery of our brigade (General Donoldson's) commanded by Capt. Carns, moved from its present

position farther to the right, immediately after which, the whole Division moved in double quick, forward, near one mile across some fields, and again halted and formed. Here we remained but a short time, stopping only long enough to pile away all the extra weight about us, such as blankets, knapsacks, etc. Again we moved forward across a narrow wood through which ran a small creek, and quietly formed in line of battle behind the top of the hill, lying, till the whole line would have time to cross over and form.

We now occupied ground about three hundred yards from where the enemy lay concealed in an enclosed wood, about one quarter of a mile in length north and south. At each extremity of this wood they had placed a battery. The one at the northern extremity, of 7 guns, that at the southern about the same. "Victory" for our motto was shouted all along our line, and fearlessly and gallantly we charged them. The Regt. to which I belonged (Col. Savage's) was on the extreme right of Cheatham's division, which now made the extreme right of Gen. Bragg's army, and was directly in front of the seven-gun battery before spoken of. Donoldson's brigade either executed orders too promptly, or else other commands not hastily enough, in consequence of which this brigade, and the 16th regiment especially, was exposed to a most terrific fire from both the above batteries and at the same time an opening line of infantry. Here at the onset we suffered very much both in officers and men.

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

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

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

They had now not only left their splendid battery of seven cross pieces in our hands, which they had been commanded never to desert, together with many a one of their fellows slain and wounded, but also their general, the gallant Jackson, who fell exhorting his men never to abandon the field. Soon after this, about five o'clock in the evening, the sixteenth regiment, together with the other regiments of the first Tennessee

brigade were withdrawn and held in reserve for half an hour, when about sunset they were marched in again; but night coming on and the enemy still retreating they were ordered to pursue no further.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oct. 9. Thursday

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

Oct. 10. Friday

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

Oct. 11. Saturday

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

Oct. 12. Sunday

Cloudy and cool. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter, and cooked four days rations preparatory to a march tomorrow.

Oct. 13. Monday

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

Oct. 14. Tuesday

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

Oct. 15. Wednesday

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

Oct. 16. Thursday

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

Oct. 17. Friday

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

Oct. 18. Saturday

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

Oct. 19. Sunday

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

Oct. 20. Monday

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

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

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

Oct. 21. Tuesday

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

Oct. 22. Wednesday

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

Oct. 23. Thursday

Clear and cool. Left camp at daylight and marched thirteen miles, and encamped at a man's by the name of Oowler, three miles south of Maynardsville [sic]; which village we passed through.

Oct. 24. Friday

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

Oct. 25. Saturday

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

Oct. 26. Sunday

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

Oct. 27. Monday

Clear and cool. Sent today to Chattanooga Lossen Keiff, John VanHooser and W.T. Moores from my company to the hospital at that place, on account of wounds received at Perryville.

Paid Sgt. W.N. Lowry five dollars, money due Maj. Wm. Lowry at McMinnville. Wrote father a letter, and sent one to Mrs. W. by Capt. J.J. Amonett.

Oct. 28. Tuesday

Clear and pleasant. Detailed Sgt. R.A. Webb from my company to go into Warren County, Tenn [sic] to procure winter clothing for the company; our friends being regarded as a much more reliable source from whom we might draw than the general government, it being at this time rather poorly supplied. I gave said R.A. Webb ten dollars, with which to purchase me a pair of boots when he should get home.

Oct. 29. Wednesday

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

Oct. 30. Thursday

Clear and cool. After traveling all night, we arrived in Chattanooga about eleven o'clock in the morning, and without delaying but 4½ hours we were aboard another train for Bridgport [sic], which place we reached at ten o'clock at night, and there remained till morning. The time we were waiting for a train I spent in hunting for my brother J.B. whom I supposed, if living, to be in one of the hospitals in that city; but I neither found him nor got any satisfactory information about him.

Oct. 31. Friday

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

Nov. 1. Saturday

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

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

Nov. 2. Sunday

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

Nov. 3. Monday

Clear and cool. The army inactive. I this day discharged J.R. Shelton from the service, on the recommendation [sic] of a surgeon, of inability to perform the duties of a soldier.

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

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

Nov. 4. Tuesday

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

Nov. 5 Wednesday

Cool and blustery. Furloughed Lt. B.P. Green, Sgt. A.M. Mason, Corpl. [sic] J.W. Bratcher, Michael Mauzy and Luke Purser for five days to visit their homes in Warren

County. At the same time I loaned the four last mentioned \$20 twenty dollars each. Wrote letters to Mrs. W. and father.

Nov. 6. Thursday

Clear, with brisk winds. Everything perfectly quiet, and nothing done worthy of note.

Nov. 7. Friday

Windy and snowing. Wrote sister Martha a letter.

Nov. 8. Saturday

Clear, cool and windy. Wrote uncle Nathan Byars a long letter. Paid Arch Nunnely \$10 ten dollars for an ordinary pair of home made shoes.

Nov. 9. Sunday

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

Nov. 10. Monday

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

Nov. 11. Tuesday

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

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

Nov. 12. Wednesday

Warm and rainy. Nothing worth a place in my journal accomplished today.

Nov. 13. Thursday

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

Nov. 14. Friday

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

Nov. 15. Saturday

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

Nov. 16. Sunday

Cloudy and rainy. Spent the day in the family circle, around the hearthstone of my early childhood.

Nov. 17. Monday

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

Nov. 18. Tuesday

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

Nov. 19. Wednesday

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

Nov. 20. Thursday

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

Nov. 21. Friday

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

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

Nov. 22. Saturday

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

Nov. 23. Sunday

Clear and cool. We marched from camps at Manchester at eleven in the morning, and encamped at two miles north of Beechgrove, on garretson's [sic] Fork at night. I spent the night at the house of my old friend Alph. [sic] Jacobs.

Nov. 24. Monday

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

Nov. 25. Tuesday

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

Nov. 26. Wednesday

Cloudy and cold. The 16th Tenn. Regt. and some others of the first Tenn. Brigade changed ground across the R.R. toward town, and encamped near the turnpike; where we were told we would probably spend the winter.

W.C. Womack after being detained at home some days by illness returned to camps. Wrote Mrs. W a letter.

Nov. 27. Thursday

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

Nov. 28. Friday

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

Nov. 29. Saturday

Cloudy and cool. I made out one Payroll today. All quiet.

Nov. 30. Sunday

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

Dec. 1. Monday

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

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

Dec. 2. Tuesday

Cloudy and cold. All quiet. Lt. J.K.P. Webb returned to camps, after having been retained some time conscripting.

Dec. 3. Wednesday

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

Dec. 4. Thursday

Cloudy and cool. Wrote Mrs. W. a letter. received orders to cook three days rations, which was done by midnight.

Dec. 5. Friday

Cold and disagreeable. Considerable snow storm from ten o'clock in the morning till twelve, covering the ground two inches deep.

Two brigades of Cheatham's division (Donoldson's and Smith's) marched from camps at eleven o'clock for Lavergne [sic], a depo [sic] midway between Nashville and Murfreesboro, where we arrived just at dark. The snow-storm was drifting at a rapid rate when the command "fall in" was given, and just then could be heard all through the encampment hooping [sic] and yelling equaled only by a victorious army after a flying enemy, and thus did it continue for some time after we had left the encampment.

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

Dec. 6. Saturday

Cold and clear. Marched from Lavergne [sic] at ten o'clock in the morning and went down the pike about three miles, where we halted and remained till sunset, when we came back to our camps of last night. The honors of the day belong to the cavalry, who captured about forty five prisoners, sixty five or seventy mules and horses, fifteen waggons [sic], together with 125 pork hogs. But we failed to get the main forageing [sic] party that we were after.

Dec. 7. Sunday

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

Dec. 8. Monday

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

Dec. 9. Tuesday

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

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

Dec. 10. Wednesday

Clear and cool. All quiet today.

Dec. 11. Thursday

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

Dec. 12. Friday

Mid and smoky. Drilling today by brigades. Notwithstanding I have been drilling the last twenty months yet today was my engagement [sic] in brigade drill, with which I was not well pleased. I appointed brother J.B. 2nd Sgt. of my Co.

Dec. 13. Saturday

Clear, windy and dusty. Today the army of Tennessee was reviewed by President Davis. It was truly an imposeing [sic] scene, and a time of rejoicing throughout the army and surrounding country, the Ladies, old men, children and negroes turning out enmass [sic] to see their esteemed president and the army.

Dec. 14. Sunday

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

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

Dec. 15. Monday

Cold and stormy. Nothing done all day.

Dec. 16. Tuesday

Clear and cold. All quiet today and by the fire.

Dec. 17. Wednesday

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

Dec. 18. Thursday

Clear and cold. I rode to R.P. Womack's and back to father's.

Dec. 19. Friday

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

Dec. 20. Saturday

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

Dec. 21. Sunday

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

Dec. 22. Monday

Cloudy and mild. Borrowed of brother J.B. \$40.00.

Dec. 23. Tuesday

Cloudy and warmer. Spent the day building a brick chimney to my tent, which, after I finished, was a complete success. It drew finely, and made my tent as comfortable as a stove.

Col. Savage returned to camps this evening, after having been absent since the battle at Perryville, but has not yet resumed command.

Dec. 24. Wednesday

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

Dec. 25. Thursday

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

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

Dec. 26. Friday

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

Dec. 27. Saturday

Cooler, but still raining. Orders were received at one o'clock in the morning to cook three days rations and be ready to march at daylight. The enemy advanced to Stewart's creek, five miles this side of Lavergne [sic]. Our army took position to meet the advancing foe, about two miles in front of Murfreesboro. Heavy skirmishing all day.

Dec. 28. Sunday

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

Dec. 29. Monday

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

Dec. 30. Tuesday

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

Lt. Col. Donnell, on account of severe neuralgia of the face, was compeled [sic] to leave the field today and seek some place less exposed to the rigors of winter. The Regt. being without a Major, this placed Capt. L.N. Savage second in command, the Col. having assumed command yesterday. Late in the evening I was despatched [sic] to go to our train, now four miles in rear of Murfreesboro, on the Shelbyville pike, to have rations prepared. On my return to town I found every street leading out towards the front strongly guarded, with special orders to let no one pass without the Countersign, something I did not have nor could not get. So the alternative of getting through plank

fences as best I could was all that was left me, which I did without discovery, and went to our old campground and slept about four hours. During the night Donaldson's brigade relieved Chalmer's, who had now lain in the mud and rain in our front for three long days.

Dec. 31. Wednesday

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

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

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

Diary for 1863

Jan. 1. Thursday

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

Jan. 2, Friday

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

Jan. 3. Saturday

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

Jan. 5. Monday

Gen. Rosecrans occupied Murfreesboro this morning.

Jan. 9. Friday

Mississippi seceded from the federal Union 1861.

Jan. 11. Sunday

Alabama and Florida seceded from the Federal Union 1861.

Jan. 20. Tuesday

Georgia seceded from the Federal Union 1861.

Jan. 26. Monday

Louisiana seceded form the Federal Union 1861.

Jan. 31. Saturday

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

Feb. 1. Sunday

Mrs. Womack came to Murfreesboro today. Texas seceded from the Federal Union 1861.

Feb. 4. Wednesday

The National Peace Conference convened in Washington 1861.

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

Feb. 28. Saturday

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

March 2. Monday

Mrs. Womack left this morning for McMinnville via. Readyville and Woodbury

March 9. Monday

Sister Sarah M. Departed this life today about twelve o'clock, aged eighteen years [missing] months [missing] days.

March 12. Thursday

Pleasant but cloudy. Capt. L.N. Savage was gathered unto his fathers this evening at four o'clock. He was mortally wounded in the engagement before Murfreesboro, on

Wednesday the 31st of Dec. 1862, while acting Lt. Col. of the 16th Tenn. Vols. Since that time his suffering has been beyond description.

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

March 13. Friday

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

March 14. Saturday

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

I took an evening walk down Academy street, the first out-of-door walking since I was wounded.

Today is Mrs. Womack's twentieth anniversary.

March 15. Sunday

Clear and delightful. Studied the scriptures recorded by St. Luke. Took an evening walk on the Liberty pike, accompanied by Wat. L. Eastham.

March 16. Monday

Fair and pleasant. The troops of Gen. Rosecrans march in review before his Hd. quarters, his lady witnessing the grand procession. Both officers and men display considerable military training.

March 17. Tuesday

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

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

March 18. Wednesday

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

March 19. Thursday

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

March 20. Friday

Cloudy and cooler. I received intelligence of the death of sister Sarah M.

This is my first matrimonial anniversary.

March 21. Saturday

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

March. 22. Monday

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

March 23. Monday

Light showers. Received a letter from Mrs. Womack which was highly gratifying. Accompanying the letter was one hundred and fifty dollars Tennessee and Ky. money, and eight yards of nice gray jeans [sic], both of which was very acceptable.

March 24. Tuesday

Rainy and cool. Spent the day reading and writing.

March 25. Wednesday

Blustery, showery and some snow. Spent the day reading and writing. With the exception of the changes in weather, these days of confinement are almost facimiles [sic] of each other.

March 26. Thursday

Clear and cool. Spent the day reading Dr. Dick.

March 27. Friday

Warmer, with heavy rains and thunder storms.

March 28. Saturday

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

March 29. Sunday

Cloudy and cold. Read the book of Hebrews, together with the twelve concluding chaps. [sic] of St. Luke; also a section in Dick's Works "on the relation of the Natural attributes of Deity to religion."

March. 30. Monday

Cloudy, with snow showers.

March 31. Tuesday

Clod and blustery, with occasional snowflakes. I remained in my room all day studying a plan to get away from the Yankees.

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

April 1. Wednesday

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

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

April 2. Thursday

Clear and pleasant. Received an order to be made ready to leave Murfreesboro tomorrow for City Point, Va. the place of exchange.

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

April 3. Friday

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

Finished reading the first volume of Dick's Works.

April 4. Saturday

Clear, calm and pleasant. Arose with the sun again announced my readiness to leave. Sat down and composed seven stanzas of poetry and left them on my table. Remained in my room all day expecting orders to leave but none came. Read fifteen Chaps. [sic] in the beginning of Matthew and retired.

April 5. Sunday

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

April 6. Monday

Mild and smoky. Our train was all in readiness by 8 A.M. at which time we left for Louisville, Ky. and without the occurrence of anything special, arrived in that city at 6 P.M. We went to the Louisville Hotel for supper, where we fared sumptuously and received the attention due to gentlemen. But while our sympathisers [sic], and they were not few in Louisville, were lavishing upon us their many attentions and favors, there were those who looked as if they wished we were at their mercy for treatment. Supper

all over, we took the omnibuses at 9 for the depot on the opposite side of the river, never forgetting the kindness of the proprietor of the Louisville Hotel, nor the many favors of various citizens. Took the cars for Cincinnati about eleven o'clock. Through the kindness of a merchant, whose name I do not recollect, I procured a very nice shawl for the sum of ten dollars.

April 7. Tuesday

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

April 8. Wednesday

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

April 9. Thursday

Clear and cold – snow two inches deep. We arrived in Baltimore, Ma. at 8 o'clock A.M., and learning we could not get a steamer till 6 P.M., we put up at Barnum's Hotel, an avowed Southern House. Here we were sensibly reminded of the Louisville Hotel. Everything contributing to the gratification of the palate, together with all that could be desired, otherwise, was lavished upon us most profusely; and all too at the expense of their kind hospitality. Offers of money, goods, and other valueables [sic] were made on us every hand. But no sooner had our arrival been announced at the Provost Marshall's office, than an order was issued for the immediate arrest of our whole party, which was being done before we were through eating breakfast. We were all assembled at the pvo. [sic] vo's [sic] office, and there kept about two hours in a narrow, filthy little back room, unfit for the penning of swine. From this foul pit we were sent back to the Hotel, under orders to collect our baggage and go immediately to Fort McHenry, under guard, a distance of 3 miles. By the time our baggage was collected in front of the Hotel, curiosity and excitement had thronged the streets so densely that it became necessary to form us on the pavement with a strong guard in front, lest the citizens should steal an opportunity to speak a word with us or present us with some little memento. As we marched off down the street the excitement seemed to be that produced by a moving managirie [sic], mingled with the sentiment of rioters. Far down the City they continued to follow us; some, to get the last glimps [sic] of the mighty wonder, a band of the Secesh, others to pay us the highest tokens of lasting respect.

Arrived within the enclosures of the fort, we were placed within the walls of a small renovated stable, and upon giving a very binding parole, not to go about the fort proper,

we were allowed the privilege of the pound until 6 in the evening, when we were to leave.

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

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

April 10. Friday

Clear and cool. At 6 o'clock A.M. we arrived at Fortress Monroe, and without going ashore, lay at the docks till 5 P.M., when we were towed out about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile on an old shackeling [sic] tug and anchored for the night. At midnight we were again towed back to the docks, and ordered down into the hold of a large ship that was lying up, loading for Port Royal.

April 11. Saturday

Clear and pleasant. At one o'clock this evening we left our sable abode in the hold of the Port Royal sailor, and again went aboard the flag of truce boat, Adalaide, and left for City Point, Va. where we arrived at 7 o'clock P.M. On account of the darkness of the night, we were prevented from gratifying [sic] our most anxious and unbounded desires to step once more on Dixie shore. Our desires were hightened [sic] on account of the Malaria attending our boat, which had become so insufferable that the surgeons were alarmed for the lives of their men. We were suffering too from a want of rations, as none had been furnished in two days.

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

April 12. Sunday

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

April 13. Monday

Cloudy and cool. I went out this morning south about 3 miles, to the parole camp, and procured an order for a passport and transportation to Tullahoma, Tenn. Returned to the City, drew \$130 pay for the month of December, 1862, obtained my passport and transportation, paid brother J.B. twenty dollars, and left on the South side train, at five o'clock P.M. for Tennessee.

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

April 14. Tuesday

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

April 15. Wednesday

Cold and rainy. Arrived in Knoxville at 9 o'clock A.M. and left at one for Chattanooga, where we arrived at 7 P.M. and put up at the Chattanooga House.

April 16. Thursday

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

April 17. Friday

Very pleasant. Have spent today visiting my friends about Tullahoma, without the occurrence of anything worth perpetuation.

Virginia seceded from the U.S. Apr. 17, 1861.

April 18. Saturday

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

April 19. Sunday

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

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

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

April 20. Monday

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

April 21. Tuesday

Clear and pleasant. Took the train at Tullahoma about 9 o'clock A.M. for McMinnville, but the appearance of a small command of the enemy on the Rail Road at Summitville, caused the train to return to Tullahoma, I getting off at Manchester, and stayed all night. The troops at the latter place were ordered off at eleven o'clock tonight, in the direction of McMinnville. I spent the night with my old friend and fellow-citizen, James Koger.

April 22. Wednesday

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

April 23. Thursday

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

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

April 24. Friday

Cloudy and cool. I passed the day at the bedside. Mrs. W's fever ran very high.

April 25. Saturday

Clear and warm. I went to McMinnville for medicine. Mrs. W's fever not so high today. Gen. Wheeler reoccupied McMinnville today.

April 26. Sunday

Warm and cloudy. Mrs. W. apparently better today, but pretty high fever notwithstanding.

April 27. Monday

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

April 28. Tuesday

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

April 29. Wednesday

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

April 30. Thursday

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

May 1. Friday

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

May 2. Saturday

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

May 3. Sunday

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

May 4. Monday

Warm and rainy. Dr. Smartt called again this evening, and thinks Mrs. W. is still mending.

May 5. Tuesday

Warm and cloudy. Mrs. Womack very sick today.

May 6. Wednesday

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

May 7. Thursday

Dark, cold and rainy. Mrs. W. is evidently convalescing. Wrote a letter to J.B. and W.C. Womack.

May 8. Friday

Cloudy and cool. Mrs. W. continues to improve.

May 9. Saturday

Clear and pleasant. Mrs. W. not so well today.

May 10. Sunday

Clear and warm. I went to McM. [sic] for Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Womack very sick today.

May 11. Monday

Clear and warm. Went to Increase for doctor Warder, but returned without seeing him. Mrs. Womack's fever pretty high today.

May 12. Tuesday

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

May 13. Wednesday

Warm and cloudy. Mrs. W's fever not so high today. I went to McMinnville and back.

May 14. Thursday

Clear and warm. Mrs. W. had but little fever today. Drs. Smartt and Warder called this morning. I went this evening to Sam'l [sic] Fuston's to catch leaches [sic], but found none.

Today the Yankees occupied the Capitol of Mississippi.

May 15. Friday

Clear and warm. Went to Wm. Lusk's after leaches [sic], where I succeeded in catching a few, and returned and applied them. Mrs. Womack has been free from fever all day.

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

May 16. Saturday

Clear and warm. Mrs. W. feverless all day. Drs. Smartt and Warder called again this morning.

May 17. Sunday

Clear and warm. Made a second application of the leaches [sic]. Mrs. W. is clear of fever today, and appears better.

May 18. Monday

Clear and cool. Dr. Smartt called again today. Mrs. W. decidedly better.

The Confederates reoccupied Jackson, Mississippi today.

May 19. Tuesday

Clear and cool. I went this morning to the Central factory, thence to McM. [sic] and then home.

May 20. Wednesday

Clear and warm. Mrs. Womack is so much improved as to be able to sit up a while today.

May 21. Thursday

Clear and warm. Went again to the factory for thread, and to McMinnville today.

May 22. Friday

Clear and warm. Mrs. Womack set up again today.

May 23. Saturday

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

May 24. Sunday

Clear and warm. Spent the day reading the scriptures.

May 25. Monday

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

May 26. Tuesday

Clear and warm. Came back to father's this morning, and found the enemy had not been any nearer that Prater's mills.

May 27. Wednesday

Clear and warm. I traded horses with a soldier, who said he was a Texas Ranger.

May 28. Thursday

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

May 29. Friday

Cool and rainy. Borrowed of father \$50.00.

May 30. Saturday

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

May 31. Sunday

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

June 1. Monday

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

June 2. Tuesday

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

June 3. Wednesday

Cloudy and cool. Mrs. W. and I went to R.P. Womack's and stayed all night.

June 4. Thursday

Warm and showery. R.R. Womack, brother B.R, and I went to Caneyfork river, and spent the day fishing. We stayed all night with old Robt. Martin, Esqr. [sic] Had poor luck fishing.

June 5. Friday

Cloudy and cool. We raised our lines at ten o'clock this morning and left the river, went to Melbert Halterman's and took dinner, came thence to brother B.R's. and stayed all night. The Yankees attacked our cavalry this morning at Liberty and drove them all day, leaving off their pursuit [sic] at dark, 3 miles south of Smithville.

June 6. Saturday

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

June 7. Sunday

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

June 8. Monday

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

June 9. Tuesday

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

June 10. Wednesday

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

June 11. Thursday

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

June 12. Friday

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

June 13. Saturday

Very warm. Went to McM. [sic] and paid over to Jno. [sic] W. Towles the money received yesterday from Nathan Byars.

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

June 14. Sunday

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

June 15. Monday

Very warm. Went to McM. [sic] and back.

June 16. Tuesday

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

June 17. Wednesday

Hot, with heavy rains and wind. I went to brother B.R's. and back.

Borrowed of D.W. Webb the history of the first year of the war.

June 18. Thursday

Hot and showery. Spent the day reading the "First year of the war."

June 19. Friday

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

June 20. Saturday

Hot and cloudy. Went to McMinnville and spent the day – paid fifteen dollars for an ordinary pair of cloth shoes.

June 21. Sunday

Cool and cloudy. Spent the day reading the scriptures and entertaining my friends.

June 22. Monday

Cloudy and cool. Finished reading the first years [sic] history of the war, which is a tolerably fair and impartial sketch, at least, of that part of the scenes in which I was acting myself.

June 23. Tuesday

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

June 24. Wednesday

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

June 15. Thursday

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

June 26. Friday

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

June 27. Saturday

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

June 28. Sunday

Warm and cloudy. Spent the day at father's and the night at brother A.M's.

June 29. Monday

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

June 30. Tuesday

Warm and showery. Spent the day reading.

July 1. Wednesday

Very warm. I went today to Rufus Simpson's and borrowed of Mrs. Simpson \$390 three hundred and ninety dollars, two hundred of which was Georgia money, and the ballance [sic] Tennessee. went thence to father's and thence back to B.R's.

July 2. Thursday

Very warm, with distant showers. Nothing worth perpetuating accomplished today.

July 3. Friday

Very warm, with drenching rains. We left B.R's. this morning to go to Celina, but failing to get across Canyfork river, which was smartly swollen, we were compeled [sic] to return and take another rout [sic].

July 4. Saturday

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

July 5. Sunday

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

July 6. Monday

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

July 7. Tuesday

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

July 8. Wednesday

Hot and cloudy. We went to Livingston and spent the night with Col. P.M. Armstrong.

July 9. Thursday

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

July 10. Friday

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

July 11. Saturday

Hot and smoky. Spent the day at Capt. Amonett's.

July 12. Sunday

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

July 13. Monday

Hot and showery.

July 14. Tuesday

Hot, with very heavy rains.

July 15. Wednesday

Hot and cloudy. Went to Capt. Walker's to spend the day, but soon after dinner crossed the river on account of a false report that the Yankees were in the settlement. Crossed back late in the evening to Kinderhook.

Brother B.R. and R.R.W. left here this morning for Chattanooga. I loaned Richard R. \$20. C.S. money, and gave A.C. Kirkpatrick \$25 to purchase me a pair of shoes.

July 16. Thursday

Hot and smoky. Spent the day at Kinderhook.

July 17. Friday

Cloudy and warm. Spent the day at Mrs. Stone's.

July 18. Saturday

Clear and hot. I went to Celina and returned. Received the first intelligence of the fight at Gatteysburg [sic].

July 19. Sunday

Hot and cloudy. Spent the day reading and studying the scriptures.

July 20. Monday

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

July 21. Tuesday

Warm and cloudy. Spent the day reading the "Pictorial biography of Andrew Jackson."

July 22. Wednesday

Warm and cloudy. Spent the day reading.

July 23. Thursday

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

July 24. Friday

Clear and hot. Spent the day reading.

July 25. Saturday

Hot, with some rain.

July 26. Sunday

Hot, with heavy rains. Suffering from severe cold.

July 27. Monday

Very warm. Spent the day reading.

July 28. Tuesday

Clear and warm. Spent the day reading.

July 29. Wednesday

Hot, with heavy rains. The enemy being reported near, I went to Celina and spent the day, and at night went to Wm. Walker's.

July 30. Thursday

Warm, with heavy rains. Returned to Kinderhook.

July 31. Friday

Warm and rainy. Visited doctor D. Ryan today.

Aug. 1. Saturday

Hot and showery. Spent the day reading.

Aug. 2. Sunday

Hot with showers. Mrs. Womack started up into Kentucky with the view of purchasing goods and other necessaries. I read the book of "Acts."

Aug. 3. Monday

Hot, with thunder showers. Spent the day reading.

Aug. 4. Tuesday

Hot with showers. Finished reading the reign of King Henry the 8th, an Emperor devoid of that liberality of soul that should ever characterize a King, but at the same time much more noble than many of his predecessors [sic]. His conduct toward his Queens was inhuman in a very high degree.

Aug. 5. Wednesday

Hot, with heavy rains. Spent the day reading. Mrs. Womack returned from Ky. having had to go as far up as Goosehorne before she could procure the articles wanted.

Aug. 6. Thursday

Hot and showery. Went to Celina and voted for Robt. L. Caruthers for Governor of the state, and the state ticket for Congress.

Aug. 7. Friday

Hot, with showers. Finished the first book of Keightley's history of England.

Aug. 8. Saturday

Hot and sultry. Wrote brothers A.M. and J.B. a letter giving my views with regard to desertion and obedience to orders.

Aug. 9. Sunday

Hot, with heavy rains. Went to church at Celina, sermon by Rev. Mr. Owensby of Hillham. Went to Dr. Wm. Shields and stayed all night.

Aug. 10. Monday

Hot, with thunder showers. Came to Kinderhook and began reading the second volume of the history of England.

Aug. 11. Tuesday

Hot and showery. Went to Celina to see L W. Oglesby, who moved down the Cumberland today to his Buchanan farm, six miles above Gainsboro.

Aug. 12. Wednesday

Hot and cloudy. Spent the day reading.

Aug. 13. Thursday

Hot with light showers. Spent the day reading.

Aug. 14. Friday

Hot and showery. Paid A.P. Green forty five dollars which Tennie borrowed from him last January. Finished reading the reign of King Charles the first.

Aug. 15. Saturday

Very hot, with showers. Finished reading the reign of Cromwell, or the "Protectorate."

Aug. 16. Sunday

Very hot and showery. Spent the day studying the scriptures.

Aug. 17. Monday

Hot and showery. Spent the day reading.

Aug. 18. Tuesday

Hot, with light showers. Spent the day reading. Finished the reign of James the second.

Aug. 19. Wednesday

Hot and cloudy. Spent the day reading.

Aug. 20. Thursday

Hot and cloudy. Finished reading the dynasty of the Stuarts, which ends the year 1714.

Aug. 21. Friday

Hot, with sprinkles. Finished reading the history of England.

Aug. 22. Saturday

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

Aug. 23. Sunday

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

Aug. 24. Monday

Hot with showers. The Yanks left Celina at daylight, for Livingston.

Aug. 25. Tuesday

Cool and misty. All quiet today. A small squad of Yanks passed by Celina this morning, following after the army.

Aug. 26. Wednesday

Cool and cloudy. All quiet today.

Aug. 27. Thursday

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

Aug. 28. Friday

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

Aug. 29. Saturday

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

Aug. 30. Sunday

Clear and quite cool. Read a portion of the Psalms and other scriptures.

Considerable frost this morning all over this country.

Aug. 31. Monday

Clear and cool. I went to Dr. Ryon's and had an extender put on my arm to straighten it. Mrs. Amonett started to Kentucky, and Mrs. Kirkpatrick returned from there; bringing for me a pair of boots, ½ doz. collars, and other little articles. Kentuckians [sic] discounted Tennessee money at 25 per cent. Mrs. K. refunded \$16 money given her when started.

Sept. 1. Tuesday

Cloudy and warmer. From some unknown cause I had a very sick spell this evening which lasted about one hour.

Sept. 2. Wednesday

Clear and warm. Read the Declaration of Independence of 1776, and the Constitution of the United States.

Sept. 3. Thursday

Warm, cloudy and murky. Began reading the second volume of Marshall's life of Washington, and read three chaps. [sic] Mrs. Womack's eyes, which have been very painful for five days are much better today.

Sept. 4. Friday

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

Sept. 5. Saturday

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

Sept. 6. Sunday

Clear and warm. Read the book of genesis up to the 31st Chapt. [sic] and then compared the writings of Matthew and Mark.

Sept. 7. Monday

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

Sept. 8. Tuesday

Clear and warm. Spent the day reading. Rode over to Marion Gaw's in the evening.

Sept. 9. Wednesday

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

Sept. 10. Thursday

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

Sept. 11. Friday

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

Sept. 12. Saturday

Hot, with light showers. Went to doctor Shields' to get drugs for Loucetta's eyes.

Sept. 13. Sunday

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

Sept. 14. Monday

Clear and warm. Finished reading outlines of France, given in the "Volume of the World" and began those of England.

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

Sept. 15. Tuesday

Clear and warm. Nothing to note today.

Sept. 16. Wednesday

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

Sept. 17. Thursday

Warm, with light showers. I paid Rufus Simpson two hundred and fifty dollars, which I received from Mrs. Simpson on the first day of last July and with which, I was to procure him a substitute in the army if I could. I still owe him one hundred and forty dollars – Tenn. money. He paid me \$225.00 in C.S. money for a horse he bought from brother A.M. at Chattanooga, about the first of last August. Wrote father a letter by Mr. Simpson.

Sept. 18 Friday

Cool and misty. Spent the day in promiscuous reading.

Sept. 19. Saturday

Frosty and clear. Finished reading the book of Exodus. The battle of Chicamauga [sic] was begun this morning and was hotly fought all day.

Sept. 20. Sunday

Clear and cool. Read consecutively the first 15 chaps. [sic] of the third book of Moses, and other scriptures.

The battle on the Chicamauga [sic] ended today.

Sept. 21. Monday

Clear and pleasant. Went about six miles toward Hillman, to Rily Boman's shop, and had my horse shod. On my return to Celina I met with Capt. Richardson and a small squad of men starting into Ky.

Sept. 22. Tuesday

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

Sept. 23. Wednesday

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

Sept. 24. Thursday

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

Sept. 25. Friday

Cloudy and cooler. Spent the day reading.

Sept. 26. Saturday

Clear and pleasant. Spent the day reading.

Sept. 27. Sunday

Clear and sarene [sic]. Read the fifth and last book of Moses, who, after leading the children of Israel out of Egypt, across the wilderness, to the borders of the land of

Canaan, died because of disobedience, on the op of Mt. Nebo, at the mature old age of one hundred and twenty years.

Sept. 28. Monday

Clear and warm. Went to Gainsboro, and thence 3 miles down the river to Maj. W. Botts and stayed all night.

Sept. 29. Tuesday

Clear and warm. Came to Gainsboro and paid five dollars for cutting a coat and pair of pants. Heard a verbal account of the battle of Chicamauga [sic], in which, according to Yankee statements the Rebels killed and wounded 40000. Went to the Circuit Clerk's office and took a copy of Mrs. Womack's account with her guardian, as recoded in his book, which shows her guardian indebted to her \$3296.98.

Returned to Celina.

Sept. 30. Wednesday

Warm and springling. Spent the day reading.

Oct. 1. Thursday

Fine showers. Spent the day reading. Capt. Amonett came home again today.

Oct. 2. Friday

Clear and cool. Read a portion of today.

Oct. 3. Saturday

Clear and cool. Spent the day reading.

Oct. 4. Sunday

High, cool winds and cloudy. Read 14 chapt. [sic] in the beginning of Joshua. Heard of the occupancy of McMinnville by Gen. Wheeler.

Oct. 5. Monday

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

Oct. 6. Tuesday

Cool and frosty and rainy. We captured two sets of pickets and reached the suberbs [sic] of Glasgow about the break of day, unobserved by the enemy. We then charged through town and on into the fort, which was about one half mile west from the court

house. In the charge at the fort we killed one man and wounded four or five others, and in town we wounded three of the provost guard who were encamped in the Court yard. All the arms, together with their quartermaster and Commissary stores fell into our hands, also about one hundred and eighty horses and rigging. The strength of the enemy was about three hundred, one hundred and fifty of whom we captured; and had not a part of them been absent we would doubtless have caught the entire command. Our casualties were three men wounded, one mortally, another severely, and a third slightly. We remained in town till about nine o'clock A.M., when we left and came back four miles east of Tompkinsville and stoped [sic] for the night, it being so dark we could not follow the road.

Oct. 7. Wednesday

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

Oct. 8. Thursday

Clear and cool. Col. Hughes moved his command up Obey's river to John Barksdale's where we spent the day in selling horses and other articles captured at Glasgow. Horses sold from one hundred to six hundred dollars per head.

Oct. 9. Friday

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

Oct. 10. Saturday

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

Oct. 11. Sunday

Clear and pleasant. I left Kinderhook at 8 o'clock this morning, and arrived at Lt. H. Denton's 1½ mile south of Cookville at dusk and stayed all night.

Oct. 12. Monday

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

Oct. 13. Tuesday

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

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

Oct. 14. Wednesday

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

Oct. 15. Thursday

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

Oct. 16. Friday

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

Oct. 17. Saturday

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

Oct. 18. Sunday

Early rains. Finished reading the book of Joshua.

Oct. 19. Monday

Clear and pleasant. Spent the day reading, writing, and numbering the pages of this book.

Oct. 20. Tuesday

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

Oct. 21. Wednesday

Fine rains. Spent the day writing in my journal and reading the life of Washington.

Oct. 22. Thursday

Clear and cool. Spent the day reading and writing.

Oct. 23. Friday

Cool and showery. Spent the day reading and writing.

Oct. 24. Saturday

Cloudy and cold. Ice this morning, the first of the season. Spent the day reading and writing. Mrs. Womack started into Ky. trading.

Oct. 25. Sunday

Clear and cool. Read the books of Judges and Ruth.

Oct. 26. Monday

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

Oct. 27. Tuesday

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

Oct. 28. Wednesday

Cool and cloudy. Came to Kinderhook and finished reading the life of Washington, and wrote the ballance [sic] of the day in my journal.

Oct. 29. Thursday

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

Oct. 30. Friday

Raining all day. Spent the day writing in my journal.

Oct. 31. Saturday

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

Nov. 1. Sunday

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

Nov. 2. Monday

Cloudy and warm. Spent the morning writing, and in the evening went to Ben. Whitesides' and stayed all night.

Nov. 3. Tuesday

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

Nov. 4. Wednesday

Cloudy and warm. I arose at four o'clock this morning and went up to Osburn Stone's and took breakfast, went thence up the river to Wm. Syms' where I crossed Cumberland and went thence down to the mouth of Obey, crossed it, and went down to Col. Hamilton's and stayed all night with John F. Tinsley.

Nov. 5. Thursday

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

Nov. 6. Friday

Clear and pleasant. Spent the day at doctor Shields' reading.

Nov. 7. Saturday

Clear and pleasant. Passed the day at doctor Shield's reading the history of the war of 1812. Came in the evening to Kinderhook.

Nov. 8. Sunday

Cloudy and cool. Read ten chapters [sic] in the beginning of the second book of Samuel, and other scriptures.

Nov. 9. Monday

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

Nov. 10. Tuesday

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

Nov. 11. Wednesday

Clear and cold. Spent the forenoon reading, and in the evening went over to Isaac Davis' and back. At night I read Freemonts [sic] expeditions in the northwest.

Nov. 12. Thursday

Clear and cool. Took a stroll on the top of the lofty summit just south of the Kinderhook homestead, a towering point that overlooks the surrounding country for many miles around. Mrs. Womack returned from Burksville [sic].

Nov. 13. Friday

Warm and cloudy. Went to Celina in the morning and in the evening wrote in my journal.

Nov. 14. Saturday

Heavy thunder showers. Spent the day transcribing into my journal.

Nov. 15. Sunday

Cloudy and cool. Read from the 10th chapt. [sic] to the close of 2 Samuel, and also the Sermon on the Mount, together with other scriptures.

Nov. 16 Monday

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

Nov. 17. Tuesday

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

Nov. 18. Wednesday

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

Nov. 19. Thursday

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

Nov. 20. Friday

Raining all day. Wrote a letter for Mrs. Kirkpatrick to Mrs. Kinard of Nashville, and spent the ballance [sic] of the day transcribing into my journal.

Nov. 21. Saturday

Cool and misty. Spent the day transcribing.

Nov. 22. Sunday

Cool and cloudy. Spent the day perusing the scriptures. Read the first fifteen chapters [sic] of 1 Kings [sic], where we are informed of the superiority of the wisdom of Solomon, and also of his departure from the course of his father David, and the will of the Lord.

Nov. 23. Monday

Cool and cloudy. I went up to Ben Whitesides' this morning and spent the day.

Nov. 24. Tuesday

Cool and rainy. Spent the day at Ben. W's. and late in the evening came back to Kinderhook.

Nov. 25. Wednesday

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

Nov. 26. Thursday

Clear and cool. Went across to Isaac Davis' this morning, and this evening wrote in my journal.

Nov. 27. Friday

Cloudy and cool. Spent the day writing.

Nov. 28. Saturday

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

Nov. 29. Sunday

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

Nov. 30. Monday

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

Dec. 1. Tuesday

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

Dec. 2. Wednesday

Clear and cold. Came back to Celina early this morning and from there to doctor Shields' and stayed all night.

Dec. 3. Thursday

Clear and cool. I crossed back to Kinderhook this morning. Mrs. Jno. [sic] McDonold and Miss Sibbie Oglesby paid us a visit this evening.

Dec. 4. Friday

Cloudy and warmer. Spent the day killing and taking care of Capt. Amonett's pork.

Dec. 5. Saturday

Cloudy and warmer. Finished reading 2 Kings, and read a few chapt's [sic] in the Acts of the apostles.

Dec. 6. Sunday

Clear and cool. Read the book of 1 Chronicles and other scriptures.

Dec. 7. Monday

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

Dec. 8. Tuesday

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

Dec. 9. Wednesday

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

Dec. 10. Thursday

Cloudy and warm. I went this morning to Gainsboro to file a petition for a division of the remaining negroes belonging to the heirs of Wm. Amonett decsd. [sic] but on account of the dissolution of the County Court I failed to do it. Came back to Oglesby's and spent the night.

Dec. 11. Friday

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

Dec. 12. Saturday

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

Dec. 13. Sunday

Warm and rainy. Read the book of 2 Chronicles and other scriptures. Mrs. Womack returned from Warren in good health, after an absence of two weeks, narrowly escaping the enemy at different points along the way. The intelligence from my people and fellow countrymen in that oppressed section is more cheering than I had expected to receive; but to bear without resentment the cruelty that has been inflicted on my parents by thieves and ruffians, requires more than ordinary forbearance, or could reasonably be expected.

Dec. 14. Monday

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

Dec. 15. Tuesday

Clear and pleasant. I went over to doctor Shields' and back.

Dec. 16. Wednesday

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

Dec. 17. Thursday

Blustery, with rain and snow. Went to A.J.B. Walker's to see P.M. Amonett, who fell from a horse this morning and brused [sic] his face very badly. Went for doctor Shields and then returned.

Dec. 18. Friday

Cold and snowing. Began reading Geo. Comb's System of Phenology.

Dec. 19. Saturday

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

Dec. 20. Sunday

Clear and cold. Went to Wm. Walker's and spent the day, and then returned to Kinderhook.

South Carolina withdrew from the Federal Union Dec. 20th, 1860.

Dec. 21. Monday

Clear and cold. This morning I started to Warren Co. but on account of doctor Shields not being ready to accompany me I declined going.

I received and read the Message of Gov. Bramlett of Ky. which, in point of sentiment and independence at least, is a narrow, beggardly [sic] document.

Dec. 22. Tuesday

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

Dec. 23. Wednesday

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

Dec. 24. Thursday

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

Dec. 25. Friday

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

Dec. 26. Saturday

Warmer, with showers. Went to Ned Cullom's Esqr. [sic] to dinner, where we had quite a nice time, and then returned to Landon Armstrong's and spent the night.

Dec. 27. Sunday

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

Dec. 28. Monday

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

Dec. 29. Tuesday

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

Dec. 30. Wednesday

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

Dec. 31. Thursday

Changable [sic]. Spent the day at Kinderhook.

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