

**The Diary of Pvt. Orrin Brown:
Marching Through Georgia and the
Carolinas with General Sherman**

**By Orrin Brown,
Company E, 14th Michigan Infantry
1864-65**

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Introduction

As best we know, Orrin Brown was born in September 1836, at Wayne County, Michigan, to Orrin Brown, Sr. and Rhoda Weaver Brown of New York State. Orphaned at birth, his mother moved in with family in Will County, Illinois, only to become sick and die herself, leaving the baby to the care of relatives. In 1863, he went into the lumber trade and milling business at Sodus Township, Berrien County, Michigan. Answering the final call for service in the great War between the States, in October of 1864 he entered Company E, Fourteenth Michigan Infantry.

Company E mustered in at Kalamazoo, Michigan on the 13th of October, taking the train through Michigan City to Indianapolis where it met men from Illinois, going on to Nashville, Tennessee. The company helped with the clean up at Chattanooga from the 21st to November 3rd, when they departed on the train to Atlanta. Orrin saw the battlefield at Kennesaw Mountain and watched the city burn. Leaving on 15 November with General William T. Sherman's army, he marched 330 miles through Georgia to Savannah, reaching that city on 11 December. The day after Christmas, he started marching northward towards Augusta and eventually ended up at Fayetteville, North Carolina, on 12 February 1865. His health failing, Orrin went to New Bern, NC, and boarded the U.S. Kennebeck on 30 April for a hospital at New York, leaving service in June 1865. He returned to Michigan and took up a career as a farmer. Orrin Brown passed away on 9 January 1909.

This is his story, written in his own words.

The original diary has been handed down through the family for 125 years. This version was set to disk from a typed manuscript by Mary and John Shepard, Orrin Brown's great-great-great-grandchildren by way of his daughter Rhoda Brown Pugh, her daughter Lucy Pugh Tillstrom, her daughter Florence Tillstrom Shepard, and her son Robert Shepard. Original spelling and style has been left intact.

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Diary of Orrin Brown

First Part of Journal

Commencing, Oct. 7th A.D. 1864

Cloudy and cold with a high N.W. wind, made a box to put some provisions in for the boys that were drafted, started to St. Jo at 11 AM arrived home at 5 PM. Norman and I started for Niles about 7:30PM, arrived at Niles at 11:30PM took the train at 2AM.

Oct. 8th

Arrived at Kalamazoo at about 4:30AM, rained the most of the time yesterday and last night. Took Breakfast and dinner at the Burdick House, got some tintypes taken, found out that the boys had gone on to Jackson, sent the box to them. Reported and get my furlough extended to Monday, entered the barracks and here I am in Uncle Sams Hotell as one of his boys took up my bed on the soft side of a pine board and went to sleep.

Sunday--Oct. 9th

Clear and pleasant and bids fair to be a warm day, went to the Burdick House and Norman and I with some of the other boys went up to the Unighted Brethren Church and heard a good sermon. Norman and I went and took a walk around town then went up to Camp Hooker about 1&1/4 miles from town went back to barracks in time for supper, wrote a letter to Ellen this evening. Went to bed again on my pine board.

Monday--Oct. 10th

Came off warm and pleasant, got my breakfast and went down town, found Norman, we went and got my furlough extended to Tuesday evening at 6 Oclock, went and bought some toys for the children to the amount of \$2.50. Fisher and Buckman came about noon, they have got 9 men and a sight for two more. Bought some little notions such as are indispensible to the soldier and went back to the barracks.

Tuesday--Oct. 11th

Clear and warm--our town have their quota full and the boys have their discharge and start home this afternoon. I have two friends here yet from Pipestone but they have got furloughs and are going home tonight so I am left alone. We had two rousing war speeches this evening, one from a soldier the other from the Hon. Mr. Plimpton of Niles we also held an election in the barracks it resulted in 60 for Lincoln and 26 for Me so that the boys go to bed with light hearts.

Wednesday--Oct. 12th

It is a little cooler this morning I wrote a letter to Lant this morning we left the barracks for Jackson about Noon arriving there about 4PM we cheered for Old Abe all the way and were as noisy about it as we know how to be we were marched around camp a little and were left at Barracks No.12 Camp Draft found the boys there all right we got supper and went to bed we had some straw in the bunks.

Thursday--Oct. 13th

We have a heavy frost this morning but we are going to have a nice day there is going to be a mass meeting in the City today we heard the Canon firing before breakfast we were all called up in a corner just after dinner and the roll of those called who were to leave for Dixie on the evening train. we were formed in a line in the road and the substitutes received their bounty were marched down into the city cheering for Old Abe at every man we meet, we found the city decorated with flags from one end to the other and nearly everybody cheering for Old Abe the Copperheads had on long faces what few there were as we marched to the depo and those had a chance to express money that wanted to, while waiting one Sub. tried to desert but was caught and his money and everything else taken away from him we got aboard of the cars about 8PM, we gave the R.R. Co. credit for furnishing us the best Passenger cars to ride in started about 9PM.

Friday--Oct. 14th

Arrived at Mich. City just after daylight and had to wait till after 9AM and then started south arrived at Lafayette Ind. at 4PM arrived at Indianapolis about 9PM we marched up to the Soldiers Home fenced up in one corner by the guards spread our blankets on the ground and went to bed with the broad canopy of the heavens for our shelter, we were lucky enough to have a nice night and slept first rate.

Saturday--Oct. 15th

Got up this morning and found it cloudy and a little cooler, we were aroused about 3AM on account of the desertion of 3 or 4 Bounty jumpers or Subs. from Canada cut a board off and crawled out under the fence we layed around and stood around in our corner all day this evening it looks like rain so we were marched into the barracks for the night we were routed out about 9:30PM wit orders to prepair to march to the depo on double quick and were marched down to the cars and then could not go, we were then marched back to camp, the Captain of the camp wasent going to let us into the barracks but he finally concluded that he had better let us in to keep peace for we did not intend to be run over that way if we were drafted men from Mich.

Sunday--Oct. 16th

We got up this morning and found it quite cool, I wrote a letter home this fournoon, we had an Oyster dinner today and it went like hot Cakes, I read 10 Chapters in the Testament while some were writing some playing cards some carousing and swearing some drinking liquor, we have had a pretty fair day and now to supper but we have just got the word that we are not going to have any supper so goes the world in dixie.

Monday--Oct. 17th

It was quite cool last night but it has come of warm and pleasant, there were 8 Reb. prisoners brought into camp this morning all officers, they were dressed in all kinds of clothes no two alike, we left camp about 11AM marched down to the depot and were put into box cars left the depot at 4PM, there were 1,000 Illinois Soldiers on the same train, there were 40 men in a car, we could not sleep much, it was cold and uncomfortable.

Tuesday--Oct. 18th

It is most a beautifull day, clear and warm but we had a verry hard frost last night, we arrived at Jeffersonville about 7AM, marched down to the river, got aboard the ferry boat, Isaac Bowman crossed over to Louisville were marched about 1/2mile and put into an old brick building and then down to breakfast. I left my knife on the table and did not get it again, the U. S. C. Commition presented each one of us with a prayer and hymn book and some tracts, I wrote a letter home. We left Louisville about 3PM for Nashville in a second class car without windows. Here I saw the first earthwork fortifications I also saw Old Rebbel fortifcations all along the road made by diging a trench and setting logs about 16 ft. long on end and then throwing throwing the dirt up around the outside. Just before dark we passed throught a tunnel a mile long and as dark as tar, when it got so dark we could not see any more we hung our blankets up to the windows built a fire in a small coal stove and prepared to spend the night as best we could.

Wednesday--Oct. 19th

Quite cool and disagreeable, we arrived at Nashville at 3AM were marched about 3/4 of a mile to a large brick building erected by the Rebel Gen. Yolicoffer for a hotel but he was killed before he got it done and now the government is using it for a rendezvous for soldiers. I should judge that the building is 200 ft. square and 6 stories high. Nashville is a very pretty place the buildings are principally built of Brick. The State house or Capital is built of stone on a very high eminence commanding a view of the whole city. I saw when we came in this morning the first gun boat lying in the Tenn. river but could not tell what it looked like by moon light, we got breakfast about 9 O'clock but did not get any dinner and did not get any supper till after dark on account of there being such a rush of soldiers. There was 1,000 came here this afternoon and could not get in the guards say that there is over 3,000 in this building, read 5 chapters in the Testament this evening and read some in my prayerbook. Then went to bed in one corner on the floor.

Thursday --Oct. 20th

It is a little warmer than it was yesterday and a good prospect of a fine day. It is reported that we are to leave here at 11 O'clock AM. There is theiving going on among us every night in the way of money watches boots blankets etc. etc. etc. There was a man shot this morning in the room above us for throwing something out of the window. The orders are that if any man shall throw anything out the windows the guard shall shoot him right through and they have to carry out the orders or subject themselves to military punishment. There are quite a number of civil and religious men in the company and those that are inclined get together and sing and talk and read their Testaments to each others profit, there is a company of them singing in another room now and others reading their prayer books and tracts and newspapers and Testaments and others writing and others playing cards and swearing and rowdying. We left the Yolicoffer House between 11 and 12 O'clock were marched down through the City to the depot got aboard the cars about 50 in a car so that we could not sleep much, we arrived at Murfreesboro just before sundown and saw Camps and earthworks all around on the north side and a large drove of Government beef cattle, here we passed two trains of Soldiers going home on furlough and discharge. After leaving there we tried to sleep but did not do a very driving business at it. We saw several Cotton fields this afternoon the first that we had ever seen in our lives.

Friday--Oct. 21st

At day light this morning we found ourselves in the very midst of the Cumberland Mountains about 15 miles from Chattanooga and a very rough country to rocks upon rocks nearly as high as I could see, we arrived in Chattanooga about 8AM, run around town just as we were a mind to for two or three hours. I got a little too far and was ordered to show my pass, I had none so I had

to go to the officer of the guard, he asked me a few questions and passed me out telling me to get a pass next time. I just got back in time to receive orders to march, we marched about a mile to Camp detachment and here we are on a hill so that we can see all over the country and we cannot look in any direction only up or down without seeing camps of soldiers and earthworks in fact they are the principal part of the town for the town itself is'nt any larger than St. Joe, from where we are now we have a fair view of Lookout Mountain. I should judge that there was at least 25,000 troops here the Rebs took some of our men prisoners at Dalton and tore up about 20 miles of railroad track last week, we are to go on to Atlanta as soon as the railroad is in running order again, I am sitting within two rods of the graveyard where the Rebs burried their dead. There is 750 graves. It is hard to immagin how this place looks untill one sees it for himself it is cut up with entrenchments as far as the eye can see in every direction, the timber through here is all scrubby Oak seeder Pine hickory maple and a great many other kinds. The weather is generally quite warm through the day time but uncomfortably cool at night about like the 1st of Nov. in Michigan. We drew rations tonight of some soft bread and some hard tack a piece of salt pork, Coffee sugar and today we drew Beans and soap, we spread our blankets on the ground and went to bed with the sky for our shelter. The wind raised about noon and is blowing quite cool so that it is uncomfortable.

Saturday--Oct. 22nd

We got up this morning shivering and no wood to make a fire of, we managed to pick up enough to cook breakfast and dinner by going about a mile after it. I went down to the river and looked around and then down town came back and we got dinner and I have wrote a letter home. There is thieveing going on here in Camp every night more or less in the line of Coats Blankets Knapsecks etc. etc. Those Rebbel graves that I spoke of yesterday are holes dug in the ground by the rebs to protect them from our shell so I heard last night. There is not many horses used here for teaming and the most of them are verry poor and the majority of the mules are as poor as crows. The new troops are coming in every day by the hundreds from all of the western states, we are scrimped on rations pretty close, last night each man drew 4 hardtack about 3 ozs. of salt poark one table spoon full of sugar 2/3 spoonfull of tea and less than a teacup full of beans and about an oz of soap for one days rations. I did not eat any breakfast but the boys bought 1 dos russ for 50 cts so we made out tolerably well.

Sunday--Oct. 24th

I was quite sick all night on account of my cold but I feel a little better now and hope I shall get along. It was a little warmer last night but there has been quite a chilly wind blowing today. There was a large squad of men came in from Indiana this morning. They know no sunday in the army there is about 100 men out of this camp at work on the fortifycations today. I went up to the burrying ground this afternoon and went into a vault where there were a wooman and 4 children embalmed in metalic coffins, we went to work and made a tent out of our blankets, there is 7 of us in our mess all steady men, we do not draw more than 1/2 rations. There was 30 of our

men called out tonight to stow away grain and other comisary stores at the depot, they worked 3 hours. I read 13 chapters in the testament today.

Monday--Oct. 24th

We slept verry comfortable last night under our temporary tent, I took a dose of pill last night and feel a little better today, there has 3 or 400 new troops came in today and Sherman has sent in 1,300 Reb prisoners today taken between here and Atlanta from Hood. I washed my shirt drawers etc. we have no tints yet and draw about 1/4 rations. Read 2 Chapters in the Testament today, went down to Church this evening and heard a good sermon from 19th Chap. of Luke 41-42 verses the soldier meet and have prayer meeting before the hour for preaching there is no females attends in the evening, I also joined the Christian League Society this evening.

Tuesday--Oct. 25th

The weather is verry pleasant today although it was cool and foggy this morning as it always is for the most part of the time, my mess mates have all gone out to work on the fortifications today but I am left with the tent. I wrote another letter home this morning, our boys had to work till about 3 Oclock without any dinner, we drew a pint cup full of Potatoes today they are ddried and ground, we also drew some fresh Beef but it was dreadfull tough and no fat about it, we went down town tonight to buy some bread but could not find a particle for love or money. I went to church again this evening and we had a good prayer meeting before preaching and then heard a sermon from Pauls writings, we also had a good exhortation by a Chaplin that has server his 3 years. I read 6 Chapters in the Testament today besides some other religeous papers.

Wednesday--Oct. 26th

We got up this morning and found a cool chilly wind blowing, we were not any of us detailed to work today. I feel pretty well better than I have for several days, there is new troops coming in and going out to the front all of the time, they all draw their arms here we were calld up to head quarters about sundown and gave our names to draw our arms were marched to the assnell drew our arms and got back to camp at about 9 Oclock. The Christian Commition agent came into Camp today and gave us the Northwestern and Western Christian Advocat, the Christian Times and he gave some of us books.

Thursday--Oct. 27th

It rained last night verry hard for a while but our mess kept pretty dry but there was lots of them that had no tent and got a good soaking when we got out this morning we found our dusty Camp Ground verry muddy. There were 50 of our squad called out to work on the street and I among them, we worked till about 2 Oclock then came back to camp washed up and went to writing my journal, there is about 400 troops here at headquarters about ready to start for the front, went down town and tried to buy some bread for supper but could not get any.

Friday--Oct. 28th

Got up this morning feeling pretty well it is clearing off and is going to be a pleasant day, we were not called out today, three of us went down and bought 40 loaves of Bread at 10 cts a loaf sold it at 15 cts got our money back and had 9 loaves left for our own use. I went around the camp and sold about \$4 worth of my trinkets such as thread and needles pins inkstand pens pencils etc, we went down town last night and bought 3 1/2 doz Pies at 20 cts and sold them for 25 cts apiece in Camp. I read 4 Chapters in the Testament today. I went down to Church last evening and heard a good sermon from Proverbs 3rd Chapt 17th verse. There was 7 soldiers came forward for prayers, there was two ladies out to church I think they were Soldiers wives.

Saturday--Oct. 29th

It was quite cool last night but it has come of warm and pleasant there has about 400 new troops come in this morning from Ind. and Mich. wee were ordered to pack up and be ready to go to the front this morning. We packed up and were marched up to head quarters and set there till 3 1/2 Oclock PM when we were ordered beck to our quarters drew our rations fixed our tent and went to bed to sleep here another night. The 4th army Corpe is coming in tonight, they were in sight about 3 Oclock. I read 4 Chapt. in the Testament today and that finished the book of St. Mark.

Sunday--Oct. 30th

It was cool and cloudy this morning but has come off Clear and warm. THE 4th Corpse is coming in yet this morning. I washed up and went down to Church and heard a good sermon from Psalms 20th verse, came home to camp and went to writing, wrote a letter to Elmer and one to Ad Hamilton. There was a large squad of Cavalry passed the Church while I was there, our rations were so short last night that we have nothing for dinner today. I went down to Church again tonight and heard a sermon from the 3rd Chapt. of John 14-15th verses, there was 7 came forward for prayers.

Monday--Oct. 31st

There was 4 detailed out of our mess to do guard duty today, we were marched up to the Military Prison and in the forenoon we went to the Post head quarters with 10 prisoners to clean up the Yards and in the afternoon we were down on main street ditching with 12 prisoners, there has been a great many horses and mules came in from the front today and some of them were very poor. I saw a fig tree today but the fruit was green. Two of our prisoners got into a fight this afternoon but did not do much damage. There has 25 of our squad gone up the Tenn. river to guard an Island so I don't think we will go to our regiment very soon, there was an agent of the U. S. C. Commission gave us some more papers today so we have papers to read every two or three days. We came in from guard about 6 O'clock PM. We have not been drilled any yet. The day has been very warm so that a person would hunt for a shady place to sit down in.

Tuesday--Nov. 1st

There was a colored man killed this morning down near the river upon examination it was decided that he was killed by the stroke of a sling-shot, I went down to see him, he was a Cavalryman. Myself and Conrad went out speculating buying and selling Bread and pies and we made over \$2 apiece clear. I found Stephen Bowen and John Leffler in the street today and glad I was too to see some one that I had ever seen before I came into the service. John was trying to get a furlough to go home. The day has been very warm but it looks like rain this evening.

Wednesday--Nov. 2nd

It began to rain last evening about 8 O'clock and it has rained ever since we got up this morning and found our Camp ground very muddy and nasty that was so dry and nice yesterday. My health is good yet and I feel first rate, considering. There were 4 of our mess detailed to do guard duty and were taken away before breakfast in the rain and without oil cloths for we have drawn nothing but our arms since we came here. There is not a night passes hardly without I go home in some way or other but when I wake up I find myself still in dixe. I paddled around town in the mud some today went to the Foundry and saw them handling hot iron in kettles. Got an armful of wood came back to camp got our supper. We draw plenty of Coffee Tea and meat so that we have about two rations ahead but we do not draw bread or sugar enough our bread is all hard tack we get soft bread about once a week, today we drew some potatoes real Irish Potatoes our mess got enough for two meals. Today has been drizzly and wet all day and it holds its own tonight. I read 10 Chapt. in the Testament today. We got word here tonight that the floors of the Yolicoffer House where we were in Nashville fell in killing and wounding 200 or 300 Soldiers but it may not be so bad when we get the truth of the case, there is so many flying reports in Camp that we cannot believe more than 1/2 that we hear.

Thursday--Nov. 3rd

It rained all night more or less and it is still raining this morning, we were called on to guard a train to Atlanta, packed up in the rain, drew two days rations in the rain and left camp in the rain got aboard the train, 17 in our car and left Chattanooga at 10 AM. The trains run very slow there was 5 trains and we were in the middle train we took the Knoxville road run to Cleveland 30 miles, arrived at Cleveland at dusk, then took the Atlanta road and arrived at Dalton at 2 AM. We passed through a tunnel about 1/4 mile long.

Friday--Nov. 4th

We layed here at Dalton all day. There is hardly a building in the town that has a window and they are tarring down what buildings there is here and burning them to keep the soldiers warm and cook their vittals, there has 8 trains passed us here today mostly loaded with soldiers. I read 10 Chap. in Testament today, we find all of these southern vilages are in a ruinous condition and the whites mostly leaving either North or south the most of them North. We left Dalton at about 8 PM while there we layed in a good supply of wood, got a large flat stone built a fire on it and were very comfortable, but our rations have run out and we cannot draw any more till we get to Atlanta.

Second Part of Journal

Saturday--Nov. 5th

We arrived at Calhoun at daybreak here I bought 1 doz loaves of bread for \$1.50. Arrived at Kennesaw Mountain about 2PM here we saw a where a battle had been fought three weeks before. Saw young groath timber 6 inches through out down by canon balls and brush from 6 inches down to the size of my finger cut completely off by shot and shell. Saw a great many dead horses and mules all along the road. Saw 6 Engines and a great many cars lying along the track smashed up and some of them burned and bent so as to spoil it for present use. Arrived at Marietta at 3 PM and found it the prettiest City that I have seen since I left Indianapolis, we layed untill about 9 PM. Arrived at Atlanta at Midnight. Marched into an old building that had formerly been used for a distilery, spread our blankets on the floor and went to bead.

Sunday--Nov. 6th

Got up this morning and found a heavy frost and a chilly air, there were a great many holes in this and surrounding buildings made by our shell when our forces took the place. Atlanta is a

very nice City and the nicest country around it that I have seen since I left the Ohio river. It is built principally of Brick, about 9 AM we received marching orders, we marched about 1 1/2 miles to the Fairground where the rebels had built some nice barracks for Hospitals. Here we drew about 1/2 rations, the first we have drawn since Thursday morning, we drew today a small piece of fresh beef two hard tack and full rations of Coffee and sugar and some dried vegetables for soup, it was composed of Potatoes, Onions, Cabbage, Rice, Beans, Peas, Turnips and I don't know what else & there was Red Pepper enough to make it as hot as we could eat it, perhaps you think it was not good well it was you know for we were hungry enough to eat raw dog if we could have got it. The weather here today is cool and showery, our forces burned the town of Rome yesterday. There was a man came into our Barracks about noon that was taken prisoner by the rebels in August he jumped off the train down near Savannah he has been skulking in the woods three weeks, he came 200 miles mostly in the night, he said the rebels took his money and all of his clothes but his Pants and shirt. He had a new pair of \$12 Boots & they took them & gave him an old pair of shoes cut full of holes. He says that the rebels have 48,000 of our men prisoners now but he talks as though he thought the rebels were almost panicstricken. He says some of the rebel officers asked him what Sherman intended to do, he told them that Sherman proposed to take Atlanta. Old Hood says that Sherman could not take Atlanta he says Atlanta was his. So it is evident that the rebels will not stand & fight like they would a year ago for Atlanta is very strongly fortified & none but a discouraged army would give it up as they did. This man says the rebels had taken all of the Prisoners from Richmond to Savannah and they were leaving Savannah when he escaped, he was with the rebels over two months and ought to be pretty well poated. I read two Capts, in the Testament today.

Monday--Nov. 7th

It rained pretty near all night last night very hard. We did not draw our rations till afternoon then we drew 2 1/2 hardtack & 3 spoonsfull of hulled Peas, we made soup of them and they were good, we drew full rations of Coffee & Sugar but no meat. I went down to the Foundary this afternoon and saw any quantity of Shell and Canon balls of all sizes, they were some that were rejected. I also went into a dooryard and picked some nice flowers and I also found some Peach blossoms. I went this evening over to our Hospital it is a beautiful place. The building was formerly the residence of the agent of this railroad he is now in the rebel army, his wife was living in it when our forces came here and she went South. We went to an old camp this evening and got some soldiers beadsteads to sleep on. Read 5 Chapters in the Testament today.

Tuesday--Nov. 8th

Rested pretty well last night. The weather is still cloudy but warmer than it was. My mess mate went down town this forenoon and got some Buckwheat shortcake, it had a very little cornmeal in it and it was first rate. I have found out since that it was Rice Flour. I went to the Camp of the 19th Mich. about 2 miles from here and put in a Vote for Old Abe. Three Cheers for him as our next President! Wrote a letter home and mailed Part First of my journal. And a paper with a Fig

leaf enclosed. We did not draw any rations today. There was several of the boys got into the commissary building and filled their haversacks with hardtack and with the rest 5 or 6 of our mess. I found a book titled The Forgers Daughter and read 124 pages in it since sundown.

Wednesday--Nov. 9th

Just after day light we were aroused by the boom of Artillery by the Rebs within 1 mile of our Camp on the East. Some of the boys said they saw the shell they fired either 10 or 20 shots and then all was quiet for about 30 minutes. Then they attacked our forces on the west about 3 miles from our Camp with Artillery and musketry it lasted I think about two hours. we could hear it very plain. There were about 30 of the rebs attacked our forces on the east. they done that to call our forces that way so they would haave abetter chance on the west. our men picked up two dead rebs on the east but I have not heard how they came out on the west. We drew rations about 8 AM. I went over to the hospital to get some midicin for Clark, he is about the same as he was yesterday. I went over to the Berryng ground this afternoon, there is some beautifull monuments there but they were most of them got up in Philadelphia Pa. nearly every thing in the South was manufactured in the North. I also went over to the large Iron Rolling Mill that the rebs destroyed when they left they also destroyed 150 or 200 cars all burned, some of our men went yesterday and knocked a piece out of the flange of every car wheel so the rebs could not use them again, from all appearances I think this place will be evacuated and burned by our forces. The weather today has been Cloudy and warm so that I am sweating now sitting here writing, wrote a letter to Malissa this evening.

Thursday--Nov. 10th

It is all quiet in Camp today. I heard that the result of yesterdays fight was that between 200 and 300 of the rebs killed & wounded & 200 taken prisoners. The object of the rebs was to get in and take a drove of Cattle that our forces had placed there on purpose to trap the rebs and it worked first rate. The captain of Company F of our Regt. came about noon and ordered us to pack up, well we packed up and were marched to our Corps about 2 miles, but the regt. is not here. I set down and wrote a letter home and one to the C. Commition at Chattanooga. Our mess then went about 1/2 mile to an old camp and went into one of the tents and put up for the night, got our supper and went to bed. The day has been quite pleasent Clear and warm.

Friday--Nov. 11th

Went to work to day and carried boards from the shanties where we stayed last night built us a comfortable tent. There is 5 large fires in the City tonight. It is settled fact that this City is doomed to burn and that before many days too. It was verry cool last night but the day has been clear and warm.

Saturday--Nov. 12th

Got up this morning and found it very cool but by the time the sun has been up a half a hour it is comfortable. There was another building burned in the City this morning. Went down to the City and went all through two large horells, one was the Atlanta Hotell and the other was the Trout House, it seems like a destruction sure to see the Furniture that is to be burned in those two buildings Chairs tables stands Beaureaus Cupboards safes bedsteads and everything necessary to carry on a large hotell. The Trout House has at least 200 room and all furnished in styll two larg Iron Safes, sofas and I dont know what all. I also went into a large drugstore and the drugs were lying all over the floor and the soldiers ransacking those buildings to see if they find any thing usefull to them, our mess got a good straw mattress, a stand, a rockingchair etc. etc. so we are comfortable as you please sleeping on our nice straw bed. It has been a beautifull day. I read 5 Chapt. in the Testament.

Sunday--Nov. 13th

It was very cold last night but I sleped warm on our straw bed. There was another building burned in the City this morning. We had preaching in camp today the text was There are many that say, who will show us any good Psalms 4 Chapt. and part of 6th verse. There was a large store building blowed up in the City this afternoon. The cars have stoped runing and the railroad is torne up for 30 or 40 miles above here. There has been a chilly West wind blowing all day. I have read 7 Chapters in the Testament today.

Monday--Nov. 14th

We went to work today and build a fireplace & chimney to tent. The day has been warm and pleasant.

Tuesday--Nov. 15th

Our forces blowed up & burned all public Buildings in Atlanta today. They finished taring up the Rail Road to Chattanooga today. There has a large number of troops came in today and with them came our Regt. I was assigned to Co. E 14th Mich. Inft. under Capt. Earnest. Lieutenant Kelley having command of the Company at present. We drew our tents and other clothing then went back to our old tent to stay over night. The day has been warm and pleasant.

Wednesday--Nov. 16th

Received orders to march at 11 AM to make an extensive rade through Ga. our destination supposed to be Savannah. We marched about 14 miles passing through the town of Decatur about 4 PM and went into Camp about 7 PM. Cooked our supper pitched our tents and went to bed to rest our weary legs.

Thursday--Nov. 17th

We were on the road again this morning at 7 Oclock, marched 2 or 3 miles, stacked our arms and sit down to rest about 15 minutes. Here I got some Persimmons the first I ever saw & they were exelent. We fell in and marched abour 2 miles and set down to rest again. The Artilery passed through the town of Athelia while it was burning. Here one of our men was shot by a Citizen and badly wounded in the face. We stoped twice this afternoon to tear up Railroad track, got into camp about 7.30 PM tired and hungry and nothing for supper for our rations have run out, spread our Blankets down without pitching our tent and layed down to rest.

Friday--Nov. 18th

We were routed out this morning at 4.30 and on the road again at 6 Oclock there is 4 detailed out of our Company today as foragers. Our Regt. is detailed as train guards today. We passed through the town of Covington about 2 PM and went into Camp at 5 PM. I sold my overcoat for \$5 today.

Saturday--Nov. 19th

We were on the road again at 6 AM. It rained nearly all night, the day has been cloudy and quite muddy. We went into camp about 6 PM.

Sunday--Nov. 20th

We were on the road again this morning at 6 Oclock. I sold my shoes this morning for \$3, we went into Camp about 3 PM.

Monday--Nov. 21st

It rained nearly all night and we got our Breakfast in the rain and it has rained nearly all day and the roads are very muddy. We went into Camp at 3 PM, it began to grow cold in the afternoon.

Tuesday--Nov. 22nd

There is a cold N. W. Wnd blowing this morning so that it is very uncomfortable. The smok of Camp has hurt my eyes today very bad so that I can scarcely see any thing, we had Peafowl for dinner and it went of fine. We layed over today to let another division pass us.

Wednesday--Nov. 23rd

We received orders last night to march at 6 Oclock this morning. It is so cold this morning that the roads are froze so as to hold up the waggons. We marched about an hour, then halted an hour built fires of rails to keep warm, we went into camp about 4 PM one mile west of Millageville, It is a little warmer tonight.

Thursday--Nov. 24th

We find a heavy frost this morning but the sky is clear. We left camp at 10 AM and marched through the city in good order, went into camp 5 or 6 miles East of Millageville, there was one man died out of our Company today. The weather is getting warmer again.

Friday--Nov. 25th

We were on the road again this morning at 6 Oclock and marched very slow till 10.30 AM, then they put us right through till noon, we had a heavy frost this morning and it is cool and cloudy today. Wheelers Reb Cavalry atacted our foragers today we lost 9 killed and one wounded, 5 of the killed was out of our Regt. We halted one hour for dinner and did not moove again till 9 PM then we fell into line and marched about 3 miles the most of the way though a muddy swamp went into camp at 1 Oclock AM.

Saturday--Nov. 26th

We boiled a chicken & some Poark and went to bed and slept till 5 O'clock AM had orders to march at 6. Wheelers Rebbel Cavalry has been skirmising with our front all the fournoon. We lost 3 killed, we drove them back through the town of Sandersville and went into camp about a mile N. E. of town we did not move again today, I think the rebs intended to scare us back but gave it up as a bad job for we marched right along all the time they were fighting. It has been a very warm day.

Sunday--Nov. 27th

We were on the road again this morning at 7 O'clock, we haven't seen any Rebs today. It has been very warm today, our Company went on Picket tonight the first time for me.

Monday--Nov. 28th

We left our Picket line this morning at 5.20 and went to Camp. We were on the road at 7 AM, we went into camp at noon about 4 miles west of Louisville and went into Camp about one mile east of town. We had about a mile of swamp to march through, the day has been beautifull. I read 2 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Tuesday--Nov. 29th

The day has been clear and warm, there has been some of our foragers killed by Rebbels today, we are still in camp here one mile east of Louisville.

Wednesday--Nov. 30th

The weather is beautifull and the roads dry. I got a darkey to do my washing today. Gen. Furgisons Rebbel Cavalry Charged on our Pickets within about 60 rods of where I was and our Pickets killed 4 of the rebs and mortaly wounded another without loss on our side. There were several of our foragers taken prisoner today. Ther have been fighting on our left all day, the day has been very dry and warm and the roads are exelent. Read 4 Chapt. in testament today.

Thursday--Dec. 1st

We had orders this morning to be ready to march at 8 AM but did not start till noon. We marched about 8 miles and went into camp at 8 PM. Our Regt. was detailed as train guards, the day has been Cloudy and warm. I read 8 Chapt. in testament today.

Friday--Dec. 2nd

We had orders to march at 7 AM but we moved very slow, we have stoped three or four times to carry rails to fix the mud holes so the teams could cross. We did not at all for dinner today, we went into camp at 6 PM tired and hungry, got a good supper out of Corn meal Poark and sweet Potatoes, then pitched our tents and went to bed to rest. I read 5 Chap. in the Testament.

Saturday--Dec. 3rd

It is cloudy and cool this morning and some sign of rain. We had orders to march at 7AM but did not move till about noon we marched very slow till 2.30 PM and halted for dinner. Here the Major came up and asked the privalige of reading my diary, he is now reading it, he spoke well of it and asked me my name and occupation. We marched very steady in the afternoon we had a great deal of swamp to march through tonight and did not go into camp till 3 Oclock AM.

Sunday--Dec. 4th

And then we had to go on Picket till daylight, we had Orders to march again this morning at 7AM, we marched about 16 miles today and went into camp at about 9 PM, we were guarding the train today.

Monday--Dec. 5th

We were on the road this morning at 7 AM and marched very buisy all day, we found the swamps blockaded today with fallen timber, we went into camp at about 5 PM.

Tuesday--Dec. 6th

We left camp about 8 AM marched about 40 rods and layed there till near noon, we were detailed as train guards again today we marched 21 miles and went nite about 6 PM, here we found wood very scarce with the exceptions of green pine and that dont burn very well.

Wednesday--Dec. 7th

We were on the road again this morning at 8 AM, marched about 3 miles and halted to clear the road where the rebs had felled trees to blockade against us, we were on the road again about noon and marched very steady the rest of the day, it rained the most of the fournoon, we went into camp about 6 PM, we had a quite a shower of rain while we were getting supper.

Thursday--Dec. 8th

We are now in Camp 27 miles from Savannah, we had orders to march at 6 1/2 AM marched about 10 rods halted, about faced and marched back to camp to await farther orders, we left camp again about noon passed through about a mile of swamps, crossed the Ebenesar Creek, marched about a mile, halted and layed there till 4 PM fell in again marched 7 miles and went into camp about 5 PM, had just time to pitch our tents and get supper when we had orders to strike tents, we packed up and marched back 3 miles and went into camp at 11 PM spread down our blankets and went to bed without pitching tents, I saw 62 Rebbel prisoners today that was taken last Sunday. The day has been very warm and pleasant. Read 5 Chapt. in Testament.

Friday--Dec. 9th

We left camp at 9 AM marched back to where we went into camp first last night, the regt. halted and I was detailed to go on about 1 1/2 miles to assist in building a bridge but the Pioneers had the bridge about done when I got there. I lay there untill the regt. came up then fell in and we marched about 2 miles and went into camp about 15 miles from Savannah at about 5 PM, we just had time to get supper when we received orders to pack up, we fell in and marched about 1 1/2 miles and went into Camp in a cotton feld about 8 PM. Our advance came in contact of a rebbel battery planted in the road this afternoonm they did not fire but two shots, we lost one man killed and 2 wounded and 3 horses killed. They then retreated and we marched right along. The rebs were badly scared for when we came to where their battery was we found Guns Catridge boxes blankets etc. etc. scattered all along the road. I learned afterward that the cause of their scare was two or three charges shot at them from one of our batteries and the rebs had quite a fort. Read 5 Chapt. in Testament.

Saturday--Dec. 10th

We left camp at 8 AM, marched to within 10 miles of Savannah and halted on the Savannah and Augusta railroad and lay here the rest of the day. The 20th Corps joined us here, there has been heavy Canonadeing in our front all day. The weather is cool and cloudy and some sign of rain.

Sunday--Dec. 11th

We were on the road this morning at 8 AM, we marched to within 3 miles of the City of Savannah and formed in line of battle along some temporary breastworks on the left of the road, we had not been here long before the rebs threw a charge of grape shot and two shell up the road cutting the limbs off of the trees along the road but doing no damage to us. It rained all the after part of the night and the air is quite cool today and getting cooler toward night. The rebs threw 5 more shots up the road this evening but done no damage. There has been heavy Conanadeing all along the line today.

Monday--Dec. 12th

We have had a freezeing cold night and the men are shivering around their camp fires this morning. Our foragers came in this moring with a nice lot of rice four. There have been occational Canonadeing all along the line today. The weather was a little warmer in the middle of the day but cool again toward night.

Tuesday--Dec. 13th

We had a quite a frosty night but it is getting warmer and the sky is clear. There is considerable canonadeing all along the line today and there has been quite a battle on our right this afternoon with success to our forces, we captured a fort and a brigad of rebbels, the report came into camp today that our fleet captured Fort McCalester yesterday. My mess had a nice dish of Pigs feet today, we go on Picket tonight at 4 PM and stay 24 hours. We left camp at 4 PM and were plased 5 privates and a Corporal on a post to stay all night & relieve on another every two hours. We were only about 20 rods from the rebbel line so we could hear them talking.

Wednesday--Dec. 14th

We were relieved at 6 AM, the night was a little chilly but it is warm and nice today. We were relieved from Picket at 4 PM. Those that were on post through the night did not have any duty to do through the day. The report came in this evening that Communication was opened with the fleet so I set right down and wrote a letter.

Thursday--Dec. 15th

We had to put our camp in order today. The rebs threw some shell into our camp today but done no damage, we also improved our breastworks today to shield us from the rebs shell. The day has been very warm.

Friday--Dec. 16th

We cleaned up our street this morning then went out on drill for one hour but had no duty to do in the afternoon. The day has been very warm. The rebs are throwing shell up through here this evening and our battery is returning the complement. The weather is still clear and warm.

Saturday--Dec. 17th

We had orders to be ready for drill this morning at 7 AM and drill two hours but did not go out till 9 AM. The rebs threw some shell into our camp again today but no harm done but there was two men of the 17th NY wounded pretty bad about 20 rod from our camp. The weather is still very warm and dry.

Third Part of Journal

We have made a long and tiresome march of 330 miles, the first 200 of which was very rough in regard to hills and rocky mountainous country, but the last 100 was very level and sandy, the timber consists of Norway or Pitch pine with occasionally a scrubby Hickory and Oak, we have had good dry roads all the way with the exceptions of 2 or 3 days that it was a little muddy, the last 100 miles was rather hard marching on account of the sand. We also found pretty plenty of forage after the 3rd or 4th day in the line of Beef Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Geese, Turkeys, Chickens, Sweet Potatoes, Turnips, Molasses, Rice, Corn, and Corn Meal, and Flour, Salt, Beans, Peanuts, and any amount of feed for Horses Mules and Cattle. The army also burned an immense amount

of property in the line of buildings Cotton, and Cotton Gins and Presses, & they have torne up all of the railroad that we came in contact with. Taking all things into consideration we have fared very well for soldiers.

Sunday--Dec. 18th

The mail came in today for the first time since we left Atlanta but there was none for me. We had to go on Picket at 4 PM, the day has been very warm. The rebs threw several shell past the left of our regt. today cutting down trees from 8 to 12 inches through but doing no other damage.

Monday--Dec. 19th

We had a nice warm night to stand Picket and it is so warm today that the boys all feel like hunting for a shady place to sit down in. I borrowed a V. B. C. Advocate of a fellow in our Company last night and have improved my leasure hours in reading my old favorite paper. It made me feel while reading it as though I was at home. We were relieved from picket at 4.30 PM went to Camp got our supper ready and while we were eating it the rebs threw shell over our tent only a few feet above our heads but doing no damage. The rebs have been very quiet today untill this evening they have done some heavy Canonadeing on our right but I have not heard the result. I wrote a letter today.

Tuesday--Dec. 20th

Our men are building a fort about 25 rods in front of us they have to work at it nights for it is right in front of a rebbel fort so that our men cannot work even when the moon shines. The fournoon was warm and pleasant but it is cool and cloudy this evening and some sign of rain. There has been heavy Canonadeing this afternoon all along the line. I wrote a letter to A. S. Hamilton today. Read 3 Chapt. in Testament.

Wednesday--Dec 21st

There was a large detail at work on the fort last night but when we got up this morning and low and behold the rebs had disappeared, they evacuated the place, it is said that they crossed the river into S. Carolina. The 20th Corps occupy the City today. There is a cool west wind blowing today but it is clear and pleasant. There is a rhumor in camp that the 14th Corpe is going back to Chattanooga but I dont know how true it is. I saw an Officer that said our forces captured 72 pieces of Artillery in and around the city.

Thursday--Dec. 22nd

We had orders to be ready to march at 7 AM, we marched down to the Railroad and tore up the track and fixed the bridge so that our waggon train could pass over. I picked up 20 of the rebbels sand bags they will hold about 3 pecks apiece, they were filled with sand and piled up to make the fort or the embrasures for the canon, we then marched back to camp picked up our things and marched about a mile and went into camp a little nearer town, we had a pretty cold night and there is a cold West wind or N.W. a blowing today. Read 7 Chapters in Testament.

Friday--Dec. 23rd

We had a very cold night there was ice in the mess pan this morning nearly 1/2 inch thick and the roads were froze quite hard. Jim Gifford and I went over to the rebbel fort this morning and saw some of their big guns that they left, they spiked the guns but our men went right to work and drilled the spikes out in a short time. We saw 4.32 Pounders 1.20 Pounder rifled and a 6 Pound Brass piece very pretty pieces all of them. When we came back from the fort we brought an old trunk to put our bread and dinner and dishes that is all of our China and glass ware into and we got an old Batten door and made a Table of it so we are keeping house in great stile away down here in Georgia, it is very cold and chilly today and the smoke hurts my eyes very bad.

Saturday--Dec.24th

It is very cold again this morning. I am suffering a great deal again today with my eyes, we were drilled about an hour and a half today, the news came in today that our forces captured 10,000 rebbels and 66 pieces more of Artilery below the City of Savannah yesterday, if that be true we have made a good haul shure enough. The mail came in again today but none for me. I read 1 Chapt. in Testament.

Sunday--Dec.25th

The old saying is that Christmas comes but once a year and here it is which makes the 28th Christmas that I have seen. There was a general fireing of musketry last evening through all of the camps in celebration of the coming Christmas day. We heard that Gen. Sherman told some of the boys that we would all be mustered out of the service in the course of three months but that is hard to swallow although it may be so. I picked up a Harpers Weekly the other day and I find some very interesting reading in it. Tho it is a monthly of August 1858. We have an inspection of arms every sunday morning at 9 AM. The weather is a little warmer today but it is a little cloudy it rained a very little this morning about daylight. Read 4 Chapt. in Testament.

Monday--Dec. 26th

It commenced raining last night about 7 O'clock and it rained very hard for an hour or two then slacked up a little but rained all the fore part of the night & we got up this morning and found ourselves in a miserable mudhole, it continued cloudy all day. We had to clean up our guns today for review. The mail comes in every day but I have got none yet. Read 4 Chapt. in Testament today.

Tuesday--Dec. 27th

We got up this morning about 5 O'clock prepared our breakfast and fell into line at 7 AM marched to the City for General Review we paraded through town and halted in Broad Street to await the coming of the Hon. Gen. Sherman. Presently we had orders to present Arms and here came the Gen. and his staff but I did not see but what they were all men like ourselves only they had a little nicer clothes on and were on horseback. The Gen. rode along in front of us with his horse on the trot so that I did not have a fair sight of him but he looked as though he might be a pretty smart man.

The City of Savannah is built principally of Brick with the chimneys running up the ends of the buildings on the outside like the old log houses used to be in the north. The streets are generally narrow and well shaded with Live Oak trees, Broad Street is a little wider with three rows of shade trees. Business is entirely suspended all of the business houses being guarded. We got back to camp about 2 PM. The day has been clear and warm but it is cloudy and a little cooler this evening.

Wednesday--Dec. 28th

It is a little cooler this morning, we have had several pretty hard showers today so that our camp is very muddy. I have done considerable sewing today fixing up my tent cloth. Read 7 Chapt. in Testament today.

Thursday--Dec. 29th

We received orders to go on Picket at 8 AM we packed up and reported at Brig. Head Quarters and were then marched to the picket line about 2 1/2 miles from camp, we had a pretty cold night and there is a high N.W. wind blowing today and quite cool but clear. Meeker is not fit for duty he has been quite unwell for several days. Read 16 Chapt. in Testament.

Friday--Dec. 30th

The weather came off clear and a little warmer this morning, our regt. was relieved from Picket at about 9.30 AM marched back to camp and received orders to prepare for General Inspection and muster for pay at 2 PM tomorrow. I wrote 2 letters one to A. S. Hamilton and one to Mother Kennedy. The weather is a little cooler this evening. Read 7 Chapt. in Testament today.

Saturday--Dec. 31st

The weather is cloudy and cool this morning and some sign of rain, we cleaned up our Guns etc. for inspection and it commenced raining about 9 AM and was so bad that we mustered for pay but let the inspection go. It stopped raining about 4 O'clock and began to get colder. I read 4 Chapt. in Testament today.

New Year's Day

Sunday--Jan. 1st--1865

We had a freezing cold night and the Boys are shivering around their camp fires this morning. We had an inspection of arms at 7 AM. Then 7 of our company went down town to meeting but could not get across the bridge without a pass. The major would have given us but he thought we would not need any so we were disappointed. We have no Chaplin in our Regt. so we do not have any preaching. I wrote 2 letters one to N. E. Brown, and one to E. H. Brown. It is quite cold again tonight.

Monday--Jan. 2nd

The weather is cold but clear this morning. There is a detail of 12 men out of each company of our regt. made this morning for the purpose of ditching our camp ground, our company had to work till 11 AM then we were relieved for the rest of the day. The weather has come off clear and warm. I wrote a letter today for Mr. Meeker. Read 7 Chapt. in Testament today.

Tuesday--Jan 3rd

We had a very pleasant night and it is clear and warm. Four of us got a pass to go to the City today, there was any amount of provisions selling at the market house. I will here state some of

the prices. Potatoes were selling at \$8 per bush or \$24 per barrel. Apples were \$1 per doz. Cheese was 1.25 a 2.00 per lb Butter 1.50 Apple Butter per qt. cans 2.50 Sugar 50 @ 1.00 per lb. Rice .15 @ 25 cts per quart letter paper from 50 @ 1.00 per quire envelopes 80 @ 1.00 per package etc. etc. etc. The City covers over a large space of ground but the buildings are not very close together. The Savannah river is a muddy nasty stream. I went down to the dock and saw them selling Oysters in the shell at \$3 per bush I also saw a steamer going down the river loaded with discharged soldiers just starting for home, there was a nice brass band aboard playing and it came very near making me homesick but I got over it again. I bought \$4 worth of Rice and \$3 worth of Sugar and 75 cts. worth of Potatoes went back to camp and we had a feast you had better believe. The day has been very warm and pleasant but it is cloudy this evening and a sprinkling a little. Read 4 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Wednesday--Jan. 4th

It did not rain much and the sky is clear this morning. Mr. Meeker was quite crazy this morning they have taken him to the hospital. Mr. Whipple has cut his foot so that he is almost helpless. I have been getting up wood and Jim Gifford went to the City. The weather is a little cooler again this evening. Read 3 Chapt. in Testament.

Thursday--Jan. 5th

We received orders this morning to be ready for fatigue duty at 6 AM, we were marched down to the city and had to work on the Fortifications our whole Brigade was out they work a Brigade every day. We worked with a relief on hour on and one off the day was warm and pleasant. I had nothing in camp to take along for dinner and I bought some bread for my dinner it cost me \$1.25. We were at work for \$16 a month and board ourselves for we do not draw more than half rations enough but never mind it will be all right in the spring.

Friday--Jan. 6th

It clouded up and rained some in the after part of the night and we had quite a heavy shower after daylight but it has fared off a little and is quite warm. We drew two days rations this morning to last four days consisting of Hardtack salt-poark, Beans, Coffee, Sugar, salt, pepper, and soap. It is quite cool again this evening and a high N.W. wind blowing. Read 8 Chapt. in Testament today.

Saturday--Jan. 7th

We found a heavy frost in Dixie this morning but the wind has gone down and we have had a very nice day. We were out on drill an hour today. I wrote a letter to A. W. Brown. It is getting quite cool again this evening, we received this evening for our Brigade to be ready to march at 6.30 AM tomorrow, we are going out 7 miles to guard a drove of Cattle to stay two days, we heard a very comical war speech from the Rev. Mr. Chaplain in a Mass Regt. He spoke about two hours and cracked a good many sharp jokes, which made it very interesting to the soldier boys for they are all fond of a good joke at any time.

Sunday--Jan 8th

We found the ground white with frost again this morning and ice in the numerous mudholes around our camp. We were on the road about 7 O'clock marched out 7 miles and halted about 10 AM behind a line of breastworks. There is quite a chilly wind blowing today. Jim Gifford and I bought an overcoat in Co today. Read 5 Chapt. in Testament today.

Monday--Jan. 9th

I had to go on Picket this morning at 3 O'clock and stood till 5 O'clock it was quite cool and misty. It began to rain about 10 O'clock AM and rained about an hour and slacked up and came off a little warmer. I wrote a letter to H. W. Smith, and done up a paper to send to H. E. Brown. Continues cloudy the rest of the day. Read 3 Chapt. in Testament today.

Tuesday--Jan. 10th

It rained considerable this forepart of the night and is still cloudy, this morning we were relieved about 10 AM and started for camp it began to rain when we got within about three miles of camp and the last mile and a half it rained very hard and continued to rain until 2 or 3 PM we arrived at camp between 1 and 2 PM and we were about as wet as wet could be. We drew rations this PM they consisted of Salt Pork salt Beef Hardtack 2 days and Coffee Sugar Tea Soap and rice and some dried ground Potatoes about 1/2 pint for three of us. The wind is raising this evening and I am cold and chilly by getting so wet.

Wednesday--Jan. 11th

There is a cool wind blowing this morning and I feel that I have taken a pretty bad cold by getting wet yesterday. I heard yesterday that James N. Moore was in this army and I wrote him a

letter this morning requesting him to come and see me, I have cleaned up my gun this AM. I wrote a letter to Nelson Kennedy. The report came in the paper this morning that our forces were repulsed at Wilmington S.C. We drew one days rations of soft Bread today, and I traded my loaf of Hartack. Read 6 Chapt. in Testament today. We received orders this evening to be ready for fatigue duty tomorrow morning at 6 O'clock. Our Regt. drew clothing this evening. I drew 1 pr. socks and 1 Shirt.

Thursday--Jan. 12th

We left camp at about 6.30 and were marched down to the city and worked on the breastworks. The 2nd Brigs. of our div. moved down to the City and went into camp there. We had a pretty cold night last night and a heavy frost this morning but it came off warm and we have had a beautiful day, but it is cool again this evening. I came by the Hospital in returning to camp and saw Mr. Meeker, he is gaining slowly. We received orders this evening to be ready for Picket at 8 AM tomorrow.

Friday--Jan 13th

We had a quite a cold night and another heavy frost this morning but the day has come off warm and pleasant. Our Regt. signed for clothing again this morning. The Major got up a quite an excitement in the regt. today by getting the boys to run foot races and wresling and jumping, after severall of the boys had run the Major proposed that they had a race out of the Officers. So the Major, Adjutant, Capts. and Lieuts. that were here all went out and run together, and the Major and two of the Lieuts fell down about the middle of the race. Then they had all of the Orderly Sargeants run, then all of the 1st Corporals. Takeing it all together we have had a very lively day of it. Such excitement is good to keep up the spirrit of the boys. We drew one days rations of soft Bread and some Beef. It is getting quite cool again this evening. I read 8 Chapt. in Testament today. I wrote a letter this evening.

Saturday--Jan. 14th

It is quite cool this morning with a chilly N. W. wind. Our regt. was relieved about 10 AM marched down to camp and found out that the rest of our Brig. had moved to town and we had orders to pack up immediately and in about 1/2 hour we were on the road to town, when we arrived there we had orders to fit up our tents in comfortable stile with brick fireplaces and we went to work in earnest for we expect to stay here some time. We drew two days of Suugar, Coffee, Rice, Ground Potatoes, Pepper, and soap. There was a detail of 9 men and a Corporal mad out of our company this evening to work on the fort tomorrow.

Sunday--Jan. 15th

I was one of the detail so I had to work on the fort all day today. The weather was quite cool this morning but it was quite warm through the day. There was two soldiers burried today right here in sight of our camp. And here I will mention that our camp is within about 20 rods of the City Graveyard and it one of the most beautifull graveyard I have ever seen I never saw any in the north that would begin to compare with it. I should judge there were 200 Beautifull Vaults and each yard is fenced with a nice Iron fence and beautifully ornamented with evergreens of all kinds. We drew one days rations of soft bread today.

Monday--Jan. 16th

The weather is cold and cloudy this morning, the boys were all out in good season at work on their tents, we had orders last evening to prepair for general inspection tomorrow at 2 PM. We were all doing the best we know how this morning to get our tents fixed up comfortable when the orders came that we need not fix up our tents much for we had got orders to move wednesday morning so we stoped work on our tents, cleaned up our guns and accoutrements for inspection and then I went to writing. Rhumor sayes that we are going into Florida to make a raid of 10 days or two weeks and then come back here, and another report is that we are going to Charleston, and another sayes that we are going out to cut off the Augusta and Richmond railroad but I can tell better where we are going when we get there. We had a generall inspection of Arms, Knapsacks, Haversacks, Canteens and everything this afternoon by Col. Smith Comanding 14th Regt. Mich. Inft. and he is a fine old man too I say old for he is quite gray and his face is wrinkled, he is a tall Portly man but mild and gentle in his manor. We had a very pleasant day but it is cool again this evening. I wrote a letter to Ellen this evening.

Tuesday--Jan- 17th

We had a heavy frost this morning. The sun has warmed the air a little but there is a cool west wind blowing, all the clothing I drew last night was one pr. Drawers. The Sargt. has gone to draw rations it is the report that we are to go out with 10 days rations. We drew hardtack, Salt pork, Fresh Beef, Salt, Coffe, Rice and soap and we are to draw soft bread yet. I have been waiting all day thinking I would get a letter but it does not come yet. We have had a nice warm day but it is getting cool again this evening. I read 6 Chapt. in Testament today.

Fourth Part of Journal

Wednesday--Jan. 18th

The weather is cool but clear. Our marching orders have been countermanded until farther orders so we do not know when we shall move. We had two hours Company drill this AM then Gifford and I went down town, we went down to the dock and bought all the oysters that we could eat for 10 cts, we also bought some Buiscuit and Butter and had a gay old dinner. We had to pay \$1.00 per lb for the butter & 75 cts per doz for buiscuit. We returned to camp about 5 PM it has been very pleasant through the day but it is cool again this evening. We drew one days rations of Hardtack and one day of Poark, I mailed Part Third of my diary this morning. We received the news of the capture of Ft. Ficher by our forces today. Read 4 Chapt. in Testament today.

Thursday--Jan. 19th

We received orders this morning and left camp at about 8 AM and we pitched in and carried off all the lumber they had in their tents and about 4 PM they came back again but we had used up about all of the lumber to fix bunks in our tents. It began to rain about 2 PM and rained very steady all the afternoon so we did not go on drill. There was a salute of 36 guns fired in the City about 3 PM said to be for the capture by our forces of Wilmington N. C. We drew 2 days rations of Hardtack, Sugar, Coffee, and one of Salt Poark, this evening. Read 3 Chapt. in the testament today.

Saturday--Jan. 21st

It rained nearly all night and it is damp and cloudy this morning. We received orders last night to be ready to march at 7 this morning and about day light this morning we had orders to let our tents stand till farther orders so it is hard to tell what hour we will move. It is the generall opinion that we are going to Augusta Ga. We received orders to be ready to march at 12.30 PM we packed up and moved about 40 rods and had orders to fix up winter quarters the report is that the roads are so bad that we cannot move, so we went to work to put up log cabbins it has been showery by spells all day but we have a nice dry camping ground. I read 8 Chapt. in the testament today.

Sunday--Jan. 22nd

It has been cloudy and damp all day I was detailed this morning to help dig a well for our company and there was a detail of 19 men made to clean up our camp so I think we will stay

here several days. I have written two good long letters today one to E. H. Brown & one to A. S. Hamilton. It has been raining since about 4 PM I read 8 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Monday--Jan. 23rd

It rained all night but the weather has been a little fairer today. The company was detailed this AM to clean up the street and we have orders to be ready for Dress Parade at 4.30 PM. I have written a letter home today. There was 25 men detailed out of our regt. this PM as Patrole guards to go outside of the picket line to pick up some men that were out there shooting which is contrary to orders and we arrested 5 or 6 of them. I did not get back to camp in time for dress parade. Read 2 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Tuesday--Jan. 24th

The weather is a little cooler today. I wrote a letter to Mr. Moore folks today we had dress parade again this PM but the smoke hurt my eyes so that I could not go out. I read 6 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Wednesday--Jan. 25th

We had a pretty cold night and it has been cool all day we received orders about 11 Oclock last night to be ready to march at 7 this morning and we marched out about two miles and halted for the train to pass. Our regt. was rear guard today. We went into camp about 5 PM. We halted an hour for dinner but had nothing to cook but coffee, it is very cool this evening. I read 5 Chapt. in the Testament today. We have marched about 11 miles today.

Thursday--Jan. 26th

We received orders last night to be ready to march at 6.30 AM, we left camp about 7 AM. We passed through where the town of Springfield used to stand about 1 PM but the place was almost entirely destroyed by the yanks on the other comapign. It was a beautifull situation for an inland town. We went into camp about one mile from the town. Our Regt. went on picket to night. We had a freezing cold night last night and there has been a cold chilly wind blowing today all day. We drew rations just after dark tonight consisting of 3 days of Hardtack Sugar, and coffee and 2 days of salt poark. Read 4 Chapt. in Testament today.

Friday--Jan 28th

We left the picket line at 6 AM and the regt. had left camp when we got in but we overtook them about a mile out and we marched about 1/2 mile farther and came to a creek and swamp, the creek was bridged but the swamp was about 20 rods wide and a little over knee deep and you can imagine how we felt when the Adjutant came back and told us we would have to wade the swamp for we were all shivering with the cold and there was ice to be seen all along the edge of the swamp. You can be sure it was a cold bath but we got through safe. We marched about 7 miles and went into camp for the night, at about noon. Our Company foraged some fresh pork and Beef yesterday and some more beef and some mutton today. We had a very cold night and there is a cold west wind blowing today but the sky was clear. I read 5 Chapt. in the Testament today which finished the reading the Testament through since I have been in the service.

Saturday--Jan. 28th

We had orders to be ready to march at 8 AM, we marched out onto the road halted till the wagon train came up for our regt. were detailed as train guards today, we marched very slow for about 5 or 6 miles and went into camp in a corn field about 3 PM. We had a very cool night and the ice stood in the mudholes all day. I commenced reading the Testament through again today, read 7 Chapt.

Sunday--Jan. 29th

We have orders for marching this morning, the weather is still cold. The report came that the mail would go out at 2.30 PM, I wrote a short letter home. The smoke has nearly blinded my eyes today. I read 1 chapt. in the Testament today.

Monday--Jan. 30th

We had a pretty cold night but it came off clear and warm in the middle of the day, we had company drill this AM and then we had orders for all that had loaded guns to go out and fire them off. We had company drill again this PM and dress parade at 5 PM. It is cool again this evening. The mail came in again tonight but none for me. I read 7 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Tuesday--Jan. 31st

We had another cool night but it came of warm and nice through the day. We had company drill this AM and about 11 AM I was detailed with 17 others of the company to go down to the river and unload a steamer, it was loaded with Oats. I did not have to work only an hour, we returned to camp about 5 PM. I bought a can of Peaches for \$2.00. I wrote another letter home today. I read 7 Chapt. in the Testament.

Wednesday--Feb. 1st

We are haveing beautifull weather just now, the nights are just cool enough to sleep good and it is warm and pleasant through the day. I was put under guard and made to carry a fence rail two hours but it was done through a false report of some of the company. We had company drill at 1PM and drill parade and Battalion drill at 4.30 PM. We drew one days rations of fresh Beef today. I wrote a letter to J. Meeker. I read 6 Chapt. in the Testament today which finished the Book of Mathew.

Thursday--Feb. 2nd

It was a little cloudy this morning and some sign of rain but it has cleared off and is very pleasant, we did not have any company drill today but we had General Inspection and review which took up about 4 hours in the afternoon. We drew 4 days rations of Hardtack, Sugar, Coffee, Salt, Soap and Pepper, and one day of Salt Poark, and Beans, and 1/2 day of Salt Beef. The mail came in tonight but none for me. I read 4 Chapt. in the testament.

Friday--Feb. 3rd

We had a light shower of rain in the after part of the night and it is still cloudy and damp. We had company drill at 2PM and it rained pretty near all of the time we were out. I wrote a letter hame today. I read 5 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Saturday--Feb. 4th

It rained lightly through the night and was damp and wet this AM. I wrote another letter home today. It cleared off this PM and was warm and pleasant. We had Company drill both AM and PM and Dress Parade at 4 PM. There was a detail of 7 men out of each company of our regt. at

work on the road today over across the river. We drew one days ration of fresh beef today. I read 5 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Sunday--Feb. 5th

The weather came off nice clear and warm this morning. We received orders about 11 O'clock last night to be ready to march at a moments warning, some of the boys cralled out and began to pack up and cook something to take with them and in a few minutes the orders came again to be ready to march at a moments warning today, so we all layed down and went to sleep again. The mail came in again about midnight but none for me. We got up about 4 O'clock this morning got our breakfast packed up our duds ready to march at any moment. Then we had orders to be ready for inspection at 11 AM after inspection we received orders to be ready to march at 1 PM, but did not leave camp till about 2 PM. Then we marched about 1/2 mile farther and halted again and layed there till after 9 PM then we fell in again and crossed the pontoon and the corderoy about 3 miles and went into camp at 11 PM pitched our tents and went to bed. I read 7 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Monday--Feb. 6th

We got up this morning and found ourselves in S. Carolina in a barren scrubby Black Oak country, the soil is sand. We have no marching orders but I think we will move again tomorrow morning, the mail went out again today at 11 AM, I wrote a letter to Mr. Gifford, one of the Ill. regt. found a Piano burried in the sand to keep the yanks from destroying it but it is hard to hide anything so that the yanks cannot find it and S. Carolina will fare worse on this campaign than Ga. did on the other. We drew rations again today 4 days of Bacon and two days of Beans all to last 4 days. Government allows us 15 ozs of Hard bread, or 20 ozs of Soft Bread, 3/4 lb of Poark or 1 1/4 lbs Beef, 8 lbs of Sugar to 100 men and when we get Beans or Rice or Potatoes it is just so much taken from our bread, and less of soft Bread and we do not get more that 2/3 our allowance of Sugar and Coffee although we have all of the Coffee we can use without waisting it. It began to rain about 1 Pm and is still raining tonight. I read 4 chapt. in the Testament today.

Tuesday--Feb. 7th

It rained all night and all the fournoon today. Iwrote another letter home today, the mail came in this afternoon but none for me yet. We have no marching orders yet. It is still cloudy and cool this evening. We drew one days rations of Hardtack and one of Salt Poark this PM, read 5 Chapt. in the Testament today. We received orders this evening to be ready to march at 7 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday--Feb. 8th

We got up this morning and found it quite cool with a high west wind. There was a boat sunk down at the landing yesterday afternoon and it was loaded with Hardtack, Sugar, and Coffee, and there was over 100 Boxes of Hard tack got wet and spoiled and they threw them out onto the bank and I went down about 11 O'clock last night and got about 1/2 bushel of them and dried them by the fire so I did not get to bed till after 2 O'clock this morning. I expect we will eat now for a few days. We were on the road this morning at 8 AM and they marched us very fast, we halted about 11 AM and had to carry two fence rails apiece back 3/4 of a mile to make Corderoy in a mudhole. About 1/2 of our road today has been swampy and muddy. I think we must have marched about 12 miles today and went into camp about 3 PM right in sight of where the town of Brighton stood only a few days ago but it did not stand long after the yanks came to it. We passed one very beautiful dwelling house that was left standing and guarded I suppose the owner was a Union man while our army is going through but when we get out of the way he will be as black at heart as he ever was. When we came into camp there was quite a large building close by but the boys were not long tearing it down and carrying it off for fire wood 3/4 of an hour after we halted there was not hardly a chip to be found where the house stood. There has been a chilly wind blowing all day and we are going to have a cold night. I read 4 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Thursday--Feb. 9th

I was detailed with 6 others of my company and 7 out of each in the regt. to go in advance as foragers for the regt. We left camp at 6.30 AM and they put us right through on the quick step and part of the time on doublequick till noon then we had it a little easier PM but the worst of it was we did not find any forage to amount to anything. All of the great houses on every plantation had been burned and the Cotton Gins and Presses. In fact our forces are just turning S. Carolina up side down. We have passed through a beautifully timbered Pine Country today, and passed several very large Plantations, we have marched about 22 miles today. The weather has been freezing cold with a high West wind. I lost one of my mittens today. We had a light squall of snow today but it was only a few flakes. We went into camp about 5 PM in a beautiful grove of young growth Oak and Pine timber. I read 2 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Friday--Feb. 10th

We had a very cold night and there has been a cool west wind blowing all day but the sky has been clear. We have marched about 23 miles today the same kind of a country that we came through yesterday and passed some very large plantations but the large buildings were all burned except one & they hoisted a white flag on one corner of their Porch and their house was guarded. It was a very beautiful residence. We also passed two very nice Churches which are always respected by our army. We got considerable forage today. We went into camp about 5 PM in a grove of Pine timber and we were very tired. I read 2 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Saturday--Feb. 11th

We were on the road about 6 AM and marched very fast till about 9 AM. We halted then for the 1st & 3rd Divi. trains to pass. We fell in again at 1 PM and marched about 3 miles to the vilage of Barnwell where our regt. went on Provost guard at about 3 PM. The most of the town was burned before we got there. The day has been cool with a west wind. Read 6 Chapt. in Testament today.

Sunday--Feb 12th

We were on the road again this morning at 6 Oclock marched, out to the Brig. about 4 miles and halted to draw rations to last us three but did not have time to issue them before we had to fall in again. I was not very well so I got my Knapsack and gun into the ambulance. We passed through the town of Williston a station on the Branchville R. R. We marched very steady today we must have marched about 20 miles and went into camp about 5 PM about 1/2 mile from the Edisto river.

Monday--Feb. 13th

We were on the road again this morning at 7 Oclock, we marched across the river and went into camp with orders to fix up quarters for the day and at 12 Oclock we had orders to be ready to march at 1 PM and we marched out 5 miles and went into camp at about 3 PM on a large plantation. We had a freezing cold night but we have had a very nice day and it is cool again this evening. Jim Gifford went out after we got into camp and killed two good fat geese so we will live fine tomorrow. I read two Chapt. in the Testament today.

Tuesday--Feb. 14th

We were on the road at 6 AM and we marched very steady all day. We crossed a small river at 11 AM and halted about two hours for them to build a bridge so the train could cross we started out again about 1 PM and it commenced a drizzling rain just after we started and kept it up all the afternoon and it got so cold toward night that it froze and made a regular sleet. We went into camp about 5 PM and were wet and cold, got our tent put up and then had to move it again in the rain to get it off of the collor line. We marched 22 miles today. I read 3 Chapt. in the Testament.

Wednesday--Feb. 15th

We were on the road about 8 AM marched back about 2 miles for we were on the wrong road we then turned to the right, our camp last night was within 18 miles of Columbia but we are leaving that place on our right and are in camp tonight about 4 miles from Lexington S. C. We marched about 20 miles today and went into camp about 6 PM right in the timber. Our foragers took the wrong road this morning and 5 of them have not come in tonight. Jim Gifford is among them. Our forces put out skirmishes this PM expecting the rebs were close by but if they were we did not see them. It rained all night and has been cloudy and damp all day. I read 1 chapt. in the Testament today.

Thursday--Feb. 16th

We were on the road at 6 AM passed through the town of Lexington between 8 & 9 AM. The most of the buildings were burning. The weather was cool and cloudy AM but it cleared off and was a little warmer PM. I gave out and was put into the ambulance about 10 AM and road the rest of the day. We marched about 10 miles, then turned round and marched back about 5 miles to get on to another road and went into camp about one mile from the Saluta river.

Friday--Feb. 17th

We were on the road at 6 AM crossed the river and halted about an hour for the 3rd Div. to pass. We passed through a very rich country today and our forces destroyed an immense amount of property in the line of Cotton, Corn, Buildings, Mills, etc. and we got any amount of forage such as Poark, Flour and Meal, etc. We marched 15 miles and went into camp about 1/2 mile from Broad river at about 4 PM. We are now in a very rough country the hills are timbered with Pine and Ceader and I saw some White Ask and White Oak timber today the first that I have seen since I have been in Dixie. The weather has been pretty warm today with a very high west wind which made the rebs houses and other property burn very well. I read 2 chapt. in the Testament today.

Saturday--Feb. 18th

We have no marching orders this morning. We are waiting for them to put down the pontoons and the river is very wide and they had to send back to one of the other Divis. this morning to get some more pontoons. The weather came off clear & warm this morning. We received orders to be ready to march at 2.30 PM so we packed up and lay there till dark when we got orders to put up our tents for the night and be ready to march at 6 tomorrow morning so we went to bed on that. I read 3 chapt. in the Testament today.

Sunday--Feb. 19th

We were on the road at 6 Am crossed the river and marched 5 or 6 miles and halted an hour for dinner and when the hour was about up we received orders to prepair our camp for the night. The weather is warm and pleasant. I got my things into the ambulance again today. The soil for the last 3 days has been yellow clay and very muddy untill today the roads have been better. We heard yesterday that Columbia was captured and burned by our forces. Our boys are bringing in reb prisoners every day there was one brought into our regt. only a few minutes ago. Our brigade has been out on detail this PM tearing up Rail Road Track. I read 2 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Monday--Feb. 20th

We were on the road at 6 AM marched about 5 or 6 miles came in with the 1st Div. and went into camp for the night. Our company and 2 others of our regt. had to go on Picket tonight, the day has been warm and pleasant but it is getting a little cooler this evening. I read 1 chapt. in the Testament today.

Tuesday--Feb. 21st

We had a frosty night but it came off warm and nice this Morning. We left the picket line at 10 AM went to camp and was on the road at about 10.30 AM. I got into the Ambulance about noon and rode the rest of the day. The country through here is very rough and the soil is red clay. The Timber is White and Blk. Oak. Some Hickory and some Pine. We must have marched about 10 miles and went into camp at about 4 PM in an oak grove. The day has been cool. Read 3 chapt. in Testament today.

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Wednesday--Feb. 22nd

We were on the road at 6 AM marched out 4 or 5 miles and halted for one of the other divisions to pass. Started up again and passed through White Oak Station on the Charleston and Richmond R. R. about 10 AM. We marched about 10 miles and went into camp about 5 Pm in a little grove. I got my things carried in the Ambulance today. The weather was quite cool AM but warm and pleasant PM.

Thursday--Feb. 23rd

We were on the road at 8 AM and got a ride in the Ambulance. The weather is cool and cloudy with a little mist. We marched 5 or 6 miles and halted for the 1st Div. to pass. Our Div. is train guards consequently we have to stay in the rear of the other Divisions. It commenced raining about 4 PM and is still raining this evening. We went into camp about 6 PM in one of the roughest countrys that I ever saw and had to get our supper in the rain. I read 5 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Friday--Feb. 24th

We broke up camp at 10.30 AM marchd about 1/2 mile and crossed the Watterree River, it is about 30 rods wide and shallow and a very swift current after crossing the river we had to climb some very steep hill and the road was dreadfull muddy we marched about 3 miles and went into camp about 2 PM. It rained all night and has been showery all day and the road is so muddy that it is almost imposible to move the supply train. We drew 1/2 days rations of Hardtack and Coffee this morning. I read 2 Chapters in the Testament.

Saturday--Feb. 25th

It rained all night & till about 8 AM steady and it has been damp and cloudy all day. Our regt. went out on detail at 5.30 PM. I was not very well and got excused from duty and my eyes have been nearly smoked out of my head this PM.

Sunday--Feb. 26th

It rained nearly all night again last night and was very foggy this morning but the sun came out about 9 AM and I think that our storm is over with for the present. Our waggon train was passing till about 10 Oclock last night and they are passing again this morning. The roads are in a dreadfull condition. I did not rest much last night on account of my eyes and head paining so and my head is very bad today. The train all got up about noon so I think we will move again tomorrow. We had regimental inspection at 4PM we have had a very pleasant day since the sun came out. I read 7 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Monday--Feb. 27th

I will here insert the names of our Commanding officers from the highest to the lowest: Major Gen. W. T. Sherman commanding this army, Corps Commander is Major Gen. Jeff. C. Davis, Division Commander is Brig. Gen. Jas. D. Morgan, Brigade Commander is Brig. Gen, Wm. Vandervere. Our Col. is Henry Crumond Company officers is Capt. Casper Earnest, 1st Lieut. Patrick Kelley, 2nd Lieut. Edward S. Simonds, Orderly Sgt. Harvey M. Smith, 2nd Sargt. Wm. H. Adams, 3rd Sgt. Saml. M. Brower, 4th Sgt. Wm. Dunbar. I will omit the Corporals. We had a very nice night and it was clear and pleasant this Am but clouded up this PM and some sign of rain. I mentioned yesterday that our trains had all come up but I was mistaken, for when the train had got about half over the Pontoon Bridge broke and they lost 14 boats and they had to move the bridge down the river about 1/4 mile and our regt. was detailed to go down and make about 1/2 mile of new road and they did not get it done till about dark. There was one man in another company got hurt very bad by a tree that was sliding down the bluff a limb struck him on the head. The name of this place is Rocky Mount. and it is very well named for it is a rough rocky country. The report came in yesterday that Richmond was taken and Grant lost 6,000 men but they do not generally give Credit to the report. My health is better today than it has been for several days. I read 10 Chapters in the Testament today.

Tuesday--Feb. 28th

It rained nearly all night and is still raining this AM. We mustered for pay at 10 AM and at the same time received orders to be ready to march at 11 AM, we marched about 3 miles and went into camp after making a road the most of the way. It did not rain any this PM but it is still cloudy and damp. We drew one days rations of Hardtack, Sugar, and Coffee. I read 7 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Wednesday--March 1st

We were on the road at 6 AM our Brige. was detailed to guard the waggon train and help them out of the mudholes and up the hills and we traveled over some of the roughest country I ever saw and almost bottomless mudholes but as bad as the roads were we marched about 20 miles and went into camp at 6 PM. It rained some last night and it has been showery all day and a cool wind blowing. We came into camp tired and hungry and not much to get for supper. Timber through here is mostly Oak an Hickory with some Pine. I read 4 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Thursday--March 2nd

We were on the road at 6 AM and found very good roads for 4 or 5 miles and then the road was dreadful muddy and we marched very fast. It rained some through the night and it has been misty

and wet all day. We haulted about 1 PM for the train to come up and lay there till about 4 PM then fell in and marched about 2 miles and went into camp about 5 PM in a beautifull pine grove. We crossed Lynch Creek about a mile back. I read 7 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Friday--March 3rd

We broke up camp at 6 AM and found a very good road till about 2 PM then the road was bad again. It was damp and cloudy last night and we had one pretty hard shower today but the sun came out clear this evening. We marched 24 miles back and did not get into camp till about dark. Our foragers came in tonight with their mules will loaded with meal and Bacon. Our Brig. was detailed to go out and fix the road after dark tonight and worked about an hour. I read 2 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Saturday--March 4th

We broke up camp at 6 AM and found very bad roads AM but the roads were good PM. We had about 2 hours rain after we started this morning but it faired off and was quite pleasant the rest of the day we must have marched about 18 miles today and went into camp about 6 PM near te Big Peedee river. I rode in the Ambulance today. We came in with the 20th Corp just before we went into camp. I read 6 Chapt. in the Testament today. We drew rations of Hardtack sugar and coffee today to last two days more or less. We crossed the line into North Carolina this PM.

Sunday--March 5th

We had a cool windy night but it came off clear and warm about 10 AM and I think we will have some better weather than we have had for a few days back. We have no marching orders this morning and I think that we have to lay over here a day or two till they get the Pontoon Bridge down. There has been occasionall canonadeing on our right front today. We had company inspection at 11.30 AM. I read 10 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Monday--March 6th

We had a cool night but it came off warm and pleasant this morning. There was heavy canonadeing in the same direction that it was yesterday again this AM. We have no marching orders yet. Our Regt. went out on dress Parade at 5 PM. We drew one days rations of Hardtack 1 1/2 of Sugar and 2 of Coffee this evening. I read 13 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Tuesday--March 7th

We got up this morning and found a heavy frost but the day came off clear and warm. The troops were crossing the river all night. I heard that the Pontoon Bridge broke again some time in the after part of the night which caused a delay of 5 or 6 hours. We had orders to be ready to march at 2 PM we crossed the river marched out about a mile and went into camp for the night. I read 6 Chapt. in Testament.

Wednesday--March 8th

We were on the road at 6 AM. I got my Knapsack into the Ambulance today. It was very foggy this morning and about 10 AM it commenced raining and rained till about 3 PM and then it poured down almost in torrents till 10 PM. We went into camp about 7 PM pitched our tents and went to bed wet, cold, and without any supper, and that is the way a soldier enjoys life. But all this time goes towards making up the term of service. We must have marched 24 or 25 miles today.

Thursday--Mar. 9th

We broke up camp at 6 AM, we did not have time this morning to dry our clothes much. I was quite unwell and had to have my Knapsack hauled in the ambulance again today. The weather was quite clear and warm AM but it clouded up and began to rain about 2 PM and toward night it poured down again just the same as it did last night and we went to bed again wet cold and hungry. We marched about 18 miles today over a very bad road and went into camp about 6 PM. I hurt one of my ankles this PM and am quite lame tonight.

Friday--Mar. 10th

We broke up camp at 7.30 AM but our Brig. was train guards today and did not start out till about 10 AM some of the train did not get in till after daylight this morning on account of the bad road yesterday. I was quite lame and had to ride in the ambulance today but the road was rough and muddy and I had to walk some. The rebel cavelry attackted our cavelry this morning and captured 100 of our cavelry with horses and equipments and 2 pieces of Artilery and several of their prisoners held by our cavelry. Bur our cavelry rallied and recaptured the artilery and some of the men and drove the rebs all through the woods. We marched 11 miles today and went into camp about 9 PM. The weather has been cool and cloudy today. Jim Gifford had his gun stole today while the regt. was resting.

Saturday--Mar. 11th

We received orders this morning to be ready to march at 9 AM. I was no better this morning and had to ride in the Ambulance again today. The road has been very good today. We have been traveling for the last three days on the Fayetteville and Camden Plank road but the plank are about worn out and that makes the road tough but it has been pretty good today. We marched 11 miles today and went into camp about 5 PM within 2 miles of Fayetteville N. C. Our forces occupied the place this morning. The weather has been clear today but there has been a cool chilly wind blowing all day. We drew one days rations of Hardtack & sugar tonight to last 3 days and we do not get but very little forage for Shermans whole force is here now and the country is entirely striped of all kinds of forage.

Sunday--Mar. 12th

We had a quite a cool night but the day came off Clear and pleasant. We got word about 10 AM that the mail was going out at 1.30 PM and the boys all shouted and started for their Pens paper and went to writing letters and about noon they told us that we would get a mail at 5 PM and then there was another shout went up and the boys waited with all the patience they could muster. I was surely as anxious as any of them but when 5 O'clock came it brought no mail and about 6 PM we had orders to pack up. We broke camp marched down through the town crossed the river, the name of the river is Cape Fear. We then marched out about 1 1/2 miles and came upon the rebel pickets. The brigad halted all but the 14th and they marched out in the advance, drove in the rebel pickets and persued them for about two miles and then we put out our pickets for the night. There was quite a number of shots exchanged we killed one reb and captured two prisoners with loss on our side. When our forces came up the rebs were just tearing up a bridge but a few shots from our men stoped their fun. We signed for clothing tonight after we went on Picket so I think we will not leave here for a day or two yet. I wrote a letter home today. I read 6 Chapt in the Testament today.

Monday--Mar. 13th

We had a pretty cool night but it has been very warm through the day. Our regt. captured 30 rebs last night instead of two. We were relieved from the picket line about 2 PM and moved over onto another road about 2 miles west, and 3 regts. of our brig. are out about two miles on this road driving the rebs back. Or Brig. is made up of the 10th and 14th Mich, the 16th and 60th Ill. and the 17th N. Y. Youaves. We heard that the mail was up at Div. Hd. Q. tonight. I hope so for I am anxious to get it. I caught a very bad cold last night and an almost sick today. I read 4 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Tuesday--Mar. 14th

The nonveterans of our regt. was mustered out today and they are to start for home tomorrow morning. The weather was clear and warm AM but clouded up and some sign of rain PM. Our Brig. had orders to clean up their guns for inspection tomorrow. I have been very unwell now for a day or two on account of a bad cold in the head. I read 4 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Wednesday--Mar. 15th

We had orders to be ready to march at 9 AM and we had company inspection at 7 AM. We started out on the road about 10 AM and I was so bad that the Dr. gave me a ticket to ride in the Ambulance and I rode all day but the road was very rough and muddy. We had a heavy thunderstorm about 1 PM and it more or less the rest of the day. We marched about 12 miles and went into camp about 6 PM.

Thursday--Mar. 16th

We broke up camp at 7 AM. I was very bad and could hardly walk at all but I had to walk about 1/2 mile before I could get into the Ambulance on account of a bad piece of road, and we had bad roads all day and I had to get out several times and walk around the mudholes and about three PM all of the Ambulances were ordered to the front to bring in the wounded men and then I heard that our advance had been fighting all day with pretty heavy loss. We passed the 20th Corp. Hospital and I stopped in and saw two men on the tables that had just been having their left legs taken off and the hospital was full of men wounded in every form. The loss of our regt. was light. Our company lost no men but the 1st Lieut was slightly wounded. There was two Divi. of the 14th Corp. and two of the 20th engaged.

Friday--Mar. 17th

There was musketry firing all night but it was ascertained that the main rebel force left there works near midnight. We started out on the Goldsboro road about 10 AM marched out about 10 miles. The roads were very bad and we did not get into camp till about 9 PM. Our foragers have not had very good luck for a day or two and we had nothing for supper but a few sweet potatoes and corn coffee. I have had to march today and I had a hard day of it but the Col. get my Knapsack carried on a pack mule and the Dr. says that I have had two Epileptic fits one on the 16th of Feb. and the other on the 14th of March. I know that I am now very weak and scarcely able to get around. I read 3 Chapt. in the Testament today.

Saturday--Mar. 18th

We broke camp at 5.30 AM, I got my blanket carried today but had to carry the rest of my things myself. Our Brig. was in the advance today and about 11 AM were fired into by a rebel battery we lost one man killed and two wounded. Our brig. formed in line of battle and the rebs ran for dear life. The weather has been clear and warm yesterday and today with a gentle breeze. I saw Peach and Plum trees all out in blossom today which looked very nice. After our brigade formed in line they drove the rebs about a mile and halted, it was then 11 AM and we lay there till and went into camp on the line, and two companies of our regt. went on picket. I read 5 Chaps. in the Testament today.

Sunday--March 19th

The 1st Div. 14th Corps. passed us this morning and went in advance; they had not gone more than 3 miles before they came onto rebs. the 1st Div. formed in line and drove them about 1 1/2 miles and the rebs made a stand. There was steady firing on both sides till about 1 PM and then the rebs charged our lines and drove us back about 1/4 mile and they captured 3 guns of the 19th Ind. Battery and perhaps some others. They also captured some of our ammunition-wagons and I suppose some prisoners, just then the 20th Corps has been engaged. There must be a heavy loss on both sides I know that we have met with a heavy loss. It is now about dark and they are still at it I am still quite unwell and not able to be with the regt. or else I should stand my chance with them. Read 4 Chapt. today.

Monday--March 20th

The firing ceased on both sides last night after it got so dark that they could not see each other with the exceptions of occasional picket firing which was kept up all night. I packed up and went to the regt. this morning but still I was quite unwell. I learned that our company only lost 2 men wounded and none killed yesterday but our company was out on the skirmish line this morning and had one man killed. And then about 10 AM our regt. and the 16th Ill. charged the rebel line and drove them out of their first line of works and pursued them to the next line where the rebs drove our men back with their artillery a short distance where our men halted and put up breastworks where we lay all day. It commenced raining about 2 PM and rained the rest of the day. We lost one man in the charge he was either killed or taken prisoner. I saw 20 rebs killed and about 10 or 12 wounded lying on the field the work of our regt. yesterday. Our regt. also captured two rebel battle flags one of them was taken from the 54th Va. and they also captured a good many prisoners yesterday and some today.

Tuesday--Mar. 21st

We were relieved from the front line just before dark last night and moved a little to the right and put up another line of works, then put up our tents and went to bed in the watter for our whole battle ground is in a pine swamp. The pickets kept up an occasional firing all night but when we got up this morning we found out that the rebs had got enough of it and all left satisfied that the yanks are a little too much for them. We broke up camp about 8 AM marched over to the rebbel works took the Goldsborough road and marched out about 10 miles and went into camp on the bank of a small river that I did not learn the name of. I took a bad cold yesterday and am quite unwell again today but had to march and cary my load for the Ambulances are all loaded with the wounded.

Wednesday--Mar. 22nd

We broke up camp about 8 AM and made our way toward the town of Goldsborough N. C. 13 miles I was very unwell today again but I managed to get along for they marched very slow. We marched through the town about 5 PM and went into camp about 1 1/2 miles north of the vilage in an open field. The town is small but beautifully situated but we are to have communication here by railroad Via of Newborn N. C. Capt. Earnest came to the regt. tonight.

Thursday--Mar. 23rd

We had to move our camp this AM about 15 rods in order to have a better situation. Our foragers got a little meal and pleanty of meat yesterday and some more meat today we drew some beans bacon and salt today the weather has been very windy and cool for the last three days. I am still quite unwell today.

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Tuesday--Mar. 21st

We still lay here behind our temporary breastworks and every little while the boys are made to dodge down their heads to keep out of the way of the shot and shell and the sharpshooters balls which are thrown in here at us, there was one man wounded in the regt. yesterday in the arm by a musket ball. We drew two days rations of Hardtack today we were relieved from the front line this evening and moved to the right and in the rear of another regt. and put up another line of works.

Saturday--Mar. 25th

The day has been cool but clear. I had another bad spell today and I feel very miserable. The mail went out at 2.30 PM but I could not write any.

Sunday--Mar. 26th

It has been a little warmer today than yesterday. Our regt. went out today to guard a forage train they had to start at 4 AM and got back at about 3 PM. We got a large mail this PM. I got 9 letters.

Monday--Mar. 27th

We had a heavy frost last night but it has been warm and pleasant today. There was another mail came in today but none for me this time. I wrote a letter home today. I do not feel much better yet because I cannot rest nights. The regt. was out on dress parade at 5 PM.

Tuesday--Mar. 28th

It was cool again last night and the day has been foggy. I wrote another letter home today. We drew clothing this AM. Jim Gifford was put on extra duty today for not going with the regt. a foraging last Sunday he was not well but did not go to the Drs. to be excused from duty. I have felt considerable better today. The regt. was out on dress parade again at 5 PM. There is a standing order for dress parade at that hour every day while we stay in camp. Sherman issued an order to the effect that the army was to have a good rest here and be well fed well clothed and payed off so that the soldiers can leave here on the next campaign in good spirits. Lieut. Kelleys time is out the 13th of next month. I wrote another long letter home today.

Wednesday--Mar. 29th

We have had several light showers today and it looks as though we would have more rain tonight. I wrote a letter to Elmer and one to Ad Hamilton today. The regt. was on dress parade and after that they had batalion for about half an hour. We drew 3 days rations of Hardtack, Sugar, and Coffee and some Salt Poark, Beans, Codfish, and Vinegar. We have all the rations we can use for the first time since I came into the service only when we hapened to get plenty of forage while on the march. I feel quite smart today but am very weak. I read 3 Chapt. today.

Thursday--Mar. 30th

It rained most all the after part of the night and nearly all of the fournoon and it was quite cool PM with a high S. W. wind. The regt. was on dress parad and Batalion drill again today. I read 3 Chapt. today.

Friday--Mar. 31st

The weather has been cool and winday again today. I went over to the 17th A. C. and mad Loren a good long visit and then I went down through the town and got back to camp about 4 PM then I went and tryed to find the 38th Ohio regt. but failed. The regt. had general inspection at 5 PM. I read 3 Chapt. in Testament today.

Saturday--April 1st

We have had a most a beautifull day clear and warm with a gentle S. E. breeze. I wrote a good long letter to Henry Smith today, also one home and some cotton yarn home by mail. There is a detail made out of our regt today as Cattle guards to be gone from the regt. a month 5 men two corporals and a Sargent out of our company. We had a dress parade at 5 PM, read 5 Chapt. today.

Sunday--Apr. 2nd

We have had another very nice day. We had General Inspection at 9 AM and dress parade at 5 PM. I reced. a letter from home today. Loren Moulton came over today and we had another good visit. My health is better now than it has been in two months. I wrote a good long letter to Lorens folks today. I read 2 Chapt. in Testament.

Monday--Apr 3rd

It is just six months today since I was mustered into the service. We have had a very nice day. James Gifford went over to the 15th A. C. today to find an old friend. I was on drill today for the first time since we have been in camp here. I wrote a letter home today. I was out on dress parade and Batalion drill this PM and it pretty near tired me out. I read 3 Chapt.

Tuesday--Apr. 4th

We have had a very warm day I was on drill this AM and Battalion drill and dress parad again this PM. We drew 3 days rations of Hardtack 5 of Coffee and Sugar, 2 of Salt Poark one of Codfish one of Beans and some Vinegar. My head begins to feel bad again this evening. I read 5 Chapt. today.

Wednesday--Apr. 5th

The day has been very warm and sultry. I have been quite unwell today and did no duty, the regt. had Company drill AM. We drew one days rations of Softbread and some Pickled Onions. The boys here in camp have peace declaired a dozen times a day but it dont seam to come yet. I read 3 Chapt. today.

Thursday--Apr. 6th

I wrote another letter home this morning, I do not feel as well today as I did yesterday. We reced. the news of the fall of Ricmond Va. today with 25,000 prisoners and 500 pieces of Artilery in the form of an order signed by Gen. Grant and it has been a happy day with the soldiers. The day has been very pleasant. I read 5 Chapt. We drew one days rations of soft bread and some Irish Potatoes today.

Friday--Apr. 7th

The day has been cloudy with a few light sprinkles of rain I received a letter from home today and answered it. There was a funeral procesion of some officer passed our camp just after noon. I am no better than I was yesterday. I read 3 Chapt. today. The regt was on Company drill two hours AM and two PM and dress parade at 5 PM.

Saturday--Apr. 8th

It has been very warm today. The regt. did not drill any today but they had dress parade at 5 PM. We drew 3 days rations of Hardtack 5 of Coffee and Sugar 2 of Salt Poark and some Tomato Pickles. I have had another bad spell today. There is a rhumor in camp that 600 rebs came in yesterday and 600 today and gave themselves up at prisoners. I read 4 Chapt. today.

Sunday--Apr. 9th

We reced. orders last night to be ready to march at an early hour monday morning. There was a quite a display of fireworks last night in the line of skyrockets, fire balls, and firing of musketry with an occasional shot from the Artillery, as a salute for the fall of the rebbel capital and other good nuse that is coming in every day. And then to cap the whole the 1st and 2nd Brigades fought a sham battle without arms. Chargeing each other backward and forward for over three hours, when our Brig. the 1st drove the 2nd and captured their colors and claimed a victory and all went to their quarters. The Dr. came in to see me this morning and told me he would have to send me to the Hospital. It is reported that Gen. Sherman ordered all men to be sent back that could not stand a march of 900 miles, and about 8 AM the Ambulance called for me and our 2nd Sargent and a man by the name of Palmeter, took us to the Hospital where we were examined and about noon we were put aboard the cars to go the Newberne, N. C. We had to ride in open cars and some men so sick that they could not sit up. We arrived at Kingston about 2 PM lay there about an hour waiting for another train, them moved on arriving at Newberne about 6 PM a distance of 56 miles but we were not taken to the Hospital till about 8 PM and they were crowded so with sick and wounded they could not give us beds; so we spread our blankets on the floor and went to bed then they came around and gave each one a slice of Softbread which was all the supper we had. It was quite cool in the morning and evening but warm through the middle of the day. Kingston and Newberne are like all other southern Cities about 50 years behind the times in stile of Architecture.

Monday--Apr. 10th

We had a fine shower in the night which makes every thing look lively and pleasant in natures line. We were routed out about 6 AM washed ourselves and got ready for breakfast, then marched down street about 4 blocks and they were crowded so that we had to wait over an hour, and then our breakfast consisted of Corn meal, and Molasses Softbread and a cup of Coffee. Then they came around took our names and the command we belonged too and our rank we then marched out 2 1/2 miles to Camp Chattanooga a Convalescent Camp and we lay there in the road over an hour, and it began to rain, then the Sargent came out and marched to our quarters which was log cabbins with roofs, and we nearly all got wet before we got our tents up, and it rained tha rest of the day more or less. Our supper consisted of a cup of Coffee and three Hardtack. Takeing it alltogether it is useing sick soldiers rather rough, but Uncle Samuel dont know how his boys are treated if he did it would not be so a great while. I read 3 Chapt. today. I saw the first regular Fort today that I have ever seen but I did not learn the name of it. It lies just south of the town of Newberne and there is another one on the South East of town.

Tuesday--Apr. 11th

We drew our Coffee and Hardtack again this morning and a small piece of Salt Beef but we have notheng to cook it in so it will not do us much good. We had a damp night and it is still cloudy

but warm. I read 4 Chapt. today. We drew our cup of Coffee and one days rations of Hardtack tonight. There was a rumor came this PM that Lee had Surrendered with his whole army to Gen. Grant and there was a salute fired in Newberne on the strength of it. I went at here to a little Lake a fishing this PM but did not catch any. There has been a high South wind blowing most all day.

Wednesday--Apr. 12th

We drew our cup of Coffee and a small piece of Salt Poark for our breakfast. There was a man came in this morning with Religious Papers from the U. S. C. C. and I got a New York Observer. We drew some Bean Soup for our dinner today. There was a rumor caime in today that Gen. Lee had sent a dispatch to Gen. Johnson and Gen. Beaurigard ordering them to surrender at once for there was not use of fighting any longer, and another rumor says that Gen. Grant sent an order to Gen. Sherman not to attact Gen. Johnson but there are so many rumors that we cannot tell what to give credit to. We had a nice night and it has been warm and pleasant today with a South West wind I read 4 Chapt. We drew our cup of Coffee and one days rations of Hardtack for supper.

Thursday--Apr. 13th

We drew our cup of coffee and a small piece of Salt Beef for breakfast but did not get any dinner today. We had a nice night and it came off clear and warm this morning but clouded up got a little cooler and began to rain about 3 PM. The news came today confirming the report that Gen. Lee had surrendered the whole army of Northern Va. to Gen. Grant, and there was another salute fired from all of the Artillery in and around Newberne. It makes the men here feel as though the day of rejoicing was near at hand. I read 6 Chapt. today which finishes the reading the Testament through the second time since I have been in the service. I went over to the river a fishing again today but did not catch any. There was a salute of 100 guns fired this evening for the surrender of Gen. Johnson and his army to Gen. Sherman.

Friday--Apr. 14th

We had a quite a cool night but it came off warm and pleasant with a gentle S. E. wind we drew our cup of Coffee and a small piece of Salt Poark for our breakfast but did not draw anything at noon. We fried our Poark and some Hardtack and one of the boys had a little ground Coffee so we steaped that and made a good dinner out of it. One of the men that came back with us went to the Hospital today. I read 3 Chapt. There was an order came today for all men that were able to do duty to go to their commands. We drew our cup of coffee and one day of Hardtack tonight. There was about 300 new recruits came in tonight.

Saturday--Apr. 15th

There was about 200 more recruits came in here this morning. We drew our cup of coffee and a small piece of Salt Beef not cooked for breakfast, but did not draw any dinner today. We had a cool night and it began to rain about 9 AM and rained till about noon with considerable thunder. I read 3 Chapt. today. I wrote a letter home today.

Sunday--Apr. 16th

We had a very pleasant night but the wind rose and blowed quite cool from the west all day. There was a salute of 100 guns fired about noon but we did not hear what it was for. And toward night there was considerable shelling done out west of this camp two or three miles which caused considerable excitement in camp, but it was afterwards reported that the shelling was done by a squad of drunken officers and men. I have been quite unwell today and one of my mess mates told me that I was coming down with the yellow jaunders I looked in the glass and found that I was getting quite yellow and my lungs are very sore so that I raise considerable blood.

Monday--Apr. 17th

We have had a very cool night and it has been cool all day with a N. E. wind I have taken a pretty bad cold in consequence so I do not feel any better than I did yesterday. We drew a cup of Been Soup for our dinner today. The Sargent that came with us went to the Hospital today. We received the sad news of the death of our President this PM which the most of the soldiers feel to be a great loss to our country just as Peace and Prosperity is about to return to our nation. The flags were all lowered to half mast. I read 3 Chapt. today.

Tuesday-- Apr. 18th

We have had a nice pleasant day with a gentle S. E. wind. My messmate went down yesterday and bought some Lemons and sugar and we have been speculating in lemonade today. I feel a little better than yesterday. I read 3 Chapt. today. We drew our cup of coffee and 1/2 loaf of soft bread tonight.

Wednesday--Apr. 19th

We had a pretty heavy thunder storms in the night it lasted about two hours. We were all called out today and our names taken together with our Co. Regt. and Corps so we could get our discriptive Roll. We heard a few days ago that Johnson had surrendered and Jeff Davis was

captured but that is proved to be untrue. I feel a little better today. We have had a very pleasant day with a gentle S. wind. We drew our cup of coffee and 1/2 loaf soft Bread again tonight. I read 4 Chapt. today.

Thursday--Apr. 20th

It clouded up this morning and it has been showery all day. We drew fresh boiled beef this morning. I went out this afternoon and sold a pailfull of Lemonade for \$1.20 then I went to the sutters and got 35 cts worth of Butter. I read 6 Chapt. today. There was an order came here signed by Gen. Sherman stating that he was going to have his army on their road home in a few days.

Friday--Apr. 21st

We had a nice night but it has been cloudy and quite warm the most of the day with light showers of rain but it is cool this evening. There has been 4 heavy guns fired about every 15 minutes all day down here in town to show their respect for our late President and they have kept their flags at half mast for the last four days. There are but few but mourn the loss of that good man. I am about the same in health as yesterday. We sold some more Lemonade today. I read 8 Chapt. We drew soft bread again tonight. I wrote a letter to J. L. Gifford today.

Saturday--Apr. 22nd

The day has been very warm. There was about 100 men left here for the front today among them was my messmate a Corporal of Co. F of our regt. he is a fine man and a good companion. He was down town this AM and he said that all business was to be suspended this PM holding it sacred for the nations great loss of their President. I read 7 Chapt. today. We drew soft bread again tonight. I read another paper from the U. S. C. C. this evening. I feel better than yesterday. Those men that started for the front came back about sundown because they could not get transportation.

Sunday--Apr. 23rd

We had a quite a cool night and it has been cool all day with a west wind. There was 200 or 300 more men came in today from Goldsboro. I begin to feel quite smart again the jaunders have allmost left me. We draw two cups of coffee per day 1/2 loaf Soft Bread and a small piece of salt Beef as usual. I read 8 Chapt. today.

Monday--Apr. 24th

We had a cool night but it came off warm and pleasant through the day with a gentle S. W. wind. There was some more troops came in today and some started out but came back the same as yesterday. I am gaining in health-slowly. I bought a doz Lemons and some sugar of my Corp friend today on tick and have sold one pailfull of Lemonade today. I read 6 Chapt. today.

Tuesday--Apr. 25th

We had a cool night but it came off warm and pleasant. I done a quite a large washing roday 3 shirts one pr drawers one pr socks and two blankets and when I got through I was pretty tired, but I am gaining in health slowly. There was a squad of men left here for the front today and my Corporal friend went with them. I sold the rest of my Lemonade today. The material cost my \$1.30 and I sold it for \$3.11 I read 5 Chapt. today. We got some dinner today consisting of a pint of Been soup without any Beens in.

Wednesday--Apr. 26th

The nights are just cool enough so that we can sleep comfortable and it comes off quite warm through the day. I caught a little cold yesterday while washing. There was about 300 more men left here today for different departments. There was a salute of 15 guns fired this morning in town and then there was a gun fired every 30 minutes all day in mourning for the nations boss. The firing on the 21st was from the diferent forts in this vacinity. I read 25 Chapt. today.

Thursday--Apr. 27th

The weather still holds out fine beautifull growing weather. I got a pass and went down to Newberne today. The whole City was trimed in mourning even to the collored people they show great respect for their diliverer from bondage. I went to the Christian Commition rooms and they gave me a book entitled the Soldier of the Cumberland. And a tract The Mothers last words, and some paper and envelopes, some thread, needles and Pins, and they gave me some Religious Papers to read and then gave me 40 more to distribute through camp. I returned to camp about 5 PM just about tired out for it has been a very warm day. There was a few more men came to camp today. I read 9 Chapt. today.

Friday--Apr. 28th

I feel rather unwell after my trip to the City and I think that I have taken some cold. There was about 50 men left here for the front this morning. The day has been very warm and sultry. I read 4 Chaps. today.

Saturday--Apr. 29th

I am very unwell today hardly able to sit up at all. The Dr. came to camp this PM and examined the men to send the worst ones north, he took my name and I suppose we will on a Hospital boat. It was very warm and sultry AM but the wind raised and it clouded up and turned quite cool PM.

Sunday--Apr. 30th

We had quite a shower of rain in the night but it came off pleasant this morning. Those men that were examined yesterday were sent off this PM myselfe with the rest. We got aboard of the ocean steamer Kennebeck at the city of Newberne N. C. at about 7 PM and we left the dock at 9 PM and had a very nice still time. I read 6 Chaps. today. I begin to feel a little better.

Monday--May 1st

When I got up this morning I found myself in sight of Ft. Clark on Hatterass Inlett. The boat just halted long enough for the Pilot to land and then we pulled out onto the broad Atlantic, there was quite a thunderstorm came up about 8 AM but it did not last but a short time and then faired off again. We passed Cape Hatterass about 8 AM and kept within from one to two miles of the coast all day. The sea was quite boistrous just after the storm for an hour or two and toward night the wind raised again which made it a little rough till we stoped in the Hamton roads on the west of Fr. Monroe about 11 PM they cast anchor for the night. I read 4 Chaps. today.

Tuesday--May 2nd

I got up this morning and about the first object of note that met my eyes was three of Uncle Sams Monitors two single Turrit and one double. They were quite a curiosity to most of the soldiers. We find the hand on the boat to be very kind to us if they have a piece of soft bread and meat or a cup of coffee left after eating their meals they will give it to some of the sick soldiers and they very often go and get an extra plate full and give to some sick soldier. When any of the sick men happen to get in their way they speak kindly to them instead of ordering them out of the way in snapping snarling terms. And the Capt. of the boat he is a short thick set and very fat man and he

is very kind and good natured to the men not afraid to converse with any of us and always ready to answer any question asked by them. And our Surgeon in charge is also very good to us in every respect. We are not crowded but have plenty of good comfortable quarters on the lower deck, so taking it alltogether we are having a very pleasant trip. While they were preparing to take on coal this morning I went ashore and bought 2 loaves of bread for 15 cts and 1 lb of Butter for 50 cts. After taking on coal, and watter for cooking and drinking we pulled out to sea about 10.30 AM. I went out onto the Hurricane deck and had a good view of the Ft. and of that celebrated millitary prison called the Rip Raps situated about half or 3/4 of a mile from the Ft. right in the bay or entrance of the roads. We passed Cape Charles about 1 PM. We have had a very nice day but we have had a head win all day, and we have been in sight of land all day but farther out than yesterday. I read 4 Chapt. today.

Wednesday--May 3rd

When I first got up this morning I could not see land in any direction but we came in sight of Burgham Poart Light House at 7 AM and have been nearing the coast ever since. We passed the Barneygat Light House at 10.30 AM. We passed the Soldiers Barracks along the coast about a mile in length. We still have a head wind today, but still we are makeing very good time. We passed through the narrows about 5 PM. Ft. Hamilton is on the right and Ft. Richmond and Ft. Jersey Hights on the left as we came in. There is also another ft. on the right that I have not learned the name of. We anchored off Jersey City at 7 PM for the night. After passing through the narrows we had a splendid view of Jersey City, New York City, and Brooklin. We had a very nice time a coming up. I escaped being sea sick although a great many of the men were pretty bad. I feel pretty well with the exception that I have taken some cold. I read 2 Chapt. today.

Thursday--May 4th

We lay anchor till 10.30 AM when the Hospital Boat Thomas PWay came alongside took us on board and at 11 AM we were on our way for Grant, U. S. Hospital situated on Davids Island 20 miles up east river from N.Y. City. We passed on our trip some of the most beautifull scenery that I ever saw. We arrived at the barracks about 1 PM and found it a very beautifull place and every thing kept in the very best of order. I expect there are representatives here fron nearly every county in the U. S. We have a good comfortable beds and good living, I feel tolerably well today with the exceptions of a slight cold taken on the boat. They are sending men away from here to the City to be discharged every day so I think my turn will come after a while and I will be as patient as possible. I read 5 Chapt. today. I wrote a letter home today.

Friday--May 5th

We have had a very nice day but it clouded up this evening and got quite cool. My throat is a little sore today but otherwise I feel tolerably well. This was the day for the Ladies to have visited the hospital but for some reason they did not come. Our hospital is very comfortable and pleasant and we are well cared for in every respect. I read 4 Chapt. today.

Saturday--May 6th

It commenced raining about 7 AM and has been raining more or less all day. The Ladies made us a visit today and presented each patient with a piece of Cake, an Orange and a small piece of Butter for which we are very thankfull. I felt pretty well all day but this evening I have a headacke and feel quite bad. I read 5 Chapt. today.

Sunday--May 7th

We had quite a cool windy night but it came off warm and we have had a very nice day. We had inspection at 9 AM when everything had to be in perfect order. I have had a headache and felt quite bad all day. We received some papers from the U. S. C. C. We signed for clothing today. I read 5 Chapt. today.

Monday--May 8th

We have had a cloudy showery day and this evening it is raining quite hard. I have not felt as well today as common a dull headache and a diareah setting in. There has been a good many discharged here today 5 or 6 out of this ward. There was a recomendation for a discharge sent in for 5 more myself as one of them, and our names were taken after we went to bed. Read 5 Chapt.

Tuesday--May 9th

It rained all night and nearly all day today. The ladies did not come today on account of the rain. I understand that we are not permitted to draw any more clothing. I have been quite unwell today. I read 4 Chapt. I wrote 2 letters one home and one to the regt.

Wednesday--May 10th

It cleared off in the night and we have had a very nice day but it is quite cool and windy this evening. I have felt pretty well all day but this evening I do not feel as well. There is a man in our ward that we thought was coming down with the Smallpox but the Dr. examined him and pronounced it a false report. I read 4 Chapt. today.

Thursday--May 11th

It has been cool and cloudy all day and this evening there was a heavy storm came up from the S. W. and I learn that it done considerable damage in the city of Brooklin in the way of unroofing buildings blowing down fences etc and one large building was struck by lightning. I have felt pretty well today. We have plenty of reading matter for we get religious papers every sunday and each ward has a small library for the use of patients. I read 3 Chapt. today.

Friday--May 12th

It rained all night and till about 8 AM and was very cool but it cleared off and was quite pleasant PM. The Ladies were here today and gave each one an orange a piece of ginger cake and a little butter and to some of the worst cases they gave jelleys preserves etc etc etc. The Dr. came to the conclusion last evening that that man did have the Smallpox and they sent him to the Smallpox ward but not till we were all exposed but it is not likely we will all have it but some must. I have had a bad headache today. I read 2 Chapt. today.

Saturday--May 13th

We have had a very fine day although it was quite foggy this morning. I have felt pretty tolerably well today with the exceptions of a little headache. I read 3 Chapt. today.

Sunday--May 14th

The weather was quite cool last night and this AM with a N. W. wind. Nothing has transpired today except the daily routine of Hospital life which is to get up in the morning at 5 make up our beds and be ready for breakfast at 6 then do what we please till 9 then each patient has to be at his bed to see the Dr. then we can read or romp or sleep till 12 and then go to dinner. Then we have a chance to do as we please till 5 PM when we are to be at our beds again to see the Dr. then be ready for supper at 6 and then go to bed as soon as we please but we have to be in bed by 9 PM and the lights out, unless there are some patient in the ward that needs care through the

night and in such a case the Dr. gives permission to keep one light burning, and it is the same thing every day except Tuesday and Friday then the Ladies come to see us which makes a change in the Programme. I do not feel quite as well today as usual. Come to think about it we have a little change on Sunday, we have inspection at 9 AM instead of the Dr. call. I read 2 Chapt. today.

Monday--May 15th

It has been very warm and pleasant today, and there has been a good many discharged today, and I shall look for mine in a few days. I have felt quite well today. I went down on the beach this AM dug a mess of clams and had a clam soup for dinner which went off first rate. I read 3 Chapt. today.

Tuesday--May 16th

We have had a very warm day with a gentle South breeze. I have felt pretty well. There was a man taken out of the next ward today that had the smallpox. I went down on the beach today when the tide was out and picked up some shells and other curiosities. The Ladies came today but they did not bring anything only some dainties for some of the worst cases. I read 2 Chapt. today.

Wednesday--May 17th

The day has been very warm with pleasant sea breezes. There was 5 more patients came to our ward today. I think I am gaining in health all of the time and if I escape the smallpox I shall think that it is through the protecting hand of kind Providence. I was down today and picked up some more shells. I read 3 Chapt.

Thursday--May 18th

We had a warm pleasant night, but it clouded up and the wind raised and blew pretty hard from the north this morning and it has been quite a cold day. I began to feel quite like myself again as I am gaining in health every day. There was two men discharged out of this ward today, one of them was a crazy man, some of the men made a great deal of fun of him but I felt sorry for the poor fellow. I read 3 Chapt. today.

Friday--May 19th

It still keeps cold and today it is misty and wet but the wind is nearly N. W. My health is still on the gain. The Ladies came in again today with Ginger Cake, Oranges and Butter from the U. S. C. for which we are always very thankful. I look for my discharge every day now. I read 3 Chapt.

Saturday--May 20th

We had quite a shower this morning but it cleared off toward noon and it has been a very pleasant day with a S. W. breeze. I went up to the cook-house today wait on a table that accomodates 36 men, and it is quite a job to set the table clear it off and wash the dishes 3 times per day and then we have all of the rations to put on to the table. I read 3 Chapt. today.

Sunday--May 21st

The weather has been changeable today with alternate sunshine and showers. We have had a pretty hard of it in the cookhouse and I am about tired out tonight. I reced. a letter from home and answered it. I read 3 Chapt. today.

Monday--May 22nd

We had a very heavy storm of Wind and rain and it thundered and lightened very steady and we have had a very wet day. I did not go to the cookhouse to work today for I worked so hard yesterday that I am almost sick. I read 3 Chapt. today. There was 40 men discharged today.

Tuesday--May 23rd

It cleared off this morning and we have had a very nice day. I feel a little better than I did yesterday. There was 200 men discharged today. I got my blanket etc washed today. I read 3 Chapt. today.

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