

Henry E. Thompson  
Co. A. 20<sup>th</sup> Wis. Vol.  
of  
Jefferson, Vernon, Co,  
Wisconsin  
Brownsville Texas.

Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1863

Wed. Diary, 1862, July 9<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>o</sup>  
Enlisted at ten ~~at~~ M. at Leuzie,  
in the 20<sup>th</sup> Wis. Inf. Geo. S. Lyons,  
'recruiting Officer' return home  
at M. get ready and start for  
La Crosse with Mr. S. Stop at  
Newton at dark, have a War  
meeting in the evening, speeches  
by Mr. S. and Heartwell, Allen.  
No recruits, go home, with a friend  
Mr. C. C. Baker, return at 11 P. M.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Started on to La Crosse, at 8 A. M.  
in company of Mr. S. and Austin  
Fletcher, a fellow recruit, had a  
pleasant ride, reached destination at  
M. Put up at State St. House,  
dine. P. M. Take a stroll about  
town, am introduced to Capt.  
A. H. Pettibone, give my description,  
return to room tired, retire,

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

This, am Mr. S. go with Mr. S. to Onalaska  
to see some acquaintances, introduced  
to Mr. Rogers, return at P. M.

6 Sat, July 12<sup>th</sup> 1862

This a. m. furnished with a horse by  
Mr. D. Start home to recruit, reach  
Newton at dark. Stop at Mrs. Cramels  
on account of storm, remain all night.

Sun, 13<sup>th</sup>

This morning is clear & sunny. Start  
on my way: ride past the Poor House  
meet, Jno. M. Lee, Esq., held a short  
interview with him, write at home at 10  
a. m. Remains till one P. m. ride  
over to St. Springville. to Sunday  
School, return home at 4 P. m.  
Spend the evening in visiting.

Mon, 14

Start this morning to return to  
LaCrosse, take Eli Harkens with  
me, have some sport at the expense  
of Ole Thompson, dine at Nelsons,  
write at La. Crosse, sunset, take the  
Parairie Du Chien packet at 12, night

Tues, 15

Reach Pr. du Chien this morn. Take the  
cars arrive at Madison Wis 12, m.  
Go into camp, Randall.

7  
Wed, July 16 1862

Awake this morning, rather sore  
having slept on the soft side of a  
plank; go through a meddle in pre-  
pare a suit of clothes with brass  
buttons, and a blanket, which I  
learn we are to use a la Chipaway  
Brave;

Thurs, 17

Relieve our gun and accoutrements  
this a. m. this P. m. is spent in  
putting them together, we have  
the Austrian rifle;

Frid 18,

Nothing secured today worthy of  
note

Sat 19

Have drill to day, in which there  
is a great deal of Generalship  
displayed, by both Officers and  
men.

Sun 20

At 8 a. m. go up town to Church  
have to wear our side arms  
Sermon very interesting, return to camp

5 Mon July 27, 1862,  
Nothing, beyond the daily  
duties of a soldier,

Tues, 28

Nothing of note to day,

Wed 29

Nothing of note to day

Thur 30

Nothing note worthy

Frid 31

Nothing interesting to day

Sat. 1

Nothing of note

Sun 2

Go up town this a.m. to church  
arrive to late, walk down to the  
shore of Lake. See a sail boat  
capsized, with two men one is  
drowned, return to camp,

Mon, 3.

Nothing of note to day

Tues 4.

Nothing of note to day

Wed 5

Rumor says we will be to morrow

11  
Thur July 31, 1862

Mustered for pay, at 10 a.m. we are  
paid 25 dollars of our bounty, at  
12, m. get a furlough of 15 days,  
take the 12 o'clock train for home  
write at Br. St. Chien, Sun, set. take  
the boat for Bakery City,

Frid, August, 1

Arrived at Bad at 10 a.m. stop  
at hotel for breakfast, walk out as far  
as Mr Greenman's, take dinner with  
them, and ride out home with the  
young, Leggies, in the P. M.,  
Reached home about 4 P. M.,  
Sat, 2.

Pass this day in visiting

Sun 3

Remain at home to day:

Mon 4

Go to Springville to see, Mr  
Satterlee, return home,

Tues 5

Lay aside my uniform, and  
commence hardest, like a citizen.



12 Wed, August 6, 1862,  
Harvesting to day.

Thur 7

Harvesting as usual

Frid, 8.

Nothing beyond farming to day

Sat 9

Nothing new to day.

Sun 10

Took a ramble over the hills  
and along the streams of Vernon

Mon 11

Harvesting to day

Tues 12

Harvesting to day

Wed 13

Harvesting as usual this morn  
this P.M. go to Springville call on  
Mrs + Rev, return

Thur 14

Go to Pirogna to war meeting,  
get acquainted with miss. G, return by way  
of Springville at dark, call  
on Mr. Satterlee, return home  
ten o'clock, P.M.

Frid August 15 1862.

13

Bid farewell to my Parents Sister  
& Brother, and take up my line of  
march for, my Regt. at Camp  
Randall, arrive at Beale City at 12  
M. wait there till 12 o'clock night,  
take C&O, Northern Light down the  
river

Sat 16.

Reach Beale City this morning  
take the cars for Blackiston  
reach camp at 12 M, the Rebels  
take fire, a large share of them  
burned, I am detailed for guard.

Sun 17,

Have preaching in camp to  
day.

Mon. 18,

The Regt is mustered into the  
U S Service,

Tues, 19,

Nothing of note to day

Wed 20

Nothing new to day



14 Thur, 21, August 1862

Nothing of note to day

Frid 22

No. news.

Sath 23

Nothing new to day

Sunday 24

Nothing of note worthy  
of note

Mon 25

Nothing new to day

Tues 26

Nothing of note worthy,

Wed 27

Nothing new to day

Thurs 28

Nothing note worthy to day

Frid 29

Report that we are to leave  
for the seat of war to morrow

Sat. 30.

Strike tents before daylight leave  
camp at Sunrise, march through  
the city, take the train for Chicago  
arrive there, take the cars for Alton

Sun, Aug. 31 1862

15

Pass through Springfield. Ill arrive  
at Alton 4 P.M., take the  
boat to St. Louis, Mo. land at  
dark. march to Benton Barracks  
5 miles, awful dusty and hot

Mon Sept 1

Mustered for pay to day

Tues 2

One of the 20. shot while  
leaving camp likely to recover

Wed 3

Walk round the Barracks to  
day, find some old acquaintances

Thurs 4

Start for Rolla Mo to day,  
by rail pass through two tunnels  
arrive at Clark.

Frid 5

Strike tents this a.m., march  
3 miles west of Rolla in camp

Sat. 6,

Nothing of note to day

18 Sund Sept 7 1862  
Have preaching in woods  
by Capt of Co G,  
Mon, 8,

Nothing of note to day,  
Tues 9

Nothing important to day  
Wed 10

March back to Rolla incamp  
Thur 11

Clear up camp to day  
Friday 12

Nothing of note to day  
Sept 13

Receive orders to march to Sand  
Springs, 5 miles west of Rolla,  
reach there at 2 a.m. incamp,

Sunday 14

Go out of camp to day, write  
to friends, return to camp  
Mon 15

On guard to day, receive marching  
Orders, Rained, Lieut York,  
of my Co is promoted to Regt  
Quarter Master,

Sat, Sept 27. 1862 19  
Battalion drill to day, Boys consecrate  
Secesh, apples, receive letter from home

Sund 28

Raining this a.m. P.M. Preaching by  
Chaplain text, Heb's 4:1, 8, Prayer  
meeting at 7 P.M.,  
Mond, 29.

On guard to day, 20<sup>th</sup> Iowa Inf. left  
for Wilsons, Creek, 20<sup>th</sup> Wis, & 9<sup>th</sup>  
Ill, go to work on fort, do not quit  
at 12m on account of being short of  
rations,

Tues 30

Get a pass this a.m., go up town  
1<sup>st</sup> Bat. 2<sup>d</sup> Wis. Caval, come in see  
several boys whom I know, visitings of  
my Brother,

Wednes Oct 1<sup>st</sup>

I commence to work on the fort, 2<sup>d</sup>  
Wis leave, on serv. rec'd two letters,  
one from M. and one from Battalion

Thurs 2<sup>d</sup>

Working on the fort to day,

20<sup>th</sup> Frid. 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 1862.

Worked on fort to day. Best fired their guns, and by the rear ranks guns bursted. Close to my head,

Sat 4

Raining this morning. Wrote to Mrs. Satterlee, receive a letter from Mr. Sunny 5<sup>th</sup>

Detailed as escort to a funeral, the deceased name is Burel Sterne, Private, Co "H" 1<sup>st</sup> Ark Inf.

Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> Working on

Working on the fort, as usual, refuse to go out on dress. Parade,

Tues 7

Co. A, detailed to guard college prison, in town. Two prisoners own power one of the guards, take his gun and escape.

Wedn. 8,

Relieved at 9 am, return to camp, have our guns exchanged, Co. A, gets infilled rifles; rest draw Spruells' musket. Our Co get no bayonets

Thurs, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1862, 21

Raining to day, go to a house, get breakfast. Walked over the ground where Fremont's Body Guard, charged the rebels near Springfield.

Frid. 10<sup>th</sup>

Believe marching orders, for Cassville packing up,

Sat. 11,

Decamp at 10 am. At advance, guard cross Wilsons creek, and in camp near the battle ground, we have marched 10 miles, left Capt & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut at Ho

Sund 12

Was on guard last night. Go to the Brig: d train get behind rest, help a sick Cornell to get in to camp, met two families going north, arrive at camp at dark, camp on, Cross creek, march 14 miles

Mon 13,

Decamp at 7 a.m. march 13 miles to Flat Creek, in camp at 7 P.M., go hunting with revolver find nothing to shoot



Tues, 14 Oct, 1862,

Left at 7 marched 12 miles, incamp  
12, m; near Cassville. Mo, forced march  
Wedn 15

Sp camp to day, go to see the 2<sup>d</sup>  
his Cav<sup>l</sup>, which is camped three miles  
beyond town: get some apples.

Thur 16

Drill, inspection at 2 P.M. Rat.  
drill at 4. 9. P.M. alarm fire in  
town, heavy roll beat fall into line  
Sutters Stores burned.

Fried 17

Decamp at 8 a.m., march 3 miles  
incamp, cook rations to night for  
two days.

Sat 18,

Decamp at 6 a.m., pass through Hetchville  
arrive at the Battle ground of Pea Bridge.  
The State Militia refuse to cross the  
State line, I get five companies Malitia  
concluded to go, we cross the line at 3 P.M.  
incamp on Shuger Creek, at dark  
lay on arms all night, fell in line once  
night, Marched 30 miles,

Sund Oct 19 1862.

Waked up at 3 a.m. stand in line till  
day light, expecting an attack from rebels,  
who are 5 miles off. 8 a.m. firing in  
woods false alarm, P.M., enemy in  
full retreat.

Monday 20

On guard, Decamp at 5 P.M. march in  
pursuit of enemy, start at dark, march  
all night, cross Pea Bridge, nothing to eat.

Tues 21

No breakfast this morning, we are marching  
across the Ozark mountains, the scenery  
among these rocky cliffs, is grand and  
imposing, halt at dark on the banks  
of White river, and cook supper.  
after supper, we cross the river by ford and  
hinaick. Cook rations for tomorrow, then  
sleep till morning.

Wedn 22

Decamp at 5 a.m., road lays over mountains  
& yesterday cross a tributary of White River  
rest a few minutes to rest at noon, march  
on stop at dark, cook supper, start off  
in another way at 8 P.M. march all night,

24 Thu. Oct 23 1862

Fell out of the woods at 2 a.m. completely exhausted lay down by a fire, laid my head on a rock, and went to sleep, awake at sunrise start on, come to white river, got a ride of 5 miles, shanks on oxen & a lovely man, he gave a ride of three miles Pass through Mud town, creek reach camp at sunset, incamped at Crookhollows, Ark

Frid, 24,

In camp to day, write home, Gen Slye has a fight with the enemy, captures 8 pieces, artillery, & 500 prisoners,

Sat 25,

Two inches of snow to day, cold, got tooth pulled, broke jaw, man co & shot in leg by accident.

Sund 26

Weather cold and disagreeable,

Mon 27

Drill, still cold.

Tues. 28,

Warmer, on guard, six rebels brought in to camp.

Wed 29 Oct 1862 24

Have battalion drill, march 1 1/2 miles, one Huger master shot by guerrillas, write letter home.

Thurs, 30,

Alarm this morn at 4, fell into line of battle pickets drove in, stand in line till after daylight no attack, change our guns, for the Springfield rifle musket, discharge the old guns,

Frid 31

Master for pay, send several prisoners to Springfield by train, weather fine

Sat Nov 1

Commenced drill heavy infantry, fall alarm at 10 P.M., fall into line.

Sund 2

In camp as usual, preaching by Chaplain, weather still cold

Mon, 3,

On guard, weather still cold, several prisoners brought in.

26 Tues, 4, November 1862

Election day note, decamp at 10 a.m., march back in direction of Springfield, ~~leaving~~ at dark on Pea Ridge battle ground, weather cold, had to march back 1 1/2 miles to camp ground, march 12 miles  
Wedn, 5

Decamp at 6 a.m., weather cold and windy, rheumatism troubles me part out, pass Peetsville at noon, it is hard down, get into camp at Cassville at dark, march 22 miles, receive a letter from home, containing news of my Twin Brother's death in 2<sup>d</sup> Mrs. Cabely, Leave camp, wander out alone in the night, lamenting my great loss, return to camp late in the night,

Thurs 6

Decamp at 7 a.m., make a parcel march of 3 1/2 miles, in camp at Crane Creek 10 P.M., tired and hungry, train late coming in Suit Cabel. Hurt by pers in a.m., the longest march the ever made in the same time

Frid Nov 7 1862

27

In camp to day resting, cold weather  
Sat. 8,

Still in camp weather cool,  
Kinney of Co. A. died in camp, hospital ground. 9.

Still in camp Gen. Suspecton at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. discharge our guns, 2, P.M. preaching, 4 P.M. funeral one, of Wis., two of Iowa, all buried at one time, 6 P.M. dress parade,  
Mond 10.

Decamp 9 a.m. march 18 miles, to James River in camp, weather cool, on guard, rheumatism,  
Tues 11

Have some apple butter for breakfast something new for a soldier, decamp 8 a.m., march 16 miles in camp at Orark, saw a few prickly pears, weather rainy,

Wedn 12,

Write home, clear of parcel ground, have dress parade, get some straw which is a fine thing in camp



28 Thurs Nov 13 1862

Drill, Orderly. S. P. Jackson, got  
his commission as 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut, Regt  
presents a sword to Col. Pinckney,  
presented by, Lieut Col. Burtrams,  
at dress parade.

Frid 14.

Decamp 10 a.m. march 10 miles to  
Saugers creek, in camp at sunset  
in a meadow, weighed myself to  
day, may 15<sup>00</sup> lbs,  
Sat 15<sup>03</sup>

Orders to march at 8 a.m., cook breaks  
before day-light, strike tents, ready to  
start, at 10 a.m., order to countermand  
pitch tents remain in camp,

Sund 16

One of guard is sick & am called  
up at 2 a.m., to sternal guard rain  
stand 2 hours and return to tent,

Mon 17

Orders to march to the relief of Blunt at  
Cane hill, Ark., leave camp ground 11 a.m.,  
pas O'rank at dark, march all night,  
rain and mud, pull out, 12 midnight in camp  
at new camp in Ark.

29  
Tues Nov 18 1862

Awake at daylight, met through, still  
raining, march on nothing to eat, and  
mud! mud! mud!!! overtook regt. five  
miles further on, waiting for train which  
did not come up till noon, Cook, Hoff  
start on at one, march to James river.  
in camp a little before dark, the whole  
thing stuck in the mud! we got stream  
to make us beds, or we would have all  
died as indeed a good number did.

Wed 19

News comes that Blunt has whipped the  
enemy at Cane hill, Ark., rains all  
day, and we remain in camp get a  
mail with letters from home,

Thur, 20.

Weather fine to day, have dress parade.  
Three corporals appointed, in Co A,  
Brown, Moore, & Wilkinson,

Frid 21

Weather still pleasant, Co drill a.m.,  
Battalion drill from 2-4 P.M.,  
ordered to march in morning,

Sat, Nov. 22 1862.  
 Disamp at 9 a.m., march 6 miles  
 and incamp at Camp Curtis, Mo at  
 2 P.M., forded the river on our march  
 Capt. Pettibone, paid as a visit

Sun, 23,

The whole division is incamped here,  
 Co. inspection at 9 a.m., go up to  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wis. Cavalry, return to camp,

Mon 24

Drill commenced to day examined  
 by Surgeon for vaccination, get mail

Tues, 25<sup>e</sup>,

On brigade guard, formed an equate  
 with corp Washburn of Co. K,

Wedn, 26,

Went out to see Wilsons Creek battle  
 ground, visited the spot where Simon,  
 fell in grave my name on a stone and  
 laid it upon the pile which had been  
 gathered to gether by visitors, Saw the  
 sink hole where sixty Iowa men  
 were buried by the rebels, could see  
 bones bleaching in the sun, return to camp  
 too late for drill, on guard again,

Thursday Nov 27. 1862.  
 While standing on post before Gen.  
 Herrons' tent, I saw Gen. Soten,  
 he I am sorry to say was, rather too  
 much under the influence of liquor  
 to appear well, in company, the weather  
 was cold,

Friday 28

Nothing beyond the common duties of  
 camp,

Sat, 29,

Drill as usual, rec'd letters from home  
 Sund 30

Gen inspector, a.m., travel out  
 into woods, dress pr'd get mail  
 and a bitness up, In sun,

Mon, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Weather cold on guard, find some  
 boys from Penn, rec'd more mail,

Tues 2

Weather more pleasant, drill as  
 usual, Nothing further of note,

Wedn, Dec, 3<sup>d</sup> 1862

Co, left this a.m, 12. M, rec'd  
orders to march to Gen Blunt's assistance  
at Lane hill, Ark, 12.5 miles distant  
where he had been attacked, by our,  
whisking, numbers of the enemy,  
decamp at 1. P.M, march to Crane  
Creek, 18 miles in camp at dark,

Thurs 4

Decamp at 5<sup>o</sup> a.m, march to near  
Cassville, in camp at sunset, march 25  
miles, 200 men detailed in, battery's, in

Friday 5

Decamp at 5<sup>o</sup> a.m, march to Pea  
Ridge, in camp at dark, march 25 m  
hard march, boys tired,

Sat. 6

Decamp at 4<sup>o</sup> a.m, march 35 miles  
arrive at Fayetteville at midnight  
rest ~~for~~ 4 hours, several houses  
on fire when we arrived, the town  
was full of soldiers, the roaring of  
the flames, the crash of falling timbers,  
the hum and noise of moving thousands, the  
glitter of bayonets, all presented an awful, gloom

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 1862.

Leave town at 4<sup>o</sup> a.m, march till sun  
rise toward Lane hill, when we hear  
the boom of a cannon in front.  
We are now in a beautiful valley  
about one mile wide, running nearly  
north and south, in this valley is several  
large plantations, on our left, (the east,  
side of the valley) is a high range of hills  
or mountains, on the west side they are  
not so high, this valley is watered by  
the Illinois Creek, a small stream,  
about 8 a.m, the 1<sup>st</sup> Ark, Cavalry, run  
into an ambuscade of the enemy ~~near~~  
the thick timber on a ridge, over which  
the road run, and were driven back on  
the main column, we met them, (the 2<sup>o</sup>  
Wis, left being in advance,) in retreat  
with the enemy's Cavalry in hot pursuit,  
skirmishers were thrown out who drove  
the enemies Cavalry back on their main  
force, the Division was formed in the  
corn field, commanding the road the  
20<sup>th</sup> Wis, on the right, the battery  
fired three, shots from here, and



then waited for our Scouts to come in, here we laid down in line and I made out my Journal up to that time and while listening to the skirmishing in front I fell asleep, I was awake by the order "forward," and we moved by flank to the road and started Double Quick, for the rebels position, which was on a ridge between them and our position which was on the bank of the creek in a wood, was a broad field, about 80 rods wide, after shelling the wood with the 20<sup>th</sup> Wis. and 19<sup>th</sup> Iowa Supt made a bayonet charge on the rebels batteries on the hill, the Supt crossed the field into the woods, up the hill in the face of the battery, drove the enemy from their guns, and on after them, when the rebels having massed several regts of Supt. against us, opened on us at short range, nearly half of both regts fell, still we closed up our broken ranks and held them in check, for a few minutes, and the roar of battle was now awful, our men were

falling on every hand the enemy was receiving reinforcements, no support came to us and the How Glorious 20<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> fell back to our batteries at the creek, leaving me wounded and a prisoner among the enemy; it is now about noon, Totten has just come up with his Div'n, and is now pouring shot and shell into the rebel ranks, from his batteries on our right, I am a prisoner on the field, Herrons, and Totten, div'n is sending death and destruction among the rebels from their first position, so continued the battle till 2 o'clock P.M. when Gen ~~Blunt~~ Blunt came up from Lone Hill, and fell on the enemies left flank, and now Herrons, Command, charged, the hill with the wildest cheers, the roar of battle became once more awfully grand & fearful, along the whole line, and continued so till darkness came down upon the scene and found the enemy in full retreat, my friends victorious and me wounded and in a rebel hospital,

near the field. I will here record the names of the noble dead and wounded of my company, and the loss of my Regt.

Killed, of Co. A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wis.

1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant James Crawford,  
Color, Sergeant, L. C. Teal,  
Private, G. L. Bowen,

" Peter Hauntsinger,

" Geo. B. Parr,

" Frank Purrfall,

" W<sup>m</sup> Riley,

" R. C. Taylor,

" John Weston,

Marker, Frank Rice,

Wounded, Co. A,

Sergeant, Joseph Triame,

Corporal, Lewis Smith,

Private, W<sup>m</sup> Hines,

" J. Brandon

" H. E. Thompson

" Robert Welshonee

" Gas Bages

" Geo. Shafer,

" Milton J. Paine,

" C. D. Chandler

Mortals

" Patrick Dean,

" W. Heselbath,

" E. W. Blake,

" Geo. Petengale

" W<sup>m</sup> Brownlie,

" W<sup>m</sup> Morison,

" Moses Phalmlee,

" Anthony Skudistston,

Total, killed on field

10

Wounded

18

" loss of Co. A,

28

2<sup>nd</sup> Wis. Infy. lost. Killed

51

" Wounded

145

" Missing

8

total gross,

204

mond, 8<sup>th</sup>

Gen Blunt's ambulances came to the hospital and brought away the Union wounded, on our way back looked out of ambulance at the battle ground as we pass, the dead strewn the ground in every direction, broken artillery muzzles and caissons lay on every side, I see rebel, Col. M. Donald, join my company bury the dead, I found 7 of my Co. unburied

Tues. Dec 9

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Still bearing the deed, my wound rather sore it is a buck shot in my right shoulder near the neck, three (3) bullets passed through my clothes, cutting nine (9) holes and one (1) struck my cartridge box,

Wedn 10,

Detailed as Adjutants, Orderly, to day dead not all yet buried: write letters

Thurs 11

Co. Inspection, weather fine

Fri 12

Took a stroll over the fields.

Sat 13.

Began to rain this morning, rain all day, promoted to corp <sup>at</sup> Sun. Sat, still raining, and as our camp is on a low piece of ground we are nearly drowned out of our tents, river so high the train from Springfield can not cross to day.

Sund 14

Remove camp to a drier place made through mud and water waste deep,

Mon. Dec. 15. 1862

Two wounded boys return to Co, from hospital, Comd drill, weather pleasant,

Tues 16,

Hines, W<sup>m</sup>, comes back to camp ~~drill~~, bayonette drill, scouts bring in several prisoners, dress parade at 6, P. first since the battle, Regt looks smart

Wedn 17

Drill as usual and dress-parade.

Thurs 18

Drill as usual weather fine as usual.

Fri 19

Drilling bayonette exercise as usual

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>

On guard to day have first relief. weather still pleasant.

Sund 21

Regtl inspection, nothing new in camp

Mon 22

Nothing of note to day,

Tues 23

Rained all day and spoiled our grand review, which to have come off to day.



Wedn, Dec 27 1862  
Nothing of note to day,

Thurs, 25<sup>e</sup>

Spend Christmas by playing tricks on each other, have no drills to day, raining, all day,

Frid 26<sup>th</sup>

Battalion drill practice street, firing for the first time, for we are going to start from New, Buren, to morrow.

Sat 27

Leave camp at day light, for New, Buren, Ark. March all day, road rather muddy, halt at sun-set, took some coffee rest, move on at dark, march till 1 o'clock bivouac on bank of a rapid river, weather fine, our road has been over mountains county

Sund 28,

Move on at day light cross the river, the Infantry are carried over on the cavalry horses, to be thrown out as advance guard, move on and join Belmont at the fork of the road at 10 a.m. rest move on at 12 m. 3 P.M. halt to rest in mountain gorge fired on by bushwhackers, no one hurt

one horse killed threw out skirmishers who drove the the rebs off, move on 5 P.M. our advance attacks, the enemy at Dripping Springs ten miles from Van Buren and drove them back into the town, and across the Ark, river, cannonading continues till 9 P.M. when we halt and bivouac, within four miles of the place, two cannons fired during the night, by rebs from south side of river.

Mon. Dec 29, 1862,

Leave camp at 8 a.m. march into town to the tune of "Arkensaw Traveler", marched through the principal street, and stacked arms on the river bank, returned to last night's camp, ground, got supper, and start on our return, at dark, marched till 2 o'clock next morning, halt bivouac.

Tues 30<sup>th</sup>

Move on at day light, crossed river as before, bivouac on the summit of the Boston Mts in the snow, 11. h. Napoleon, Bonaparte, this night. Weather, cold,

Wednesday Dec 31 1862

Moved on at daylight. Weather still cold, and we were passing a farm house a woman came to the gate and wanted to see the "Old Flag once more." Capt. Brame of 94<sup>th</sup> Ill. was accidentally shot by one of his own men. Within a few miles of Prairie Grove, we arrive at camp at 3 P.M. Muster for pay. In the last five days we have crossed the Boston Mts in the face of the enemy have captured ~~stores~~, Buren, above the enemy across the Arkansas river, captured and destroyed a large amount of army stores, three steam boats, and took a large no. of prisoners, with a very small loss. Adieu to 1862.

Jan Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> 1863

Grand parade before Gen Sherman's Hq<sup>d</sup>. Drs. have Rebel flag hoisted under the stars and stripes. Union down, salutes from battery E. 1<sup>st</sup> Mo, S, et. The Gen treats the Divn,

Frid 2<sup>d</sup>

Decamp this morning. march through Fayetteville, see some of the boys at hospital, incamp at 4 P.M. on King river, march 16 miles, weather fine.

Saturday 3

In camp to day receive letters from home, not very well, weather fine, Sunday 4.

Sergt Brown starts for home send some letters by him, weather fine, Monday 5

Grand review of this Divn by Gen Schofield, had a fine time marching through woods, W. r. pines, Tues 6

Ordered to Huntsville decamp this morning cross White river several times, while building a bridge & fall in, march 12 m. inlay

Jan, Wednesday 7, 1863  
Decamp at 9 am, strict orders  
issued to boys about confiscating persons  
property, Gov. Solomons, praise, for,  
our conduct at Prairie Grove, read  
to us, march to Huntsville, in camp  
4 P.M. distance ten miles

Thurs 8

Whole Regt paraded under arms to  
hear Orders, Orders of yesterday  
repeated, Cheers for Col, Bartleson.  
Get straw for beds,

Friday 9

In camp unwell, Skermish drill,  
George Pitingale, fires his gun. Mail.

Sat. 10

Marching orders, strike tents at 9 a.m.  
march 15 miles bivouac, for the night  
in woods, weather fine, laid down  
on ground to sleep, fine place to  
study astronomy,

Sunday 11

Fall into line at daylight, march five miles  
Scouts come back report enemy in front  
halt draw up in line of battle, expect

an attack from Marmaduke, but  
he did not come, so we move on at  
noon, it proved to be a false alarm,  
march 10 miles incamp at sunset,

Monday, Jan, 12, 1863,

Decamp at 9 a.m. march Carthage  
7 miles, incamp at 3 P.M. near place  
the country has been mountainous to  
Cley

Tues. 13,

On guard, have 2<sup>nd</sup> Relief skimming  
rather unpleasant time to be on guard  
but then it is military

Wedn 14

Relieved from guard, still raining,  
write to friends, turns cold this P.M.  
and begins to snow, Marmaduke  
has left us short of rations,

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Still snowing, buy a pair of gloves  
of Luther,

Friday 16

Marching orders, strike tents at 9 a.m.  
get ready to march order countermanded  
pitch tents, remain in camp, weather  
cold, rations, short,



Jan ~~Friday~~ <sup>Saturday</sup> 17, 1863,  
Train comes in, draw rations this  
A.M. Decamp at noon, march  
till dark, ford a river a little below  
Jayhawk some honey; bivouac in  
Sunday, 18, (woods)

Move on at 8 A.M., march 18 m  
over a mountainous country covered  
with pine timber, bivouac at  
dark near saw mill. get lumber to  
sleep on, rained and snowed all  
night and we slept under the open  
sky with nothing but a blanket over  
Monday, 19, (us)

Waked up this morning blanket covered  
with snow and ice. Some of the boys  
had their hair frozen to the boards  
detained for camp guard, had some  
corn mush, (as the natives of this regio.  
call it) for breakfast. Move on at  
8 am. march 16 miles had dinner from  
what was left from breakfast, in camp  
at dark on south bank of White  
river opposite to Forsythe. No, snowed  
all night, had a rough time on guard,

Jan Tues 20<sup>th</sup> 1863,  
Snowing to day, my partner Matthew  
Kline and Eli Starkins goes  
to hospital, sick from exposure,  
Weds 21

Walked down to ferry, crossed river found  
Forsythe deserted, and had court house  
ridled with cannon, balls, the Div's  
commenced to cross river, train comes  
in to Forsythe from Springfield,  
with mail and supplies.

Thurs 22,

Ferry rope broken one man drowned,  
another train brings new rope to day,  
and more supplies, fix rope and continue  
to cross.

Frid. 23,

Co's A, F, G of our Regt cross river  
pitch at dark, get letters from home

Sat 24

Builed a bridge over Swan creek  
Cross and in camp on bank,

Sund 25

Nothing of note to day, there has  
been several drowned in crossing

Jan, Mond. 26, 1863,

Raining to day, get mail,

Tues, 27,

Forces all across the river, receive news of death of Austin Fletcher at Benton, Barre, Mo., St. Louis 26 over November, 1862, weather turns cold

Wed, 28, 1863

Nothing of note to day, weather fine

Thurs 29

In camp, as usual, weather pleasant

Frid. 30,

Still in camp, weather fine write to friends,

Saturday 31

On guard, have 3<sup>rd</sup> relief rec'd letters, weather fine

Sunday, Sund. 7

Chaplain preaches; write to friends

Mond 2

Drill to day, received letters, write to A. B. Saxton,

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>

Nothing of note to day

Weather fine

Feb: Wedn 4, 1863,

Spent out to haul rails for camp wood had Mine Teams, 20 men, hauled 15<sup>00</sup> loads, pretty good days woods for soldiers, got into the creek, got wet, snowed all day, rather cold,

Thurs 5

Still snowing to day, mails comes into camp, get news from home,

Frid 6

There is six inches of snow this morning weather cold and rather unpleasant.

Sat 7

Still cold, clear the snow out of the streets, make things as comfortable as possible

Sund. 8,

Weather warmer, snow nearly all melted off, sketch some and write a V<sup>o</sup> to "E."

Mond 9

On guard to day have 3<sup>rd</sup> relief, rather much to be pleasant,

Tues 10

Nothing of note to day, weather unpleasant

Feb Wedn, 11<sup>th</sup> 1863,

Were paid two months pay, rec'd.  
letters from home,  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>

Skirmish drill go upon the bluff  
return to camp, write home,  
Frid, 13

Drill as usual, Corp Oliver and I  
am sent to haul wood for Co,  
inposed the job as well as most  
Soldiers relish work,

Sat<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>,

Found, Charles, Carpenter, of Co 'K',  
1<sup>st</sup> Iowa Cavalry, formerly of Union  
Co, Wis., Write to B<sup>y</sup> weather fine  
Sund, 15<sup>th</sup>

Co Inspection, 4 a.m. sides rain  
camp with Chas Carpenter, write  
letters. Orders arrive, to march to  
Morrow,

Mon, 16

Decamp at 8 1/2 a.m., weather rainy,  
and road muddy, ford Swan Creek,  
several times, met a train, in camp at  
9 a.m., marched 10 miles

Feb Tues, 17, 1863,

Decamp at 7 a.m., march 12, ford  
stream several times, boots run down  
at heel, have to throw them away, and  
march into camp bear foot the distance  
of one mile, over the sharp stones,  
weather cold,

Wed, 18,

Decamp at 7 a.m., march 14 miles  
road muddy, lame with rheumatism  
fall behind the Regts, pass a large  
number of teams stuck in the mud  
fail to reach camp. liberal by road-  
side rained all night, weather fine

Thurs, 19,

Wake up well soaked with mud and  
water, go to a farm house get break  
fast, Start on reach camp, rec'd  
a letter from home,

Frid, 20

On guard have 3<sup>rd</sup> relf, snowing  
and raining all day,

Sat, 21

Cold and raining, nothing further of  
note,



Feb Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 1863

Com, inspection, Lieut Loring, Sumner  
all the the noncoms, to his hrs.  
Gave them a few instructions,

Mon, 23.

Drill as usual, mail comes in  
to camp, go up to camp of 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lower Cavalry, to see boys, return to  
camp, dress parade

Tues, 24

Drill, receive papers and letters from  
Valparaiso, dress parade as usual,

Wedn 25<sup>th</sup>

Drill bayonet exercise, nice thing  
to string up the arms, weather turns  
raining and cold,

Thurs 26

Drill as usual, weather pleasant, after  
dark one the 94 Ill boys made a cheer  
on our sutler, and got his head bumped  
with a bottle, and then was arrested and  
put into our guard house,

Frid 27

Drill this, A.M.,

Feb Saturday 28. 1863

Mastered for pay, Sersgt Major  
F. J. Clawson, received his commission  
as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Co. A,

March, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

to inspection, 9 A.M. Sermon by  
Chaplain; select Camp, at days  
parade Col. Brewster makes a  
speech, weather fine,

Mon, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Decamp at 8 A.M., march 12 miles  
incamp at 5 P.M., road muddy  
weather unpleasant, high winds  
some snow, Battery unlimbered and  
for action,

Tues 3

Decamp at 7 A.M., Cross at 9, 10, 11  
left as rear guard and one Co of 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wis. Cav; march 10 incamp at  
2 P.M., Battery unlimbered, weather fine

Wedn 4

Decamp at 7 A.M., march 18 miles  
incamp at 2 P.M., at Mountain Grove,  
on guard, have a talk with Sersgt  
Barton, of Co. C, weather fine

March Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Finish couple of sketches; bags clear  
of color lime, rec'd letter from Pa.  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Our foragers are driven in by  
the enemy. Col Bartram goes in  
pursuit at the head of a co of 2<sup>d</sup>  
Wis, Cavalry; fails to find them,  
weather wet and rainy,

Saturday 7

Write home, a.m., drill and dress-  
parade

Sund 8

Scouts bring in six prisoners, freed  
by Chaplain; weather cold and wet

Monday 9

Mr Marble our Chaplain leaves us  
for his home, drill and dress-  
parade

Tues 10

Receive mail, drill and dress-  
parade

Wed 11

Drill and dress-  
parade to day weather fine

Thurs 12

Drill & dress-  
parade, weather fine

March Friday 13 1863  
I am 23 years of age to day, drill and  
dress-  
parade as usual; weather fine,

Saturday 14

20<sup>th</sup> Wis, Inf., and 1<sup>st</sup> Btn of 2<sup>d</sup> Wis  
Cavalry pass resolutions against the  
Copperheads of the north. Col.  
Bartram, our Chairman;

Sund 15

Inspection this morning, receive mail  
write some letters on to B. Baker,

Monday 16

Decomp; leave Mountain Grove at 8  
P.M. march 15 miles. Spring begins to  
assert her rights for I can see her septer  
held forth in many a leafy bush, as I pass,  
whose buds seemed to have opened with this  
mornings light, encamp at 4 P.M. on  
Big Piney river, weather extremely  
warm, encamp by a mill,

Tues 17

Decomp at 7 A.M. March 23, encamp at 4  
P.M. in a dry valley, little water, weather  
hot. We have only rested twice to day  
but we did not carry our knapsacks

Mar Wednesday 18 1863

Decamp 7 a.m. march 10 miles weather wet and disagreeable, road leads through a pine forest, incamp at 3 P.m. in pines 94 Kls. tired out. Sketch camp,

Thursday 19;

Decamp at 7 a.m., march 15 miles Bush Whackers fire on the 2<sup>d</sup> Wis Cavil incamp. at ~~the~~ Glendon Valley.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Went out to forage, confiscate an old secess's stack of produce, the lady of the house thought it hard, and her daughter, gave me to understand that she thought very little of me; which detracted surprised me considerably as it was unexpected, and I think uncollected for, return to camp at noon,

Saturday 21

While fencing with Corp Oliver, I receive a wound, by my opponent's sword, but later through my hand, one section of Battery L, goes to Forsyth to reinforce the 14<sup>th</sup> Iowa,

March, Sunday, 22 1863

Writing to day, rec'd a letter from A. B. Layton, answered it, wrote how weather rainy;

Monday, 23,

In guard have first relief, I, B., gets a supply of clothing, draw a dress coat and a pair of pants, at night make the grand rounds with Officer of the day, as the weather is cold and rainy we find the sentinels in a good condition to capture

Tues, 24

Col orders Co. Drill of 3<sup>d</sup> Battalion 10<sup>th</sup> P. M.

Wednesday 25

Drill in accordance with order rec'd mail,

Thurs 26

Drill: form circle by div'n against cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 2<sup>d</sup> Wis Cavalry, charge upon us; give report for the day, drafts for sentences read to Capt of Co. Pettigale, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt, Sergeant of Co. B. promoted Capt of Co, et



March Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 1863

Drill 4 a.m. finish sketch in p.m.  
Sergt. Fice printed Commissary's report  
of Regt weather fine.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

No drill to day Table of marching to  
morning, no dress parade, all the noon  
Com'd officers are promoted 3 to 4<sup>th</sup>  
Corp from 6<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Inspection this morning, went out  
with Sergt. Milkson to sketch  
Camp. Geo. Patingill paraded before  
the Regt with ball and chain,

Monday 30

Decamp at 7 a.m. march 12 miles  
incamp at 3 P.M. in a field weather  
fine.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

Decamp at 7 o'clock march to Lake  
Springs, withing 10 miles of Rolla  
incamp at 3 P.M. rec'd mail

Wednesday April 1

Clear up camp, dress parade at 11 a.m. fine  
got a letter from Lieut. Supton  
by the night of Companies the rear into quarters

April Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863

Drill this day, dress parade as usual,  
write to Lieut. Supton, weather fine  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Clearing camp, dress parade as usual  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

Pat drill, 6 a.m., P.M. practicing  
at the sword, weather fine.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

Regt. metal inspection.

Gen. Herron Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Gen. Herron, reviews the 3<sup>rd</sup> Div  
of the Army of the Frontier, Gen  
Herron, rides through camp, I  
was on guard,

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Relieved from guard, election day  
voted, Gen. Herron, accepts to  
the Army of the Frontier, rec'd a  
dress parade

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Borrowed a horse of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Cavelly  
Corp. H. Conkey, sent road up to  
Keall Quarters with Sergt. Fice,  
dress parade, as usual.

April Thursday 8. 1863.

Drill and dress par' ad usual,

B. Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Drill as usual,

Sat 11

Rode with Capt. Hentley of 2<sup>nd</sup> Wis. Cav. west of camp, came to a field where a boy was plowing tied my war horse to a tree and like Hincinnatus went to ploughing, return in time for dress par' weather fine

Sunday 12

Inspection, Charlie Carpenter says me a visit, after dress par' we walk up to a Seminary near camp to see the pictures,

Monday 13

Drill this am. Sharp Vanillorne in command. P. dress par' weather showery

Tues, 14

Receiving indignation, meeting at day Stephens tent indifference to Dr. Moore and Surgeon

April Wednesday 15 1863

Gen. Hunter, Drill and dress par' as usual, weather fine

Thursday 16

Rearranged our camp work. hard all day, weather fine,

Friday 17

Fatigue till 1 o'clock. at Dr. par' drill. Order regulating drill and guard calls and other signals read to Regt, Brig. Gen. Crane, Comd'g Divison, weather hot,

Sat 18

Fatigue as usual, relieved at noon, rainy, walked out <sup>camp</sup> of

Sunday 19

Paid four months pay to day, Dress, par' etc,

Monday 20

Drill and dress par' the same letters,

Tuesday 21

Drill and Dress par' as usual weather fine Brig. Gen. Hays, had been promoted to Maj. Gen.



April, Wednesday 22, 1863  
Went to Bella, on duty, straddled  
around town, sent Ford, Byron  
home per express.

Thursday 23,  
Had a sickness taken sent it  
home, one of my boys gets into  
a fight, return to camp, weather fine

Friday 24  
Drill & dress parade weather fine

Sat 25  
No drill dress parade, weather fine

Sunday 26  
Co inspection, dress parade, weather fine

Monday 27  
Drill and dress parade

Tuesday 28  
Drill & dress parade weather fine

Wednesday 29,  
Drill and dress parade

Thursday 30  
Div'n reviewed by Brig Gen  
Came from duty instructed for  
parade, 2nd Wd Cavalry go out on  
a scout,

May, Friday 1, 1863  
Raining to day, all quiet in  
camp

Saturday 2,  
Showery weather I get the flowers  
to make a path for the Col's  
table this evening.

Sunday 3,  
No inspection on account  
of the rain,

Monday 4,  
Turn over to 2nd, one extra <sup>case</sup> <sup>bag</sup>  
ammunition shot in leg by accident  
in Co "D."

Tues, 5  
Raining to day, go to the Hospital  
to night, to watch with the  
sick,

Wednesday 6,  
Off duty to day sleep till  
noon,

Thursday 7  
On picket to day  
all our camply gone, on a  
scout.



May Friday, 8 1863

I find a pocket knife with on  
battalion,

Saturday, 9

No drill to day weather fine.

Sunday 10

On Picket duty, write home  
disturbance in Co at 2<sup>nd</sup>  
mid. Carely 20<sup>th</sup> goes up and  
takes them all prisoners.

Visited Gen. Tappan,

Monday 11

Drill and dress parade  
get mail,

Tues, 12

Drill as usual, writing to  
day fine weather fine.

Wednesday 13

Drill & dress parade, weather fine

Thursday 14

1<sup>st</sup> Iowa Carely comes in  
from Cape Girardeau, where  
they have had a fight, with  
Marmaduke had several killed  
Sgt Charles Carpenter,

May Friday, 15 1863

Sr. Corp's Bennett, and Cooper  
return from purlough; no pleasure

Saturday, 16

On Picket to day,

Sunday 17

Of duty this P.M., Co, inspect

Monday 18

Serjt. Milleson and Private  
M. Laughlin go home on  
purlough, no fine.

Tuesday, 19

Put on style to receive Gen.  
Salemson, of Wis, and  
Gen. Herron, does not come.

Wednesday 20

Drill & dress parade at the  
usual hours.

Thursday 21

Turn out again to receive the  
Gen. and Gen; they arrive at  
12, M. we have the camp borne  
with triumphal arches, and  
flowers, in the evening, the Gen,  
Gen. Herron and Col,

Dinstream made speeches to  
and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the  
2<sup>d</sup> Wis. Cav. Vol. Maj. Miller, Com.  
Great excitement, and enthusiasm  
of the troops.

May Friday 22<sup>o</sup> 1863

This Morn. fall into line to  
to see Gov. Sallinay, and Gen  
Herron off to Salem, twelve  
miles distant, they go to see the  
1<sup>st</sup> Wis. Vol. Inft, which is in the  
first Div'n, camped at that  
place, most of our officers go  
with him, P.M. we can hear  
the cannon as they salute the  
Gov; at this distance.

Saturday 23

Gov and Gen come back to  
Lodge Springs, they were deaved  
with 6 suppers in camp.

Sunday 24

Capt. Hankey of 2<sup>d</sup> Wis. Cav. Vol.  
comes to camp have a fine time  
Gov, and Gen go back to Rolla  
Gen Herron's Nel 2<sup>o</sup> 25

May Monday 25<sup>o</sup> 1863

Drill as usual, weather fine,

Tuesday 26

Drill as usual, weather fine,

Wednesday 27

Charles Carpenter comes down  
have a fine time, sign the pay  
roll, and visit to Mr. Martin's

Thursday 28

Drill as usual, weather rainy,

Friday 29

met and disagreeable we stay close  
in our tents, nothing beyond camp  
duty & lectures till.

Saturday June 30<sup>o</sup>

We get marching to day are to  
reinforce Grant at Vicksburg.

Sunday 31

Leaving at 5<sup>o</sup> A.M. and started to  
Rolla, Mo, where we take the cars  
and start for St. Louis at 11  
P.M. run all night, boys had in  
the reg just up spirits on getting  
out of camp and Mrs. Herron's  
train is all in row for the Moon  
Pits

June Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 1863.  
arrive at St Louis at 3 am  
at daybreak march on board  
Sts Campfords together with  
Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. G. at leave  
the wharf at 2 P.M. Stop at  
Harrison's landing, Ill. over night

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>  
marched off at daylight, at 10 am  
run on a sand bar had to  
land the Regt. and pieces of  
the battery and march below  
the bar, got on to the boat again  
at Liberty, Ill, the Gads of  
this place honored us by a  
large town ball, and a great  
old play of plays, marched on  
down the river, and <sup>the night</sup> ~~the night~~ up here

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Gazing by the shore this morning  
boys bathed, made a prisoner of  
a native, for talking rebel,  
march on at 10 a.m. have to  
land Regt. and march round  
a bar, pass Cape Jourdan, and

at dark arrive at Cairo, Ill,  
land for a few minutes, and the  
steam on down the river. Stay  
on deck a long time looking back  
at the city.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Pass Island No. 10, this morning  
and then Madril later in the  
day, after noon two Co's put  
on watch with loaded guns,  
and the Battery gets two cannon  
in position, if bush-whackers  
fire on us they will some of  
them get hurt. The White  
Cloud with Gen. Heron on  
board passed us to day, we pass  
a gunboat.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Arrive at Memphis, Tenn,  
landed about 3 hours, saw  
Adjutant Scott of the 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wis. Cav, also, Mr. Struthers  
and Sergt Parmeter,  
Gov. Solomon of W. Va, came  
on board, made a little speech



June Tuesday, 9, 1863.  
Stop at Helena. Artillery for a few  
moments when we move on down  
at night tie up as usual.

Wednesday 10.  
Move on at daylight, two co's  
kept on guard every day now, a  
fleet rounds to at dark and  
ties up to shore for night, six  
new boats join it all loaded  
with troops, rains a little.

Thursday, 11.  
Arrive at the mouth, and run  
up the Nagao river to Chick-  
adam's landing, lay here some two  
or three hours, and turn and run  
down the river and land, are  
the Louisiana Point, opposite to,  
and in full sight of Vicksburg  
land and bivouac for the night  
watch our mortar fleet, shell  
the City, can hear the musketry  
plain, as our pickets and the  
rebels are exchanging their <sup>cross</sup> <sup>of</sup>  
tomorrow and I will be doing the

June Friday 12, 1863  
The mortar fleet kept firing all  
night rather spoiled my sleep  
Orders to move to lower landing  
2 1/2 miles off, watch at noon  
the day is awfully hot, march  
through a Cypress Swamp no  
air at all, arrive at the landing  
nearly dead, are put on the upper  
deck of a transport with no  
shade whatever, cross the  
river and land below Vicksburg  
at Warentossing bivouac on  
shore.

Saturday, 13,  
Went to river had a bath  
at 12, M. move forward mortar  
three miles and halt, Co 'at thrown  
out as skirmishers remain till  
dark and are relieved by Co. B,  
return to camp; draw shelter tents  
and pitch our camp, The firing  
along our front continues with  
out intermission; Persons, Dyer  
is assigned to the 13<sup>th</sup> at C.

June, Sunday, 14, 1863  
March at 7 a.m., rest at noon  
on a hill in sight of the rebel  
works which are about 1 1/2 miles  
off. are assigned a place on the  
extreme left next to river and  
of the town pitch our camp in a  
valley under cover of a large hill  
rebels shell us a little but not  
no one.

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup>  
Co's A, B, C & D of my regt sent  
out as pickets, our post is about  
3/4 of a mile from the rebel works,  
they are on the crest of one hill and  
we are on another with a wide  
valley between, after dark I and  
one more go into the rifle pit and  
watch a turn, fire at the rebels  
once in a while and get fired at  
in return no harm done on  
either side, some of the boys  
held dialogues with the enemy,  
some of which is real mouth  
provoking.

June Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>  
Awoke from a sound sleep at daylight  
fall into line, the picket line is  
advanced to within a few hundred  
yards of the rebel works, we drive  
the rebel pickets into their works  
and hold our ground right under  
the enemys guns for three hours,  
when we were relieved by the 9th  
Ills. Infy, the bullets flew thick  
and fast, and shot and shell,  
but as we were in skirmish  
line there was no one hurt, that  
night there was rifle pits dug  
by our boys, and then we were as  
well protected as the rebels,  
we were relieved by the 9th, and  
we returned to camp, having no  
ammunition and being on duty the  
day before, the 9th lost one man  
wounded,

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>  
Regt called out last night to <sup>cut</sup> support  
the men digging rifle pits, and  
planting guns, sub. shell and <sup>camp</sup>  
return to camp at daylight.



June Thursday 18, 1863.

Go up to R. mid Supt see Mr  
Ginn, and writers of Ordnance  
the weather is warm rec'd mail

Friday 19.

Co A is detailed for fatigue to  
mount a gun in one of our batteries  
it is a 32 pound, Siege gun,  
Columbiad. we work all day and  
take our dinner under the shade  
of a beach, as look as if we  
were at home in the hay field,  
instead of being under the enemy's  
enemies guns in the rear of  
Vicksburg; a teamster upseted  
a wagon load of Shell and  
powder into a creek, we fish  
them out all safe as they were  
water proof.

Saturday 20,

Capt. Oliver and I go out  
of camp for blackberries. return  
at noon, get mail, weather hot  
as usual, firing is kept up  
along the line night and day.

June Sunday 21, 1863,

Sunday morning inspection,  
receive and answer letters, try  
to get a leave of absence for one  
day to see the 18<sup>th</sup> mid, failed  
Monday, 22.

Rebs charge our Centre and midnight  
and are repulsed after a sharp  
engagement of one hour, My Co.  
are on duty in the rifle pits  
and I had a fine view of the whole  
affair, it was a grand sight the  
Combatants were scarcely a mile  
off, we could distinctly hear the  
rebel yell and the Union Chorus,  
Capt Gillet with his Co (D)  
of our Regt surprised a rebel  
rifle pit and captured 13 prisoners  
without losing a man. They  
killed one rebel who objected  
to being taken, he had been paroled  
and not exchanged.

Friday 23,

Com. A. At daylight retreats to the  
reserve post, relieved at 7 and  
return to centre



June Wednesday, 24, 1863

On Camp Guard, put some of the boys on a barrel for shooting in camp, Siege goes on finely, Weather hot,

Thursday, 25,

Relieved at 7, weather excessively hot one of my Co, Barber, was struck I took care of him until he recovered at 2, p, m, Co. A, on picket, I go out with them it is nearly sunset when we get to the trenches, Rebels shoot close to day than ever,

Friday, 26,

Last night at 10 o'clock the rebels saliv and and attack our rifle pits. we fall back on the reserves and then advance and retake our pits the rebels shell us like fury but hurt no one, we remained in the trenches till we were relieved at 7 in the morning. I stood alone in the rifle pit for two hours, before day,

June Saturday, 27, 1863

Rebels throw several shells into camp no one hurt, write letters weather hot as usual, Sunday, 28,

Co. A is detailed at dark to work on our fort on the left, we work from 12. midnight till after daylight and this post is within short rifle range of the rebels works. I am sent with several men to make the fort holes with brush had to get up on the parapet of the fort and carry the brush some distance and lay them down in point blank range of the rebels and at broad daylight, none of my men would go there,

Monday, 29,

Relieved at 2, go back to camp get letter from home write am badly fatigued with my duty last night,

June Tuesday, 30 1863

Go up to 12<sup>th</sup> Miss to see One  
Ginn, he is out on picket return  
to camp; weather warm, I do  
not feel very well. boys plenty  
dodge guns by heavy Calabre,  
it is my opinion, the rebels  
can not stand it much longer.

July, Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> 1863  
Co. A on picket of choicer  
post on our extreme right, and  
remain there from noon till  
dark when the Co went back  
to the reserve, and we all layed  
down and slept all night, to  
day has been a full hot.

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

We were relieved at 7 a.m.  
and return to camp there is heavy  
cannonading along the whole line  
The weather is hot as usual, and  
the boys think they will pound  
away at the rebels for the  
purpose of divert their minds  
from the fact

July, Friday 3, 1863

I am on camp guard to day,  
at ten a.m. an order came down  
the line to cease firing. I am  
there is a hundred reports in camp  
as to the cause of the cessation  
of hostilities. 12. M. I just  
hear that Gen. Grant & Gen  
Pemberton of the rebel army  
are talking over the terms of  
surrender, our boys and the  
rebels all along the line are  
over among each other talking  
and trading trinkets as friendly  
as if there had never been war  
between them; at 1 p.m. each  
party were ordered into their  
respective trenches, Later, Gen  
Grant has taken his cigars  
out of his mouth, and told  
Gen Pemberton that nothing  
but an unconditional  
surrender will be satisfactory,  
to which the rebel Gen has to  
consent, heretofore Vicksburg is ours

July Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> 1863.  
Every thing is hurrying in camp  
every one is getting ready to see the  
inside of Pickensburg, which place  
makes a formal surrender to  
Uncle Sam, at 10 o'clock to  
day, 10 a.m. the rebels march  
out of their works and stack their  
arms and march back into the  
City, and we march in with  
bayonettes fixed colors flying,  
and bands playing national airs  
While the fleet on the river,  
are sinking forth whole broad  
sides of Naval thunder, and  
wrapping them selves in flame  
and smoke, it was a grand  
day for me, it is now noon  
we have taken formal possession  
of the place, 60,000 stand arms,  
30,000 prisoners of war,  
The day is extremely hot,  
p.m. we march back to  
camp, did not, as I have been  
on 4 of July night, at home,

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1863,  
To day move camp into the  
outer works of the City,  
out near the Rebels come  
up to camp and ask for  
bread as they have had no  
since yesterday, we give  
them all the surplus  
rations we had, they  
seem to relish Lincolns  
Chips first rates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
We are on picket out side  
of the works to keep the  
rebels in, a fire break  
out and runs over the  
ground out side the  
works, exploding several  
Shell no one is hurt  
A fellow while trying  
to cock a loaded Cannon  
discharged it  
bursting a shell right  
over one of our old fort  
which surprised the Garrison  
considerably



July Tues 7<sup>th</sup> 1863

Relieved from duty this  
m, m, return to camp  
weather extremely hot.

Wednesday 8,

Six thousand prisoners  
sent in from Sherman  
at Jackson, Miss, write  
letters, news from Helena  
Ark, Price whipped, good,  
Thursday ~~8~~ 9,

Take a stroll down to river on  
through town find it a very  
pretty place but our shells  
hurt it's looks somewhat  
as if pass the start work  
I see they are still at  
work paroling the prison  
return to camp

Friday, 10,

Receive marching orders,  
to be ready in 24 hours.  
Boys get up fire works,  
Don't know where we  
are to go to,

July Saturday, 11 1863

~~At 10 o'clock~~ Fall into line  
at 9 a.m. our Col tells  
us that we are bound for  
Port Hudson, move forward  
with a cheer; boys in the  
best spirits, we go on  
board of the Str "Meteor"  
at the landing, remain on  
board all day; 5 p.m. news  
comes up the river that  
Port Hudson is ours, Three  
Cheers!! and we leave  
them, we sleep on board  
to night. we did not break  
camp this morning, left  
our tents standing,

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Start for Glasgow City Miss  
this morning. Steams up the  
Gandoo River, pass Cheasaw Key  
Stop a few moments at Snyder  
bluffy gray shaly bluff  
at dark tie up to shore for  
night I am on picket,

July Monday, 13, 1863  
I come on board this morning  
with a fever, report to Serg.  
am put on sick list,  
Start on up river, at 3 pm  
halt 3 miles below the  
city. Sunk out 30000 lbs  
on the opposite side of river  
Gun boats open on the  
enemies works near the  
town Gunboat C. C. Clark,  
sunk by torpedos, she was  
the first gunboat sunk  
on western waters. The  
transports run up to pass  
boats and then run back  
down one mile, and send  
out the 19 Iowa Light and  
9th Ills Light, to attack  
the enemy in the rear, about  
one hour after dark, my Regt  
is sent out to support the  
other two, I go along, if I  
am sick we reach the city  
at twelve o'clock at night

Reb have left

July Tuesday, 14, 1864  
Boat steam up to city and I  
return for breakfast, after  
breakfast go up town again  
The boys took 1000 prisoners  
last night, The enemy spent  
several of their heavy guns.  
Our Regt encamped in the  
Court House Square, Guard  
City is the prettiest place  
I have seen in the South

Wednesday 15

I am on guard to day and  
Head Quarters are at a large  
Office fine place, Negroes  
coming into our lines by  
hundreds, some of the boys  
go out side to get cotton  
Negroes, and make

Thursday 16

Relieved from duty have a  
river among the adjacent  
still coming in, our boys  
rebel property and give it  
Union Widow, Gen. Herri  
with 5000 men and our

direction for  
the son of  
the

July, Friday, 17, 1863,

I am on duty again,  
we hear heavy firing in the  
direction of the Big Black  
river, no news reaches us  
to day

Saturday 18,

Relieved from duty, go up  
town and get some paper  
form an acquaintance with  
Sergt. Walker, of the 29<sup>th</sup>  
Miss. Cavalry, Confederate  
Army, and his wife who is  
a very agreeable lady, and  
not bad looking.

Sunday, 19,

Take a stroll round town  
boys go out to get mules  
Herron's Div<sup>n</sup> fighting out  
at Canton 30 miles distant

Monday, 20.

Take a walk down town  
The streets are full of  
Negroes old and young,  
who cringe and howl every

July, Tues, 21. 1863

Our boys publish a paper  
called the "Daily Good,  
Banner," as we are to leave  
this place tomorrow morning  
there is a large patrol  
out to night I have charge  
of three streets with five  
men, the citizens of this  
place are nearly frightened  
but of their lives, for fear  
we would burn their town  
the night passed off very  
pleasantly with but one  
attack on the inhabitants  
which I settled pretty quick  
on terms perfectly <sup>favorable</sup> ~~favorable~~  
to the good people, but  
not to my satisfaction  
for the miserable ~~William~~  
got away clear, Gen Herron  
arrived in town late dark  
with his Com<sup>d</sup>, I had a  
long talk with the Judge of  
this County, he is a very <sup>able</sup> ~~able~~ <sup>man</sup> ~~man~~



July, Wednesday 22 1863  
reembark at sunrise after  
blowing up the rebel post,  
all the guns have been  
(removed before) and run  
down the river, arrive at  
Vicksburg after dark,  
with 150 prisoners of war  
2000 negroes & 000 bales  
of cotton, 1000, mules, and  
several heavy siege guns.

Thursday, 23,  
Regt returns to camp this  
morning, I remain on board  
by order of my Capt.  
Monitor crossed the river  
to coal, remains all day.

Friday, 24,  
It recrosses the river  
and the Regt comes on board  
we drop down to Warrenton  
and lay all night here the rest  
of the Sixth joins us, our  
fleet contains 14 transports  
all bound for Fort Hudson.

July, Saturday, 25 1863  
Move down the river at  
day light, pass Grand  
Gulf about ~~dark~~ <sup>sun set</sup>,  
Grand Gulf is a kind of  
an expansion of the river  
with a broad bayou, only  
in on one side, with  
high banks, where the Rebel  
batteries were planted,  
I am on guard to night  
one run into a monitor  
that was laying at the  
mouth of Red river,  
There was some small  
word between the two  
Pilots but no damage  
done to our boat, and  
as the monitor was an  
"Iron clad," it is safe to  
say she was not hurt,  
This was about twelve  
o'clock night,

July Sunday, 26, 1863,  
Arise at Port Hudson,  
at daylight, Regt goes on  
shore at 12, M, and pitch  
tents at dark a heavy  
squall comes up and blows  
all the tents down, and  
the Regt comes back on  
board, and sleep to night

Monday 27

All go on shore again  
this morn, and pitch  
tents, weather warm

Tuesday 28

Rec'd mail boys shot  
alligators which are  
very numerous in this  
section, Regt. the inspection

Wednesday, 29,

Rains to day, William  
returns from hospital,  
write letters, we are  
incamp on the banks of  
the river just below the  
outer works, up the river,

July, Thursday, 30, 1863,  
A member of Co "G" is  
drowned while bathing.

Friday, 31,

Moved camp to day  
onto higher ground,

Aug, Saturday, 1,

Two of my Regt. dies in  
hospital, Dress Prod,

Saturday, 2, Sunday

A Brigade Band organized  
in our (Orms) Brigade  
which is now the 2<sup>d</sup> Regt  
of the 2<sup>d</sup> Divn, (Gen Heron)  
of the 13 Army Corps,

Sunday, 3,

I am on guard to day,  
the monitor "Moesho"  
lays in the river at  
this point fire at a target  
she is a pretty vessel

Tuesday, 4,

Relieved from duty, nothing  
of note occurred to day  
The boys are dying off fast,  
here

Aug Wednesday, 5, 1863  
Try to obtain a furlong in  
success, others allowed to  
go. (mark)

Thursday, 6  
Partaking orders at 8,  
three days rations, pull  
into line at noon, bound  
for Baton Rouge, La.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wis Inf and 91<sup>st</sup>  
All Inf move out of camp  
leaving their tents stand  
march 14 miles, Rivonit  
at dark we are acting as  
escort for a battery of  
Gen Banks Siege guns,  
My Company is on picket  
to night,

Friday, 7,  
Move on at 5<sup>am</sup>, get some  
some water melons and  
honey at plantation, march  
14 miles arrive at Baton,  
Rouge, at 3 p.m., go on  
board the boat and return  
to camp at Port Hudson

Aug Saturday 8 1863  
In camp to day, we lose  
about 5 men every day, the  
weather is very warm,

Sunday, 9,  
Inspection this morning  
we are trying to pass the  
river as cool as possible

Monday, 10,  
rather unwell this morning  
have a penny got letters,

Tuesday 11  
Get quinine this morning  
break the fever Gen  
Honeya, Div'n, comes  
down the river, landed at  
this point

Wednesday, 12,  
Get ready to march go on  
board the Meteor but dark  
bound for New Orleans, Gen  
He had in board Gen Herross  
and ~~others~~ with their staff  
we came near blowing up  
in the night as the ship  
was not down



Thu Aug Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 1903,  
Arrive at Carrollton four  
miles above New Orleans,  
and disembark at 3 p.m.  
Bivouac in street.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> eve, we all to <sup>our</sup> rendezvous  
at this place

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup>,  
Move out to Camp De  
Mead, half way between the  
city and Carrollton  
I have a fine place my  
tent is pitched under  
a large live oak, rain

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup>,  
In fatigue duty, I send  
James a ring, and  
clear up camp

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>,  
In Co. Impetier as usual

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup>,  
Nothing is being done  
to day that I  
am not of