

*The Diaries of
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1863

NOVEMBER, 1863.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 3d. 10h. 38m. Morn.
New Moon, 11d. 3h. 3m. Morn.
First Quarter, 17d. 10h. 9m. Ev.
Full Moon, 25d. 4h. 5m. Morn.

D. of N.	Days of the Week.	Sun Rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	Moon Rises. h. m.
1	D	6 30	4 57	9 51
2	Mon.	6 31	4 56	10 47
3	Tues.	6 32	4 54	11 43
4	Wed.	6 34	4 53	morn.
5	Thur.	6 35	4 52	0 41
6	Frid.	6 36	4 51	1 39
7	Sat.	6 37	4 50	2 38
8	D	6 38	4 49	3 40
9	Mon.	6 40	4 48	4 45
10	Tues.	6 41	4 47	5 52
11	Wed.	6 42	4 46	sets.
12	Thur.	6 43	4 45	5 58
13	Frid.	6 44	4 44	7 0
14	Sat.	6 46	4 43	8 4
15	D	6 47	4 43	9 15
16	Mon.	6 48	4 42	10 25
17	Tues.	6 49	4 41	11 35
18	Wed.	6 50	4 40	morn.
19	Thur.	6 51	4 39	0 45
20	Frid.	6 53	4 39	1 49
21	Sat.	6 54	4 38	2 56
22	D	6 55	4 38	4 1
23	Mon.	6 56	4 37	5 5
24	Tues.	6 57	4 36	6 7
25	Wed.	6 58	4 36	rises.
26	Thur.	6 59	4 35	5 51
27	Frid.	7 0	4 35	6 45
28	Sat.	7 2	4 35	7 40
29	D	7 3	4 34	8 37
30	Mon.	7 4	4 34	9 32

DECEMBER, 1863.

MOON'S PHASES

Last Quarter, 3d. 7h. 18m. Morn.
New Moon, 10d. 3h. 27m. Ev.
First Quarter, 17d. 6h. 50m. Morn.
Full Moon, 24d. 9h. 54m. Ev.

D. of W.	Days of the Week.	Sun Rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	Moon Rises. h. m.
1	Tues.	7 5	4 34	10 29
2	Wed.	7 6	4 33	11 25
3	Thur.	7 7	4 33	morn
4	Frid.	7 8	4 33	0 24
5	Sat.	7 9	4 32	1 19
6	D	7 10	4 32	2 26
7	Mon.	7 11	4 32	3 30
8	Tues.	7 12	4 32	4 36
9	Wed.	7 13	4 32	5 44
10	Thur.	7 14	4 32	sets
11	Frid.	7 15	4 32	5 47
12	Sat.	7 15	4 32	6 57
13	D	7 16	4 32	8 11
14	Mon.	7 16	4 33	9 23
15	Tues.	7 17	4 33	10 33
16	Wed.	7 18	4 33	11 42
17	Thur.	7 18	4 33	morn
18	Frid.	7 19	4 34	0 48
19	Sat.	7 20	4 34	1 54
20	D	7 20	4 35	2 57
21	Mon.	7 21	4 35	4 0
22	Tues.	7 21	4 36	4 59
23	Wed.	7 22	4 36	5 54
24	Thur.	7 22	4 37	rises
25	Frid.	7 23	4 37	5 31
26	Sat.	7 23	4 38	6 27
27	D	7 23	4 39	7 24
28	Mon.	7 23	4 39	8 20
29	Tues.	7 24	4 40	9 16
30	Wed.	7 24	4 41	10 13
31	Thur.	7 24	4 42	11 11

January, THURSDAY 1, 1863

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg Va.

Went on picket post with A. C. McKee & S. Thompson about O'clock and stood till two. Came to quarters near noon & recd. a letter from J. Elliott. Finished letter to father and mother. Closed back journal and sent it home. Did not attend prayers.

Day very fine.

FRIDAY 2nd

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg
Recd. a letter from C. B. Spoonover, and one from P. J. Bunch. Wrote two letters in forenoon. Ate treat with the McKee's. Visited the 12th Mich. and recd. another treat. Read some letters from Mich. Tried to get diary and failed.

Very fine weather for time of year.

SATURDAY 3rd

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg
Spent forenoon in tents talking & reading in bible. Spent most of the afternoon out after wood. In p.m. parade at four O'clock. Read some military tactics in the evening. Recd. two letters from home & one from Lindley.

January, SUNDAY 4, 1863
Camp Opposite Fredericksburg Va.

Prepared for review in the morning blacked shoes and accoutrements. Wheeler visited our camp & said Leander Patterson was fortifying & resist draft. Wrote two letters. Attended religious exercises afternoon. Wrote to Lindley. Day fine, but not spent like Sunday at home.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg
MONDAY 5.
Felt very unwell with rheumatism during the day. Walked out the road and saw some skirmish drill. Put three letters in office. Talked with chaplain. Attended prayer. Recd. my first Wesleyan. Day fine. Night pleasant.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg
TUESDAY 6.
Spent forenoon reading Wesleyan and drawing rations. Were on review above. Reviewed by Gen. Burnside. Rained & hills were out. Spent the evening in the tent, reading. Night rather unpleasant. Day quite cold.

January, WEDNESDAY 7, 1863
Camp Opposite Fredericksburg

Spent the forenoon in the tent, reading. Went to the Dr. and got some cough powders. Went to the woods alone for wood. Spent a few moments in the captain's tent. Evening very cold and I did not attend prayers.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg
THURSDAY 8.
Nothing of special note took place in forenoon. Bought a paper containing news of the capture of Pickensburg and Murfreesboro by our forces. Carried in some wood. Dress parade at four o'clock. Read in my bible in the evening.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg
FRIDAY 9.
Went on picket at 9 o'clock. Only on post from 10 until 12 P. M. Two men drowned crossing the river contrary to orders, after exchanging newspapers with the Rebs. One body was recovered. Rebs sent note over by rail asking to exchange tobacco for coffee. Peter kept us in fun with stories. Post at 10 o'clock.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg Va.

January, SATURDAY 10, 1863

Came in off picket at eleven o'clock. Read a letter from C. H. Pattison and one from Hattie J. Melvin. Wrote an answer to C. H. Rained hard in afternoon. Cut some wood. Spent evening in the tent. Read a chapter or two in the bible. Had supper of soft bread, fried eggs, cheese, fat pork & tea.

Camp Opposite SUNDAY 11. Fredericksburg Va.

Day appeared more like Sabbath than any day ^{to me} spent in the army. No inspection. Washed up in the morning. Read the first nine chapters of Matthew. Heard our chaplain preach at two o'clock from Ecclesiastes VII & first clause of 8th verse. Read Wesleyan in the evening & read.

Camp Opposite MONDAY 12. Fredericksburg.

Detailed on wood squad to cut wood for Colonel Seague. Worked until one o'clock. Fixed door of tent. Boys fixed fireplace while I was out. Did not go out on dress parade. Did not attend prayers. Rather unwell with diarrhea. Day and evening fine.

January, TUESDAY 13. 1863

Spent the forenoon reading Wesleyan & bible. J. Bard made a stool. Cut some wood and went on battalion drill at three o'clock. Got along pretty well. Made some mistakes. Spent the evening in the tent. Did not hear the call for prayers and consequently did not attend.

Camp Opposite WEDNESDAY 14. Fredericksburg Va.

Took the captains hatches in the morning and went out scouting. Gathered quite a number of mails and found two nice little cans. Battalion drill at three o'clock. Read the parable of the sower and attended prayers in the evening. No mail. Day very cloudy & windy.

Camp Opposite THURSDAY 15. Fredericksburg.

Received a letter from Hattie Melvin in morning. Read in bible. Sowed buckles on knapsack. Darned my socks. Made gum pokes for my books. Attended prayers. Read letter from Mollie & one from Wm. Melvin. Made a card lamp. Answered good purpose.

Commenced answering Mollie's letters

January, FRIDAY 16, 1863

Finished answering Muller's letter and spent most of the day sewing pockets in my dress coats. Received marching orders about noon. Read over some old letters in the evening and burned them. Feel very uncomfortable all day with rheumatism. Dr. Marked me for half duty on account of

SATURDAY 17.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg Va. Was marked for half duty in the morning on account of pains in my knees. Packed up everything ready to move, but our marching orders did not come. Read the last four chapters of Malheur. Did not go out on dress parade. Night very cold. Did not hear the drum beat for prayers.

SUNDAY 18.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg Va. Was excused by the Doctor in the morning on account of pain in knees. Did not go on picket. Washed myself and read in bible. Had a good visit with J. P. Miller in the evening. Took supper with me. Recd. two letters from home & three dollars. Slept with M. B. McKeever.

January, MONDAY 19, 1863

Excused from duty rains in knees. Roasted potatoes in morning. Boys came in off picket at 10 o'clock. Wrote a letter to Ann. Visited the chaplain. Carried some wood. Dr. W. Bruce came over in the evening. Wood caught fire above the fire place. Did not attend prayers. Received no mail.

TUESDAY 20.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg Va. Excused by Dr. in morning for rheumatism. Spent fore noon in tent finishing reading the book of Malheur. Wrote a letter to Horroby & one to Martha & Melvin. Went to the camp of the 10th Me. in the evening. Got no mail. Expected a paper. Rained in the evening. Bought some cakes for the march.

WEDNESDAY 21.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg Va. Capt. posted us up at three o'clock in the morning and told us to roll our blankets and be ready to move in an hour. Raining very hard. Did not get any further orders and did not move. Gathered some wood in the evening. Got no mail. Read six chapters of Luke. Extremely wet & cold.

Camp opposite Fredericksburg Va.

January, THURSDAY 22, 1863

Did not report at the hospital in the morning although my knee was badly pained. Went out about three o'clock for wood. Very wet, ugly job. Carried rather too heavy a load and strained myself. First ration of whiskey del. out since I was in the company. Think all the boys drew but myself. Ordered by Gen. Burnside.

Camp Opposite FRIDAY 23 Fredericksburg.

Boys drew their ration of whiskey in the morning before breakfast. Helped to erect another hospital tent in the forenoon. Ground muddy make it an ugly job. Cut up what wood we had carried. Tilt very stiff with rheumatism. Spent the evening in the tent. Recd. no mail.

Camp Opposite SATURDAY 24 Fredericksburg

Went out on picket in the morning with 150 men from our regiment. Had to labor to keep up with them. Was so very lame. Were placed on reserve. Slept with Christopher Lovenger or rather laid with him. Night pleasant until four o'clock when it rained some.

Camp opposite Fredericksburg Va.

January, SUNDAY 25, 1863

On picket in morning. Rained about four o'clock. Was not able to keep up with the company coming in. Tilt and knee very painful. Spent most of day in tent reading Wesleyan recd in morning and reading bible. No letters day fine. Did not attend prayers on account of my pains.

Camp Opposite MONDAY 26 Fredericksburg.

Reported at hospital. Marked duty. Could scarcely get about. Read in the Wesleyan in forenoon. Gathered some grass for bed. News of Burnside's removal. Hooker in command. Boys received boxes from home and divided with us. Tilt unwell in evening. Day fine and evening warm.

Camp Opposite TUESDAY 27 Fredericksburg

Spent most of the forenoon in the tent reading. Tied up a place for our gun and made a different arrangement about our bed, and put some coffee aside for tilt. Received a letter from Mollie in the evening. Rained* nearly all night.

January, WEDNESDAY 28 1863

Was raining in the morning when we arose. Felt much miserable all day. Commenced to write an answer to Mary's letter but quit before I got through. Read the first eight chapters of St. John. Snowed all afternoon and night. Dreamed I was at home and spoke in Latin.

Camp Opposite Frederickburg
THURSDAY 29.

Finished writing a letter to Mary and put it in the office. Bought 25¢ worth of apples. Spent most of the afternoon reading bible. Went out and brought load of pine wood. Did not receive any letters. Day fine, but roads muddy.

Camp Opposite Frederickburg
FRIDAY 30.

Took my watch to a member of the 36th Miss. Reg. to get it cleaned. Spent most of the day in the tent being quite stiff with rheumatism. Cut some wood. Went for my watch. Paid 1.00 for firing. Spent evening in my tent. Day fine. Roads very muddy.

Camp Opposite Frederickburg Va.

January, SATURDAY 31. 1863

Arose about nine O'clock. Spent most of the day reading. Wrote a letter to John Elliott and filled the canteens with water. Weather fine, roads muddy. Suffered considerably with rheumatism.

February, SUNDAY 1.
Camp Opposite Frederickburg.

Spent the forenoon reading in my bible. Finished reading "The Acts" and commenced Romans. Heard Rev. Brown preach from Matthew 28 from 10th to the close of the chapter. Received Wesleyan. Weather fine. Excused from duty.

Camp Opposite Frederickburg
MONDAY 2.

Reported at hospital and was excused from duty on account of rheumatism. Order for inspection, but no inspection came. Drill parade at four O'clock. Day fine and evening very cool. No signs of snow from camps.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg Va.

February, TUESDAY 3. 1863

My 24th birth-day. Excused from duty.
Very cold and snowing in the morning.
Most of the company went on pickets.
Wrote a letter to Harriet & Melvin.
Saw P. B. McNulty. Was in Capt's tent
part of time. Slept with U. C. McPeck.
Night extremely cold. Slept comfortable.

WEDNESDAY 4.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg

Arose in morning ate breakfast &
worked for near an hour to kindle
a fire. Changed my clothes. Boys
came in off pickets at eleven o'clock.
Day very cold. Spent most of the time in
the tent. Feet very sore. Fumell during
the night.

THURSDAY 5.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg

Reported to hospital in the morn-
ing and was excused from duty.
Snowed in forenoon & rained in the
afternoon and evening. Plastered
our tent some on the inside. Three
days cooked rations ordered.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg Va.

February, FRIDAY 6, 1863

Carried a load of wood in the morn-
ing from a camp just broken up.
Weather being rough and wet, I spent
most of the time in the tent.

Wrote a letter to father and mother
as we were expecting to move soon.
Pains bad in my feet and knees.

SATURDAY 7.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg

Was put on light duty by the Doctor
in the morning. Carried a small load
of wood. Carried some water and
washed my clothes. Received two
letters in the evening from home.
News that J. T. Scott & Sue Steen
were married. Day very fine.

SUNDAY 8.

Camp Opposite Fredericksburg

Excused from duty in the morning.
Read some during the forenoon.
Did not feel well. Went to the 18th
Mick. in the afternoon. Read a
Wesleyan and Reporter & Tribune
in the evening. Day very fine
and roads muddy.

February, MONDAY 9, 1863

Excused from duty on account of
rheumatism. Read some in the
morning and cleaned my gun. S. B.
Wells and S. McKee paid us a visit.
Bought some cakes and cheese in the
evening. Captain spends an hour or so
in our tent. Day fine and warm.

On board the TUESDAY 10, Sylvan Shore.

Broke up camp opposite Frederickburg
about noon. Got on board the cars at
five o'clock (on a big car) and landed
at Aquia Creek where we boarded
the boat. Slept with John Caldwell
on hurricane deck. Could not keep
up with the company on march. Day fine.

On Board the WEDNESDAY 11, Sylvan Shore.

Did not rise until near nine o'clock
as the boat was crowded. Read news-
papers nearly all day. Gave Chap-
lain Brown a Wesleyan. Read 13
chap. of 2nd Cor. Slept with C. C.
Lovermier in middle cabin. Day
somewhat stormy. At anchor in the P. M.

February, THURSDAY 12, 1863

Arose about 7 o'clock and washed in
salt water. Spent part of the day in
reading. Anchored near Fort Mifflin
Monroe at dark. Considerable of water in
the boat. Chaplain had religious ex-
ercise. Slept on midship abaft
the wheel. Heavy wind in the night.

FRIDAY 13,
New York News.

Landed off the Sylvan Shore about
eleven o'clock. Bought some cakes
and apples and had a peach. Marched
about 1 1/2 miles and pitched our tents.
Had to follow the regiment. Rheumatism
so bad. Got some grass for a bed.

Day very fine. Slept comfortably.
SATURDAY 14,
New York News.

Went to the woods in the morning
for timber to make cabin of. Got
stuff with rheumatism that I could
not work. Got McKeever's Gas.
Keated carried my share of the
timber. Read a letter from Mrs.
Elliott & one from G. H. Patterson.

February, SUNDAY 15, 1863

Spent the entire day in my tent. Jno. Caldwell commenced building a chimney. Wrote a letter to Willie and one to Jno. Elliott. Did not read much during the day.

Felt miserable with rheumatism. Day very cool. No fire in our tent.

MONDAY 16.
New York News.

Cleaned some bricks for our chimney while Caldwell built them. Capt. told us to do no extra work until we should get our A tents and we quit. Bathed my feet well in warm water in the afternoon and felt much better. Day very fine, evening very cool.

TUESDAY 17.
New York News.

Reported at the hospital as usual and was excused from duty. Dr. examined my feet and said let them have their way. Day so wet and disagreeable that I could not move about much. Read the account of the Rebs attack on Ft. Donelson. Read a letter from Syd. with the post. Capt. B. B. B. and his Co. Dr. S.
E. H.

New York News.

February, WEDNESDAY 18, 1863

Reported at hospital and was excused from duty on account of rheumatism. Day being very wet and disagreeable I spent it in my tent. Wrote a letter to E. H. Patterson & one to Lydia. Read a number of chapters in the New Testament.

THURSDAY 19.
New York News.

Reported to Hospital as usual and was marked light duty by the Dutch Doctor. Spent the day almost in idleness. Did not feel able to do much. Boys carried some lumber to put our A tents up on. Weather more favorable than two days previous.

FRIDAY 20.
New York News.

Rheumatism worse. Marked light duty. Helped the boys some about putting up our tent. Cleaned some bricks for Sergeant Lundy who built our chimney. Got fire in our tent before night. Received a letter from J. Lindley. Had rejoined his regiment. Day fine.

February, FRIDAY 27, 1863

Wrote three letters in the forenoon to P. J. Purcell, H. E. Melvin and Aunt Ann & Sallie Respectively. Got our straw fixed on our bunk. Read some in a book entitled Form of prayer. Unwell during evening & night. Day very fine & warm.

Camp Newport, NEWS. SATURDAY 28.

Inspection took place at nine O'clock and troops were mustered for pay. Did not go out with company.

Caldwell went to field pretty well in the afternoon and walked about considerably. Day very fine. No word from home.

March, Newport, SUNDAY 1. News.

Spent the forenoon in my tent. Read considerably during the day. Attended church in the afternoon. Heard Rev Brown preach from 1 Kings XVIII & 19 clause 21-23. Saw chaplains wife at church. Day very fine. Caldwell on picket. No mail for me.

Yours with the party. Capt. D. D. B. 1863

March, MONDAY 2, 1863

Marked light duty by Dr. Chang & my clothes and got gas. Intend to wash them. Filled the canteens with water. Colonel Seasure made a speech to the Round heads on dress parade in the evening. Very encouraging. Day very fine.

Camp Newport, NEWS. TUESDAY 3.

Marked "Light Duty" by the Dr. Fixed up a place for our guns in tent. Filled the canteens. Heard that "The Conscriptio Act" had passed in Congress. Weighed 146 1/2 lbs. 11 lbs less than when in Harrisburg. Day very fine, evening cool & windy.

Camp Newport, NEWS. WEDNESDAY 4.

Marked "Light duty" in the morning. Day being fine. Reports of our work about camp. Received a letter from J. P. containing lots of news. Continued writing an answer. Filled the canteens with water. Evening very cool.

March,

THURSDAY 5,

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Cleaned up the quarters in the morning and performed some other-ent duty. Wrote another sheet to Lydia and commenced a letter to Robert and Thamer. Got an order from the captain and a letter from Mr. B. about it.

Camp ~~Newport~~ ^{Shrewsbury} Va.

FRIDAY 6.

Cut some wood in the morning and filled the canteen. Inspection at ten o'clock. Finished writing Robt's letter and wrote one to John Holt in part written in a pamphlet in the evening and paid several rows for publication. Remonstrated further manuscript. Day fine.

Camp ~~Newport~~ ^{Shrewsbury} Va.

SATURDAY 7.

Went to the doctor in the morning and got some medicine for the rheumatism. Wrote off two copies of the resolutions passed at the company meeting the evening previous. Received a letter from C. H. Patterson. Attended prayers in the evening. Day very fine.

March,

SUNDAY 8,

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Stomach came up in the morning, first Sunday I heard this season. Inspection postponed from eight to eleven o'clock. Received a letter from Mattie and Reuben. Wrote to C. B. Potter, C. H. Patterson, Reuben & Mattie. Attended church at two o'clock. Company turned out. No particular to take. Chaplain

Camp ~~Newport~~ ^{Shrewsbury} Va.

MONDAY 9.

Furnished writing a letter to M. C. and Rebecca Melvin. Had a nice little chat with Colonel Welch's little daughter. Borrowed a razor and shaved my whiskers all off. Made quite a difference in my appearance. Watched brigade drill in the afternoon. Day very fine.

Camp ~~Newport~~ ^{Shrewsbury} Va.

TUESDAY 10.

Dutch Doctor marked me for duty when I reported in the morning. Cleaned my gun and blacked my cartridge box for drill but as it rained all day we were not sent out. John Caldwell was on picket. Wrote an application for furlough for Joshua Challen. Very unwell in the evening.

March, WEDNESDAY 11, 1863

Doctor gave me some Dover's powders in the morning which made me very sick. Rheumatism no better. Wrote another application for furlough for Josiah Mullen and wrote a copy of the resolutions intended to be adopted by the regiment. Robt. Elliott got his furlough. Rev. Brown & lady visited us. Very fine day.

THURSDAY 12.

Camp News Va.

Reported to hospital in morning and was excused from duty. Read a number of chapters in Mountaineers. Filled the canteens with water. Considered the propriety of applying for a clerkship, but did not apply, although I fixed myself up to visit the Colonel. Day very fine and cold.

FRIDAY 13.

Camp News Va.

Reported to hospital as usual and was excused. Third division moved to Suffolk. Received a letter from Mollie with intelligence of Geo. Elliott's death, and of father's illness. Valorus Bruce visited me in the afternoon. Cooked some dried peaches for our supper. The day was very cool and windy. Did some light duty about the woodpile.

March, SATURDAY 14, 1863

Filled the canteen with water and helped to clean up about the cook house. Wrote a letter to Mollie but a number of changes took place and I concluded not to send it. Lieut. J. W. Moulford got back from Middletown and brought my boots with him. Cold.

SUNDAY 15.

Read a book entitled Thirteen Months in the Rebel Army. Received a Wednesday letter from Harriet & one from Willie, Lydia Miller Thorley & Uncle. Saw J. P. Miller. Wrote a letter to Mollie in the evening. Weather very cool. Rained at night.

MONDAY 16.

Wrote an application for furlough for John V. Langfitt. Wrote a letter to Willie Thorley and wrote in my diary. Took my letters to the office. Got an order from the Capt. to the sutler for one dollar's worth. Covered a ball for the boys.

March, TUESDAY 17, 1863

Inspection at ten o'clock, was excused from duty. Filled the canteens with water. Read the Wileyam through. Had no particular only rumor that the rebels had retaken St. Donaldson. Was very confident. Day Cool.

Newport News. WEDNESDAY 18.

Excused from duty in the morning. Spoke to Dr. about sending me to hospital. Gave me no encouragement. Recd a letter from John Robt. D. F. H. Melvin's Orders came for five days rations and to be ready to move at six o'clock in the morning.

Hampden Roads Va. THURSDAY 19.

Broke up camp at Newport News in the morning our regiment leaving at six o'clock. 36 Mr. D. took down our tents. I with a number of other sick, got on board the Gen. Washington and rode to St. Monroe, and after waiting an hour or so, rode out to camp in an ambulance. Slept in an unfinished brick building. Most stormy day of the month. snowed all afternoon. Road went home on furlough.

Hampton Va. March, FRIDAY 20 1863

Wrote in my diary. Wrote a letter to James & Melvin & one to Father & Mother. Learned that we were going to Baltimore. Spent the afternoon and night in schoolhouse. Taught some darkies to read. Bob & Wags had a mock trial, Billy Gray culprit. Snowed all day and we could not

On board the SATURDAY 21. John Brooke as Forttrap Monroe. Rode from Hampton on Talley's wagon in the evening after spending the day with the company in the schoolhouse. Drank beer carried & put in to the wagon. Was do very plucky & had. Slept very comfortably under my own blankets. John Brooke a nice boy.

On the SUNDAY 22. John Brooke.

Left Forttrap Monroe about 8 o'clock. Considerable of rowdyism on the boat, not very convenient place for sober though. Day very calm. Wrote a letter to Syd. Read a few chapters in bible. Martial band played some. Slept very comfortably. Boat ran all night.

March, MONDAY 23, 1863

Anchored at B. at daylight. Spent forenoon on the boat. Let off at noon. Spent the afternoon on the commons under guard. Number of the boys gossies and goss down, one brought in on a wheelbarrow. Met Jeffrey Boyd, McCloy and Rush Hamilton. Chaplain had service. Got on board the eve about dark, and slept comfortably.

Baltimore TUESDAY 24. Changed cars in the morning, and 33 put in each car. Traded off two pairs of socks for catables. Left about 3 o'clock. M. Curren, J. Clark, J. Bruce & others were drunk. Drove off bread. Citizens very patriotic. Country very rough. Loaded our guns. Got to Harpers Ferry some time in the night. Slept with J. McCloy. Night very warm. Rained.

On the cars WEDNESDAY 25 at Reming. Took breakfast at Harpers Ferry at five o'clock. Traveled through very rough & mountainous country. Stopped about every five miles for water. Citizens waved to us all along, but one woman shook her fist. Took supper at Cumberland. Very fine weather. Sleep of grogans had a good effect, noticeable on the soldiers.

March, THURSDAY 26, 1863

Took breakfast at Crafton, and spent the day on the cars. Snow storm prevailing we could not see much of the country but it is very rough. Ran through 25 tunnels. Got on board the "Jennie Rogers" at dark. Felt as though I were at home when I reached the Ohio River.

FRIDAY 27. On Board the "Jennie Rogers" Spent the day on the boat watching the scenery on the shore. Citizens quite patriotic. Wrote a letter to father & Mother, and one to Mollie. Arrived at Cincinnati about nine o'clock. Slept on the boat with John E. McCullough. Day was very fine and evening pleasant.

LEXINGTON SATURDAY 28. Kentucky. Breakfast was prepared for us in Cincinnati but we did not get it on account of the bad conduct of others. Crossed over to Covington before noon. A number of the boys were left in Cincinnati. Got on board the cars at half past one. Traveled through some nice country and some loyal folks were seen. Arrived at Lexington about 10 o'clock. Slept in the cars. Was rather cold.

March, SUNDAY 29, 1863

Arose shortly after daylight and took breakfast on the cars. Washed myself and then visited the cemetery where I saw Hour, Clay's monuments. Our Chaplain held service near the cars. About one o'clock we marched out to a large nice grove and pitched our tents. Finished a letter to Father & Mother & one to Willie Day. Cool.

Lexington MONDAY 30. Kentucky.

Made a long visit to the cemetery in the forenoon. Saw many nice sights. 83 Rebel Soldiers buried in one circle, and over 30 ^{Union} in another. Saw Clay's grave. Were paid off in the afternoon. Received \$2.00 from U.S. and \$2.00 from Caldwell. Attended prayers.

Drunk fellow bayoneted for refusing to go with the
Lexington TUESDAY 31. Kentucky.

Reported to the hospital and was excused from duty. Went to town with J. McKeever, S. Hager & J. McElvain Bought various eatables, such as apples, pie, sausage &c. Heavy snow storm in the afternoon. Read a number of chapters in the bible. Went to bed early to keep comfortable. Feet and nerves sore.

April, WEDNESDAY 1. 1863

Reported to hospital in the morning & was excused from duty. Wrote a letter to John Robb and one to P. J. Pined. Bought fifty cents worth of eatables. Attended prayers in the evening. Service very short. Rheumatism now much better. Weather very cool.

Lexington THURSDAY 2. Kentucky.

Reported to hospital as usual and was excused. Cleaned up in front of our quarters. Bought 80 Cts worth of eatables. Wrote and handed to the Captain, an application for furlough; said it would have to come through the medical department. Attended prayers. Rev. Mr. Bradford of Cullyben, made some remarks.

Lexington FRIDAY 3. Kentucky.

Reported to the hospital in the morning. Spent the forenoon walking about camp. Changed my clothes and took them to the wash woman. Wrote a letter to W. H. Patterson in the afternoon, and read a number of chapters in the New Testament. Attended prayers in the evening. Remarks of chaplain very interesting.

guard. Members of the Regt attended the funeral.

April, SATURDAY 4, 1863

Our company with the others was taken
out to work on the intrenchments. Came
in for dinner. We cleaned up our streets
and around the cook house nicely. Wrote
a letter to Robert and Thamer in the
afternoon. Sentence read out against some
of our regiment, as they prepared for getting drunk.
Attended prayers. Day very fine.

SUNDAY 5

Lexington Kentucky

Took a good wash in the morning, blacked
my shoes, brightened my buttons, got two pairs
of white gloves, attend the M. P. Church
in city. Text, Mat. X II & latter dance of
3rd Brigade service in camp. Chap. 75. P. 2.
preached from Acts X. VI & 31. 36th M. P.
Got marching orders. Attended prayers. Day fine.

MONDAY 6

Lexington Kentucky

Washed myself in the morning before
revelin. Wrote a letter for the Wileyan,
and one to Lydia. Spent the evening
about camp. The evening being very
cool, the religious exercises were omitted.
Some men of the company carried on in
rather an unbecoming and wicked manner.

April, TUESDAY 7, 1863

Soon after breakfast in the morning
the regiment was formed and taken
out to work on the fort. I went along
and shoveled clay all forenoon. Did
not go out in the afternoon. Helped
to carry clothes from the Quarter Master.
Was sick in the evening and did not attend.

WEDNESDAY 8

Hospital No. 1 Ward No. 7 Lexington Ky.

Regiment ordered to pack up at 7 o'clock. Reported
to Doctor. Gathered up my things and put them in
ambulance; and when we got to hospital, by request
I got to work. Put in charge of Ward No. 7. 9 Sick
miscellaneous and one Pennsylvanian sick. Felt it was
responsible position to deal out medicine and care
for the rooms. Got along very well. I did not sleep much.

THURSDAY 9

Hospital No. 1 Ward No. 7 Lexington Ky.

Arose at five and made bed, carried coal &
water &c until six when I took breakfast. Swept
my room, ministered to the wants of the sick &c.
Wrote four letters to Prindle, Lydia, Mr. Melvin
and C. C. Lobeniger respectively. A gentleman
called, and promised to bring us testament.
Chaplain Brown visited us in the evening. Retired

Hospital No. 1 Lexington Ky.
April, FRIDAY 10, 1863

Arose at 4 3/4 o'clock. Made beds and swept the floor before breakfast. Had things in nice order. Wrote a letter for Hendrickson of East Tenn. to his com. in in 2nd Regt. Helped to scrub room. Chaplain of the 112th Ohio Regt. visited our ward in the afternoon and distributed some testaments. Chief nurse received his discharge from hospital. Day fine.

Hospital No. 1 Lexington Ky.
SATURDAY 11.

Cleaned up the room as usual in the morning. Chief nurse left after dinner. Filled the tray for the sick for the first time. Very poor assistants, appointed for me. Wrote a letter to J. N. South. Went to bed about eight o'clock. Was only up three times in the night. Commenced reading the New Testaments through. Weather very fine & warm.

Hospital No. 1 Lexington Ky.
SUNDAY 12.

Arose at 5 o'clock, made beds, changed bed clothes in room, cleaned up for inspection, with no one to help me. Administered medicine as usual and did not sit down until two o'clock. Wanted to go to church but could not. Felt very tired & weak. Wrote a letter to C. H. Patterson. Read a number of chapters in bible. Was up four or five times

Hospital No. 1 Lexington Kentucky
April, MONDAY 13, 1863

Arose about five and went through the usual routine. Felt very weak and unable to attend to the sick as they should be attended to but did my best. asked for help but it was refused further than what I could raise in my own ward. Felt that I was imposed upon. Day fine. Rained a little.

Hospital No. 1 Lexington Ky.
TUESDAY 14.

Arose at six in the morning with severe headache and pain in limbs. Did not nurse much during the day. Took some medicine. Filled up some of the beds in the evening. Boys carried the tray for the sick during the day. Did not understand dealing out rations. Some men suffered for want of nursing.

Hospital No. 1 Lexington Kentucky
WEDNESDAY 15.

Went through the usual routine in the morning, my head aching and my feet quite sore. Could not get assistance and had to do the nursing the best I could. Thought the old man in the adjoining room would die. Did not sleep until midnight. Received two letters one from the regiment, from Thomas H. Brees.

General Hospital No. Lexington Ky.
April, THURSDAY 16, 1863

Slept until six o'clock, arose and prepared for breakfast. Helped to clean up the room. Got a good dinner from a dark woman near hospital for 25¢. Cook cursed me in evening because I had not my tray back sooner and said he would have me removed. I was very much excited. Fared him considerably. Old man Clark died in our ward. Day was very fine.

Gen. Hospital No. 1 FRIDAY 17, Lexington Kentucky

Arose about the usual time and cleared up the room. Attended to the sick as usual in forenoon. Wrote a letter to the Bruce family. Got orders in the evening to have four of my sick men, Kohlman, Palmer, Sloan, and Jolin ready to start to Covington at five in the morning. Did not sleep much during night.

Gen. Hospital No. 1 SATURDAY 18, Lexington Kentucky

Arose at half past two and built a fire. Packed the knapsacks of the three boys leaving my room, got them up and dropped. They started at half past four. Moved everything out of our room in schoolhouse. Got clear of nursing. Rested in the afternoon. Slept in Ward No. 2. Got shaved after dark.

General Hospital No. Lexington Ky.
April, SUNDAY 19, 1863

Arose 20 minutes past five. Attended Catholic church in the forenoon and got very tired of the ceremony. J. B. Miller visited me in the afternoon and gave me some things from home. Wrote a letter to father & mother in evening. Attended the colored church and heard sermon from dark man from Rev. III & 20th. Exciting time. Revival at

Gen. Hospital No. 1 MONDAY 20, Lexington Kentucky

Bought my breakfast from a dark woman. Spent the forenoon about the yard of hospital field, Col. Got a pap after dinner and visited J. B. Miller at Corps Head Quarters. Spent the evening at hospital. Wrote a letter to Mother. Weather most beautiful. No letters from home. Did not know where

Gen. Hospital No. 1 TUESDAY 21, Lexington Kentucky

Took a walk up street in the morning before breakfast and wrote in my diary. A squad of twenty-five was sent off at noon to Cincinnati. Wrote a letter in the afternoon to P. J. Purcell. Were on suspense all day, not knowing what was to be done with us. Weather fine. Rained some in evening.

April, WEDNESDAY 22, 1863

Arose at the usual hour in Hospital No 1 and took breakfast. A squad was sent to Cincinnati. Wrote a letter for Mark Hendrickson. Watched the 112 Ill. catch their horses. At three o'clock we were called into line and 23 of us marched to convalescent camp. Took them out after dark to make out rolls. Supper of bread and coffee. Slept.

THURSDAY 23. *my horse's baggage*
Convalescent Camp Lexington Kentucky

Went to breakfast as soon as I got up in the morning. Helped to put up some tents in the forenoon, and they wanted me to help in afternoon but I would not. Wrote a letter to Lydia and one to C. B. Loringier. Was put on guard in the evening. Catching a prisoner who was arrested for writing a letter to the President's concern.

FRIDAY 24.
Convalescent Camp Lexington Kentucky

Was called up at two o'clock and guarded prisoners until half past seven. Took him to breakfast with me. Took some clothes on to get washed. Received letters from Lydia, Will Thorley, John & John S. Robb & J. H. Andrieu. Major of camp very proud and haughty. Was liked by the men. Squad picked out in the evening to go to Cincinnati, Munnell, my comrad, with the rest.

April, SATURDAY 25, 1863

Volunteered for guard in the morning and stood guard over prisoner for first two hours. Stood at the cook chant in the afternoon. Wrote a letter to John S. Robb and James H. Melvin. Bought a brush and blacking from Munnell. Bought some milk in evening. Dress parade about sundown. The day was very fine and the evening cool.

SUNDAY 26.
Convalescent Camp Lexington Kentucky

Prepared for inspection. Willson refused to stand guard, knocked the major down, ran, was prodded with bayonet, tied by feet to tree and afterward put in guardhouse. Chaplain 18th Ky. preached to us from Isaiah XXV 3rd clause of 4th verse. Wrote two letters to Ann Thorley & P. C. Perzel respectively. Munnell went to Cincinnati. Day was very fine and evening pleasant.

MONDAY 27.
Convalescent Camp Lexington Kentucky

Volunteered for work in the morning. Ho raked the ground all over in the vicinity of headquarters and the dining room. Did not do much in the afternoon. Medical Director inspected us in the evening. Made a number of the lame ones run and jump. Night very cool and quiet after Sunday morning's affair. Ball and champion one mansaible; Taken off at supper time. Saw very fine and...

April, TUESDAY 28. 1863

Volunteered for work in the morning. Was sent to town with a wagon for lumber. Went twice and could not get it. Saw a lady who had disguised herself and acted soldier several months and was afterward arrested as a spy, but was cleared. Went for my clothes but did not get them. Wrote a note for myself to go to town next day. Rained

Wednesday 29. Convalescent Camp, Lexington Kentucky.

My pass was not approved. Received a note from J. P. Miller with my descriptive list, which I answered. Received a letter from Wm. W. Mumford and answered it. Felt quite unwell in the evening. Had to get up after going to bed, for roll call. Everything passed off pleasantly in camp so far as I know. Rained considerably during

Thursday 30. Convalescent Camp Lexington Kentucky.

Volunteered for guard duty in the morning and got out for no special relief. Was abused in the morning by the deluded Barber. Stood guard from 8 to 10 Am, from 2 to 4 and from 8 to 10 P. M. One man from the 36th Mass. and one from the 12th R. I. came into our tent in the evening. Day fine

May, FRIDAY 1. 1863

Met a young man named Magill of our company from Croft Creek Village in the morning on his way to the regiment. Wrote a letter to father & mother. Received a letter from E. H. Patton and one from William Melvin. Bought a chicken pie in the morning for forty cents, and other eatables during the day. Day very fine.

Saturday 2. Convalescent Camp Lexington Kentucky.

Volunteered for police duty in the morning and worked about half an hour. Received letters from Thamer, Mary and Philly. Wrote a letter to G. B. Dolinger and Pecky and Thamer. Bought some apples & pies. Met a Congregationalist and we sang some in our tent. Day was very fine and warm.

Sunday 3. Convalescent Camp Lexington Kentucky.

Chaplain distributed some tracts in the morning. Wrote a letter to Mary & one to Will Melvin. Number of the boys drunk in camp and some go into the guard house. One man got his lip badly cut. No religious service on account of the rain. Sang considerable in our tent in the afternoon. Felt rather unwell.

at 11 by Abel & Hy

May,

MONDAY 4,

1863

Volunteered for guard in the morning. Sergeant
 Lord, his lieg and by that means I became super-num-
 erary. Made two little baskets out of coffee bean
 for watch guard. Number of the boys drunk. Char-
 lie, the female soldier, caused considerable excitement.
 Had a very hard rain shower at half past six
 O'clock. Very wet night. Considerable fun in camp.

TUESDAY 5.

Convalescent Camp Lexington Kentucky

Spent the forenoon in the camp reading
 and talking. Wrote a letter in the afternoon
 to J. J. Purcell. Drove a number of the
 boys put into the guardhouse for getting
 drunk. Medical director inspected us in
 the afternoon and marked me for my
 regiment. Earned considerably in forenoon.

WEDNESDAY 6.

Convalescent Camp Lexington Kentucky

Volunteered for guard in the morning. Got
 on usual two guard. Stood eight hours altogether.
 Bought 30 cents worth of satables and 50cts worth of
 postage stamps. Expected to go to my regiment
 in the morning, but some difficulty occurred
 between the doctor and the major and we were
 not sent. Major's court-marshal came off in the
 Willson case of April 26th. Wet afternoon.

May,

THURSDAY 7.

1863

Went on guard at five o'clock and stood
 until seven. Were mustered for pay.
 Bought a Cincinnati Commercial.
 Fredericksburg recaptured by the Rebels.
 Not considered important by Hooker. Re-
 ceived two letters to Gen. W. Mumf. Pretty
 quiet in camp. Roudy put in jail.

FRIDAY 8.

Convalescent Camp Lexington Kentucky
 Spent the forenoon running about camp
 and being mustered for pay. Wrote a letter
 to John and one to Lydia. Drilled some
 in the afternoon and received two months
 pay. Men in camp not well drilled
 and made a number of mistakes. Pay made
 offered me more than his due and he refused.

SATURDAY 9.

Convalescent Camp Lexington Kentucky

Volunteered for guard in the morning. Co. fort
 did not relieve me at the proper time at ten
 P. M. and I deserted. Smallpox took J. T. Miller
 paid me a visit in the morning. Loaned
 him fifteen dollars, and gave him fifty to
 exp. home for me. Bought some much
 milk in the evening and gave a blind woman
 twenty five cents to help her to get her eyes.

Received 25.00 in camp for home

May, SUNDAY 10, 1863

Went on Smallpox guard at two o'clock and came off at four. Slept until breakfast was ready. Heard the chaplain of 10th Ky. preach from Luke XV & 3rd clause of 2nd. Got box in evening and packed some clothes to send home. Ordered to be ready to go to regt at eight o'clock in the morning.

MONDAY 11. Kentucky River Near Boon's Knot.

Mailed up my box in the morning and prepared to march. Left Lexington at eleven. Rode on cars to Nicholasville. Marched to the Kentucky river. Camped on a little peninsula in front of Boon's Knot. Commenced writing a letter to David's line. Slept on a board with my tent under me.

TUESDAY 12. Danville Kentucky

Marched from the Kentucky river to Camp Dick Robison and took dinner, there our squad separated and our sergeant was missing. Got into Danville about 4 o'clock, took supper and walked over the city. Very nice place. Not much news in the papers. Country very nice.

at Danville Kentucky

May, WEDNESDAY 13, 1863

Left Danville about half past six o'clock. Took dinner at a private house in Milledgeville first time in private house since 28th October. Stopped at a Regt's house time of rain. Stayed over night in Hustonville with Geo. Smith in his wagon. Hustonville small place.

Middlebury THURSDAY 14. Kentucky

Started from Hustonville at half past six o'clock. Got a chance to ride with a Dragoon. Joined the regiment at Middlebury. Got gun and accoutrements. Went into tent with John McKeever & Clarkson. Visited the chaplain in the evening and attended prayers.

Middlebury FRIDAY 15. Kentucky

Washed some clothing in the forenoon, my pants with the rest. Did some sewing. Went in swimming after dinner. Wrote a letter to John Elliott and commenced to write one for the Wesleyan. Attended prayers in the evening. Day very fine and warm.

Spring at Camp Dick Robison a natural curative.

May,

SATURDAY 16,

1863

Finished writing a letter for The Wesleyan
and wrote to Rebecca G. McKeever and
Matthie & Melvin. Reached my cartridge
box, belt, and cap box, and cleaned my
gun. Attended prayers in the evening.
Josiah Mullen, John Clemmens and a
number of others were taken prisoners ^{at Mill Lane} in a battle.

Newburg

SUNDAY 17.

Kentucky

Inspection took place at 9 o'clock.
Josiah Mullen was tied up by the
thumbs. Attended church at 2 o'clock.
Chaplain preached from Matt. 2:1-23
& 3:3-40th inclusive. Attended prayers in the
evening. Chaplain's remarks very pointed.
Read some from Macaulay's History of England.

Middleburg

MONDAY 18.

Kentucky

Went a fishing in the forenoon, but caught
nothing. Wrote a letter to Lydia. Jno. Caldwell
and Thos. Boon in the guardhouse
for staying out after their pass expired.
Attended prayers. Chaplain Browne
remarked "Adversity drives good men
to prayers, but bad ones to curses."

May,

TUESDAY 19,

1863

Cut out a 100 for my cap in the
morning and helped to draw two days
rations. Felt unwell in the afternoon and
laid in the tent most of the time. Three
mails came in during the day but only a letter
for me. Attended prayers in the evening.
Not very many of the regiment here, Day fine.

Middleburg

WEDNESDAY 20.

Kentucky

Washed some clothes in the morning
and cut P.V. for my cap out of brass.
Wrote a letter to Gen. Rosley and one
to C. H. Patterson in the afternoon. Boys
took over on Templeton in the morning for some
of his franks. Attended prayers in the evening.
Day very fine and warm.

Middleburg

THURSDAY 21.

Kentucky

Cleaned up my accoutrements and
went on guard for the first time in the
company. Received a letter from Mother
in the forenoon and answered it in the
evening. Retired early so as to be ready
for guard at ten o'clock. Did not attend
prayers. Day fine and warm.

May, FRIDAY 22, 1863

Was on guard from four until six o'clock. Read some in Macaulay's history of England. Wrote a furlough for M. B. McKeever. A large squad of Co. A went swimming in Green river. Caught a nice little trap. Day was very fine.

Camp 3 miles below SATURDAY 23. Liberty Ky.

Spends the forenoon reading History of England and singing. After dinner we got orders to pack up.

Started about half past one o'clock. Very warm and dusty, marching got along pretty well, but my feet got sore. Marched about 10 miles. Some of the boys came back to us who had been home on furlough, just after we encamped for the night.

Three miles below SUNDAY 24. Liberty Kentucky.

After taking breakfast, we were about to march when the order was countermanded. Climbed to the top of the mountain. Cut the initials of my name on Beech tree. Number of the boys went in swimming. Some fished. Did not appear much like Sunday. Could not content myself to do anything. Read some during the day.

May, MONDAY 25, 1863

Broke up camp in the hollow about five o'clock and marched until ten when we stopped and took dinner in a very large beech grove. At one we started again, marched about five miles and encamped for the night on the top of a hill in the edge of the field.

TUESDAY 26. Camp Near Columbia Kentucky.

Were awakened up at half past one o'clock took breakfast and started at four. Marched about 14 miles to Columbia where we stopped, took dinner, and stood in readiness to meet the enemy. Some tents were pitched for the night but they were few. Day fine.

WEDNESDAY 27. Camp Near Columbia Ky.

Cleaned up our camp in the morning and pitched our tents. Changed clothes and washed some. Wrote to Fred Lindsey. Got marching orders about three o'clock and at our regiment, the 36th Inf. and two pieces of artillery, started and marched until half past one o'clock. Slept in a meadow on the blue cow road.

Scouting in Kentucky

May, THURSDAY 28. 1863

Took breakfast in the meadow where we slept, and then moved up on to the hill into the woods where we spent the day while our cavalry was scouting through the country. Read a chapter in the bible. A number of the boys cut their names on the trees. Not much gained by the scouting.

FRIDAY 29.

Scouting in Kentucky

At half past nine o'clock we started on the march, and halted at ~~Bedford~~ ^{Reading} at two. Rained on us from twelve. Companies A, K. & M. were on picket. We were very wet and cold. Stood on post from eight until ten P.M. Some firing heard, but we did not hear what for.

SATURDAY 30.

Camp Near Columbia

Here on picket post near Readings, until four o'clock. Were drawn up to meet the rebels but none were there. Marched to camp after night. Got in about one o'clock. Very tired and feet sore, clothes wet. Eight rebels captured and six horses, very nice ones. Received a note from J. P. Muller stating that I was detailed

Camp Near Columbia

May, SUNDAY 31, 1863

Slept until half past nine o'clock. Got my detail as clerk at Headquarters. Cleaned gun and clothes, packed up, got transportation to Lebanon bought, pants, took a good swim in creek. Went to the Wagon train in the evening and slept with a very profane wagoner.

June, Corell MONDAY 1.

Lebanon between Columbia and

Awoke at two o'clock took breakfast, helped to hitch up some mules, spent the day with the wagon train between Columbia and Lebanon. Drove six miles most of the way. Spent the night with James Thompson in his wagon. Day was very fine and warm. One ^{beautiful days.} man shot at by

TUESDAY 2.

Louisville Kentucky

Helped Jim Thompson to hitch his mules and rode with him to Lebanon. Got on the cars at half past one o'clock and landed at Louisville at 7. Rev. H. H. White held service in the barracks in the evening and read a beautiful poem entitled "A rainy evening in camp." Sang "Marching Along." Could not get out to see the

Louisville Kentucky

June, WEDNESDAY 3. 1863

Took breakfast about half past four o'clock. Was kept in the barracks all day. Bought a "Louisville Journal". Read some in my bible. Felt lonesome and wanted to be going. Met Charlie F Kimball of the 73 Indiana. Chaplain H. H. White held service in the barracks in the evening.

Hd. Dr. Lexington THURSDAY 4. Kentucky

Arose at four o'clock and took breakfast, got on board the cars at Louisville at 7 o'clock. Traveled through some very fine country through Frankfort about eleven o'clock, arrived at Lexington at one. Went to Convalescents Camp and got my descriptive list. Wrote to father & mother. Laid on a jam blanket on the ground in a tent at the quarters.

Hd. Dr. 9th A. C. Lexington FRIDAY 5. Kentucky

Arose at half past six o'clock. Did some writing in the A. C. Gen's Office. Received my descriptive list from Capt. Pentecost. Wrote a letter in the evening to John G. Webb & par. H. Chelvin. Had some serious apprehensions of going to Pickensburg. Felt lonesome.

A. C. Gen's Office Lexington Kentucky

June, SATURDAY 6, 1863

Wrote some special orders. Wrote a letter to Robert and Thamer. Went to the depot in the evening to see some soldiers wounded by the explosion of an engine at Nicholasville, but did not see them. Packed up every thing in the evening and loaded the A. C. G. goods in wagons and waited for further orders.

Hd. Dr. 9th A. C. Lexington SUNDAY 7. Kentucky

Attended Sabbath School in the Presbyterian Church in the morning and Episcopal service at eleven o'clock. Sabbath school interesting at 4 o'clock very interesting. One young lady had recited 4630 verses since March. Attended Presbyterian church in the evening. Text Mat. V. 1-10. Small congregation. Good singing.

Gregory House Louisville Kentucky MONDAY 8.

Ran about a round in Lexington in the forenoon. Packed up our traps and boarded the train at 2 o'clock and landed at Louisville at ten. Put up at the Gregory House. Took a walk out over town with Miller and two other clerks. Took a dinner of ice cream and a glass of soda water. Got to bed about eleven o'clock. Rested in forenoon.

June,

TUESDAY 9.

1863

Took Breakfast & dinner at the Gregory house in Louisville. Started at three O'clock and boarded the boat at Portland. Could not find my knapsack. Great number of the boys of 1st Div. A.D. Dr. drunk. Bought paper and ate two dishes of ice cream at Louisville. Slept in a bunk one out of Mullin's blankets.

WEDNESDAY 10.

On Board Packet Express
 Woke about 7 O'clock and took breakfast. Went on shore at Cannelton Ind. On Indiana soil for the first time. Read some in my bible. Rather lonesome on the boat without something more to amuse me. Rained in the evening.

Boat laid over part of the night on account

THURSDAY 11.

On Board Packet Express
 Read a few chapters in my bible during the day. Passed Paducah. Landed at Cairo Ill. about half past five O'clock. Stepped on shore. Much disappointed in the appearance of the place. Bought some onions and sausage. Day warm.

Saw some wheat on

June,

FRIDAY 12

1863

Spent most of the day on the bow of the boat viewing the Mississippi which was full of islands. Wrote a letter to father & mother and one to John Elliott. Landed at Memphis about 4 O'clock. Took on coal and hay. Boat laid over night at the wharf. Several regiments beside. Some dead bodies floated

PACKET EXPRESS SATURDAY 13. Helena Ark.

Spent most of the forenoon viewing the town of Memphis Tennessee. Very fine buildings and the park very nice. Monument with the statue of Gen. Jackson on it. Pequirrels in park. He had tried to scratch out the words "The Federal Union. It must be preserved". Street muddy. Landed at Helena about one O'clock at night.

On Board Packet Express SUNDAY 14. Helena Ark.

W. Lawrence at Helena about 1 O'clock A.M. Went on shore about 2 1/2 O'clock in the morning and met Jas. Hanlin & Tho. Elliott. Learned that Gen. Elliott & Seander were dead and that John had gone home on furlough. Rode through the town on Hankin's horse. Left H. about 10 o'clock and landed at the mouth of White River at 5. Went on shore. At sunset, the guard brought the boat all on board the boat again.

Went down river

June, MONDAY 15, 1863

Left mouth of White River about 7 O'clock, 3 Iowa Cavalry, in company, escorted by gunboats. At supper time some of the privates occupied the first table to have evening on the captain of Co. 1 of the 30th Mass. who had complained to the clerk and ordered him not to sell tickets to privates. Whole company put on guard and took fire etc. from table. Took some discharge papers from him.

TUESDAY 16.

Steamer Express Smider's Bluffs Miss.

Heard cannonading at Vicksburg about 7 O'clock A.M. Landed at Young's Point La. at 11 O'clock as Sherman's Landing 4 miles below in a short time. Saw Vicksburg. Mich. 100 regt Penna. Vols. Sketched up Yazoo river in the afternoon. Landed at Smider's Bluffs and spent the night on the beach. Guards would not let us go ashore. Wet afternoon.

Hd. Qrs. U.S. Smider's Bluffs WEDNESDAY 17. Miss.

J.P. Miller taken sick in morning. Express unloaded in forenoon. Mrs. Rence & Marshal. Hd. Qrs. moved back about three miles from river. Got Park in dwelling house. Gathered as many blackberries as I could eat. Our tents not yet come nor the Assistant Quartermaster. Slept in the Chief D.M.'s Hd. Qrs. with his clerks. Miller in regimental hospital. Saw him in the evening.

June, THURSDAY 18, 1863

Wrote a letter to Lydia in the forenoon and put some cotton & wool in it. Visited J.P. Miller at the hospital & found him better. Visited the boys of the 17th Mich. Art. Aldrich for the first time since I have been in the service. Read some in my bible. Day very fine.

FRIDAY 19.

Smider's Bluffs Mississippi

Visited J.P. Miller and found his health improving. Went to hunt Claflin and Aldrich in the 12th Mich. They were out on picket. Visited the 3rd Iowa Cavalry and took dinner with Lieut. Jas. Hamlin. Walked about some over the fortifications and gathered some berries.

SATURDAY 20.

Hd. Qrs. U.S. Milldale Mississippi.

Spent the forenoon and took dinner with Company C. Went out in the afternoon and got as many blackberries as I could eat. Saw a great light in the direction of Vicksburg after dark. Thought the town on fire. Still no word of the Assistant Quartermaster.

rd 29, 9th W.C. Milldale Mississippi

June, SUNDAY 21, 1863

Went to the Camp of the 12th Michigan
saw Capt. Aleffin and Aldrich. Had a good
time talking about old acquaintances.
Saw Genl' W.S. Grant in the afternoon. J. A.
Hulin paid us a visit. Read a number
of chapters in the bible. Day very warm and
the roads very dusty.

MONDAY 22.

Hd. Qrs. 9th A.C. Milldale Mississippi

Our desks still being behind, I had nothing
particular to do. Visited Company A. and
learned that Genl' Lee was invading Pennsylvania
and was only nine miles from Harrisburg. Visited
Dr. Thubbin in the afternoon. Our forces digging
intrenchments on the hills near the Methodist
Church in which Chief Qr's office was. Ordered

TUESDAY 23.

Hd. Qrs. 9th A.C. Milldale Mississippi

Moved Head Quarters in the forenoon
back from the church toward the
Gazos river. I spent most of the
afternoon reading in my bible &
sleeping on the grass. Slept on the
porch all night. Day was fine
Rained about 4 P. M.

June, WEDNESDAY 24, 1863

Tramped about some over the hills
in the forenoon. Wrote two letters in the
afternoon and went over to the regiments.
Regt. at work on intrenchments. Heard
that Gen. McClellan and Thos. Conboy
were arrested as deserters. Got our tent
put up in our new quarters. Day very warm.

THURSDAY 25.

Hd. Qrs. 9th A.C. Milldale Mississippi

Selected out some printed orders in the
forenoon and put them up in packages.
Copied a number of orders. Went out
on the hill in the evening and listened
to the fighting at Vicksburg. Musketry
could be heard distinctly. Took a walk.

Could not sleep much on account of mosquitoes

FRIDAY 26.

Hd. Qrs. 9th A.C. Milldale Mississippi

Was kept very busy during the day
writing orders and making out a roster
of the troops in the command. Felt
quite unwell. Went over to the Regt.
after supper and wrote a letter to
B. H. Patton in the evening. Night
so warm and mosquitoes so bad we could not
sleep.

of the tent moved to bridge

be ready for morning

Sleep

June,

SATURDAY 27,

1863

Spent most of the forenoon selecting
General Orders and preparing them
to be sent to the respective commanders.
Bought for Robinson some milk for his dinner,
he being sick. Wrote a letter in the evening
to William Melvin in Illinois.

The day was exceedingly warm.

Head Quarters 9th A.C. ^{ST. LOUIS} Milldale Mississippi

Read a few chapters in the bible in
the morning. Wrote a letter to Mattie &
Melvin. Spent most of the afternoon
reading and lounging about the
office. Copied an order in the
evening concerning muster day. Very
little firing at Vicksburg. Day very warm.

Head Quarters 9th A.C. ^{ST. LOUIS} Vicksburg A.C.K.

Were aroused at four o'clock in the morning.
I found marching orders to each of the divisions.
Packed up our traps and left Milldale about 10:45.
Marching was hard. Roads awful dusty.
Very many of the troops fell out by the way.
Stopped at two or three different houses &
found the inhabitants there. Pitched our tents about
sunset. Day was extremely warm.

June,

TUESDAY 30.

1863

Went out in the morning and gathered a quart of
blackberries; then went to the run and washed my
shirt and socks in a washbasin. Washed myself
all over, and put on my such clothes having no other.
Copied a number of orders in the afternoon
and wrote a letter to David and Ann for night bus
little firing at Vicksburg. Day clear and sultry.

Head Quarters 9th A.C. ^{JULY} WEDNESDAY 1. Near Oak Ridge Mississippi

Copied a number of special orders
in the forenoon and finished about
four o'clock. Wrote some in the evening
merely practicing penmanship. Very
little firing heard at Vicksburg during
the day or evening. Day very sultry.

Head Quarters 9th A.C. ^{JULY} THURSDAY 2. Near Oak Ridge Mississippi

Recopied a number of Special Orders
in the forenoon. Walked out among
the entrenchments just after dinner.
Wrote a letter to J. N. Booth Esq in the
afternoon. Took a short nap. Gathered
some moss in the evening for our floor.
Some appearance of rain. Weather very sultry.

July,

FRIDAY 3,

1863

Copied some orders in the morning and wrote a letter to Mr. & Mrs. McNulty.

Armen were busy all day cutting down the timber in front of the breastworks.

Vicksburg was expected to surrender, and we waited long for the message but did not get it. News on our camp.

Hd. Qrs. at SATURDAY 4. Near Oak Ridge Gap.

Copied some orders in the morning. Recd. a letter from Mother & one from Rene Lindsey. Heard by telegraph that Vicksburg had surrendered. Visited the regiments in the evening found them preparing to move. Got a letter from Rene Lindsey. Wrote two letters in the evening, one to Rene and Siggie each.

Hd. Qrs. at SUNDAY 5. Bear Creek Mississippi

Packed up our things in the morning and moved from camp at 4 P.M. Very warm & roads dusty. Found my regiment's and got five letters. Halted about a hundred and pitched our tents on Bear Creek. Took a good wash. Cannonading was heard about ten o'clock P.M. Our troops making a bridge across Big Black river.

July,

MONDAY 6,

1863

Went out in the morning and gathered some blackberries and corn. Wrote a letter to John & Susan. Prepared to move Head Quarters. Went to fill the canteens and box my coat, containing my diary, bible and a number of letters. Felt very badly about it.

Thunder storm in the evening. Pitched our tents about dark and did not have much sleep.

Hd. Quarters TUESDAY 7. Near Keokuk's Ferry

Were routed in the morning at 3 or 20 by an order from Gen. Sherman stating that the enemy were still scattered and we must strike immediately.

The bridge at Keokuk's not being furnished our baggage train was ordered to cross at Maysville. Drove until one o'clock. Heavier rain & very heavy thunder. Slept in a wagon about half

Hd. Quarters WEDNESDAY 8.

Got to Maysville ferry at an early hour. Took a good nap and marched on with the train toward Jackson. Got ahead of the train and spent the night with a teamster of the ammunition train. Day was warm but the drizzle being laid by rain did not bother us. Felt very tired when we stopped about three o'clock.

Head Quarters Train Near Jackson Miss.
July, THURSDAY 9, 1863

Started on the march about 7 o'clock in the morning. Marched about one mile and waited until the Corps came up and packed. Capt. Van Ness and Sgt. Hamilton & Miller to take honey back. Number of horses and mules were poisoned and died from drinking in ponds supposed to have been poisoned by the Rebels. Day very sultry.

Head Quarters Train **FRIDAY 10.** Three miles from Jackson Miss.

Carried some water in the morning and made some tea. At noon we cooked a good dinner and had not time to eat it until the train moved. Caught up with Head Quarters about dark and soon spread my blanket. The other boys took supper. Jackson surrounded on three sides. Water very scarce. Day very warm and roads dusty.

Head Quarters Train **SATURDAY 11.** Near Jackson Mississippi

Firing commenced about 7 in the morning. Shelling continued all day. Rebel sharpshooters in the trees fired down on our men in the field. Did not learn whether my regiment was engaged or not. 36th Mass. lost quite a number of men. Rained in the evening and cooled the air. Talked with some negroes who came out from Jackson. Cotton was hauled for breakfast.

July, SUNDAY 12, 1863

Cannonading commenced about 7 in the morning but did not continue long. No general engagement during the day. Gathered some peaches to stew. Moved Head Quarters about 3 P.M. and put up our tent. Alarm at night. Rebels reported moving either on our right or evacuating.

Head Quarters Train **MONDAY 13.** Jackson Miss.

Wrote two letters in the forenoon, one to Willie and one to C.H. Patton. Wrote some for the office. Booked some Special orders. No general engagement during the day. Some artillery firing. Very cool in the evening. General Sharpe sat by our candle and read some in a newspaper.

Head Quarters Train **TUESDAY 14.** Jackson Miss.

Selected some general orders and pasted them in the book. Wrote a letter to Geo. Rolly. A Spy who had been among the Rebels and all over the State of Mississippi came to the General's tent in the night under guard. Artillery firing was ordered every five minutes. Truce granted for rebels to bury some of our dead. Day fine.

Head of Mail

July, WEDNESDAY 15, 1863

Were aroused at 5 in the morning by the General and the spy wanting some papers. Received valuable information. Received a letter from Ann bearing date June 25th. No very strange news. Heard that Dix and Key had taken Richmond. Newspapers give account of Meade's victory in Penna. No general engagements.

Very Day quite pleasant.

THURSDAY 16.

Head Quarters 9th U.S. Near Jackson Miss.

Arose about half past four O'clock. Felt rather unwell. Did not do much during the day, but cope a few orders. Slept most of the afternoon. Heavy firing among the skirmishers early in the morning, but no general engagements. Were cut down to half rations of salt and hard tack.

The day was warm, becoming cool. Jackson evacuated.

Head Quarters 9th U.S. Near Jackson Miss.

FRIDAY 17.

First report in the morning Jackson evacuated. Wrote a letter to David & Ann in the forenoon. Copied a number of orders and wrote our orders sending a number of men to their regiments again. Col. Bowen ordered us to keep every body out of the office but those who belong in it and forbade us to sleep in it.

July, SATURDAY 18, 1863

Our forces engaged in destroying Rail Road. Carried water in the morning and washed my shirt and socks. Shaved myself and wrote a letter to Mattie & Melvin. Copied an order or two. Miller & Robinson visited Jackson. Signal officer was buried about dark. Heard that Fort Sumter and all the batteries on James Island but one were captured by our forces.

Very warm. Rain in the evening.

SUNDAY 19.

Head Quarters 9th U.S. Near Jackson Miss.

Wrote a letter in the forenoon to Mr. Bruce. Contemplated going to Jackson but got orders to be ready to move at 4 P.M. 1st Division came back from destroying Rail Road. Recd. a letter from Mary. Miller recd. two Reports and a Message. Got orders to move at three o'clock. Evening quite pleasant. Retired to bed about 11-30.

MONDAY 20.

Head Qrs. 9th U.S. Near Brownsville Miss.

Arose a little after three O'clock, struck the office tent and started on the march about 5 A.M. Rode in an Ambulance. Halted at noon and started again at four P.M. Marched 16 miles during the day and spent the night within four miles of Brownsville. Some of the men died after getting into camp. Day very warm.

July,

TUESDAY 21,

1863

Started from our encampment about five o'clock. Took in a family at Brownsville to go North. Gathered some peaches. Troops suffered severely from the heat. Great many fell out. Number sunstruck. Wagons were loaded with knapsacks and men. Walked most of the evening. Felt very tired when night came. Slept on the porch.

WEDNESDAY 22.

Head Qrs. 9th A.C. Milldale Miss.
Had our rations eaten in the morning, Hard tack and ham. Went out on horseback and got some peaches in the evening. Saw a live eagle in the evening belonging to the 8th Wisconsin regiment. Had been in 4 battles. Heavy shower of rain in the evening. Slept on the porch.

Day extremely warm. Troops much fatigued.

THURSDAY 23.

Head Qrs. 9th A.C. Milldale Miss.
Got up at half past 4 o'clock and took breakfast. Started at 6-15 and passed over some hilly roads. Got to Milldale Church about 20 minutes past one. Met John Elliott and did not know him until I took the second look. Had a few words with Hamilton about being cut for wash basin. Ration of whiskey issued in the evening.

July,

FRIDAY 24,

1863

Visited the regiment in the morning and put in for clothing. Wrote a letter to Mary and one to Will Melvin. Washed my clothes in the afternoon. Searched in the evening that we were going back to Gen Burnside. Visited the regiment again and told them the news. All right. Had a good time with John Elliott. Day warm.

SATURDAY 25.

Head Quarter 9th A.C. Milldale Miss.
Visited the regiment in the morning and also visited John Elliott. Regiment drew some clothing in the evening. Got a pair of drawers too small for me. All the clothing I could get. Miller got a haversack. Both of us bad off for clothing. Day very warm.

SUNDAY 26.

Head Qrs. 9th A.C. Milldale Miss.
Went to the landing in the morning, found the Quartermaster and inquired for clothing, but he had none. Just starting for some. Very heavy thunder storm in the evening. Number of trees struck by lightning. Lightning ran along the telegraph wire for long. Slept on the porch. Tent overflowed. Wm. H. Cole (Clerk) discharged.

July,

MONDAY 27,

1863

Walked to the landing in the morning and drew a suit of clothes amounting to \$11.00. Washed in the afternoon and put on my new suit. Saw Valerius Bruce in the evening. He had a catalogue of Adrian College. Visited John & Thomas Elliott in the evening. Learned that they expected to leave at

TUESDAY 28.

Head Qrs. 9th C. Milldale Miss. Miss.

Spent the forenoon reading in the office. Filed some General Orders from the War Department in the afternoon and booked their distribution. Very heavy rain and winds torn in the evening. Came near blowing our tent down. Bottom of it all overflowed. Were compelled to sleep on the porch of the house.

WEDNESDAY 29.

Head Qrs. 9th C. Milldale Miss. Miss.

Wrote a letter in the morning to Willie and visited the Company. Boys all impatient to go North. Sent two of the 79th N.Y. Buried about noon. Chaplain of the 2^d Michigan officiated. Spoke quite nicely. Day very fine and pleasant.

July,

THURSDAY 30,

1863

Made a book in the morning for an index to the Special Order book. Indexed some of the book. Took a good wash in the evening. Number of Citizens came to the General to complain about their property. Could not sleep till after midnight on account of the Mosquitoes. Concert some.

FRIDAY 31.

Head Qrs. 9th C. Milldale Miss. Miss.

Spent part of the forenoon indexing the Special Order book. Wrote a letter to P. J. Parcel. Received a letter from Willie in the evening. Richmond, Post Master brought us a fine Watermelon. Day was very warm, but the evening pleasant. No. Reg. 10th

August, SATURDAY 1.

Head Qrs. 9th C. Milldale Miss. Miss.

Visited the camp of our regiment in the morning. Worked some in the office during the day. Had a very heavy rain in the evening which cooled the air. Our sick and wounded 300 in number embarking. Spent some time indexing Special Order Books.

August,

SUNDAY 2.

1863

Went out to the woods in the morning and spent more than an hour in prayer and reading my Bible. The 84th Psalm had a peculiar sweetness, one father read at family worship before I left home on the 28th Oct. 1861. Wrote a letter to John Elliott in the evening.

Day very warm & rain in the evening.

Hd. Lts. 9th Co. C. Milldale Miss. MONDAY 3.

Felt rather unwell during the day and did not do much in the office. Robinson & I took a good wash in the evening after which I wrote a letter to Mollie. Great many citizens in during the day to draw rations. Majority of them were sent to Vicksburg as we expected to move soon and had none to spare.

Hd. Lts. 9th Co. C. Milldale Mississippi TUESDAY 4.

Was very unwell all day, and did not attempt to do much work. Wrote a letter to R. J. McKeever. Went to the Doctor of the 29th Miss. & got some medicine which was very bitter and made me sick. An Irishman, a paroled Reb. ^{twenty} miles ^{from} Vicksburg. In reply to the remark "The Government has been fighting against me & I had you," he said "I may be in good spirits then!" Said the Confederacy was

August,

WEDNESDAY 5,

1863

Was very unwell during the day and spent most of it lying in the office. Received three letters in the evening from Mollie, Polly and Mattie respectively. Bought two newspapers in the evening at fifteen cents a piece, they very important news on Rebels threatening Lexington Kentucky. Day warm. Slept very well.

Hd. Lts. 9th Co. C. Milldale Miss. WEDNESDAY 5.

Went to the Doctor of the 29th Miss. in the morning and got some powders. Was very much under the weather and did not do much work in the office. Wrote a letter in the evening to Mollie, J. Melvin and retired about eleven o'clock. Day quite warm.

Hd. Lts. 9th Co. C. Milldale Mississippi THURSDAY 6.

Left Milldale about half past three o'clock in the afternoon and got on board the Groesbeck. Our stuff was loaded on by midnight when we started and ran down to Vicksburg. Got some medicine from the Doctor of the 29th Miss. in the morning. Felt very unwell.

1863-7-11-12. (arrived) Vicksburg Miss.

1863-7-11-12. Name: Croesbeck

August, SATURDAY 8, 1863

August, TUESDAY 11, 1863

Landed at V. about 2 O'clock. Went on shore at day light and took a walk through the city. Was very much disappointed in its appearance. Not so much destroyed as I supposed. Crossed over to the Louisiana side at three O'clock P.M. and took on coal. Crossed back at one and started up the river at two in the morning 9th inst. Day unwell.

Spent most of the forenoon reading newspapers. No important news. Matters progressing favorably at Charleston S.C. Prepared a small relic from Vicksburg to send home. Still suffering very much with Dysentery. Landed at Helena in the afternoon where Miller got some cheese. Great storm at sun set.

Wed. 9th A.C. (Crossed) SUNDAY 9. the Mississippi.

Wed. 9th A.C. WEDNESDAY 12. Croesbeck.

Left Vicksburg about two O. in the morning. Was very unwell with Diarrhea, so much so that I was unfit to read or think with profit. Took a spice bitters during day and Morphine in the evening which made me sleep well. Got Medical stores on board the boat. ^{Weighted 143 lbs.} Landed at Vicksburg Miss.

Landed at Memphis about 9 A.M. Went up into the city and tried to draw our pay but failed. Paid twenty five cts for about three swallows of medicine. Felt some better. Wrote a letter to father and one to Mattie & Melvin. Left Memphis at 5-25 P.M. Very unwell during the night.

Wed. 9th A.C. On Board Boat MONDAY 10. Croesbeck.

Wed. 9th A.C. On Board Boat THURSDAY 13. Croesbeck.

Felt tolerably well during the forenoon and read most of the time. Landed near the mouth of White river and took a soldier on board from a gun boat, who was very badly burned. Took a dose of Morphine before going to bed. Day fine.

Found that we were just at Fort Pillow when I awoke. Wrote a letter during the day to P. J. Purcell. Boat seemed to run very slow. Read a number of chapters in the bible and read some in newspapers and magazines. Day was very fine. Felt much better than I had done for some days.

Night very cool

August,

FRIDAY 14,

1863

Landed at Columbus Ky. in the morning and Brig. Gen. Smith & staff got off.

Landed at Cairo about noon. Major General Jno G. Parker & staff took the cars and left us on the boat. Doctor left quite a number of sick men without proper care. Day fine. Shower in the evening.

Cairo Ill. SATURDAY 15. Hd Qrs. 9th

Commenced unloading the boat early in the morning. Went on shore about noon. Great many of the 51st Tenn. got drunk. Heard Major General Jno A. Logan speak a few minutes. Did not wait to hear him through.

Waited until midnight for our cars.

Day fine. My health improving.

Hd Qrs. 9th A.C. SUNDAY 16. On the Cars.

Left Cairo at 11 A.M. Thought I saw Prof. J. W. McCrever on a passenger car in the morning. Piped through a number of small towns. Took dinner on Centratia of scraps from a hotel. Changed cars at Sand Oval Ill. and started for Cincinnati. Felt quite unwell. Day pleasant.

August,

MONDAY 17,

1863

Took breakfast at Vincennes Indiana. Piped through some very fine country. Conductor stopped the train at a melon patch and we carried off two or three apiece. Piped through Madras about dark. Splendid water all along through the country. Was unwell during the day.

TUESDAY 18.

Hd. Qrs. 9th A.C. Covington Ky.

Landed off the cars at Cincinnati at 7 A.M. Spent most of the day swimming in town to get our pay. Got two months pay.

Jud Robinson & W. H. Deahl went to the Hospital. Crossed the river about 5 P.M. and spent the night in the open air. Was

very unwell. Day fine. Took breakfast at Market.

WEDNESDAY 19.

Hd. Qrs. 9th A.C. Near Covington Ky.

Was very unwell all day. Wrote letters to Mollie, John Elliott & C. H. Patterson respectively. Bought some peaches & milk and had a good dinner.

Learned that our destination was Hickman's Bridge, Camp Nelson. No sign of moving. Weather quite warm.

August, THURSDAY 20. 1863

Nothing of great importance transpired. 2 Ohio Heavy Artillery passed in the evening bragging if they did not get into the forts they would go home.

Was quite unwell all day. Slept pretty well. Weather very fine and warm. Some sign of rain.

FRIDAY 21.
Hd. Dr. 9th C. Lexington Kentucky.

Were aroused near Covington between four and five o'clock, loaded our baggage & got on board the cars. Left Covington at two o'clock and reached Lexington about half past 12, and went to our old Head Qrs. Number of soldiers drunk in our car. Recd. three letters from Mollie, Syd and Will. Melvin.

SATURDAY 22.
Hd. Dr. 9th C. Lexington Kentucky.

Arranged our desks in the forenoon & prepared for work. Wrote a letter to Mollie. Went to the Hospital in the evening and got some medicine for Dysentery. Miller was quite unwell.

Slept in the tent. Felt much better than I had done for some time. Weather very fine.

August, SUNDAY 23, 1863

Attended at the Presbyterian Church in the morning and heard a very fine sermon fr Epistle General of James II lat. clause 17th. Miller went to the hospital. Very busy in the Office in the afternoon. Attended church again in the evening and heard a sermon from the words, "Thy kingdom come." Felt well during the day.

MONDAY 24.
Hd. Dr. 9th C. Lexington Kentucky.

Wrote a letter in the morning and spent the day writing in the office. Visited Miller in the hospital and found him quite poorly. Took a walk over the town in the evening. Fine shower in the afternoon. Night very cool.

TUESDAY 25.
Hd. Dr. 9th C. Lexington Kentucky.

Spent nearly all the day in the office copying Orders and endorsing documents. Walked out over town in the afternoon and bought some fruit. Walked out to the depot with Louis Webb in the evening. J. P. Miller no better. Evening very cool, night cold.

August, WEDNESDAY 26. 1863

Visited J. P. Miller in the hospital and wrote a letter to his folks concerning his illness. Worked nearly all day in the office. Attended prayer meeting in the Presbyterian church in the evening. Had news of the surrender of Fort Sumter, and the bombardment of Charleston commenced.

THURSDAY 27.

Wd. Drs. 9th C. Lexington Ky.

Went to the bakery in the morning for bread. Visited Miller and found him not better. Wrote a letter to Lieut. J. W. Montford concerning him. Moved our office into a tent in the evening. Recd a letter from C. H. Patterson. Scribbled some in the evening. Weather very cool.

FRIDAY 28.

Wd. Drs. 9th C. Lexington Kentucky

Wrote a letter for the Wesleyan, and did considerable of writing evangetical with the office. Sent fifty cents for the Juvenile Instructor for William Shortley. Visited J. P. Miller and found him better. Wrote a note for him in the evening on business connected with the office. Weather remarkably cool. Rained in afternoon.

August, SATURDAY 29, 1863

Visited J. P. Miller in morning and found him better. Wrote to his mother. Spent most of the day writing in the office. Hamilton off on a spree. Colonel Bowen enquired twice for him. Observed very disagreeable. Took a walk with Lois Webb in the evening. Bought some apples. Took a good wash. Very cool.

SUNDAY 30.

Wd. Drs. 9th C. Lexington Kentucky

Saw Miller in the morning & found him on the mend. Spent most of the day writing orders. Wrote a note for Miller to Harriet Hamilton. Wrote a letter to David Ann. Attended church in the evening at the 2^d Presbyterian church and heard a sermon from the 1st voice of the XCVII Psalm. Evening and night very cool.

MONDAY 31.

Wd. Drs. 9th C. Lexington Kentucky

Made out a muster roll in the forenoon. Wrote a letter to C. H. Patterson and wife. Felt very unwell in the afternoon. Had a severe pain in my back. Slept on some boxes. Weather somewhat warmer than formerly. Did not walk out any over the town. Miller on the mend.

September, TUESDAY 1. 1863

Spent most of the day in the office writing. Was very much afflicted with pain in my back. Went to see Miller in the hospital. Found him mending slowly. Wrote to his mother. Walked out over town in the evening and got some peaches. Weather very pleasant.

Head Quarters 9th U.S. Lexington Kentucky

WEDNESDAY 2.

Spent most of the day calling off figures for Louis Webb who was making out a report. Visited Miller and found him mending. Attended meeting in the 2^d Presbyterian Church. Gave prayer offered and a chapter explained concerning the Pharisee and the Publican.

Head Quarters 9th U.S. Lexington Kentucky

THURSDAY 3.

Called of the numbers of a report for Webb. Went to see the Doctor in the afternoon and got some pills. Suffering considerably with rheumatism beside dysentery. Took a walk in the evening and bought some peaches. Wrote letter to John & Syd. Weather fair with some appearance of rain.

Sept. FRIDAY 4 1863

Bought some clothing in the forenoon and carried some paper from the Quarter Masters. Did some writing in the afternoon for the office. Wrote a letter in the evening to P. G. Purcell. Was very unwell during the night. Weather very fine. Miller still on the mend.

Head Quarters 9th U.S. Lexington Ky.

SATURDAY 5.

Spent most of the forenoon in bed being too unwell to work. Guard shot one of his fellow soldiers in the street. He afterwards died. Wrote a number of orders in the afternoon. Received a letter from Thamer and a copy of Maj. Gen. Logan's speech from Will. Miller.

Head Quarters 9th U.S. Lexington Ky.

SUNDAY 6.

Was very unwell all day but managed to do some writing in the office. Dr. Chase gave me some medicine which made me very sick. Read Gen. Logan's speech, delivered at Chicago, in the afternoon. Weather pretty warm.

Sept.

MONDAY 7,

1863

Cleaned myself up in the morning and went out into town with the intention of having dozen photographs taken, but could not get them for two days and did not like to run the risk of remaining. Was busy in the office in the afternoon. Recd a letter from P. J. Purcell.

Headquarters 9th U.S. Lexington Ky.

Was quite unwell all day but carried on business in the office. Went with Mallon to the Express office in the evening where he got a small box from home. Ate some Sardines which came in it.

Hamilton got into a row in a saloon and struck an officer. Miller visited us.

Wed. Drs. 9th U.S. WEDNESDAY 9 Lexington

Spent nearly all day in the office writing copies of an order. Recd a letter from James Barr with notes from Syd and Rene Lindsey. Barr did not stop as he passed here from home. Weather very pleasant. Shower of rain in the morning.

Sept.

THURSDAY 10,

1863

Was very busy in the office all day and wrote some at night. Wrote a letter to Mary & one to Liz. Had a few lines written out in the evening. Felt quite unwell and did not sleep much. Weather very fine. News of the evacuation of Morris Island by the Rebels.

Wed. Drs. 9th U.S. FRIDAY 11 Lexington Ky.

Went to the Phoenix Hotel in the morning and received two months pay from Maj. Beacher. Put up some orders in packages. Received two letters one from Aunt Mary McKeever, and another from Will & Mary. Took a short walk in the evening with Miss who went.

Wed. Drs. 9th U.S. SATURDAY 12 Lexington Ky.

Expected to move in the morning but the order was countermanded. Was exceedingly unwell all forenoon. Put up some packages of orders in the afternoon. Felt better. Recd a letter from Will Melvin. Hamilton still on his spree. Corporal's guard sent after him but could not find him.

Heavy rain on 11th & 12th. Went to get baggage and took no letters.

Sept.

SUNDAY 13,

1863

Was too unwell to attend church. took some powder during the day but they did not seem to do much good. Felt very weak. Wrote a letter to P. J. Rursel. Retired rather earlier than usual and slept tolerably well. Weather

fine and cool. Read a number of chapters. *Monday 14*

Was extremely unwell all day. Did not work much in the office although there was a large pile of printed orders to distribute. J. P. Miller felt rather poorly again. Bathed his feet at night. Weather very fine and warm. *Tuesday 15*

Tuesday 15

My health was some better during the day. Taking prepared arsenic, and Quinine. Recd. Some long letters from home, & cut with J. Barr. Hamilton arrested and put in the guard tent. Miller feeling better. I put up some orders during the day.

Sept.

WEDNESDAY 16,

1863

Put up a number of orders in the forenoon. Felt pretty well in the afternoon and attended prayer meeting at the 2 Presbyterian church in the evening. Took some ice cream and sweet cakes with C. H. Mallon. Hamilton released from the guard home.

Thursday 17

Booked a number of orders in the morning. Got orders to pack up. J. P. Miller got a furlough. We started at two P. M. and arrived at Cincinnati about eight. Took a cup of tea at a Coffee Saloon. Miller felt quite unwell at night. Rained & got quite cool in the evening.

Friday 18

Got up about ten o'clock and hunted for a doctor for Miller. Could not get one. found him better when I came back. Spent most of the forenoon in the street cars. Telegraphed to W. W. C. Miller for Miller. Got on the cars at 10-5-5 to come home. Miller in the sleeping car.

Sept.

SATURDAY 19, 1863

Left Cincinnati about 11 O'Clock on the evening previous. At Columbus at daylight and changed cars. Got to Steubenville at 12:30. Hired horses and carriage. Took tea at Mr. Miller's. Got home about 5 O'Clock. Folks just done supper. Very much surprised. Weather very cool. Went to David's law Aunt Ann

At Home. SUNDAY 20.

Got ready in the morning and went to Middletown. Surprised the folks. Wore Citizen's clothes. Heard Rev. Mr. Grayham preach from 2 Tim. I 6 & 8 inclusive. Took dinner at Mr. Stewart's and met nearly every body in town and went to Uncle Tho. McKeever's. Weather fine.

At Home. MONDAY 21.

Got into the buggy in the morning & went with Mollie to Eldersville & from thence to John's. Came home and prepared the wagon for a trip to Frankfort Springs. Went with Lydia in the evening to Mr. Cassidy's. Miss Criss commenced school in our district.

Sept.

TUESDAY 22, 1863

Started about six O'Clock with a two horse load to Frankfort. To a Union Map Meeting. Great procession. Estimated that there were 40,000 people there. Three speeches. Procession supposed to be eight miles long. Carried to Eldersville flag in our wagon. Weather very fine.

At Home. WEDNESDAY 23.

Went to David's in the morning to see Aunt Ann. Felt very unwell. Spent the afternoon at home. Took supper at Mc Connell's. Went to town and got the news and some nails. Went to John's to see if he would put in a horse to go to Washington. Weather fine.

At Home. THURSDAY 24.

Visited James Cassidy in the morning, and endeavored to make some arrangements concerning the meeting at Washington. Mr. Cassidy agreed to put in a horse in a four horse team. Mollie shot a ground hog. Weather warm. Rained in the evening.

Sept. *at* FRIDAY 25, 1863

Got some poles and pines in the morning to fix the wagon to go to Washington to the Union Convention. Spent the last evening at the wagon. Cassie & I left in the afternoon. Weather very cool. My head the same as before.

at SATURDAY 26. Home

Arrived at two o'clock A.M. and harnessed the team. Started about 4 o'clock with a four horse team to the Mass meeting at Washington. Heard Governor Curtin speak. Felt very well all day. No body to drive but me. Got home about 11-30 P.M. Weather very fine. Great crowd in attendance. Large procession.

at SUNDAY 27. Home

Slept until half past eleven A.M. Attended church at New Bethel in the afternoon and heard Mr. Sucas preach from the words "Go work today in my vineyard." Quite a large congregation out. Visited the graveyard. Weather very fine and cool.

Sept. MONDAY 28, 1863

Felt so unwell that I spent most of the day in the house. Rheumatism very bad. Mrs. C. Sole's hold me a simple cure. Went to the peach orchard in the evening with Lyle and Mil. Crisp the school teacher. Father and Will furnished cutting corn. Weather fine. Day warm. Some appearance of rain.

at TUESDAY 29. Furlough

Very unwell. Spent the forenoon in the house. On an invitation from Maria Cassie, we went down there and spent the afternoon. Came home a little after dark. Suffering very much with rheumatism and diarrhoea. Weather very fine and warm.

at WEDNESDAY 30. Furlough

Went to see Will. Stearns in the morning and found him very weak and looking very badly. John and Susan paid us a visit in the afternoon. Heard in the evening that Robt. Smith Esq. & Nathl. Kelly both claimed to be assassins. Kelly tried the Commission. Warm time expected at the elections. Day very fine and warm.

October, THURSDAY 1, 1863

Took Syd. to town in the evening in the buggy and went from there to Middletown. Was assayed by Matt. Kelly. Felt pretty well during the day. Spent the night with J. P. Miller. Slept on the floor beside him. Rained some in the evening.

FRIDAY 2.
West Middletown

Spent the forenoon reading the news to Uncle Tommy McKeever. Went with him to town in the afternoon. Spent the evening at Rebecca McKeever's. Made a call at Lindsey's. Weather rather cool and damp.

SATURDAY 3.
At Home on Furlough

Left Middletown about eight o'clock in company with Mr. Grayham and got home about half past seven. Jimmie Sawtler dead. Went to David's in the afternoon and saw them for the first time since I came home. David sick in bed. John Cinspeller making Sawtler's coffin.

October, SUNDAY 4, 1863

Spent the forenoon at David's. Helped to give Jimmie Sawtler's coffin. Very large funeral. Rev. Mr. Grayham preached at our house in the evening from Numbers XX & 24th. Congregation very small. Weather very cool & cloudy. Felt well in afternoon.

At Home MONDAY 5. on Furlough
Spent the forenoon in the house. Spent the afternoon at Esquire Scott's. Had a very pleasant visit. Ed. & J. New house notes furnished seemed to be very convenient. Plasterers at work. Received a letter from P. J. Purcell. Weather very cool.

At Home TUESDAY 6. on Furlough
Spent part of the forenoon at home. Went to David's and put two panes of glass in window and fitted a door. Took supper with Aunt Sallie & her boarder. Spent the evening at home. Felt pretty well during the day. Weather rather cool and cloudy. Saw R. F. Cooper.

October, WEDNESDAY 7. 1863

Intended to have gone to Mt. Middle-
town but the rain prevented. L. & S.
Mill. were also prevented from going
to Burgettstown to the fair. Spent
most of the day reading the news. David
Thorley lying low with Typhoid fever.
M. Cullough attending him.

Home on THURSDAY 8. Furlough

Went with Mary to Middletown in
the buggy. Got a certificate from
Dr. Scott of disability to return to
Military duty. Got some medicine
from him. Got home about dark.
Julius very poorly. Day cool &
cloudy but no rain.

Home on FRIDAY 9. Furlough

Spent the day in the house.
Commenced taking medicine
for Chronic Diarrhea. Copperheads
had a meeting in Eldersville. Small
potatoes. Rained in the forenoon.
David Thorley no better. No
special news. Felt quite unwell.

October, SATURDAY 10, 1863

Spent the forenoon in the house.
Went to Eldersville in the afternoon
in the buggy with Mary. Got some
medicine for David Thorley. Got a
negative taken and ordered a dozen
photographs printed. Got home about
dark. Weather fine.

Home, SUNDAY 11. Furlough

Attended Church in Eldersville.
Heard Rev. Lucas preach from
Mat. V & re-claim of 44 verses.
Thought he rather showed himself a
Copperhead. Spent the evening with
Aunt Sally and Aunt Ann. David
quite low with Typhoid fever.

Home on MONDAY 12. Furlough

Rode over to David's in the wagon
in the morning and spent the
forenoon. Spent most of the after-
noon lying on the settle. Was very
unwell in the evening. Were looking
for Ellen McQueen but she did not
come. Weather very fine.

October, TUESDAY 13, 1863

Attended the election in Eldersville and voted for Curtis for Governor & Agnew for Supreme Judge. W. Lawther and P. Kelly had a few cross words in the house. J. P. Boles & J. Smith come to vote. Helped Mary to pack her trunk to go to Iowa. Ellen M. Custer called in evening.

Come on WEDNESDAY 14. Turlough

Went to Steamerville and saw Mary start to Iowa in company with Ann M. Smith. Bought a pocket book, some photographs and a pair of spurs.

News from the election both in Ohio and Pennsylvania seemed very favorable. Heard of James Martin Jr. Sold himself for 1200 and

Come on THURSDAY 15 Turlough

Wrote in my diary in the morning and feeling too unwell to go about much I spent the day in the house, reading the news &c &c.

News from the election very favorable. Subscribed twenty five cents to procure fireworks to celebrate on account of the good news.

October, FRIDAY 16, 1863

Was very unwell all day and remained in the house. Father & Will prepared the furnace to make molders. Mrs McKee and Mrs Sloan of Ohio came at noon. Saw Mrs Philip in the afternoon. Weather damp and cloudy.

SATURDAY 17. Turlough

Home on
Was very unwell all day, and laid on the settle most of the time. Our folks attended the meeting in Eldersville. Display of fireworks and a short speech by Mrs Kidd, elected clerk of the court. S. Gardner & S. M. Steen came near having a fuss

SUNDAY 18. Turlough

Home on
Spent the day in the home, reading &c. S. & M. attended church both at Bitter and Eldersville. John came to see me in the forenoon, and went to Eldersville in the evening. Weather very fine.

October, MONDAY 19, 1863

Mother went to town in the morning and got Rogge medicine for my rheumatism. Father & Will. ground a load of sugar cane and we made some molasses in the afternoon. Rebecca Bushfield & Wm. and Eli a Freeman came in the evening.

TUESDAY 20.

Home on Turlough James Cassidy's sale came off and they had a party in the evening. I was not able to attend either. Rode over to see David in the afternoon found him mending. I did & Will. busy all day at the molasses. Weather very fine.

WEDNESDAY 21.

Home on Turlough Confined to the house with rheumatism. Left knee very much swelled. Saw F. M. Bole in the afternoon. Oyster Supper in Aldersville at night. Found but Union folks invited. They had a good time. Everything passed off quietly. Weather fine.

October, THURSDAY 22, 1863

Spent the day in the house. Two squirrel hunters from Steubenville took dinner with us and bought the two young steers for forty dollars. Father went to town for the news. Received a letter from Mollie. Arrived sale at Mt. Pleasant Forge. Weather fine.

FRIDAY 23.

Home on Turlough Doctor Scott called to see me in the morning and advised me to take two or threeuncties per week, and lie in bed. Accordingly, I took opium lozenges, and drank camphorated tea. Took four table-spoonfuls of colicidia before vomiting. Rained all day.

SATURDAY 24.

Home on Turlough Sizerander Steen came in to see me in the morning. Sat up most of the forenoon and shaved myself. Father & Mother went to Middle-town in the afternoon & came home at night. Mr. Patterson in in the evening.

October, SUNDAY 25, 1863

Lyd. & Will. went to church in the forenoon. Took our medicine. Felt better afterward. Jane Lawther & Mary Jane & Will. Steen called in the evening; also Mona Cassidy. Was the very fine & warm.

Home on MONDAY 26. Turlough

My knee was so lame that I was unable to be out of bed. Lyd. went to John's and I felt very lonesome. No company in during the day. Passed the time away reading. Father & Will. took some cattle away.

Home on TUESDAY 27. Turlough

My knee was exceedingly painful. Spent the day in bed. James Cassidy packed up his goods to go to Ohio. Maria spent the night with Aunt Sally & Aunt Ann. Called in to see me in the evening.

October, WEDNESDAY 28, 1863

James Cassidy started to Ohio with his moving. Father, Mother & Will. went to Steubenville. Father & Will. got a new coat a piece. Aunt Sally went to Burgettstown. Felt lame some during the day and bed and none of the neighbors in the line.

Home on THURSDAY 29. Turlough

Spent most of the day in bed. Bathed my sore knee in the morning with mullen juice. Aunt Ann stayed with me while Lydia went to town for the news. Received a letter for Mary from Frank Elliott. No strange news. Weather very fine.

Home on FRIDAY 30. Turlough

About 10 o'clock Mary Brown (Waddle) and her husband came. Spent the day in bed. My rheumatic knee very painful. Rained all day. Mother at Middleburg and could not get home.

October, SATURDAY 31, 1863

Mr. & Mrs. Brown went to visit at David McCready's. Had rough conversation on politics, McCready Copperhead, Brown Union. Put on my clothes and sat up all day the first time my clothes were on inside of a jacket. Weather fine.

November, SUNDAY 1. Turlough

Mr. Graydon preached in the Wesleyan church in Eldersville. Was not able to attend. Mr. Brown & I stayed at home. Heard Mr. Graydon preach at our house in the evening from the 1st Psalm and 6th verse. Good congregation.

Home on MONDAY 2. Turlough

Cut some scraps of leather in the forenoon and platted a whiplash. Susan came to see me and spent the day.

Weather fine. Received a long letter from Mary giving a description of her trip to Iowa.

November, TUESDAY 3. 1863

Morning was wet and gloomy. Boiled apples for apple butter. Spent most of the day reading the news. Very much afflicted with rheumatism. Knee very much swelled. Afternoon clear and warm.

Home WEDNESDAY 4. Turlough

Talks making apple butter.

Spent a few hours with Aunt Sallie & Anny. Heard in the morning that John Murchland was thrown from his horse and had his thigh broken returning from the Oyster supper at Alex Smith's.

Home THURSDAY 5. Turlough

Went to Aunt Sallie's in the morning and borrowed a book "Ten nights in a barroom". Read it through. Quite an interesting novel. Peggy Willson came home with father and mother from Middletown.

Nov.

FRIDAY 6

1863

Feeling pretty well in the morning I concluded to ride down to John's. Took dinner with David's folks and then went on. Syd. & Rachel Crisp (School Teacher) walked down in the evening and we spent the night pleasantly.

Home on SATURDAY 7. Purlough.

Spent the forenoon at John's. Felt quite unwell. Came home in the afternoon. Susan came with me to see James Thomas who was sick. Spent the evening at home. Introduced Miss Crisp to Miss Willson. Weather very cool.

Home on SUNDAY 8. Purlough.

Was not able to go to church. Syd. & Will. went to Eldersville, Aunt Sallie & Ann & Rachel Crisp went to Bethel. Father, Mother & Miss Willson went to David's. Weather cool. Snowed some during the day.

Nov.

MONDAY 9,

1863

Spent the day in the house. Tried the old buggy which for a wagonship. Received three letters in the evening from Mary, Will. & J. B. Melvin respectively. Snowed nearly all day. Very unpleasant out of doors.

TUESDAY 10.

Home on Purlough.

Read some letters to Aunt Ann in the morning. Wrote one to Mary and one to Mr. B. McKeever. Maggie Melvin & Em. Kidd came in the evening. Father & Mother spent the evening at Aunt Sallie's. Snowed nearly all night off.

WEDNESDAY 11.

Home on Purlough.

Maggie Melvin & Em. Kidd kept me company during the day. They went to the schoolhouse about noon. Will took the wagon to town in the evening. Mother, Margaret Willson, Maggie & Em. went with him. 5* Weather quite cold.

Nov.

THURSDAY 12, 1863

Father went to Middlebury in
the wagon. Will built a kennel
for the dog. David & Ann came
over in the afternoon. Mr Buffum
lectured in town at night. Will
took Miss Crisp up in the buggy.
Ann Ann Recd. a letter from Mrs. [unclear]

FRIDAY 13.

Home on Parlor
Spent most of the forenoon in the house.
Maggie & I went to David's in the buggy
in the afternoon. Father, Mother & Aunt
Sally went to Puttown. Spent the
evening at home with Aunt Ann Miss
Crisp, Syd. Will & Maggie. Carried on
pretty high. Mac. & Will. bit the apples.

SATURDAY 14.

Home on Parlor
Spent most of the forenoon lying
on the sofa. Intended to have
gone to John's in the afternoon
but the rain prevented.
Father, Mother & Aunt Sally
returned from Puttown with
the news that Will was dead.

Nov.

SUNDAY 15, 1863

Suffered considerably from
rheumatism. Day being
wet more of our folks went to
church but Will. Young folks
went to Bethel at night. L. d.
Will, Maggie & Rachel Crisp.
John took dinner with us.

MONDAY 16.

Home on Parlor
Spent most of the day reading
"Jamie Parker the Fugitive". Lydia
took Maggie home and brought
Martha Ellen home with her. Recd.
a letter in the evening from C. H. Pette-
roy stating that P. J. Pursell had
become unworthy of confidence.

TUESDAY 17.

Home on Parlor
Spent the day reading a book
entitled "Isabella of Brooke" a
novel. Took supper at Aunt
Sally's in the evening. Young
folks attended church at Bethel.
Rachel Crisp wearing my hat.
Took a sweat before going to bed.

Write three letters in the forenoon
to B. H. Patterson, E. S. Todd & William
Mulvan respectively. Read a book
entitled "Ruth Elmer". Will, Lydia
and Martha Ellen went to church
in the evening. Weather beautiful.
Father & Will husked corn.

THURSDAY 19.

Home on Turlong
Father, Mother, Willie & Aunt Sally
went to Steubenville. Aunt S. got a
cooking stove. Martha Ellen & I visited
at John's. Spent the evening at
home with Casside, Scott and Rachel
Criss as visitors. The day was
very pleasant & the evening fine.

FRIDAY 20.

At home on Turlong
My knee seemed much stronger
in the morning. Weather very
bad, I spent the day in the house.
Slept about hours & a half in the afternoon.
Lydia & Martha Ellen went to Steubenville.
Took a pint and rubbed with
walrus before going to bed.

Cut father's hair in the morning
and he and mother went to
Middletown to 2 o'clock meeting.
I suffered greatly with rheumatism.
Elbows very painful. Weather very
cloudy and raining. Aunt Ann
& Aunt Polly on their arrival butted.

SUNDAY 22.

Home on Turlong
Was not able to attend church
and spent the day at home.
Will went to Eldersville in the
forenoon, Lydia & Martha Ellen
went to Bethel in the evening.
Father & Mother at Middletown.
Weather fine.

MONDAY 23.

Home on Turlong
Spent the day in the house.
Intended to have gone to John's until
bed time but father thought I should
not be out after night. "Gin it up."
Ann got a letter from Mother! Will
& Casside spent the evening with us.
Weather fine all day. Beautiful evening.

Nov.

TUESDAY 24, 1863

Our folks putched in the forenoon. Help was Mr. Steen and W. E. John, H. M. & Will. Thorley. Got through a little after eleven o'clock. Rained nearly all the time they were at work. Aron came over in the afternoon. Spent the evening at Aunt Sally's.

WEDNESDAY 25.

Home in Turlough

Spent the forenoon in reading & knitting. Suffered considerably with pains in my elbows. Willie took Martha Ellen home in the afternoon. Heard in the evening that Dave Wright's Oyster supper had fallen through. Weather very fine.

THURSDAY 26.

Home in Turlough

General Thanksgiving. Father & I & Aunt Sally attended church in Eldersville. Will hauled coal & statted once in the afternoon. Miss K. Crisp & I went to Bethel to prayer meeting in the evening in the buggy. Rec'd a letter from M. B. McKeever.

Nov.

FRIDAY 27, 1863

Went to Hertenerville to get my teeth fixed. Drove David's mare in the buggy. Saw J. J. Tompkins while in town. Heard that Gen. Grant had routed Bragg at Chattanooga and taken 25,000 prisoners and 107 guns. Weather very cool.

SATURDAY 28.

Home in Turlough

The forenoon being wet, I spent it in the house. Put a peg in the rocker of Aunt Ann's rocking chair in the afternoon. Father replaced Aunt Sally's grate and mended some shoes and boots.

SUNDAY 29.

Home in Turlough

Morning storm and I felt too unwell to attend church. Heard Rev. Grayham preach in the evening from 2 Tim. IV 6, 7. 8 verses. Room full, although it snowed nearly all day. Rheumatism very painful.

Nov.

MONDAY 30,

1863

Spent the forenoon with Aunt Sally & Ann. Took dinner with them. Father hauled coal. Will went to town & got a tooth drawn. Felt anxious for the news. No letters & no especial war news. Miss R. F. Crisp came to Sally & Ann spent the evening with us.

Dec.

TUESDAY 1.

Home on Turlough

A dog attacked our sheep about half past four O. C. W. M. Tracked him to Mr. Philips' door. Alex. Oliver and Elizabeth Waddle with her two children came at noon. Will went to Steubenville & brought my belt home with him.

WEDNESDAY 2.

Home on Turlough

Spent the forenoon in the house. Alex. Oliver left about 10 O. C. Rode to the coalbank to tell Sally to come to dinner. Visited the school in the afternoon, taught by Miss R. F. Crisp. Dr. Scott came to see me, took supper with us.

December,

THURSDAY 3,

1863

Father hauled 80 bushels of coal in the morning and then he, Mother and I went to Steubenville. Will for the mending of my watch. Called to see Uncle M. C. Connel and found him very poorly. Got an invitation to an Oyster supper in Eldersville.

FRIDAY 4.

Home on Turlough

Spent the forenoon in the house. Wrote off a copy of "The Union Rally". Attended the Oyster supper in Eldersville at Mr. Moore's. Dined off quite pleasantly except Hugh Patterson was drunk and spoiled the fun some. Mr. Fiddler made a speech.

SATURDAY 5.

Home on Turlough

Grade some fields in the morning. Mother went out among some of the neighbors to buy butter. Hearns & Will, Lydia went with R. F. Crisp to Mr. Robinson's on the creek. Read the paper which Lydia edited and read a Mary's exhibition.

Dec.

SUNDAY 6, 1863

Father attended church in Eldersville in the forenoon. I spent the day at home. Rheumatic pains so bad that I did not attend church anywhere. Will went to Bettel in the evening. Syd. Aunt R. S. Grif did not get home from Shreveport. Weather very fine. Ground frozen.

MONDAY 7.

Went to Eldersville in the morning and got the horse shod. Lizzie Stebbins called in the afternoon on her way to the schoolhouse, but she spent the evening with us. I spent the evening at David Smith's. Syd. R. S. Grif, Sarah's girls & Willie. My father's not extended. Ordered to

TUESDAY 8.

Changed my clothing some in the morning and rode over to Mrs. Poque's where I spent the day pleasantly. Attended a spelling at the schoolhouse in the evening. Some of the young men of the neighborhood behaved themselves rather badly. Weather very pleasant.

Dec.

WEDNESDAY 9, 1863

Wrote some in my diary in the morning. Jane Lawther came and spent the forenoon with me and we spent the afternoon at Aunt Sally's. Spent most of the evening there very pleasantly. David and Ann came over and stayed until bed-time. Weather very fine.

THURSDAY 10.

Went with Ann to Stenterville and bought a can of oysters, some crackers and sand. Had some photographs taken. Syd. Will. R. S. Grif, and I went to John's and stayed until bed-time. Had some coffee. Had a good time. Weather fine.

FRIDAY 11.

Pared some apples in the forenoon. Had some oysters carried for supper. Guests were David's family, Aunt Ann, Aunt Sally and Mrs. R. S. Grif. Spent the evening pleasantly. Expected John's family, but it rained all day and they did not come.

Dec.

SATURDAY 12, 1863

Attended school at No. 2 in the forenoon, and an institute there in the afternoon. Had a good time all round. Quite a turn out. Teachers all present. Most interesting questions discussed. "Is punishment on the head with a ruler cruel?" Day very fine.

At Home

SUNDAY 13.

Spent the day at home. Intended to have gone to the Chapel Church but the rain in the morning prevented us. Spent part of the afternoon at Aunt Callie's. Walked a short time with H. Morris, school teacher, about the institute.

At Home

MONDAY 14.

Spent the forenoon at Mr. Cassidy's, and spent the afternoon at the old man's. Syd. Will. & R. S. Crisp were expected to meet me there and come home at bed time, but as it was stormy and E. C. Sawthorpe came to spend the night, Will. brought me home on horse back. Spent the evening very pleasantly.

Dec.

TUESDAY 15, 1863

Spent most of the forenoon in the house talking with E. C. Sawthorpe. About noon John came with his family in the wagon. Aunt Ann went home with them. No important news. Weather very cold and stormy. Worked some examples in arithmetic in the evening.

At Home

WEDNESDAY 16.

Went to Eldersville in the morning, from thence to John's where I took dinner. Visited school No. 5, taught by Miss Lyle, in the afternoon. S. M. Steen & R. P. Cooper spent the evening and portion of the night with R. S. Crisp & Syd. Had the coal hoist repaired. Got up when the boys left.

At Home

THURSDAY 17.

Spent most of the forenoon mending harness. Gave out and went to town for the ^{news} Recd. a letter from Mattie and Maggie. Two letters for Rach. S. Crisp one of which she gave me liberty to read of part. Communication discontinued with Mr. Cook. Syd. Rach. & I visited at Sawthorpe in the evening. Rained as we came home.

Dec.

FRIDAY 18.

1863

Felt very unwell and restief all day. Had caught cold. Read an interesting letter belonging to R. S. Crip, from J. W. Cook. Beef was killed in the forenoon. David and Ann were over. Cassidy, Scott & Sir Cassidy spent the evening with us. Weather cold. Some snow on the ground.

SATURDAY 19.

At Home

Felt quite unwell. Pared some apples in the forenoon and commenced to copy an essay for Maggie Melvin. E. E. Lawther & R. S. Crip spent a portion of the afternoon with us. Father went to Middle town with the wagon. Will went to John's in the evening. John home from Britton. D. H. H. H.

SUNDAY 20.

At Home

Spent the day at home. None of the folks to church in the forenoon. Will Stein called in to see me in the evening. We went to Bethel in the evening. Went on horseback. Was the first walked. Father's Mother came from Middletown. Weather cold.

Dec.

MONDAY 21.

1863

Sowed my best in the morning & put my own on for the first since coming home. Went to Scotts to see about threshing. Borrowed David's mare and went with R. S. Crip to Ward & Robinson. Spent the evening very pleasantly. Weather cold. Appearance of snow.

TUESDAY 22.

At Home

Came from Wally Robinson in the morning with R. S. Crip. Took David's mare home. Went to John's to get him to help us to thresh. Attended a singing at Cate Hall. L. H. Stein accompanied R. S. Crip from thence & quite a number who were there stopped in at home just to plague him. I parted when the

WEDNESDAY 23.

At Home

Watered Scotts two horses in the morning. Threshed wheat and oats. Boys carried on high. Cooper let the butcher knife go through the machine and broke it all to pieces. J. H. Buxton came for R. S. Crip to attend Jacob's wedding. Took John to town in the evening on horseback. Weather fine and cold.

Dec.

THURSDAY 24,

1863

Helped to clean some wheat and oats in the forenoon. Went to town after dinner and must have Buxton's wedding party for couples. Company presented a very fine & orderly appearance. Rode slowly. Syd rec'd a letter from Mary and one from T. A. Elliott. Day pleasant.

At Home
FRIDAY 25.

Mended Aunt Sally's shoe in the morning and made one good bridle out of two old ones. In the afternoon Syd and I got ready and went home with R. S. Crip and Jacob. Spent the evening very pleasantly. Retired between twelve and one o'clock. Folks were disappointed. Part of their company did not come. Day fine.

At Home
SATURDAY 26.

Came on Easter breakfast at Mr. Crip's. Jacob, Syd, Mat. & I got on our horses & rode several miles. Had a pleasant time among the hills of Kings Creek & on the ice. Cooked dinner at Crip's and started home about four o'clock. Got home at six well pleased with my visit. Bro of Crosby Weavers' children died with Diphtheria.

Dec.

SUNDAY 27,

1863

No preaching in Eldersville on account of funeral at Crosby Weavers. Father & Syd went to the funeral. Heard Rev. J. B. Graham preach in the evening from Romans 11:22. Not very many in attendance. Weather bad. Rained all day.

At Home
MONDAY 28.

Spent the forenoon in the house reading. Took dinner at Aunt Sally's with Rev. Mr. Graham. Wrote a letter in the afternoon to Maggie Meloin. Rec'd one in the evening from W. Meloin in Illinois. Forenoon & afternoon pleasant.

At Home
TUESDAY 29.

Spent the forenoon in the house. Thought about going to Burgittstown but the horses were in me. Made a strap for my knapsack. Father was hatching stove wood in the evening, and fell off the wagon. Was not hurt. Day fine.

Dec.

WEDNESDAY 30, 1863

Father and Will. had arrangements to have saw logs but David's corn-busking came off in the afternoon and prevented them. Finished busking about three o'clock. Ate supper and spent the evening and night at David's. Weather favorable.

THURSDAY 31.

Spent a portion of the forenoon at David's. Anna & Almira came home with me. Syd. Will and I got ready and went to Middletown. Syd. and Will. attended Park Street meeting which commenced about three o'clock. There was a meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School to practice for an exhibition on New Year's day. I did not attend. Spent the night at Uncle Tho's McKee's. While the folks were at Sabbath School training, Mary G. & I remained there. Rained some during the day & got cold at night.

MEMORANDA.

Officers of 100th Reg. Jan 1863
Colonel - Danil Leasure. Major - M. M. Dawson. Capt. Co. A. Jos. Pentecost.
Lieut. J. Monford & E. Bauman.
Orderly Serjt. J. Kennedy. 2nd Robt. Elliott. 3rd. O. Oloy.

Broke up Camp opposite Fredericksburg Va. Feb. 10th. Free very sore. Landed at New York, New Feb. 13th. Put up an A tent Feb. 20th. I was not able to work. Disease rheumatism. Antiseptic discharged March 1st. Leasure made speech to Round Heads March 2nd. Broke up camp at Newport News March 19th and spent the night at Hampton Roads a heavy snow storm that afternoon & night. Left Fort Lee Monroe March 23rd. And arrived at Cincinnati on the 27th. At Lexington 28th. Visited Clay's monument 29th. Paid off 30th. Entered Hospital Lexington Ky. April 8th as nurse in Ward No. 7 and succeeded very well for the first day.

MEMORANDA.

Commenced reading New Testaments through
 April 11th. Dusk, missing April 18th.
 Entered Convalescent camp April 23rd, at
 Lexington. Millen bayoneted April 26th.
 Received five month's pay in Convalescent
 Camp Sington May 8th. Gave twenty-
 five cents to find money, twenty five
 dollars raised for her in Convalescent
 Camp May 9th. Left Convalescent
 Camp May 11th. Joined Regt, at
 Middleburg May 14th.

Received my detail as clerk at camp
 near Columbia May 31st, and left the
 regiment to go to Lexington to Headquarters.
 Reached Hd. Qrs. June 10th. Hd. Qrs. moved
 from Sington June 11th. In Indiana
 at Camletton June 10th. In Illinois at
 Cairo June 11th. In Tenn at Memphis June 12th.
 In Arkansas at Helena June 13th. Met
 J. Hanlin & Thos. Elliotts. Tho Elliott's horse fur-
 lough. Heard that George and Leander were both dead.
 In Louisiana opposite Vicksburg June 16th.
 Entered Mississippi at Snyder's Bluff June 17th.

MEMORANDA.

Vicksburg surrendered July 4th.
 Came up in front of Jackson July 10th.
 Rebs. evacuated Jackson on the night of July 16th.
 and we left for Milldale on the 20th.
 Mr. H. Poole (Clark) discharged July 26th.
 Left Milldale Friday August 7th.
 Visited Vicksburg August 8th.
 Weighed 143 pounds August 9th.
 Landed at Cairo Ill. Aug. 14th
 At Cincinnati Ohio. " 18th
 At Lexington Ky. " 21st.
 Started home on furlough Sept. 17th
 Arrived at home Sept. 19th.
 Voted at the Election in Eldersville Oct. 13th.
 Took my bed with rheumatism Oct 23
 Commenced walking about again " 30.
 First snow fell " Nov. 8th
 Had a good time Friday Eve. " 13th
 William Melvin died " 14th
 General Thanksgiving " 26th
 Snowed nearly all day " 29th
 Very cold " 30th

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Got my teeth fixed Dec. 1st.
 Attended Oyster Supper " 4th.
 Spent evening pleasantly " 9th.
 Oyster supper at home " 11th.
 Institute at No. 2 " 12th.
 Was at Mr. Cassidy's " 14th.
 Spent evening at Sanders " 17th.
 Singing at Oak Hall " 23rd.
 Jake Buxton married " 24th.
 Two of Crosby Marc's children died 26th.
 Visited at N. Crip's " 25th & 26th.
 John Detained in Steubenville
 with his team on account of boat
 breaking, from Dec. 24th to 28th.
 At David's Mustang 30th.

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