

DIARY OF LORENZO A. BARKER
COMPANY D 66th ILLINOIS INFANTRY
CORINTH, MISS

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December 17, 1862 - Cold chilly weather. Worked on stockade. Wrote letter.

December 18 - Worked on stockade. An alarm in camp.

December 19 - Worked on stockade. Colonel Merler (Col 9th Ill.) passed with sixty-five rebel prisoners going to Corinth. Long roll beat, regiment in line of battle. Pickets fired on. Followed the rebels four miles at a double quick. Returned to camp.

December 20 - Worked on stockade. Pickets fired into.

December 21 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the Danville Road. Pickets alarmed.

December 22 - Relieved from picket guard. Worked on stockade.

December 23 - Worked on stockade. Finished our part. Regiment on half rations.

December 24 - Went out hunting.

December 25 - Christmas. Boys out hunting. One man in the tent of Company A shot through the head.

Company D (our company) ordered to arrest every man that had a gun. Captain Piper [John, Company D Battle Creek] officer of the day.

December 26 - Layed in camp all day. Washed my clothes. Rained all day. Signed clothing account.

December 27 - Detailed on permanent duty to help build gates for the stockade. Rained all day.

December 28 - Company ordered out to forage for fodder for the cavalry. Detailed for guard round the stockade.

December 29 - Relieved from guard. Layed in camp all day. No mail for two or three days. On half rations.

December 30 - Still on half rations and no mail. Part of a regiment from Corinth come to our camp, and part of regiment go with them foraging. Return at night with their wagons loaded with corn.

December 31 - Company inspection and general muster for pay. January 1, 1863 - New Years. Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the outpost on the Dansville Road. Part of the regiment went out foraging. Returned loaded with corn. Citizens come inside the lines.

January 2 - Relieved from picket guard. Returned to camp. Two companies with the regimental wagons to Rienzi to mill, to get corn ground. Still on half rations and no mail. Two boys of Company H missing. Company [I] and A sent out after them.

January 3 - Laid in camp all day. On half rations.

January 4 - Company inspection. Rained all day. Still on half rations and no mail yet.

January 5 - Detailed in the forenoon to chop logs for our house. Commence to build houses to quarter in. In the afternoon detailed to cut down timber to get range for guns and cannon. Mail through today the fifth. Captain Piper and Lieutenant Lusk [George W., Leroy, Michigan] receive their resignation papers.

January 6 - Layed in camp all day, wrote letters. During the night, the Colonel and five companies of the Western Sharpshooters go out to Rienzi scouting after a gang of guerrillas.

January 7 – Went to Corinth. The company go out to Rienzi, all return at night.

January 8 - Captain John Piper and Lieutenant G.W. Lusk resigned and start for home. Lieutenant Joseph Lidick [Hancock County, Ohio] of Company H takes command of the company. Detailed to cut logs for house. Relieved from camp and moved tents about ten feet. James Perry [Penfield, Michigan] returned to company.

January 9 - Detailed to cut timber for house.

January 10 - Detailed to cut logs for house.

January 11 - Company ordered up at 3:00 am to go out foraging. Went out fifteen miles and got twenty-two loads of corn and pork. Returned to camp at nine o'clock at night.

January 12 - Detailed for Guard at Colonel's quarters. On half rations.

January 13 - Relieved from guard. Worked on houses. Wrote letters.

January 14 - Layed in camp, wrote letters. Rained all day and night. Half rations.

January 15 - ~Still raining and snow. Wrote letters, drawed rations.

January 16 - Detailed for guard, stood on the Boonville Road. Still snowing.

January 17 - Relieved from guard. Wrote letters. Thawed all day.

January 18 - Part of the regiment go out foraging. Rained all day. Wrote letters.

January 19 - Still raining, lay in tent and wrote letters. No mail half rations.

January 20 - Still raining and bad weather. Lay in tent. Detailed to cut wood for the cooks. Still on half rations.

January 21 - still raining, lay in tent all day.

January 22 - Detailed on fatigue, to build a bridge cross the Tuscumbia River. Went to the river, water too deep to work, return to camp. Thornton [George W., Kalamazoo, Michigan] fell in.

January 23 - Detailed with the whole company to go down on the river bottom to get out shakes to cover the house with. Waded the river.

January 24 - Detailed to work on the house. Commenced to rain in the afternoon. Companies A, F, D, and I ordered out on a scout with two companies of cavalry.

January 25 - We marched all night to Rienzi in the rain. Took possession of a house. Marched back to our camp on the Tuscumbia River. Found no rebels. Dress parade orders read.

January 26 - Rained. Detailed to work on house.

January 27 - Lay in camp all day. Worked on house. Received letter.

January 28 - Detailed for camp guard.

January 29 - Relieved from guard. Worked on house. Wrote letters.

January 30 - - Worked on house all day.

February 1 - Worked on house, covered the roof with shakes. Dress parade.

February 2 - Detailed for guard, stood at the colonel's tent. Worked on the house

February 3 - Relieved from guard. Worked on the house. Moved from the tents into the house. Received a letter.

February 4 - Cleaned up the street. Snowed in the afternoon.

February 5 - Lay in house all day, wrote letter. Dress parade. Orders read in reference to the Northern traitors.

February 6 - Detailed for guard, stood at the south stockade gate.

February 7 - Relieved from stockade guard. Returned to quarters.

February 8 - Company inspection. Pickets fired into - long roll beat. Regiment in line of battle. Went out after the rebels. Had a sharp skirmish. Our cavalry come down from Corinth. The rebels skedaddled, and

we returned to our quarters. Dress parade.

February 9 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the Dansville Road. Rained during the night.

February 10 - Relieved from picket guard, returned to quarters. Two new recruits come to the company.

February 11 - Lay in quarters all day. Rained all day. Detailed for camp guard. Stood on the south stockade gate.

February 12 - Relieved from camp guard.

February 13 - Detailed to get out timber.

February 14 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the railroad. an alarm in camp.

February 15 - Relieved from picket guard. Alabama scouts passed through camp. Dress parade.

February 16 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the Dansville Road. One company went out to Dansville, after an old tannery and all its contents. Was attacked by the rebels, but our men repulsed them. Rained all day.

February 17 - Relieved from picket guard. Four rebel conscripts come inside the lines to our camp. Rained all day.

February 18 - Detailed for fatigue to help build a target to line our guns into. The men went after lumber with some wagons to a sawmill, all taken prisoner~ - two from Company D, Sergeant A.D. Robinson [Alfred, Hartford, Michigan] and Enos W Tyler [Hartford, Michigan]. Cavalry from Camp Davis go out on a ten days scout.

February 19 - Detailed on fatigue to help clean up street. The men and wagons that went after lumber all return, were not taken.

February 20 - Detailed on company fatigue. Flag of truce comes. Four prisoners come inside the lines from Jackson, Mississippi belonging to the 52nd Indiana.

February 21 - Detailed on company fatigue. Rained all day. Raised a regimental garrison pole. Four secech prisoners come in and give themselves up. Also one rebel congressman. Sheets. Set out with vice treasure.

February 22 - Detailed for camp guard. Washington's birthday celebrated. Officers come to our camp from Corinth. Speeches made by different officers, also a speech from a rebel congressman. Stood guard over a prisoner.

February 23 - Relieved from guard. The guards shoot off their guns at a target. Detailed to get wood for the squad. Received two letters. Dress parade.

February 24 - Lay in quarters all day. Received two letters. Dress parade.

February 25 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood over a prisoner. Rained all day.

February 26 - Relieved from guard, rained all day.

February 27 - Fired our guns off at a target. Fair weather.

February 28 - General muster for pay. Detailed for fatigue at Quartermasters Department.

March 1 - Signed pay rolls. Dress parade, orders read. Fine weather.

March 2 - Company commanded to drill in the forenoon, also in the afternoon. Dress parade. Wrote a letter. Roll call.

March 3 - Company drill. Detailed to get wood. Cavalry returned from a ten days scout.

March 4 - Detailed for camp fatigue. Cold and windy.

March 5 - Lay in quarters in the forenoon. Drill in the afternoon. Dress parade and orders read.

March 6 - Rained all day. Haley of Company F made his escape from Corinth.

March 7 - Company drill. Two rebel deserters come inside our lines.

March 8 - Detailed for camp guard. Company inspection. Rained and cold. Mail come in.

March 9 - Relieved from guard. Shoot off guns at a target. Received number one letter from father. Answered with number five. Receive a letter from Pala, answered with number two.

March 10 - Rained all day. Went after wood for the squad. Lost a silver pen holder.

March 11 - Cleared up and fine weather. Went after wood. Drill and dress parade.

March 12 - Company drill, dress parade. Fine weather. No mail.

March 13 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood on the Dansville Road.

March 14 - Relieved from guard, shot off our guns at a target. Fine day. The colonel and his wife come to the regiment.

March 15 - Company inspection and cavalry inspection. Fine day.

March 16 - Payed off. Four companies went out to Rienzi after guerrillas, but they made their escape. The companies return to camp.

March 17 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the Dansville Road. Countersign "Murfreesboro"

March 18 - Relieved from picket guard. Fire off our guns at the target. Our company go after brick to Rienzi. Received letter number two from father, answered it with number six. The companies return to camp. The three commissioned officers were taken; Lieutenant Simpkins [William H.H. Paris, Illinois], Lieutenant Lidick, and Lieutenant Bovell [John S. Paris, Illinois], and two privates. The cavalry go in pursuit after them. The cavalry returned same night.

March 19 - One company of Western Sharpshooters go out to Rienzi, and the cavalry also. General Sweeney and bodyguard come down from Corinth.

March 20 - Detailed for camp guard. Officers come to our camp from Corinth.

March 21 - Relieved from camp guard. Fired off our guns at a target. Lieutenant John Andrews [Hartford, Michigan], returns from home, also Mason M. Vermett [Hartford, Michigan], return to the company.

March 22 - Company inspection by Lieutenant Andrews. Citizens move inside of our lines with their families. Went to soldiers meeting.

March 23 - Rained all day. One man in Company E deserted. Cavalry went out. A bakery come in from Corinth.

March 24 - Rained all day. John Christman [Benton, Michigan] returns to his company[D]. Cavalry go out on a scout. .

March 25 - Detailed for guard. Stood guard at the gate, three secesh come inside of lines and give themselves up. One of our Lieutenants makes his escape from the rebels.

March 26 - Relieved from camp guard, shoot at a target.

March 27 - Company drill. Cavalry go out on a scout. One of old Hams men come inside of our lines as a spy. Was known by one of the negros and was reported to the officers. The spy arrested and sent to Corinth.

March 28 - Lay in quarters all day. A secesh prisoner comes inside of our lines.

March 29 - Company inspection. A flag of truce from the rebels comes inside the lines. A raw windy day.

March 30 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the outpost at Dansville. One of our spys pass out.

March 31 & April 1 - Relieved from picket guard. Cavalry go out, with six companies of Western Sharpshooters and two companies of the 5th Ohio Cavalry ordered out on a scout with two days rations. We

leave Camp Davies at 8 o' clock in the evening. Arrived at Dansville at 9 o'clock; march on to Rienzi, got into Rienzi [at] 12 o'clock at night. Marched into Boonville at 4 o' clock in the morning, march on till after daylight and halted. Built fires and got our breakfast. Had marched all night, took two secesh citizens. Marched on to within four miles of Guntown, when we come upon old Ham and his gang of guerrillas. We took the notorious Captain White and two horses. The cavalry had a skirmish with the rebels and took one prisoner. Marched on towards Blackland. Halted in the road and got our dinner. Got into Boonville about 12 o' clock, marched on towards Rienzi at 4 o' clock in the afternoon. Lay there about one hour. Go on, got into Dansville about 7 o' clock at night. March through and on to our camp at 8 o' clock at night, having been gone twenty - four hours. Marched sixty miles, went thirty miles into the rebel country; marched all night and all day.

April 2 - Lay in camp all day completely worn out. Nothing going on. Wrote a letter.

April 3 - The cavalry go out on a scout. A citizen comes in with a load of cotton. He is recognized by our men s a guerrilla. He is arrested and his cotton confiscated.

April 4 - A scouting party go out and brought in one rebel. Some officers come down from Corinth. Our camp is lined with Southern ladies (or secesh). No mail comes in.

April 5 - Detailed for guard. Company inspection. Two union refugees come into our camp to enlist.

April 6 - Relieved from camp guard. Warm day. Cavalry go out on a scout.

April 7 - Celebration of the battle of Pittsburgh Landing. Cavalry go out on a scout.

April 8 - Company F return to camp. Harmon Nelson [State of Michigan] returns to the company. Signed pay roll.

April 9 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on railroad.

April 10 - Relieved from picket guard. Went out a fishing. Dug a ditch to drain a pond.

April 11 - Went a fishing. The cavalry went out on a scout, return with nine prisoners.

April 12 - Company inspection. Go out and fire our guns at a target.

April 13 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the east gate. The cavalry went out on a scout. The cavalry return at night.

April 14 - Relieved from guard. Six companies of the Western Sharpshooters go out on a scout - Companies

A, F, D, I, C, H, E, and K, and the cavalry. We went out to the camp of the Yates Sharpshooters [4th Illinois]. They was attacked by a gang of rebels. The Sharpshooters repulsed them. We rode to Corinth on the cars. From there we rode on the cars to our camp, got in about 8 o' clock in the evening.

April 15 - The pickets attacked on the Dansville Road. Two companies of the Western Sharpshooters and the cavalry go in pursuit of them but all of no avail.

April 16 - Detailed for camp guard, stood at the east gate.

April 17 - Relieved from camp guard. Lay in quarters all day. Took one castor oil.

April 18 - Took a dose of "castor oil". The cavalry bring in two secesh.

April 19 - Rained. Company inspection.

April 20 - Payed off up to the 1st of March 1863, for four months. \$52.00. Expect to be attacked. Reported sick.

April 21 - Rained. Wrote letters. Nothing going on. One secesh come in. Company drill.

April 22 - Company drill in the forenoon, battalion drill in the afternoon. Dress parade. Cavalry go out on a scout and one company of the Western Sharpshooters.

April 23 - Detailed for regimental fatigue, worked all day. Sent home \$5.00.

April 24 - Got a permit from the colonel to sight my gun. The cavalry brought in two secesh. Battalion drill. By Colonel Burke [Patrick E. St. Louis, Missouri] sent home \$5.00.

April 25 - Commenced to dig a ditch round the stockade. Worked all day.

April 26 - Company inspection. Rained all day.

April 27 - Worked on the ditch. Two rebels come in.

April 28 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the Dansville Road, on the outpost. Countersign Scott.

April 29 - Relieved from guard, return to camp. Work on the ditch. Went over to the pine hill after pine trees to set out in the streets.

April 30 - General muster for pay. Major General Oglesby made us a visit from Corinth. The general [inspected] the regiment. Warm weather.

May 1 - Worked all day digging the ditch. Worked in the night.

May 2 - Detailed for fatigue at Quartermaster Brown's [QM 66th Illinois, Nicholas St. Louis, Missouri].

May 3 - Company inspection. Lay in quarters all day. Cavalry go out on a scout and bring in four secesh.

May 4 - Worked on the ditch all day. Cavalry go out on a scout, bring in four secesh.

May 5 - Worked on the ditch. Three families of Union refugees come inside lines.

May 6 - Finished the ditch round the stockade. Cold day. Lay in quarters all day.

May 7 - Detailed for picket guard, stood on the Dansville Road. Strict orders not to allow a citizen inside the lines.

May 8 - Relieved from guard. Return to camp. Colonel Cornyn's command pass through our camp on their way to Corinth from the south, consisting of [the] 10th Missouri Cavalry, 7th Kansas Cavalry, and the 9th Illinois Infantry mounted. Also four pieces of artillery. They had with them 100 prisoners and about the number of contrabands.

May 9 - Lay in quarters all day.

May 10 - Company inspection by Lieutenant J.H. Andrews.

May 11 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the Corinth Road at a citizen's house. Cavalry go out.

May 12 - Relieved from picket guard.

May 13 - Lay in quarters all day. The cavalry go out on a scout.

May 14 - Lay in quarters all day. The cavalry return to camp.

May 15 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the Dansville Road. The company with Company F and I go to Rienzi. At night they return with lumber and one prisoner.

May 16 - Relieved from picket guard. Return to camp.

May 17 - Company inspection. Cavalry go out on a scout. The negroes hold a meeting under our woodshed.

May 18 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the outpost on the Dansville Road. Killed a pig.

May 19 - Relieved from picket guard. Return to camp. Went down on the outpost at night after some fresh pork.

May 20 - Company D and Company K under command of Lieutenant Davis [Alvin H., Johnstown, Ohio] went out to Rienzi after lumber. Returned in the afternoon to camp with five wagon loads of lumber.

May 21 - Lay in quarters all day. Union families come inside the lines. The cavalry return from a two days scout.

May 22 - Sergeant Williamson [Robert J., Ross, Michigan], Corporals Baldwin [George H., Bedford, Michigan,], and Mays [John A., Bainbridge, Michigan] go home on a furlough. I am detailed for camp guard. Stood at the north stockade gate. Thirteen Union refugees come inside of our lines with their arms.

May 23 - The cavalry go out on a four days scout. Danger of being attacked.

May 24 - Company inspection by Lieutenant Andrews.

May 25 - Detailed for picket guard. Was dismissed and sent to quarters.

May 26 - Lay in quarters all day. Awful warm.

May 27 - Got a pass to go to Corinth, return to camp at night.

May 28 - The cavalry go out on a scout, go 30 miles south, capture seven secesh, and. brought in nine contrabands.

May 29 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the gun shop.

May 30 - Relieved from guard. Got a pass and went to Corinth. Return in the afternoon. Part of three companies, E, F, and K, receive orders to go out on a scout. Leave camp about eight o' clock in the evening.

June 1 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the outpost on the Corinth Road at [a] citizens. George's countersign "Milford".

June 2 - Returned to camp. Some cavalry come up from Corinth, return at night.

June 3 - Got a pass and went to Corinth, return in the afternoon. The cavalry go out on a scout. Union families come inside our lines.

June 4 - Detailed for fatigue, to cut wood for a coal pit. The cavalry return, brought in some prisoners.

June 5 - Nothing going on. Lay in quarters all day and wrote letters. Union refugees come inside our lines. Among the name of King, wounded by guerrillas.

June 6 - Lay in quarters all day. Was detailed for company fatigue. The cavalry go out on a scout, return at night with some contrabands.

June 7 - Company inspection by Lieutenant John Andrews. The cavalry go out on another scout. Went a blackberrying, go about two miles, fill our dishes, return to camp.

June 8 - Dug a ditch on the inside of the stockade, and cut pond holes.

June 9 - The cavalry go out on a scout. Draw rations. Am detailed for fatigue. The cavalry return.

June 10 - Got a pass with six others to [go] outside the lines to sight our rifles and to pick blackberries.

June 11 - Lay in quarters all day. One of the Kansas Jayhawkers come from Corinth a visiting. The cavalry go out on a scout .

June 12 - Detailed for picket guard, stood on the Dansville Road. Cavalry return.

June 13 - Relieved from picket guard. Return to camp. Lay in quarters.

June 14 - Company inspection by Lieutenant Andrews. Citizens come into camp to take the oath of allegiance.

June 15 - Lay in quarters all day. Citizens come inside the lines to take the oath. John Mays returns to the company from home on a furlough.

June 16 - Detailed for camp guard. Cavalry go out, are attacked, part of the regiment go out in pursuit. The cavalry bring in two secesh prisoners.

June 17 - Relieved from camp guard. Company drill. Rained. The cavalry go out on a six days scout.

June 18 - Citizens come into camp to take the oath. Company drill. Dress parade.

June 19 - Detailed for camp guard. Regimental drill. Dress parade. Citizens come into camp to take the oath.

June 20 - Relieved from camp Guard. Shoot off guns, return to quarters.

June 21 - Company inspection by Lieutenant John Andrews. Dress parade.

June 22 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the north gate. Citizens come inside to take the oath.

Reported that the rebels are marching on to the camp. Three companies, A, F, and I, sent out to lay in ambush. Two companies of the 10th Missouri Cavalry come down from Corinth to do duty. Countersign "Chicksaw".

June 23 - Relieved from guard. The 10th Missouri Cavalry go out on a scout. Our cavalry, the 5th Ohio, return after being out six days, had two or three fights. Major Smith of the cavalry wounded in the calf of the leg, and a number of others. The 10th Missouri cavalry return from their scout at about 11 o'clock at right.

June 24 - Rained all day. Lay in quarters.. Pickets captured one rebel.

June 25 - Lay in camp. Commenced to build a fort inside the stockade.

June 26 - Lay in camp till night. Received marching orders. Companies F, D, E, B, and I marched all night.

Went to a place called Jumpertown. Rained all night.

June 27 - Took one captain, one lieutenant, four privates (rebels) prisoners. Marched forty miles, got into camp in the afternoon.

June 28 - Company inspection by Captain Andrews. Dress parade.

June 29 - Detailed on fatigue to cut portholes in the stockade and to work on the fort. Dress parade.

June 30 - General inspection and general muster for pay. Dress parade.

July 1 - The cavalry go out on a scout. Detailed to work on the fort. Dress parade.

July 2 - Detailed for camp guard.

July 3 - Relieved from camp guard. The cavalry return with prisoners and negroes.

July 4 - Lay in quarters all day. Rained. Two or three flights took place. The cavalry go out on a scout.

July 5 - Lay in quarters all day. Rained. Two or three flights took place. The cavalry go out on a scout.

July 6 - Relieved from picket guard. Cavalry return.

July 7 - Guns fired on the account of the fall of Vicksburg. Cavalry go out [on] a scout. Our forces at Glendale attacked by the rebels, they go within a mile of Corinth, and take 800 horses. Work on the fort. One man wounded by firing of guns.

July 8 - Got a pass to go to Corinth. Draw ten days rations for the regiment. Return to camp. The cavalry go out on a scout.

July 9 - Detailed for fatigue, to work on the fort. The cavalry return at night with nine rebel prisoners.

July 10 - Nothing going on, lay in camp all day. In the afternoon went out a blackberrying.

July 11 - Detailed for fatigue to help clean up the street. Company H go out on a scout. At night companies A, F, and E are ordered out. Fears of an attack.

July 12 - The companies that went out during the night, returned this morning with four rebels. Company inspection by Lieutenant Williamson [Robert J., Ross, Michigan]. Signed the pay roll, for four months pay. Dress parade.

July 13 - Detailed for camp guard.

July 14 - Relieved from guard. Lay in camp all day. Work being done on the fort.

July 15 - A rebel flag of truce came to our picket posts on the Dansville Road. It stays a while and then

returns.

July 16 - Went out a blackberrying. Our forces sends out a flag of truce to the rebels, to be gone five days.
Work going on, on the fort.

July 17 - Detailed to work on the fort. Furloughs come for the boys - Sergeant Alford Robinson, George Payne [Arlington, Michigan], and Omer A. Baird [Hartford, Michigan].

July 18 - Six companies of the Western Sharpshooters and all of the cavalry go out on a scout. They capture nine rebel prisoners. Company inspection by Captain Andrews. One man put on extra duty for not having his gun clean.

July 20 - One man by the name of L. Prosser [Corporal Henry L., Arlington, Michigan] died in our company. Was buried according to military honors.

July 21 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the colonel's quarters.

July 22 - Relieved from guard. Work still going on, on the fort.

July 23 - On fatigue work on the fort. A rebel that was taken on the ninth, was recognized as joining our forces and the[n] deserting. He was shot at Corinth.

July 24 - Lay in quarters all day sick. A cavalry man come in with a rebel prisoner. The colonel and his wife gone to Memphis.

July 25 - Hear firing in the direction of the railroad. The cavalry go out to ascertain the cause. One rebel comes in.

July 26 - Company inspection by Lieutenant Williamson. Cavalry go out on a scout. Dress parade. Two of [the] 2nd Iowa boys come up from Corinth a visiting. Cavalry return. Colonel P.E. Burke and wife return home to the regiment.

July 27 - Detailed for camp guard a[t] the colonels quarters. One paroled prisoner passed through our lines from Vicksburg, going home.

July 28 - Relieved from camp guard. Lay in quarters all day. Three Union refugees come in and give themselves up.

July 29 - Detailed on fatigue, worked on fort. Four Union refugees come in to our lines and give themselves up.

July 30 - Lay in quarters all day. Three rebels come in and give themselves up. Got a pass and went out a hunting. At night six men go out on a scout.

July 31 - Two men belonging to Company K taken prisoners while outside the picket lines. The cavalry go in pursuit, also Companies K, B, E, H, D, and F also ordered out. Returned to camp. Rained during the afternoon, got wet through.

August 1 - Detailed on camp guard. Stood at the commissary. Patrick Lyon got transferred from Company I to our company. One rebel deserter from Johnston's army come[s] in.

August 2 - Relieved from camp guard. Company inspection by Captain Andrews. Orders to have 200 rounds of ammunition. Dress parade. A secret expedition sent out under Captain Boyde [William S., St. Louis, Missouri], with, five days rations.

August 3 - Company C go out on a scout. Work continues on the fort. The second battalion of the 5th Ohio Cavalry come from Memphis to reinforce the cavalry at this place. Company C return to camp. Two deserters come in.

August 4 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the outpost on the railroad. Went after corn. On[e] deserter from Johnston's army cornets' and give[s] himself up. The cavalry come in from a three days scout.

August 5 - Relieved from picket guard. Lay in quarters all day. The colonel and his wife go to Corinth.

August 6 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the north gate. Four deserters come into our lines from Johnston's army. Two cavalrymen put in the guardhouse, one for fighting, the other for shooting off his revolver in the night and alarming the camp.

August 7 - Relieved from camp guard. Work is resumed on the fort. The whole twelve companies of cavalry go out on a scouting expedition. Seven deserters come in to our lines from Johnston's army.

August 8 - Lay in quarters all day. Nothing going on. Long roll sounded at twelve o' clock at night. The cavalry were fired into by the rebels, who were lying in ambush, killing and wounding some of our men.

The colonel of the cavalry sent to camp for reinforcements. Six companies of the Western Sharpshooters under command of Major Campbell and two companies of the 5th Ohio Cavalry under command of Colonel P.E. Burke [Andrew K, Illinois] go out to reinforce the cavalry.

August 9 - Four companies of the Western Sharpshooters with ten wagons go out as a second reinforcement.

We ride out to Rienzi where we lay till the command return, when two companies of US advanced out from Rienzi, and lay in ambush till afternoon, when we returned to Rienzi and camped all night.

August 10 - Evacuated Rienzi at 3 o' clock in the morning. March through to camp, got in at seven o' clock in the morning. Brought in some prisoners and horses.

August 11 - Got a pass and went to Corinth. Took dinner with an old soldier. Returned to camp.

August 12 - General review by Inspector General Hill, and Colonels Smith and Burke.

August 13 - Washed clothes and run one hundred ball. Rained.

August 14 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the outpost on the railroad. Pross Bowe [Prosper, Bainbridge, Michigan] and Alonzo Vincent [Benton, Michigan] return to the company. Countersign "York".

August 15 - Relieved from picket guard. Return to camp. Lay in quarters all day. Traded pork to citizens for mutton.

August 16 - Company inspection by Captain Andrews. Two prisoners put in guardhouse. "Birthday".

August 17 - Cavalry go out on a scout, one man killed. They return to camp. Brought in two rebel prisoners.

August 18 - Detailed for camp guard. Sergeant A.D. Robinson, O.A. Baird and G.M. Paine with Captain Andrews's wife return to company - on furlough.

August 19 - Relieved from camp guard. George Thornton, Robert VanBrunt [Lawrence, Michigan], and Billy Crobaugh [Geneva, Michigan] go home on a furlough.

August 20 - The cavalry return from a scout. Lay in quarters.

August 21 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the south gate.

August 22 - Relieved from camp guard. Lay in quarters all day.

August 23 - Company inspection by Lieutenant Williamson. Dress parade.

August 24 - Three rebel deserters from General Bragg's army come inside of our lines, and give themselves up.

August 25 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the commissary.

August 26 - Relieved from camp guard. Three men went outside the picket lines and were taken prisoner. The cavalry went in pursuit but returned without finding the rebels. They go out after dark after a young man that aided the rebels to take our men. The cavalry return with the man and lodge him in the guard

house. Four rebel railroad men come inside the lines from Mobile.

August 27 - Lay in camp all day. The cavalry go out. Return at night without any rebels.

August 28 - Two rebel deserters from Johnston's army come inside of our lines and give themselves up.

Also two deserters from our regiment caught and brought back under guard and placed in the guard house.

August 29 - Detailed for picket guard. Changed and got on camp guard. Changed and got on camp guard.

Three rebel deserters from Johnston's army come into camp. Also four Union refugees come in.

August 30 - Relieved from guard. Company inspection. Two boys from the 3rd Michigan Cavalry come a visiting their acquaintances in the company. Dress parade by Colonel P.E. Burke.

August 31 - General muster for pay by Colonel Burke. Citizens come into camp with produce o sell.

September 1 - Detailed for picket guard. Three rebel deserters from Johnston's army come into camp. (Payed off).

September 2 - Relieved from picket guard. Worked in the woods, getting out shingles to recover our house.

September 3 - Cavalry go out on a scout, also two companies of the Western Sharpshooters. Two rebels made a dash on our lines and attempted to take a team and two men, but were repulsed. The cavalry and infantry return. Worked in the woods.

September 4 - Got a pass to go to Corinth. Went to the 3rd Michigan Cavalry on visit with some friends, Payed \$40 for a seventeen shooter.

September 5 - Detailed for fatigue, to work on the fort. Cavalry go out on a scout, return at night having killed one rebel, and brought in one rebel prisoner.

September 6 - Company inspection by Captain John H. Andrews. Company A of the 10th Missouri Cavalry come for all of the men that has seventeen shooters to get ready to march with five days rations.

September 7 - Detailed for camp guard. The fifth cavalry, with the artillery, and the mounted sharpshooters march from camp.

September 8 - Relieved from camp guard. The 3rd Michigan Cavalry pass through our stockade, on a march south. The balance of our regiment receive orders to march with one days rations. Marched south, or, rode out to Rienzi in wagons. The teams return to camp. Part of the command go out on the Ripley Road, the other Boonville Road, about five miles out and lay in ambush all night and part of the next day. When we

was coming back we was fired into by the rebels who was laying in ambush. One man in Company G wounded through legs and thighs.

September 9 - At five o'clock in the afternoon start for camp, fired into by the rebels from ambush, one man wounded from Company G. About two miles further on, we was fired into again, this time we returned the fire and gave them as good as they sent. We got into Rienzi just [at] sundown, in time to meet the [m] coming from the Ripley Road. About halfway from camp we meet the teams from camp. We rode into camp.

September 10 - Lay in camp all day. The cavalry and command under Colonel Heath return to camp with two secesh prisoners.

September 11 - Two deserters from Johnston's army come into camp.

September 12 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the north gate. Countersign "Shiloh". Three boys in our company ordered out with others from different companies to lay in ambush for two days.

September 13 - Relieved from camp guard. Company inspection. Dress parade. Deserters come into camp.

September 14 - Lay in camp. General muster and inspection. Cavalry return from a scout.

September 15 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the north gate. Our scouts come in with one guerrilla. The sharpshooters with seventeen shooters return to camp from their ambush.

September 16 - Relieved from camp guard. Citizens come into camp with provisions.

September 17 - Lay in camp all day.

September 18 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the colonel's quarters. Orders to shoot the first man that attempts to get out of the guardhouse.

September 19 - Relieved from guard. Returned to quarters ~ George Thornton returns to regiment from furlough.

September 20 - Company inspection by Lieutenant R.J. Williamson. Dress parade. Orders read on dress parade.

September 21 - Orders for twelve men with seventeen shooters to get three days rations ready to march. Went south to Boonsville to lay in ambush.

September 22 - Cavalry go out on a scout, after some guerrillas that fired on the picket post.

September 23 - Detailed for camp guard. Company K go out on a scout to lay in ambush on the Tuscumbia bottom. Cavalry return.

September 24 - Relieved from guard. The seventeen shooters return with one rebel. Haley [see March 6] of Company F return[s] to his company and is put in the guard house.

September 25 - Layed in quarters all day. The cavalry go out on a scout. The citizens come into camp with provisions.

September 26 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the north gate. The cavalry return.

September 27 - Relieved from camp guard. Our scouts come in with one guerrilla. Company inspection. Dress parade.

September 28 - Cavalry and two companies of sharpshooters with the teams go after bricks and lumber.

September 29 – Detailed for camp guard. Stood at the commissary. Orders to be ready to march.

September 30 – Relieved from camp guard. Cavalry go out and bring in a prisoner.

October 1 – Rained. Cavalry go out on a scout. Rumored that we have got marching orders.

October 2 - Detailed for camp guard. Dress parade. The seventeen shooters scouts go out on a scout.

October 3 - Relieved from camp guard. The scouts return with one rebel prisoner.

October 4 - Company inspection. Dress parade. Cavalry ordered out on a four-day scout.

October 5 - Lay in quarters all day. One deserter came into our lines.

October 6 - Detailed for camp guard. Did not stand, sent to my quarters. One deserter come[s] in.

October 7 - Battalion drill by Colonel P.E. Burke. The cavalry return with nine rebel prisoners. Orders to go out on a scout tomorrow.

October 8 - Company A, F, and D, go out to Rienzi after bricks and lumber. We also got chickens, hogs, and sweet potatoes. Return to camp. Mason M. Vermett [Hartford, Michigan] ordered in the guard house.

October 9 - Detailed for company fatigue to cut wood. Battalion drill.

October 10 - Lay in quarters all day. The cavalry went out on a scout, but return without prisoners. Went to the show at night.

October 11 - Detailed for camp guard. Three rebel and three Union prisoners in the guard house. Stood at number 2 gate. Dress parade. The cavalry go out on a scout.

October 12 - Relieved from camp guard. Company drill. Rained. The cavalry return to camp and go out again. Three Union refugees come into camp. Commenced to draw baskets for the fort. The railroad communication cut between Memphis & Corinth. No mail.

October 13 - Company drill in the forenoon, also in the afternoon. Rained all night. Mail come in.

October 14 - Rained all day. Cavalry go out on a scout. One deserter comes into our camp.

October 15 - Detailed for camp guard. Sent prisoners to Corinth. Company drill.

October 16 - Relieved from camp guard. Shoot off guns. Company and battalion drill. Orders to be ready to march with four days rations.

October 17 - Marched to Corinth. Took possession of the 39th Iowa regimental quarters.

October 18 - Detailed for provost guard. Stood guard over some horses. Troops pass through Corinth on their way to Chattanooga.

October 19 - Relieved from provost guard. Returned to our quarters. Went to the Corinth theatre.

October 20 - Went downtown, then went up to the 3rd Michigan Cavalry to see a friend.

October 21 - Orders to be ready for a march. Marched back to Camp Davis. Michael Whalain [Assyria, Michigan], Murdock Randall [Berrien County, Michigan], Isaac Chatfield [Hartford, Michigan], and myself ordered in the guard house for falling out of ranks.

October 22 - Relieved from guard house and sent to our quarters. The sixteen shooters boys draws horses and saddles preparing themselves to be mounted. Work on the fort still going on.

October 23 - Detailed for camp guard, stood at the colonel's quarters. Rebels come into our camp.

October 24 - Relieved from camp guard. Two refugees come into camp.

October 25 - Company inspection and payed off - \$26. Cavalry go on a scout.

October 26 - Four of us get a pass and go to Corinth. Stay till night before we return to camp.

October 27 - Detailed for camp guard. Stood at south gate. Orders to march.

October 29 - Getting ready to march. Four rebels come into camp.

October 30 - Detailed for camp guard. The seventeen shooters go out on a two-day scout. Two rebels come into camp. Rained all day.

October 31 - Relieved from camp guard. General muster for pay. The seventeen shooters return with two

prisoners.

November 1 - Company inspection by Captain Andrews. Received marching orders, to march with one days ration.

November 2 - Marched at 6 o'clock from Camp Davis, part mounted and part on foot. Passed Glendale at 10 o'clock a.m. Marched into Burnsville [at] 4 o'clock p.m. Camped about one half mile on the north side of town. Marched 18 miles.

November 3 - Marching orders with one days ration. Marched from Burnsville at 8 o'clock a.m. marched all day over hill and mountainous country. We passed only two houses on the march. Arrived at night at Eastport, on the Tennessee River. We marched 16 miles. Colonel [acting] Brigadier General Mersy [Augustus, 9th Illinois Infantry] in command of the brigade. Are joined by the 81st Ohio, 12th Illinois, 9th Illinois Infantry, 1st Missouri, 12th Ohio Battery.

November 4 - Lay in Eastport all day. Sharp shooter cavalry go back to Iuka. Troops come in and cross the river. Go down to the landing, take a look around town. 9th Illinois Infantry join us.

November 5 - Still laying at Eastport. Detailed for guard over cattle. The sharp shooters cavalry return to Eastport with General Dodge and staff. Part of the sharp shooters cavalry are dismounted. The 122nd and 12th Illinois infantry join us with 60 deserters from the rebel army.

November 6 - Relieved from guard. Joined the regiment and crossed the river. Marched about a mile and lay in line for a hour or two when we was ordered to camp for the night in a cleared field. Marched in all 2 1/2 miles. Crossed the river in the steam ferryboat "Bluebird".

November 7 - Orders to march. Started at Seven o' clock a.m. At eight o' clock a.m. marched through Waterloo. At nine o' clock a.m. crossed West Cypress Creek. At noon, camped for dinner on the bank of Buckey Creek. At night camped in a large plantation. During the day we crossed hilly and mountainous country. Crossed a range of the Cumberland Mountains. At night camped at Limey Springs. In all marched 12 miles. Was detailed for fatigue.

November 8 - Marched at six o' clock a.m. Passed the village of Limey Springs at seven o' clock a.m. Foraged for cattle and sheep. At night camped on a old Union man's farm. Marched in all 16 miles. Crossed East Cypress Creek.

November 9 - Orders to march. Did not march till noon. Regiment in the rear of the column as rear guard. Cross Shoal Creek at Lauderdale. Camped near the Village, in a corn field. Passed very beautiful country and some mountains. Marched in all six miles.

November 10 - Marched at sunrise. Our regiment set fire to part of Lauderdale, also one large four story brick cotton factory. At noon camped on a large hill for dinner. Marched again in the afternoon, crossed a number of streams during the day. We also passed a number of buildings on fire. Foraging for sheep and cattle. At three o'clock p.m. in the afternoon passed the village of Lexington, part of it on fire. At four o'clock crossed a creek and camped for the night on the banks. Marched in all 18 miles.

November 11 - Marched at sunrise, at ten o'clock a.m., passed the village of Pin Hook, a small town, half of it on fire. Fences and woods on fire. Camped on the banks of a small creek. Marched over hilly and undulating country. Camped in the valley at night having marched 22 miles.

November 12 - Marched at seven o'clock a.m. in the advance. Pass a large steam mill on fire. Everything is fired as we go. At ten a.m. arrived at the town of Pulaski, a large town. Marched through the town, and camped on a large hill, having marched 6 miles. Camped all night.

November 13 - The company detailed for picket guard on the Pulaski & Columbia Road. Two brigades garrisoning this place. All of the teams go to Columbia for rations.

November 14 - Relieved from picket guard by the 81st Ohio Infantry. Return to where the regiment lay on a hill. Rained during the night. We make tents of our rubber blankets.

November 15 - Regimental inspection by the Inspector General. Sign the clothing account. The whole company go to church to town.

November 16 - Still laying on the hill at Pulaski. Shoot off our guns. Draw fresh beef.

November 17 - Moved our camp [a]bout ten rods.

November 18 - Our company and Company F go out foraging for coal. Went out about five miles on the Nashville Pike.

November 19 - Company drill by Captain John Andrews.

November 20 - Lay in camp all day. Orders to build brick chimneys.

November 21 - Still in camp, nothing going on. Went downtown to General Dodge's Headquarters.

November 22 - Still in camp. Preaching. Dress parade. Was promoted [to] 7th corporal.

November 23 - Company to go out on picket guard. Ordered to take three men and go out on the outpost.

November 24 - Relieved from picket guard. Returned to camp. Rained all day. Went to the 12th Illinois camp after straw. Got wet through.

November 25 - Lay in camp all day. Orders to shoot off our guns. Rained, guns wet.

November 26 - Got a pass and went downtown. Still in camp on the side hill.

November 27 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the outpost with three men. A rebel spy hung by the name of Samuel Davis.

November 28 - Relieved from picket guard. Rained all night and day. Return to camp. Went downtown to the gun shop.

November 29 - Company inspection by Captain Andrews. Lay in quarters all day. Snowed. Three men detailed to help build a bridge – Bowe, Lawrence [Cook C., State of Michigan], and Phelps [Henry, Lawrence, Michigan].

November 30 - Small pox in camp, all vaccinated. Lay in camp.

December 1 - Detailed for picket guard. Stood on the Shelbyville Road with three men on the outpost.

December 2 - Relieved from picket guard. Return to camp. Build a house. Battalion drill.

December 3 - Work on house. Company drill. Skirmish drill. Dress parade.

December 4 - Detailed for corporal guard downtown. Took three men as corporal, stood on one post to guard mules.

December 5 - Relieved from guard. Returned to camp. Rained. Dress parade.

December 6 - Company inspection by Captain Andrews. Dress parade. Lay in quarters all day.

December 7 - Lay in quarters all day. Helped the captain build his house. Dress parade.

December 8 - Was detailed for corporal of the corral guard, with three men. Rained all day and night. Built a picket house.

December 9 - Relieved from guard by the 111th Illinois Volunteers. Returned to camp. Was payed off.

December 10 - Orders to get ready for brigade inspection, was inspected in the afternoon by the inspector general. Drawed clothing.

December 11 - Drawed rails for cook house, and cut wood. The company on picket guard. Lay in quarters.

Prater comes a visiting. Nothing going on.

December 12 - Detailed for corporal of the picket guard on the Shelbyville Road. On the outpost with three men.

December 13 - Relieved from picket guard, returned to our quarters. Company inspection by Captain Andrews.

December 14 - Rained all day. Lay in quarters all day.

December 15 - Went down to the gun shop to get my gun repaired. Return to quarters. Orders to have three days rations.

December 16 - Companies D, F, G, I, march for Columbia to guard the teams after rations. Rained all day. Marched 25 miles and camped for the night.

December 17 - Marched again in the morning, got into Columbia at ten o' clock a.m. Took quarters in the courthouse. Went around town. Got dinner at a citizens. At night went to the theatre. Continued in book number 3.

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