

Fosterville July 18 1863

Saturday 18 Left camp at Guy's Gap at 6 o'clock, & marched to New Fosterville on the Nashville and Chatanuga Rail Road 45 miles from Nashville. After arriving here we fixed up our tents to make bunks to sleep on, expecting to stay some time. Went on Picket at 7 o'clock, at night. One Section of the 9<sup>th</sup> OHIO Battery, one company of the 10<sup>th</sup> OHIO cavalry, & our Regt. are all the Force here. The men that had been to work on the Rail Road came to camp at night.

Sunday 19 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock A.M. A very heavy rain before night. (No preaching.)

Monday 20 On Picket. very hot Day. Rained very hard in the night with a great deal of lightening.

Tuesday 21 Came in from Picket in the Morning. Washed Clothes. Cloudy Day.

Wednesday 22 Went out on a foraging expedition with R. Peterson & L. Gordon and Is. Batchelder. We went beyond Liberty Gap and came through it returning to camp. We found plenty of Forage. We went about five miles from camp. We got plenty of Potatoes & apples, Milk, Beets & Plums &c. Returned to camp about an hour before Sundown. We started between 9 & 10 o'clock. Went out on an old Pass fixed up as good as a new one. We passed over the Ground where the fighting was done four weeks ago. The trees were marked by the bullets - also the houses. Saw a number of the graves of the men of the 79<sup>th</sup> ILL Vol. Went into a house and saw six Wounded Reb Soldiers. They were wounded at Liberty Gap very severely.

Murfreesboro July 1863

Thursday 23 Left camp at Fosterville at 5 o'clock A.M. Going back to Murfreesboro our Co. was Rear guards. Arrived at Murfreesboro about 1:00 o'clock P.M. It was very hot day. & camped South East of town. We were Relieved at Fosterville by the 10th ILL INFT. The 33<sup>rd</sup> IND is here

but not mounted as was supposed. The 85 IND and 22<sup>nd</sup> WIS are also here. All in our brigade again commanded by Col. John Coburn.

Friday 24 Went out on Picket at 6 o'clock A.M. It requires over a thousand Pickets to Guard this place Every Day. Very Hot Day. From 90° to 100°.

Sat 25 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock A.M. A heavy shower early in the morning. Cool and Pleasant day. Drew 6 days rations. Battalion Drill about an hour in the evening. Wrote to Father.

Sunday 26 Straightened up the tents in rows. Inspection of Arms at night. Heavy rain in the evening. Jerry & L. Norton Returned to the Regt.

Monday, 27 Detailed for Picket but went to guard Forage across Stone River Where the Forage is Stored. John Morgan is reported captured.

Tues 28 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. Afternoon Policed ground where the camp is to Be Moved tomorrow.

Wed 29 Fixed up our new camp ground. Wrote letter and recd two. Attended Prayer Meeting in the evening. after dark a heavy Shower.

Thursday 30 Rainy forenoon. did nothing.

Friday 31 On Picket. Guarded commissary stores Beyond the River.

Murfreesboro August 1863

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Drawed new pair pants General Inspection in afternoon. Peterson Went to the Regimental hospital. Very Hot Day.

Sunday 2 Preaching by our Chaplin in the afternoon. At night Inspection. The 86 IND were paid off to Day.

Monday 3 In the Morning went with the Wagon after Beef but we did not get any. Coffee & crackers is all we have at present. Washed clothes in forenoon. Brigade Drill in the evening. Wrote to Arthur.

Tues 4 Drilled a short time in the morning at Co. Drill. In the afternoon went with the Wagon after soft Bread. At night went out on Company Drill. & then started for Brigade Drill which was given up as it was to late. Went out and Drilled after dark. A shower.

Wed. 5 On Picket on the Shelbyville Turnpike. A heavy shower at noon & rained a little all afternoon. The Regt got a new flag today. We have been without colours Since our Return to the Field. There was Company Drill in the Morning at five o'clock. Brigade Drill in forenoon & evening.

Thur 6 A Day of National Thanksgiving and praise to God for the recent victories which has crowned our Arms By Order of the President of the U.S. No Drilling nor any other unnessary Duty is done in camp. In the forenoon very hot. Afternoon Cloudy & Cool.

Friday 7 Brigade Review at 10 o'clock By Brig. Gen. Whittiker. It was very hot. one man was sun struck & had to be carried to the hospital. Gen. W\_\_\_ is now in command of our Division. Brigade Drill in the evening. Recd a paper from home. It is one year to day Since I enlisted. Peter returned to Company.

Sat 8 In the morning went after fresh Beef. Washing day. Brigade Drill in the evening.

Sunday 9 On Picket. The Regt was paid 4 months Pay.

Monday 10 Came in from Picket in the Morning & received my pay from Lieut Shafter \$52.00. Brigade Drill in evening.

Tuesday 11 In the morning went Down Town & Expressed home \$42.00. There was \$214.00 sent in the paccage. it was Directed to Wm. Matthew Martin. The express charges were \$2.25. Recd two papers from home. Went out on Brigade Drill at 6 o'clock and Drilled till after dark. We have orders to prepare for Brigade Inspection on Thursday Morning at 7 ½ o'clock A.M. Hot Day.

Wed 12 Reported at Head Quarters at 6 o'clock A.M. & went to work on the Fortifications, uncovering a Magazin which leaked. Stopped working about 5 o'clock P.M. It is Reported that Charleston is Taken.

Thursday 13 Semi Monthly Inspection at 7 o'clock by Capt Adams. Went down town after dinner. Sarjent P. Pullman Started for home to Recruit. Battilion Drill in the Afternoon.

Friday 14 Went after fresh Beef. Wrote a letter & received two. Went out for Drill about 5 o'clock but were driven in by a very heavy Rain & thunder Storm. Very hot Day.

Sat 15 Roll call at Reville. There is to be 4 roll calls a Day hereafter. Company Drill in forenoon. Brigade Drill in the evening. Washing Day. Weather Clowdy & looks like rain. Our Squad sent for the Detroit Advertiser & Tribune for one year. Sent \$1.25 to pay subscription & postage.

Sunday 16 Inspection at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11. By our Chaplin. Went down Town at 2 o'clock & attended the negro church as there was no other preaching. heard a very good Sermon from the colored Preacher.

Monday 17 Company Drill at 5 o'clock A.M. Wrote to Arthur. Very hot Day. Brigade & Battilion Drill in evening. Orders to be ready to March soon.

Tuesday 18 On Picket at The Field Hospital. It is now being removed to Stevenson, Alabama. Very hot Day.

Wed 19 One year ago today we went into camp at Dowajiac. No pickets from our Regt. the 22<sup>nd</sup> are pickets to Day. Brigade Drill in evening By Col. Baird of the 85<sup>th</sup> IND.

Thurs 20 Helped build a Shed over the Company Street. in afternoon went with the Wagons after Cedar Brush about 5 miles South on the Shelbyville Turnpike. Fiddeling & Dancing in the evening.

Friday 21 Revilee at 3 o'clock. we got up & fell in with our Arms, stood in line a short time, when we stakked Arms & went to our Quarters. It is rumered that Johnson is crossing the Mountains coming up in this Direction. The Picket Duty is performed by the Regts of our Brigade. Our Regt is on Picket to Day. The most of our company went to the Nashville Pike about 1 ½ miles north of town. (Rosecrans is Advancing again on Bragg.) The Picket lines are about 7 or 8 miles long. 211 Men of our Regt performed all the Picket Duty. Gen. Rosecrans is on the move again.

Saturday 22 Relieved from Picket By the 85<sup>th</sup> IND Regt. Very Hot and Dusty returning to camp. Company Drill afternoon. Drilled in the Manual of Arms about an hour. Battalion Drill in the evening.

Sunday 23 Detailed for Police Duty in the Morning. did not get through till after Inspection. Went down town in the forenoon to Church, & again at 4 o'clock. heard very good Sermons. There was a funeral sermon preached by our Chaplin at 5 o'clock. A Corporal of Co. H. Died in hospital last night. He was sun struck on Review about 2 weeks ago. We got up in the morning at 3 o'clock & formed line. an attack was expected by Gen. Forrest, but he did not give us a call. The Whol brigade was in line from 3 o'clock till Daylight.

Monday 24 Company Drill in the morning, before breakfast. Washed Clothes in the forenoon. Heavy rain & thunder storm in the afternoon. Prepared for Inspection which was to be to night by the Division Inspector. It did not come off as expected. Wrote letter and received two & a N.Y. Observer.

Tuesday 25 Our Regt. on Picket. Stood on The Lebenon Pike. had a Brick house for Head Quarters. Clowdy and Cool Day. The Walls of Fort Sumpter Reported to be Breached By Gen Gilmore's Guns.

Wed 26 Very cold night. Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock by the 85<sup>th</sup> IND. A man from Co. K. Died in hospital yesterday. The Chaplin preached his funeral sermon at 2 o'clock. Brigade Drill at 1/2 past five till after Dark. Gen. Rosecrans is fighting at Chattanooga.

Thursday 27 Went down town in the morning. Wrote letter. Brigade Drill in the evening by our Regt. Commander, Capt. Thompson. Col. Gilbert left for home to night. Lieut. Col. Shafter is Sick. Very Cold night.

Friday 28 Monthly Inspection at 9 o'clock. Inspected by Capt. Adams. Skirmish & Brigade Drill in the evening. Subscribed for a Company Record, Price \$1.40. Brig. Gen. Steadman is in Command of this Post - Murfreesboro.

Sat 29 On Picket on the Nashville Pike. Cool Day & very cold night. Recd 2 letters. We recd the First copy of the Detroit Advertiser & Tribune For which we subscribed for one year. Fort Sumpter is a Mass of Ruins. Rebs Reported to be evactuating Chattanooga.

Sunday 30 Came in from Picket about 9 o'clock. Went down Town to Church at 4 o'clock & heard a very good Sermon. Cool Day. Recd a letter from Annie (mailed a Co. Record for home. Paid \$1.40 for it to Capt Hubbard.)

Monday 31 On Camp Guard. It is reported in the Papers that Fort Sumpter & Wagner are Taken. Recd a Tribune from home. (Mustered to day.)

September 1863

Tuesday 1 Relieved from guard at 8 o'clock. In the afternoon did Police Duty & Drilled.

Wednesday 2 On Picket on the Shelbyville Pike. Last night the Cavalry Pickets at Stone River Bridge were captured By a Band of Guerrillas. there were 4 or 5 of them. 5 Companies of the Cavalry have been out in Search of the Guerrillas.

Thursday 3 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Went Down Town after Bread. Washed Clothes. Brigade Drill at 2 o'clock. The 9<sup>th</sup> Ohio Battery Drilled with us.

Friday 4 In the morning went out with the Wagons after fodder. Afternoon went out for Boards to fix up our tents.

Saturday 5 Went after Boards to fix up our tents. After partly getting our tents fixed we were ordered to stop as we were to move camp in a day or two to inside the Fortifications. The 85<sup>th</sup> IND left about 1 o'clock going towards the Front. 2 sections of the Battery went to Tullahoma. Co. C went Downtown for Provost Guards. Last night a train of about 210 Wagons stopped here on their way to the Front. They were Ammunition and Pontoon trains.

Sunday 6 Reville Between 2 & 3 o'clock. The 33<sup>rd</sup> had marching to leave in the morning & we had to go on Picket & Relieve them by day light. Stood on the Nashville Pike. Some of the 4<sup>th</sup> MICH Cav went past with new horses from Nashville going to the Front. There were some 3 or 4 men fired into by Bushwackers outside the Picket lines. There is a Colored Regt. organizing here at Present.

Monday 7 Moved our Camp to west of the Depot & neare the Fortifications. Very Hot Day.

Tuesday 8 On Picket on the Lebenon Pike. The 4<sup>th</sup> East TENN Cav came here yesterday.

Wed 9 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Yesterday our Chaplin left the Regt. his Resignation had been accepted. moved our tent & fixed it up "right smart".

Thursday 10 Chattanooga Taken. On Picket on the Shelbyville Pike. Citizens are not allowed to come in nor go out the lines. Weather very hot.

Friday 11 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Finished lining up our tents. Col Gilbert Returned to the Regt. yesterday. Wrote a letter. Cumberland Gap was surrendered a few days ago to Gen Burnside. 2,000 prisoners 14 Guns taken without firing a Gun. Since The Chaplin went home, John Duck is Post Master for the present.

Saturday 12 On Picket on the Liberty Pike. The 22<sup>nd</sup> got alarmed & got into line & expected an attack, but nothing unusual happened.

Sunday 13 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Went down Town to Meeting in the Forenoon and Evening.

Monday 14 On Picket on the Wilkinson Pike. Recd letter from Annie.

Tuesday 15 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Wrote to Annie.. Washing Day.

Wed 16 On Picket on the Woodbury pike. Weather Cloudy & looks like rain, very hot.

Thursday 17 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. A light Shower after dinner. One man from Co. I died in hospital in the morning. A Detail of 12 Men from our Co. Went to the Funeral as Escort. It rained about all the time we were gone. Cold Windy night.

Friday 18 Cold & cloudy morning. Yesterday morning about 200 Deserters from Bragg's Army went through on the cars going north. a good many of them are intending to enlist in our Army. On Picket on the Lebenon Pike. Fall like weather.

Sat 19 Last night was very cold. in the morning there was a white Frost. Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Dress Parade at 5 o'clock P.M. They are Fighting at the Front to Day.

Sunday 20 On Guard at the Depot guarding Forage.. It is reported that there is 5 or 600 Rebs in this vicinity & an attack was expected here last night, but nothing unusual happened.

Monday 21 Relieved from Guard at 8'oclock. Wrote to Father. Rosecrans is Fighting at the Front. but nothing Definite is yet known. Some new Recruits came to the Regt. today. Dress Parade at 5 o'clock. Received letter from home. Weather Cold nights. warm Day. A terrible & Bloody Battle is now going on at the Front, Between Gen Rosecrans & Bragg. 4 Regt of Inf. & 2 Batteries went through in the night on the cars to Reinforce Rosecrans.

Tuesday 22 On Picket on the Liberty Pike. The rumors are very conflicting about the Success of our Army at the Front.

Wednesday 23 Relieved from Picket a 8 o'clock. Nothing definite is yet known of the Successes or Reverses of Rosecrans. Inspection at 5 o'clock P.M. Drew a new Shirt & 2 pairs Socks. our clothes have come from Nashville that were stored there. There were 3 trains loaded with wounded went through going to Nashville that were wounded in the Fight on Sat & Sunday. They were mostly all slight wounds.

Thursday 24 On Picket at Shelbyville pike. The wounded are being sent north on the cars in great numbers. Some Regts are all nearly killed or wounded.

Friday 25 Relieved from Picket at 6 o'clock. 2 companies were to leave going to guard a Bridge south of Tullahoma. Co's A. & F. went. 3 Companies From the 22<sup>d</sup> also went. 3 train loads of wounded went past. 2.30 lb parrot guns went through on the cars going to the Front. Wrote a letter to the Old Country. In afternoon Worked on the Fort.

Sat 26 4 Companies from our Regts are on Picket. Co's E. & B. did not go out. at 9 o'clock 10 men from our Co went & relieved some of the Colored

Pickets who were going out on Inspection & Review. We stood on posts about 6 hours before they returned to relieve us. 3 trains of wounded went through today.

Sunday 27 Attended Church in forenoon & in Evening attended the post Church & heard an excellent sermon by Rev. Mr. Peterson. Chap of the 11 MICH Regt. & Detailed here as Post Chaplin.

Monday 28 On Picket on the Woodbury Pike. It is Reported that Bragg attempted to out Flank Roseys Army But was repulsed with heavy loss.

Tuesday 29 Relieved from Picket 8 o'clock. Scowered & cleaned Gun for Inspection. General Inspection at 2 o'clock by Capt. Adams of Col Coburns Staff. Detailed at night for camp guard. Reinforcements went through in the night going to join Gen Rosecrans Army.

Wed 30 Relieved from Camp guard at 7 o'clock. Pleasant Weather. In the morning a long train loaded with Soldiers went through going to Rosey. The 33<sup>d</sup> New Jersey Zouaves a new Regt. of Gen Howards Corps from the Potomac were on the train. Rain in the night. The mail did not come in till after dark.

October 1863

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> On Camp Guard. Rainy & lonesome day. Troops are going through to the Front from the Potomac Army in great numbers.

Friday 2 Relieved from Camp Guard at 8 o'clock. The 11<sup>th</sup> Army Corps have gone through & the 12<sup>th</sup> (Sclocums) Comminced to go through here this morning. They are Penn N.Y. Conn & Maryland troops.

Sat 3 On Guard at the Forage near the Depot. Drawed new Over Coat & 1 pair Drawers. The troops continue to go through in great numbers. 2 Batteries went through about noon.

Sunday 4 Last night after 8 o'clock a Telegraph Despatch came to Col Utely from Gen Granger that a strong force of Rebels comminced fighting at McMinville at 2 o'clock P.M. & were expected to march on this place. In the morning They began to draw the Forage to the Fortifications & the Citizens & niggers were moving all day into the Fortifications. We worked on the Fort by our camp all day. Reinforcements are going through all day. We went to bed at 8 o'clock with orders to sleep with our clothes all on Ready to fall out at a minute's warning, but we were roused up at 10 o'clock & packed up everything & started for the Fortifications at 12 o'clock. we stacked arms & lay down & slept till morning. The night was very cold.

Mon 5 After eating breakfast we fell in & was ready to receive the Rebels. About 8 o'clock they came in on the Woodbury pike & to within a mile of town & then went accross to the Shelbyville pike. our Cav tried to draw them into Town but they would not come. If they had come into Town It was to be shelled & Burned. Our Regt & the 22 WIS were placed all around the Forts & were under arms all day, but no attack was made. They (the Rebs) then went & shelled the Stockade at Stone River Bridge where Co. D. was Stationed. they had to Surrender & the Bridge was Burned. one Man severely wounded. they were taken out to near Guys Gap & then let go. They returned to camp next morning. Reinforcements began to arrive here about 9 o'clock. 3 Regts. of Sclocums Corps came here in the Day time, & a good many at night. Col Mintie's Brigade Began to Arrive in Pursuit of the Rebels at 6 o'clock & Camped near the River. the 4<sup>th</sup> MICH Cav was with them. The Rebels were Commanded By Wheeler & Thorton & about 5

or 6,000 strong with 12 guns. Went on Picket at night on the Manchester Pike. Cold night.

Tuesday 6 The Cav started in pursuit of the Rebels early in the morning, going toward Shelbyville. about 8 o'clock more of our Cav began to Arrive. they stopped & fed their Horses & Drawed cooked & eat there rations. the 2<sup>d</sup> MICH Cav was with them there was 2 or 3 Brigades of them & 2 pieces of artillery. they started out about 3 o'clock. We were Relieved from Picket about 4 o'clock By a Penn Regt. of Sclocums Corps. It rained some in afternoon. The Regt moved back to our Old Camp ground & we got every thing fixed up in good order again. There is 2 or 3 Brig Gen here. It rained considerable during the night.

Wed 7 Rested & slept well all night. the First whole night's rest we have had in some time. Reville after Daylight. Finished & mailed letter to Annie. Went with the wagons after grass. The Bridge is being rapidly rebuilt & the track relaid. There is 2 or 3 brigades of Sclocums Corps here now.

Thursday 8 A Train loaded with the Artillery of the 12<sup>th</sup> Corps came in in the morning. There were 4 Batteries. The Bridge is not yet Rebuilt & Trains do not run farther than this Place. The Mail Came in to day the First we have hade Since Sunday. A Severe Fight took place between our Cav & the Rebel Raiders at Farmington. The Rebels lost 120 killed & from 3 to 400 prisoners & 4 guns. White Frost in night.

Friday 9 Detailed to day for the Col.'s Orderly. The Co is on Picket. The Bridges & the R.R. Track are again in running order & Trains commined to Run again to night. Inspection of Arms.

Sat 10 Washing Day. No Mail came in to day. some of Sclocum's Corps have left & more are leaving. 3 Regts of N.Y. troops are left.

Sunday 11 The Whole Co. on Picket. I was on The Lebenon Pike. Gen Geary is now in command of this Post. Brig Gen Green is in command of the Defence & Troops of Murfreesboro. Picket mounting at 9 o'clock Potomac Army Style.

Monday 12 Relieved from Picket at 10 o'clock By N.Y. troops. did not get into camp till after 11 o'clock. The Prisoners Taken at Farmington were Sent to Nashville to day. Comminced Raining afternoon & Rained very hard.

Tuesday 13 Inspection of Arms at 2 o'clock By Brig Gen Green. Weather very wet & the camp is very muddy. A Train of Cars ran off the Track near Fosterville. Which Detained the Trains nearly all day from Running. Supplies are now being sent through to the Army who are on short rations. A large train of wagons came in from Nashville going to the Front & about 70 or 80 ambulances.

Wed 14 Wet & Rainy Weather. The Camp is very Muddy & wet. did no Duty to Day.

Thursday 15 Wet & Dissagreeable Weather. The Detail from our Co. for Picket was 8 men & 3 corporals. we do not come on Duty so often now as we used to. Some Prisoners were sent to Nashville from this Place to day. It rained very hard in the Evening & for Part of the night.

Friday 16 On Picket West of Lebenon Pike. Picket mounting at 9 o'clock.. We were ordered By the Field officer of the Day To Relieve the Pickets every hour in the night & keep  $\frac{1}{2}$  the Reserve awake all the time. This is the Potomac Army Style. It cleared up in the Forenoon & is now plesant.

Sat 17 Relieved from Picket at 10 o'clock. Plesant weather now.

Sunday 18 There was more rain in the night. Went to Church in forenoon. Some men from our Regt. went to Nashville to be examined for a Commission in a Colored Regt. White Frost in the night.

Monday 19 On Picket on the Shelbyville Pike. Very Cold night but warm Day. (The Advertiser & Tribune came today.)

Tuesday 20 Relieved from Picket at 10 o'clock. 2 Regts of the 12<sup>th</sup> Corps left here this morning on the cars going towards the Front. 22 Car loads of Beef cattle went through going to the Front to supply the army with fresh beef. Very hard rain in the night.

Wednesday 21 Gen Rosecrans is Relieved of the Command of the Army of the Cumberland. he is succeeded By Gen Thomas. The Departments of Ohio, KY & the Cumberland are united & under the Command of Gen Grant. he passed through here today on his way to the Front. rainy forenoon & afternoon.

Thursday 22 On Picket at Stone River Bridge. It rained a good deal in the night & was very cold. The Regt got marching orders to Go to McMinnville.

On the march October 1863

Friday 23 Relieved from Picket at 10 o'clock & went to camp & commenced to pack up our things ready for the March. We left Murfreesboro at 2 o'clock P.M. Marched 7 miles & camped for the night. It raining very hard & was very cold & a frost in the Night.

Saturday 24 Commenced to March again about 7 o'clock & went through Readyville & Woodbury. The Turnpike run out about 8 miles past W. The Dirt road was very good. The country was very hilly & Broken & little clearings. Marched 21 miles & camped for the night. The Sheep & hogs were brought into camp in abundance.

Sunday 25 Started again on the march at 7 o'clock & got to McMinnville about 2 o'clock P.M. The Town is nearly all Deserted by the inhabitants & there is no Government property in it. we Marched through town & camped about ½ mile from it. The Weather is now clear & present. part of the 2<sup>d</sup> East TENN Cav are here. about 300 of them. They are to leave tomorrow.

McMinnville October 1863

Monday 26 The Regt is divided up & put out on the Different Roads in Town. There is 4 Co's in Town. Our Co is on The Road North of town at a Fort. I was on Picket in the night. In the evening a squad of the Boys led By Lieut Shafter went out & confiscated 2 of Mr. Flanigan's Sheep. for which they had to pay \$6.00. Lieut. S. was put under arrest but was released in a few days.

Tuesday 27 Washed clothes in the Morning. Fixed up our Tent &c. Wrote a letter home. Rainy & Damp Day.

Wed 28 The Wagons (8) started for Murfreesboro for Rations & took out the Mail. The Musicians are all down Town at Head Quarters. Worked at fixing up our Tent.

Thursday 29 Comminced to build a new Shantee. the old one did not Suit all hands very well. Worked on the Fort in the afternoon filling up the emmbrasures & putting Sand Bags on the Parrapet. It rained in the Night.

Friday 30 On Picket. We have to go down Town to Guard Mounting every Morning. It rained all day & nearly all night & was very cold & Windy.

Sat 31 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. The Wagons came back from Murfreesboro With Provisions & the Mail. Recd a letter & a N.Y. Observer from home. Went down Town afternoon & were Mustered for Pay. There is no Telegraph or R. R. Road communication With this Place. The R. R. Track is Tore up. The A & Tribune arrived.

McMinnville November 1863

Sunday 1 Worked all day on The Fort & Policeing Camp. Cleaning Gun &c. There Was Preaching in Town. but I could not attend as no one was allowed to leave camp as We had all to stay & work. Went to Town to Dress Parade at 4 o'clock. We draw Soft Bread now. Very plesant Weather.

Monday 2 Worked on the Fort all day. it is now nearly finished on the outside. Since coming here we do not get any daily papers at all & don't know any thing about What is going on in the World. We have no regular Mail. It is sent out to Murfreesboro whenever there is a chance. Wrote a letter in the evening home.

Tuesday 3 On Picket at Blind Ford on the Barren Fork River. It was at this Ford that Wheeler crossed in his late Raid. The Weather is very plesant & warm.

Wed 4 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. A Detachment from the Regt went out last night after Dark in Search of a Guerrella Band who were Supposed to be in the neighbourhood. They returned to day at noon bringing 9 Prisoners & 7 horses. They went about 16 miles. An attack was expected in the Night by about 60 Guerralls. they were going to take back the 9 men who were taken the previous night. 3 Cos went out at dark to meet the Rebs. but all was Quiet during the night & no attack was made.

Thursday 5 On Picket on the Smithville road. it rained nearly all day & Part of the night But cleared up before morning. We got our Mail to night. I recd 2 letters from home. The Train Started for Murfreesboro to go after Rations & Clothing.

Friday 6 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. Cleaned my Gun afternoon & Went down town to dress Parade at 4 o'clock. Fine Day.

Sat 7 Worked on the Fort in the Forenoon. in the afternoon the Rebs were in Sight of Town said to be 1,200 Strong. We got on our accutruments & held our Selves ready for action all afternoon. orders are to Sleep with Clothing & accutruments on & be ready for action at a moment's warning.

Sunday 8 On Picket on The Road By our Quarters & near Fort "Mutton". that is what we call our Fort. it is now about Finished. The Rebels have all disappeared again. Last night they fired a number of Shots at Co. K. but no damage was done on either side. Very Cold & Frosty night.

Monday 9 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. The Train came back from Murfreesboro. The Box from Martin arrived containing eatables &c. Very cold & frosty night. The Ice was  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick.

Tuesday 10 There was a Inspector around examining the Fort &c. In the afternoon Went down town & helped bring up the Rations on the Wheel Barrow. We are about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from town.

Wed 11 On Picket on the Road by our Fort. Very Pleasant Day & Cold frosty night.

Thursday 12 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. Took the "Shult" & went out about a mile & a half after Straw to Sleep on. Found Some Potatoes Turnips & Cabbage of which I helped myself. Afternoon went down Town to See James B. who is Sick at Present & has been for a number of Days. Lieut Col Shafter has recd his commission as Col of a Negro Regt & Is to leave us Soon. Capt Griffin of the MICH 6<sup>th</sup> Inft has been appointed Major of our Regt. He came to the Regt to night.

Friday 13 Got a Pass & went Down Town in the forenoon. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Missouri's First Regt Arrived here about noon & are camped South of town. our Wagons arrived Bringing Clothing from Nashville & the Mail from Murfreesboro. Recd 3 letters. To Day we learned who were Drafted in Allegan Co. MICH. Went Down Town to Dress Parade at 4 o'clock & took down the Wheel Barrow & Brought up our Daily allowance of Bread Which is 69 loaves, 22 ounces in a loaf. one loaf is a Day's Ration, to a Man, Our Tribune & Advertiser Arrived,

Sat 14 On Picket on the Road by our Quarters. A Lieut of the 23<sup>d</sup> MO Regt is in command of this Head Quarters. A Detachment of our Regt & the 23<sup>d</sup> went out on A Scout last night about 10 o'clock & came in contack with 40 or 50 Rebs. & exchanged a few Shots. But no one was hurt. on our Side

our Men lost 2 horses which the Rebs took. the Rebs soon Skeddadled. The men went out about 16 miles & loaded the Wagons with Corn & returned & got back to Camp to night. They went out on the Sparta Road. It commenced to rain in the morning & Rained till 10 o'clock A.M. Drewed a new pair of Pants.

Sunday 15 Owing to a Change of Commander (Col Robinson of the 23<sup>d</sup> MO takes command to day) We did not get relieved from Picket till 1 o'clock P.M. I Intended to go to Meeting at 11 o'clock but did not get Relieved from Picket in time. Went down Town at 3 o'clock to Dress parade. Lieut Col W. R. Schafter's farewell to the Regt was read on Parade. he is to leave tomorrow to Take Command of a Colored Regt. We thus loose our Best Field Officer, Drewed a pair of Gloves & Knapsack & Straps, The Detail for Picket to day was 1 Corp & 5 men. we used to send 1 Sargt 2 Corps & 8 to 10 men.

Monday 16 The Train left early in the Morning for Murfreesboro going after Rations. Lt Col Shafter left with the train going to take Command of a Colored Regt, In the Forenoon went down town & bought some flour paid 3 cts a lb The Citizens are charged 5 cts per lb. In afternoon worked getting tree tops around our Camp to prevent a Cavalry Charge.

Tuesday 17 Went out on a Pass with D. O. Brown & R. A. Peterson. Went to The Cotton Factory about 1½ Miles from here. Returned to camp before noon. in the afternoon worked on the Brush Fence. There was 2 teams drawing Brush or Tree tops most all Day.

Wednesday 18 In the forenoon worked digging the Ditch deeper around the Fort (it is to be dug 6 feet deep.) & worked on the Brush fence &c. P.M. Mended clothes &c. The Bushwhackers have been troubling the Pickets for a few nights past.

Thursday 19 In the forenoon chopped down Trees to build the Brush fence &c, worked 3 hours. in the evening went to Meeting in town. The Rev Mr Cane Chaplin of the 23<sup>d</sup> MO Regt Preached from 1 Samuel 12.24.25. The Train came back from Murfreesboro. The Rebs were in Sight our Camps in the forenoon. 4 Co's went out in search of them but found nothing.

Friday 20 On Picket at Blind Ford. It rained most all Day & Night.  
Drew 2 pairs Socks.

Sat 21 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. Damp & Misty Day. Wrote a letter to Father, The Train Started in the Morning for Murfreesboro.

Sunday 22 Attended the Bible Class at 9 o'clock. It is taught by Dr. Bennett. Dress Parade & Inspection at 3 P.M. Went to Meeting in the evening,

Monday 23 In forenoon washed clothes. afternoon worked at the Brush Fence. We had to Yoke of Cattle & Mr. Flannigan & his horses drawing up tree tops. we did not get it finished as we intended to do. 8 or 10 Men worked in the Ditch Digging it Deeper, &c. A Squad of the 4<sup>th</sup> TENN Cav came through in the Morning with Dispatches & went out about 10 miles on a Scout. It is reported that there is 1800 Guerrillas under Murray coming to attack this place,

Tuesday 24 Rained most all Day, Staid in the Shantee & Did nothing all day. The Train came in from Murfreesboro & Brought the Mail. Recd 4 letters & 2 papers. Neil Livingston came back to the Co. he has not been with us Since we left Annapolis Last Spring.

Wednesday 25 Worked on the Brush fence We had 8 teams drawing in the afternoon It is now about finished, "Plesant Day,"

Thursday 26 On Picket By our Quarters, The Train went out in the Morning on the Sparta Road to go aforageing,

Friday 27 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. It is reported that Grant is Fighting at the Front & is Whipping the Rebs at every point.

Sat 28 Heavy rain in the Morning. Drew 2 Loads of Brick to build a Fireplace in our tent. Signed the Pay roll. My years Clothing up to Sept 1863 amounts to \$42.38. It snowed in the evening the First snow this season.

Sunday 29 Very Cold. there is a little Snow on the ground & is now Snowing some,

Monday 30 On Picket on the Chattanooga Road. It was reported last night that Bragg was defeated with a loss of 50 Guns & Thousands of Prisoners & there is thousands now deserting. A Pay Master came through here last night to Pay off the Cav or home guards here,

DECEMBER 1863

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Relieved from Picket at 9 ½ o'clock afternoon. Went down town for Lumber to Build a house for the Capt. We tore down a house in town to get the Boards.

Wed 2 Built our Fireplace. Very Cold and Frosty morning. In the evening was sent to a house (that was being tore down to build a Fort at Blind Ford) to get lumber for the Capt. After a while we were all arrested & taken before Col Robinson. But was Relieved again & sent to our Quarters.

Thursday 3 Went down in the morning to the house that was being tore down & got more Boards & nails. made a new floor in our tent. Afternoon chopped Wood in Mrs. Caffee's Woods &c. Recd 2 Letters. The Pay Master came in last night, & is to pay us off soon,

Friday 4 Fixed up our Shantee in the Forenoon & Signed the Pay Roll again. Worked in the Ditch after noon. Pleasant weather.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Received 4 Months Pay. \$5.52 was deducted for clothing Which I had drawn since the first of June 1863 till the first of November/63. I drew \$23.02 worth of clothes in that time. Our allowance was \$17.50 or \$3.50 a month. Recd \$46.48 in Greenbacks.

Sunday 6 Went to Meeting in the forenoon and afternoon. Pleasant Day, The Train came back from Nashville. Bragg is retreating in great haste & Grant after him. Received a pair of Gloves from home by mail.

Monday 7 On Picket near the Sparta road. very cold & windy in the night.

Tuesday 8 It commenced to rain about Daylight. Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock, It rained most all Day,

Wednesday 9 Washed in the Morning. Clear Day. in afternoon helped to carry up a roof to put onto the Cook Shantee. It is reported that Gen. Wheeler & Staff have been taken. & Bragg's army all taken. The Last report is considered Doubtfull,

Thursday 10 was with 5 others Detailed to Stand guard in the night at our Quarters & are Relieved from Picket & Fatigue Duty for the Present. The Co have to work on the other Forts now since ours is finished. Stood guard from 8 to 11 ½ o'clock P.M.

Friday 11 The Teamsters of the 23<sup>d</sup> went out on a Scout Mounted on Mules. They Brought in 8 Bushwhackers & there horses & accutriements. There was 9 of Wheeler's men came in & gave themselves up. The Train came in & Brought the mail. Recd a letter from home containing \$1.00. Wrote to Father & sent \$10.00 in the letter & Photo of Band.

Saturday 12 Went outside the Pickets with Neil & J. B. Nelson & went to the cotton Factory. It commenced to rain about noon & we had to return in the rain & got a good wetting. Deserters from the Rebel army are coming in Squads. there was about 40 came in to day & took the oath. On Duty in the night.

Sunday 13 Co. Inspection at 10 o'clock. Went to Meeting in the afternoon. It rained nearly all afternoon & most of the night. about 20 Deserters came in to Day. on Duty in the night.

Monday 14 Went down town for Brick to build an arch in the Cook house. Cold day.

Tuesday 15 Went Down town & helped bring up rations &c. Pleasant weather.

Wed 16 The Co have to go & work 6 hours every Day on the Fortifications. The night was very Windy & considerable rain fell.

Thursday 17 The Train came in from Nashville bringing the Mail &c. I Recd 2 letters & an Observer.

Friday 18 Policed up around the Quarters & got ready for General Inspection. Cold & frosty Day. Wrote to Arthur & sent \$10.00 in the letter.

Saturday 19 General Inspection at 10 o'clock. Inspected By Capt. Adams, Plesant day.

Sunday 20 Attended Bible Class in the Morning. No Inspection nor Review to Day as usual on Sundays.

Monday 21 The Co. was sent out with the Train after Forage. we went out on the Chattanooga Road & had 16 Wagons. Went 16 miles to the Foot of the Mountain and in Sight of Bersheba Springs (which before the war was a Summer Resort for the Southerners) Camped here over night.

Tuesday 22 Loaded up the Wagons with corn & Fodder in the morning & Started back. We had to Ford Collins or Barren Fork River twice. the Water was up to the Wagon Boxes, Those who went from this section of country into the Rebel Army have all Deserted & are at home. We got back to Camp about Sundown. the Roads were very good &c./Did not stand guard to night.

Wedensday 23 Went out in the country with Jerry. Bought a Watch of H. Noble & paid \$17.00. Cold Day.

Thursday 24 The Co. are to work on the Fortifications. on Duty in the night.

Friday 25 Christmas. This is a holiday to the Regt. no fatigue Duty nor Picket. The 23<sup>d</sup> MO are performing all the Picket Duty to Day. There was 2 of the Home Guards Gobbled up by the Bushwhackers last night or this morning. they were at there house just accross the River from Co. K.'s Quarters. one of them got away from them & made his escape. The Home Guards brought in 4 Rebs to day. Dress Parade at 4 o'clock P.M. Cool but plesant Day.

Sat 26 Helped Draw Rations in the Forenoon. Wrote letter in afternoon to Annie. It rained some in the morning. Cloudy day.

Sunday 27 It rained most all Day.

Monday 28 A Detachment of the 39<sup>th</sup> IND Regt Mounted Inftry. Came through here from the Valley & took off some Bushwhackers to Be tried. There is a Court Martial & at this Place composed of officers of our Regt & the 23 MO.

Tuesday 29 Washed clothes in the forenoon. Worked at shells making rings in afternoon &c. The Mail came in at night. I recd a letter & 2 Boxes of Troches.

Wed 30 Timbers are being drawed up to the Fort to build a Block House. Lieut Shafter's trial came before the Court Martial at 1 o'clock P.M.. Rainy night.

Thursday 31 Mustered for 2 Month's Pay & inspection of Arms at 10 o'clock. Very rainy Windy evening with Snow. on Duty from 11 P to 1 o'clock A. I have been on Duty about every night since detailed to guard the Fort.

McMinville January 1864

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> The Ground is white with Snow & a very cold & Frosty Day. In the afternoon helped to Draw 2 loads of Wood. Our Regt is performing the Picket Duty to day to Let the 23<sup>d</sup> have a holiday. Our Co furnished 2 Seargts 4 Corps 15 men for Picket.

Sat 2 Cut & Drawed Wood most all Day. Cold & Frosty Day. It has not thawed much.

Sunday 3 Relieved from Duty as Sentinel at the Fort. A Detail of 4 was made of those who could not go on Picket for want of Boots.

Monday 4 On Picket between the Smithville & Murfreesboro Roads. It rained nearly all Day & night, We had but little Shelter. It grew cold & frosty towards morning,

Tuesday 5 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. A Squad of the Home Guards & a Co. of the 23<sup>d</sup> MO Went out at night on a Scout.

Wed 6 The Mail came in to day. But I did not get any letters. Our Paper came we have received it very regular for Some time past. The Weather is cold & Frosty.

Thursday 7 There is a few cases of Small pox in town. the Regiment is being vaccinated. Our Co. went Down to the Hospital at 1 o'clock & the most of the men were vaccinated. I was vaccinated By Dr. Bennett. It is snowing & the ground is White with Snow & it looks very Wintery like. We have Roll Call at 6 o'clock in the morning at noon & at 8 P.M.

Friday 8 On Picket at the log house By our Quarters. Very cold & Frosty night.

Sat 9 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock.

Sunday 10 Plesant Day. But very cold nights.

Monday 11 Chopped Wood in the Forenoon. the Capt got orders to go out after teams to Draw wood for the citizens. We started at 12 M. with 20 men & went out on the Sparta Road & went about 9 Miles & got 3 teams & 2 loads of corn & 5 Niggers & came back again we got back to Camp about 11 o'clock P.M. very cold & tired. The Mail came in to night. I recd a letter & an Observer. There is a Co. of Col Shafter's Colored Regt here now. they came through guarding a train.

Tuesday 12 The Snow is most all gone & the Roads are very Muddy. We have got a Nigger for an assistant cook. he is paid & Draws rations from the Gov. They get 10 Dollars a month.

Wed 13 ~~Our~~<sup>On</sup> Picket between the Factory & Smithville Road. Pleasant day. One of the Home Guards was killed & 3 captured by the Guerrilla Carter on the Sparta Road.

Thursday 14 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. It is reported that a Battalion of the 5<sup>th</sup> TENN Cav met a Squad of Rebels at Woodbury. Our Cav gave chase to the Rebs. Warm Day. The Ground is thawing out & the Roads are very Muddy. & most impassible. Took my Watch to be cleaned by a Soldier in Co. A. of our Regt. Paid \$1.00. The Col is at Nashville on Buiseness.

Friday 15 The Train came in at night from Nashville having been gone about 2 weeks. It Brought the Mail & clothing for us. Pleasant Weather. Frosty nights & clear in the Day time & very Muddy. Mended my Blouse to Day.

Saturday 16 Drawed New pair of Drawers & new Shirt.

Sunday 17 Dress Parade at 4 o'clock P.M. Did not attend Meeting as I had to be in Camp to go on Dress Parade.

Monday 18 On Picket at the Log house West of the Factory Road. It Rained in the Morning & at Night It turned into Snow & Snowed most all night. It was very cold & Windy.

Tuesday 19 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. The Snow that fell last night is about all Gone now.

Wed 20 Drawed Rations. there is no news about the War nor anything else. It is very lonesome now. The Col came back from Nashville.

Monday 21 In the afternoon went out a hunting. but did not get any Game. The Mail came in to night. I recd 2 letters. Very pleasant day.

Friday 22 On Picket on the Sparta Road. Very pleasant Day. Sold my Watch for \$17.00.

Saturday 23 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. the Work on the Fortifications have been resumed. Wrote a letter to Father.

Sunday 24 Co. Inspection at 11 o'clock A.M. Went down by Co. H. Quarters at 3 o'clock & had Battilion Drill for about 1 ½ hours & then had Dress Parade.

Monday 25 Worked getting trees to fix up our Brush Fence which was considered to be to thin. In afternoon Drawed Brush for the Fence. It is Reported that a Regt of Reb Cav came into Chattanooga with there arms & horses & gave themselves up.

Tuesday 26 Worked on The Fort at Blind ford 3 hours in forenoon & 3 afternoon. Very plesant & Spring like Weather. Went on Picket at 7 o'clock P.M. to Relieve Co. A. as they are going to Murfreesboro with the train tomorrow.

Wed 27 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. Washed clothes to be ready for Inspection on Saturday. The Train went out to Murfreesboro.

Thursday 28 Worked on the Fort at Blind Ford. We Quit to soon in the Forenoon & had to work or rather stay till Sundown P.M. Very plesant Day.

Friday 29 On Picket on the Factory Road. The Regt did not work on the Fort but got Ready for Inspection & Drilled Battilion Drill P.M. Col Coburn Capt Adams & adjt Crawford & others arrived to night.

Saturday 30 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Went out on General Inspection at 10 o'clock A.M. Inspected By Col Coburn Capt Adams Adjt Crawford &c. It Rained a little in the Morning. The Train came back from Murfreesboro at night.

Sunday 31 Went to Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. There was no Inspection nor Drill to Day. At night went on Picket in place of A. Noble who was Sick.

February 1864

Monday 1 There was a Wind & Rain Storm in the Night. But It cleared up by Morning. Col Gilbert started for home on Furlough. Capt Hubbard Went to Murfreesboro to attend a Court Martial. Col. Coburn Capt Adams &c. Went back to Murfreesboro.

Tuesday 2 On Picket at the Chimney on the River Bank. It rained and Blowed hard in the first part of the evening.

Wednesday 3 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. The Train went out to Murfreesboro. Co C. Guards. The Mail came In I recd 2 letters.

Thursday 4 Worked on the Fort at Blind Ford.

Frid 5 In the Morning got ready to go out a Forageing into White County to be gone 2 or 3 days. But when we went down town they did not need us so we came back to our Quarters. Worked on the Fort in the afternoon. It is reported that Longstreet has been defeated again at Knoxville. Vernon Rose Returned to the Co.

Saturday 6 It Rained a little in the forenoon. Did not work on the Fort.

Sunday 7 On Picket on the Sparta Road. Some of the home Guards returned to Town with Beef Cattle which they got out as the Forageing Expedition. Received a pair of Socks By mail.

Monday 8 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock & 10 men from our Co. Went Down & guarded the R. Road Bridge Which is being constructed on Hickory Creek. They went last night & returned this morning. Washing Day.

Tuesday 9 On Picket at the Log house near our Quarters. Lieut Lilley with 15 men went out about 5 miles & Broke up a Distillery where the Soldiers had been getting Whiskey. When they returned a good Many were Drunk. Drawed New pair of Boots.

Wed 10 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock.. There was a house Burned in town in the night. took my Boots down town & had heel plates put on paid

25 cts. Recd 2 letters & N. Y. Observer. 10 Men from our Co started to go to Murfreesboro in the afternoon to Guard the train. The carpenters comminced framing the Block house at our Fort.

Thursday 11 In the forenoon went to the woods for timber to make the Block House. P.M. Worked Digging the hole in the Fort to put the Block House into. It is 20 by 26 feet & the hole is to be 4 feet deep with a trench around the outside 2 feet Deeper to put the Timbers in. one man of Co. D. died in Hospital to Day & was buried at 4 o'clock P.M.

Friday 12 Worked in the Fort getting ready for the Block House. about a dozen of niggers came to help us to Day. A Bushwhacker was Brought into Town at night.

Saturday 13 Worked in the Fort. We have it about ready for the Block house to be raised. The Train came back from Murfreesboro. our boys got back after dark.

Sunday 14 On Picket on the Smithville Road. It rained most all Day & night.

Monday 15 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. It was rumored yesterday that Morgan with a large force was marching on this place but it proved to be a false Report. It rained some during the Day. The Mail came in to Day. Recd 1 letter.

Tuesday 16 Comminced to set up the timbers of the Block house. Co. A. & F. are here to work. very cold & Windy Day.

Wednesday 17 Finished setting up the Side timbers of Block House. Scored timber to put on the top of Stockade. Cold Day.

Thursday 18 A Train of about 30 Wagons went out after Forage on the Sparta Road. With 100 men but sent back for Reinforcements as Carter with 300 men were in the vicinity of Rock Island. Some of the Boys went out beyond the Factory to a dance & were drove in by some of the 23 MO Boys & some of them arrested.

Friday 19 In the forenoon put the timbers on the top of the Block House. It is reported that they are fighting at Knoxville & that 2 corps from the Potomac have gone there and part of the army from Chattanooga. G.L. Baird is reduced from Corporal to private By order of Col Robinson for Being out last night beyond the lines.

Saturday 20 On Picket on the Sparta Road. The Forage Train returned loaded with corn. they brought in a prisoner or 2. A Squad of 10 or 12 Robbers plundered the Factory & some of the private houses in that vicinity & Murdered a Soldier Belonging to the 5<sup>th</sup> East TENN Cav who was at home. about 20 men of our Co Went out about 11 o'clock P.M. in search of them but found them not. they made there escape with \$400.00 in money & numerous articles of wearing apparel.

Sunday 21 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. the Mail came in to Day. Warm Day.

Monday 22 The Train went to Murfreesboro. We did not have any Work to do to day. Dress Parade at 4 o'clock P.M.

Tuesday 23 The 23 MO Got Marching orders early in the Morning & left this place about noon going to Murfreesboro. Major Griffin is now in Command of this post. the Pickets have been drawn inside of our Quarters & we are left out in the Cold. We have to do our own picketing. have 3 posts in the night & one in day time & have 9 men 1 Corp & one Seargt every Day for Picket. Finished putting the timbers on the Block House. Pleasant & Spring like Weather.

Wednesday 24 On Picket. the Head Quarters is at Camp. Played Ball afternoon.

Thursday 25 Finished putting the Dirt on the top of Block house. Put 6 Boxes of Crackers & one of Sow Belly into the Block House & 8 Barrels of Water into the Fort to be ready for a Seige. The Train arrived from Murfreesboro. Mr. Plotts & E. Kleifman returned to the Co. The Former has been with the Signal Corps for over a year & the latter been Sick at Nashville. Recd a pair of Socks by mail.

Friday 26 Went with a Corporal & five Men to the Factory as escort to a funeral of a Soldier of Stokes Regt Who was taken by the Bushwhackers & Murdered. We started about 9 & got back at 4 o'clock P.M. one Ambulance went from Town to convey the Corps to the Burying ground which was 3 ½ miles from Factory on the Sparta Road. The Funeral was attended by the Mother of the deceased Soldier & a good many of the Factory Girls, Warm Day. The Bridge is finished on Hickery creek & ready for the cars to run.

Saturday 27 Lent to R.A. Paterson \$2.00 to be paid on next pay Day. 11 Men of our Co. Went out with the Train after Forage. There was 11 Wagons & 35 men went out we went about 16 miles into Van Buren County & across Rock River. We found plenty of Fodder & corn. The R.R. Train went through to Tullahoma & Back again. The Col Came back at night.

Sunday 28 Loaded up the Teams & Started for Camp & got back about 3 o'clock. It rained a little through the Day. They went to Tullahoma with the cars & got back by night. 16 Deserters came in yesterday & took the oath.

Monday 29 It Rained all Day. Went down Town without arms at 4 o'clock & Mustered for 2 Months pay.

McMinnville March 1864

Tuesday 1 On Picket at our own Quarters. It rained nearly all Day. got very cold & Snowed a little before night. By a late order furloughs are to be given in our Regt. 3 furloughs have been made out today for our Co.

Wednesday 2 The Regt got Marching orders this Morning to go to Pikeville but we did not go as we were the only troops here. The Major went to Tullahoma on the cars & was to Telegraph from There to Head Quarters to see what was to be done. The Mail came in. Recd 3 letters. The Weather has cleared up & it is now pleasant. at night orders came for our Co to be ready for a march of 35 miles in 2 Days & to be down Town by Day light next morning. It is supposed we are going to Pikeville to protect the Citizens While voteing. ½ of the Regt is going.

Thursday 3 Got up early & got ready to Start by Sunrise. We took our Rubbers & Woolen Blankets & overcoats in our Knapsacks. Went down to the Ford on the Chattanooga Road. Where we had to Wait Some time till we could be taken across as the Water was very high & it was with difficulty. that the Mules could cross as the water was very deep & swift. The Water was over some of the Mules backs. We were taken across in the Wagons. 8 or 10 men was a load. We were about 2 hours in crossing. We then Marched 8 miles & came to Collins River. It was very high & could not be foarded. Co. H. was put across in 2 Small Canoes but came back again as the Wagons could not be taken over. We then Started about 2 o'clock to return to Town. we got back to the River at the Chattanooga ford about 4 o'clock. (We Marched very fast). we were taken back with no Wagons again & got back to camp about Sundown. we were very glad we did not get across the River. Co.'s A. B. D. E. H. composed our force. Warm Day.

Friday 4 on Picket. It rained & was very windy in the fore part of night. We all felt Stiff & Sore from the effects of our March yesterday.

Saturday 5 one year ago to day We were taken prisoners at Tompson's Station. The Citizens are voteing to Day down town. It is rumored that Gen Sherman has got in the Rear of Johnson's army in Georgia. Plesant day. H. W. Durand got the premium for having the cleanest & neatest cook house & utensols in the Regt. The premium was \$15.00 he got the money last night from Mr. O (?).

Sunday 6 General Inspection at 1 o'clock P.M. Went down beyond town on the Flat to have Inspection. Plesant Day.

Monday 7 On Picket. Co Drill this morning for the first time Since we have been here. Drill 1 hour in the morning. It rained hard in the fore part of the night & there was a good deal of lightening & Thunder. It was very Dark.

Tuesday 8 The Co was Drilled 1 hour before Breakfast. It cleared of by morning. It is now a plesant Day. Drawed Sugar to day. we have been without it for 7 or 8 Days. Tip Faulkner was Captured by 5 Bushwhackers

while on his way to Nashville with horse & Buggy. They relieved him of nearly \$500.00 in Money & let him go. He returned to Town to night.

Wednesday 9 There was Some new Recruits came to the Regt last night & were put into Co. C. Wm McLeod & Frank Norton were among them. They came up with Is Batchelder & made us a visit to Day. It rained in the evening. Col Gilbert is coming down on the citizens of McMinnville for there disloyal deeds. there is a number of them now in the Guard House for disloyal deeds. Played Ball in the afternoon.

Thursday 10 Wint down town & helped bring up Rations. Played Ball in the afternoon. It rained most all last night. It has been very warm to day & grass is beginning to Grow.

Friday 11 The Train came back from Nashville. The Quarter Master did not get any Post Teams as all the Mules that could be Spared were to be Sent to the Front. The Horses from some of the Batteries at Nashville & Tullahoma have been taken away & sent to the Front. It is said that 14,000 are to be Sent through from Nashville & 10,000 Mules to the Front to be ready for use Soon. The Mail came in Recd 2 Letters. Drawed new Blouse Coat. On Picket.

Saturday 12 Wrote a letter to Arthur. John Young & Mat Jones were Detailed as Scouts to be under Capt Baldwin of Co. D. There is 20 men mounted for scouts.

Sunday 13 Co Inspection at ½ past 3 o'clock & Dress Parade at 4 near Co. D's Quarters. The Colors were brought out according to the Regulations for the First time since the Regt was organized. Plesant Day.

Monday 14 On Picket. Drilled an hour Before Breakfast. Cold Night.

Tuesday 15 Carter with about 60 men is out on the other Side of the River. they took a few men of Co. H. who were out in the country & took there clothes from them & let them go. Cold & Windy. a Snow Storm at night. Wind from the North. (Very cold).

Wednesday 16 We were called up at 12 o'clock in the night by the Officer of the Day to See how long it would take us to get out. We got into line in 3 minutes & then went to bed again. afternoon got a pass & went Down Town. Some of Stocks Cavalry came through chasing up Carter. It snowed some & is very cold.

Thursday 17 On Picket. Played Ball. Carter was within a few miles of Town at night. & was pursued by Stock's Men.

Friday 18 Carter's men were badly whipped this Morning & 6 or 7 killed & a number of Horses taken. The remainder of the men went into the Mountains where they could not be pursued by Cavalry. one of Stock's men was wounded. We do not hear any war news at all now. We have not received any mail since last Friday. It is getting lonesome for want of news. It is getting Warmer & Plesanter Weather now. Played Ball.

Saturday 19 an Ambulance & 10 of the Scouts went out after one of Stock's men who was wounded yesterday & left out in the country. Went down Town & brought up the Bread. Elder Morray was detailed to Day to be Mounted & join the Scouts. Played Ball.

Sunday 20 On Picket. The Train came in from Murf's... & Brought the Mail. Recd 2 letters. John B. Nelson Died in Hospital to Day. Capt. Hubbard returned to the Company. Having been absent since the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

Monday 21 The Train went out to Nashville. Charlie Vahne & John Hoyle went to Drive Post Teams. The Co attended the Funeral of J. B. Nelson at 4 o'clock P.M. A few Rebs attempted to cross the River at Blind Ford about 11 o'clock P.M. but were driven back by our Pickets. a number of Shots were exchanged but none of our Boys hurt.

Tuesday 22 30 men of our Co went to Town in charge of Lieut Lilly at 7 o'clock A.M. & went out Forageing with 6 Wagons. Went to Rock Martins on the Sparta Road 7 miles from Town & got plenty of corn & some Fodder. got back to Camp about 3 P.M. Roads Dry & very good. Very cold Day. Snowed a little.

Wednesday 23 On Picket. Bright Moonlight night. Played Ball. Wrote a letter.

Thursday 24 The Co Drilled a Short time before breakfast. Washed clothes in forenoon. Battalion Drill at 2 o'clock by Co. D. Quarters. after drill went up through Town to Show off. rain & sleet fell in the night.

Friday 25 The Mountains are white with snow that fell last night. Went to the Woods & cut Wood in the forenoon & afternoon. There was a number of showers during the day.

Saturday 26 25 of our Co Went out Forageing With 6 Wagons on the Sparta Road. went about 7 miles & got plenty of corn. got back about 3 o'clock. L. Montigue was sent back to the Co yesterday from being Teamster. The mail came in. Went on Picket at night.

Sunday 27 General Inspection at 2 o'clock P.M. Warm & Pleasant Day. The post teams came in at night.

Monday 28 Very windy & rainy. our tents were blown off the Shantee. Went down Town after bread.

Tuesday 29 On Picket. Cloudy & Damp Day. Drewed new Tents. Battalion Drill at 2 o'clock P.M.

Wednesday 30 The Ground was White with Snow in the Morning. which fell during the night. 25 Wagons Went out on the Sparta Road a Forageing. They found plenty of corn hid in the Ground. Played Ball.

Thursday 31 Cannonading was heard in the distance about noon & afternoon in a South West direction. The reports were heard every 3 or 4 minute for some Time. Drewed rations. Went down Town after Bread. The Train is out Forageing.

McMinnville April 1864

Friday 1 On Picket. Rainy Day & cold. Drilled a Short time in the Morning. Is B. came up & made us a visit. Cold & rainy night.

Saturday 2 The Train that Went out Forageing Thursday morning got back before noon. having been out about 25 miles. They started for Murfreesboro afternoon. It is reported that Forrest has been defeated & his command badly cut up at Paducah Ky. Wrote a Letter.

Sunday 3 Went to the Woods & chopped all forenoon. 2 Wagons drew 6 Loads of wood. Went down Town to Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. Warm & plesant day. but rained in the night.

Monday 4 On Picket. Rainy Day & night. There is 12 cases of Small pox in the Hospital.

Tuesday 5 Cool & cloudy Weather. Skirmish Drill for a short time in the Morning.

Wednesday 6 On Picket. Washed clothes. Skirmish Drill in the Morning. Plesant & sunshiney. Those having the Small pox are being removed from the Hospital to a house outside the lines on the Smithville Road. Battalion drill A. M. The Pickets at Blind Ford were fired upon early this morning by Bushwhackers. 15 or 20 Shots were exchanged but no one was Injured. Our Co got up & got ready for action. The Train came in from Murfreesboro & Brought the Mail. I recd 3 letters & N. Y. Observer. Learned that P. Gordon has deserted & started for the old Country. The Regt is under Marching orders.

Thursday 7 a number of the Boys are sickely at present. Jerry D. went to the Hospital very Sick.

Friday 8 Went down Town & staid all forenoon. played Ball in afternoon. plesant & Spring like Weather.

Saturday 9 On Picket. Cold & Rainy Night. Skirmish Drill in the Morning.

Sunday 10 Took down & turned over our old Tents & put up our new ones. The Train came in from Forageing having been gone 4 Days. Cool & cloudy Day with light Showers.

Monday 11 Battalion Drill at 1 o'clock P.M. Drilled in Skirmish Drill. Pleasant Day. Heavy rain in the night. Played Ball &c.

Tuesday 12 Capt Hubbard started this Morning for Home. With the Train. on a leave of Absence for 20 Days. Theo Botzen also on a Sick Furlough of 40 Days. A number of Bushwhackers came in & gave themselves up & took the oath. On Picket. Warm & pleasant Day.

Wednesday 13 The Col Went out to Beersheba Springs on a visit accompanied by the Mounted Men. Battalion Drill P.M.

Thursday 14 Skirmish Drill in the morning. Played ball in the afternoon.

Friday 15 Went down Town in the Morning & helped bring up Rations. Drilled in the morning. Went down to have Battalion Drill afternoon but there was none. The Train came in from Murfreesboro & brought the Mail. Rec'd 1 letter & N.Y. Observer & Rural New Yorker.

Saturday 16 On Picket. Drilled in the Morning. There was an Officer around Inspecting the Forts. White Frost in the night.

Sunday 17 The Major came up in the Morning with orders to Stop working on The Fort as we were to leave it & go down Town to Camp by order of the Fort Inspector. or rather Capt Bigelow's order through Him. The Mail went out in the Morning. Co Inspection at 9 ½ o'clock.

Monday 18 Co Drill in the Morning & Rain. Went to the River a fishing but did not get any Fish. They would not bite.

Tuesday 19 The 23<sup>d</sup> MO Regt Arrived in Town about Noon coming to Relieve us. The Ambulance Started for Murfreesboro to bring the Mail as Orders to March were expected by Mail. The Train came in from Forageing having been gone Since Saturday Morning. Washed clothes in the Morning & got my clothing ready for a March. Cool & pleasant day. Sold my Dress

Coat to Jackson the Captain's cook (colored) to be Paid \$1.50 on first pay Day. Some of the Boys are Boxing up there clothing to Send Home by express. had some very lively interesting Games of Ball. The Citizens are greatly dissatisfied at our prospects of leaving them as they do not like the MO Regt. The officers & Men of our Regt are thought a good Deal of By the Citizens.

Wednesday 20 On Picket. The 23<sup>d</sup> did not relieve our Pickets in time So the Col ordered them in & left the Camps unprotected for some time. The 23<sup>d</sup> got there pickets out by noon. Colonel Robinson is now in Command of the post. Col Gilbert is letting his Men carry on in Town just as they please. A good Share are Drunk & carrying on at a great rate. they have had several Knock downs with the MO Boys. there seems to be a good deal of Spite between the 2 Regts. The Post Teams have been turned over to the 23<sup>d</sup> & our Regt is Ready to March when the orders arrive. The Ambulance came in after 9 o'clock P.M. It Brought the Mail & orders for us to March. We are to Join the Brigade at Tullahoma & go from thence to Cowan Station Some ways beyond There. We are to March to Morrow. Recd 2 letters & N.Y. Observer & Rural N.Y.

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Thursday 21 Broke up camp early in the Morning & went down Town near Co D's Quarters at 9 o'clock & found the Regt & Marched through Town. The Boys Hallowing & Yelling all the time. We were ferried across The River on the Tullahoma Road by the Post Teams. Marched 9 miles & camped by a pleasant Stream of water. It rained a little at night. Some of the Boys killed some Hogs & the Col had to pay \$18.00 of Regt<sup>al</sup> funds to the owners.

Friday 22 Started on the March at 6 ½ o'clock. Marched very Slow & rested often as the orders were not to March over 10 miles a day. Marched 13 Miles & camped near Hillsboro at 2 P.M. A Small village of about a dozen Deserted houses. The Roads were Dusty. The Fruit Trees are in full Blossom. There is considerable Wheat growing In this Section of country Which looks very good.

Sunday 23 Started on the March at 6 ½ o'clock. a citizen came into camp in the Morning to hunt up his nigger. but the Col arrested him & brought him along. Crossed Elk River about Noon. We had to take of our Pants & Drawers & Wade as the was High. Camped about 4 o'clock P.M. Within 4 miles of Cowan. We kept along in Sight of the Mountains all the time on the right of us.

Sunday 24 It rained hard in the Morning. did not start till about 9 o'clock when it cleared off. We arrived here at Cowan about noon & Camped near the Rail Road. There is but 3 or 4 Houses here & a fort partely finished. The 20<sup>th</sup> CONN Regt are here guarding.

Monday 25 Company Drill from 9 till 11 A.M. We are in the 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade 3<sup>d</sup> Division 20<sup>th</sup> A.C. The 85<sup>th</sup> IND 22<sup>d</sup> WIS 20<sup>th</sup> CONN & 19<sup>th</sup> MICH Compose our Brigade Commanded By Brig Gen Ross of 20<sup>th</sup> CONN. The 85<sup>th</sup> OHIO & 44<sup>th</sup> ILL Veteran Regts passed through here enroute for Chattanooga. Munroe Conrad of the 44<sup>th</sup> Made us a visit. Put my over coat & vest into a Barrel with clothes of others to be Sent to Nashville During the Summer. in the evening rode up (on the Locomotive that pushed trains up grade) to the Tunnel & back again. Pleasant Day. We are to March tomorrow.

On the March April 1864

Tuesday 26 Started on the March about 8 o'clock & went up the Mountains. Kept to the Left of the Anderson Station Road. & took the one Direct to Bridgeport. Marched 14 Miles. Some of the Road was very rough & rocky. before reaching the top of the mountains when it got better. Very Warm Day.

Wednesday 27 Started about 7 o'clock. Co B. Rear Guards after going 3 miles began to descend the Mountains. Which was 2 miles before reaching the Valley. Roads were awfull Bad one Wagon tipped over & broke a Wheel. Camped at 3 P.M. on Battle Creek.

Thursday 28 There was a Thunder Storm in the night & rain. Which cooled the air considerable as it was very hot & sultry yesterday. our Camp last

night was 7 miles from Bridgeport. The Valley is from ½ to 1 mile Wide With Lofty Mountains on each Side. It is very productive With an abundance of good Spring Water. We come to the Tennessee River 4 miles above Town & went down to Town & crossed the River on the Pontoon Bridge. It is from 80 to 90 rods Wide. rested about 2 hours & got our Mail. I recd 2 Letters & 3 papers. Marched 3 Miles & camped for the night. & Drawed Rations. Very Warm.

Friday 29 Revilee at 4 o'clock. Marched at 6. The 20<sup>th</sup> CONN Regt Started before us (but we passed them during the Day.) Marched about 12 Miles & camped at Whiteside Station. at 1 o'clock. The Tressil Work of the R. R. Track across a Ravine neare here is 120 feet High built of small timbers. It was built lately by our men. the Rebs burned it when they retreated. We saw several companies the 1<sup>st</sup> MICH E & M Regts. to work building stockades.

Saturday 30 Started at 6 o'clock & comminced our March. It rained very hard for a short time about noon Which made the Road very Muddy & slippery. We Camped about 2 o'clock in Lookout Valley. 3 or 4 miles West of Chattanooga. The 20 CONN Camped near us. The Mail came in & we got it when we stopped on the Road from Bridgeport to this place. there is great numbers of Dead Mules & Horses Which have a very offensive flavour to the passers by. When it was raining the Clouds were lower than the Top of Lookout Mountain. we could not see the top of it for the Clouds. Since leaving McMinnville We have marched about 100 Miles. & in some places over very rough Roads. We Mustered at 6 o'clock for 2 Months Pay.

Lookout Valley May 1864

Sunday 1 Some of the Boys of the 13<sup>th</sup> MICH came down from Lookout Mountain to visit friends in our Regt. It is reported that they are fighting out at the Front. Inspection at 5 & Dress Parade at 6 o'clock. The 22<sup>d</sup> WISCONSIN & 85<sup>th</sup> IND Regt arrived at night.

Monday 2 Washed clothes in the Morning to be ready to march at any time. It rained a little before noon. It is said 1,000 men were killed & Wounded yesterday at the Front. 100 Wounded were brought into Chattanooga this

morning. Major Eaton of the 13<sup>th</sup> MICH is visiting at our camp. The Wall Tents of the Line officers were turned over to the Brigade Quarter Master & they have to come to Shelter Tents like the men. The Most of the tools. Wagons. Mules. Hospital Tents & Ambulances Were turned over to Brigade Head Quarters. Cap Lincoln of Co. C. Started for home having resigned. Capt Smith & the other officers who have been home recruiting returned to Regt. H. C. Beverly is Detailed for pioneer to Brigade Head Quarters. very cold night.

Tuesday 3<sup>d</sup> Left camp at 6 o'clock & our Whole Brigade Started on the March. The 22<sup>d</sup> WIS in front. 19<sup>th</sup> next took the road around the foot of Lookout Mountain & passed Russelville which was only 4 or 5 old Houses. We camped at 2 o'clock on the Battle ground of Chickamauga for the Night. after Supper went over the Battle field & saw numbers of our men laying with but little dirt thrown over them not enough to cover them up. also Where the Rebels had burned the Bodies of our Men. The Trees are terribly marked by shot & Shell. Many trees are cut right off by Shells. Cold Night.

Wednesday 4 The Mail came last night & this morning to Day I recd 2 letters & 2 papers. Started on the March at 6 o'clock. our Regt in Advance. Passed Lee's & Gordons Mills & then took the Ringgold Road. Marched 15 or 16 Miles & camped with the rest of the Division about 4 o'clock about 2 Miles Southwest of Ringgold in the Woods. Warm Day. one Division Marched from Lee's & Gordons Mills late last night. The army is beginning to Move.

Thursday 5 After policing up our Camp ground & burning the leaves &c. our Whol Regt got orders to Go out on Picket With one Day's Rations & to Take every thing we had along with us. Co C. D. & B. Went on the extreme left of the Picket line Which was on the top of a very steep ridge about 1 mile from Camp. This is the first time Infty Picket have been stationed here. Cav pickets were just up here in the Day time but drawn in at night & the Rebs patrolled this hill nights. from this heights we are in Sight of our Camps around Ringgold. Which are numerous. Troops went our this Morning Through Tyler's Gap & made an advance into the enemies Country. Every thing was Quiet in the night.

Friday 6 Came in from Picket about 8 o'clock. our Division had all gone we did not get started till after 9 o'clock. we took 3 days Rations Which have to last 5 Days. We went in a Southerly Direction & came up with the Corps about 2 o'clock. Beyond Nickajack Gap. they were busy making breastworks of rails & trees which they cut down & carried Whol where they were wanted. The Rebs were drove out here this Morning by our Cavalry. The Work making Breastworks were soon Stopped as the Rebs were Retreating & there was no Danger. Dress Parade in the evening. Major Gen Thomas passed us on the Road going to the Front. Drewed 1 Days Rations after Dark.

Saturday 7 Reville at 3 o'clock. We had breakfast & started at Day light. Marched very fast. Our Division crossed the range of Hills at Gordons Gap. the 1<sup>st</sup> Division crossed 6 Miles further up than we did & the 2<sup>d</sup> Division 4 or 5 miles further Down. Gens Hooker & Sickels passed us on the Road. It was very hot & Many of the Men gave out & Some died on the Road from Sun Stroke. We marched about 20 miles & came up on a range of hills & threw up Breast Works of Logs Rails &c. Went on Picket at night. all Quiet along the Lines.

Sunday 8 Our Brigade kept fortifying till near Midnight throwing up Dirt between Rails & Logs. It is said this is one place where the Rebs will Try to get out as they are surrounded by our forces. Relieved from Picket in the Morning. The 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade Went out before noon on a Reconnaissance & to try & Draw the Rebel fire & bring them out of there holes. They had some heavy skirmishing but there was not many men Wounded on our side. There was considerable Cannonading on our Right & a good deal of Musketry. Gens Sherman & Thomas are here at present. at night is said the Rebels are retreating. It is reported that there has been a very Heavy Battle on the Potomac & Lee been Defeated & has fallen back. We had orders to be ready to march at a moment's notice & have Roll Call every Hour. Roads were cut in the Brush to the Brigade Hospital to Carry the Wounded off & preperations were all Made for a Battle. but the Johnnies would not come out & try us. The Citizens will not take Greenbacks here. Confed Money is current.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> The Mail has been stopped for 15 Days. The 33<sup>d</sup> IND Veterans With Col Coburn arrived to day. The 14<sup>th</sup> Corps Commenced fighting early

in the Morning & kept it up all day. We could hear it very plain from Here & near night could see fire & smoke from the Cannons on the Hills on each side of Buzzards Gap. Col Coburn is now in command of the Brigade as he is the Ranking Colonel in Brigade.

Tuesday 10 Last night after getting to bed had to get up & pack up for a March. Lay on our Arms till 2 o'clock. When we started the 20<sup>th</sup> CONN with us. We marched 4 or 5 Miles to a gap & camped in the Woods at the foot of the ridge. the Rebels are on the top of it. Sergt Bunbury of Co. F. was very severely wounded in the thigh near the top of the Ridge by Rebel Pickets. The Mail came in afternoon. at dark we moved back onto a Ridge in rear of us & Camped for the Night & laid up a few logs & poles for Breastworks. It soon commenced to rain & came down in torrents for some time with heavy thunder & lightning. very dark night. The Rebs tried to Come out at the Gap Where Geary's Division were.

Wednesday 11 Got up early and packed up & ready to March at a minutes notice. They commenced fighting Early in the Morning at Buzzards Gap & fought all day. There was 1 Siege gun engaged on our side. We started at 11 o'clock the 20<sup>th</sup> CONN with us & Marched to Snake Creek Gap. We passed Geary's Division at Dryout Gap. We got here to the Gap at Dark having marched 12 Miles over very rough & muddy roads. The Most of the 20 A.C. are here. The Troops are making Roads through this Gap which is 6 or 8 miles long to bring Supplies through on. We met one Regt of 16<sup>th</sup> A.C. With 48 prisoners. Cold & rainy Day.

Thursday 12 Most of the 20<sup>th</sup> A.C. Marching in the morning going towards the Rail Road. The 85<sup>th</sup> IND & 22 WIS & our Regt Camped after Marching about 2 miles. Dressed Rations. They are fighting again to Day. Cold Day.

Friday 13 Got up at 3 o'clock & marched till daylight & lay in close column by Division till about noon & then Marched near the Front & formed line of Battle. Fighting commenced about 3 P.M. & was Kept up till after dark. Gen Kilpatric was slightly Wounded in the Morning. It is reported that Grant has again defeated Lee. Longstreet & Ewell killed. to Day our men drove the Rebels a mile or 2.

Saturday 14 Got up before Breakfast & got ready to March. formed line & lay some time. When we advanced & formed line about ½ mi from the Rebels the 14 A.C. filed in between us & the Rebs. Fighting commenced early in the Morning & then was very Severe all day With a great ammount of Cannonading. Fighting was Kept up till after dark & We are driving the Rebels daily. our Corps are in the Center of the line.

Sunday 15 Got up in the Night & drewed 2 days Rations & Worked 2 hours on the Breast works. Early in the Morning our Corps Marched from the center to the left. Marched 6 or 7 miles to get to our Position. We formed lines by Brigade & our Officers got confused & made us Charge over 4 lines of another Brigade (between 1 and 2 o'clock P.M.). When we got past them they fired into the Ranks of our Regt & Wounded Many of our Men. We then Charged through an open field. the Rebels powered in the Grape & Cannister into us from There Batteries. We Captured 4 Guns & Cassions. fighting was Kept up till after dark & our Batteries Shelled them all night. Col Gilbert was severely if not mortaly Wounded. Adj Brown Wounded in the Arm. Capt Chalmer Killed. Lieut Fundy Wounded. Of Co. B. R. A. Patterson G. L. Baird V. Rose & John Rutgers Wounded. 12 killed & 60 wounded in the Regt.

Monday 16 Got up at 2 o'clock & Went to work building breast works. 100 Men were detailed from each Regt in the Brigade to do the Work. The Rebels Comminced to Retreat in the night. Our Army was started in pursuit by daylight. our Brigade about 10 o'clock. We went on the left of the R. Road & crossed Cussa River on a Bridge built by the Rebs to retreat over. They left a number of guns & considerable ammuniton behind them. The Road was Lined with there Dead & Wounded which they left behind. We halted before dark a couple of hours & made coffee & then started again at 8 P. & marched till 11 o'clock & Lay down 2 hours & slept & then crossed the Oartanoula River on a Ferry & lay down again till morning. the Rebels left 6 or 700 Wounded for us to care for & all there dead to Bury. They are closely pursued by our Cavalry.

Tuesday 17 Waked up in the Morning & it was raining hard. Troops are crossing the River all the time as fast as they can be ferried across. our Men went to Work & built a Pontoon Bridge with Some flat boats which they found a way up the River. they tore down a Building to get lumber &

timbers. our Brigade Marched at 3 P.M. & Marched 11 o'clock When we came up with the Corps. It cleared up in the afternoon & is now fine Weather & not very hot.

Wednesday 18 Got up at 3 o'clock & Marched at 5. Very Warm day a great of the Men fall out on account of the Heat. We Marched on the Left Flank of the Army & are close on the Rear of the Rebels. 2,500 of there Rear Guard were taken to day. Marched till 8 P.M. & camped 6 or 8 Miles from Kingston. the Men are all very tired & nearly Worn out. We have marched from 25 to 30 miles to day.

Thursday 19 Drawed 2 days Rations in the Morning. We have had plenty to eat since we Comminced to march. The Supply train has been along all the time & we get our Rations of hard tack pork Coffee & Sugar regular. Recd Mail. We marched again but could not go far at a time as the Rebels were in front & were fighting all day & falling back as our men advanced. Formed line in the Woods & threw up breast works to prevent a flank movement of Wheeler on our Supply train. He did not try it after all. Very Hot day & many of the Men have to fall out unable to go further. About 4 o'clock Co B. were thrown out on Skirmish & proceeded as far as We had orders to. We took 2 prisoners. A few shots were fired at us but there was no force in our immediate front. We lay here all night. after we Went out on Skirmish our Brigade went to the left of us & went to Cassville driving the Rebels from there works. one Man in Co. E. of our Regt was killed & several Wounded. the 19<sup>th</sup> MICH & 20<sup>th</sup> CONN Were the 2 first Regts in town.

Friday 20 In the Morning our Co joined the Regt in Cassville & drawed Sugar & fresh Beef. The Citizens have all fled & left there houses to be plundered which our Boys are doing up in good style. Considerable salt & Sugar was found in town. & the Boys are going around wearing Stove pipe Hats which they found in Stores & private houses. We were Marched out into the Woods about 1 ½ Miles from town & Rested all day & Washed our Clothes which were in great need of Washing. our Whole Corps & the 4<sup>th</sup> are Resting Here now. The Rest have gone in pursuit of the Rebels. the 23<sup>d</sup> A.C. under Schofield Have gone on the left flank. Since the Rebs began to Retreat they have thrown up breast works of Rail & logs every few miles to protect there Rear Guard from our Cav. Which have been close upon them

all the time. The Rebel prisoners & deserters are well clothed & have been well fed lately. they all look tough & hearty. Many of the Citizens have left there homes in fear of the Yankee Army.

Saturday 21 The 20<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (?) are laying over here to rest & Wash up there clothes. The Rest of the army has gone on in pursuit of the Retreating Enemy. The Weather has been very favourable for this Campaign. It is dry & the Roads are in excellent condition. The Cars are within hearing of our Camp & are following up the army as fast as possible bringing supplies.

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Price List of Clothing &c. U.S.A./63

Dress Coat	\$7.21
Uniform Hat	1.68
Forage Cap	.56
Trowsers	3.55
Blouse Lined	3.14
Flannel Blouse Unlined	2.40
Flannel Shirt	1.46
Knit Shirt	1.30
Drawers Cotton	.90
Drawers Flannel	.95
Stockings	.32
Boots Sewed	3.25
"    Pegged	2.87
Shoes Sewed	2.05
"    Pegged	1.48
Great Coat	9.50
Blanket Woolen	3.60
Poncho Rubber	2.90
Knapsack & Straps	2.14
Haversack	.48
Knit Drawers	1.00
Canteen complete	.44
Great Coat Straps	.14
Axe	.83
Helve	.12
Hatchet	.32
Helve	.03
Spade	.70

## Clothing Drawn Since June 1863

Rubber Poncho	June 16 <sup>th</sup>
Blouse Coat. Lined	“ 17 <sup>th</sup>
1 pair Socks	“ 27 <sup>th</sup>
1 pair Pants & Cap	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
2 Pr's Socks	Sept 23 <sup>d</sup>
1 Shirt (Woolen)	“ “
1 pr Drawers (Knit)	Oct 3 <sup>d</sup>
Overcoat	“ “
1 pr Gloves	Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>
2 prs Socks	“ 20 <sup>th</sup>
1 pr Pants	“ 14

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1 pr Drawers (Cotton)	Jan 16
1 Shirt (Woolen)	“ 16
1 Pair Boots (pegged)	Feb 9
Blouse Coat (Lined)	March 11

of our most dangerous foes had passed over the River of Time. Our main line was advanced during the day, and as a matter of curiosity I went to the roots of the gnarled oak and found the sharpshooter with a bullet through his right breast, calm and peaceful in the sleep of death. I had some of my men bury the old warrior at the foot of the oak, which served for a monument. He had lived his allotted span, and I have no doubt that his last breath was offered up on what he deemed the altar of patriotism.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25th, 1863, we noticed a great commotion among the Confederate troops occupying the heights. Early in the morning the artillery opened fire on our earthworks in the woods, shells bursting over our heads in rapid succession, smashing tree-tops that fell into our wavering ranks, while solid shot shrieked over the ridge, tearing up trees and earth as if a cyclone had started on its mission of death. We knew the terrible artillery fire was the precursor of a charge by the enemy, and while our guns feebly replied, we kept a keen watch across an old field that lay between us and the foe.

Suddenly there emerged from the opposite ridge a gray line of battle, two columns deep, with flags flying, bayonets glistening, and coming right across the field with that confidence born of assured success, while the artillery from the heights poured a stream of shot and shell into our ranks.

We were ordered to reserve our fire until the enemy showed the whites of their eyes, and then to blaze away and charge down the hill upon the ranks of the advancing troops. When within fifty yards of our earthworks, coming in gallant style, a death-dealing volley was given the enemy, as a morning salute, which caused them to stagger about like drunken men. Yet still they came; and when within a few feet of an old worm fence on the margin of our woods, we dealt them another fire, and at the same time Gen. Cameron, riding on his excited steed, ordered a charge along the whole line. There was some hesitancy in obeying the order on the left of our line, and a seeming unwillingness to take the open field, thereby

exposing the whole command to the murderous artillery that poured their missiles down upon us with remarkably sure aim. To start the charge, I ordered some of the men to throw down part of the fence in our right front, and putting spurs to my horse, jumped the barrier at a bound, calling upon the men to dash forward to the charge, and meet the enemy in the open field.

All was now in motion, and with fixed bayonets the men rushed on to the foe, who broke and fled down the hill faster than they came up. Col. Hurt led the left wing of the regiment, which joined on the 65th Illinois, with the 103d Ohio supporting our advancing column. I was put in charge of the right wing of the regiment, abutting on the rugged rocks of the Holston River. In a narrow gorge, our men endeavored to scale the heights and turn the left of the enemy; but they perceived the movement, and depressed their cannon on our struggling ranks, pouring into us a shower of shot and shell. In one spot the regiment got into a tangle among the rocks, and wavered backward and forward in the effort to advance and also at the same time escape the fury of the fire from the heights. Our color-bearer, James Jackson, was shot down and dropped the flag, which was taken up by another soldier, who soon met the same fate. For a time it looked as if we would be compelled to retreat; but just as everything seemed giving away, Col. Hurt rushed up and grasped the prostrate flag, when our broken ranks rallied to his support and established a line so close under the enemy's guns that they could not depress them enough to make fatal shots, the shells and balls shrieking over our heads as if a myriad of demons were treating us to an infernal serenade.

Gens. Shackelford and Woolford, with their mounted corps, came to our aid in this trying ordeal, Col. Charles D. Pennybacker, of the 27th Kentucky, who commanded a brigade in Woolford's division, bringing his gallant Kentuckians to the front and strengthening our broken lines. The fight went on with alternate success and defeat during the day, and even the

August 19, 1862 Went into camp of instruction Dowajiac

## BOOK B

1863 AND 1864 William Anderson Company B Nineteenth Regiment  
Michigan Infantry Cleveland, Ohio

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Left Kalamazoo on the 12.40 train & arrived at Detroit Before 7 P.M. Waited 2 hours for the Boat. Took supper at the Hotel. Went on Board the Boat Morning Star at 9 P.M. & soon started for Cleveland. Slept on the Floor all night. there was not Berths For all the Passengers.

June 4 1863 Gun Plains, Allegan Co., Mich.

Thursday 4 Arrived at Cleveland at ½ past 6 o'clock A.M. Took breakfast at the Birch House & then went through the City. Went into the Museum. Paid 15 cts for admittance. Took dinner at Birch House. Left for Columbus at 2 o'clock P.M. Arrived at Columbus bout 9 P.M.

Camp Chase

June 1863

continued

Came up to Camp Chase. Went into an empty barrack & slept all night. Pleasant day.

Friday 5 In forenoon went to the Sciotta River & Bathed. Battalion Drill in Afternoon. The First time we have Drilled in 3 Months.

Saturday 6 Signed the Pay Roll in the Morning & was mustered in for pay about noon. Battilion Drill afternoon & and Dress Parade. Major Wm Shafter is now Lieut Colonel of the 19<sup>th</sup>. Cold Nights.

Sunday 7 Pleasant Day. no preaching in our Regt. attended a discourse By the Chaplin of Regt on Guard here.

Monday 8 Expected to get 4 months pay to day. Instead of that Got Marching orders to Tennessee To start at 12 ½ o'clock P.M. Wrote to Father. Left Camp Chase afternoon & were Marched down to State Hose in

Columbus & Recd 52 Dollars. R.A. Paterson Paid Me \$10.00 I sent Home \$60.00 To Father. It was sent By Express to Wm. Matthews. the Martin Boys sent \$542.00 home. We then came down to Depot & Drewed Haversacks & Canteens & went on Board train for Cincinnati. Left Columbus just before Dark & arrived at Cincinnati Between 2 & 3 o'clock next morning.

#### Columbus and Louisville

Tuesday 9 Came o board the Steamer Shenango. Lay down on the floor & slept till Morning. the Boat started from Cin about an Hour after Sun rise. Saw Fort Jones & Grave Pit Where we were camped last Fall. Arrived at Louisville Ky about Sun down. Pleasant Day. After waiting Some time on Board we came up Town to Barrac No. 1 Where supper was prepared for us. Slept in Bunk all night. Saw Lieut Wm Darrow Formerly of our Company. now honorably discharged.

#### Louisville

Wednesday 10 got up before 6 o'clock. went down & had Breakfast. For Breakfast had Bread, meat & coffee. The First Coffee I have had since returning to Camp. Bought Quire of paper and paccage of envelopes from John Duel. Paid 35 cts. Afternoon went down town. Bought paccage of Boot nails. Paid 10 cts and had them drove into my Boots. Paid \$0.50 cts. Rained hard in afternoon. For supper Bread, Molasses & Coffee. After Supper Marched to Depot. & went on Board a Freight Train For Nashville. Distant 185 miles. Started about Sundown. 36 Men were put into one car. Lay down & slept on the floor all night. Thunder Storm & rain in night.

#### Nashville

Thursday 11 Went out in the morning & rode on the Top of the Car. Arrived at Bowling Green about 8 o'clock in the Morning. It is well fortified with Forts and Rifle Pits. Part of the 85<sup>th</sup> Regt are with us on the Train. The 6<sup>th</sup> Mich Battery is here at Bowling Green. Passed Galliton, Which is defended By Fort Thomas, a very strong Fort. 4 miles from Nashville as one Farmer harvesting Wheat. Considerable hay is cut. Cleared off afternoon. Arrived at Nashville about 3 o'clock P.M. & were

marched up to the Exchange Barracks No. 1, & had Bread, Pork & Coffee for supper. Very Warm.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Joseph Richie of the Michigan 4<sup>th</sup> Cav Staid with us over night. In the morning we went down Town with Jos. Richie & went up into Fort Negly Which is very Strong & I think impregnable to any Force that can be Brought against it. It mounts at Present 10 Guns, mostly 32 pounders. We then went down to the convalescent camp & saw Alonzo Mapes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mich Cav. he is cook for the Gardners. Then returned to Town & found our regt Had left the Barracks. We got our things & came out of town to Regt Where we drawed new Guns. (Enfield Cal 57 Rifles and Muskets) & Cartrige Boxes. The Boys are helping themselves to the Pedlers' Property again. We are now camped just out side the Town in South east Direction. We have drawed Shelter Tents & have them no Pitched. Each tent is in 8 pieces, every man with his piece. They are together with buttons.

Saturday 13 I slept first rate in our new Tent. Cool Night. there was Some Picket Firing in the night. the Rebel Guerrilas are around in this neighborhood rather thick. Drawed New Knapsack. the wood train has a cavalry guard accompanying them to Prevent The Guerrillas from Gobbeling them up. Alonzo Mapes came over to our camp & staid a Spell. Very Warm Day.

Sunday 14 Went to The Presbyterian Church in town In forenoon & in the evening. subscribed & paid \$0.50 to help buy a horse For Dr. Bennett. Text was Duet 18:15.

Monday 15 Company drill in forenoon. drilled but a short time. & kept in the shade most of the time. At 3 o'clock Went out with the Regt to see the execution of a Deserter by shooting. after getting out to the place of execution a reprieve was Sent & he was not shot. We then Drilled in Battilion Drill. It was very hot Drilling. Dress Parade at Night.

Tuesday 16 In the morning removed camp to a more elevated & shady lace, about 100 rods from the former place. Drawed India Rubber Blanket. Battilion Drill about 5 o'clock P.M. Very hot Day.

Wednesday 17 Put my Dress coat in a barrel to be stored in Nashville until wanted. In forenoon was detailed to carry water to the cooks. Drew new Blouse Coat. at night went out for Battalion Drill but were soon drove in by a Rain & Thunder Storm. Rained very hard for a short time. Marching orders for Franklin early to morrow morning.

On the March to Franklin

June 1863

Thursday 18 Started for Franklin at 4 ½ o'clock with knapsacks on our backs. Marched across lots nearly 2 miles till we struck the Franklin Pike Where we halted & waited for the train & put Knapsacks on the wagons. Halted at Brentwood to rest intending to rest 4 or 5 hours. Our company was thrown out on picket to watch for the Guerrilas. After resting over an hour, we started again for Franklin For fear of an attack as the Rebs were said to be in the neighborhood. But we say none of them. Arrived at Franklin about an hour before sun down & came up to a hill & pitched tents, having marched 18 miles. Very hot day. Hard march. Harvesting has comminced. (Saw the Tree where the Spies were hung. Col. Williams & Lieut Peter of C.S.A.) They were hanged on the ninth.

Franklin June 1863

Friday 19 Detailed for Guard. Camp guard is kept on now. Very warm day.

Saturday 20 Relieved from guard at 7 & ½ o'clock & Reported for Police Duty at 8 ½ o'clock. Washed every morning at 3 o'clock & form line of Battle & lay there until Daylight expecting an attack every morning.

Sunday 21 Got up at 2 o'clock this morning & formed line of Battle. waited about ¾ of an hour when we were ordered to our quarters to sleep with cartridge Boxes on & Guns in hand Ready to get into line in a minute. No preaching by our Chaplin. Weekly Inspection at 11 o'clock.

At night we formed around the Col's Tent & sung a number of hymns. After prayer by Chaplin we sung the Star Spangled Banner & the Red White & Blue, & then returned to our Quarters. Tattoo at 8 o'clock for the future.

Morning 22 On Guard. Pleasant day. was taken Sick in the evening but stood guard till morning.

On the March June 1863

Tuesday 23 Got marching orders with 3 days' rations for Triune. Started about 2 o'clock P.M. Our Knapsacks were put on the wagons. It was very warm. the roads rough and Dusty. 2 Regts of Cavalry & the 33<sup>d</sup> IND were with us. We arrived near Triune after dark. I was nearely wore out when we arrived here. Spred our Blankets on the ground & lay down & slept very sound. Rosecrans army made a Foreward movement to day. 20 Regts Infty, 13 of Cav & 6 Batteries left here in the morning.

Wedensday 24 Felt Better in the morning having rested well in night. at Breakfast time it continuing to rain we put up Tents & kept dry. Struck tents about noon & Started For Salem. It raining very hard. roads very muddy. Carried Knapsacks. We guarded the supply train. had to halt every few rods & wait for the Teams. Which were Stuck in the mud. Marched after dark some time & then halted for the night. put up our tents & slept well althow it rained very hard. Marched over 2 miles only through corn & wheat fields & woods & roads very rough & muddy.

Thursday 25 Started again in the morning, it raining very hard. Made slow progress as the roads are most impassable. A great ammount of corn, pork, flour, hay, are thrown away to lighten the Teams. Marched till dark through corn, Wheat & Cotton Fields. & through Cedar Swamps & every other place. Put up our tents as It looked like rain again. It is Reported Vicksburg is taken with 40,000 prisoners.

Murfreesboro June 1863

Friday 26 Got up early and struck tents, it raining very hard & had rained a great deal in the night. It rained most all the time till we got here to Murfreesboro. Our Blankets were wet which made our Knapsacks very

heavy. The roads were better to day. did not have to wait for the train but marched right along. the roads very wet & muddy. Arrived here about 4 o'clock P.M. & camped near Stone River among rocks. The most of the army left here a few days ago & are now fighting in Front. After going to bed it rained very hard, the water running through the tents in streams.

Saturday 27 Rained again in the morning. Cleared up about noon. Rained again in the evening and night. At night went to help load ammunition at the Magazine. a train of 130 Wagons Were loaded with it. 27 boxes were put in every wagon, each box containing 1000 Rounds & weighed 100 lbs. They were going to the Front. Drawed 1 pair socks.

On the March June 1863

Sunday 28 Left camp at 5 o'clock A.M. and passed through Murfreesboro and took the Shelbyville Pike and came about nine miles and camped near Christiana. It rained hard when marching. Our Forced took Shelbyville last night with about 500 prisoners. Soon after we arrived here the prisoners were brought through. They stopped & fed them 7 then took them through to Murfreesboro. there is a good many troops here & more are coming in to night. (The order was to look out for Forrest on our Right.)

Christiana On the March June 1863

Monday 29 Heavy shower in forenoon. Mended my pants in forenoon. Got marching orders about 2 o'clock P.M. For Shelbyville. after packing up it commined raining very hard & rained more than 3 hours. we sat in the rain & waited till 5 o'clock. when we started. there were about 10 Regts of Infty before us & 3 Batteries & a great many Cavalry. Shelbyville is 25 miles from Murfreesboro. we marched 8 miles & then halted for the night at Guys Gap. it was after dark when we got here. (We carried our knapsacks.) we lay down among the rocks and slept all night. came by the Pike.

Guys Gap June 1863

Tuesday 30 Mustered for pay. Rained hard while out Mustering. E.B. Bassett is Dishonourably discharged from the U.S. Service for cowardice

at Thompson's Station, Tenn. The cars passed here tonight for the first time going to Shelbyville.

Guys Gap July 1863

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Washed clothes in the morning. a large herd of cattle passed on their way to the army at the Front for Beef. Moved camp to the east side of the road into the woods where it is well Shaded. Clear & hot Day.

Thursday 2 Got up by daylight & formed Company. after remaining in line some time stacked Arms & returned to our tents. On Picket on the Shelbyville Pike. The Refugees are returning to their homes Since Rosecrans has advanced. after an absence of eight or ten months. having been driven away by the Rebels. Went out Beyond the picket line and got Blackberries which are just getting ripe.

Friday 3 Relieved from picket at 9 o'clock. It commenced raining before I reached camp & has rained most all day. Went up to the top of the hill. Where the signal Post is established & saw them signaling to the signal Post at Murfreesboro. a distance of 16 miles. the signals are made with Flag in day time & with lights in night. Went out on Company Drill at night. A train of 180 wagons (Some Says 400 or 500) went Past with Supplies. Going to the Front. A number of men from the Regt were Sent out this Morning to get out timber for the RailRoad.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Got a pass & went out with R. Peterson & Is. Batchelder a Blackberring. We found plenty of good ripe ones & also brought in apples & potatoes & Beets. Which we found in an orchard. got back to camp about noon when it commenced to rain very hard. Recd letter from Arthur & 2 newspapers.

Sunday 5 On Picket. very hot in the forenoon. Rained afternoon and night. Recd two letters.

Monday 6 Relieved From Picket at 8 o'clock. there is now 10 or 12 Men from our company to work getting ties out for the Rail Road & some gone to Murfreesboro. There is scarce enough left to perform Guard & Picket Duty. Recd 2 letters & wrote one. A Thunder Storm & rain at night.

Tuesday 7 On Picket Duty. Stood Back in the woods about a miles form camp. Rained most all night. It is reported to night that Vicksburgh was surrendered on the Fourth of July. an unconditional Surrender. also reported that Lee's Army is all cut to pieces.

Wed 8 Came in from Picket at 4 o'clock A.M. Went out the Is. Batchelder a Blackberring found plenty of them ripe. Captured & brought into camp a pig. To day the number of men in the Regt Fit for Duty is 333. A good many are sick. It is confirmed to night that Vicksburgh is taken. & that Gen. Mead has taken 38,000 prisoners from Lee's army. Gen Rosecrans has driven the Rebels from Tennessee. Drawed 2 days' rations. we got beans & rice for the first time Since leaving Franklin. We have been living on Salt pork, crackers & coffee with a very little sugar. Not enough to sweeten our coffee. In the afternoon Lt. Col Shafter went out with about 30 men in search of some Bushwhackers who were seen in the neighborhood. Col. S. put on a cartridge box & shouldered a gun but found no one.

Thursday 9 Washed clothes in the morning, Wrote a letter to Perry Fenner. For Dinner We had Fresh Mutton & pork. Bean soup and hard tack. We draw the Fresh meat on our own hook. Clear and plesant Day. Quite warm.

Frid 10<sup>th</sup> On Picket Northeast of camp. At picket Mounting now There is no music nor Inspection of arms as There used to be. Style with the Officers has played out for the Present. Hot and Clowdy day.

Saturday 11 Relieved from picket at 8 o'clock. returned to camp & Washed pants. Damp and Clowdy day. Went on Camp Guard at 7 o'clock P.M.

Sunday 12 On Guard til 7 o'clock P.M. Comminced to rain about noon and rained very hard about 2 hours. A sever Thunder Storm.

Monday 13 In the Morning got a pass & went out With Is. Batchelder, C. Prentice, & J. Zwemer a blackberring. it rained very hard for a Short time. We went into an old hut and kept Dry. Found plenty of Berries very ripe. Last night Some of the Pickets got alarmed & fired off there guns & there Run into camp. & their posts were left unguarded through the remainder of

the night. 2 were from Co C. & 2 from Co. G. They were arrested & the Regt brought out. When they were Sentenced to be put into a new Company to be Called Co. Q, to perform policy duty in camp. & when any alarm is given they are to retire to a place of Safety & remain there till all danger was over. At Night the Company was Disbanded as It was not going to work well without a good deal of trouble.

Tuesday 14 On Picket South west of camp. Damp and cloudy Day. 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut S. M. Hubbard Is now promoted to Captain of Co. B. & John Shafter to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Since the alarm on Sunday nights The orders on Picket are very stric. There was Inspection of arms this Morning for the First time since coming here. Recd three letters this afternoon.

Wed 15 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Washed clothes & then was detailed to help unload rations at Brigade Head Quarters. got a pass about 2 o'clock & went out with Is. Batchelder a Blackberring. Drawed 5 Days' rations. A lot of horses went past going to the Front. For the 92<sup>d</sup> ILL Regt Who are to Be Mounted. Also a drove of mules with pack saddles on to carry provisions at the Front.

Thursday 16 On Picket North West of camp. Cool Day. Cleared up towards night. It is Reported that Port Hudson is taken with 18,000 Prisoners.

Friday 17 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Before noon was Detailed to guard a train of Wagons going to Shelbyville. Went within 3 miles of Shelbyville. When we Returned, 3 Wagons from our Regt went with us for us to Ride back in. Got Back just after Supper. The 33<sup>rd</sup> IND Regt went past just Before sundown on there way back to Murfreesboro there to be Mounted. the Battery also left. We are to march tomorrow about six o'clock A.M. over onto the Back Road. Cool Day.

Fosterville July 18 1863

Saturday 18 Left camp at Guy's Gap at 6 o'clock, & marched to New Fosterville on the Nashville and Chatanuga Rail Road 45 miles from Nashville. After arriving here we fixed up our tents to make bunks to sleep on, expecting to stay some time. Went on Picket at 7 o'clock, at night. One Section of the 9<sup>th</sup> OHIO Battery, one company of the 10<sup>th</sup> OHIO cavalry, & our Regt. are all the Force here. The men that had been to work on the Rail Road came to camp at night.

Sunday 19 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock A.M. A very heavy rain before night. (No preaching.)

Monday 20 On Picket. very hot Day. Rained very hard in the night with a great deal of lightening.

Tuesday 21 Came in from Picket in the Morning. Washed Clothes. Cloudy Day.

Wednesday 22 Went out on a foraging expedition with R. Peterson & L. Gordon and Is. Batchelder. We went beyond Liberty Gap and came through it returning to camp. We found plenty of Forage. We went about five miles from camp. We got plenty of Potatoes & apples, Milk, Beets & Plums &c. Returned to camp about an hour before Sundown. We started between 9 & 10 o'clock. Went out on an old Pass fixed up as good as a new one. We passed over the Ground where the fighting was done four weeks ago. The trees were marked by the bullets - also the houses. Saw a number of the graves of the men of the 79<sup>th</sup> ILL Vol. Went into a house and saw six Wounded Reb Soldiers. They were wounded at Liberty Gap very severely.

Murfreesboro July 1863

Thursday 23 Left camp at Fosterville at 5 o'clock A.M. Going back to Murfreesboro our Co. was Rear guards. Arrived at Murfreesboro about 1:00 o'clock P.M. It was very hot day. & camped South East of town. We were Relieved at Fosterville by the 10th ILL INFT. The 33<sup>rd</sup> IND is here

but not mounted as was supposed. The 85 IND and 22<sup>nd</sup> WIS are also here. All in our brigade again commanded by Col. John Coburn.

Friday 24 Went out on Picket at 6 o'clock A.M. It requires over a thousand Pickets to Guard this place Every Day. Very Hot Day. From 90° to 100°.

Sat 25 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock A.M. A heavy shower early in the morning. Cool and Pleasant day. Drew 6 days rations. Battalion Drill about an hour in the evening. Wrote to Father.

Sunday 26 Straightened up the tents in rows. Inspection of Arms at night. Heavy rain in the evening. Jerry & L. Norton Returned to the Regt.

Monday, 27 Detailed for Picket but went to guard Forage across Stone River Where the Forage is Stored. John Morgan is reported captured.

Tues 28 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. Afternoon Policed ground where the camp is to Be Moved tomorrow.

Wed 29 Fixed up our new camp ground. Wrote letter and recd two. Attended Prayer Meeting in the evening. after dark a heavy Shower.

Thursday 30 Rainy forenoon. did nothing.

Friday 31 On Picket. Guarded commissary stores Beyond the River.

Murfreesboro August 1863

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Drawed new pair pants General Inspection in afternoon. Peterson Went to the Regimental hospital. Very Hot Day.

Sunday 2 Preaching by our Chaplin in the afternoon. At night Inspection. The 86 IND were paid off to Day.

Monday 3 In the Morning went with the Wagon after Beef but we did not get any. Coffee & crackers is all we have at present. Washed clothes in forenoon. Brigade Drill in the evening. Wrote to Arthur.

Tues 4 Drilled a short time in the morning at Co. Drill. In the afternoon went with the Wagon after soft Bread. At night went out on Company Drill. & then started for Brigade Drill which was given up as it was to late. Went out and Drilled after dark. A shower.

Wed. 5 On Picket on the Shelbyville Turnpike. A heavy shower at noon & rained a little all afternoon. The Regt got a new flag today. We have been without colours Since our Return to the Field. There was Company Drill in the Morning at five o'clock. Brigade Drill in forenoon & evening.

Thur 6 A Day of National Thanksgiving and praise to God for the recent victories which has crowned our Arms By Order of the President of the U.S. No Drilling nor any other unnessessary Duty is done in camp. In the forenoon very hot. Afternoon Clowdy & Cool.

Friday 7 Brigade Review at 10 o'clock By Brig. Gen. Whittiker. It was very hot. one man was sun struck & had to be carried to the hospital. Gen. W\_\_\_ is now in command of our Division. Brigade Drill in the evening. Recd a paper from home. It is one year to day Since I enlisted. Peter returned to Company.

Sat 8 In the morning went after fresh Beef. Washing day. Brigade Drill in the evening.

Sunday 9 On Picket. The Regt was paid 4 months Pay.

Monday 10 Came in from Picket in the Morning & received my pay from Lieut Shafter \$52.00. Brigade Drill in evening.

Tuesday 11 In the morning went Down Town & Expressed home \$42.00. There was \$214.00 sent in the paccage. it was Directed to Wm. Matthew Martin. The express charges were \$2.25. Recd two papers from home. Went out on Brigade Drill at 6 o'clock and Drilled till after dark. We have orders to prepare for Brigade Inspection on Thursday Morning at 7 ½ o'clock A.M. Hot Day.

Wed 12 Reported at Head Quarters at 6 o'clock A.M. & went to work on the Fortifications, uncovering a Magazin which leaked. Stopped working about 5 o'clock P.M. It is Reported that Charleston is Taken.

Thursday 13 Semi Monthly Inspection at 7 o'clock by Capt Adams. Went down town after dinner. Sarjent P. Pullman Started for home to Recruit. Battilion Drill in the Afternoon.

Friday 14 Went after fresh Beef. Wrote a letter & received two. Went out for Drill about 5 o'clock but were driven in by a very heavy Rain & thunder Storm. Very hot Day.

Sat 15 Roll call at Reville. There is to be 4 roll calls a Day hereafter. Company Drill in forenoon. Brigade Drill in the evening. Washing Day. Weather Clowdy & looks like rain. Our Squad sent for the Detroit Advertiser & Tribune for one year. Sent \$1.25 to pay subscription & postage.

Sunday 16 Inspection at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11. By our Chaplin. Went down Town at 2 o'clock & attended the negro church as there was no other preaching. heard a very good Sermon from the colored Preacher.

Monday 17 Company Drill at 5 o'clock A.M. Wrote to Arthur. Very hot Day. Brigade & Battilion Drill in evening. Orders to be ready to March soon.

Tuesday 18 On Picket at The Field Hospital. It is now being removed to Stevenson, Alabama. Very hot Day.

Wed 19 One year ago today we went into camp at Dowajiac. No pickets from our Regt. the 22<sup>nd</sup> are pickets to Day. Brigade Drill in evening By Col. Baird of the 85<sup>th</sup> IND.

Thurs 20 Helped build a Shed over the Company Street. in afternoon went with the Wagons after Cedar Brush about 5 miles South on the Shelbyville Turnpike. Fiddling & Dancing in the evening.

Friday 21 Revilee at 3 o'clock. we got up & fell in with our Arms, stood in line a short time, when we staked Arms & went to our Quarters. It is rumored that Johnson is crossing the Mountains coming up in this Direction. The Picket Duty is performed by the Regts of our Brigade. Our Regt is on Picket to Day. The most of our company went to the Nashville Pike about 1 ½ miles north of town. (Rosecrans is Advancing again on Bragg.) The Picket lines are about 7 or 8 miles long. 211 Men of our Regt performed all the Picket Duty. Gen. Rosecrans is on the move again.

Saturday 22 Relieved from Picket By the 85<sup>th</sup> IND Regt. Very Hot and Dusty returning to camp. Company Drill afternoon. Drilled in the Manual of Arms about an hour. Battalion Drill in the evening.

Sunday 23 Detailed for Police Duty in the Morning. did not get through till after Inspection. Went down town in the forenoon to Church, & again at 4 o'clock. heard very good Sermons. There was a funeral sermon preached by our Chaplin at 5 o'clock. A Corporal of Co. H. Died in hospital last night. He was sun struck on Review about 2 weeks ago. We got up in the morning at 3 o'clock & formed line. an attack was expected by Gen. Forrest, but he did not give us a call. The Whol brigade was in line from 3 o'clock till Daylight.

Monday 24 Company Drill in the morning, before breakfast. Washed Clothes in the forenoon. Heavy rain & thunder storm in the afternoon. Prepared for Inspection which was to be to night by the Division Inspector. It did not come off as expected. Wrote letter and received two & a N.Y. Observer.

Tuesday 25 Our Regt. on Picket. Stood on The Lebenon Pike. had a Brick house for Head Quarters. Cloudy and Cool Day. The Walls of Fort Sumpter Reported to be Breached By Gen Gilmore's Guns.

Wed 26 Very cold night. Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock by the 85<sup>th</sup> IND. A man from Co. K. Died in hospital yesterday. The Chaplin preached his funeral sermon at 2 o'clock. Brigade Drill at 1/2 past five till after Dark. Gen. Rosecrans is fighting at Chattanooga.

Thursday 27 Went down town in the morning. Wrote letter. Brigade Drill in the evening by our Regt. Commander, Capt. Thompson. Col. Gilbert left for home to night. Lieut. Col. Shafter is Sick. Very Cold night.

Friday 28 Monthly Inspection at 9 o'clock. Inspected by Capt. Adams. Skirmish & Brigade Drill in the evening. Subscribed for a Company Record, Price \$1.40. Brig. Gen. Steadman is in Command of this Post - Murfreesboro.

Sat 29 On Picket on the Nashville Pike. Cool Day & very cold night. Recd 2 letters. We recd the First copy of the Detroit Advertiser & Tribune For which we subscribed for one year. Fort Sumpter is a Mass of Ruins. Rebs Reported to be evacuating Chattanooga.

Sunday 30 Came in from Picket about 9 o'clock. Went down Town to Church at 4 o'clock & heard a very good Sermon. Cool Day. Recd a letter from Annie (mailed a Co. Record for home. Paid \$1.40 for it to Capt Hubbard.)

Monday 31 On Camp Guard. It is reported in the Papers that Fort Sumpter & Wagner are Taken. Recd a Tribune from home. (Mustered to day.)

September 1863

Tuesday 1 Relieved from guard at 8 o'clock. In the afternoon did Police Duty & Drilled.

Wednesday 2 On Picket on the Shelbyville Pike. Last night the Cavalry Pickets at Stone River Bridge were captured By a Band of Guerrillas. there were 4 or 5 of them. 5 Companies of the Cavalry have been out in Search of the Guerrillas.

Thursday 3 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Went Down Town after Bread. Washed Clothes. Brigade Drill at 2 o'clock. The 9<sup>th</sup> Ohio Battery Drilled with us.

Friday 4 In the morning went out with the Wagons after fodder. Afternoon went out for Boards to fix up our tents.

Saturday 5 Went after Boards to fix up our tents. After partly getting our tents fixed we were ordered to stop as we were to move camp in a day or two to inside the Fortifications. The 85<sup>th</sup> IND left about 1 o'clock going towards the Front. 2 sections of the Battery went to Tullahoma. Co. C went Downtown for Provost Guards. Last night a train of about 210 Wagons stopped here on their way to the Front. They were Ammunition and Pontoon trains.

Sunday 6 Reville Between 2 & 3 o'clock. The 33<sup>rd</sup> had marching to leave in the morning & we had to go on Picket & Relieve them by day light. Stood on the Nashville Pike. Some of the 4<sup>th</sup> MICH Cav went past with new horses from Nashville going to the Front. There were some 3 or 4 men fired into by Bushwackers outside the Picket lines. There is a Colored Regt. organizing here at Present.

Monday 7 Moved our Camp to west of the Depot & neare the Fortifications. Very Hot Day.

Tuesday 8 On Picket on the Lebenon Pike. The 4<sup>th</sup> East TENN Cav came here yesterday.

Wed 9 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Yesterday our Chaplin left the Regt. his Resignation had been accepted. moved our tent & fixed it up "right smart".

Thursday 10 Chattanooga Taken. On Picket on the Shelbyville Pike. Citizens are not allowed to come in nor go out the lines. Weather very hot.

Friday 11 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Finished lining up our tents. Col Gilbert Returned to the Regt. yesterday. Wrote a letter. Cumberland Gap was surrendered a few days ago to Gen Burnside. 2,000 prisoners 14 Guns taken without firing a Gun. Since The Chaplin went home, John Duck is Post Master for the present.

Saturday 12 On Picket on the Liberty Pike. The 22<sup>nd</sup> got alarmed & got into line & expected an attack, but nothing unusual happened.

Sunday 13 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Went down Town to Meeting in the Forenoon and Evening.

Monday 14 On Picket on the Wilkinson Pike. Recd letter from Annie.

Tuesday 15 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Wrote to Annie.. Washing Day.

Wed 16 On Picket on the Woodbury pike. Weather Cloudy & looks like rain, very hot.

Thursday 17 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. A light Shower after dinner. One man from Co. I died in hospital in the morning. A Detail of 12 Men from our Co. Went to the Funeral as Escort. It rained about all the time we were gone. Cold Windy night.

Friday 18 Cold & cloudy morning. Yesterday morning about 200 Deserters from Bragg's Army went through on the cars going north. a good many of them are intending to enlist in our Army. On Picket on the Lebenon Pike. Fall like weather.

Sat 19 Last night was very cold. in the morning there was a white Frost. Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Dress Parade at 5 o'clock P.M. They are Fighting at the Front to Day.

Sunday 20 On Guard at the Depot guarding Forage.. It is reported that there is 5 or 600 Rebs in this vicinity & an attack was expected here last night, but nothing unusual happened.

Monday 21 Relieved from Guard at 8'oclock. Wrote to Father. Rosecrans is Fighting at the Front. but nothing Definite is yet known. Some new Recruits came to the Regt. today. Dress Parade at 5 o'clock. Received letter from home. Weather Cold nights. warm Day. A terrible & Bloody Battle is now going on at the Front, Between Gen Rosecrans & Bragg. 4 Regt of Inft. & 2 Batteries went through in the night on the cars to Reinforce Rosecrans.

Tuesday 22 On Picket on the Liberty Pike. The rumeres are very conflicting about the Success of our Army at the Front.

Wedensday 23 Relieved from Picket a 8 o'clock. Nothing definite is yet known of the Successes or Reverses of Rosecrans. Inspection at 5 o'clock P.M. Drewed a new Shirt & 2 pairs Socks. our clothes have come from Nashville that were stored there. There were 3 trains loaded with wounded went through going to Nashville that were wounded in the Fight on Sat & Sunday. They were mostly all slight wounds.

Thursday 24 On Picket at Shelbyville pike. The wounded are being sent north on the cars in great numbers. Some Regts are all nearely killed or wounded.

Friday 25 Relieved from Picket at 6 o'clock. 2 companies were to leave going to guard a Bridge south of Tullahoma. Co's A. & F. went. 3 Companies From the 22<sup>d</sup> also went. 3 train loads of wounded went past. 2.30 lb parrot guns went through on the cars going to the Front. Wrote a letter to the Old Country. In afternoon Worked on the Fort.

Sat 26 4 Companies from our Regts are on Picket. Co's E. & B. did not go out. at 9 o'clock 10 men from our Co went & relieved some of the Colored

Pickets who were going out on Inspection & Review. We stood on posts about 6 hours before they returned to relieve us. 3 trains of wounded went through today.

Sunday 27 Attended Church in forenoon & in Evening attended the post Church & heard an excellent sermon by Rev. Mr. Peterson. Chap of the 11 MICH Regt. & Detailed here as Post Chaplin.

Monday 28 On Picket on the Woodbury Pike. It is Reported that Bragg attempted to out Flank Roseys Army But was repulsed with heavy loss.

Tuesday 29 Relieved from Picket 8 o'clock. Scowered & cleaned Gun for Inspection. General Inspection at 2 o'clock by Capt. Adams of Col Coburns Staff. Detailed at night for camp guard. Reinforcements went through in the night going to join Gen Rosecrans Army.

Wed 30 Relieved from Camp guard at 7 o'clock. Pleasant Weather. In the morning a long train loaded with Soldiers went through going to Rosey. The 33<sup>d</sup> New Jersey Zouaves a new Regt. of Gen Howards Corps from the Potomac were on the train. Rain in the night. The mail did not come in till after dark.

October 1863

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> On Camp Guard. Rainy & lonesome day. Troops are going through to the Front from the Potomac Army in great numbers.

Friday 2 Relieved from Camp Guard at 8 o'clock. The 11<sup>th</sup> Army Corps have gone through & the 12<sup>th</sup> (Sclocums) Comminced to go through here this morning. They are Penn N.Y. Conn & Maryland troops.

Sat 3 On Guard at the Forage near the Depot. Drawed new Over Coat & 1 pair Drawers. The troops continue to go through in great numbers. 2 Batteries went through about noon.

Sunday 4 Last night after 8 o'clock a Telegraph Despatch came to Col Utely from Gen Granger that a strong force of Rebels comminced fighting at McMinville at 2 o'clock P.M. & were expected to march on this place. In the morning They began to draw the Forage to the Fortifications & the Citizens & niggers were moving all day into the Fortifications. We worked on the Fort by our camp all day. Reinforcements are going through all day. We went to bed at 8 o'clock with orders to sleep with our clothes all on Ready to fall out at a minute's warning, but we were roused up at 10 o'clock & packed up everything & started for the Fortifications at 12 o'clock. we stacked arms & lay down & slept till morning. The night was very cold.

Mon 5 After eating breakfast we fell in & was ready to receive the Rebels. About 8 o'clock they came in on the Woodbury pike & to within a mile of town & then went accross to the Shelbyville pike. our Cav tried to draw them into Town but they would not come. If they had come into Town It was to be shelled & Burned. Our Regt & the 22 WIS were placed all around the Forts & were under arms all day, but no attack was made. They (the Rebs) then went & shelled the Stockade at Stone River Bridge where Co. D. was Stationed. they had to Surrender & the Bridge was Burned. one Man severely wounded. they were taken out to near Guys Gap & then let go. They returned to camp next morning. Reinforcements began to arrive here about 9 o'clock. 3 Regts. of Sclocums Corps came here in the Day time, & a good many at night. Col Mintie's Brigade Began to Arrive in Pursuit of the Rebels at 6 o'clock & Camped near the River. the 4<sup>th</sup> MICH Cav was with them. The Rebels were Commanded By Wheeler & Thorton & about 5

or 6,000 strong with 12 guns. Went on Picket at night on the Manchester Pike. Cold night.

Tuesday 6 The Cav started in pursuit of the Rebels early in the morning, going toward Shelbyville. about 8 o'clock more of our Cav began to Arrive. they stopped & fed their Horses & Drawed cooked & eat there rations. the 2<sup>d</sup> MICH Cav was with them there was 2 or 3 Brigades of them & 2 pieces of artillery. they started out about 3 o'clock. We were Relieved from Picket about 4 o'clock By a Penn Regt. of Sclocums Corps. It rained some in afternoon. The Regt moved back to our Old Camp ground & we got every thing fixed up in good order again. There is 2 or 3 Brig Gen here. It rained considerable during the night.

Wed 7 Rested & slept well all night. the First whole night's rest we have had in some time. Reville after Daylight. Finished & mailed letter to Annie. Went with the wagons after grass. The Bridge is being rapidly rebuilt & the track relaid. There is 2 or 3 brigades of Sclocums Corps here now.

Thursday 8 A Train loaded with the Artillery of the 12<sup>th</sup> Corps came in in the morning. There were 4 Batteries. The Bridge is not yet Rebuilt & Trains do not run farther than this Place. The Mail Came in to day the First we have hade Since Sunday. A Severe Fight took place between our Cav & the Rebel Raiders at Farmington. The Rebels lost 120 killed & from 3 to 400 prisoners & 4 guns. White Frost in night.

Friday 9 Detailed to day for the Col.'s Orderly. The Co is on Picket. The Bridges & the R.R. Track are again in running order & Trains comminced to Run again to night. Inspection of Arms.

Sat 10 Washing Day. No Mail came in to day. some of Sclocum's Corps have left & more are leaving. 3 Regts of N.Y. troops are left.

Sunday 11 The Whole Co. on Picket. I was on The Lebenon Pike. Gen Geary is now in command of this Post. Brig Gen Green is in command of the Defence & Troops of Murfreesboro. Picket mounting at 9 o'clock Potomac Army Style.

Monday 12 Relieved from Picket at 10 o'clock By N.Y. troops. did not get into camp till after 11 o'clock. The Prisoners Taken at Farmington were Sent to Nashville to day. Comminced Raining afternoon & Rained very hard.

Tuesday 13 Inspection of Arms at 2 o'clock By Brig Gen Green. Weather very wet & the camp is very muddy. A Train of Cars ran off the Track near Fosterville. Which Detained the Trains nearly all day from Running. Supplies are now being sent through to the Army who are on short rations. A large train of wagons came in from Nashville going to the Front & about 70 or 80 ambulances.

Wed 14 Wet & Rainy Weather. The Camp is very Muddy & wet. did no Duty to Day.

Thursday 15 Wet & Dissagreeable Weather. The Detail from our Co. for Picket was 8 men & 3 corporals. we do not come on Duty so often now as we used to. Some Prisoners were sent to Nashville from this Place to day. It rained very hard in the Evening & for Part of the night.

Friday 16 On Picket West of Lebenon Pike. Picket mounting at 9 o'clock.. We were ordered By the Field officer of the Day To Relieve the Pickets every hour in the night & keep ½ the Reserve awake all the time. This is the Potomac Army Style. It cleared up in the Forenoon & is now plesant.

Sat 17 Relieved from Picket at 10 o'clock. Plesant weather now.

Sunday 18 There was more rain in the night. Went to Church in forenoon. Some men from our Regt. went to Nashville to be examined for a Commission in a Colored Regt. White Frost in the night.

Monday 19 On Picket on the Shelbyville Pike. Very Cold night but warm Day. (The Advertiser & Tribune came today.)

Tuesday 20 Relieved from Picket at 10 o'clock. 2 Regts of the 12<sup>th</sup> Corps left here this morning on the cars going towards the Front. 22 Car loads of Beef cattle went through going to the Front to supply the army with fresh beef. Very hard rain in the night.

Wednesday 21 Gen Rosecrans is Relieved of the Command of the Army of the Cumberland. he is succeeded By Gen Thomas. The Departments of Ohio, KY & the Cumberland are united & under the Command of Gen Grant. he passed through here today on his way to the Front. rainy forenoon & afternoon.

Thursday 22 On Picket at Stone River Bridge. It rained a good deal in the night & was very cold. The Regt got marching orders to Go to McMinnville.

On the march October 1863

Friday 23 Relieved from Picket at 10 o'clock & went to camp & commenced to pack up our things ready for the March. We left Murfreesboro at 2 o'clock P.M. Marched 7 miles & camped for the night. It raining very hard & was very cold & a frost in the Night.

Saturday 24 Commenced to March again about 7 o'clock & went through Readyville & Woodbury. The Turnpike run out about 8 miles past W. The Dirt road was very good. The country was very hilly & Broken & little clearings. Marched 21 miles & camped for the night. The Sheep & hogs were brought into camp in abundance.

Sunday 25 Started again on the march at 7 o'clock & got to McMinnville about 2 o'clock P.M. The Town is nearly all Deserted by the inhabitants & there is no Government property in it. we Marched through town & camped about ½ mile from it. The Weather is now clear & pleasant. part of the 2<sup>d</sup> East TENN Cav are here. about 300 of them. They are to leave tomorrow.

McMinnville October 1863

Monday 26 The Regt is divided up & put out on the Different Roads in Town. There is 4 Co's in Town. Our Co is on The Road North of town at a Fort. I was on Picket in the night. In the evening a squad of the Boys led By Lieut Shafter went out & confiscated 2 of Mr. Flanigan's Sheep. for which they had to pay \$6.00. Lieut. S. was put under arrest but was released in a few days.

Tuesday 27 Washed clothes in the Morning. Fixed up our Tent &c. Wrote a letter home. Rainy & Damp Day.

Wed 28 The Wagons (8) started for Murfreesboro for Rations & took out the Mail. The Musicians are all down Town at Head Quarters. Worked at fixing up our Tent.

Thursday 29 Comminced to build a new Shantee. the old one did not Suit all hands very well. Worked on the Fort in the afternoon filling up the emmbrasures & putting Sand Bags on the Parrapet. It rained in the Night.

Friday 30 On Picket. We have to go down Town to Guard Mounting every Morning. It rained all day & nearly all night & was very cold & Windy.

Sat 31 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. The Wagons came back from Murfreesboro With Provisions & the Mail. Recd a letter & a N.Y. Observer from home. Went down Town afternoon & were Mustered for Pay. There is no Telegraph or R. R. Road communication With this Place. The R. R. Track is Tore up. The A & Tribune arrived.

McMinnville November 1863

Sunday 1 Worked all day on The Fort & Policing Camp. Cleaning Gun &c. There Was Preaching in Town. but I could not attend as no one was allowed to leave camp as We had all to stay & work. Went to Town to Dress Parade at 4 o'clock. We draw Soft Bread now. Very pleasant Weather.

Monday 2 Worked on the Fort all day. it is now nearly finished on the outside. Since coming here we do not get any daily papers at all & don't know any thing about What is going on in the World. We have no regular Mail. It is sent out to Murfreesboro whenever there is a chance. Wrote a letter in the evening home.

Tuesday 3 On Picket at Blind Ford on the Barren Fork River. It was at this Ford that Wheeler crossed in his late Raid. The Weather is very pleasant & warm.

Wed 4 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. A Detachment from the Regt went out last night after Dark in Search of a Guerrella Band who were Supposed to be in the neighbourhood. They returned to day at noon bringing 9 Prisoners & 7 horses. They went about 16 miles. An attack was expected in the Night by about 60 Guerralls. they were going to take back the 9 men who were taken the previous night. 3 Cos went out at dark to meet the Rebs. but all was Quiet during the night & no attack was made.

Thursday 5 On Picket on the Smithville road. it rained nearly all day & Part of the night But cleared up before morning. We got our Mail to night. I recd 2 letters from home. The Train Started for Murfreesboro to go after Rations & Clothing.

Friday 6 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. Cleaned my Gun afternoon & Went down town to dress Parade at 4 o'clock. Fine Day.

Sat 7 Worked on the Fort in the Forenoon. in the afternoon the Rebs were in Sight of Town said to be 1,200 Strong. We got on our accutruments & held our Selves ready for action all afternoon. orders are to Sleep with Clothing & accutruments on & be ready for action at a moment's warning.

Sunday 8 On Picket on The Road By our Quarters & near Fort "Mutton". that is what we call our Fort. it is now about Finished. The Rebels have all disappeared again. Last night they fired a number of Shots at Co. K. but no damage was done on either side. Very Cold & Frosty night.

Monday 9 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. The Train came back from Murfreesboro. The Box from Martin arrived containing eatables &c. Very cold & frosty night. The Ice was ½ inch thick.

Tuesday 10 There was a Inspector around examining the Fort &c. In the afternoon Went down town & helped bring up the Rations on the Wheel Barrow. We are about ¾ of a mile from town.

Wed 11 On Picket on the Road by our Fort. Very Pleasant Day & Cold frosty night.

Thursday 12 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. Took the "Shult" & went out about a mile & a half after Straw to Sleep on. Found Some Potatoes Turnips & Cabbage of which I helped myself. Afternoon went down Town to See James B. who is Sick at Present & has been for a number of Days. Lieut Col Shafter has recd his commission as Col of a Negro Regt & Is to leave us Soon. Capt Griffin of the MICH 6<sup>th</sup> Inft has been appointed Major of our Regt. He came to the Regt to night.

Friday 13 Got a Pass & went Down Town in the forenoon. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Missouri's First Regt Arrived here about noon & are camped South of town. our Wagons arrived Bringing Clothing from Nashville & the Mail from Murfreesboro. Recd 3 letters. To Day we learned who were Drafted in Allegan Co. MICH. Went Down Town to Dress Parade at 4 o'clock & took down the Wheel Barrow & Brought up our Daily allowance of Bread Which is 69 loaves, 22 ounces in a loaf. one loaf is a Day's Ration, to a Man, Our Tribune & Advertiser Arrived,

Sat 14 On Picket on the Road by our Quarters. A Lieut of the 23<sup>d</sup> MO Regt is in command of this Head Quarters. A Detachment of our Regt & the 23<sup>d</sup> went out on A Scout last night about 10 o'clock & came in contact with 40 or 50 Rebs. & exchanged a few Shots. But no one was hurt. on our Side

our Men lost 2 horses which the Rebs took. the Rebs soon Skeddadled. The men went out about 16 miles & loaded the Wagons with Corn & returned & got back to Camp to night. They went out on the Sparta Road. It comminced to rain in the morning & Rained till 10 o'clock A.M. Drewed a new pair of Pants.

Sunday 15 Owing to a Change of Commander (Col Robinson of the 23<sup>d</sup> MO takes command to day) We did not get relieved from Picket till 1 o'clock P.M. I Intended to go to Meeting at 11 o'clock but did not get Relieved from Picket in time. Went down Town at 3 o'clock to Dress parade. Lieut Col W. R. Schafter's farewell to the Regt was read on Parade. he is to leave tomorrow to Take Command of a Colored Regt. We thus loose our Best Field Officer, Drewed a pair of Gloves & Knapsack & Straps, The Detail for Picket to day was 1 Corp & 5 men. we used to send 1 Sargt 2 Corps & 8 to 10 men.

Monday 16 The Train left early in the Morning for Murfreesboro going after Rations. Lt Col Shafter left with the train going to take Command of a Colored Regt, In the Forenoon went down town & bought some flour paid 3 cts a lb The Citizens are charged 5 cts per lb. In afternoon worked getting tree tops around our Camp to prevent a Cavalry Charge.

Tuesday 17 Went out on a Pass with D. O. Brown & R. A. Peterson. Went to The Cotton Factory about 1½ Miles from here. Returned to camp before noon. in the afternoon worked on the Brush Fence. There was 2 teams drawing Brush or Tree tops most all Day.

Wedensday 18 In the forenoon worked digging the Ditch deeper around the Fort (it is to be dug 6 feet deep.) & worked on the Brush fence &c. P.M. Mended clothes &c. The Bushwhackers have been troubling the Pickets for a few nights past.

Thursday 19 In the forenoon chopped down Trees to build the Brush fence &c, worked 3 hours. in the evening went to Meeting in town. The Rev Mr Cane Chaplin of the 23<sup>d</sup> MO Regt Preached from 1 Samuel 12.24.25. The Train came back from Murfreesboro. The Rebs were in Sight our Camps in the forenoon. 4 Co's went out in search of them but found nothing.

Friday 20 On Picket at Blind Ford. It rained most all Day & Night.  
Drew 2 pairs Socks.

Sat 21 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. Damp & Misty Day. Wrote a letter to Father, The Train Started in the Morning for Murfreesboro.

Sunday 22 Attended the Bible Class at 9 o'clock. It is taught by Dr. Bennett. Dress Parade & Inspection at 3 P.M. Went to Meeting in the evening,

Monday 23 In forenoon washed clothes. afternoon worked at the Brush Fence. We had to Yoke of Cattle & Mr. Flannigan & his horses drawing up tree tops. we did not get it finished as we intended to do. 8 or 10 Men worked in the Ditch Digging it Deeper, &c. A Squad of the 4<sup>th</sup> TENN Cav came through in the Morning with Dispatches & went out about 10 miles on a Scout. It is reported that there is 1800 Guerrillas under Murray coming to attack this place,

Tuesday 24 Rained most all Day, Staid in the Shantee & Did nothing all day. The Train came in from Murfreesboro & Brought the Mail. Recd 4 letters & 2 papers. Neil Livingston came back to the Co. he has not been with us Since we left Annapolis Last Spring.

Wednesday 25 Worked on the Brush fence We had 8 teams drawing in the afternoon It is now about finished, "Plesant Day,"

Thursday 26 On Picket By our Quarters, The Train went out in the Morning on the Sparta Road to go aforageing,

Friday 27 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. It is reported that Grant is Fighting at the Front & is Whipping the Rebs at every point.

Sat 28 Heavy rain in the Morning. Drew 2 Loads of Brick to build a Fireplace in our tent. Signed the Pay roll. My years Clothing up to Sept 1863 amounts to \$42.38. It snowed in the evening the First snow this season.

Sunday 29 Very Cold. there is a little Snow on the ground & is now Snowing some,

Monday 30 On Picket on the Chattanooga Road. It was reported last night that Bragg was defeated with a loss of 50 Guns & Thousands of Prisoners & there is thousands now deserting. A Pay Master came through here last night to Pay off the Cav or home guards here,

## DECEMBER 1863

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Relieved from Picket at 9 ½ o'clock afternoon. Went down town for Lumber to Build a house for the Capt. We tore down a house in town to get the Boards.

Wed 2 Built our Fireplace. Very Cold and Frosty morning. In the evening was sent to a house (that was being tore down to build a Fort at Blind Ford) to get lumber for the Capt. After a while we were all arrested & taken before Col Robinson. But was Relieved again & sent to our Quarters.

Thursday 3 Went down in the morning to the house that was being tore down & got more Boards & nails. made a new floor in our tent. Afternoon chopped Wood in Mrs. Caffee's Woods &c. Recd 2 Letters. The Pay Master came in last night, & is to pay us off soon,

Friday 4 Fixed up our Shantee in the Forenoon & Signed the Pay Roll again. Worked in the Ditch after noon. Plesant weather.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Received 4 Months Pay. \$5.52 was deducted for clothing Which I had drawn since the first of June 1863 till the first of November/63. I drew \$23.02 worth of clothes in that time. Our allowance was \$17.50 or \$3.50 a month. Recd \$46.48 in Greenbacks.

Sunday 6 Went to Meeting in the forenoon and afternoon. Plesant Day, The Train came back from Nashville. Bragg is retreating in great haste & Grant after him. Received a pair of Gloves from home by mail.

Monday 7 On Picket near the Sparta road. very cold & windy in the night.

Tuesday 8 It commenced to rain about Daylight. Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock, It rained most all Day,

Wednesday 9 Washed in the Morning. Clear Day. in afternoon helped to carry up a roof to put onto the Cook Shantee. It is reported that Gen. Wheeler & Staff have been taken. & Bragg's army all taken. The Last report is considered Doubtfull,

Thursday 10 was with 5 others Detailed to Stand guard in the night at our Quarters & are Relieved from Picket & Fatigue Duty for the Present. The Co have to work on the other Forts now since ours is finished. Stood guard from 8 to 11 ½ o'clock P.M.

Friday 11 The Teamsters of the 23<sup>d</sup> went out on a Scout Mounted on Mules. They Brought in 8 Bushwhackers & there horses & accutriements. There was 9 of Wheeler's men came in & gave themselves up. The Train came in & Brought the mail. Recd a letter from home containing \$1.00. Wrote to Father & sent \$10.00 in the letter & Photo of Band.

Saturday 12 Went outside the Pickets with Neil & J. B. Nelson & went to the cotton Factory. It commenced to rain about noon & we had to return in the rain & got a good wetting. Deserters from the Rebel army are coming in Squads. there was about 40 came in to day & took the oath. On Duty in the night.

Sunday 13 Co. Inspection at 10 o'clock. Went to Meeting in the afternoon. It rained nearly all afternoon & most of the night. about 20 Deserters came in to Day. on Duty in the night.

Monday 14 Went down town for Brick to build an arch in the Cook house. Cold day.

Tuesday 15 Went Down town & helped bring up rations &c. Pleasant weather.

Wed 16 The Co have to go & work 6 hours every Day on the Fortifications. The night was very Windy & considerable rain fell.

Thursday 17 The Train came in from Nashville bringing the Mail &c. I Recd 2 letters & an Observer.

Friday 18 Policed up around the Quarters & got ready for General Inspection. Cold & frosty Day. Wrote to Arthur & sent \$10.00 in the letter.

Saturday 19 General Inspection at 10 o'clock. Inspected By Capt. Adams, Pleasant day.

Sunday 20 Attended Bible Class in the Morning. No Inspection nor Review to Day as usual on Sundays.

Monday 21 The Co. was sent out with the Train after Forage. we went out on the Chattanooga Road & had 16 Wagons. Went 16 miles to the Foot of the Mountain and in Sight of Bersheba Springs (which before the war was a Summer Resort for the Southerners) Camped here over night.

Tuesday 22 Loaded up the Wagons with corn & Fodder in the morning & Started back. We had to Ford Collins or Barren Fork River twice. the Water was up to the Wagon Boxes, Those who went from this section of country into the Rebel Army have all Deserted & are at home. We got back to Camp about Sundown. the Roads were very good &c./Did not stand guard to night.

Wednesday 23 Went out in the country with Jerry. Bought a Watch of H. Noble & paid \$17.00. Cold Day.

Thursday 24 The Co. are to work on the Fortifications. on Duty in the night.

Friday 25 Christmas. This is a holiday to the Regt. no fatigue Duty nor Picket. The 23<sup>d</sup> MO are performing all the Picket Duty to Day. There was 2 of the Home Guards Gobbled up by the Bushwhackers last night or this morning. they were at there house just accross the River from Co. K.'s Quarters. one of them got away from them & made his escape. The Home Guards brought in 4 Rebs to day. Dress Parade at 4 o'clock P.M. Cool but plesant Day.

Sat 26 Helped Draw Rations in the Forenoon. Wrote letter in afternoon to Annie. It rained some in the morning. Cloudy day.

Sunday 27 It rained most all Day.

Monday 28 A Detachment of the 39<sup>th</sup> IND Regt Mounted Infty. Came through here from the Valley & took off some Bushwhackers to Be tried. There is a Court Martial & at this Place composed of officers of our Regt & the 23 MO.

Tuesday 29 Washed clothes in the forenoon. Worked at shells making rings in afternoon &c. The Mail came in at night. I recd a letter & 2 Boxes of Troches.

Wed 30 Timbers are being drawed up to the Fort to build a Block House. Lieut Shafter's trial came before the Court Martial at 1 o'clock P.M.. Rainy night.

Thursday 31 Mustered for 2 Month's Pay & inspection of Arms at 10 o'clock. Very rainy Windy evening with Snow. on Duty from 11 P to 1 o'clock A. I have been on Duty about every night since detailed to guard the Fort.

McMinville January 1864

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> The Ground is white with Snow & a very cold & Frosty Day. In the afternoon helped to Draw 2 loads of Wood. Our Regt is performing the Picket Duty to day to Let the 23<sup>d</sup> have a holiday. Our Co furnished 2 Seargts 4 Corps 15 men for Picket.

Sat 2 Cut & Drawed Wood most all Day. Cold & Frosty Day. It has not thawed much.

Sunday 3 Relieved from Duty as Sentinel at the Fort. A Detail of 4 was made of those who could not go on Picket for want of Boots.

Monday 4 On Picket between the Smithville & Murfreesboro Roads. It rained nearly all Day & night, We had but little Shelter. It grew cold & frosty towards morning,

Tuesday 5 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. A Squad of the Home Guards & a Co. of the 23<sup>d</sup> MO Went out at night on a Scout.

Wed 6 The Mail came in to day. But I did not get any letters. Our Paper came we have received it very regular for Some time past. The Weather is cold & Frosty.

Thursday 7 There is a few cases of Small pox in town. the Regiment is being vaccinated. Our Co. went Down to the Hospital at 1 o'clock & the most of the men were vaccinated. I was vaccinated By Dr. Bennett. It is snowing & the ground is White with Snow & it looks very Wintery like. We have Roll Call at 6 o'clock in the morning at noon & at 8 P.M.

Friday 8 On Picket at the log house By our Quarters. Very cold & Frosty night.

Sat 9 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock.

Sunday 10 Pleasant Day. But very cold nights.

Monday 11 Chopped Wood in the Forenoon. the Capt got orders to go out after teams to Draw wood for the citizens. We started at 12 M. with 20 men & went out on the Sparta Road & went about 9 Miles & got 3 teams & 2 loads of corn & 5 Niggers & came back again we got back to Camp about 11 o'clock P.M. very cold & tired. The Mail came in to night. I recd a letter & an Observer. There is a Co. of Col Shafter's Colored Regt here now. they came through guarding a train.

Tuesday 12 The Snow is most all gone & the Roads are very Muddy. We have got a Nigger for an assistant cook. he is paid & Draws rations from the Gov. They get 10 Dollars a month.

Wed 13 On Picket between the Factory & Smithville Road. Pleasant day. One of the Home Guards was killed & 3 captured by the Guerrilla Carter on the Sparta Road.

Thursday 14 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. It is reported that a Battalion of the 5<sup>th</sup> TENN Cav met a Squad of Rebels at Woodbury. Our Cav gave chase to the Rebs. Warm Day. The Ground is thawing out & the Roads are very Muddy. & most impassible. Took my Watch to be cleaned by a Soldier in Co. A. of our Regt. Paid \$1.00. The Col is at Nashville on Buiseness.

Friday 15 The Train came in at night from Nashville having been gone about 2 weeks. It Brought the Mail & clothing for us. Pleasant Weather. Frosty nights & clear in the Day time & very Muddy. Mended my Blouse to Day.

Saturday 16 Drawed New pair of Drawers & new Shirt.

Sunday 17 Dress Parade at 4 o'clock P.M. Did not attend Meeting as I had to be in Camp to go on Dress Parade.

Monday 18 On Picket at the Log house West of the Factory Road. It Rained in the Morning & at Night It turned into Snow & Snowed most all night. It was very cold & Windy.

Tuesday 19 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. The Snow that fell last night is about all Gone now.

Wed 20 Drawed Rations. there is no news about the War nor anything else. It is very lonesome now. The Col came back from Nashville.

Monday 21 In the afternoon went out a hunting. but did not get any Game. The Mail came in to night. I recd 2 letters. Very pleasant day.

Friday 22 On Picket on the Sparta Road. Very pleasant Day. Sold my Watch for \$17.00.

Saturday 23 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. the Work on the Fortifications have been resumed. Wrote a letter to Father.

Sunday 24 Co. Inspection at 11 o'clock A.M. Went down by Co. H. Quarters at 3 o'clock & had Battilion Drill for about 1 ½ hours & then had Dress Parade.

Monday 25 Worked getting trees to fix up our Brush Fence which was considered to be to thin. In afternoon Drawed Brush for the Fence. It is Reported that a Regt of Reb Cav came into Chattanooga with there arms & horses & gave themselves up.

Tuesday 26 Worked on The Fort at Blind ford 3 hours in forenoon & 3 afternoon. Very plesant & Spring like Weather. Went on Picket at 7 o'clock P.M. to Relieve Co. A. as they are going to Murfreesboro with the train tomorrow.

Wed 27 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. Washed clothes to be ready for Inspection on Saturday. The Train went out to Murfreesboro.

Thursday 28 Worked on the Fort at Blind Ford. We Quit to soon in the Forenoon & had to work or rather stay till Sundown P.M. Very plesant Day.

Friday 29 On Picket on the Factory Road. The Regt did not work on the Fort but got Ready for Inspection & Drilled Battilion Drill P.M. Col Coburn Capt Adams & adjt Crawford & others arrived to night.

Saturday 30 Relieved from Picket at 8 o'clock. Went out on General Inspection at 10 o'clock A.M. Inspected By Col Coburn Capt Adams Adjt Crawford &c. It Rained a little in the Morning. The Train came back from Murfreesboro at night.

Sunday 31 Went to Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. There was no Inspection nor Drill to Day. At night went on Picket in place of A. Noble who was Sick.

February 1864

Monday 1 There was a Wind & Rain Storm in the Night. But It cleared up by Morning. Col Gilbert started for home on Furlough. Capt Hubbard Went to Murfreesboro to attend a Court Martial. Col. Coburn Capt Adams &c. Went back to Murfreesboro.

Tuesday 2 On Picket at the Chimney on the River Bank. It rained and Blowed hard in the first part of the evening.

Wednesday 3 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. The Train went out to Murfreesboro. Co C. Guards. The Mail came In I recd 2 letters.

Thursday 4 Worked on the Fort at Blind Ford.

Frid 5 In the Morning got ready to go out a Forageing into White County to be gone 2 or 3 days. But when we went down town they did not need us so we came back to our Quarters. Worked on the Fort in the afternoon. It is reported that Longstreet has been defeated again at Knoxville. Vernon Rose Returned to the Co.

Saturday 6 It Rained a little in the forenoon. Did not work on the Fort.

Sunday 7 On Picket on the Sparta Road. Some of the home Guards returned to Town with Beef Cattle which they got out as the Forageing Expedition. Received a pair of Socks By mail.

Monday 8 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock & 10 men from our Co. Went Down & guarded the R. Road Bridge Which is being constructed on Hickory Creek. They went last night & returned this morning. Washing Day.

Tuesday 9 On Picket at the Log house near our Quarters. Lieut Lilley with 15 men went out about 5 miles & Broke up a Distillery where the Soldiers had been getting Whiskey. When they returned a good Many were Drunk. Drawed New pair of Boots.

Wed 10 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock.. There was a house Burned in town in the night. took my Boots down town & had heel plates put on paid

25 cts. Recd 2 letters & N. Y. Observer. 10 Men from our Co started to go to Murfreesboro in the afternoon to Guard the train. The carpenters commenced framing the Block house at our Fort.

Thursday 11 In the forenoon went to the woods for timber to make the Block House. P.M. Worked Digging the hole in the Fort to put the Block House into. It is 20 by 26 feet & the hole is to be 4 feet deep with a trench around the outside 2 feet Deeper to put the Timbers in. one man of Co. D. died in Hospital to Day & was buried at 4 o'clock P.M.

Friday 12 Worked in the Fort getting ready for the Block House. about a dozen of niggers came to help us to Day. A Bushwhacker was Brought into Town at night.

Saturday 13 Worked in the Fort. We have it about ready for the Block house to be raised. The Train came back from Murfreesboro. our boys got back after dark.

Sunday 14 On Picket on the Smithville Road. It rained most all Day & night.

Monday 15 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. It was rumored yesterday that Morgan with a large force was marching on this place but it proved to be a false Report. It rained some during the Day. The Mail came in to Day. Recd 1 letter.

Tuesday 16 Commenced to set up the timbers of the Block house. Co. A. & F. are here to work. very cold & Windy Day.

Wednesday 17 Finished setting up the Side timbers of Block House. Scored timber to put on the top of Stockade. Cold Day.

Thursday 18 A Train of about 30 Wagons went out after Forage on the Sparta Road. With 100 men but sent back for Reinforcements as Carter with 300 men were in the vicinity of Rock Island. Some of the Boys went out beyond the Factory to a dance & were drove in by some of the 23 MO Boys & some of them arrested.

Friday 19 In the forenoon put the timbers on the top of the Block House. It is reported that they are fighting at Knoxville & that 2 corps from the Potomac have gone there and part of the army from Chattanooga. G.L. Baird is reduced from Corporal to private By order of Col Robinson for Being out last night beyond the lines.

Saturday 20 On Picket on the Sparta Road. The Forage Train returned loaded with corn. they brought in a prisoner or 2. A Squad of 10 or 12 Robbers plundered the Factory & some of the private houses in that vicinity & Murdered a Soldier Belonging to the 5<sup>th</sup> East TENN Cav who was at home. about 20 men of our Co Went out about 11 o'clock P.M. in search of them but found them not. they made there escape with \$400.00 in money & numerous articles of wearing apparel.

Sunday 21 Relieved from Picket at 9 o'clock. the Mail came in to Day. Warm Day.

Monday 22 The Train went to Murfreesboro. We did not have any Work to do to day. Dress Parade at 4 o'clock P.M.

Tuesday 23 The 23 MO Got Marching orders early in the Morning & left this place about noon going to Murfreesboro. Major Griffin is now in Command of this post. the Pickets have been drawn inside of our Quarters & we are left out in the Cold. We have to do our own picketing. have 3 posts in the night & one in day time & have 9 men 1 Corp & one Seargt every Day for Picket. Finished putting the timbers on the Block House. Pleasant & Spring like Weather.

Wednesday 24 On Picket. the Head Quarters is at Camp. Played Ball afternoon.

Thursday 25 Finished putting the Dirt on the top of Block house. Put 6 Boxes of Crackers & one of Sow Belly into the Block House & 8 Barrels of Water into the Fort to be ready for a Seige. The Train arrived from Murfreesboro. Mr. Plotts & E. Kleifman returned to the Co. The Former has been with the Signal Corps for over a year & the latter been Sick at Nashville. Recd a pair of Socks by mail.

Friday 26 Went with a Corporal & five Men to the Factory as escort to a funeral of a Soldier of Stokes Regt Who was taken by the Bushwhackers & Murdered. We started about 9 & got back at 4 o'clock P.M. one Ambulance went from Town to convey the Corps to the Burying ground which was 3 ½ miles from Factory on the Sparta Road. The Funeral was attended by the Mother of the deceased Soldier & a good many of the Factory Girls, Warm Day. The Bridge is finished on Hickery creek & ready for the cars to run.

Saturday 27 Lent to R.A. Paterson \$2.00 to be paid on next pay Day. 11 Men of our Co. Went out with the Train after Forage. There was 11 Wagons & 35 men went out we went about 16 miles into Van Buren County & across Rock River. We found plenty of Fodder & corn. The R.R. Train went through to Tullahoma & Back again. The Col Came back at night.

Sunday 28 Loaded up the Teams & Started for Camp & got back about 3 o'clock. It rained a little through the Day. They went to Tullahoma with the cars & got back by night. 16 Deserters came in yesterday & took the oath.

Monday 29 It Rained all Day. Went down Town without arms at 4 o'clock & Mustered for 2 Months pay.

McMinnville March 1864

Tuesday 1 On Picket at our own Quarters. It rained nearly all Day. got very cold & Snowed a little before night. By a late order furloughs are to be given in our Regt. 3 furloughs have been made out today for our Co.

Wednesday 2 The Regt got Marching orders this Morning to go to Pikeville but we did not go as we were the only troops here. The Major went to Tullahoma on the cars & was to Telegraph from There to Head Quarters to see what was to be done. The Mail came in. Recd 3 letters. The Weather has cleared up & it is now pleasant. at night orders came for our Co to be ready for a march of 35 miles in 2 Days & to be down Town by Day light next morning. It is supposed we are going to Pikeville to protect the Citizens While voteing. ½ of the Regt is going.

Thursday 3 Got up early & got ready to Start by Sunrise. We took our Rubbers & Woolen Blankets & overcoats in our Knapsacks. Went down to the Ford on the Chattanooga Road. Where we had to Wait Some time till we could be taken across as the Water was very high & it was with difficulty. that the Mules could cross as the water was very deep & swift. The Water was over some of the Mules backs. We were taken across in the Wagons. 8 or 10 men was a load. We were about 2 hours in crossing. We then Marched 8 miles & came to Collins River. It was very high & could not be foarded. Co. H. was put across in 2 Small Canoes but came back again as the Wagons could not be taken over. We then Started about 2 o'clock to return to Town. we got back to the River at the Chattanooga ford about 4 o'clock. (We Marched very fast). we were taken back with no Wagons again & got back to camp about Sundown. we were very glad we did not get across the River. Co.'s A. B. D. E. H. composed our force. Warm Day.

Friday 4 on Picket. It rained & was very windy in the fore part of night. We all felt Stiff & Sore from the effects of our March yesterday.

Saturday 5 one year ago to day We were taken prisoners at Tompson's Station. The Citizens are voteing to Day down town. It is rumored that Gen Sherman has got in the Rear of Johnson's army in Georgia. Plesant day. H. W. Durand got the premium for having the cleanest & neatest cook house & utensols in the Regt. The premium was \$15.00 he got the money last night from Mr. O (?).

Sunday 6 General Inspection at 1 o'clock P.M. Went down beyond town on the Flat to have Inspection. Plesant Day.

Monday 7 On Picket. Co Drill this morning for the first time Since we have been here. Drill 1 hour in the morning. It rained hard in the fore part of the night & there was a good deal of lightening & Thunder. It was very Dark.

Tuesday 8 The Co was Drilled 1 hour before Breakfast. It cleared of by morning. It is now a plesant Day. Drawed Sugar to day. we have been without it for 7 or 8 Days. Tip Faulkner was Captured by 5 Bushwhackers

while on his way to Nashville with horse & Buggy. They relieved him of nearly \$500.00 in Money & let him go. He returned to Town to night.

Wednesday 9 There was Some new Recruits came to the Regt last night & were put into Co. C. Wm McLeod & Frank Norton were among them. They came up with Is Batchelder & made us a visit to Day. It rained in the evening. Col Gilbert is coming down on the citizens of McMinnville for there disloyal deeds. there is a number of them now in the Guard House for disloyal deeds. Played Ball in the afternoon.

Thursday 10 Wint down town & helped bring up Rations. Played Ball in the afternoon. It rained most all last night. It has been very warm to day & grass is beginning to Grow.

Friday 11 The Train came back from Nashville. The Quarter Master did not get any Post Teams as all the Mules that could be Spared were to be Sent to the Front. The Horses from some of the Batteries at Nashville & Tullahoma have been taken away & sent to the Front. It is said that 14,000 are to be Sent through from Nashville & 10,000 Mules to the Front to be ready for use Soon. The Mail came in Recd 2 Letters. Drawed new Blouse Coat. On Picket.

Saturday 12 Wrote a letter to Arthur. John Young & Mat Jones were Detailed as Scouts to be under Capt Baldwin of Co. D. There is 20 men mounted for scouts.

Sunday 13 Co Inspection at ½ past 3 o'clock & Dress Parade at 4 near Co. D's Quarters. The Colors were brought out according to the Regulations for the First time since the Regt was organized. Plesant Day.

Monday 14 On Picket. Drilled an hour Before Breakfast. Cold Night.

Tuesday 15 Carter with about 60 men is out on the other Side of the River. they took a few men of Co. H. who were out in the country & took there clothes from them & let them go. Cold & Windy. a Snow Storm at night. Wind from the North. (Very cold).

Wednesday 16 We were called up at 12 o'clock in the night by the Officer of the Day to See how long it would take us to get out. We got into line in 3 minutes & then went to bed again. afternoon got a pass & went Down Town. Some of Stocks Cavalry came through chasing up Carter. It snowed some & is very cold.

Thursday 17 On Picket. Played Ball. Carter was within a few miles of Town at night. & was pursued by Stock's Men.

Friday 18 Carter's men were badly whipped this Morning & 6 or 7 killed & a number of Horses taken. The remainder of the men went into the Mountains where they could not be pursued by Cavalry. one of Stock's men was wounded. We do not hear any war news at all now. We have not received any mail since last Friday. It is getting lonesome for want of news. It is getting Warmer & Plesanter Weather now. Played Ball.

Saturday 19 an Ambulance & 10 of the Scouts went out after one of Stock's men who was wounded yesterday & left out in the country. Went down Town & brought up the Bread. Elder Morray was detailed to Day to be Mounted & join the Scouts. Played Ball.

Sunday 20 On Picket. The Train came in from Murf<sup>s</sup>... & Brought the Mail. Recd 2 letters. John B. Nelson Died in Hospital to Day. Capt. Hubbard returned to the Company. Having been absent since the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

Monday 21 The Train went out to Nashville. Charlie Vahne & John Hoyle went to Drive Post Teams. The Co attended the Funeral of J. B. Nelson at 4 o'clock P.M. A few Rebs attempted to cross the River at Blind Ford about 11 o'clock P.M. but were driven back by our Pickets. a number of Shots were exchanged but none of our Boys hurt.

Tuesday 22 30 men of our Co went to Town in charge of Lieut Lilly at 7 o'clock A.M. & went out Forageing with 6 Wagons. Went to Rock Martins on the Sparta Road 7 miles from Town & got plenty of corn & some Fodder. got back to Camp about 3 P.M. Roads Dry & very good. Very cold Day. Snowed a little.

Wednesday 23 On Picket. Bright Moonlight night. Played Ball. Wrote a letter.

Thursday 24 The Co Drilled a Short time before breakfast. Washed clothes in forenoon. Battalion Drill at 2 o'clock by Co. D. Quarters. after drill went up through Town to Show off. rain & sleet fell in the night.

Friday 25 The Mountains are white with snow that fell last night. Went to the Woods & cut Wood in the forenoon & afternoon. There was a number of showers during the day.

Saturday 26 25 of our Co Went out Forageing With 6 Wagons on the Sparta Road. went about 7 miles & got plenty of corn. got back about 3 o'clock. L. Montigue was sent back to the Co yesterday from being Teamster. The mail came in. Went on Picket at night.

Sunday 27 General Inspection at 2 o'clock P.M. Warm & Pleasant Day. The post teams came in at night.

Monday 28 Very windy & rainy. our tents were blown off the Shantee. Went down Town after bread.

Tuesday 29 On Picket. Cloudy & Damp Day. Drewed new Tents. Battalion Drill at 2 o'clock P.M.

Wednesday 30 The Ground was White with Snow in the Morning. which fell during the night. 25 Wagons Went out on the Sparta Road a Forageing. They found plenty of corn hid in the Ground. Played Ball.

Thursday 31 Cannonading was heard in the distance about noon & afternoon in a South West direction. The reports were heard every 3 or 4 minute for some Time. Drewed rations. Went down Town after Bread. The Train is out Forageing.

McMinnville April 1864

Friday 1 On Picket. Rainy Day & cold. Drilled a Short time in the Morning. Is B. came up & made us a visit. Cold & rainy night.

Saturday 2 The Train that Went out Forageing Thursday morning got back before noon. having been out about 25 miles. They started for Murfreesboro afternoon. It is reported that Forrest has been defeated & his command badly cut up at Paducah Ky. Wrote a Letter.

Sunday 3 Went to the Woods & chopped all forenoon. 2 Wagons drew 6 Loads of wood. Went down Town to Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. Warm & plesant day. but rained in the night.

Monday 4 On Picket. Rainy Day & night. There is 12 cases of Small pox in the Hospital.

Tuesday 5 Cool & clowdy Weather. Skirmish Drill for a short time in the Morning.

Wednesday 6 On Picket. Washed clothes. Skirmish Drill in the Morning. Plesant & sunshiney. Those having the Small pox are being removed from the Hospital to a house outside the lines on the Smithville Road. Battalion drill A. M. The Pickets at Blind Ford were fired upon early this morning by Bushwhackers. 15 or 20 Shots were exchanged but no one was Injured. Our Co got up & got ready for action. The Train came in from Murfreesboro & Brought the Mail. I recd 3 letters & N. Y. Observer. Learned that P. Gordon has deserted & started for the old Country. The Regt is under Marching orders.

Thursday 7 a number of the Boys are sickely at present. Jerry D. went to the Hospital very Sick.

Friday 8 Went down Town & staid all forenoon. played Ball in afternoon. plesant & Spring like Weather.

Saturday 9 On Picket. Cold & Rainy Night. Skirmish Drill in the Morning.

Sunday 10 Took down & turned over our old Tents & put up our new ones. The Train came in from Forageing having been gone 4 Days. Cool & cloudy Day with light Showers.

Monday 11 Battalion Drill at 1 o'clock P.M. Drilled in Skirmish Drill. Pleasant Day. Heavy rain in the night. Played Ball &c.

Tuesday 12 Capt Hubbard started this Morning for Home. With the Train. on a leave of Absence for 20 Days. Theo Botzen also on a Sick Furlough of 40 Days. A number of Bushwhackers came in & gave themselves up & took the oath. On Picket. Warm & pleasant Day.

Wednesday 13 The Col Went out to Beersheba Springs on a visit accompanied by the Mounted Men. Battalion Drill P.M.

Thursday 14 Skirmish Drill in the morning. Played ball in the afternoon.

Friday 15 Went down Town in the Morning & helped bring up Rations. Drilled in the morning. Went down to have Battalion Drill afternoon but there was none. The Train came in from Murfreesboro & brought the Mail. Rec'd 1 letter & N.Y. Observer & Rural New Yorker.

Saturday 16 On Picket. Drilled in the Morning. There was an Officer around Inspecting the Forts. White Frost in the night.

Sunday 17 The Major came up in the Morning with orders to Stop working on The Fort as we were to leave it & go down Town to Camp by order of the Fort Inspector. or rather Capt Bigelow's order through Him. The Mail went out in the Morning. Co Inspection at 9 ½ o'clock.

Monday 18 Co Drill in the Morning & Rain. Went to the River a fishing but did not get any Fish. They would not bite.

Tuesday 19 The 23<sup>d</sup> MO Regt Arrived in Town about Noon coming to Relieve us. The Ambulance Started for Murfreesboro to bring the Mail as Orders to March were expected by Mail. The Train came in from Forageing having been gone Since Saturday Morning. Washed clothes in the Morning & got my clothing ready for a March. Cool & pleasant day. Sold my Dress

Coat to Jackson the Captain's cook (colored) to be Paid \$1.50 on first pay Day. Some of the Boys are Boxing up there clothing to Send Home by express. had some very lively interesting Games of Ball. The Citizens are greatly dissatisfied at our prospects of leaving them as they do not like the MO Regt. The officers & Men of our Regt are thought a good Deal of By the Citizens.

Wednesday 20 On Picket. The 23<sup>d</sup> did not relieve our Pickets in time So the Col ordered them in & left the Camps unprotected for some time. The 23<sup>d</sup> got there pickets out by noon. Colonel Robinson is now in Command of the post. Col Gilbert is letting his Men carry on in Town just as they please. A good Share are Drunk & carrying on at a great rate. they have had several Knock downs with the MO Boys. there seems to be a good deal of Spite between the 2 Regts. The Post Teams have been turned over to the 23<sup>d</sup> & our Regt is Ready to March when the orders arrive. The Ambulance came in after 9 o'clock P.M. It Brought the Mail & orders for us to March. We are to Join the Brigade at Tullahoma & go from thence to Cowan Station Some ways beyond There. We are to March to Morrow. Recd 2 letters & N.Y. Observer & Rural N.Y.

On The March April 1864

Thursday 21 Broke up camp early in the Morning & went down Town near Co D's Quarters at 9 o'clock & found the Regt & Marched through Town. The Boys Hallowing & Yelling all the time. We were ferried across The River on the Tullahoma Road by the Post Teams. Marched 9 miles & camped by a pleasant Stream of water. It rained a little at night. Some of the Boys killed some Hogs & the Col had to pay \$18.00 of Regt<sup>al</sup> funds to the owners.

Friday 22 Started on the March at 6 ½ o'clock. Marched very Slow & rested often as the orders were not to March over 10 miles a day. Marched 13 Miles & camped near Hillsboro at 2 P.M. A Small village of about a dozen Deserted houses. The Roads were Dusty. The Fruit Trees are in full Blossom. There is considerable Wheat growing In this Section of country Which looks very good.

Sunday 23 Started on the March at 6 ½ o'clock. a citizen came into camp in the Morning to hunt up his nigger. but the Col arrested him & brought him along. Crossed Elk River about Noon. We had to take of our Pants & Drawers & Wade as the was High. Camped about 4 o'clock P.M. Within 4 miles of Cowan. We kept along in Sight of the Mountains all the time on the right of us.

Sunday 24 It rained hard in the Morning. did not start till about 9 o'clock when it cleared off. We arrived here at Cowan about noon & Camped near the Rail Road. There is but 3 or 4 Houses here & a fort partely finished. The 20<sup>th</sup> CONN Regt are here guarding.

Monday 25 Company Drill from 9 till 11 A.M. We are in the 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade 3<sup>d</sup> Division 20<sup>th</sup> A.C. The 85<sup>th</sup> IND 22<sup>d</sup> WIS 20<sup>th</sup> CONN & 19<sup>th</sup> MICH Compose our Brigade Comanded By Brig Gen Ross of 20<sup>th</sup> CONN. The 85<sup>th</sup> OHIO & 44<sup>th</sup> ILL Veteran Regts passed through here enroute for Chattanooga. Munroe Conrad of the 44<sup>th</sup> Made us a visit. Put my over coat & vest into a Barrel with clothes of others to be Sent to Nashville During the Summer. in the evening rode up (on the Locomotive that pushed trains up grade) to the Tunnel & back again. Plesant Day. We are to March tomorrow.

On the March April 1864

Tuesday 26 Started on the March about 8 o'clock & went up the Mountains. Kept to the Left of the Anderson Station Road. & took the one Direct to Bridgeport. Marched 14 Miles. Some of the Road was very rough & rocky. before reaching the top of the mountains when it got better. Very Warm Day.

Wednesday 27 Started about 7 o'clock. Co B. Rear Guards after going 3 miles began to descend the Mountains. Which was 2 miles before reaching the Valley. Roads were awfull Bad one Wagon tipped over & broke a Wheel. Camped at 3 P.M. on Battle Creek.

Thursday 28 There was a Thunder Storm in the night & rain. Which cooled the air considerable as it was very hot & sultery yesterday. our Camp last

night was 7 miles from Bridgeport. The Valley is from ½ to 1 mile Wide With Lofty Mountains on each Side. It is very productive With an abundance of good Spring Water. We come to the Tennessee River 4 miles above Town & went down to Town & crossed the River on the Pontoon Bridge. It is from 80 to 90 rods Wide. rested about 2 hours & got our Mail. I recd 2 Letters & 3 papers. Marched 3 Miles & camped for the night. & Drawed Rations. Very Warm.

Friday 29 Revilee at 4 o'clock. Marched at 6. The 20<sup>th</sup> CONN Regt Started before us (but we passed them during the Day.) Marched about 12 Miles & camped at Whiteside Station. at 1 o'clock. The Tressil Work of the R. R. Track across a Ravine neare here is 120 feet High built of small timbers. It was built lately by our men. the Rebs burned it when they retreated. We saw several companies the 1<sup>st</sup> MICH E & M Regts. to work building stockades.

Saturday 30 Started at 6 o'clock & comminced our March. It rained very hard for a short time about noon Which made the Road very Muddy & slippery. We Camped about 2 o'clock in Lookout Valley. 3 or 4 miles West of Chattanooga. The 20 CONN Camped near us. The Mail came in & we got it when we stopped on the Road from Bridgeport to this place. there is great numbers of Dead Mules & Horses Which have a very offensive flavour to the passers by. When it was raining the Clouds were lower than the Top of Lookout Mountain. we could not see the top of it for the Clouds. Since leaving McMinnville We have marched about 100 Miles. & in some places over very rough Roads. We Mustered at 6 o'clock for 2 Months Pay.

Lookout Valley May 1864

Sunday 1 Some of the Boys of the 13<sup>th</sup> MICH came down from Lookout Mountain to visit friends in our Regt. It is reported that they are fighting out at the Front. Inspection at 5 & Dress Parade at 6 o'clock. The 22<sup>d</sup> WISCONSIN & 85<sup>th</sup> IND Regt arrived at night.

Monday 2 Washed clothes in the Morning to be ready to march at any time. It rained a little before noon. It is said 1,000 men were killed & Wounded yesterday at the Front. 100 Wounded were brought into Chattanooga this

morning. Major Eaton of the 13<sup>th</sup> MICH is visiting at our camp. The Wall Tents of the Line officers were turned over to the Brigade Quarter Master & they have to come to Shelter Tents like the men. The Most of the tools. Wagons. Mules. Hospital Tents & Ambulances Were turned over to Brigade Head Quarters. Cap Lincoln of Co. C. Started for home having resigned. Capt Smith & the other officers who have been home recruiting returned to Regt. H. C. Beverly is Detailed for pioneer to Brigade Head Quarters. very cold night.

Tuesday 3<sup>d</sup> Left camp at 6 o'clock & our Whole Brigade Started on the March. The 22<sup>d</sup> WIS in front. 19<sup>th</sup> next took the road around the foot of Lookout Mountain & passed Russelville which was only 4 or 5 old Houses. We camped at 2 o'clock on the Battle ground of Chickamauga for the Night. after Supper went over the Battle field & saw numbers of our men laying with but little dirt thrown over them not enough to cover them up. also Where the Rebels had burned the Bodies of our Men. The Trees are terribly marked by shot & Shell. Many trees are cut right off by Shells. Cold Night.

Wednesday 4 The Mail came last night & this morning to Day I recd 2 letters & 2 papers. Started on the March at 6 o'clock. our Regt in Advance. Passed Lee's & Gordons Mills & then took the Ringgold Road. Marched 15 or 16 Miles & camped with the rest of the Division about 4 o'clock about 2 Miles Southwest of Ringgold in the Woods. Warm Day. one Division Marched from Lee's & Gordons Mills late last night. The army is beginning to Move.

Thursday 5 After policing up our Camp ground & burning the leaves &c. our Whol Regt got orders to Go out on Picket With one Day's Rations & to Take every thing we had along with us. Co C. D. & B. Went on the extreme left of the Picket line Which was on the top of a very steep ridge about 1 mile from Camp. This is the first time Infty Picket have been stationed here. Cav pickets were just up here in the Day time but drawn in at night & the Rebs patrolled this hill nights. from this heights we are in Sight of our Camps around Ringgold. Which are numerous. Troops went our this Morning Through Tyler's Gap & made an advance into the enemies Country. Every thing was Quiet in the night.

Friday 6 Came in from Picket about 8 o'clock. our Division had all gone we did not get started till after 9 o'clock. we took 3 days Rations Which have to last 5 Days. We went in a Southerly Direction & came up with the Corps about 2 o'clock. Beyond Nickajack Gap. they were busy making breastworks of rails & trees which they cut down & carried Whol where they were wanted. The Rebs were drove out here this Morning by our Cavalry. The Work making Breastworks were soon Stopped as the Rebs were Retreating & there was no Danger. Dress Parade in the evening. Major Gen Thomas passed us on the Road going to the Front. Drewed 1 Days Rations after Dark.

Saturday 7 Reville at 3 o'clock. We had breakfast & started at Day light. Marched very fast. Our Division crossed the range of Hills at Gordons Gap. the 1<sup>st</sup> Division crossed 6 Miles further up than we did & the 2<sup>d</sup> Division 4 or 5 miles further Down. Gens Hooker & Sickels passed us on the Road. It was very hot & Many of the Men gave out & Some died on the Road from Sun Stroke. We marched about 20 miles & came up on a range of hills & threw up Breast Works of Logs Rails &c. Went on Picket at night. all Quiet along the Lines.

Sunday 8 Our Brigade kept fortifying till near Midnight throwing up Dirt between Rails & Logs. It is said this is one place where the Rebs will Try to get out as they are surrounded by our forces. Relieved from Picket in the Morning. The 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade Went out before noon on a Reconnaissance & to try & Draw the Rebel fire & bring them out of there holes. They had some heavy skirmishing but there was not many men Wounded on our side. There was considerable Cannonading on our Right & a good deal of Musketry. Gens Sherman & Thomas are here at present. at night is said the Rebels are retreating. It is reported that there has been a very Heavy Battle on the Potomac & Lee been Defeated & has fallen back. We had orders to be ready to march at a moment's notice & have Roll Call every Hour. Roads were cut in the Brush to the Brigade Hospital to Carry the Wounded off & preperations were all Made for a Battle. but the Johnnies would not come out & try us. The Citizens will not take Greenbacks here. Confed Money is current.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> The Mail has been stopped for 15 Days. The 33<sup>d</sup> IND Veterans With Col Coburn arrived to day. The 14<sup>th</sup> Corps Comminced fighting early

in the Morning & kept it up all day. We could hear it very plain from Here & near night could see fire & smoke from the Cannons on the Hills on each side of Buzzards Gap. Col Coburn is now in command of the Brigade as he is the Ranking Colonel in Brigade.

Tuesday 10 Last night after getting to bed had to get up & pack up for a March. Lay on our Arms till 2 o'clock. When we started the 20<sup>th</sup> CONN with us. We marched 4 or 5 Miles to a gap & camped in the Woods at the foot of the ridge. the Rebels are on the top of it. Sergt Bunbury of Co. F. was very severely wounded in the thigh near the top of the Ridge by Rebel Pickets. The Mail came in afternoon. at dark we moved back onto a Ridge in rear of us & Camped for the Night & laid up a few logs & poles for Breastworks. It soon commenced to rain & came down in torrents for some time with heavy thunder & lightning. very dark night. The Rebs tried to Come out at the Gap Where Geary's Division were.

Wednesday 11 Got up early and packed up to ready March at a minutes notice. They commenced fighting Early in the Morning at Buzzards Gap & fought all day. There was 1 Siege gun engaged on our side. We started at 11 o'clock the 20<sup>th</sup> CONN with us & Marched to Snake Creek Gap. We passed Geary's Division at Dryout Gap. We got here to the Gap at Dark having marched 12 Miles over very rough & muddy roads. The Most of the 20 A.C. are here. The Troops are making Roads through this Gap which is 6 or 8 miles long to bring Supplies through on. We met one Regt of 16<sup>th</sup> A.C. With 48 prisoners. Cold & rainy Day.

Thursday 12 Most of the 20<sup>th</sup> A.C. Marching in the morning going towards the Rail Road. The 85<sup>th</sup> IND & 22 WIS & our Regt Camped after Marching about 2 miles. Drawed Rations. They are fighting again to Day. Cold Day.

Friday 13 Got up at 3 o'clock & marched till daylight & lay in close column by Division till about noon & then Marched near the Front & formed line of Battle. Fighting commenced about 3 P.M. & was Kept up till after dark. Gen Kilpatric was slightly Wounded in the Morning. It is reported that Grant has again defeated Lee. Longstreet & Ewell killed. to Day our men drove the Rebels a mile or 2.

Saturday 14 Got up before Breakfast & got ready to March. formed line & lay some time. When we advanced & formed line about ½ mi from the Rebels the 14 A.C. filed in between us & the Rebs. Fighting commenced early in the Morning & then was very Severe all day With a great ammount of Cannonading. Fighting was Kept up till after dark & We are driving the Rebels daily. our Corps are in the Center of the line.

Sunday 15 Got up in the Night & drewed 2 days Rations & Worked 2 hours on the Breast works. Early in the Morning our Corps Marched from the center to the left. Marched 6 or 7 miles to get to our Position. We formed lines by Brigade & our Officers got confused & made us Charge over 4 lines of another Brigade (between 1 and 2 o'clock P.M.). When we got past them they fired into the Ranks of our Regt & Wounded Many of our Men. We then Charged through an open field. the Rebels powered in the Grape & Cannister into us from There Batteries. We Captured 4 Guns & Cassions. fighting was Kept up till after dark & our Batteries Shelled them all night. Col Gilbert was severely if not mortaly Wounded. Adj Brown Wounded in the Arm. Capt Chalmer Killed. Lieut Fundy Wounded. Of Co. B. R. A. Patterson G. L. Baird V. Rose & John Rutgers Wounded. 12 killed & 60 wounded in the Regt.

Monday 16 Got up at 2 o'clock & Went to work building breast works. 100 Men were detailed from each Regt in the Brigade to do the Work. The Rebels Comminced to Retreat in the night. Our Army was started in pursuit by daylight. our Brigade about 10 o'clock. We went on the left of the R. Road & crossed Cussa River on a Bridge built by the Rebs to retreat over. They left a number of guns & considerable ammunition behind them. The Road was Lined with there Dead & Wounded which they left behind. We halted before dark a couple of hours & made coffee & then started again at 8 P. & marched till 11 o'clock & Lay down 2 hours & slept & then crossed the Oartanoula River on a Ferry & lay down again till morning. the Rebels left 6 or 700 Wounded for us to care for & all there dead to Bury. They are closely pursued by our Cavalry.

Tuesday 17 Waked up in the Morning & it was raining hard. Troops are crossing the River all the time as fast as they can be ferried across. our Men went to Work & built a Pontoon Bridge with Some flat boats which they found a way up the River. they tore down a Building to get lumber &

timbers. our Brigade Marched at 3 P.M. & Marched 11 o'clock When we came up with the Corps. It cleared up in the afternoon & is now fine Weather & not very hot.

Wednesday 18 Got up at 3 o'clock & Marched at 5. Very Warm day a great of the Men fall out on account of the Heat. We Marched on the Left Flank of the Army & are close on the Rear of the Rebels. 2,500 of there Rear Guard were taken to day. Marched till 8 P.M. & camped 6 or 8 Miles from Kingston. the Men are all very tired & nearly Worn out. We have marched from 25 to 30 miles to day.

Thursday 19 Drawed 2 days Rations in the Morning. We have had plenty to eat since we Comminced to march. The Supply train has been along all the time & we get our Rations of hard tack pork Coffee & Sugar regular. Recd Mail. We marched again but could not go far at a time as the Rebels were in front & were fighting all day & falling back as our men advanced. Formed line in the Woods & threw up breast works to prevent a flank movement of Wheeler on our Supply train. He did not try it after all. Very Hot day & many of the Men have to fall out unable to go further. About 4 o'clock Co B. were thrown out on Skirmish & proceeded as far as We had orders to. We took 2 prisoners. A few shots were fired at us but there was no force in our immediate front. We lay here all night. after we Went out on Skirmish our Brigade went to the left of us & went to Cassville driving the Rebels from there works. one Man in Co. E. of our Regt was killed & several Wounded. the 19<sup>th</sup> MICH & 20<sup>th</sup> CONN Were the 2 first Regts in town.

Friday 20 In the Morning our Co joined the Regt in Cassville & drawed Sugar & fresh Beef. The Citizens have all fled & left there houses to be plundered which our Boys are doing up in good style. Considerable salt & Sugar was found in town. & the Boys are going around wearing Stove pipe Hats which they found in Stores & private houses. We were Marched out into the Woods about 1 ½ Miles from town & Rested all day & Washed our Clothes which were in great need of Washing. our Whole Corps & the 4<sup>th</sup> are Resting Here now. The Rest have gone in pursuit of the Rebels. the 23<sup>d</sup> A.C. under Schofield Have gone on the left flank. Since the Rebs began to Retreat they have thrown up breast works of Rail & logs every few miles to protect there Rear Guard from our Cav. Which have been close upon them

all the time. The Rebel prisoners & deserters are well clothed & have been well fed lately. they all look tough & hearty. Many of the Citizens have left there homes in fear of the Yankee Army.

Saturday 21 The 20<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (?) are laying over here to rest & Wash up there clothes. The Rest of the army has gone on in pursuit of the Retreating Enemy. The Weather has been very favourable for this Campaign. It is dry & the Roads are in excellent condition. The Cars are within hearing of our Camp & are following up the army as fast as possible bringing supplies.

Price List of Clothing &c. U.S.A./63

Dress Coat	\$7.21
Uniform Hat	1.68
Forage Cap	.56
Trousers	3.55
Blouse Lined	3.14
Flannel Blouse Unlined	2.40
Flannel Shirt	1.46
Knit Shirt	1.30
Drawers Cotton	.90
Drawers Flannel	.95
Stockings	.32
Boots Sewed	3.25
"    Pegged	2.87
Shoes Sewed	2.05
"    Pegged	1.48
Great Coat	9.50
Blanket Woolen	3.60
Poncho Rubber	2.90
Knapsack & Straps	2.14
Haversack	.48
Knit Drawers	1.00
Canteen complete	.44
Great Coat Straps	.14
Axe	.83
Helve	.12
Hatchet	.32
Helve	.03
Spade	.70

## Clothing Drawn Since June 1863

Rubber Poncho	June 16 <sup>th</sup>
Blouse Coat. Lined	“ 17 <sup>th</sup>
1 pair Socks	“ 27 <sup>th</sup>
1 pair Pants & Cap	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
2 Pr's Socks	Sept 23 <sup>d</sup>
1 Shirt (Woolen)	“ “
1 pr Drawers (Knit)	Oct 3 <sup>d</sup>
Overcoat	“ “
1 pr Gloves	Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>
2 prs Socks	“ 20 <sup>th</sup>
1 pr Pants	“ 14

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1 pr Drawers (Cotton)	Jan 16
1 Shirt (Woolen)	“ 16
1 Pair Boots (pegged)	Feb 9
Blouse Coat (Lined)	March 11